

The Bluebonnet

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President's Message

We all made it back to September and a lot has happened since my last president's message. We had the August luncheon at HiSign Brewery that provided an opportunity to catch up with folks and hear the great stories everyone had with traveling over the summer. HiSign Brewery had some delicious food from a food truck and the drinks were very refreshing since it was very hot outside. Thanks, Jerry, for suggesting HiSign Brewery for our luncheon. Also, in the end of August we had our Labor Day Rally at Mother Neff State Park. For all those that didn't know, Mother Neff State Park is one of the first Texas State Parks. The CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was the group of men that built the original park. Summer camping in Texas lived up to its reputation and gave us some hot days. Bob and Sylvia Lemley had the foresight to save us from the heat and reserved the park's cabin for the group. It was a great way for us to get together. For this rally, we had a great tour of the Baylor campus, the Homestead Heritage and we were serenaded by some SpaceX rocket testing.

IBT Updates - The last IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting was held in August and a couple significant changes were approved. First, the annual airstream membership dues are increasing from \$75 to \$99. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me. There is a lifetime membership within the club as an option. Check out the link: [Lifetime Membership](#) for additional information. This membership is based on age; check out the [Rate Chart](#) for specific fees. Secondly IBT approved moving from an accounting fiscal year to a calendar year. With this change the local clubs are being asked to consider moving to a calendar year. I don't see this request as being an issue for our unit. A survey will be sent out requesting that you vote for or against the motion moving to a calendar year accounting cycle. The results will be presented at the November installation rally to either pass or fail.

International rally in Sedelia, MO – The start of the international caravan is just a few weeks away. Don't forget to get your registration in for the Region 9 breakfast on October 7, 2024 at 8 AM ([Region Breakfast](#)). Reservations for the breakfast closes on September 10th. Region 9 is hosting the blood drive at the rally and I am responsible for the blood drive on Tuesday October 8th. As I write this there are only 2 volunteer spots available on Tuesday. ([Blood drive volunteers](#)) There are many other ways to volunteer at the rally – here's the link to the overall volunteer page: [Volunteer](#). Allison and I were shuttle drivers at Rock Springs and we had a lot of fun driving people around. Golf carts and bicycles are also available for rental. Depending where you are parked, there will be a ½ to ¾ mile walk to get to the main event area. Golf cart and Bicycle reservations link: [Cart/Bike](#).

Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange, TX (November 7 -10) – This will be our officer installation rally. Nancy Fitzgerald – Region 9 Past President will be conducting our officer installation. Book your site by calling the Colorado Landing (979) 968-9465 and letting them know you are with the Texas Hill Country Unit. Please also let me know that you will be coming so I have a count.

I would like to welcome our new members Keith and Kimberly Taber, Pennie Pittman, Bob and Denise Bauer. I would like to welcome new affiliates David and Becky Johnson. Allison and I look forward to seeing each of you are a future rally.



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Newsletter Chick: *AllyEbbers*



Meet Pennie Pittman

In 2021, after my husband pass I retired as a Pipeline Inspector in the gas/oil industry. I have spent many years living in an RV but this is my very first Airstream.

I have 5 wonderful grown Kids. In November I will be blessed with my 12th grandchild and have 1 great grandson who will be 1 year old next month.

I am very excited to be a "new to me" airstream owner. In June of this year I purchase my 1964 Bambi II from my sister in Corvallis, OR. This little gem has sat in

a field since 2005, use only once in 2008. It now resides in Jonestown, TX. Other than polish, the exterior is in excellent condition. The inside was not so fortunate . Sadly it needs a complete interior renovation. I have now completed as much interior gutting as I can do. Obviously I won't be traveling it for awhile.

I actually bought this airstream as a project for my-



self. There are a lot of things I have the knowledge to do but I am also aware of my limitations. If you, or someone you know, could give me some advice as to who in the greater Austin, TX area I could talk to about repairs I would greatly appreciate the info.



Note from Ally: Top pic is obviously the very cute outside of the rig. Second from top pic is before it was gutted. Next two pics are of the little Bambi gutted.

Pennie joined us at the Mother Neff Labor Day rally. Hope to see her at a rally soon with the Bambi. It's gonna be a beaut!



New Members:

- * Keith and Kimberly Taber of Kerrville, TX
- * Pennie Pittman of Kyle, TX
- * Bob and Denise Bauer of Anna, TX

New Affiliate Members:

- * Becky and David Johnson of Weatherford, TX

*We also have several members who have renewed.
Thank you for choosing THCU!*



SEPTEMBER

- 22 Carlos Fernandez
- 25 Robert Lemley

OCTOBER

- 01 Cheryl Fernandez
- 03 Linda Esper
- 08 Robert Grimes
- 08 Clarita Walker
- 16 Daniel Marek
- 27 Michael Stanley
- 30 Carol Wallace
- 30 Allison Ebbers

- Sep 04 Mark and Peggy Knox
- Sep 11 Jerry and Patti Phillippe
- Sep 12 Robert and Jan Grimes
- Sep 22 Kevin and Felicia Johnson
- Sep 24 John and Tamara Burnsed Cragle
- Oct 04 Keegan and Brooke Carrick
- Oct 15 Carlos and Cheryl Fernandez
- Oct 16 Brian and Clarita Walker



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





For 2025, there are several open THCU officer positions which need to be filled with volunteers. IF you are a THCU Member and would like to volunteer in one of the following positions, please contact me (ally.ebbers@gmail.com) or Mike Green (tractor_dude97@yahoo.com). We can provide additional information regarding each position. Thank you in advance for volunteering—without volunteers, this unit will not be able to offer the activities we do throughout the year

Open positions are:

- ⇒ 2nd VP
- ⇒ Recording Secretary
- ⇒ Treasurer
- ⇒ 1 year Director
- ⇒ 2 year Director

2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebbers—
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: <open>
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



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THCU Labor Day Rally at Mother Neff State Park in pictures:



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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

Below is the list of THCU activities for next year 2025. (Hosts are required for THCU Rallies highlighted in yellow):

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	Mardi Gras! Galveston	Galveston, TX	Region 9 event	Region 9 volunteers. No host needed
Feb	Feb 27-Mar 3	THCU Rally	US RV Park/ Marina Bay Kemah, TX	See page x for Rally information. You can Book now!!	Sue and Craig Fegley
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 more 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: Region 9/NTAC Stchin' and Fishin' Rally ACI (airstreamclub.org)</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: Region 9 2024 Ham Radio Rally ACI (airstreamclub.org)</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; Norte Tacos provides tacos and quesadilla and Ranch House offers bowls, sandwiches and burgers. (Click on the links to see the menus.)</p>
Aug 29-Sept 2 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	



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.



THCU Kemah, TX Rally at USA RV Resorts, Marina Bay

Thursday, February 27 through Sunday, March 02, 2025

925 Marina Bay Drive

Kemah, Texas 77565

REGISTER: To reserve a site call 281-334-9944 and let Ariel or Sherri know you are with the Texas hill country air-stream unit. RV sites are 65 feet pull through sites for \$49/night. There are currently 15 sites reserved in a group.

Hosts Sue and Craig Fegley

Rally Fee: Estimated at \$10/pp

Preliminary Agenda:

Thursday, February 27

Check in at noon

Happy Hour and/or dinner out

Friday, February 28

Tram tour/general admission of NASA Space Center. 10am -5 pm go to space [center.org](https://www.nasa.gov/centers) to learn more . Tickets are about \$45 per person ; if we have enough going, there will be a lower group rate.

Saturday, March 01

On your own. Lots of shopping, restaurants , entertainment on the boardwalk etc within walking distance. Or moody gardens in Galveston, shopping on the strand, beach combing, sea wolf park (submarine tour).

Saturday evening - happy hour at the RV park or go to the final night of Mardis Gras in Galveston

Sunday, March 02

Donuts/coffee. Pack up and head home

Check out is at noon





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](#)

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.



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