

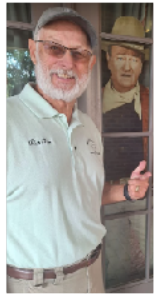
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President's Message

By Rick Elkins

Hello Houston Airstream Club Family! We had quite a month of May with Rallies, Elections, Amendments, a Tiki Bar and some really wild weather! Also, albeit earlier in the month, wishing a belated Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful moms!

Our prayers and support go out to all members who were impacted by the storm on May 16, where wind speeds measured as high as 100mph. That storm caused much damage to Houston families and businesses. This storm was followed by yet another on May 28 where there was damage from wind, hail and flooding.

The Club was well represented at the Region 9 Rally in Bandera, as you will see in the Rally report later in this newsletter. This was a R9 rally to remember, thanks to R9 Leadership planning and preparations for events, entertainment, and facilities.

The Club May Luau Rally was very special and it has the highest attendance for a rally in 2024. Everyone should find great joy with the rally report and photos in this newsletter. Hosts, Holly and Eric McMurphy along with Co-Hosts John and Deborah Davis & Tom and Caren Bundy were tirelessly amazing and anyone not there missed a great time!

Our Luau Rally included Memorial Day where the hosts and club members made certain to give proper respect and time in remembering the importance for honoring our military who died in combat. Several members shared their memories for conflict and losses they knew of. I have always been moved by the poem, "In Flanders Fields", and I encourage its reading every Memorial Day. It is powerful.

Our upcoming June Rally is at Crockett Lake and then it is not until September we have another Rally with our rigs. Don't miss out on the June Rally which is a joint rally with Texas Hill Country Unit. Double the clubs and double the fun!

The September Rally is in Rusk Texas KOA. We previously scouted this site and have some fun activities lined up including.....watch for the rally flyer to find out & then sign up! We are using this site as the 'Hop-off' point for the Club Caravan to Sedalia, MO for our International Rally. We have 16 rigs registered for the caravan that has three planned

stops on the route that include fun activities and events at each one.

Congratulations to all 2025 Club Officers! Club Member votes in May elected all 2025 officers and passed both a Constitution and By-Laws Amendment. The Club's member voting participation was 32% on officer elections and 25% on the constitution amendment. This was consistent with what the Club has seen in recent past elections. I am very thankful for all who voted showing their support for all nominees, and the Club will continue to look for ways to increase member voting participation.

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All members should have received an email from ACI regarding an upcoming ACI Special Election with a scheduled June vote on a proposed ACI Constitutional Amendment. The Amendment was previously reviewed and approved to send to all ACI members, for their vote, by the International Board of Trustees (IBT), which is made up by the 12 ACI Regional Presidents. For this Amendment to pass, it requires a 20% member voting participation and a 2/3 yes vote of those voting. For voting, each ACI member with an email address on file with ACI should receive an email with an electronic ballot. Every vote matters, so please learn about this amendment and cast your vote.

Keep the shiny side up and hope to see many of you at the June Rally!

Rick



May 1 – 5, 2024



Region 9 Bandera Bound Rally Report

by Tracy Elkins

Bandera, Texas – the Cowboy Capital of the World – was the setting for the 53rd Annual Region 9 Rally at the Skyline Ranch and Riverwalk RV Resort. When 133-Airstreams and 250+ Airstreamers descended on this quaint town in the Texas Hill Country, the population jumped 30% literally overnight! But what a phenomenal time we had from the minute we arrived. Greater Houston had 21 Rigs in attendance!

The primary location was Skyline Ranch RV Park which was quickly filled and overflowed to the new Riverwalk RV Resort a couple of miles west on Highway 16. While parking and registration were underway Greater Houston members, Jerry Adams, Rick Elkins, Jim Feine, Paul Francis, John Fuselier, Jim Miller, David Petit, Raj Ramlal and Wayne Wilkerson set up the rally room and stage for the Opening Ceremony. It was a sight to see when the Presidents of all 10 Clubs in Region 9 presented their Flags. Introductions followed, including International President & First Lady, Eric & LaVerne McHenry, Bandera Mayor, Rebecca Gibson, and Master of Ceremonies, Fred Richardson of Texas Gulf Coast. A beer and wine swap were a huge hit and the perfect accompaniment to a couple of 8-foot pizzas baked in a massive outdoor oven by Dirt Road Cookers and crispy salad prepared by your Greater Houston Salad Masters, Lisa Feine (2nd VP), Terry Fuselier and Liza Wilkerson.

Coyote Tales, May 2024



Pulling an 8-foot pizza out of the oven is hard work!



Everything is bigger in Texas, even the pizza!



Tracy Elkins, Greater Houston First Lady and Region 9 1st VP, had the honor of cutting the first slice of this huge pizza with a pizza cutter that was taller than she was!

If everyone wasn't full enough already, later in the evening, ice cream was served during the opening scenes of *Alumination*, Eric Bricker's film chronicling the evolution of Wally Byam's silver travel trailers and their adventures across the globe.



Late Night Rescue by Eric & Rick

We were closing up the building for the evening when we received an urgent call for help; a solo traveler had taken a wrong turn at Riverwalk and her Airstream was off the road at a culvert crossing with a large rock wedged beneath. Rick Elkins reached out to Eric McMurphy and with the help of Eric's F450 and a couple of Texas Alamo members, they spent several hours and many hair-raising moments getting the rig out of this pickle and into a campsite. The only damage was to the fresh water tank, which was crushed. An amazing effort that was very much appreciated!

Day 2 opened with a hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs and pancakes cooked up by the Chefs from North Texas, Texas Gulf Coast, and Texas Alamo clubs and sponsored by Sean Crimmins of Carpe Aluminum. The coffee bar was set up and maintained each day by Shelly Tumino from East Texas Lakes. We are a camping club, but once each year we bring the business details forward. The Annual Membership Meeting was included announcement of the Region Officer election results, updates from the Region Officers and Chairpersons, discussion from Region 9 President, Nancy Fitzgerald, and Eric McHenry, on the June 20th vote for changes to the International Constitutional, as well as updates from each of the ten Club Presidents. Leadership Training closed out the morning and everyone crafted their own school brownbag lunch before the Airstream Clinics took off on Maintenance on the Road (Jeff & Cindy McKee of Texas Alamo) Solar (Roy Bruner & Bill Poteet of Oklahoma), and Starlink (Eric McHenry of Greater Bay Area). Mid-afternoon featured a "Snackchat" with Eric McHenry fielding questions from the crowd. Then we loaded up and took the Rally to the 11th Street Cowboy Bar in Bandera. Here we cooked on massive charcoal grills and enjoyed country and western tunes from a live band followed by two-stepping the night away!



GHAC's Raffle Basket

Since the opening of the Rally, raffle tickets were sold for Gift Baskets donated by each Club and themed for the President's hometown and state. GHAC's President, Rick Elkins, is from Waurika, OK known for its Watermelon harvest, annual Rattlesnake Hunt, and its high school football team, the Eagles, where President Rick was the quarterback during his High School heyday!

These weren't a lot to work with for a gift basket, so Rick threw in a homage to his favorite football team, the OU Sooners; a "hard-to-find-in-Texas" bottle of Rock 'n Roll Tequila in a guitar-shaped decanter, was the basket centerpiece. This tequila is owned partially by the legendary Sooner's head coach, Bob Stoops. A whopping \$3,000 was raised for Region 9's charity - Team Red, White & Blue - through the sale of Raffle Tickets. The Greater Houston basket was won by Jose and Ines Baptista; ironically also huge OU-fans and delighted to be winners of their own Club's basket!



GHAC Golfers at Buckhorn. John Fuselier was on the Winning Team.

The third day opened with a quick grab & go breakfast as the Golfers headed off to the Buckhorn Golf Course. John Fuselier, Raj Ramlal, Rick Santos & Tim West from Greater Houston played on the six scramble teams with John being an overall winner! At Riverwalk, Scott Graham from Heart of Texas coordinated a blood drive and collected 37 units of blood that will be distributed back to the community by South Texas Blood & Tissue Center – a huge thank you to all that participated.

Tim and Ally Ebbers had lots of games set up at Riverwalk along with a sandwich bar for lunch. Meanwhile, back at the Ranch (Skyline Ranch that is), the Chili Cook-off got underway early afternoon with several from Greater Houston entering. Vernon & Jo Goodwin set up under the Pavilion with their quintessential camping favorite - biscuit-on-a-stick! This interactive event is always a delicious hit!

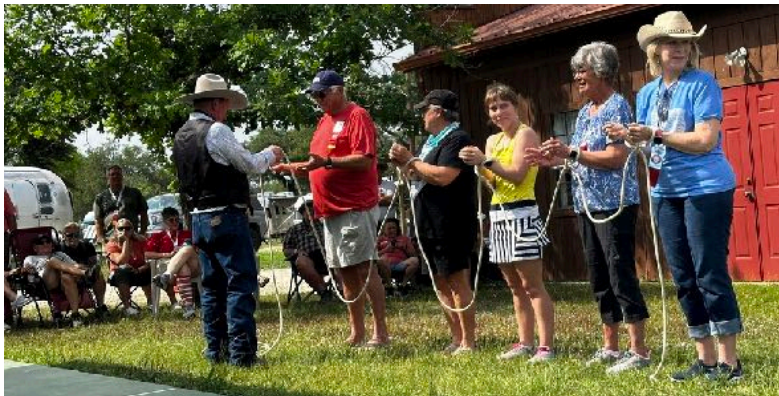
Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, US Cowboy Ambassador, Kevin Fitzpatrick, a National Championship Trick Roper, arrived with his horse, ropes and whips for a delightful and unique show that included audience participation. Ashley Billiard and Lisa Feine were among those that got to appear in this show that was straight out of a wild west movie! We wrapped up the day with Chili Judging (our own Justin Hargadine was one of the illustrious judges) and of course, chili tasting along with a bevy of tasty side dishes!



Vernon, Jo & Jerry Goodwin with Caren Bundy. Biscuit on a stick!



Gene Cribbs, TPAC Recognized as the Longest Member



Ashley is joined by others who had trouble tying the trick knot.



Tim, Raj, Narmin, and Eric are deciding which chili they will vote for.



Lisa Feine is standing very still.



US Cowboy Ambassador, Kevin Fitzpatrick, National Championship Trick Roper



BEER swap!

Saturday is always the BIG day for the Region Rally, and we started off with breakfast sponsored by Skymed and a morning of exploring Bandera and the surrounding Hill Country. Some set off to Luckenbach in search of Willie & Waylon & the Boys while others saw the sites in Kerrville and Boerne. President & 1st Lady Rick & Tracy Elkins hosted a Club Luncheon at TJs at the Old Forge on Bandera's Main Street. Over 30 Greater



GHAC Luncheon

Houston members joined them and witnessed a wayward cowboy and his whip who was determined to horn-in on the meal but was thwarted by the diligent wait staff! Early afternoon featured a Member's Benefit Panel with Region Officers and International President, Eric McHenry. This was followed by the Closing Ceremony and Region Officer Installation conducted by Eric McHenry.

Greater Houston's First Lady, Tracy Elkins was installed as President, Anna Brandon of North Texas as 1st VP, and Tim Ebbers of Texas Hill Country as 2nd VP. Nancy Fitzgerald & Eric McHenry honored Gene Cribbs from Texas Plains as the longest-standing current member of WBCCI/ACI coming up on 58 years of active membership in the Club!

All this was crowned with a delicious meal of beef and chicken fajitas and an amazing performance by

Texas Swing Band, The Western Flyers. This powerhouse country & Western swing band served up an irresistibly hot, unmistakably Texas-style sound popularized in the 1940s by Bob Wills with an electrifying energy all their own. Featuring an all-star lineup led by guitar slinger Joey McKenzie on archtop guitar & vocal, fiddle champion Ridge Roberts on fiddle & vocal, upright bassist Matthew Mefford, and a special guest appearance by Leon Rhodes, Nashville session guitarist and member of Ernest Tubb's Texas Troubadours.



The Western Flyers, a Texas Swing Band, performing live.

The award-winning Flyers had even the shyest of wallflowers tappin' their toes or swinging on the dance floor.

Sunday brought a close to this incredible Region 9 Rally in Bandera. With piping hot breakfast tacos on freshly made tortillas, a cup of fruit and one last cup of coffee, Airstreamers exchanged goodbyes and rigs began pulling out of that little Hill Country town of Bandera, headed home. There's truly no way to fully capture the vibe of a Region Rally but having all ten Region 9 Clubs represented is a phenomenal event. We made so many memories, thanks to Jim Feine for capturing some of these in pictures, and had a great time doing it. The Clubs also gave back generously; blood donations, Team Red, White & Blue and all extra food went to the local food bank and Meals on Wheels organization, Silver Sage, (thanks to Vern & Jo Goodwin for this connection). We hope everyone will make plans to join us for the 54th Region 9 Rally, March 26 - 30, 2025 at Brackenridge Recreation Complex in Edna, TX.



*Region 9 Officer Induction by Eric McHenry:
Tim Ebbers (THCU), 2nd VP
Anna Brandon (NTxAC), 1st VP
Tracy Elkins (GHAC), President*



Region 9 Presidents at the 11th Street Cowboy Bar



Luau at The Preserve Lake Livingston Rally Report

by Eric McMurphy

The May 2024 Luau Rally turned out to be a real success! The hosts were Eric & Holly McMurphy and co-hosts were John & Deborah Davis. We also had a huge assist from Tom & Caren Bundy! The entire rally group pitched in along the way to help move tables, set up canopies, decorate and help others! We turned lemons into lemonade so to speak as we had to move our RV park location at the last minute. We settled on a beautiful park in Point Blank, Tx called The Preserve RV Park. Hats off to owners Randy and Sherry for being so warm and welcoming to all the GHAC members and suppling the club with extra tables, trash cans, a complimentary site for our rally activities and just the best hospitality!



Eric and Holly McMurphy (hosts); John and Deborah Davis (co-hosts)



The rally had a total of 18 rigs and 37 people. We had one couple that made it for their first rally since joining the club: Alan and Julie Kulak with their two teenagers! In addition, Shannon and Richard Cull who last joined a rally in 2022 (this was their 2nd rally). We hope they experienced what we all know so well, we have fun and we care for each other! In addition, we had new member Rodney Sorenson drop by for our business meeting. Rodney was at the park for a family reunion.

Daily activities included boat rides with John & Deborah Davis, Pickleball with Richard Cull, crafts with Deborah Davis, ad hoc cornhole, LCR dice contest (multiple winners) and lastly a hula hoop contest won by Julie Kulak!



Rick Elkins tried so hard to get his putter warmed up for a putting contest, but I think the heat defeated us all that weekend!

We will pick up the putting contest in the fall I'm sure!





During the rally, we really tried to plan some fun and new meals that all members could enjoy. This included make your own omelet (boiled in a large pot), breakfast burgers and bring your own grilling item. Those meals were really fun!

On the evening of our Luau, we enjoyed all food with a Hawaiian theme. The most fun of all was the Tiki Bar hosted by Tracy Elkins. Tracy worked so hard to please everyone. She had several drinks fully prepared and also included Jello shots for all of us! Overall, our Luau was really fun. Some of the outfits we saw were just amazing. The best dressed man was Dan McNulty and the best dressed lady was Janice Lange. Hats off to everyone who dressed up, prepared a side dish or a dessert during the rally. All of you were so supportive of the rally and the events!



Tiki Tracy is a master mixologist! Special thanks to Rick and Tracy for providing all the wonderful drinks at the Tiki Bar.



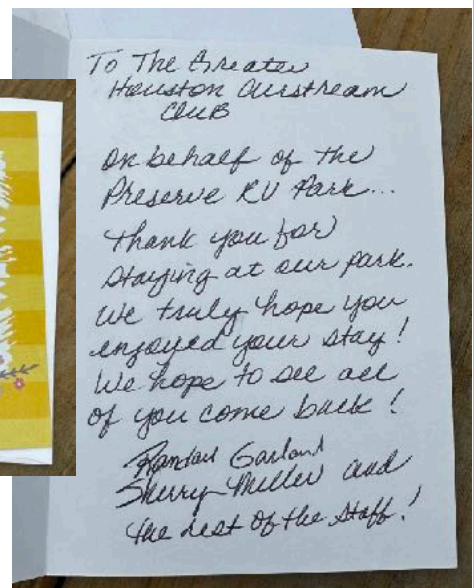


During the rally, we also had our annual business meeting. We had strong attendance at the meeting where we heard the results of the voting for 2025 officers (all nominations were elected). Our revisions to the GHAC constitution and by-laws passed as well. We received positive feedback from the members. Rick Elkins ran a smooth meeting and was well prepared. The Treasurers had welcome news that the finances of the club are in great shape! During the meeting, I announced our 2025 luncheon and rally locations for the year. Be on the lookout for the schedule on the GHAC website and if you have been thinking about being a host or co-host, please get in touch with us! We would be happy to explain the process in more detail.

It would not have been a true GHAC rally if we didn't have one or two things happen where a communication goes out and the club shows up at your door! We had Tim & Cindy West that got locked out of their Airstream. Nothing but luck got them back in the "door". We had Alan & Julie Kulak with a frozen C-Zone in their rig. We found the root cause we believe (a loose ground on their batteries). We tightened them and were able to reset the C-Zone. Later their refrigerator and inverter began working much better as well! Rick and I were nicknamed Emergency ER (Eric & Rick - LOL).



As we ended the weekend on Memorial Day, we all worked together to break down canopies, move tables, clean up, help load supplies and just be one great big winning team. During that time and throughout the weekend, we had those who lost their lives for our country on our mind. I heard several stories we shared as a group and other stories from members throughout the weekend. I think it made us all stop and think for a few moments in a world that moves so fast these days, what's important. To give your life for your country is the greatest sacrifice and I for one am very grateful. I'm also grateful for all the help we received and the friendships we made or strengthened. What a great club we have!



May Membership

by Tracy Elkins

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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!

Mike and Ginger Ainsworth
BRN 14285, from Dayton, TX

Jill Hamm
BRN 8643, from Alvin, TX

David and Kimberly Savage
BRN 25602, from Katy, TX

Jim and Cheryl McGee (Affiliates)
BRN 6071, from Nassau Bay, TX



New Members Are Joining



Region 9 News

By Tracy Elkins



All Members will receive an e-mail on the International Constitutional Amendment Vote for a Financial Director position. Voting begins June 20th (One vote per member.) Be sure to vote so our club is well represented.

Sign up for the Region 9 Breakfast in Sedalia at the International Rally. Monday, Oct 7th at 8 am in MEC2 Building. Advance Registration required. Registration closes September 10th.

<https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-breakfast-2024-intl-rally>

Save the date: 54th Annual Region 9 Rally - March 26 - 30, 2025 - Breckenridge Recreational Complex - Edna, TX



The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



“Americans may not only pay tribute to our honored dead, but also unite in prayer for success in our search for a just and lasting peace.”

John F. Kennedy, “Prayer for Peace,” Memorial Day 1962

Member Concerns

Healing thoughts and prayers are requested for the following members:

Jerry Goodwin (my husband) who is recovering from sinus balloon dilation surgery earlier in May to relieve chronic sinusitis. He will also continue to receive allergy shots.

Jerry Calvert is doing better after having gone through some recovery procedures. Tracey Calvert injured her left wrist and had a lot of bruising. An x-ray revealed no broken bones. We wish continued recovery for both Jerry and Tracey.

June Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Jamie Nixon
- 2 Richard Sambrono
- 3 Jay Bubela
- 7 Rose Nugteren
- 7 Kelly Hargraves
- 10 Dan McNulty
- 10 Shawn Schulz
- 12 Jo Goodwin
- 12 Ron Lange
- 17 Larry Meeks
- 24 Natalie Garrett
- 24 Lisa Schwarz
- 28 Carol Goodwin
- 30 Susan Sheridan

Anniversaries

- 1 David & Kimberly Savage
- 4 Mark & Cathy Atkins
- 6 Don & Helen Teegarden
- 15 Grady & Keith Ferry
- 15 Don & Eloise Reeves
- 20 Ronn & Rae Gilbert
- 20 Arnold & Mary Etta Zander
- 27 Raj & Narmin Ramlal
- 27 Christopher & Lana Dalston

“It’s a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do.”

Walter Winchell



May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 4 Michael Champion
- 4 Donna Cummins
- 5 Amanda Bubela
- 7 Kimberly Savage
- 13 Gail Bailey
- 15 Tom Harris
- 18 George Nixon
- 20 Marya Barefoot
- 23 Dave Rightmyer
- 25 Bill Hamilton
- 25 Jack Isbell
- 27 Jody Bashor
- 27 Justin Hargadine
- 28 Danny Brown
- 29 Ed Ferrin
- 31 Daniel Schwarz

Anniversaries

- 1 Denis & Patti Blanchet
- 4 Jerry & Carol Goodwin
- 5 Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
- 5 John & Terry Fuselier
- 6 Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder
- 9 Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander
- 12 Ric & Susan Santos
- 13 Tom & Virginia Taroni
- 15 Chris & Renee Carantza
- 17 Bruce & Marya Barefoot
- 18 Tom & Susan Raia
- 18 John & Susan Sheridan
- 19 Wayne & Liza Wilkerson
- 20 Jerry & Beth Adams
- 20 Larry & Susan Meeks
- 21 Duke & Nancy Fleshman
- 21 Ken & Lia Laney
- 21 Alfred & Carla Ricks
- 22 Ron & Janice Lange
- 25 Tom & Vicki Ketchum
- 28 Douglas & Hawley Towns

Wow!

May is a busy month for weddings!

HAPPY TRAILS AND SAFE TRAVELS!!

RALLIES AND CARAVANS



It could be you! Ticket winners are in the running for the End of Year Grand Prize, an Airstream Weber 1200 propane grill. The following are ticket winners to date:

- 2/9/24 Lisa Feine - 5 Tickets
- 3/2/24 Justin Hargadine - 5 Tickets
- 3/2/24 Holly McMurphy - 5 Tickets
- 3/3/24 Eric McMurphy - 5 Tickets
- 3/3/24 Bruce Lee - 5 Tickets
- 4/20/24 Ron Lange - 5 Tickets
- 4/20/24 Jim Miller - 5 Tickets
- 5/02/24 Richard Cull - 5 Tickets
- 5/25/24 Ashley Billard - 5 Tickets
- Rick Elkins - 5 Tickets
- Janice Lange - 1 Ticket
- Dan McAnulty - 1 Ticket
- 5/26/24 Julie Kulak - 2 Tickets
- Deborah Davis - 1 Ticket
- John Davis - 1 Ticket
- Caren Bundy - 1 Ticket

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!



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.





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)

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Registration: Call the Campground and Reserve a Site for the Airstream Rally. Then register on the website: https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2024-june-rally		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 ^{ish} 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!



- Memorial Day Luau Rally
 Jose & Inez Baptista
 Alan & Bernadine Billard
 Tom & Caren Bundy
 Richard & Shannon Cull
 John & Deborah Davis, & Rachel (co-hosts)
 Rick & Tracy Elkins
 Jose & Ines Baptista
 Tom & Caren Bundy
 Jim & Lisa Feine
 Paul & Natalie Garrett
 Jerry & Carol Goodwin
 Vernon & Joe Goodwin
 Gene Guthrie
 Alan & Julie Kulak & their two teens Jenna and Jacen
 Ron, & Janice Lange
 Bruce Lee
 Jerry & Kenneth Lyddon
 Dan & Maria McAnulty
 Larry & Susan Meeks
 Eric & Holly McMurphy (hosts)
 Rodney Sorenson
 Tim & Cindy West

For the Record...



Region 9 Rally:

- Jerry & Beth Adams
 Jose & Ines Baptista
 Alan, Bernadette & Ashley Billard
 Tom & Caren Bundy
 Rick & Tracy Elkins
 Jim & Lisa Feine
 Paul & Sabra Francis
 John & Terry Fuselier
 Jerry & Carol Goodwin
 Vernon & Jo Goodwin
- Mitch & Mary Guinn
 Gene Guthrie
 Justin Hargadine
 Dan McAnulty
 Eric & Holly McMurphy
 Jim, Mary, Audrey & Auriel Miller
 Raj & Narmin Parpia-Ramlal
 David & Felicia Petit
 Rick & Susan Santos
 Tim & Cindy West
 Wayne & Liza Wilkerson



Second Annual Wally's Workshop

Friday, September 13-Sunday, September 15

200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Region 9 is sponsoring Wally's Workshop September 13-15 at the North Texas Airstream Community. Whether you are headed to the International Rally at Sedalia or not, this is the perfect opportunity to both learn and service your Airstream trailer. Featured guests include The Royal Flush (tank maintenance and cleaning), Cross Country RV Solutions (Micro-Air Easy Start Certified RV Tech), DFW RV Rescue (Washing, Waxing), and Airstream Tech Jerry Vanloon. Experts from our Region include Bill Poteet of the Oklahoma Airstream Club (Solar power), John Green (safety checks), Channing Fell (ProPride and other hitches), Chris Hanus (tires) from the North Texas Airstream Club, and Andy Dunkinson from the Heart of Texas Camping Unit (hitch weights). You will have the opportunity to make appointments for the services in which you have interest directly with the service provider; the work will be completed on site Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (you will receive an estimate of cost in advance). If you decide to take advantage of a service (or services) without an appointment, this will depend upon the tech's availability.

Estimated Costs:
Full Hook-Ups, \$30 nightly, Food \$50 per person (Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday, Dinners Friday and Saturday)

Preliminary Agenda:

Sue Rasmussen of The Royal Flush will talk dirty (Grey/Black Tanks)

Andy and Channing describe hitches, importance of knowing your accurate hitch weight, tire pressure, brakes, and relationships between these systems.

Tim Love with Cross Country RV Solutions will shoot the breeze about your air conditioning system, what the EasyStart is, and whether you need one.

John Green will help you decide if you can mark yourself safe.

Bill Poteet will enlighten you on solar, AC, and you DC Power. Panel of Experts will dispense wisdom as ask questions we failed to answer during the day.

(Click on the jot form for more details.)

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 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!

2024 Rally Hosts SIGN UP

Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
Jan 20 th 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	Region 9 Rally – Bandera Bound!, Bandera, Texas				
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	International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO				
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

2024 GHAC Rally Schedule

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- 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.*

We will hear an update on the sock count from Jan Rightmyer in the fall. In the meantime, we received this email from one of the schools. They are so grateful for our donations!



Good afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Rightmyer,

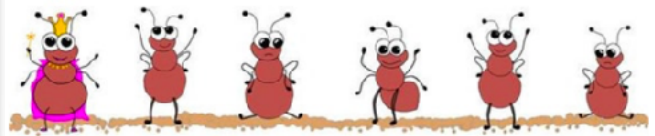
This is a long time overdue, but I want to say thank you for the socks you collected and sent out to us at Maplebrook. We are often in need of socks and clothes for students and your donation is greatly appreciated.

*Tiffany Kennerly, BSN, RN, NCSN
Maplebrook Elementary Nurse*

Airstream Humor

In honor of Father's Day coming up in June, here's a Dad Joke.

Five ants decided to attend one of the GHAC Rallies. They called up the campground and rented a site for their rig, which looked like an anthill compared to the Airstream sitting next to them. Five more ants decided to join them. Since then, they have become permanent TENANTS (insert rimshot).





Tech Tip

By Rick Elkins



C-Zone Digital Control and Monitoring.

This groundbreaking system (found in high-end Airstreams) allows users to control their travel trailer's amenities and other functions through a Wi-Fi or Bluetooth connection.

What happens when this system malfunctions such as the screen on the display “freezes” and will not change or reset? Given the importance of this central controller, actions have to be taken to restore operation as soon as possible.

At our May Rally a member reported that their C Zone had a frozen screen and was unresponsive. The usual reliable information sources found in the owner's manual, Airstream Forums, and general troubleshooting steps did not make a difference or change the screen.

We decided to contact “Airstream ER”, or if you use his other name, Eric McMurphy. Fresh off using the key to his AS main door to open another member's door who had locked themselves out of their trailer, he agreed to come help.

Attempting to do a complete power reset was tried by opening the battery disconnect and disconnecting the Shore power. With both of these off the C-Zone still had power which was confusing. We then realized that AS battery disconnect does not interrupt the power to safety devices (CO₂, Smoke Detector or C Zone Controller). (Informed after the fact that there is a key disconnect switch for the C-Zone located in the bedroom, but when Eric tried to use it, the switch did not open the circuit, but rather the switch rotated in the wall....this was added to the needs fixing list).

In spite of removing the C Zone Controller from the wall, and disconnecting and reconnecting all connections, the C Zone Controller screen remained frozen. Airstream ER said we need to check at the battery and remove the cables from the positive battery post to try to reset. We did not understand how that would be different than just removing the connectors on the C Zone controller, but well, this is Airstream ER, so lead on.

Once at the battery, we found that cables connected to the battery positive post were not tight and in fact, were very loose with about a 1/8” gap between cables on the post. We quickly tightened the connection, plugged the cables back to the C Zone Controller and, well the rest is Airstream ER history. Sometimes the end of troubleshooting is finding the fix at the beginning (of our circuit in this case).

Great job and educational for all others.

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"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." –Ralph Waldo Emerson



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

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- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
- ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas):
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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!



We are pleased to announce that Harry Gruene is returning in June and Elias has joined our team of Technicians. We know this additional experience will benefit you!



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EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello friends!

I'm so glad we got to spend time with our old and new friends at *both* rallies in May. The town of Bandera was quite a place, and we enjoyed the Region 9 Rally. If you'd like to watch a short video on our time there, here's our [YouTube link](#). In addition, we took a day trip to Austin to see our state's Capitol and the LBJ Presidential Library. Both were worthy of the visit!

After Bandera, Tim and I drove straight to The Preserve RV Park in Point Blank, where we booked a month on Lake Livingston. (We are still here at this writing). It's a new park, and if you are looking for a nice place to stay they could use some customers. They did some good things with the park. We felt a bit lonely until our GHAC friends showed up for the Luau rally at the end of May. You probably read about the rally in this newsletter; you can also watch a brief recap by [clicking this link to a video](#) I made.

On another note, as full-timers for the next several months, we are constantly looking for ways to better organize, make our set-up and tear-down easier, and turn the inside to our "home." Less time finding things and setting up means more time just enjoying the experience. Going to rallies has given us heaps of ideas, and we are open to sharing our ideas with you as well.

We bought the *Snap-Pads* for our stabilizer feet, saving time and frustration. They are made from recycled tires — bonus! In addition, the Airstream's low profile makes it challenging when the sewer posts that are not at ground level. We first experienced this at the 2023 International Rally and again at The Preserve. We saw someone's rig with the *Titan* hose supports, and decided to give them a try. That was a game changer! They take a bit of storage, but it's worth it when we are tired from the road.



We are also always looking at ways to make our camper feel more "homey," without breaking the bank. I am not trying to start a pillow fight — I know not everyone feels the same way about throw pillows — but our matching throw pillows and blankets give us comfort while sitting in the booth watching T.V. We also ordered some custom woodwork to replace our current table and sink cover. We will have those installed on our summer trip up north. I can't wait to see the finished products, and you can count on seeing a picture or two in a couple of months. I would love to hear stories about what you do to better organize or make your Airstream feel more like "home." Feel free to send ideas to me for inclusion in a newsletter!

Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,

Lucinda (a/k/a "Cindy") West

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BRN 19963 - 2023 27' Globetrotter FBT ("Roam Home")

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"Make no changes. Only improvements." (Wally Byam)

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.