

# COYOTE TALES



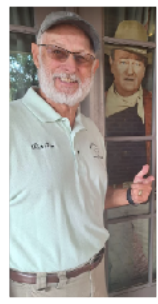
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## President's Message

By Rick Elkins



To all club Members:

**Annual Business Meeting.** We will conduct our club's business at the May Rally. The current schedule is Saturday, May 25th, 10am. At this meeting significant information updates are normally presented along with club reports from multiple areas (Finance, Committees, Caravans, etc).

The Constitution and By-Laws committee led by Bruce Lee has worked very hard in their review and update for both the club Constitution and By-Laws document. As a best practice, Airstream Headquarters asked that this be done every 5 years. Voting results for any amendments to these documents will be completed and announced at this meeting.

Quorums are required for all Business Meetings so it is important for members to vote electronically or in person by attending the business meeting. I encourage everyone to participate by voting. Additional instructions will be provided.

PLEASE, watch your email for additional dates and information to vote on 2025 club officers nominees and suggested amendments to our club Constitution and By-Laws (two separate documents). Electronic voting will be done by using a link included within an email from the club president account. Instructions will be included with the email. Members can also vote in person when attending the Annual Business meeting, scheduled for the May rally,

**Rallies.** April was a great month of two fun rallies and sets a high bar for May rallies to try and match!

Peruse the rally reports including photos that showcase the highlights we enjoyed. Included in this newsletter are the rally reports for the rallies held on April 5-9 and April 18-21. Both rallies were special and provided great memories and experiences

I want to give special recognition to Jerry and Tracey Calvert for opening their home to members during the eclipse rally. Jerry, discharged from the hospital during the rally following treatment, teamed up with his wife Tracey as gracious and welcoming hosts. The rally was Jerry's idea and plan to provide a great viewing location for fellow club members. Thank you Jerry and Tracey for this eclipse rally! You can read more on this in the rally report.

Our May rallies begin with the Region 9 rally at Bandera, TX on May 1-5, followed by our club Memorial Day Rally May 23-27 at The Preserve RV Park on Lake Livingston. The June joint rally with Teas Hill Country Unit at Crockett Lake RV is open for registration as well. Don't miss out on this unique 2-club joint rally!

Rick

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# Dark Side of the Moon “Buddy” Rally Report

by Tracy Elkins



This was a very unique Rally! I hope I don't miss any of the “first of a kind” elements! It was a pop-up Rally, not on our original Rally Schedule but added when the Calvert's mentioned during the January Luncheon how much they wanted to host the club at their home. Jerry and Tracey Calvert's home is near Winnsboro, TX, a small community about 100 miles east of Dallas. They have a lovely front yard (acreage) that was perfect for gazing at the heavens for the eclipse and near the house there is a huge circle drive covered by shade trees which provided an ideal spot for the Rigs. This was a buddy rally so long-time Airstream friend and past GHAC first lady, Sherry Miller, was able to join with her new Rig, a Winnebago Class C. Being a boondock rally meant we had the opportunity to camp without hook-ups for several days, which was new for several of us, but went off without a hitch.



Last, but absolutely not least, it was an eclipse Rally, so the epicenter was seeing a total solar eclipse that lasted 4+ minutes and was remarkable in so many ways.

The Rigs began arriving on Friday afternoon, a beautiful day in every respect. We had a total of seven rigs here. On Friday we had Tracey Calvert, Rick & Tracy Elkins, Jim & Lisa Feine, Sherry Miller & Tom Harris and the Calvert's daughter, Mel, and granddaughters, Audrey and Ashley. On Saturday Gene Guthrie, Jerry Calvert and Mel's friend from Richmond (Monica Huff) joined us; and on Sunday George and Jamie Nixon arrived. A few others were registered but had last minute change of plans and we're sorry they could not make it.

Jerry had been in the hospital for a couple of concerns but he and Tracey were bound and determined not to let that get in the way of Hosting the Rally – what troopers! Tracey had collected Rally Bags from the Chamber of Commerce filled with details of events and businesses around the area and had made a board showing the area and several special interest opportunities.

The rigs all had shady spots beneath the trees and as they arrived and got set up they were able to enjoy the cool breezes and sounds of life in the country. Tracey gave everyone tours of their home. She and Jerry had the barndominium built on property passed down through generations of Jerry's family and moved in it in 2016.



Tracey's love for genealogy and miniatures is on display in each room. They have gallery walls with photos of ancestors organized by family and fully furnished and equipped doll houses that are complete down to the contents of the kitchen cabinets.



Construction was only recently completed on a rear sunroom that overlooks their pond and back pasture. Tracey had a coffee bar set up in the sunroom with a selection so everyone could have their favorite coffee blend.

Across the first three days of the Rally we enjoyed several delicious meals including lunar meatballs, stuffed bakers, ghost in a swamp (oatmeal & ice cream), grill night, burgers. The ladies toured the town of Winnsboro including the Museum where Tracey volunteers and the farmer's market and enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Sinclair. The fellows looked at Jerry's classic car and



visited about "guy-stuff". A highlight before the eclipse was a jam session with George and Tracey on mandolin and guitar and lyrics by Tom Harris.



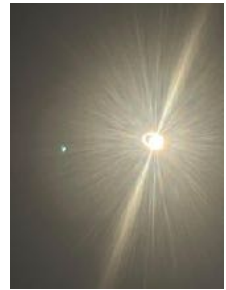
And, we celebrated Jerry's birthday with a delicious cake baked by a neighbor



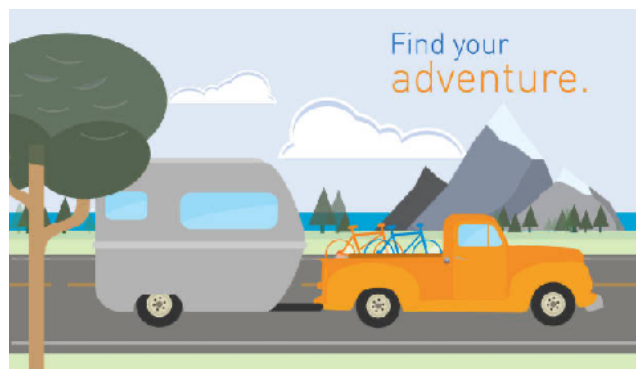
and decorated with an eclipse! We also had long conversations and walks and just relaxed and watched the birds (a pair of cardinals) play around the pond before the eclipse.

For the day of the eclipse (Monday, April 8th) there were several unfavorable weather predictions that fortunately were incorrect for the most part. Shortly after 1 pm, we gathered on the lawn in chairs with our eclipse glasses and filtered cameras to watch the event from start to finish.

Initially there was just a tiny sliver of darkness on the right edge of the sun. Occasionally the clouds would pass in front of the sun for a brief period and as they cleared we saw a greater percentage of the sun covered by the moon. Over the course of the early afternoon, we watched as the sun became just a sliver and then eventually totally dark. For those four minutes of total darkness, we noticed that the animals around us were still and quiet. The breeze was calm, as if nature was sleeping. Then, just as it started, the eclipse continued. There was a bright diamond at the upper right edge of the sun and gradually from right to left, the sun began to appear above us. It was an amazing experience, and we had the perfect spot to view it from! Stand by – next one visible from Texas in 2044!



After this long weekend, we leisurely packed up and said our farewells on Tuesday morning. We enjoyed our sojourn into boondocking and now we'll add a notch to our Airstream experiences with this truly unique Rally!





## Spring Rally at LaGrange Report

By Tracy Elkins

Everything is bursting with color and life along the banks of the Colorado River where the Spring Rally was held in LaGrange on April 18 – 21. Most everyone arrived on Thursday night and got set up before we headed to nearby Winchester for a fabulous meal at Murphy’s Steakhouse, a historic building with a magnificent selection of menu items.

A total of 14 rigs attended including: Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard, Tom & Caren Bundy, John & Deborah Davis, Rick & Tracy Elkins (Co-Host), Jim & Lisa Feine, Gene Guthrie, Justin Hargadine (Host), Ron & Janice Lange, Bruce Lee, Eric & Holly McMurphy, Jim, Mary, Audrey & Auriel Miller, Tom Raia, Tom & Virginia Taroni, and Wayne & Liza Wilkerson. Host Justin planned a great Rally as a newbie; his first ever GHAC Rally was earlier this year at the Leap Year Rally, so he jumped right into things by Hosting this rally a mere 6-weeks later. Kudos to Justin, we need more members like you!

The weather forecast for the weekend held a promise of rain by Saturday afternoon, so we made the most of exploring on Friday. We started off with breakfast – massive cinnamon rolls fresh out of the oven with



mounds of bacon, yogurt with granola, sweet berries, juice and coffee. Coffee is always an adventure as the GHAC coffee pot is an anomaly to operate. After a rough start, Tom Bundy put the coffee crew (Rick, Wayne & Justin) through a brew-training session which led to much smoother coffee making on days two and three of the Rally (wink, wink). Afterwards, we took off to check out the quaint downtown area, quilt shops, historic sites, museums and attractions in Fayette County. The Davis and the Millers even toured the Jersey Barnyard Dairy where they got to milk a cow at this 100-year-old, four generation farm nestled in the rolling hills near LaGrange among many beautiful oak trees.

Friday afternoon the cornhole boards were out for several rounds of play, we had long chats under the shade trees on the banks of the Colorado River and some even found time for a nap as the Spring breezes and awnings kept temps pleasant.

By late afternoon, the grills and fire disc were set up and we had a huge spread of chicken fajitas & grilled portabella mushrooms with black beans, rice, guacamole, pico de gallo, and flour tortillas. We topped off the evening with sopapilla cheesecake to



celebrate Ashley Billard's birthday a few days early!

Saturday, we had a workday at Kreische Brewery, a Texas Historic Site; our efforts were in honor of Earth Day on Monday. To prepare for a morning of labor, a hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs and biscuits were served.

With loppers, saws, and gloves we hiked into the brewery site. It dates back to 1860 when German immigrant and master stonemason Heinrich Kreische built the brewery on the Bluff south of LaGrange to take advantage of the spring water in the nearby ravine. The brewery shut down in 1884 but much of the stone structure remains, so our task was to clear out vegetation and open up several areas that had become overgrown. We cleared small trees, weeds, and vines, all the while being watchful for snakes we were warned about, and poison oak which was prevalent. After a couple of hours, we made a huge difference and had a mound of debris to show for our efforts. President Rick even contributed a set of glasses that flew off his face while he was throwing trees down the bluff! The rain was just starting to sprinkle as we hiked out of the brewery area back to our vehicles. Well done, GHAC crew!

After a few hours to clean up and recuperate, a small group gathered for a tech talk on navigation and weather apps led by Tom Raia and the grill team took



advantage of a break in the rain to get the burgers and wieners on the grill for dinner. With the help of some trusty umbrella bearers, they pulled off some delicious burgers and dogs to feed

the hungry campers gathered in the Rally Room munching on Happy Hour appetizers including boiled shrimp, bean dip and a delicious fruit salad. After dinner we pulled out all the stops with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar in honor of John Davis' birthday on Monday; Airstreams and Ice Cream – it's a natural!

Although the rain prevented the planned Chicken Races, we had a lively raffle drawing for prizes won by Justin Hargadine, Ashley Billard, Wayne Wilkerson and Chris Newhouse (from the RV Park Office).

Afterwards we had two tables playing LCR, a dice game that was rumored to be a game of luck. But that

didn't stop Jim Miller and Ron Lange from claiming their prize pots which were then both donated back to Team Red White & Blue ("our charity")!



From raffles, games & donations, GHAC raised \$250 for our charity in April!

The rain came through in earnest overnight. Between the rain sounds on the Airstreams and the workout from clearing brush at the brewery, most of us slept like rocks! The rain stopped just before dawn leaving us with a cloudy travel day ahead. Host Justin picked up a few dozen fresh kolaches from Weikel's Bakery and we feasted on these and yogurt and fruit before we pulled out stakes and headed home. We always have such a great time that we can't wait for the next rally!



Drone photo courtesy of Jim Miller.

# April Membership

by Tracy Elkins

*Membership & Directory Chair*

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## Member Benefits

- Membership Discounts
- Product Savings
- Courtesy Parking
- Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
- Preferred Partners: Travel, Trip & RV Insurance  
<https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>

## Welcome New Members!

*Stacey Manela, Houston, TX*  
*Robert Morris, Bellaire, TX*  
*Shawn & Kristin Schulze, Tomball, TX*  
*Michael & Judy Shelley, Cypress, TX.*



## Empowering Children for Success



The Future Streamers Intra-Club (our children and grandchildren) is collecting tabs from soda cans to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House

Charities in Kansas City, Missouri. To support this project, collect as many soda tabs as you can from rallies, home, work, and neighbors. Bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri.

When GHAC was at Colorado Landing RV Park in LaGrange, they had been collecting tabs for our club since our April 2023 Rally. They gave us several Ziplock bags full of tabs!

This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and soda tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Questions? Please contact Misti

## SOCK IT TO ME!



Jan Rightmyer spearheads our sock drive, to support disadvantaged children who have no socks for school. Donations of socks, or money to purchase socks, may be given directly to Jan if you see her at a rally or other event. Jan has asked that we hold off on shipping socks to her home as they are currently traveling and there is a possibility of packages being taken off their porch before their son comes over to get it. Save your socks over the summer. We hope to get 1,000 pair of socks by Christmas. Following their return in October, they will provide another update on the sock count. #ghaccarees



# The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin

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## April Celebrations

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### *Birthdays*

- 3 Bob Hutson
- 4 Joanne Miller
- 8 Susan Meeks
- 9 Jerry Calvert
- 11 Peter Dumont
- 12 Grady Ferry
- 13 Lisa Sambrono
- 15 Ronn Gilbert
- 17 Keith Ferry
- 17 Ric Santos
- 18 Rick Cary
- 21 Lana Dalston
- 21 John Davis
- 22 Bob Jones
- 23 Suzan Bernucho
- 25 Ashley Billard
- 27 James Feine
- 27 Bill Kindle
- 28 Kimberly Harmon
- 28 Lee Howell

*“Sweet April showers do spring May flowers.”*

*Thomas Tusser-English Poet  
1524-1580*

### *Member Concerns*

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Condolences go to the family of Bill Dodson who passed away on March 22, 2024, while in hospice care in Rockport, Texas. He and his wife, Barbara, have been members of our club since 2002. He was a retired Houston Police Officer.

Get well wishes and prayers go to Jerry Calvert who was hospitalized three times in two months to deal with complications from having had outpatient surgery. At one point, he was in critical care. He is dealing with very serious issues related to his digestive system. He will be receiving treatment for kidney stones (including a stint), ulcers, and his pancreas. Bill is presently at home and says that he is feeling better. His wife, Tracey, has been taking very good care of him. We wish for him to get well soon so they can get back on the road again.

Get well wishes also go to Gary Alley who had knee replacement surgery earlier this month. He says that he's doing great and has no pain. He says that he hasn't been taking pain medication for several days. His physical therapy is going smoothly, and his range of motion is good as well. We hope to see him and his wife, Pam, soon.

### *Anniversaries*

- 13 Dan and Rose Nugteren
- 17 Jim and Barbara Mercer
- 25 David and Louise Parry
- 27 Paul and Amber Corley

**HAPPY TRAILS AND  
SAFE TRAVELS!!**



# RALLIES AND CARAVANS



## National Caravan News

GHAC Members Tom and Vicki Ketchum are experienced National Caravan Leaders. They will be leading two National Caravans in 2024 and 2025, listed below. Registration and details on all National Caravans can be found here: [National Caravans](#). Details on National Rallies can be found here: [ACI National Rallies](#).



EVENT | SEP 13 - NOV 21, 2024  
[Register for the Mother Road!](#)



EVENT | APR 26 - MAY 21, 2025  
[Register for the Old National Road!](#)



## GHAC – Bandera Bound – Region 9 Rally!

GHAC will be joining Region 9 Chapters for the **2024 Region 9 Rally on May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Bandera Texas**. Region 9 is expecting 130+ rigs, so we are guaranteed to have a boot scootin' good time in the State's Cowboy Capital! GHAC will be helping THCU and OASC on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> getting rigs parked, Rally set up and cleaning up after the Opening Ceremony. We will be reaching out soon to get volunteers for these tasks.

There are some changes or additional details to the general schedule posted above.

- The **Opening Ceremony** on Wednesday will feature a **Beer & Wine Swap** (instead of margaritas) to accompany a giant pizza that will be cooked on site. Please bring your favorite six-pack (beer, cider, seltzer or soft drink) or a bottle of wine to be shared in the Swap.
- Thursday evening is our **Grill Night**; bring a protein to grill at the infamous **11<sup>th</sup> Street Bar**. You'll receive tickets for a side and drink to go with whatever you grill. This venue is famous for its **Grill Nights**, and we'll have music and dancing after dinner!
- Our very own Vern & Jo Goodwin are back for an encore round of biscuits on a stick! Don't miss it on Friday!
- Friday Dinner is the outcome from the Chili Cookoff and sides that people bring to share. GHAC's Tom & Caren Bundy has won his cook-off more than once, so bring your best recipe and see what you can do to compete!
- GHAC has a reservation at **TJ's at the Old Forge** for our GHAC Member Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th. We hope you'll plan to attend; cost for the lunch are on your own.



# LUAU Rally

MAY  
23-27

Stocked Fishing Lake  
Hiking/Biking Trails  
Swimming Pool  
Pickleball Court

at The Preserve RV Park on Lake Livingston

(Call the campground at 936-377-2180 or email at [LakeLivingstonRVPreserve@gmail.com](mailto:LakeLivingstonRVPreserve@gmail.com), tell them you're with GHAC, then Hula your way to the GHAC website & register on the events page.)

Thursday - 6pm early arrivals dinner at a local restaurant - TBD

Friday - 7am Coffee in Luau Tent, site 105  
8am Breakfast by the Hosts, site 105  
Lunch on your own  
5pm Happy Hour - BYOB, site 105  
6pm Dinner by the Hosts, site 105  
7pm-ish LCR Game to benefit TRWB

Bring your own  
table service to  
all meals,  
please.

Saturday - 7am Coffee in Luau Tent, site 105  
8am Breakfast by the Hosts, site 105  
10am Member Business Meeting - Everyone Welcome, site 105  
Lunch on your own  
2pm Crafts with Host (\$2 donation towards supplies), site 105  
3pm Luau inspired games with Host & President Rick  
5pm Happy Hour - BYOB or enjoy Luau inspired creations from the Tiki Bar  
6pm Luau Dinner - main dish & dessert provided by Hosts. Bring a Hawaiian inspired side dish to share, site 105

PLEASE BRING!!  
If you have a Canopy  
tent or extra table that  
we can borrow for the  
weekend, please contact  
Eric - 832.24.79480

Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt or Hula Skirt for a fun, "Best Dressed" prize.

Following dinner we will draw winners for the Team RWB raffle



**Sat/Sun Afternoon fun  
on the Davis' Pontoon  
boat (weather  
permitting)**



Sunday - 7am - Coffee in Luau Tent, site 105  
8am - Light Breakfast  
Lunch on your own  
5pm - Happy Hour BYOB  
6pm - Memorial Day Cookout - bring your meat to grill and a side/dessert to share

Monday - 7am - Coffee in Luau Tent, site 105  
8am - Grab-n-Go Breakfast

GAMES,  
RAFFLE, TIKI  
BAR & LUAU  
PARTY

HOSTS: ERIC & HOLLY MCMURPHY  
CO-HOSTS: JOHN & DEBORAH DAVIS



# GHAC & THCU – JOINT RALLY

June 27 - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

CROCKETT LAKEFRONT RESORT & MARINA  
75 Dogwood Ln West, Crockett, TX 75835 - (936) 544-8466



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

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Registration: Call the Campground and Reserve a Site for the Airstream Rally. Then register on the website: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2024-june-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2024-june-rally</a>		Rally Fee - \$21 per person
	7 am – Coffee, Pastries & Fruit	7 am – Coffee, Pastries & Fruit	7 am – Coffee, Pastries & Fruit
Noon Arrivals & Parking	11 am Lunch & Explore	11 <sup>ish</sup> Pack a Picnic in Rally Room	See You Down the Road 
	2 pm Craft in the Rally Room Tech Talk on the Pavilion	12 pm – Davy Crockett Spring-100 E. Goliad Ave, Crockett & Explore OYO	
	Afternoon Games on the Lawn – Corn Hole, Fishing in the Lake, Casting Contests		
5 pm Happy Hour in the Rally Room—Hosts provide Appetizer	5 pm Happy Hour – A-L bring an appetizer to <u>share</u>	5 pm Happy Hour – M-Z bring an appetizer to <u>share</u>	
6 pm Dinner <u>On</u> Your Own (OYO)	6 pm Grill Night – Bring something to grill – Sides & Dessert by Hosts	6 pm <u>Taco</u> Bar & Dessert by Hosts	
	7 pm Movie - Grownups	7 pm Prize Raffle & Games benefitting Team Red White & Blue	

If your last name begins with A – L, please bring an appetizer to share at Friday Happy Hour; last names beginning with M – Z at Saturday Happy Hour  
Bring your “set-ups” (plates, utensils, napkin & drink) to all meals. Meals & Happy Hour will be in the Rally Room

While it's not about winning, a bit of friendly competition can certainly spice things up! THCU has *all* their sites reserved, and we're eager to match their enthusiasm. Join us in supporting your competitive GHAC hosts and co-hosts by signing up today!



## For the Record...



### Eclipse Rally Attendees:

Jerry & Tracey Calvert, their daughter, Mel, and grand-daughters Audrey & Ashley  
Rick & Tracy Elkins  
Jim & Lisa Feine  
Gene Guthrie  
Sherry Miller & Tom Harris  
Monica Huff (Mel's friend from Richmond)  
George & Jamie Nixon

### Spring Rally Attendees:

Alan, Bernadine & Ashley  
Billard  
Tom & Caren Bundy  
John & Deborah Davis  
Rick & Tracy Elkins (Co-Host)  
Jim & Lisa Feine  
Gene Guthrie  
Justin Hargadine (Host)

Ron & Janice Lange  
Bruce Lee  
Eric & Holly McMurphy  
Jim, Mary, Audrey & Auriel Miller  
Tom Raia  
Tom & Virginia Taroni  
Wayne & Liza Wilkerson

One of the great things about Airstream life is that members are able to travel with their family, which might include their pets. Being able to include one's loyal and loving pets in an Airstream life or event is a true blessing.

For members attending Airstream Rallies, Airstream Club International provides guidelines for pets. When we rally, please be aware.

#### Recommended Pet Policy for Events

All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leashes when outside the Airstream. Always check collars and leashes to ensure they fit correctly and are working properly. A size-appropriate pet containment system can be used at the campsite. Pets are not permitted in the buildings or outside dining areas during a meal except for working service animals. Well-mannered dogs are welcome to play and exercise in designated dog parks. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag.

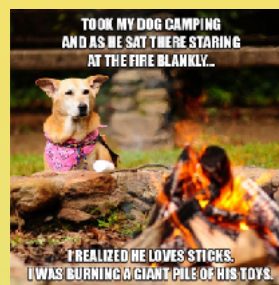
## Airstream Humor

A man who had recently arrived at an Airstream Rally noticed a dog resting beside an Airstreamer who was relaxing in a lawn chair.

"Excuse me, sir, does your dog bite?" The newly arrived camper asked. The Airstreamer looked up over his newspaper and replied, "Nope."

So the camper approached the dog, but it began snarling and growling viciously. He quickly backed away then yelled angrily, "You said your dog didn't bite!"

The Airstreamer muttered, "That ain't my dog."



You're Invited to a

## Meet & Greet

FOR

## Ron & Rae Gilbert

GHAC Past President & First Lady will be in the Magnolia Area May 17 – 18. Tom Harris invites you to come by his place and visit with them.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> • 2 – 5 pm •  
33403 Windcrest Estates Blvd  
Magnolia, TX 77354

PLEASE LET TOM KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
RSVP at [Tfharris60@gmail.com](mailto:Tfharris60@gmail.com)



## Tech Tip

By Rick Elkins

Do you struggle with getting sticky windows open on your Airstream? It is very important to follow Airstream guidelines for cleaning and conditioning/lubricating your window seals on a regular basis.

Regular, routine cleaning of window seals using soapy water and then when seals are dry, applying a silicone product or 303 Aerospace Protectant to the seals protects and extends the life of the window seals as well as making window opening easier.

Despite doing these measures which are essential for the windows, you will still find sticking windows from time to time. The link below shows a product you can add to your Airstream which will assist you in opening the sticky window from inside your rig.

At least one of our club's members has installed and is using this method. Take a look and see if you think this might benefit you. You can view the YouTube video by copying and pasting the link into your browser.

<https://youtu.be/EbMA8iSr3kk?si=42rvR12KG56CkoiP>



Airstream Land Yacht 396  
Purchased new in 2005  
Original owner. Non smoking/no pets.  
Good condition. New AC's, slide out  
toppers and EZ step.  
Contact: Tom Harris 832-623-8114  
Tfharris60@gmail.com.  
BRN-1373



# 2024 GHAC Rally Schedule

[Click for Details](#)

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- May 1 - 5, 2024 - Region 9 Rally at Skyline RV Park, Bandera, Tx
- May 23 - 27, 2024 - Luau Rally at Lake Livingston
- June 27 - 30, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Hill Country Unit at Crockett Lakefront RV Resort and Marina, 75 Dogwood Lane, Crockett, Tx
- July 20, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavilion, Houston, Tx
- August 17, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavilion, Houston, Tx
- September 26 - 29, 2024 - Rusk KOA, Rusk, Tx
- October 5 - 11, 2024 - ACI International Rally at Missouri State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, Mo.
- November 7 - 10, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Gulf Coast Unit at TAHI, Zavala, Tx
- December 5 - 8, 2024 Installation Rally at On the Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, Tx

*Rally Registration is a Two-Step process:*

1. *Reserve your campsite with the Campground and pay direct (mention GHAC Rally).*
2. *Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.*



It could be you! Grand Prize ticket winners are in the running for the End of Year Grand prize, an Airstream Weber 1200 propane grill. Thus far ticket winners are:



February Rally: Lisa Feine (LCR Dice game), Bruce Lee and Eric McMurphy (cornhole tournament).

March Rally: Justin Hargadine and Holly McMurphy (LCR Dice game).

April Rally: Jim Miller and Ron Lange (LCR Dice game).

Rally raffle tickets are won in various competitions/games at each rally. Talent, skills, and luck play a part in winning raffle tickets, but only possible if members are present at the rally. Don't miss out on fun, contribution to TRWB, and a chance to win a new grill!

## A Word From Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.



Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer on a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So, give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

## Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!



**BOB JONES**  
**RV REPAIR**  
SOUTH HOUSTON ★ TEXAS

**GOT A PROBLEM? WE CAN FIX IT!**

We also install Blue Ox towbars.

Call Bob or Chris at 713-910-2949.

## 2024 Rally Hosts / Co-Hosts

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a 2024 Rally! Contact Rick Elkins at [Club155@airstreamclub.org](mailto:Club155@airstreamclub.org) or 713.859.5939 for information or to select a Rally to volunteer.

### What Hosts/Co-Hosts Do

*[Click here for more specific details.](#)*

- GC Contact
- Visit Location
- Set Rally Theme
- Plan Meals
- Plan Activities
- Rally Schedule
- Rally Fees
- Purchase Food
- Club Rally Boxes
- Reservations
- Promote Rally
- Monitor Registration
- Transport Food, Supplies, and Rally Boxes
- Greet Campers
- Prepare Meals
- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge, Devotion, & Grace
- Return Rally Room
- Report w/Pics for Newsletter
- Have Fun!

					
Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> Luncheon	Golf Club of Houston 5860 Wilson Rd, Humble	Dave & Jan Rightmyer	713.818.9021	Bill & JoAnne Miller	832-577-7687
Feb 8 – 11	Magnolia RV Park Goodrich, TX	Jim & Lisa Feine	832.816.1242	John & Susan Sheridan	832-527-9644
Feb 29 – Mar 3	Lake Somerville State Park – Birch Creek Unit	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	Lisa Feine Tom Raia	832.816.1242 832-533-6435
April 5 - 9	Eclipse Buddy/Boondock Rally – Winnsboro	Jerry & Tracey Calvert	832-549-5042 281-210-6130	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
Apr 18 – 21	Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange	Justin Hargadine	979-450-6275	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
May 1 – 5	<i>Region 9 Rally – Bandera Bound!, Bandera, Texas</i>				
May 23 – 27	The Preserve RV Park, Lake Livingston	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	John & Deborah Davis	832-216-3492 281-974-0321
June 27 - 30	Joint Rally w/THCU– Crocket Lakefront Resort & Marina, Crockett	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672	Tim & Cindy West	863-838-0187 863-670-2828
Sept 26-29	Rusk KOA, Rusk TX	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672	Wayne & Liza Wilkerson	832-326-8814 832-326-5221
Oct 5-11	<i>International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO</i>				
Nov 7-10	Joint Rally-TX Gulf Coast – TAHI, Zavalla	Dan & Maria McAnulty	832.392.7033 832.392.7034	Jerry & Beth Adams	972.529.8320 972.832.5078
Dec 5-8	Installation Rally – On The Lake RV Resort, Onalaska	Tim & Cindy West	863-838-0187 863-670-2828	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672



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## **New Club Email Account:**

Please note GHAC's new e-mail. Airstream Club has changed all e-mail addresses effective 12/31/2023. All future communications will come from the e-mail account below, reflecting the name **Greater Houston**.

[Club155@airstreamclub.org](mailto:Club155@airstreamclub.org)

## *Useful Links and Contacts*

- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
- ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas):
- ❖ Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155):
- ❖ GHAC Facebook Page

- ❖ Blue Beret Archive (club magazine):

- ❖ Blue Beret Blog (club blog):

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- ❖ General Questions/Comments:
- ❖ Membership:
- ❖ Blue Beret:
- ❖ Website Feedback/Questions:

<https://airstreamclub.org>

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# EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello friends!

This has been a whirlwind month! We put our house on the market Palm Sunday resulting in multiple showings, three offers by Thursday, and a signed contract for well over our asking price on Good Friday. The only caveat: the buyer wanted us to close in *two weeks*. Yikes!

Fortunately we had already started packing boxes and moving into our storage unit as we had signed a contract to build a new home in the country. Our primary decision to move was to keep our Airstream on property with us.

Somehow, by the grace of God, we made the closing deadline on the sale of our house. Starting April 6th, we officially transitioned into full-time living in our Globetrotter, a lifestyle we anticipate maintaining until our house is built, likely over the next 10-12 months.

Unfortunately, we couldn't attend either of the Rallies we had signed up for in April, and I'm so bummed we missed them! Especially the Eclipse Rally. We had nothing but clouds and storms here in Conroe so we missed the show. But, we will catch up with fellow Streamers in the very near future. Just a reminder about that. If you can't make a rally you signed up for, please let the host know so they can cancel your portion of the food and not worry about what happened to you.

This is an exciting chapter for us! We now have a huge map to guide us with no home to tether us. Our big plans for summer, fall, and winter include several rallies, multiple states, Capitol buildings, national parks, and lots of downtime with family and friends.

Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,  
Lucinda (a/k/a "Cindy") West



GHAC Newsletter Editor

*"Don't just follow your dreams. Chase them."*

*-Kellie Elmore-*

P.S. Feel free to reach out to me if you have news to share. We want to hear your stories! Newsletters will be published every month we have a Rally, approximately one week after the rally ends. Also, I'm far from perfect, so when you find an error or omission, please email me with the correction (ever-so-gently *please*) so I can include it the next newsletter. Newsletter articles may be edited for length.

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