



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Changes

Sorry about the newsletter-free June. Time got away and it did not get done. Given that, we have some changes that we need to communicate.

Megan has resigned as President. As a stand-in (and stand-in only) Doug Towns has agreed to fill in until we elect a new President. He will still act as Treasurer in the interim.

This means we have openings at all levels of our Unit. If you are interested in any leadership role, including President, please let Doug know at the unit email address (where this newsletter came from). We will need all positions filled including Secretary, Membership, Newsletter and Webmaster. Treasurer and 1st VP are open as well as the terms will end this year. Ideally we have a rally planner so we can do 2-3 get rallies in 2024. Doug is willing to serve as Treasurer again, but if anyone has a passion for it, it can be available.

We will need to hold elections in October and we will install new Officers in December.

Please volunteer as we need the help and leadership for our unit.

Rally Time

We do not have any rallies on the schedule, but we will try to work something out soon. However, we need input from members.

Shelley has a rally planned with another club at Tyler State Park the weekend before Halloween. If you would like to take part give her a call.

Also we are looking at a rally at Caddo Lake State Park in early December (1st-3rd?). This would be a new officer installation as well. **Need a head count by the by July 15th if you would be interested.**

We will also try to do a unit Social meeting at Athens Brewery in August. Keep an eye out for time.

If you have any ideas for a future Social, please let us know. Any good place for cocktail, brews and food is a good candidate.

If the unit ladies would like to schedule something, I know we have a lot of social butterflies that may want to get together for a ladies get together.

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Maintenance Minute

Do you have some rust on your frame or hitch? It is always a good practice to do a little touch up every year. On our Airstream, we take a wire brush to any rust on the frame and then follow that up with a wet rag and a dry towel. Then we hit that spot with some Krylon or Rust-Oleum flat black spray paint.



Make sure you tape off or use some cardboard to prevent overspray onto something shiny (you can get it off with Goof Off! if you happen to happen to make a mistake). This simple process can keep your frame and hitch rust free and make your rig look new year after year. Do not forget to check for rust under your propane tanks.

New Members

We have several new members this month. Please welcome Brent and Heather Wing (joining from Lake Tahoe,

CA), Marchelle Williams (joining from Bullard) and Tanner and Carrie Terry (joining from Longview). Great to have the new rigs join our small, but mighty, unit.

People Profile

No volunteers this month but we have a couple very interesting Ladies that are amazing Airstreamers that need to volunteer...Karen and Charlotte where are you...?

East Texas Lakes Pet Profile



Tikka belongs to members Ron and Traci Battles (BRN 01072) in Gilmer, TX. She is a 3 1/2 yr Mini Aussie/Heeler mix. She loves to travel when she can and recently completed her qualification for the title of "Bark Ranger" at Hot Springs National Park. She takes her Bark Ranger responsibilities very seriously. She is also a Certified AKC Good Citizen.

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Tikka's hobbies are playing ball, chasing squirrels and rabbits, and going for walks. She loves pretty much anything that will run from her.

Please send us your pet profiles. I think they are more popular than anything in the newsletter.

Social Media

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastTexasLakesAirstream/>

Instagram: east_tx_lakes_ac

Airstream Website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/east-texaslakes>

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:

- 8/24 Lake Mineral Wells SP
- 9/8 Dinosaur Valley State Park
- 10/27 Off to Central Texas with stays at Inks Lake SP, McKinney Falls SP and Mother Neff SP.

The Battles started their westward trip and should have some good stories for next month. They will be gone for a couple months on their way to Oregon.

Join us if you can. Please send us your trip schedule and see if any ETLU folks can join you.

Trip Diary

We stayed a long weekend at Lake Ray Roberts in June. This is a newer State Park and they have very nice facilities. The park is well used by those close to the metroplex, but it did not feel over crowded.

The lake offers water skiing and wake boarding as it is a very large lake. I understand the fishing is pretty good as well. This was our first test of the Bote inflatable kayaks we purchased and they

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were a great addition to our recreation on the water. We did hit some wind on a longer paddle across a channel, but Ray Roberts is a great place to paddle board or kayak.

You can bypass DFW, and if you do, make sure you go north of McKinney or you will hit awful traffic as Dallas keeps growing north. We got to experience dragging Rosie through 500 stop lights and bumper to bumper traffic as we tried a “short cut” that was anything but. Google maps is not always your friend.

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.

Don't forget to give us a heads up if you can make a Caddo Lake Rally in early December. If we get enough interest, we will get spots reserved.

**Hawley Towns – Newsletter
Coordinator**

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