

# The Bluebonnet

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## President's Message

The Texas summer is here and half of 2024 has flown by. I remember last year when I was working on the rally schedule and thinking that everything that was being planned was so far away. I had no idea how many rigs we were going to be able to get attend each of my crazy ideas for a rally. I was just wanted to make them all different and interesting. One crazy idea was to join the Great Houston Airstream Club (GHAC) out in East Texas the start of the summer season. It's June, by the lake, it'll be fine and we are among friends. First the drive out to East Texas was so beautiful with all the tall pine trees and oaks. We had eight rigs attend from THCU out of the total of nineteen that attended. We had a great time getting to know the members of GHAC. We even got to see Bruce Lee again!! No, he didn't die in 1973 that is only a rumor. Shhh. We had some great food provided by the hosts. The cook your own meat night was one of my favorites. There were some rounds of 42, Farkle, axe throwing and for charity left/right/center and a raffle of prizes provided by the GHAC. The Marek's donated a couple of bottles of home-made wine for the raffle that was delicious. The campground was offering \$10,000 for a record-breaking fish out of the lake so there were a few people out trying to catch the next big lake whale. As always, the rally was over too soon and we all had to head out on our own separate ways. Cindy and Tim West put together a video of the rally, which was pretty cool. Here's a link if you want to check it out: <https://fb.watch/thC4fP68s1/> This was so much fun—a joint rally is already in the works with GHAC next year in Brenham, TX. Whoop whoop!

If you haven't heard, the WBCCI Amendment passed 83.6% to 13.3%. Thanks to everyone that voted! See page 02 for a message from our International President Eric McHenry or you can read about it in the July digital Blue Beret, which should be in your inbox.

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 and deadline is August 5th, 2024 for head count.

The Mother Neff State Park rally for August 29 – September 2 remains full. The agenda and rally fee will be sent to the attendees by the last week in July. It'll be a fun rally! Give me a call if you would like to be on the waitlist.

International rally in Sedalia, MO – This rally has less than 70 site remaining which means we have over 1,400 rigs attending. It is quite a sight to see that many rigs...period! For all those that just attended the Region 9 rally and had a great time there; International has the same amount of energy on a bigger scale. Reserve your site before miss out on this exciting rally. Don't forget to get your registration in for the Region 9 breakfast on October 7 at 8 am. ([Region Breakfast Link](#)). This will be a great opportunity to see all your friends from the other clubs/units. There will also be a Region 9 hosted blood drive at the rally. Before I forget, it sounds like everyone attending international will have between a ½ to ¾ of a mile between their rig to the main event location. Transportation options are: 1) rent a golf cart, 2) bring your bikes/ebikes to get around 3) drive to the meeting spaces (limited parking for this option and 4) walk. I will keep an eye out for other transportation options and send it out later. If you go to the [ACI website](#) you will also see the schedule and tours you can sign up for.

I would like to welcome our new members John Robinson (from San Antonio, TX), Shaun and Barbara Simpson (from Frankston, TX) and Alan and Lisa Dove (from Huntsville, TX). Ally and I look forward to seeing each of you at a future rally! My contact information is listed below, if you wanna chat Airstream!



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*Newsletter Chick: AllyEbbers*

FYI—This information was taken from the July Blue Beret Bulletin (digital version). There are also several interesting articles in it. If you want to check the entire bulletin, check your email from July 1, 2024 from Airstream International Club (comments@airstreamclub.org) or you can also find it after you log into airstreamclub.org.

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### **Club Approves Finance Director Position**

*Between June 20 and June 27, 2024, the Club membership voted on and approved a proposal to amend the WBCCI International Board's Constitution. The amendment includes changing the title of Treasurer to Finance Director and revising the process for seating the Finance Director.*

*Of the 17,666 total eligible voters, 6,333 participated in the vote (36%), exceeding the minimum constitutional participation level of 20%. The proposal received 86.7% approval, while 13.3% voted against it, exceeding the required 66% approval level. We were pleased that out of our 17,666 eligible voters (members), only 1,051 ballots (6%) were returned as "undeliverable." In addition, 12 paper ballots were received and mailed.*

*The selection of the next Finance Director will occur on or around August 2025. As a reminder, this is a non-voting volunteer position, available to any member. The final selection of the Finance Director will be the full 21-member International Board of Trustees. Look for more information, including criteria for application and job responsibilities in the early spring of 2025.*

*On behalf of the International Board of Trustees (IBT), I thank you for the strong voting response, your discussions with your Local Clubs and Regions, and ultimately for helping the IBT improve its financial insight and oversight. Sure it's the "Business Side" of our Club, but we needed your support to achieve our strategic initiative of "improved financial analysis, reporting and transparency."*



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#### **Eric McHenry**

International President Eric McHenry (BRN #153) and wife LaVerne (BRN #253) are owners of a 30' FB Classic, "Kawika" and reside in Northern California wine country. Both are avid and long-term campers, from the early days of backpacking, tent camping, kayak camping, and now Airstreams.

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	Tim and Ally Ebbers 1 more host 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	<p>This is a boondocking rally in Fredericksburg, TX. This boondocking rally is limited to 16 rigs.</p> <p>See next page for additional details regarding this event.</p>
April 19-23	Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally	<p>If you would like to check out the schedule and register, click on this link: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-ntac-stichin-and-fishin-rally">Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally   ACI (airstreamclub.org)</a></p>
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	<p>If you want to go there's room. See page 3 for additional information</p>
May 9-12	Region 9/NTAC 2024 Ham Radio Rally	<p>If you would like to check out the schedule and/or register, click on the link: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2024-ham-radio-rally">Region 9 2024 Ham Radio Rally   ACI (airstreamclub.org)</a></p>
June 27-30	Joint rally with GHAC Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett, TX	<p>This will be a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. There's room for you!</p> <p>Check out page 4 for additional information and how to sign up.</p>
July	<no rally planned>	
August 10 @ 12:30 PM	HiSign Brewery	<p>There are two different food trucks onsite; <b>Norte Tacos</b> - provides <a href="#">tacos and quesadilla</a> and <b>Ranch House</b> - offers <a href="#">bowls, sandwiches and burgers</a>. (Click on the links to see the menus.)</p>
Aug 29-Sept2 Labor Day Rally	Mother Neff State Park 1921 Park Road 14 Moody, TX 76557	<p>This rally will start on Thursday and end on Monday (Labor Day). This state park has full hookups.</p> <p>HOST: Sylvia and Bob Lemley and Tim and Ally Ebbers</p>
Sept 13-Sept 15	NTAC 200 Walnut Hill Avenue #1 Hillsboro, TX 76645	<p>Second Annual Wally's Workshop. See flyer on page 6</p>
Sept 26—Oct 10	International @ Sedalia, MO	<p>Dates reflect start of the caravan through the end of International. Additional dates are added to come back to TX through OK.</p> <p>See page 7 for details of the caravan.</p>
November 07-10	Installation Rally Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	<p>Hosts: Kevin and Felicia Johnson and Susan Fegley</p>
December	TBD by incoming president	



## 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.



## JULY

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

## AUGUST

- 01 David Toy
- 02 Edward Michek
- 05 Tim Ebbers
- 08 Craig Fegley
- 19 Zephyr Marek
- 21 Eddie Eiland
- 31 Tamara Burnsed Cragle



Aug 9 Craig and Susan Fegley



*There have been some folks who have asked about places where they can get their Airstream repaired, updated, and upgraded. Susan Fegley initially collated a list of places and there have been a few add ins to the list. Hope y'all find it helpful, when/if you need Airstream repairs—outside of the Airstream dealer repair shops.*

*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](#)
- ⇒ Cross Country RV Solutions (Tim Love). Phone: 817.917.0092. WebSite: [Mobile RV Repair](#)
- ⇒ Texas Country RV (Karrie Mikle). Phone 830.935.4503. Website: [TexasCountryRV.com](#)

## 2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebbers—[timberintx@gmail.com](mailto:timberintx@gmail.com)
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- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Susan Fegley—[efegley802@aol.com](mailto:efegley802@aol.com)
- ◆ Recording secretary: <open>
- ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- ◆ 1 year director: Dave Toy
- ◆ 2 year director: Felicia Johnson
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



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**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.*

