

# THE ROADRUNNER



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<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

## *President's Message— February 2024*

By the time this reaches you THLAC's 2024 Rally season will be well underway. After a successful Christmas Rally, The Lone Star Poetry Gathering Rally is coming up fast. Registration is now open for the Eclipse Rally (wait list), and the Blue Bonnet Rally is filling up quickly though there are plenty of good spots left as of this date. Debbie has updated the web site with tons of information and links. Go to our home page <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes> and scroll down to see it. Don't forget to register for the Region 9 rally in Bandera and the International rally in MO. Elaine and I, as well as the rally hosts hope to see many of you at one or more of the winter/spring rallies.

I know first hand that the rally hosts have worked hard, and continue to work hard to create a great experience for you at all of these rallies. Please join them! Volunteering is work but also has many benefits in getting to know the club and its members. In addition, Frank Steed and his nominating committee are putting together an excellent slate of officers for the full members to vote on in March. Peter Sajovich is organizing club support for the RV show in Austin in February. If you are interested in either activity please contact Frank or Peter directly.

Finally, I often tell prospective new members that the Airstream Club is a rather unique experience in that most of us make new friends for life as a result of the club, something that may be overlooked sometimes. Elaine and I had first hand experience with this recently. We boarded a smallish (700+ passengers) ship in December and a few days later ran into a couple that we had first met last June while on the Springtime in the Rockies Caravan. We had become friends during the caravan but had no idea they would be on the same ship. They live nowhere close to us so this was a total, but very pleasant surprise and we spent a fair amount of time with them during the cruise.

I hope you all have a great 2024 including lots of Airstream adventures.

See you down the road.  
Bill Saulnier, President THLAC



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**Executive Board:**

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For Security Purposes The Roadrunner does not publish contact information. Please refer to your Membership Directory.

2024

March 14-17 Bluebonnets Rally  
 Brenham, TX  
 April 5-8 Eclipse Special Rally  
 Hamilton, TX  
 April 18-21 Texas State Railroad Rally  
 Rusk, TX  
 May 1-5 THLAC/ Region 9 Rally  
 Bandera, TX  
 May 30-June 2 Best of Belton & Salado  
 Belton, TX  
 Aug 28-Sept 16 Upper Pennisula Caravan  
 Oct 5-12 67th International Rally  
 Sedalia, MO  
 Nov. 14-17 Installation Rally  
 Fredericksburg, TX



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**Check us out:**

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.

# TEXAS STATE RAILROAD RALLY



April 18-21, 2024

Rusk KOA Holiday

Rusk TX



Riding the rails through East Texas is soon approaching! Our April Rally will be at Rusk KOA Holiday, 745 FM 343 East in Rusk. We have 30 sites reserved at the Rally Rate of \$45.58/night. You can make your reservation by calling (800) 562-4143 or (903) 683-6641 and telling the staff you are with the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club.

Your hosts are busy coordinating breakfasts and dinners with the staff of Rusk KOA and making final arrangements for us to ride the historic Texas State Railroad. Download the app below and start planning your spring time in the Piney Woods.

Watch your emails for more information.

ALL ABOARD!!!



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MOBILE APP



# Marketing & Membership

Peter Sajovich

Marketing / Membership Chairman

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Getting ready for the largest display of Airstreams at the Austin RV Expo under new Blue Compass management. Gerardo Guardiola, the friendliest guy you will ever meet, is the new General Manager of both Airstream of Austin and Blue Compass Super Center.



We still need more volunteers for 2 hour sessions on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Everyone who volunteers will receive free parking, and free entrance to the RV Show.

Please send my your preferred dates and times via eMail at [peter@homesofaustin.com](mailto:peter@homesofaustin.com) or text me at 512-293-1871. Make sure I respond so you know I received it. Carol and I are travelling overseas when you receive this newsletter.

## 2024 RV Expo Volunteer Schedule

Everyone is welcome to stay as long as you like, we will have water and snacks available and there are a bunch of great restaurants nearby.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ BRN # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ BRN # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Preference Friday (circle one) Saturday Sunday No Preference (whenever needed)

Time Preference 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM No Preference (whenever needed) (circle one)

# THLAC NEWS

## Upcoming Rallies

Bluebonnets in Brenham in March

Registration is open. To register, go to

<https://airstreamclub.org/thlac-172-march-rally-2024-brenham>.

We blocked 38 sites for this rally. All sites are full hook-up. The standard rate is \$69.67 or \$79.67 for back-in or pull-through. These rates will be discounted by 25% if at least 30 sites are reserved.

On January 27, we had 28 sites booked. This beautiful, new resort is owned and operated by a relative of one of our members, Julie Jordan.

Eclipse Rally Standby Registration in April

Registration is open.

<https://airstreamclub.org/standby-registration-eclipse-rally>

Ride the Rails in Rusk in April

Registration opens on February 21. Look for an email invitation in your inbox on that day.

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## Spring Business Meeting

**The THLAC Spring Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 AM during the Bluebonnet Rally in Brenham, TX. The election of the 2024-2025 THLAC Officers will be confirmed at the meeting. An online ballot will be emailed to members before the meeting. Voting may also take place at the meeting.**

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Frank Steed, Chair; Daryl Ball & Colin Melton

The nominating committee submits the following slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 THLAC Board of Directors:

President: Allen Faulk

1st Vice President: Jim Dudley

2nd Vice President: Nancy Powers

Recording Secretary: Linda Glassman

Corresponding Secretary: Keith Ferry

Treasurer: Bruce Nutt

2 Year Trustee: Daryl Ball

2 Year Trustee: Kathy Ashley

# Webmaster News

**Debbie Trimble, THLAC Webmaster**

## Events 2.0

The Events marketing tool has been rebuilt and redesigned to enhance ease of use and increase functionality. The tool went into use on January 1, 2024. Please bear with me as I learn to use it.

The registration page has a new look. To begin registration, you must fill in the total number in your group and Click continue. Then, you will complete the registration form. You will find the registration form easier to use. After registering, a thank you will pop up.

An email confirmation will be sent immediately to your inbox. Please print it out for your records. If you are still waiting for the confirmation letter, call Debbie Trimble, Webmaster, at 972-422-5133. Refrain from attempting to reregister.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/hn2xtqh>

Just enter a number to preview the registration and click continue. Then, use the back arrow in the upper left corner of the page to stop.

Constant Contact continues to work on making things easier for its customers.

Websites: Please bookmark these sites for yourself.

<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?l>



## Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera Texas

The Region 9 Rally in Bandera, Texas May 1st - 5th booked out in December. However, the response was so large, they've begun working on opening up a second park. Their plans are to create enough space for everyone on the waiting list. So, if you're interested, but haven't signed up, jump on the waiting list and join us!!

You can get on the waitlist here: <https://form.jotform.com/233517079390157>

For those already registered, The following links have information about the Bandera area and entertainers that will perform at the Rally. [Rally Schedule](#) [Texas Swing Band](#) [Kevin Fitzpatrick, World Famous Trick Roper](#)

### **Region 9 Blood Drive**

A blood drive will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 from 9:00AM to 2:00 PM in the Skyline Ranch Park Rally Room. There are 50 slots available. [Click here to sign up for a time slot](#)

# Caravan News

Rick Trimble, Chair

Spring 2025 would be a great time to enjoy all of the treasures we have, just a short drive to the East! Areas around Galveston, Corpus Christi, and Brownsville have great campgrounds, beautiful beaches, great fishing, history, and fantastic seafood.

The one thing this Caravan needs is a Caravan leader! We have put together two Caravan options to spark your interest.

Give it some thought. Call me if you want more information.

Rick Trimble, Caravan Chair  
214-298-1009  
akk5bb@gmail.com



## CARAVAN OPTION 1

Date	Day	4/24 – 5/09	Location	# Days
4/24/2025	Thursday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
4/25/2025	Friday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
4/26/2025	Saturday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
<b>GALVESTON AREA</b>				
4/27/2025	Sunday	Caravan Begins	Galveston SP	2
4/28/2025	Monday	Caravan	Galveston SP	
<b>STATE PARK, ROCKPORT, FULTON, PORT LAVACA SEADRIFT, SEA DRIFT PADDLING TRAIL</b>				
4/29/2025	Tuesday	Caravan Arrives	Goose Island SP	2
4/30/2025	Wednesday	Caravan	Goose Island SP	
<b>PORT ARANSAS, PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE, CORPUS CHRISTI</b>				
5/1/2025	Thursday	Caravan Arrives	Ranson RV Park (laundry available) or Mustang State Park	3
5/2/2025	Friday	Caravan	Ranson RV Park or Mustang State Park	
5/3/2025	Saturday	Caravan	Ranson RV Park or Mustang State Park	
<b>BROWNSVILLE, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, HARLINGEN, MCALLEN, MISSION, PROGRESSO, MEXICO</b>				
5/5/2025	Sunday	Caravan Arrives	Tropical Trails RV Resort Brownsville (laundry available)	4
5/6/2025	Monday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
5/7/2025	Tuesday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
5/8/2025	Wednesday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
5/9/2025	Thursday	Caravan Ends	Brownsville Depart AM	
				11
5/11/2025	Sunday	Mother's Day		

# Caravan News

## CARAVAN OPTION 2

Date	Day	3/27 to 4/11	Location	# Days
3/27/2025	Thursday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
3/26/2025	Friday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
3/29/2025	Saturday	Rally	Stephen F. Austin SP	
<b>GALVESTON AREA</b>				
3/30/2025	Sunday	Caravan Begins	Galveston SP	2
3/31/2025	Monday	Caravan	Galveston SP	
<b>STATE PARK, ROCKPORT, FULTON, PORT LAVACA SEADRIFT, SEA DRIFT PADDLING TRAIL</b>				
4/1/2025	Tuesday	Caravan	Goose Island SP	2
4/2/2025	Wednesday	Caravan	Goose Island SP	
<b>PORT ARANSAS, PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE, CORPUS CHRISTI</b>				
4/3/2025	Thursday	Caravan	Ransom RV Park or Mustang Island State Park	3
4/4/2025	Friday	Caravan	Ransom RV Park or Mustang Island State Park	
4/5/2025	Saturday	Caravan	Ransom RV Park or Mustang Island State Park	
<b>BROWNSVILLE, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, HARLINGEN, MCALLEN, MISSION, PROGRESSO, MEXICO</b>				
4/6/2025	Sunday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort Brownsville Arrive	4
4/7/2025	Monday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
4/8/2025	Tuesday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
4/9/2025	Wednesday	Caravan	Tropical Trails RV Resort	
4/10/2025	Thursday	Caravan Ends	Brownsville Depart AM	
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4/18/2025	Friday	Good Friday		
4/19/2025	Saturday			
4/20/2025	Sunday	Easter		



# NEW MEMBER PAGE

## National Event Rallies

### Welcome New Members

Karen Holmes  
Round Rock, TX  
2021 Bambi 16'

Aisling & Antony DiRico  
Austin, TX  
2023 International 25'

James & Susan Nelson  
Beeville, Tx  
2023 Atlas 24'

Zac & Stephanie Valdez  
Lexington, TX  
1972 Sovereign Intl. Land  
Yacht 31'

Rebecca Trussell-Williams  
Russell Williams  
Boerne, TX  
2023 Basecamp 20'

Christopher Burch  
Austin, TX  
2021 Flying Cloud 25'

Danny Scamardo  
Bryan, TX  
2024 Caravel 19'

National Event Rallies are opportunities to join fellow Airstreamers from across the U.S. and Canada and enjoy new friends, fun and local adventure. These events are located across the country and are offered throughout the year. Each National Special Event rally is unique. Many are on Airstreamers' bucket lists so consider signing up for one or more. Much more information is available on the Airstream Club International site including registration opportunities.

These are very popular, and spaces do fill up quickly. If the event is full, place your name on the waiting list. Often space become available as it gets closer to the date of the event. Enjoy your rally and be sure to send in photos for the newsletter!

Here is a listing of the 2024 Nation Event Rallies.

### **Aug 1 – 6** [Potlatch Reunion](#) Olympia, WA

The long-running Potlatch Rally is back after a ten-year break. There will be a traditional Salmon Bake, daily seminars, entertainment, and optional activities in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

### **August 6 – 12** [Old Time Fiddlers Convention](#) Galax, VA

This is the Galax 88<sup>th</sup> Old Time Fiddlers' Convention. This is a music lover's delight with competitions for every kind of stringed instrument. Young and old can enjoy the songs, dance and bands.

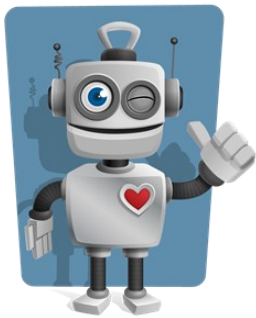
### **Sept 11 – 17** [Pendleton Roundup](#) Pendleton, OR

The Pendleton Roundup is one of the most famous rodeos in the world. View exciting events such as saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, and bull riding. Airstreamers will dine with the Pendleton Rodeo Court and Indian Princesses, get a behind the scenes tour of the rodeo, and attend the Happy Canyon Night Show.

### **September 23 - October 1** [Swiss Festival](#) Sugar Creek, Ohio

Located in the rolling green hills of eastern Ohio, deep in the heart of Amish country, this week-long rally includes visits to the annual Swiss Festival in nearby Sugarcreek, Ohio, plus tours to various local sites and our favorite "Day in the Park."

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Dear Rivet, The ants came "marching in" my Airstream. Any suggestions on how to avoid future invasions?

To understand how to avoid ants in your campsite, you first have to understand they are attracted to food, especially drinks high in sugar. Make sure food is stored properly and avoid leaving soda or beer cans in or near your rig. Ants are also attracted to scents so keep toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant body wash and detergents securely stored. Since the ants have already found their way to your rig, chances are they have laid down a scent trail to show the other ants how to get back to the food. The most important thing is to disrupt this scent trail to prevent any more ants from coming. Mix 1 cup vinegar to 3 cups water and pour or spray this on the scent trail. Most of us can live with one or two ants, but the only way to prevent an infestation is to make sure you store food properly and don't have any food sources around to cause a mass invasion.

# National Event Rallies

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**October 4 – 8 [National Storytelling Festival](#)** Jonesborough, Tennessee  
This festival celebrates over 50 years of sharing the Appalachian cultural tradition of storytelling.

**Oct 4 – 9 Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving** Leicester, VT

**Oct. 4 - 8 [Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta](#)** Albuquerque, NM  
This colorful event hosts hundreds of balloons as they take to the sky ! You will be part of the festivities beginning with the early morning Dawn Patrol through the evening Glow and fireworks!

**October 2-8 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Convention** Athens, AL  
This 57<sup>th</sup> annual musical and cultural experience tells a story of a simpler time when families were bound together by their music and stories.

**Oct. 10 – 15 [Sun alley Jazz and Music Festival](#)** Sun Valley, Idaho  
Over 40 of the best musical groups – some from around the world take the stages at the Sun Valley Ski Resort, nestled in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountains. There's vintage jazz, big band jazz, swing, zydeco, blues, cabaret and more music played and sung by soloists, duets, small combos and big bands

**December 28, 2023-January 1, 2024 [Rose Parade](#)** Pasadena, CA  
Join us as we celebrate the 41st annual Rose Parade National Event Rally! This rally includes 4 nights of dry camping in downtown Pasadena. For parade day, a short walk brings us to our reserved grandstand seats on Colorado Blvd! shops, all within easy walking distance!



**Registration is Now Open**

**Texas Six Shooter National Caravan 2025**

**March 16—April 13**

Leaders: Jim & Pam Dudley Keith & Barbara Roberts (THLAC Members)

Registration is now open for the Texas Six Shooter Caravan 2025. It begins in Alpine, TX and winds its way through West Texas stopping at the Ft. Davis Mountains and Big Bend National and State Parks. Stops include Del Rio, San Antonio, Fredericksburg, and Dallas-Fort Worth with lots to see and experience along the way. So, grab your cowboy hats and boots and get ready for a great time—where everything is bigger and better in Texas...Wagons Ho!

Go to [Airstream Caravans | Find Airstream Caravan Details & Dates \(airstreamclub.org\)](#) to register. Be sure you are registering for 2025. You will receive an email requesting a deposit and additional information. Don't hesitate! This caravan will fill up fast.

# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Peter & Carol Sajovich

We've done an incredible amount of traveling since our last newsletter. For Christmas week we flew the family to Park City / Deer Valley, Utah. What an experience, the grandkids helped pick out our Christmas tree in the snow which we decorated with handmade ornaments.



We returned home for New Year's day and immediately started packing for a 34 day cruise around New Zealand, Fiji and Southern Australia.

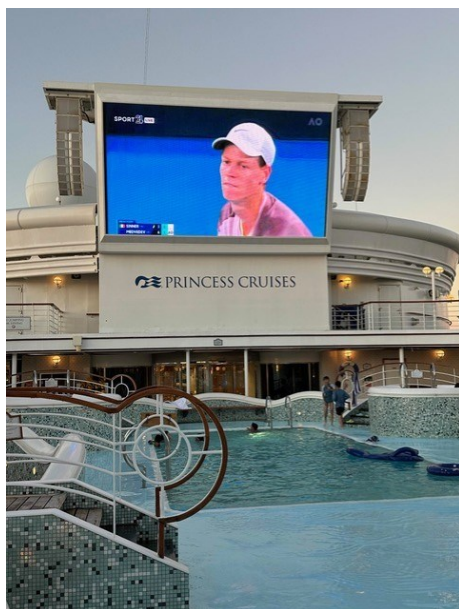
# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

**Peter & Carol Sajovich**

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There are too many photos to share and tales to tell, but the two highlights thus far was sailing on America's Cup Yacht in Auckland where the captain let me take the helm.

Later in Melbourne Carol and I got to enjoy the Australian Open, we watched a doubles match which we topped off with a traditional champagne lunch. The men's final we ended up watching back on our ship.



# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

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## **Bill & Elaine Saulnier**

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Elaine and I did something uncharacteristic for us; we took a cruise through the Panama Canal over the holidays. Leaving from Ft. Lauderdale on Viking cruise line it was a 19 day long adventure with stops in Mexico, Columbia, Panama and Costa Rica. Elaine, as many of you know, lived in the Canal Zone when that existed and really enjoyed her time there. She enjoyed talking with other passengers who also had various connections to the canal and finally getting to traverse the canal end to end. I enjoyed seeing some of Central America, one new to me place in Mexico and even one stop in South America. Our travel has focused more on Europe but maybe we need to expand our horizons. All of this meant that we were away from home for two major holidays which was a bit different, but it all worked out well.

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## **Colin Melton**

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I studied the pavillion bbq pit at Buckhorn RV Resort, Kerrville (November 23 rally). Look closely for THLAC unit members involvement! Close ups are on the next page



# PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Colin Melton

