

The Bluebonnet

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President's Message

I find rallies to be so much fun! Rallies are also great to way for us to meet new friends that we will hopefully see down the road. The 2024 boondocking lunar eclipse rally was a rally filled with great conversation and activities. We had 15 total rigs plus we had a meet and greet with the Region 11 group (UT/AZ). Other memorable activities were an evening in Luckenbach, bourbon tasting, campfire chats and THE food! The actual eclipse was a little cloudy but we were able to see enough to be satisfied and ready for the next one in 21 years. Check out Facebook; there were a lot of photos posted about this rally. There are also some photos found in the latter pages of this newsletter.

I would like to welcome our new members Adam Schwartz and Ginny Belofsky, Miles Redfield and Kitty Kalil, James Fluet and Cris Pimentel, Chris and Susan Oberding, Scott and Suzanne Byrd and new affiliate members Raul and Ofelia Izuquierdo, Neto and Alice Diaz, Chris and Lori Modly, Regina Jo Carlson, and Joanne McCarvery. Allison and I look forward to seeing each of you are a future rally.

Speaking of rallies...more fun can be had this year with more rallies planned! The following is what we have planned: On May 1, the Region 9 rally commences. Currently, we have 20 rigs attending this year's region 9 rally from THCU. Nancy has put together an exciting agenda this year. There are a few sites remaining at Riverwalk RV Resort; you don't want to miss out on this.

The rally with GHAC at Crocket Lake on June 27 – 30 is quickly approaching. We have five spots remaining. Check out page 5 for the itinerary and the information for getting signed up. There is a \$21/per person rally fee for this event. The last rally we had with GHAC in Fredericksburg was a lot of fun.

For the August 2024 luncheon, a survey will be sent out with our food and location choices. Keep an eye out for the email so you can get your vote in.

The Mother Neff State Park rally reservation for August 29 – September 2 has been completed. Since this rally is over the Labor Day weekend and the park is very small, it is going to fill up quickly. Anyone still interested in this rally needs to make a reservation through [Texas Parks & Wildlife](#). This rally will be a great opportunity to get a behind the scene experience of Baylor University and an opportunity to see how a how a local salvage yard operates.

The International rally in Sedelia, MO is around the corner. We have 19 rigs signed up for International with 14 rigs going on a caravan. The group reservation for Martin Creek State Park in Tatum, Texas has been completed with the assumption those caravanning will be there for two nights. If you are going to International and would like to caravan, additional information can be found on page 6.

Finally, I would like to thank Nancy Fitzgerald for her leadership as Region 9 President and building a club that I am proud to be part of.



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THCU 2024 Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
Feb 24-Mar 2	Tour of the TX Coast Rally	
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: Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally ACI (airstreamclub.org)</p>
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	<p>If you want to go there's room. See page 3 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: Region 9 2024 Ham Radio Rally ACI (airstreamclub.org)</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. There's room for you!</p> <p>Check out page 4 for additional information and how to sign up.</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>HOST: Sylvia and Bob Lemley and Tim and Ally Ebbers</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>Hosts: Kevin and Felicia Johnson and Susan Fegley</p>
December	TBD by incoming president	

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 11th St. Cowboy Bar Sides & Drink Tickets Provided 307 11th St. Bandera

Hosted by TAU & TGPU & 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, 1st VP Elect & Tim Ebberts, 2nd 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



GHAC & THCU – JOINT RALLY

June 27 - 30th, 2024

CROCKETT LAKEFRONT RESORT & MARINA

75 Dogwood Ln West, Crockett, TX 75835 - (936) 544-8466



Hosts: *Tim & Ally Ebbers (512.786.6380), Rick & Tracy Elkins (713.859.5939), Tim & Cindy West (863.670.2828)*

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THURSDAY - JUNE 27, 2024

12:00 PM Arrivals & Parking

Afternoon Games on the Lawn – Corn Hole, Fishing in the Lake, Casting Contests

05:00 PM Happy Hour in the Rally Room—Hosts provide Appetizer

06:00 PM Dinner On Your Own

FRIDAY - JUNE 28, 2024

07:00 AM Coffee, Pastries & Fruit

11:00 AM Lunch & Explore

02:00 PM Craft in the Rally Room

Tech Talk on the Pavilion

Afternoon Games on the Lawn – Corn Hole, Fishing in the Lake, Casting Contests

05:00 PM Happy Hour – If your last name begins with A – L, bring an appetizer to share

06:00 PM Grill Night – Bring something to grill – Sides & Dessert by Hosts

07:00 PM Movie - Grownups

SATURDAY - JUNE 28, 2024

07:00 AM Coffee, Pastries & Fruit

11:00'ish Pack a Picnic in Rally Room

12:00 PM Davy Crockett Spring-100 E. Goliad Ave, Crockett & Explore OYO

Afternoon Games on the Lawn – Corn Hole, Fishing in the Lake, Casting Contests

05:00 PM Happy Hour – If your last name begins with M—Z, bring an appetizer to share

06:00 PM Taco Bar & Dessert by Hosts

07:00 PM Prize Raffle & Games benefitting Team Red White & Blue

SUNDAY - JUNE 30, 2024

07:00 AM Coffee, Pastries & Fruit

Pack up and go. See you down the road!

For all group meals, bring your “set-ups” (plates, utensils, napkin & drink). Meals & Happy Hour will be in the Rally Room.

If you are interested in going to this rally, please call the campground at 936.544.8466. Let them know you are with the Texas Hill Country Unit. Once you have your site, please register on the website: <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2024-june-rally> for the rally. The Rally Fee is \$21/person. This fee will pay for breakfast and dinner.



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:
 - Martin Creek Lake State Park in Tatum, TX—Sept 26-Sept 28—2 nights. Tim will make a group reservation for this park.
 - Catherine’s Landing in Hot Springs, AR—Sept 28-Sept 30—2 nights. We are in site 206.
 - Cooper Creek Resort and Campground in Branson, MO—Sept 30-Oct 03—3 nights. We are in site 78.
 - 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).
 - 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

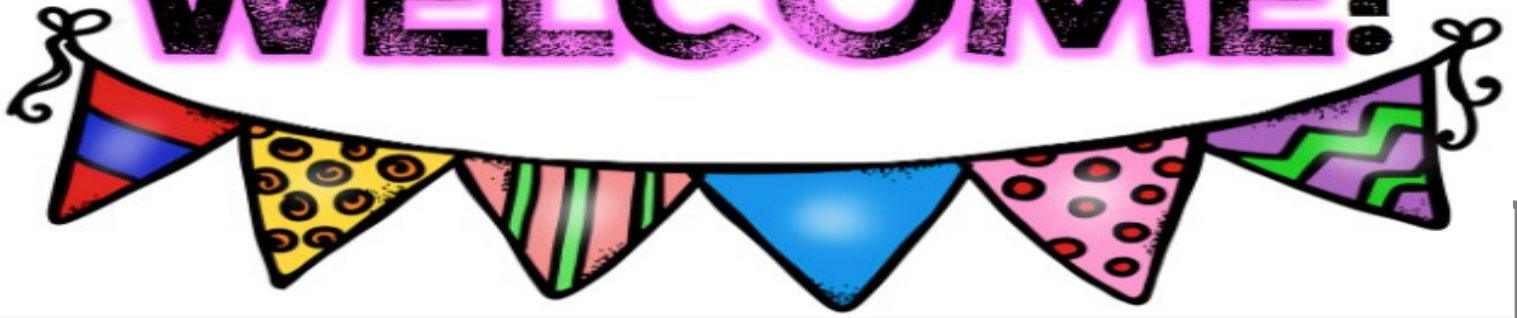
STOP	MI/HR	NIGHTS
1 Thu, 09/26/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States		
2 Thu, 09/26/24 - Tatum, TX Martin Creek Lake State Park	275 4:31	2
3 Sat, 09/28/24 - Hot Springs, AR Catherine's Landing	216 3:30	2
4 Mon, 09/30/24 - Branson, MO Cooper Creek Resort & Campground	222 4:12	3
5 Thu, 10/03/24 - 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.

WELCOME!



New Members:

- * Adam Schwartz & Ginny Belofsky of Round Rock, TX
- * Miles Redfield & Kitty Kalil of Houston, TX
- * James Fluet & Cris Pimentel of North Richland Hills, TX
- * Chris & Susan Oberding of Boerne, TX
- * Scott & Suzanne Byrd of New Braunfels, TX

New Affiliate Members:

- * Raul & Ofelia Izuquierdo of Austin, TX
- * Neto & Alice Diaz of El Paso, TX
- * Chris & Lori Modly of Dacula, GA
- * Regina Jo Carlson of Bartlett, TX
- * Joanne McCarvery of Marble Falls, TX

*We also have several members who have renewed.
Thank you for choosing THCU!*

Hope to see you at a rally soon!



There have been some folks who have asked about places where they can get their Air-stream repaired, updated, and upgraded. Susan Fegley has collated a list of places, which I thought was very helpful for everyone. If you would like to add a place you would recommend to this list, please send it to me and I'll add it to the list!

Note: If they had a website, I included it.

- ⇒ Rivet Restoration in San Marcos, TX. Phone: 512.214.2863
- ⇒ Texas Hill Country Coach (Terry Nabors) in New Braunfels, TX. Phone: 830.627.3030
- ⇒ Caravan Services (Todd Ludzenski) in New Braunfels, TX. Phone: 830.626.1946
- ⇒ American Vintage Trailers in Gatesville, TX. Phone: 254.248.1186. Website: [AVT](#)
- ⇒ Bob Jones RV in South Houston, TX. Phone: 713.910.2949 . Website: [Bob Jones RV](#)
- ⇒ Bayer RV in Dublin, TX. Phone: 254.445.4807 Website: [Bayer RV](#)
- ⇒ Auers RV in Georgetown, TX . Phone 512.863.2030. Website: [Auers RV](#)



APRIL

03 Peggy Knox
26 Pamela Halter

MAY

08 Martha Gosnell
17 Cal Bonugli
18 Jan Grimes
26 Jerry Phillippe



Apr 5—Laurie and Don Oneal
Apr 29—Tim and Allison Ebbers
May 6—Edward Michek and Yvonne Michek
May 14—Katy Bonugli and Cal Bonugli
May 21—Jeff McKee and Cindy McKee
May 26—Robert Lemley and Sylvia Lemley
May 31—Gerald Davis and Theresa Davis

2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebbers—timberintx@gmail.com
- ◆ 1st VP: Michael Green—tractor_dude97@yahoo.com
- ◆ 2nd VP: Susan Fegley—efegley802@aol.com
- ◆ Recording secretary: <open>
- ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- ◆ 1 year director: Dave Toy
- ◆ 2 year director: Felicia Johnson
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



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



Eclipse Boondocking rally in Pictures: These are randomly laid out. More pictures can be found on Facebook.









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.

