



## President's Message

First off, I would like to welcome our new members B Andrew and Stephanie Salyer. Allison and I look forward to meeting you at a future rally.

Speaking of rallies...WOW! The year 2024 is flying by already. The first rally of 2024 is complete and for all who didn't attend Tour of the Texas Coast you missed a fun one. We had a total of twelve rigs participate. Each beach town we visited provided us with a new appreciation of the area and some great evening conversation. People are so creative with creating all those delicious foods out of their rig. Big thanks to Kevin for the delicious sea food boil! It was so delicious, none of us got a proper picture! Thank you to Susan and Craig Fegley for the suggestion to have GAMs (Get Acquainted Meetings) which included a small group who had a mini-happy hour and got to know each other. We decided to give it try with this Tour of the Texas Coast rally since we were spending many nights together. The GAMs were a big hit; it brought us closer as a group and I personally felt like we gained closer friends even if we've been in rallies before. . It was great to get to know each member in a smaller group. Jerry Davis, in one of our dinners then did a big group guessing game. That was fun, like a mini trivia game....you had to be there.

Speaking of being there...our next rally, the April eclipse rally is full. Our hosts (Micheks and Greens) have a full schedule planned and it should be an exciting event. We have a meet and greet with UWAC (Utah Wasatch Airstream Club) on Saturday April 6th. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other Airstreamers from another region. There will also be games to keep us entertained. For those signed up, please make sure you bring enough stuff so that you will not need to go to the grocery store or need a fuel stop before you head home on Tuesday. The Texas towns within the eclipse's totality path are planning to be over whelmed and major gridlock will/can occur.

The next rally on the roster is the Region 9 rally in Bandera. If you have not signed up, there is a secondary site, Riverwalk RV Resort , for those on the waitlist. For those who would like to attend, but have not signed up, the sign-up details of on the next page as part of Nancy's (Region 9 President's) updates. At this time, we have 17 THCU rigs registered for the rally. I've had several questions regarding parking together at Skyline RV Park as a group. It will not be the same as previous years or the same as International. This year, the sites are being assigned by Skyline RV Park. This means that the THCU rigs may be scattered throughout the park by size and electrical needs. You should've received an email from the park asking if you need 30 or 50 amp. For those parking at Riverwalk RV Resort, you get to choose your site for the rally and check in is from 1pm – 7pm. For Riverwalk RV Resort, please call to make your reservation instead of choosing a site online. It's much better—in my opinion. Let me know if you have an issue.

Are you going to the rally in Moody, TX at Mother Neff State Park? If you are, please let me know you are going by March 27<sup>th</sup>. I need to make reservations at this park by that time. To entice you, we will be touring Baylor and a scrap yard. So.Much.Fun!

Are you going to International and would like to caravan with us to Sedelia, MO? I have a list of 9 rigs who have will be caravanning with us with a total of 16 rigs headed to international. Please check out page 5 to see if you are going with us all the way there. I need to make reservations for Martin Creek State Park by April 12th.

Check out the next page. It is a message from Nancy Fitzgerald, our Region 9 President which includes information from the February 22 International Board of Trustees meeting and additional Region 9 rallies.

The THCU election results are below. Thanks to everyone who took the time vote.

2024 Region 9 Leadership			
	President	1st VP	2nd VP
	Tracy Elkins	Anna Brandon	Tim Ebbers
Yes	30	30	29
No	1	1	0
<b>Total Votes</b>	31	31	29




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(pic taken at the USS Lexington, Corpus Cristi, TX)

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Message from Nancy Fitzgerald,  
Region 9 President  
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Several updates for you from the most recent International Board of Trustees meeting February 22, 2024:

- This August, Airstream Club International Hosts will be added to the Harvest Hosts map, giving Courtesy Parking Club members more robust functionality, including detailed Host profiles, contactless booking, photos, reviews, route planning tools, and more. If a Courtesy Parking Club Member is also a Member of Harvest Hosts, they will get their Harvest Hosts locations and Courtesy Parking Club locations all together on one map using one convenient log-in. The Courtesy Parking locations will be free. Harvest Host locations will still require a subscription.
- Many of you know that January 14, 2024: Per Hamnqvist resigned from the IBT, effective immediately. Resignation was from the Treasurer position and Executive Council. Kendall Felder was moved onto the vacated Executive Council position because he received the next highest votes in the previous EC elections. By emergency resolution, the IBT voted by two-thirds vote to elect a non-officer individual from the current Finance Committee to serve as Financial Director until August of 2025.
- Going forward, every two years, near the midterm of the EC, the IBT shall reaffirm the tenure of the Finance Director with a simple majority vote of confidence. With the recent growth and complexity of WBCCI's financial state and the importance of ensuring long-term financial stability, transparent reporting, regulatory compliance, risk management, budgetary control, operational efficiency, and strategic decision-making, having someone with an extensive financial background for this position is crucial. The current election process for Executive Officers may not always result in the most capable person being elected. By making the Finance Director (formerly the International Treasurer) elected by the IBT, we can ensure that the most qualified person fills the role.

The IBT voted to clarify the structure of a Region Board. The motion eliminated the ambiguity about the responsibilities of the Region President. It also defined the responsibilities of the Region Treasurer and Secretary and provided a mechanism for the succession or removal with cause of an elected Region Officer. The impact of this is to address a recommendation of Roberts Rules that any organization operating under a Constitution and Bylaws with elected officers provide a method for the removal of officers.

I will head to Jackson Center for a March 12 -14 Strategy Session with the full IBT. Our focus is on membership, financial and budget deep dives, and identification of new opportunities and initiatives.

Do not forget to sign up for the Region 9 **Bandera Bound Rally, May 1-5** at Skyline Ranch and Riverwalk Resort. Link: <https://form.jotform.com/240463319594158>

We have forty sites reserved for us at Riverwalk, and we will offer several activities at the satellite site. This is the year to elect our Region 9 Officers for 2024-2026. Tracy Elkins has been nominated as President Elect for Region 9 and will assume leadership August 1, 2024. Anna Brandon is nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Tim Ebbers is nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Let your club president know your support and these officers will be installed at the Region 9 Rally in Bandera. You can read their bios on the Region 9 webpage or on the Region 9 Facebook page.

And finally, have you heard about the two fabulous rallies planned by NTxAC and HOTC at North Texas Airstream Park?  
**Stitchin' and Fishin'** April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Be part of the first ever Airstream Rally in Region 9 gathering quilters and fisherpersons (of all levels)! Quilters will be able to visit a couple of the stores participating in the Shop Hop, as well as be able to set up their stations in a devoted rally space.

The "fisherpersons" among you will enjoy a fully guided fishing trip on Lake Whitney on Monday, April 22nd. The trip will include all rods, tackle, fully rigged striper boats and guides. Participants will only need to bring snacks, drinks and of course a Texas Fishing License. Our catch will be cleaned and packaged for us.

**Region 9 Ham Rally** May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us for an Amateur Radio (Ham) Rally at NTAC We will have a crash course targeted to help you pass your exam, a swap meet, tours, and lots of fun!

Call for Registrations:

North Texas Airstream Community 200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1, Hillsboro, TX 76645 254.582.5566

## THCU 2024 Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
<del>Feb 24 - Mar 2</del>	<del>Tour of the TX Coast Rally</del>	
April 6-9	Boondocking Eclipse Rally	<p>This is a boondocking rally in Fredericksburg, TX. This boondocking rally is limited to 16 rigs.</p> <p>See next page for additional details regarding this event.</p>
April 19-23	Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally	<p>If you would like to check out the schedule and register, click on this link: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-ntac-stichin-and-fishin-rally">Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally   ACI (airstreamclub.org)</a></p>
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	<p>If you want to go there's room. See page 5 for additional information</p>
May 9 - 12	Region 9/NTAC 2024 Ham Radio Rally	<p>If you would like to check out the schedule and/or register, click on the link: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2024-ham-radio-rally">Region 9 2024 Ham Radio Rally   ACI (airstreamclub.org)</a></p>
June 27-30	Joint rally with GHAC Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett, TX	<p>This will be a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club.</p> <p>Contact Tim Ebbers if you are interested in attending this rally. Reservations with the park will need to be done by calling (936) 544-8466 and letting them know you are with the THCU</p>
July	<no rally planned>	
August TBD	Luncheon TBD	
Aug29-Sept2 Labor Day Rally	Mother Neff State Park 1921 Park Road 14 Moody, TX 76557	<p>This rally will start on Thursday and end on Monday (Labor Day). This state park has full hookups.</p> <p><b>Please volunteer to be a host for this rally.</b></p>
Sept 26—Oct 10	International @ Sedalia, MO	<p>Dates reflect start of the caravan to the end of International.</p> <p>See page 10 for details of the caravan.</p>
November 07-10	Installation Rally Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	<p><b>Hosts: Please volunteer to be a host for this rally.</b></p>
December	TBD by incoming president	



## Notes on a few of the THCU activities in 2024:



### Boondocking Eclipse Rally (April 6-9)

- Coordinators: Mike & Pat Green and Yvonne & Ed Michek
  - If you plan on attending this rally, please let Tim Ebbers know by emailing him at [timberintx@gmail.com](mailto:timberintx@gmail.com).
  - This rally will be boondocking in a cattle pasture. **Due to the location and season of the year, should there be rain before or during the rally, this rally will be cancelled.** We don't want y'all stuck with the bull in our wet pasture.
  - Generators can be used as long as you are not annoying anyone else—human or bull.
  - Our pasture (& home) is 9 miles east of Fredericksburg, just off Hwy 290. We are not in Fredericksburg.
- Fredericksburg has produced a lengthy [guide](#) to the eclipse. You can also access this at [www.eclipseinfbgtx.com](http://www.eclipseinfbgtx.com). The high points are:
    - a. The 'burg' will be filled to overflowing with eclipse chasers from all over the U.S.
    - b. Businesses will be slammed or will close down when they run out of supplies.
    - c. Come with a full tank of gas.
    - d. HEB is predicting they will run out of groceries before the weekend is over.
    - e. Traffic will be a booger—pack your patience.
    - f. On the above mentioned website, pay particular attention to pages 7 and 8.
  - Additional information regarding activities, rally fees, and limitations will be published to the attendees as we get them.



### Region 9/NTAC Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally (April 19-23)

- The schedule and registration form has been posted on [AirstreamClub.org](http://AirstreamClub.org). If you are interested click on this link: [Region 9/NTAC Stichin' and Fishin' Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#)



### Region 9/NTAC 2024 Ham Radio Rally (MAY 9 - 12, 2024)

North Texas Airstream Community  
200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1, Hillsboro, TX, 76645

- The schedule and registration form has been posted on [AirstreamClub.org](http://AirstreamClub.org). If you are interested click on this link: [Region 9 2024 Ham Radio Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#)



## Region 9 Rally in Bandera, TX (May 1-5)

- The link to all things Region 9 2024: [Region9 2024 Region Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org/Region9-2024-Region-Rally)
- If you would like to attend this, there's an secondary park. Go to this link to get signed up: <https://form.jotform.com/240463319594158>
- Suggestion: To make reservations, call Riverwalk Resort at (830) 288-2200
- The Rally Schedule is updated and shown below. It will be a fun time!

### Region 9 Rally May 1 – 5, 2024 Skyline Ranch RV Park & Cabins & Riverwalk Resort Bandera, TX 78003

#### Wednesday – May 1

##### Skyline Rally Hall

- 2-4 pm Welcome Packet Pick-Up/Registration
  - 4-5 pm Wine/Beer Swap Welcome Party!
  - 5 pm Welcome Ceremony
  - 6 pm 24 ft Pizza Party & DJ Channing Fell
  - 8 pm Ice Cream
  - 8:15 pm Film *Alumination*
- Hosted by THCU & GHAC & OASC

#### Thursday – May 2

##### Rec Hall Skyline RV

- 7 am Morning Relaxation with Jan Grimes & Pet Stroll to Medina River led by Nancy Henderson (½ mile round trip)

##### Skyline Rally Hall

- 8 am Blackstone Grill Breakfast
- 10 am Region Board Meeting/Membership
- 11 am Club Leadership Training Meeting
- 12 Bag Lunch
- 1 pm Airstream Maintenance Clinic I On the Road with Jeff & Cindy McKee
- 2 pm Airstream Maintenance Clinic II Solar presented by Bill Poteet & Roy Bruner
- 3 pm Star Link presented by Eric McHenry
- 4 pm SnackChat Happy Hour with Eric McHenry, ACI President
- 6 pm Bring It & Grill It at 11<sup>th</sup> St. Cowboy Bar Sides & Drink Tickets Provided 307 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bandera

Hosted by TAU & TGCU & NTxAC & ETL



- Each local club is asked to prepare a creative and themed gift basket that can be raffled off for donations to Region 9 Charity of Choice - Team Red, White & Blue In Support of Enriching Veteran Health.

#### Friday – May 3

##### Skyline Rally Hall

- 7 am Coffee & Breakfast-To-Go
  - 7:45 am Golf Scramble Departure to Buckhorn Golf Course in Comfort TX (45 min drive/ 9 am Tee Time)
  - 9 am Blood Drive Begins at Riverwalk Resort
  - 10 am Games Games Games at Riverwalk Resort
  - Lunch on Your Own
  - 2 pm Chili Cook-off Competition Begins
  - 3 pm Biscuit on a Stick Cooking with Vernon Goodwin
  - 4 pm Trick Roping by US Cowboy Ambassador Kevin Fitzpatrick
  - 5 pm Chili Cook-off Judging
  - 6 pm Chili Tasting & Fixins & Ice Cream
  - 7 pm Awards & Raffle Drawing #1/Club Baskets
- Hosted by THLAC & HOTC & TPAC

#### Saturday – May 4

##### Skyline Rally Hall

- 8 am SkyMed Sponsored Breakfast & Presentation
  - 9 am Explore Bandera All Day Enjoy Cowboys on Main/Museum/Gun Fight Market Days /Vendors/Antiques/
  - 10 am Gone Quiltin' Excursion in Bandera
  - Lunch with Your Local Club
  - Free Time to Explore
  - 4 pm Membership Benefits with Eric McHenry, ACI President & Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President Elect & Anna Brandon, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Elect & Tim Ebbers, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Elect
  - 5 pm Closing Ceremony & Region 9 Officer Induction
  - 6 pm Catered Dinner To Honor Club Leadership
  - 7 pm Awards & Raffle Drawing #2/ Club Baskets
  - 7:30 Western Flyers – Texas Swing Band
- Hosted by Region 9 Leadership Team

#### Sunday – May 5

##### Skyline Pavilion & Riverwalk RV

- 8 am Cinco De Mayo Breakfast sponsored by Vintage Airstream Club
  - 9 am Region 9 Executive Board Meeting Clean-Up & Good-Byes & Departures
- Hosted by Region 9 Executive Board



**THCU Sedalia Bound Caravan (September 26-October 10, 2024)**

- Caravan dates are September 26—October 3, 2024. The stops on this rally include the following by date:
  1. Martin Creek Lake State Park in Tatum, TX—Sept 26-Sept 28—2 nights. Tim will make a group reservation for this park.
  2. Catherine’s Landing in Hot Springs, AR—Sept 28-Sept 30—2 nights. We are in site 206.
  3. Cooper Creek Resort and Campground in Branson, MO—Sept 30-Oct 03—3 nights. We are in site 78.
  4. We will caravan to Sedalia, MO on October 3rd. International officially starts on October 5 and runs through the 11th (check out is on Oct 11th).
  5. We are planning a trip back to TX via a different path through Oklahoma.

Additional information regarding the route with dates, number of nights and mileages

STOP	MI/HR	NIGHTS
1 Thu, 09/26/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States		
2 Thu, 09/26/24 - Tatum, TX Martin Creek Lake State Park	275 4:31	2
3 Sat, 09/28/24 - Hot Springs, AR Catherine's Landing	216 3:30	2
4 Mon, 09/30/24 - Branson, MO Cooper Creek Resort & Campground	222 4:12	3
5 Thu, 10/03/24 - Sedalia, MO Missouri State Fair Campground	156 2:48	8
6 Fri, 10/11/24 - Carthage, MO Big Red Barn RV Park	165 2:54	2
7 Sun, 10/13/24 - Norman, OK Lake Thunderbird State Park	271 4:42	2
8 Tue, 10/15/24 - Wichita Falls, TX Lake Arrowhead State Park	154 2:46	2
9 Thu, 10/17/24 - Dublin, TX Sowell Creek	155 2:29	2
10 Sat, 10/19/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States	117 1:52	

←--Good to go.

←--Subject to change

If you are interested in attending the caravan and/or joining us to head back to TX, contact Tim Ebbers at 512.786.6380 or timberintx@gmail.com for detailed information regarding making reservations at each park.



### March

- 12 Jeff McKee
- 14 Mark Knox
- 18 Joan Ermis
- 27 Charlie Williams

### APRIL

- 03 Peggy Knox
- 26 Pamela Halter

### New Members:

- ◇ B Andrew and Stephanie Salyer of Olmos Park, TX

Join us on our private Facebook group [Texas Hill Country Unit](#) to see pictures of rallies/get togethers and for latest news.

WELCOME



- Mar 31—Jim and Raisin Schwerdfeger
- Apr 5—Laurie and Don Oneal
- Apr 29—Tim and Allison Ebbers



**Website:** <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>  
**THCU President:** timberintx@gmail.com  
**Facebook Page:** Texas Hill Country Unit





Tour of the Texas Coast Rally in Pictures: These are randomly laid out. More pictures can be found on Facebook.





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## EZ Links

This page is dedicated to links you may want to access. These are links within AirstreamClub.org and other links you may find helpful. If you have a link or website you find helpful and would like to add to this, please send it to me at 0104@wbcci.net.

AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG— <https://airstreamclub.org/>

*Description: This is the mainsite for WBCCI Members. There are a few pages that do not require a log in, but most of the helpful links within these pages will require a log in. A log in can be created if you are a WBCCI Member.*

### **Helpful links within airstreamclub.org (log in is required)**

Courtesy Parking Directory— <https://airstreamclub.org/members/courtesy-parking-directory>

*Description: Have you ever wanted to mooch-dock? If you find yourself in a situation where you just need a place to park with no/minimal hookups, check out this least used benefit of being a WBCCI member. This will be updated in the future to use the Harvest Host website. Watch for updates to this.*

Texas Hill Country Unit—<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country>

*Description: This is the official THCU site within airstreamclub.org. It has links to the Rallies for our unit, newsletters, and other THCU Information. Check it out.*

Blue Beret Magazine—<https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>

2024 International Registration link (and information) - <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

Campfire chats—<https://airstreamclub.org/events/campfire-chats>

*Description: This page link includes all of the prior recorded campfire chats, any future campfire chat dates and time AND on the day of the campfire chat the link to the virtual meeting.*

WBCCI local rallies, events and national caravans—<https://airstreamclub.org/events>

*Description: If you want to check out and attend a rally outside of THCU rallies, check this out! If you want to attend another unit's rally it is proper etiquette to email the wagonmaster, event planner, or coordinator first prior to booking to ensure there is room for you to attend.—unless there are other registration instructions are listed for the event.*

### **Other Links**

THCU Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267836193395602/>

*Description: This is a private facebook group for THCU members and friends of THCU.*

