

# THE ROADRUNNER



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<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

## *President's Message— August 2024*

We have had a busy spring season after the Eclipse Rally, the Texas RR Rally, and the Region 9 Rally in Bandera but there was time for one more at the Best of Belton and Salado Rally at the new Gather Campground in Belton. If you missed this one you missed a good one and the facility received rave reviews from attendees. Elaine and I were very happy to see some first timers at the rally as well as old friends, some of whom we hadn't seen in a while.

In addition to all that I have seen wonderful posts about personal and caravan travel posted on the "Friends of THLAC" FB page including reports from the Six Shooter Caravan led by our own Pam and Jim Dudley and from the Viking Trail Caravan which includes some of our more adventurous travelers. Currently they are somewhere in Newfoundland. Apparently they have big fish there. I've seen pictures. Whatever your travels have been and are going to be I hope you are enjoying the Airstream life.

Now we are getting ready for the THLAC UP Caravan starting soon. This will be followed by the 2024 International in Sedalia, MO. We have 22 rigs signed up from our club for International and some of us will be caravanning in on Friday so we can park together. If you have not yet signed up for that you can email me for details if you would like to join us in parking together.

Not to be forgotten, the West of the Pecos Caravan is also on the horizon led by Brian and Nancy Powers. This is a personal favorite of mine though and I hear from reliable sources that there have been great improvements since I have attended.

Finally we will be sending out the announcement of the November Installation Rally to be held in Fredericksburg Nov. 14 to 17. This town has a lot to offer and the Installation Rally is always a good time as we thank out going officers and install new ones. Look for an announcement in August or early September and be sure to sign up early. This Rally is a great way to connect with your friends and meet new ones in a relaxed environment with lots of wine and food before the holiday season starts getting wild. It is also a good time to get a first look at incoming President Allen Faulk's plans for next year at the business meeting. Don't miss this!

Elaine and I hope to see you at one or more of these events and for now, travel safe.

Bill Saulnier, President THLAC



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2024

Aug 28-Sept 16 Upper Penninsula Caravan  
 Oct 5-12 67th International Rally  
 Sedalia, MO  
 Nov. 14-17 Installation Rally  
 Fredericksburg, TX  
 Dec. 5-8 Margaritaville RV Resort  
 Beach, TX

2025

Feb. 13-16 The Range RV Resort,  
 Ennis, TX  
 March 13-16 The Canopy RV Resort  
 New Braunfels, TX  
 April 21-May 6 Texas Riviera Caravan  
 September The Vineyards Campground  
 Grapevine, TX  
 Oct. 2-5 Palo Duro Canyon State Park  
 Nov. 13-16 North Texas Airstream Community  
 Hillsboro, TX

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**Check us out:**

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.

# Marketing

Peter Sajovich Marketing Chairman #13349

Congratulations are in order for Blue Compass and Airstream of Austin!

During the Airstream dealer meeting and conference in Las Vegas last week, Airstream of Austin took home #1 sales award for all of Central United States, for the 6th consecutive year.

Below Gerardo and Abel are receiving the award from Airstream.



Tampa won #1 overall for 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and Blue Compass took home the #1 dealer group for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.



# THLAC NEW CARAVAN

## TEXAS RIVIERA CARAVAN

APRIL 21-MAY 6, 2025

**LEADERS:** Jim & Pam Dudley      Michael & Julie Kutach

**RIGS:**            25 Including two leaders rigs

**STOPS:**

Galveston -	4/21-4/25	StellaMar, \$47/night
Port O'Connor	4/25-4/28	Port O'Connor RV, \$55/night
Port Aransas	4/28-5/3	Pioneer Beach RV, working rate
Brownsville	5/3-5/6	Jetstream RV, \$60/night

**SCHEDULE :**

Constant contact sign-up Sep 1-15  
Caravanners make RV reservations by Oct 15.



# THLAC Installation Rally



November 14-17  
The Vineyards RV Park  
Fredericksburg, TX

Experience the charming and quaint town and immerse yourself in the rich German influence at our annual Installation Rally. It will be held at The Vineyards RV Park, 2647 N US Highway 87, Fredericksburg, TX. Phone: 830-993-1237.

Book your campsites now. Registration for the club rally will open September 1. Check your email for the notice.



# NEW MEMBER PAGE

## Welcome New Members

Edward & Becky Whittle  
2020 Globetrotter 27'  
Temple, TX

Jennifer & Paul Mason  
2023 Flying Cloud 23'  
Austin, TX

Susanna & Stephen Thomas  
2022 Flying Cloud 30'  
Sunrise Beach, TX

Amanda & Jay Bubela  
2021 Flying Cloud 30'  
Edna, TX

Mark & Becky Montgomery  
2021 Flying Cloud 25'  
Belton, TX

John & Teresa O'Connor  
2022 Globetrotter 27'  
New Braunfels, TX

Damon & Leslie Buffington  
2018 Classic 30'  
Wimberley, TX

Robin & Mike Pierce  
2019 Globetrotter 27'  
Brownsville, TX

Lesla & Mike Williams  
2024 Classic 33'  
Utopia, TX

Bud Jones  
2024 Globetrotter 27'  
Corpus Christi, TX

## Favorite Photo Ops



As your newsletter editor, I enjoy receiving your photo contributions. Many interesting pictures are submitted of landmarks, wild animals, people, pets and much more. Some of our members have favorite subjects to photograph. I have my own favorites. You probably can guess from the photos that I like oversized monuments and sculptures. I collect these as mementos of our travels. Who can forget a giant pistachio?

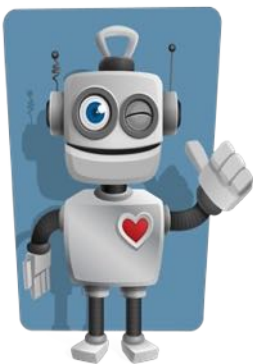
Collecting photos is a means of preserving your experiences. Another reason to collect photos is the thrill of the hunt. The search for interesting photo ops has led us to enjoy many places we may have missed. On our last trip we visited Bush's Bean Factory. Yes, there is indeed a giant can of beans on display! The museum gave us insight into the history of the company and its impact on the community.



What's next? How about the Jolly Green Giant in Blue Earth, MN... or giant field of corn in Dublin, OH...or world's largest apply in Winchester, VA.



Please enjoy taking photos of your favorite things. Share them with your Airstream friends through publishing them in our newsletter. Photos do not just have to be of a trip. Family and pet photos are always welcome. So be sure to take advantage of your favorite photo ops.



Dear Rivet, Please remind me again about tire care during the summer.

Round N. Round

Here is a reminder to inspect your **tires** before every trip and along the way. Check the tire pressure on all tires before leaving. You can find the tire pressure information on the tag for your tires and in the owner's manual. Over-inflated or under-inflated tires can make tire and axle damage more likely and put you at a greater risk for a flat or a blowout. Proper air pressure (psi) levels for your tires are detailed in your owner's manual. Use a pressure gauge to check levels all the way around your travel trailer. You should also check the air pressure on your spare tire(s). Check lug nut torque for the proper torque, and use a manual torque wrench to loosen each lug nut until you reach that level. Finally check for dry rot, uneven tire wear and the tire tread. Airstream has an excellent blog [How to Inspect and Maintain Tires on an Airstream Travel Trailer](#)

## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### August Birthdays

8/4 Ardell Mayton  
8/9 Julie Calahan  
8/13 Richard Turner  
8/13 Mary Dowdy  
8/14 Bill Saulnier  
8/18 Ray Herrold  
8/20 Pat Lovelace  
8/22 J.T. Lester  
8/24 Franklin Hunt  
8/25 Marilyn Blakey  
8/25 Carla Gartman

### September Birthdays

9/3 Elizabeth Rice  
9/4 Frank Steed  
9/5 Larry Heinold  
9/6 John Irwin  
9/10 Cheri Addicks  
9/12 Pam Dudley  
9/14 Michael Kutach  
9/14 Sarah Harrod  
9/17 H.V. Martin  
9/20 Gary McClanahan  
9/21 Carol Sajovich  
9/22 Harry Penkert  
9/22 Bruce Nutt  
9/25 Debi Rich  
9/27 Rick Trimble

### August & September Anniversaries

8/9 Ed & Cheri Addicks  
8/10 Janet & Richard Turner  
8/11 Julie & Ken Callahan  
8/18 Randall & Elizabeth Rice  
8/22 Craig & Mary Dowdy  
8/22 Myron & Kathryn Fischer  
8/24 Tom & Jean Beebe  
8/26 Jim & Vickie Courtney  
9/10 Franklin & Donna Hunt  
9/15 Marty & Cindy Berdan  
9/17 Jennifer & Todd Flippo


*Did we miss recognizing your special day? Contact Keith Ferry, Corresponding Secretary, at [ferry\\_keith@hotmail.com](mailto:ferry_keith@hotmail.com) to update your membership information.*

**Recipe:** FRIENDSHIP BROWNIES

Ingredients:

- 1 (18 ounce) brownie mix
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1-1/3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups crispy rice cereal

Preheat oven to temperature on brownie box. Prepare brownies according to box directions. 4 minutes before brownies are fully cooked, pull from oven and spread marshmallows on top. Return to oven for 4 minutes to soften marshmallows. Remove from oven and spread marshmallows over top and let cool completely. In microwave heat chocolate chips, butter and peanut butter for 30 seconds. Stir and repeat until melted and mixture is smooth. Add cereal and stir to combine. Drop by spoonfuls over marshmallow layer spreading evenly. Chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Cut into squares and share with a friend.



# PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

**Chris & Ruth Haefner**

We recently completed the “Nuts for Ruts Oregon Trail” caravan (24 Jun-27 July). It was an amazing experience traveling across the country, starting near Independence, MO and ending in Portland, OR. Along the way we visited many of the sites the pioneers stopped at during their migration to the West from 1830’s through 1880’s. If anyone is interested in seeing the history of this great nation and enjoying meeting new Airstream friends, we would highly recommend signing up for this caravan.



# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

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## **Frank & Gayle Steed**

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## **Kevin & Gwen Bresser**

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Hi, So we joined the club awhile back but have been too busy to really get involved. Hoping that will change. But my wife and I will be heading out in late August for a loop through CO, UT, AZ, NM. We'll be on the road about seven weeks. I'll share a Part I and Part II summary for the club as we go along! Have a great time on your MI/UP trip!

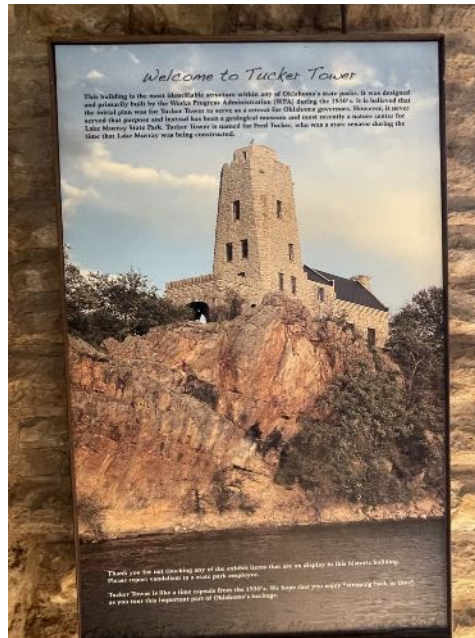


# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

**Kathy & Mike Ashley**



Region 9 Rally in Bandera was a lot more fun than I anticipated! We went home for one day and then headed out for Oklahoma. Fortunately all the storms missed us! We camped at Lake Murray State Park (Buzzards Roost campground). It was a beautiful park! Drove over to Tishomingo (love that name) and had a beer at Blake Shelton's place!



# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Peter & Carol Sajovich

We are currently having a great time on The Viking Trail Caravan. As I write this we are camped for 7 nights in St. John the capital of Labrador Newfoundland.

Carol and I have learned a lot. First we learned that visitors to Newfoundland must be Screeched In. That means we all had to kiss a Cod. The Cod fishing industry built the entire Province.

Some of the history includes visiting the historical site of Leif Erickson's landing 500 years before Columbus reached the new world.



We learned Newfoundland is a HUGE ROCK, larger than all of Germany with a population of around 500,000. Two hundred thousand here in St. John. There is more water and shoreline than we've ever seen and it's also the whale capital of the world.



# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

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## **Peter & Carol Sajovich**

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On our Alaskan caravan we had to pay to see Puffin's, here they are plentiful in certain coastal locations.

We are on the 35th day of our 57 day caravan. Still plenty more to see and experience.

Peter & Carol



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## **Debbie & Rick Trimble**

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We had Rick's mother's memorial service in June. It was a wonderful tribute to a long life.

At the end of June, we purchased Villa 201 at NTAC from Sherry Henning. It faces the east. From the villa, you can see the dog park and walk to the rally room. So, no golf cart for Rick!

We will still have our place in the Valley. We spent July down at LaFeria. After all the summer heat, I will be glad not to try to take care of flowers in Plano and LaFeria. I will miss all my flowers in Plano, but it is so much work to get them ready, then leave them for a month or two, and then have to start all over again.

We leave for our Michigan/UP Caravan on August 21. It ends on September 16, and then we will join others for a week at the Swiss Festival in Ohio at the end of September. Then, it will be time to head back to Plano to prepare our house for sale and start packing. We have lived here for 45 years, so we have a lot of stuff to sift through. Keep us in your prayers.

Both Copper and Glory are doing well for being 13 years old. They love their time in Laferia where they can roam over an acre and are the best traveling pups.

# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Marty & Cindy Berdan

We had a fun month of travel to Colorado, Wyoming, Custer South Dakota, Taos, New Mexico to name a few of our stops. We lucked out with weather though we didn't have some cool temps we were expecting.



# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

## **Marty & Cindy Berdan**

We were able to visit with our son and his family and happened on some friends Stephanie Sobotik and Julie A Jordan in Steamboat Springs. Great seeing you!



# PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Elaine & Bill Saulnier

We have been quite busy with the Airstream attending all the Rallies so far in 2024 including Region 9 in Bandera and Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado, AK. This latter was a first for us and we had a great time with several fellow THLAC members as well as other attendees. We can recommend this one as a really good time in a really nice and friendly place. As I was blocking traffic trying to figure out where the entrance was a local resident pulled up beside me and ignoring the blaring horns, calmly gave me great directions even though he had nothing to do with the Rally.

Our big trip recently was attending my oldest granddaughter's wedding in Hawaii. We left the Airstream and dogs home for this one and stayed in a nice hotel on Waikiki Beach. There were a number of cruises and events as well as the main event at a ranch on the north side of Oahu. On most mornings family members had coffee downstairs which was really a nice opportunity to visit. In between activities we toured around the island and generally had a great time.

Getting ready for the UP Caravan we took our Airstream to DFW Airstream for some minor repairs and upgrades and ran into THLAC members John and Tanya Parrish in the waiting room. You never know when you will run into Airstream friends.

