

The Bluebonnet

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President's Message

Summer has arrived and the Texas camping is in full swing. There is nothing like camping in the northern climates during the hotter Texas months. But only a true southern camper knows how to comfortably camp in 100-degree weather. The days you don't need to turn on the water heater because the water in the hose has received enough love from the sun. That a rig without awnings is just a giant oven that is excellent for baking all of your stuff all at once. A new bag of ice only last for a few hours in an ice chest and constantly needs your attention to keep your drinks cold. Ah, that is TX camping....

URGENT ATTENTION REQUESTED – WBCCI Amendment!!! An email is coming to your registered email address(es) with ACI on June 20th. The amendment is to decide whether or not to have a Financial Director versus an International Board of Trustees (IBT) member being in a Treasurer role. Please check out this link on the ACI site to be an informed voter: [2024 Special Election | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#). Voting is open June 20 – June 27, 2024. VOTE EARLY!

Crockett Lake Rally with GHAC on June 27 – There are spots available for this rally. Check out page 6 for details. There is a \$21/per person rally fee for this event and can be paid through the [JotForm link](#). This will be a fun joint summer rally!

The August 10, 2024 luncheon will be at Hi Sign Brewery in Austin at 12:30pm. Please let me know if you will be attending. The taproom has air conditioning and will be our gathering location. The venue has an assortment of beer, wine, coffee and soft drinks. I even noticed that they had Mexican coke on the menu. There are two different food trucks onsite; **Norte Tacos** - provides [tacos and quesadilla](#) and **Ranch House** - offers [bowls, sandwiches and burgers](#). (Click on the links to see the menus.)

The Mother Neff State Park rally for August 29 – September 2 is full. This is a great time to test out your southern summer camping skills! wink...wink. The park website shows that the park remains full. I'm taking people for the waiting list in case someone in our group cancels. Since late August is known for being hot, we will be using their cabin to hold our dinners and activities in. There will be a rally fee to help cover the cost of the cabin. The rally hosts have a great itinerary planned and should be a lot of fun.

International rally in Sedalia, MO - For those on the caravan to Sedalia, we will have a potluck at Catherine's Landing with NTAC and Heart of Texas Airstream groups. It will be a large group and great opportunity to meet other Airstreamers. Additional information for the caravan can be found on page 7. Detailed itinerary is still in the works. Registration is open for the Region 9 breakfast on October 7 at 8 am. ([Region Break-fast Link](#)). Deadline to register is September 10, 2024. JUST Register!



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**not camping, but enjoying the day with family at
Lucky Peak near Boise, ID**

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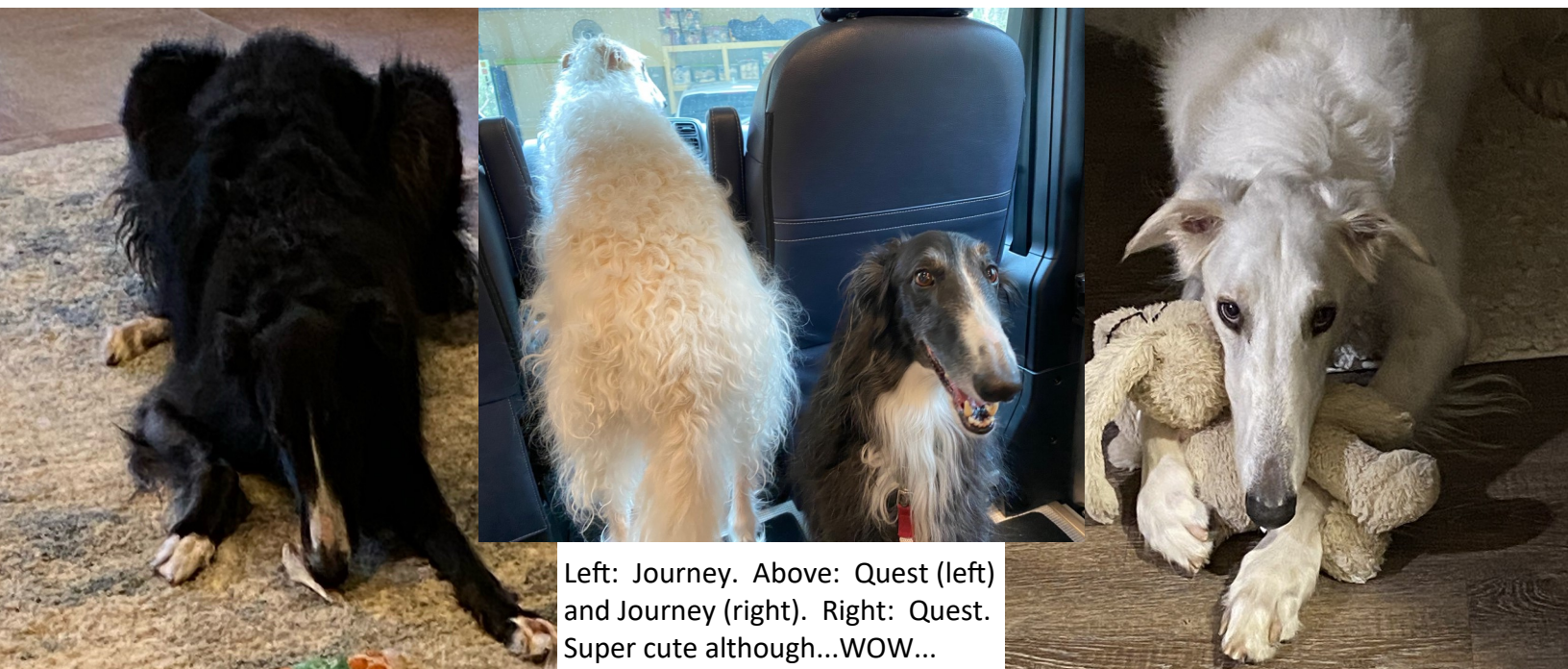
Meet Nance Algert and Kenita Rogers (BRN 7663)

We are retired university professors. We also run a conflict management and counseling business since 1999 and travel around the country working with groups. We have two big (Borzoi) dogs, Journey (80 lbs) and Quest (114 lbs). They fill out the camper van. We have two grown daughters that live throughout the US. We love everything outdoors – hiking, experiences, wildlife.

We chose an Airstream Rangeline as our first Airstream because it is compact and something that is user friendly. It is a 21 ft camper van built on a Dodge/Ram chassis. We like the commitment to minimal storage, it has a bathroom, generator, solar and runs on gas (rather than diesel). It is easier to drive around than most Class Cs. We have no real dislikes/suggested improvements yet. Although Airstream sells a trailer to tow behind it that we may get to haul around kayaks. That may be in our future—we will see.

We have used it to travel for work. This may sound unappealing to some but ideal for us; our home away from home.

Our bucket list travel in the Rangeline is to finish traveling to all the Texas state parks. And, east coast travel trip to see family.



Left: Journey. Above: Quest (left) and Journey (right). Right: Quest. Super cute although...WOW... they are big!!

NOTE from Ally: I did not realize Airstream made this Rangeline, so, YUP, I had a bunch of additional questions. I inserted in their answers in their original write up above. Basically, I took a bunch of paraphrasing/rephrasing liberties :-)

Meet Jonathan and Blakley Fletcher (BRN 5323)



We've been married 22 years and have 2 dogs (Buttons and Lacey) that we adopted in 2019 while living in Boise, ID. We own an online fitness coaching business called Digital Barbell. We have clients all over the world that we provide customized workout programs and nutrition coaching services for. We try to use our social media content to show people what it can look like to live a healthy lifestyle at any age, and even in their RV's!. Outside of fitness, we love doing pretty much any outside activities.

We chose the 27' International with the idea that we may want to eventually full-time in it. Having the extra kitchen and clothing storage was an easy tradeoff for not having a dedicated couch. We also love to camp at places with a "back in view" which makes the rear dinette a great place to work.

This is our first Airstream. Our first RV was a "Little Guy Max".

We love the finishes, the light, the openness, the layout, the awnings, the storage, the fridge, the way it tows.... A lot! The stairs could use a redesign, and I wish all of the models came with the recirculating pump for the hot water like the Tradewind! For our work on the road lifestyle we are considering installing a pop up standing desk in the near future.

We spent a month on the road last spring exploring Central and West Texas. The trip was full of highs and lows, but the city of Alpine was a standout winner. We'd love to take the Airstream up to Boise and spend a winter skiing ASAP! A fall trip to New England would be amazing too.



Buttons (bottom left) and Lacey (top right)

Their digital details are:

www.digitalbarbell.com

www.youtube.com/digitalbarbell

www.instagram.com/digitalbarbell

Message from Mike Green, THCU 1st VP

I've put together a list of 2025 rallies starting this December. Looks like it's gonna be a fun year!

As you all know we operate via volunteers. What we need are volunteers to host a rally! Each rally should have at least two sets of hosts (two rigs), so team up with another rig, choose a rally you would like to host and make it super fun!

Don't know what is involved with hosting? No problem, contact me and I will send you a checklist/guide to hosting a rally to make it easy for you. **We need volunteers to make each rally a success and fun for all.** Please contact me (Mike Green) at tractor_dude97@yahoo.com if you want to be a host or have questions about being a host. Thank you. Mike



Month	Date	Event	Location	Other Info	Host Names:
Dec	Dec 05-08	Christmas Rally	Grapevine Vineyards Grapevine, TX	Joint Rally with NTAC	Allana Paterson and Tom Jensen
Jan	TBD	Lunch	Pecan Street Brewing Johnson City, TX		No Host needed
Feb	Feb 20-23	THCU Rally	US RV Park/ Marina Bay Kemah, TX	The dates may change if conflicting with Mardi Gras Rally	2 Hosts needed
Mar	Mar 26-30	Region 9 Rally	Brackenridge Recreation Complex in Edna, TX		Region 9 Leaders. No Host needed
Apr	Apr 24-27	THCU Rally	Hilltop at Brenham Brenham, TX	Joint Rally with GHCU	Loyce and Greg 1 Host needed
May	May 22-26	THCU Rally	Hunt, TX	Memorial Day Rally	2 Hosts needed
Jun	TBD	THCU Rally	Barefoot RV Park Bend, TX		2 Hosts needed
Jul	TBD	THCU Luncheon	Putters and Gutters Lampassas, TX		No Host needed
Aug	Aug 23-28	International Rally	York, PA	International Rally. Maybe a caravan in the works	
Sep	OPEN			Returning from International; maybe a caravan back	
Oct	TBD	THCU Rally	Garner SP/Lost Maples SNA Concan, TX/Vanderpool, TX	Staying in Garner, but enjoying both parks	2 Hosts needed
Nov	TBD	THCU Rally	Goliad State Park Goliad, TX		2 Hosts needed

THCU 2024 Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
Feb 24-Mar 2	Tour of the TX Coast Rally	
April 6-9	Boondocking Eclipse Rally	This is a boondocking rally in Fredericksburg, TX. This boondocking rally is limited to 16 rigs. See next page for additional details regarding this event.
April 19-23	Region 9/NTAC Stichin' and Fishin' Rally	If you would like to check out the schedule and register, click on this link: Region 9/NTAC Stichin' and Fishin' Rally ACI (airstreamclub.org)
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	If you want to go there's room. See page 3 for additional information
May 9-12	Region 9/NTAC 2024 Ham Radio Rally	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)
June 27-30	Joint rally with GHAC Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett, TX	This will be a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. There's room for you! Check out page 4 for additional information and how to sign up.
July	<no rally planned>	
August 10 @ 12:30 PM	HiSign Brewery	There are two different food trucks onsite; Norte Tacos - provides tacos and quesadilla and Ranch House - offers bowls, sandwiches and burgers . (Click on the links to see the menus.)
Aug29-Sept2 Labor Day Rally	Mother Neff State Park 1921 Park Road 14 Moody, TX 76557	This rally will start on Thursday and end on Monday (Labor Day). This state park has full hookups. HOST: Sylvia and Bob Lemley and Tim and Ally Ebbers
Sept 13-Sept 15	NTAC 200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1 Hillsboro, TX 76645	Second Annual Wally's Workshop. See flyer on page 6
Sept 26—Oct 10	International @ Sedalia, MO	Dates reflect start of the caravan through the end of International. Additional dates are added to come back to TX through OK. See page 7 for details of the caravan.
November 07-10	Installation Rally Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	Hosts: Kevin and Felicia Johnson and Susan Fegley
December	TBD by incoming president	



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.



Second Annual Wally's Workshop

Friday, September 13-Sunday, September 15

200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1

Hillsboro, TX 76645

REGISTER: <https://form.jotform.com/241288307812053>

DESCRIPTION: 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 are 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. We will also have a few experts from our Region, Bill Poteet of the Oklahoma Airstream Club (Solar power), John Green (safety checks), Channing Fell (ProPride and other hitches), and Chris Hanus (tires) from the North Texas Airstream Club, and Andy Dunkinson from the Heart of Texas Camping Unit (hitch weights). You will make appointments for the services in which you have interest directly with the service provider and the work is done 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.

Preliminary Agenda:

Friday, September 13th

07:00 PM Sue Rasmussen of The Royal Flush will talk dirty (Grey/Black Tanks)

Saturday, September 14th

- 08:00 AM Andy and Channing are the perfect couple to describe hitches, importance of knowing your accurate hitch weight, tire pressure, brakes, and relationships between these systems.
- 10:00 AM 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.
- 12:00 PM John Green will help you decide if you can mark yourself safe.
- 02:00 PM Bill Poteet will enlighten you on solar, AC, and DC Power.
- 07:00 PM Panel of Experts will dispense wisdom as you ask questions we failed to answer during the day.

Estimated Costs:

Full Hook-Ups, \$35 nightly plus Food @ \$50 per person (This includes: breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday, and dinner Friday and Saturday)



THCU Sedalia InBound Caravan (September 26—October 3, 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).

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 4:32	2
3 Sat, 09/28/24 - Hot Springs, AR Catherine's Landing	216 3:36	2
4 Mon, 09/30/24 - Branson, MO Cooper Creek Resort & Campground	222 4:26	3
5 Thu, 10/03/24 - Sedalia, MO Missouri State Fair Campground	156 2:48	8

October 5-October 11, 2024 are the official dates of 2024 International at Sedalia. For a sneak peak of the itinerary, check out this [link](#) (you may need to log into the ACI website). Check out the official 2024 International Facebook page for additional information, itinerary updates, group tours, and other pertinent info: [Airstream Club International Rally2024 - Fun in the Fall | Facebook](#)

STOP	MI/HR	NIGHTS
1 Thu, 10/03/24 - Sedalia, MO Missouri State Fair Campground		8
2 Fri, 10/11/24 - Afton, OK Monkey Island RV Resort	229 3:58	2
3 Sun, 10/13/24 - Norman, OK Lake Thunderbird State Park	218 3:47	2
4 Tue, 10/15/24 - Wichita Falls, TX Lake Arrowhead State Park	154 2:46	2
5 Thu, 10/17/24 - Dublin, TX Sowell Creek	155 2:30	1
6 Fri, 10/18/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States	117 1:52	

THCU Sedalia OutBound Caravan (October 11—October 19, 2024)

- Caravan dates are October 11—October 19, 2024. The stops on this rally include the following by date:
 - Monkey Island RV Resort in Afton, OK—Oct 11-Oct 13—2 nights. Call 918-257-6400 to make your reservation. We are in site C1.
 - Lake Thunderbird State Park near Norman, OK—Oct 13-Oct 15—2 nights. Go to the website and make your reservations: [Home Page - GuestRez \(megasyshms.com\)](#). There are some discounts available. We are in site LA001
 - Lake Arrowhead State Park in Wichita Falls, TX—Oct 15-Oct 17—2 nights. We are in site 78.
 - Sowell Creek near Dublin, TX—Oct 17-Oct19—2 nights. We are in Loop 1 Site 4
 - From Sowell Creek, we all head homewards or other places of interest.



JUNE

16 Warner Hord
17 Don Oneal
21 Cindy Mckee
25 Gail Hord

JULY

06 Kevin Johnson
10 Janis Buck
17 Kyle Johnson
30 Charissa Wyatt
31 Susan Fegley

Jun 20 Daniel Marek & Zephyr Marek



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](#)

2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebberts—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 Ebberts
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



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



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.

