



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Rally Time

We are working on the Rally Schedule for ETLU. The Region 9 Rally in Bandera May 1-5 is sold out, but you can join the waitlist. I think they are trying to open up some additional sites. There is also a caravan to Big Bend in March put on by the Gulf Coast Unit. They may be releasing spots for those that might want to caravan South. I will forward if they do and let everyone know.

There is also some interest in the caravan to the International Rally. If you have interest, please let Shelley know.

Maintenance Minute

We have had the Tymate tire monitor for a few years now. It is a much cheaper alternative to TireMinder that is probably the industry standard.



Over the last several months we were having trouble getting a reliable signal to the display. I replaced all the sensor batteries and still not much better. So I decide to add the signal repeater/booster. I wired it directly to

the batteries and attached it to the underside of the battery box lid.



This has made all the difference in the world. The signal immediately pops onto the display the second the tires roll and all four sensors hit the display at almost the exact same time. So for \$75 for the Tymate and 4 sensors plus \$59 for the signal booster (all on Amazon), you are 1/3 the cost of TireMinder and get the same peace of mind.

So if you are having trouble with a reliable signal from your trailer TPMS, you might look into the signal booster.

Next month I will give my review on the Air Lift airbags. We have a new TV, and I wanted to make sure we have a level ride. We are taking a longer than normal trip in February so I will let you know if it is worth the cost.

New Members

We have no new members joining ETLU this month. Fortunately, we have some good ones in place already!

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People Profile

No volunteers this month. Please send us a short bio so we can send it out next month in the newsletter. Charlotte I am waiting...

Pet Profile

Meet Daisy and Zoey Tumino, ages 2 and 3.5 years old. They are Mastadors (English Mastiff/Lab mix), biological 1/2 sisters and are both trained service dogs.

Zoey is the older sibling, and is very cuddly and sweet. She is very Lab like in her shape and demeanor. Her favorite toy is the frisbee, and she loves to play fetch, especially in the water.



Daisy is the younger sibling, she is a giant lap dog, and much more Mastiff in her appearance dwarfing her 100lb sister in both height and weight at a *dainty* 130 lbs. Daisy's favorite toy is anything her

sister has, and her keep away game is strong.

Both dogs travel with Shelly extensively and camp very comfortably in their 23' International. Anytime Shelly is packing out for a trip they are quick to jump in the truck, and refuse to be left behind.



Social Media Update

Don't forget to follow ETLU on social media. The sites are up and running:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/East>
- [TexasLakesAirstream/](https://www.texaslakesairstream.com/)
- Instagram: east_tx_lakes_ac
- Airstream Website:
- <https://airstreamclub.org/east-texaslakes>

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ETLU Gear

I am ordering new, and larger, ETLU stickers. Should have them in March. Now for the hats. I have two options. One is a Richardson Trucker-style hat. The other is a '47 brand hat that is a lower profile, cotton hat.



This is the Richardson hat. I wear one of these at work about every day. Love them. Comes with a color leather patch. Navy bill, columbia blue front panel and white 3-season air cool panels in the back. Hoping to get them for <\$34 each.



This is the '47 style. Disregard the rectangle around the logo. This has an embroidered logo on the front. I picked light blue since it goes with our logo. I have 5-6 of these hats and wear them throughout most weekends. All of mine have some logo on them (Astros and Chiefs mostly). Also have one with Airstream logo that I really

like. '47 hats are very comfortable to wear and a great hat for the ladies (Hawley has several as well). I am trying to get these for <\$30/each.

Both caps are one size fits all (most), with adjustable backs. I am going to order 20 of each and that should leave us with some inventory above and beyond pre-orders and get us a good price break.

Once I get them in, I will send out an order form with the final price. You can pay with check or Venmo.

Still working on t-shirt designs. Need some feedback. Do people prefer Comfort Colors (Doug's t-shirt of choice)? Let us know.

Who's going where?

Send your travel plans to the Unit Gmail address by the 15th to be included in that month's newsletter.

The Towns's Trip Calendar:

February 16 headed to Davis Mountain SP for a few days. Then onto Big Bend National Park and State Park for a week of hiking and maybe some boon docking. Cannot wait to see the mountains and sunsets. Coming back through Abilene to hit the State Park there (checking another off the list) and then back home.

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Still working on the spring calendar, but let us know what you are doing. Join us if you can.

Trip Diary

We tried to stay at Mineral Wells State Park for the second time in 3 months earlier this month. However, the weather forced us to change our minds. So we then went with the backup plan to Cooper Lake State Park since it was close to home and quick place to return from if the weather got bad. And it did. Not much better up there as we got blasted with rain and 40 mph winds. (If you want to break a drought, just have the Towns camp close by for a few days.)

During the night (during the down pour) we noticed our rig has a roof leak...no make that two roof leaks. Airstream of DFW did not install our vent covers correctly and it caused us to get soaking wet in the middle of the night. They were actually very good about fixing it and admitted they made an error during installation. The technician personally apologized to me which I thought was very nice of him to do.

So we only got one night in before we headed back to Ft Worth to drop off our rig for repairs. But all is well now and we

are ready for our big trip in the Spring to Big Bend National Park and State Park with a few stops along the way (and back). I cannot wait to hit Davis Mountain SP and the McDonald Observatory. We are hitting the quarter moon, so hoping for enough darkness to maximize the night sky.

In Other News

If you have a good service provider, please send it to us. We would like to let other members know who they can trust.

Also, *still* trying to get birthdays and anniversaries. If you have not already sent them to me, please do so we can all celebrate with you.

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