



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Rally Time

We had a great Rally at Caddo Lake. There were 14 people in attendance for our meeting. We now have a full (enough) slate of officers to move into 2024.

We are working on the Rally Calendar for 2024. The Region 9 Rally in Bandera May 1-5 is sold out, but you can join the waitlist.

Maintenance Minute

Maintaining all of your water tanks is critical for successful outings and to keep your rig in tip top shape. A couple things we need to keep in mind.

You should sanitize your fresh water tank at least once per year (more frequently if you are a regular camper). The process is relatively simple and will sanitize not just the fresh water tank, but also the pipes and fixtures. Here is the process:

Mix 3.9 oz bleach to a full tank of water (**0.13 X total gallons of fresh H2O capacity = ounces of household bleach**). Run each of the faucets (including the shower head) until you can smell bleach. If you have a water filtration system, check the Owner's Manual before running the bleached water through it. Let the water stand in the system 3-4 hours, or

double the formula for a one-hour standing time. Drain fresh tank and refill with clean water. I like to run some bleach water into my gray water tanks just to clean it up as well. However, avoid bleach in your black tank. You want a certain level of bacteria build up in the black tank to break down waste and the bleach will kill them.

Speaking of the black tank, we have been using the Unique RV Digest-It Drop-In pods for about a year now. They seem to work really well as we have had no smells or build up (that we know of) in our black tanks. These pods are supposed to clean your sensors to keep them in working order. As often as possible, we also make sure to run the spray nozzles in the black tank whenever we dump it.

New Members

We have new members Dylan and Lindsay Thomas joining us from Bullard, TX. Also, Lisa Hicks from Quinlan, TX is joining us in her 1978 Safari.

Rick and Tracy Elkins have joined us as affiliates from the Greater Houston Airstream Club.

Welcome to our Unit!

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People Profile

For this month we will profile our new officer slate for 2024:

President - Shelley Tumino
1st VP - Tanner Terry
Treasurer - Doug Towns
Recording Secretary - Traci Battles
Membership Chair - Cheryl Chambers
Rally Chairs - Tanner Terry/Shelley Tumino
Webmaster - Ron Battles
Social Media - Hawley Towns

It is great to have some new faces among the leadership. Thank you everyone for volunteering!

East Texas Lakes Pet Profile

Please send us your pet profiles. I think they are more popular than anything in the newsletter. **No volunteers for next month yet...**

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.

Doug and I are headed to Mineral Wells State Park in January for a few days. We tried to go there in July, but 112 F kept us away.

Our big Spring Trip is all planned. Heading out to Big Bend National Park at the end of February. Catching Davis Mountain State Park and the observatory as well as Big Bend State Park while we are out there. Ten days of Airstream life and a couple boon docking days are on the agenda.

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

Trip Diary

In the October newsletter we were in mid-trip on our fall outing. We finished that trip at Mother Neff State Park. This was the first state park in Texas. It is a great small park with the best sites of any Park we have been in Texas. Full hook

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ups and nice concrete sites that are perfectly level. It is a small park but it is great place to relax. It is just outside Temple, TX and very easy to get to from East Texas.

ETLU Gear

Hawley is working on some t-shirts, but here is what we have for Hat options.

The below is a '47 brand hat. Very high quality and I own several. This one is in Columbia blue with the ETLU logo. The hats are about \$35/each if we order 10. These are low-profile and good for both men and women would like to wear hats.



The other option is a patch hat from Richardson. I wear this brand for work all the time. Great hats. This is what the patch color looks like and the one that had the most votes a few weeks ago. This

hat will run about \$30/each if we order 25 and \$36/each if we order less than 25. This hat is very similar to the Texas State Park 100 Year hat being sold in gift shops at state parks.



Let me know what you want and I will get an order together. Doug and I will probably order 2 of the '47 and 1 Richardson so on our way to getting the minimum.

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.

**Hawley Towns – Newsletter
Coordinator**

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