



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Rally Time

We are confirmed at Caddo Lake State Park for December 1-3. This will be a new officer installation as well. **If you have not done so, please email Shelley for a reservation on our booking. We will settle up the charges later, but will not be much more than the nightly State Park Fees (we may add some meals, etc).**

Maintenance Minute

We recently did a faucet change in our 2019 International. The original Grohe facet was always falling out of the base on the road and splashed all over the counter when it was used. Our choice of replacement was a Kohler brushed nickel faucet we actually got at Costco for about half of what it cost at Home Depot.

Now for the maintenance part. When Doug was replacing the faucet he noticed that the cold water shut valve under the sink was rubbing against the sink drain plumbing. There was a black residue on the top shelf that was the result of rubbing was actually eating into the pipe. We wrapped the pipe with duct tape and used a furniture pad to keep the valve from any future rubbing. It is worth inspecting your plumbing to see if you

have anything similar going on under your sink.

New Members

We have new affiliate members David and Ana Brandon in Hillsboro, Texas. Welcome to the unit! David is the President of the North Texas Unit and a great rally planner.

People Profile

No volunteers this month. Send your short bio to the unit Gmail account. We all want to know more about our members.

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:

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<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.

As I write the October Newsletter, Doug and I are sitting at Inks Lake State Park. This is a very nice park sitting on Inks Lake which was formed from the construction of two dams on the Colorado River. There are abundant camping spots with both 30A and 50A service. Many have great views of the lake. Furthermore, the restrooms and showers have all recently been rebuilt and they are working on a new Visitors Center.

The Park also has a nice park store. We cannot believe more parks do not make the effort to have a nice park store, and this one is many other parks could replicate. They had Comfort Color t-shirts so that gave it high marks.

Tomorrow we are off to McKinney Falls SP and Mother Neff SP to round out our fall trip. See you all in Caddo Lake SP in December!

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

Trip Diary

The Battles are taking a wonderful multi-month trip out west. This is second park from their trip diary.

The Oregon coast was our next destination, but unfortunately we were not able to take our time and explore. I assumed that since it was after Labor Day, that it would be easier to find places to stay or camp, but everything was packed.

We were able to book one night at Cape Perpetua, then had to move on as everything was booked. We did stop at the Tillamook creamery (a Towns favorite by the way) on our way into Washington for a tour and to fill our fridge with cheese and our freezer with ice cream.



Mt Rainier National Park

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We are now in Olympia, Washington, staying at Washington Land Yacht Harbor, an Airstream-only community. Everyone here has been so welcoming! It's like a rally every day! We've loved getting to know everyone and are hoping to return for a longer stay next year.

This is a perfect area to stay if you are wanting to visit Olympic NP, Mt Rainier, and Mt St Helens. Unfortunately, time didn't allow us to see Olympic or Mt St Helens, but we were able to get to Mt Rainier NP and hike a rim trail. We are getting ready to head into Montana tomorrow. We only have four weeks left in our trip, but still many places to stop and see, so these next few weeks will be a whirlwind. I'm not quite ready to return home just yet.

Member Restoration

Rex Nix is restoring a '57 Overlander. He is going to share his trial and tribulations as he goes through the remodel.

The Nixs live in the Zavalla area. During their 42 years together, they have traveled all over America camping in everything from tents to pop-ups to small towables behind motorcycles and larger towables behind our trucks.

They recently found an Ohio built 26' Overlander marked BRN 615 in gutted

and stripped condition. They paid slightly more for it than what it would bring as scrap.

After careful consideration they decided to bring it up to a campable trailer. So far they have started to rebuild the axle to modern standards and pulled what was left of the inside walls and furniture and cabinets.



To get started they began by vacuuming some of the decades old collection of critter droppings off the assorted layers of flooring and rotted wood. (YUCK!)





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Future endeavors:

- Removal of the inner wall.
- Removal of the old insulation
- Removal of the old wiring
- Removal of the fan/vents
- Removal of the floors.
- Inspection of the frame.
- Removal and rebuild the windows.

They will send updates as they progress. Until then they will join us in their Winnebago until it is complete.

Officer Needs

In December we will be electing officers. Please volunteer as we have to fill this positions to be a viable unit. If there is any interest, these are the positions available (all of them):

- President
- 1st VP

- 2nd VP
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Chair
- Social Media Chair
- Membership Chair.

Please let us know if you would be a volunteer for anything. We need people to fill these roles.

It would be nice if we had a Rally Coordinator as well. If you are interested in any of these roles, please send an email to the Unit Gmail address.

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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