

The Alamo Bugle Texas Alamo Unit



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Well, it's that time of year again, installation of a new TAU president. It's been an honor to have been your president for the past year. We've instituted Friday night tech talks and made it easier for members to register online for both TAU and ACI events with updates to the website. The website improvements have also made volunteering to host our rallies simpler and improved our ability to determine how many will be attending each rally.

I am truly grateful to all of you for your assistance over this past year, especially following my surgery. Mostly, however, I appreciate your camaraderie and friendship. TAU has an amazing group of members and I am proud to be one of them.

September will be our installation rally at Lake Buchanan. Diane and I recently made a trip up there to check it out. There is a very nice rally hall as well as a separate games hall. We did some taste testing at a local restaurant that I think you'll all enjoy for our installation dinner.

Until then, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you later this month at Lake Buchanan. Safe travels. Rich



President Rich Espinosa



Sept 27-29, 2024

Lake Buchanan 1420 FM690, Burnet, TX 78611 512 234 2381

October 25-27, 2024

Open Air Resort 25928 Haynie Flat Road Spicewood, TX 78669 844-350-1517 www.openairrv.com/communities/spi cewood/

November 22-24, 2024

Bending Oaks Ranch RV Resort 5681 E US Highway 290 Fredericksburg, TX 78624 830-997-4796 www.bendingoaksranch.com

January 24-26, 2025

Longhorn RV Resort 23932 Camino Real Niederwald, TX 78640 512-398-3677 www.longhornrvresort.com

February 28-March 2, 2025

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg 2647 N Hwy 87 Fredericksburg, TX 78624 830-992-1237 www.thevineyardsrvpark.com

March 28-30, 2025

Brazos Valley RV Park 2190 State Highway 21 E Caldwell, TX 77836 979-200-3007 www.brazosvalleyrvpark.com

April 25-27, 2025

Comfort RV Resort 145 Hermann Sons Rd E Comfort, TX 78013 210-992-2837 www.comfortrvresort.com

May 23-25, 2025

Wilderness Lakes RV Resort 22552 Park Rd 25 Mathis, TX 78368 361-547-9995 www.wildernesslakesrv.com

September 26-28, 2025

Miller Creek RV Park 5618 Us-281 Johnson City, TX 78636 830-868-2655 www.millercreekrvpark.com





SEPTEMBER

Birthdays: 10 Geno Dunn 12 Morris Camp 22 Susan Postlethwait 22 Denise Tillman 22 Tom Rogers 23 Cathy Willis 28 George Taylor

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Anniversary: 19 Susan and Les Postlewait 22 Stephanie and Steven McConnell 26 Betty and Geno Dunn 27 Diana and David Flores



Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour 6 pm Potluck Dinner

Friday:

4 pm Social Hour 5 pm Opening Ceremonies 6 pm Dinner

Saturday

8:30 am Breakfast 4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees 5 pm Social Hour 6 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Games

Sunday

8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Devotional

Have we missed Your birthday or

What We Did On Our Summer Vacation:

We went on our longest Airstream trip to date this summer, leaving on June 27 and returning on August 2. Departure took us on a four day "slow ride" to Santa Fe, NM, with a stop in Carlsbad to tour the cavern.

We "lived" in Santa Fe from July 1 through July 20. Saw old friends, made new friends, toured the sights, visited the Opera, saw the history at Los Alamos, and ate a lot of green chili everything. I even set up a temporary office there and knocked out a couple of mediations by Zoom.

We departed July 21 heading for Alpine TX for the Viva Big Bend Music Festival. We met up with another couple that we met through a Grapes & Grains rally, and did the music festival for a week. Highly recommend this festival!

We departed Alpine for another "slow ride" home, with our typical stop at Seminole Canyon State Park for two nights.

Back to reality! Yard, house, business, and planning for our trip to International!







Mari and Jimmy's Epic Alaskan Adventure

Jimmy and Mari are traveling the North to Alaska caravan that is 2 months long. On July the 10th we met all those traveling on this caravan in Dawson Creek, B.C., the Zero Mile of the Alaska Highway that began in 1942. 32 rigs!! Several from Florida, others were from DE, RI, IA, GA, NV, CO, VA, KY, NC, IN, CA,TX (2), and two couples from Ontario!

Our co-leaders are great. 26 stops in 63 days, almost 5 thousand miles. In Dawson City, YT we crossed the Yukon River on a ferry, 2 rigs at a time, then traveled the famed Taylor Highway to Chicken, AK, 108 miles of washboard roads and mud. Jimmy averaged at 15 mph. All trucks and trailers were covered with thick layers of mud! Before reaching Chicken, we viewed the fabulous view at the Top of the Alaska Highway. Delta Junction, AK is the end of the Alaska Highway at Mile 1422.

In Fairbanks we rode a riverboat which had presentations along the river then stopped to tour a native village/museum; saw caribou, how they smoked salmon, sled dogs pulling a ATV. We saw the beautiful native clothes and their handmade artwork. We enjoyed that so very much!

We camped in North Pole, where the biggest Santa Claus/Christmas Store is located. Jimmy and I have fun browsing through it. Of course, I bought some holiday gifts!

We have only completed half of the caravan. At several stops we spent 2-4 nights at each campground. We take turns in assisting those leaving the campground to check their trailers and help those arriving and leading them to their sites. At most campgrounds, a buffet dinner was organized on arrival day. We have cook teams preparing dinners. We have free days at each stops. Weather wise, we have had more rain and cold (low 50's!) than sunny days.

We left San Antonio on the 26th of June. We will return on September 29th. JAMAR3 being our home for 3 months is something we never thought we would do. We are thrilled to have this opportunity. Sophie, and our cats, Mickey and Zoe have been great travelers.

Alaska, Continued





