



# East Texas Lakes Newsletter

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## 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).**



We had a fun time with our small group at Athens Brewing Company. The food was excellent, the beer nice and cold, and Charlotte entertained us with great stories. Looking for ideas for more Socials.

## Maintenance Minute

Member Charlotte Gish has added a new product to her travel kit, Flex Tape. While on a trip, the PVC cracked on her black tank drain. It would have been quite a mess, but she fixed it until she

could get to a repair shop with Flex Tape. She now swears by the stuff.



Amazon carries a 4" x 5' roll for about \$15. Seems like a cheap fix when your black tank drain has a problem. But this could work equally well for temporary roof leaks, cracked windows, and dozens of other crisis events. Thanks for the suggestion Charlotte.

## New Members

We have a couple new members this month. Please welcome David and Dawn Coe from Spring, TX and Jim and Shelby Trimble from Avinger, TX as new affiliate members.

## People Profile

No volunteers this month. Send your short bio to the unit Gmail account. We

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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:

<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:

- 10/27 Off to Central Texas with stays at Inks Lake SP, McKinney Falls SP and Mother Neff SP.
- ETLU Rally in Caddo Lake State Park.

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 one of a couple parts from their trip diary.

We left mid-July on our journey to the Pacific NW and beyond, planning on returning sometime in October. Our first stop was Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Although it was hot, the campground was beautiful and spacious. 50A electric and water hookups and a dump station on our way out of the park. We were lucky to be there over the weekend to catch the musical TEXAS on Saturday night.

From there we drove to South Fork, Colorado and got to experience the bliss of 8,000 ft elevation and no more heat and humidity! South Fork is virtually a basecamp for outdoor activities, as there are hundreds of miles of trails within the San Juan National Forest. There were OHV's everywhere, as well as dirt bikes and mountain bikes. The Rio Grande River also ran through town, so kayaking, rafting, fly fishing, etc. were also popular. We stayed at Aspen Ridge RV Park for a week, which wasn't glamorous, but put us right in the middle of everything. We camped with our old

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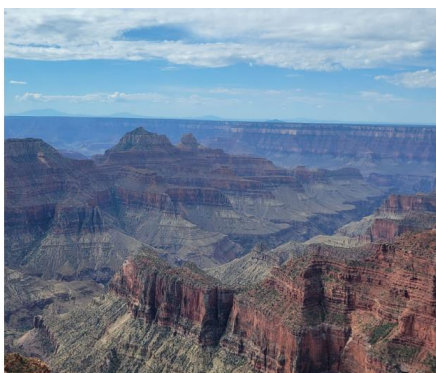
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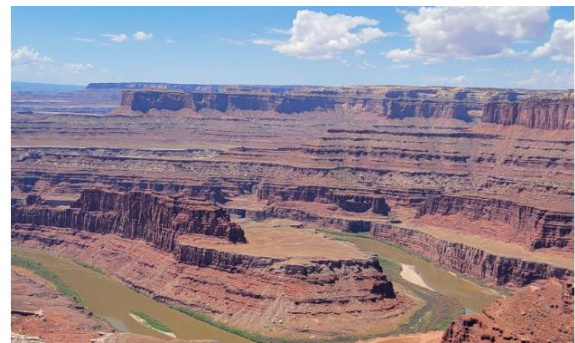
neighbors from Central TX, so that made the experience even more special.

Next we stayed at Mesa Verde RV Park, which was conveniently located ½ mile from the entrance to the National Park. The Park was small, with a pool and very clean laundry and shower facilities. We got to meet two other Airstreamers there and enjoyed visiting and hearing their stories. (They were full timers with MUCH more experience!)

Then it was on to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon! We were lucky to get a reservation inside the park, and for \$18/night, it was amazing! There were no hookups in the park, but they allowed generators for a two-hour window in the morning and evening. The campground is full of trees, so our solar couldn't keep up, but we made it for the three nights we stayed. (30% battery left at the end, with our gray tank at capacity!) And the weather was awesome! Even in late July, we never needed AC or fans. It was cool in the shade and got chilly at night.



Our trip through Utah brought us to Bryce Canyon National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Arches National Park, and Canyonlands National Park. Utah is the most unique and beautiful place I've ever been! We could spend an entire season just visiting that state!



From Utah, we drove north into Idaho and visited Craters of the Moon National Park, which was a unique experience. It really felt like you were on another planet walking on the lava fields and hiking through lava tubes. We also toured EBR-1, which was the first nuclear experimental breeder reactor in the world.





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We visited the Hagerman Fossil Beds, and kayaked along the Snake River and experienced the numerous springs bubbling up into the river bed. After a short trip to Boise to visit family, we trekked our way into Oregon.

We stayed a week near Mount Hood and hiked numerous trails around the area. Ron worked for Intel in Portland for a brief time in the mid 90's, so he was glad to be back in the area and meet up with a few coworkers from back in the day. From there, we drove to Bend and stayed in nearby Sisters, which was SO amazing! It's such a cute town!



Unfortunately, the smoke from Northern California and Southern Oregon made the sky very hazy and the air quality was awful, so we didn't get to hike. Bend and Sisters are definitely places I would love to go back to and explore more thoroughly.

Next we drove to Prospect, OR and visited Crater Lake National Park. We

were fortunate that the winds shifted and we were able to get awesome views of the lake and hiked a somewhat challenging hike to the top of Mt. Scott for spectacular 360 degree views!



Traci thanks for sharing your trip. Most of us are really jealous.

## **Officer Needs**

In December we will be electing officers. If there is any interest, these are the positions available (all of them):

- President
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Chair
- Social Media Chair
- Membership Chair.

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**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.

A couple recommendations came in this month. A&P Vintage Trailer in Paradise Texas comes highly recommended for basic repairs and custom work. East Texas RV in Tyler is also someone a few members have used with good outcomes.

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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