

President's Message

By Rick Elkins

What a blessed rewarding experience of leading our club's caravan consisting of 18 rigs to the 2024 International rally in Sedalia, MO. After 6 months of planning the route, our campground stops and activities/events primarily with club member Wayne

Wilkerson, it was a great trip, that is described in this newsletter by Tracy Elkins. For the majority of those in the caravan, it was their first caravan and their first International Rally, so the excitement level was very high.

The Airstream's we travel in are certainly great vehicles that make exploring and adventure more easily accessed by all members, but for me this value pales in comparison to the friendships and community of our members working together, supporting one another in how we make memories, resolve problems, and share knowledge for traveling safely.

When you drive trailers over different terrains, exposed to the elements of the surrounding environments, there invariably will be issues or needs arise during travel. Some are minor in nature others more severe. What is great about this club is when these occur, the members of the club quickly rally in significant numbers in support of those in need by sharing tools, knowledge, parts, acquired skills and encouragement.

This support and giving nature, rivals the bonds that families have for one another, and always finds its way to those in need. Through my Presidency thus far, this has been the message that repeats its self over and over, this club is a family and any family member in need always gets the support it needs to overcome an issue.

In October alone, for the trailer maintenance side, I witnessed club members assisting with power issues, a propane regulator replacement, a wheel bearing replacement, a tire removal and replacement, and a stabilizer power issue. For events and activities, members volunteered for whatever was needed to setup/teardown, decorate, transport, or in some cases encourage as needed.

I want to take a minute to thank all members for their time, encouragement and support to me as I serve as 2024 Club President, it is never taken for granted. Working with new member's where I get to see their excitement as they get involved with the club is very rewarding for me. Everyone should get involved with rallies by co-hosting with experienced hosts, life long friendships often start there, and I encourage you to ask Ron and Janice Lange to share their feelings on this with you as they have with me.

Some special member recognitions for their support in club key areas of need, Caren Bundy for our caravan financial support, Wayne Wilkerson

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for his caravan planning/execution support, Ed Ferrin for his photography support, Tom Raia for his drone video support, Cindy West for her newsletter support, Vernon & Jerry Goodwin for their knowledge in maintenance and rally support given during the caravan and prior to Sedalia arrival, Jan Rightmyer for her organizing sock charity drive, Tom & Vicki Ketchum great performance by the band at International rally, Eric McMurphy for being the “smart & talented” half of the ER (Eric & Rick) fixit team (I find it, he fixes it), and to Tracy Elkins for her continued overall membership support in multiple areas while wearing many hats.

Don't miss the final two rallies of 2024, a November Joint rally at TAHI in Zavala, TX with Texas Gulf Coast Unit, McAnulty and Adams hosts and the December Club Officer Installation rally at On the Lake Park on Lake Livingston hosted by the Wests and Elkins. End of the year raffle for the Weber Grill Grand Prize coming soon at December Rally!

Great month of October 2024, thank you club members one and all!

Rick



Region 9 Updates

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Hello Airstream Friends:

We have just completed the 67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Region 9 had several events at the Rally, including the Region 9 Breakfast and we continue the recent tradition of coordinating the Blood Drive at International. This year we partnered with Kansas City's Community Blood Center with a goal of collecting 120 Units of Blood. The event went exceptionally well; we collected 164 units of blood, which exceeded the goal. We came in at 136% of goal and potentially saved 492 lives. Scott Graham is the coordinator with Anna & David Brandon, Tim & Allison Ebbers and Nancy Fitzgerald coordinating the onsite event. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that worked the drive and those that donated - your support is very much appreciated.

If you're looking for the best Mardi Gras in Texas, it's time to register for Streamin' on the Strand! This one-of-a-kind Airstream Rally is centered around the 114th Galveston Mardi Gras. Airstreams will line either side of the Parade Route in the Entertainment District during the first weekend of Mardi Gras! Galveston. In its 4th year, the dates for this National Event Rally are Feb 20-23, 2025. Registration is open at <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-2025>

The dates of March 26 - 30, 2025 are set for the Region 9 Rally and I am actively looking for Committees to plan and execute this annual Rally. The Rally location is Brackenridge Recreational Complex in Edna TX. Drop me an e-mail at region9wbcci@gmail.com or call 281.725.1672 if you can assist either as a committee chair or member.

Check out our Region 9 Website at <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9> for details on other upcoming Region 9 events. I am looking forward to staying in touch!

All the best,
Tracy Elkins
Region 9 President
281-725-1672



RALLIES AND CARAVANS



It could be you! Ticket winners are in the running for the End of Year Grand Prize, an Airstream Weber 1200 propane grill. The following are ticket winners to date:

2/9/24 Lisa Feine - 5 Tickets
3/2/24 Justin Hargadine - 5 Tickets
3/2/24 Holly McMurphy - 5 Tickets
3/3/24 Eric McMurphy - 5 Tickets
3/3/24 Bruce Lee - 5 Tickets
4/20/24 Ron Lange - 5 Tickets
4/20/24 Jim Miller - 5 Tickets
5/02/24 Richard Cull - 5 Tickets
5/25/24 Ashley Billard - 5 Tickets
Rick Elkins - 5 Tickets
Janice Lange - 1 Ticket
Dan McAnulty - 1 Ticket
5/26/24 Julie Kulak - 2 Tickets
Deborah Davis - 1 Ticket
John Davis - 1 Ticket
Caren Bundy - 1 Ticket

6/29/24 Jerry Goodwin - 5 Tickets
Wayne Wilkerson - 5 Tickets
9/28/24 Eric McMurphy - 5 Tickets

Rally raffle tickets are won in various competitions/games at each rally. Talent, skills, and luck play a part in winning raffle tickets, but only possible if members are present at the rally. Don't miss out on fun, contribution to TRWB, and a chance to win a new grill!

Recommended Pet Policy for Events

All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leashes when outside the Airstream. Always check collars and leashes to ensure they fit correctly and are working properly. A size-appropriate pet containment system can be used at the campsite. Pets are not permitted in the buildings or outside dining areas during a meal except for working service animals. Well-mannered dogs are welcome to play and exercise in designated dog parks. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag.





Staging before parking in Sedalia, includes GHAC, TGCU, & TPAC Members

67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally Missouri State Fairgrounds - Sedalia, MO

October 5 – 10, 2024

By: Tracy Elkins – BRN 9713



Part 1. The Caravan

The annual International Airstream Rally is an epic event where we unite in a shared passion for adventure, exploration and the iconic Airstream lifestyle. Something many of us look forward to each year. It is a time to meet up with friends from around Airstream World, hear about the latest in technologies and best practices and celebrate with fun activities mixed with some longstanding traditions. The 84-acre Missouri State Fairgrounds was a

great venue to house almost 1,400 Airstreams and all the things that meld together to make the annual International Rally the place for Fun in the Fall!

According to customary practices, Club President Rick Elkins with assistance from incoming 2nd VP Wayne Wilkerson, planned and led a Caravan that started with 17 Airstreams and multiplied along the way to a grand total of 34 Airstreams by the time we reached the staging area for parking in Sedalia! The caravan “jumped off” (a caravan term) following the GHAC September Rally in Rusk, TX. At every stop or tour, we knew we could count on Ed Ferrin to assemble us and get a group photo; we can’t thank



Texarkana - 1st Night of the Caravan

Ed enough for taking the time to do this, we are all very grateful. The first stop was in Texarkana where we had a Caravan Dinner in the Campground Rally Room. Pizza, Salad, Rotisserie Chicken, Cheesecake and Hippy Juice were just what hungry caravanners needed. There were a couple of points of interest suggested but since it was only a one-night stop, most didn’t venture far after the Driver’s Meeting.



Happy Hour around the Campfire at Maumelle COE Park

We had a leisurely start the following morning with muffins, fruit, and coffee before we hit the road headed for Little Rock, AR and a beautiful COE Campground at Maumelle. All the caravan stops were around 160-miles apart to allow time for site seeing after we got set up. We were lucky to be able to check-in and set up a little early in Maumelle. Only one rig had to wait a bit for someone to clear out of their reserved site.

Rick arranged a dinner tour of a decommissioned and repurposed Titan Missile Site near Vilonia, AR. Titan Ranch is privately owned and now houses a bed & breakfast in what was once the Missile Launch Control Center. The nearby missile silo was imploded and capped when the program was decommissioned. In 1962, the complex was constructed and held the largest warhead the United States military ever placed on an ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) facility. The facility itself was designed to remain intact in the event of a nuclear strike. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced the retirement of the Titan II program, and subsequently deactivated all Titan II missile silos. The property was returned to the previous landowners after it was decommissioned in 1985.

In 2010, GT Hill purchased the site for \$70,000 and renovations got underway, including digging out 25 feet of concrete, scrap iron, gravel, and dirt and clearing out groundwater that flooded the bottom of the facility. Due to financial constraints imposed by the inability to acquire insurance, G.T. worked on the facility on a number of years before it was ready to host it's first visitors in 2019 – a training seminar for the Air Force. After that initial success, in 2020 the property was offered for overnight stays and now is a popular destination for many that crave a unique experience. Our group of 30 traversed the descent some 50+ feet below ground where



Tour of Little Rock's Historic Central High School

Owner and Historian, G.T. Hill provided historical information on the construction of the Launch Center and his renovation efforts while we dined on a BBQ dinner. G.T. has constructed a to-scale replica of a Titan Missile and has plans to offer rooms in it very soon.

On Tuesday we had a couple of tours arranged in Little Rock. The first was the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM); home to the USS Razorback (SS 394) and USS Hoga (YT 146). Opened since 2005, many are bemused at the thought of having a submarine in Arkansas! The genesis of the museum came in 2001, when a group of U.S. Navy veterans started efforts to bring the USS Razorback back to America from Turkey after its decommission from the Turkish Navy. The museum consists of three Army Corp of Engineer barges, which hold the museum, waiting room, and observation deck. The museum's primary exhibit is USS Razorback, a Balao-class submarine, which served during World War II (commissioned in 1944) and then served in the Korean, Vietnam and Cold Wars. The submarine was eventually transferred to the Turkish Navy (serving as TCG Muratreis until 2001) before returning to the US to become a museum ship. It is the longest-serving submarine still existing in the world and was commissioned by the United States and Turkey for 57 years of active duty. The museum provides tours of Razorback and even offers sleepovers on the submarine; though we couldn't seem to interest anyone in an overnight stay, several did try out the bunks as they



Checking out the Bunks in the Submarine - USS Razorback at Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum

toured through this piece of history. The museum's collection also includes the Hoga, a US Navy tugboat. This vessel, which survived and responded to the Attack on Pearl Harbor, was acquired by the museum on 28 November 2015. Ed Ferrin, who has captured wonderful photographs throughout the Rally and Caravan, took a couple of shots on the deck of the Hoga. The museum has vessels that are bookends for the US in World War II, with Hoga from the beginning of the war at Pearl Harbor, alongside Razorback which was present in Tokyo Bay at the surrender of Japan.

After the AIMM tours there were trolley rides and explorations in downtown Little Rock followed by the next tour conducted by a National Park Ranger at the historic Little Rock Central High. Little Rock Central High School – now a National Historic Site – was in 1957 the epicenter of confrontation



Trolley Ride in Little Rock

and a catalyst for change as the fundamental test for the United States to enforce African American civil rights following Brown v. Board of Education. The Park Ranger described how the sacrifice and struggle endured by the Little Rock Nine have provided opportunities and opened doors for those seeking equality and education around the world. Afterwards we were returned to the campground for a Happy Hour at the Sheridan's Site with a nice campfire beneath the huge trees.

On Wednesday we continued our trek North to Branson, MO where we stayed at Table Rock State Park. After we set up in our sites, we took a short drive to Top of the Rock where we toured the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum followed by golf cart tours of the Lost Canyon Cave & Nature Trail. The museum features an impressive collection of artifacts, interactive exhibits, and historical memorabilia; we found ourselves face-to-face with prehistoric creatures, galleries showcasing the American West and civil war, and astounding collections of Native Americans curated under the direction of founder Johnny Morris.

If this wasn't impressive enough, we then explored the Top of the Rock Lost Canyon and Nature Trail. This dramatic 2.5-mile self-guided golf cart tour was amazing. Its beautiful trail created to highlight stunning rock formations, waterfalls,



College of the Ozarks - Hard Work U

and lake views. The winding trail will also take us through a marvelous cave where we found refreshments at the Bat Bar as well as the scenic overlook where we stepped out onto the skybridge for a breathtaking view of the Ozarks. There were a couple of dining options at Top of the Rock that several took advantage of while others headed back to the campground after a very full day.

Thursday marked the last full day of the caravan. Mid-morning exploration around Branson led to a tour of the College of the Ozarks where we had a lovely lunch with a student from the college that told us about the founding and philosophy of Hard Work U. College of the Ozarks is a private Christian college in Point Lookout, Missouri. The college has an enrollment of 1,426 and over 30 academic majors in Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs. The college charges no tuition for full-time students due to its student work program and donations. The vision of College of the Ozarks is to develop citizens of Christlike character who are well-educated, hardworking, and patriotic. To achieve this vision, the College has Academic, Vocational, Christian, Patriotic and Cultural pillars. The College has a farm-to-table restaurant, Dobyns Dining Room, where we had a scrumptious lunch grown and prepared by the students under the direction of its teaching staff. Housed in the largest and most lavish log cabin you can imagine, Keeter Center, is also the home of Mabee Lodge

– Branson's finest hotel. With a myriad of shops, baked goods, ice cream, and historic sites, College of the Ozarks is sure to be a place that created memories to cherish for years to come for our caravanners.



Part 2. The Rally

Friday dawned crisp and clear, and we got an early start for our ultimate destination – the 67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. Because we were among the largest caravan groups arriving, the Rally Arrival Team (affectionately known as RATs), asked that we assemble the 34 Rigs at a nearby Shopping Center at 11 am and then come into the Fairgrounds to be parked. At the Shopping Center, our GHAC Caravan doubled in size as rigs from Texas Gulf Coast Unit, Texas Plains Airstream Club and even one rig from the Music City Airstream Club joined us. It was quite a feat getting everyone together and lined up. We were very grateful that Jerry Goodwin, who had parked a day earlier, came over to help us all get out of the shopping center onto the busy street that led us to the highly anticipated Gate 9 at the Fairgrounds.



RATs were quick to get our big group assembled in four rows in a grassy field. We waited a bit here where we received instructions from Papa Smurf (a highly trained RAT) on how to follow Mooch – our parker RAT – across the public street to the Orange Lot (where we parked). The process was slow, but well done. By 3 pm our crew were all in their sites and setting up. We all had 50-amp power and full hook-ups. The water and sewer connections were many times a bit further than we were accustomed to, so it was beneficial that many campers packed additional lengths of sewer and water hoses. The day started early for most everyone so by the time we got set up, we were ready to wind it down. Happy hour and dinner groups formed quickly to celebrate our arrival.



Happy Hour at the Kulaks in Sedalia

Saturday was the opening day of the International Rally with ceremonies starting in the early evening. There were several events leading up to the Opening Ceremonies, but also an opportunity to explore Sedalia, which many took advantage of. A huge thank



Rehearsal for Opening Ceremony with Rick presenting GHAC Flag with other Club Presidents & Tracy Elkins, R9 President

you to Pam Alley for crafting the salami roses for the Charcuterie boards at the Region Officers Social. Kicking off the Opening Ceremony is the highlight and long-standing tradition - the Flag Ceremony. GHAC was represented in the Ceremony by President Rick Elkins presenting the Club Flag and GHAC First Lady Tracy Elkins, who also serves as Region 9 President. The MC for the evening was Millie O'Donnell, International VP, and the welcome address was given by International President Eric McHenry.

For the following 5 days, the Rally will be in full swing. From presentations and seminars, rally goers flocked to learn and hear and do. It's also a great time to catch up with friends that have been made at past rallies or caravans but live all across the country. The Commercial Building marked the location to get registered, to visit the Region and Caravan Information Tables, to check out the



On Monday morning lots of early risers were on hand for a hearty meal at the Region 9 Breakfast. Big thanks to Wayne & Liza Wilkerson and Natalie Garrett for helping with the set-up. There were 260 Region 9 members there – a record crowd. Region 9 also sponsors the Blood Drive at the Rally. This year was an all-time record for us – we collected 163 units with a dollar value of \$41,000. Thank you to all that volunteered to donate at the Drive.



Airstream Club Store, get a new badge made or pick up mail & parcels. There was also a section reserved for the photography contest where five GHAC members entered pieces that placed in the Winner's Circle. Our congratulations to John Davis, Ed Ferrin, Felicia Petit, Tom Raia, and Cindy West for the recognition of their talents in First, Second or Honorable Mention across several categories. There were over 70 exhibitors at the Rally – one of the largest yet and they were set up in two buildings. Throughout the Rally you saw or heard of people getting their rigs serviced, inspected, repaired or upgraded right on site! Raffles and door prize drawings were everywhere. Each morning the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) sponsored coffee and donuts. A highlight is always the VAC Parade and Open House; such pride and craftsmanship goes into maintaining the vintage rigs.



Some of the winners of the photography



Opening Ceremony with Pres Rick Presenting GHAC Flag

Weeks and weeks before the Rally, Natalie Garrett suggested that GHAC come to the VAC Halloween Dance as M*A*S*H #155 – you could choose to be character from the Show or a doctor/patient. The idea took hold and what costumes we had. President Rick became Doc Elkins, Urologist – CMe2P – a Medicare doctor (pretty scary, huh); First Lady Tracy was a bloody patient, but don't worry, there was no pain with her Grey Goose IV Drip. Paul Garrett came as Dr Slaughter and his patient, Natalie Garrett, definitely looked as if she had been slaughtered (phenomenal make-up job, Natalie), Doctor / Nurse Duo John & Terry Fuseliers offered Surgery Anytime with several closure options from a zipper to good ol' duct tape. Then we had a bevy of M*A*S*H characters, Radar, Lt Col Henry Blake, Hawkeye, Trapper John, Hot Lips Houlihan (way to rock the costume, Pam Alley), and BJ Hunnicutt, the only ones missing were Corporal Klinger and Father Mulcahy. A big thank-you to Jim Feine for making the magnetic name badges.



Fun in the Fall - Wayne and Liza giving Paul & Natalie a Golf Cart Ride

If you see Gary or Pam Alley, Mike or Ginger Ainsworth, Ed or Sharlene Ferrin, David or Felicia Petit, Vernon or Jo Goodwin, Jerry Goodwin, John or Deborah Davis, Eric or Holly McMurphy, Jim or Lisa Feine, Lisa or Richard Sambrano, Allen, Julie or Jaycen Kulak, Tim or Cindy West, Tom or Susan Rai`a, Wayne or Liza Wilkerson – be sure to get the low down on their costume – everyone looked so good – and be sure to check out the group photo by Ed Ferrin. It was a rip-roaring good night at the Swine Barn which had been transformed by Artwork from James Stahl and Jennie Schnettler to look like downtown Jackson Center, OH.



Paul & Natalie - swap meet.



There was plenty to keep everyone hopping. Another favorite may have been the Swap Meet followed by the Happy Hour on Thursday. Several GHAC Members brought their crafts and wares to Sedalia where they found a host of eager buyers. By 5 pm everyone was pumped and ready to tell stories of what they bought or sold during the meet, so it was perfect timing for a Happy Hour. Over 50 attended. Pam Alley had



Happy Hour!

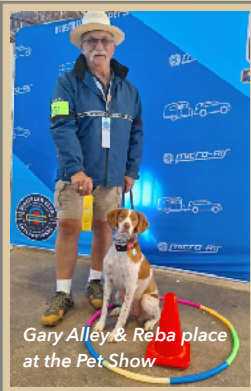
brewed up a cooler of Sweet Tea Vodka Spritzers and everyone brought snacks for an all-out feast. The Closing Ceremony included a live band that many made their way to. Imagine the surprise later in the evening with a magnificent showing of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) – we didn't expect to see it so clearly through our night settings on cameras and its colors reflecting off the Airstreams was a site to behold. Such an enjoyable evening and a terrific way to wrap up the 67th Rally.



Some of the GHAC Ladies at the Tea Party

As Friday rolled around several had already made their way toward home

but most of us were packing up and saying our so-longs and see-you-down-the roads. We had great weather, fun people and lots to do. Big thanks to all that volunteered to make this a wonderful experience!



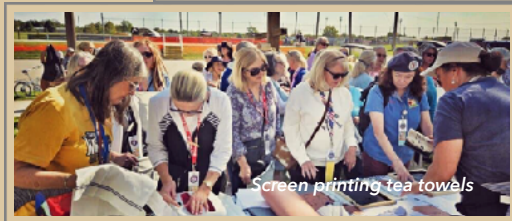
Gary Alley & Reba place at the Pet Show



Ed & Sharlene swing dancing. Opening Ceremonies



Pam Alley & Jo Goodwin making Tea Towels



Screen printing tea towels



Rick & Tracy Elkins at the Region Office's Social hosted by Region 9



Rick's Leadership Award presented by Eric McHenry



Heading out after the Rally.

Thankful for Our Silver Bullet Lives!

TGCU & GHAC – Toasting & Roasting the Turkey!

Plus, the 2nd Annual Saturday Night Square Dance Fun

November 7-10, 2024 - Texas Airstream Harbor Airstream Park

Thursday, November 7 – Gathering Our Communities

- 5:00 pm Happy Hour at Clubhouse. Bring a beverage to toast a Thanksgiving blessing to new friends. Wear your comfiest!
- 6:00 pm Casserole Comfort Food (Bring a beverage and setups.)
- 7:00 pm Games & Community Firepits on the Patio

Friday, November 8 – Being Thankful

- 9:00 am Morning Coffee & Sweetbreads at Clubhouse
- 10:00 am TAHI Board Meeting
- 4:30 pm Happy Hour at Jon & LaVerne Villanti's Cabana at 210 Oak. (Bring a beverage.)
- 6:00 pm Taco Soup and all the fixins. Bring a snack, salad, condiment, or dessert to accompany the soup. Wear your favorite flannel shirt or sweatshirt. It is all about getting ready for Thanksgiving feeding and dancing. (Bring a beverage and setups)
- 7:00 pm Fellowship & Campfires

Saturday, November 9 – Sharing Thanksgiving Blessings

- 7:00 am Breakfast with Bodacious Breakfast Crew (Bring setups)
- 9:00 am TGCU Board Meeting
- 10:00 am TGCU Membership Meeting
- 2:00 pm Trailer Clinic at Clubhouse
- 3:00 pm Ice Cream Social at Clubhouse
- 6:00 pm Roast Turkey, Trimmings, & Pie. (Bring your own beverage. Setups provided) Wear your expandable sweatpants!
- 7:00 pm Saturday Night Square Dance Fun!

Sunday, November 10 – Honoring the Season

- 8:30 am Coffee & Pastries in Clubhouse
- 9:00 am Devotional
- 9:30 am Clubhouse Clean-Up



Estimated Costs:

- TAHI Parking Fee - \$20 per night, full hookups 30 amp (Pay at door)**
- Rally Fee - \$15 per person (Pay at door)**

Rally

DEC
5-8

The Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC)

presents

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S
CHRISTMAS VACATION
and
INSTALLATION RALLY

Bring your RV palace and join the GHAC Airstreamers for this full-blown, four-alarm holiday treat you won't want to miss. You will enjoy a fun-themed, continuous party with some of the jolliest bunch this side of the nuthouse. You'll love hearing the words, "Can I refill your eggnog for you? Get you something to eat?" over and over again. Sign up now, but "don't worry, we're gonna save the neck for you!"

Onalaska RV Park On the Lake RV Resort, 15152 US Highway 190 W, Onalaska, TX (936) 646-3824. Call and book your camping site. Be sure to tell them you are with the GHAC Rally. ALSO, register for the rally (link below) \$25 per person.



Complete schedule will be provided after registration. Here's some of the fun you can expect.

Thursday ... Afternoon arrival and Dinner at Jerry's Restaurant, followed by team games.

Friday ... Breakfast, crafts, puzzles and games, Christmas Charcuterie Happy Hour, Dinner with Lampoon costume contest, Team Games and LCR.

Saturday ... Breakfast, learning time, special doggie event, explore Onalaska, Christmas Happy Hour, CATERED MEAL from Joe's Italian, INSTALLATION CEREMONY, Raffles, Gift Exchange

Sunday ... Breakfast, Morning Devotions and special music

- Installation Ceremony
- Catered Dinner
- Griswold Award for best Lampoon costume
- Special pet event
- Games and Contests
- Gift exchange
- Christmas Charcuterie
- Lampoon Trivia contest
- Raffles



Bring your own moose mug! No set-up bags ❤️



WE'RE ALL GONNA
HAVE SO MUCH FUN
WE'LL NEED PLASTIC
SURGERY TO REMOVE
OUR SMILES.
-Clark Griswold

JOIN US FOR THE
HAP, HAP, HAPPIEST
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SINCE BING CROSBY TAP-
DANCED WITH DANNY KAYE!

REGISTER NOW

Please note: The December Rally is approved as a Buddy Rally (Members can invite one Rig per Membership to attend that is Some Other Brand). Being a friend!



2024 GHAC Rally Schedule

[Click for Details](#)

- November 7 - 10, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Gulf Coast Unit at TAHI, Zavala, Tx
- December 5 - 8, 2024 Christmas/Installation Rally at On the Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, Tx

2025 GHAC Rally Schedule

[Click for Details](#)

- January 18, 2025 - Annual Luncheon at the historic Brandt 1910, Wallis, TX
- February 20-23, 2025 - Rally at the Summer Breeze RV Park, Brookshire, TX
- March 26-30, 2025 - Region 9 Rally at Brackenridge RV Park, Edna, TX
- April 24-27, 2025 - Joint Rally with the Texas Hill Country Unit at The Hilltop RV Park, Brenham, TX
- May 15-18, 2025 - Rally and Annual Business Meeting at Brazos Bend State Park, Needville, TX
- August 23-28, 2025 - International Rally, York Exp Center, York, PA
- September 18-21, 2025 - Rally at Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange, TX
- October 16-19, 2025 - Rally at Blue Water RV Resort, Freeport, TX
- November 20-23, 2025 - Rally at Lake Somerville State Park, Somerville, TX
- December 4-7, 2025 - Installation Rally at On The Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, TX

Rally Registration is a Two-Step process:

1. *Reserve your campsite with the Campground and pay direct (mention GHAC Rally).*
2. *Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.*

For the Record...



Caravan to Sedalia

Mike & Ginger Ainsworth
Gary & Pam Alley
Tracy & Rick Elkins
Paul Evens & Natalie
Garrett
Jim & Lisa Feine
Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
John & Terry Fuselier
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Jo Goodwin
Alan, Julie & Jacen Kulak
Ken & Lia Laney
Ron & Janice Lange
James & Cheryl McGee
Larry & Susan Meeks
Narmin Parpia-Ramlal &
Raj Ramlal

John & Susan Sheridan
Wayne & Lisa Wilkerson
Plus 10 pups and a couple
of cool cats!

ACI Rally in Sedalia

Jerry & Beth Adams
Mike & Ginger Ainsworth
Gary & Pam Alley
John & Deborah Davis
Tracy & Rick Elkins
Paul Evens & Natalie
Garrett
Jim & Lisa Feine
Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
John & Terry Fuselier
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Jo Goodwin

Bob & Dell Jones
Tom & Vicki Ketchum
Alan, Julie & Jacen Kulak
Ken & Lia Laney
Ron & Janice Lange
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Larry & Susan Meeks
David & Felicia Petit
Dave & Zella Pugh
Tom & Susan Raia
Raj & Narmin Ramlal
Lisa & Richard Sambrano
Daniel & Lisa Schwartz
John & Susan Sheridan
Tim & Cindy West
Wayne & Lisa Wilkerson

Rally Hosts / Co-Hosts

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a GHAC Rally! Contact Rick Elkins at Club155@airstreamclub.org or 713.859.5939 for information or to select a Rally to volunteer.

Click here for more specific details.

- GC Contact
- Visit Location
- Set Rally Theme
- Plan Meals
- Plan Activities
- Rally Schedule
- Rally Fees
- Purchase Food
- Club Rally Boxes
- Reservations
- Promote Rally
- Monitor Registration
- Transport Food, Supplies, and Rally Boxes
- Greet Campers
- Prepare Meals
- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge, Devotion, & Grace
- Return Rally Room
- Report w/Pics for Newsletter
- Have Fun!

2024 Rally Hosts SIGN UP

Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
Jan 20 th Luncheon	Golf Club of Houston 5860 Wilson Rd, Humble	Dave & Jan Rightmyer	713.818.9021	Bill & JoAnne Miller	832-577-7687
Feb 8 – 11	Magnolia RV Park Goodrich, TX	Jim & Lisa Feine	832.816.1242	John & Susan Sheridan	832-527-9644
Feb 29 – Mar 3	Lake Somerville State Park – Birch Creek Unit	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	Lisa Feine Tom Raia	832.816.1242 832-533-6435
April 5 - 9	Eclipse Buddy/Boondock Rally – Winnsboro	Jerry & Tracey Calvert	832-549-5042 281-210-6130	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
Apr 18 – 21	Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange	Justin Hargadine	979-450-6275	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672
May 1 – 5	<i>Region 9 Rally – Bandera Bound!, Bandera, Texas</i>				
May 23 – 27	The Preserve RV Park, Lake Livingston	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480	John & Deborah Davis	832-216-3492 281-974-0321
June 27 - 30	Joint Rally w/THCU– Crocket Lakefront Resort & Marina, Crockett	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672	Tim & Cindy West	863-838-0187 863-670-2828
Sept 26-29	Rusk KOA, Rusk TX	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672	Wayne & Liza Wilkerson	832-326-8814 832-326-5221
Oct 5-11	<i>International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO</i>				
Nov 7-10	Joint Rally-TX Gulf Coast – TAHI, Zavalla	Dan & Maria McAnulty	832.392.7033 832.392.7034	Jerry & Beth Adams	972.529.8320 972.832.5078
Dec 5-8	Installation Rally – On The Lake RV Resort, Onalaska	Tim & Cindy West	863-838-0187 863-670-2828	Rick & Tracy Elkins	713.859.5939 281.725.1672



2025 Rally Host/Co-Host Sign Ups



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Jan 18	Annual Luncheon Brandt 1910 Wallis, TX	Dan & Maria McAnulty	832.392.7033 832.392.7034	Alan & Bernadine Billard	281.732.6006 281.543.0248
Feb 20 - 23	Summer Breeze RV Park Brookshire, TX	Vernon & Jo Goodwin	713.818.4067 713.205.1277	Tom Raia	832.533.6435
Mar 26 - 30	<i>Region 9 Rally/GHAC Rally - Brackenridge RV Park, Edna, TX</i>				
Apr 24 - 27	Joint Rally w/THCU The Hilltop RV Resort Brenham, TX				
May 15 - 18	Brazos Bend State Park Needville, TX	Tom & Caren Bundy	281.250.7644 281.381.9416	Jerry & Carol Goodwin	281.787.6687 713.598.1063
Aug 23 - 28	<i>International Rally – York Expo Center, York, PA</i>				
Sep 18 - 21	Colorado Landing RV Park LaGrange, TX	Justin Hargadine & Guy Bily	979-450-6275		
Oct 16 - 19	Blue Water RV Resort Freeport, TX			John & Terry Fuselier; John & Susan Sheridan	713.703.2427 713.703.9873 832.628.0392 832.527.9644
Nov 20 - 23	Lake Somerville State Park Somerville, TX	Lisa & Jim Feine	832.816.1242		
Dec 4 - 7	Installation Rally On The Lake RV Resort Onalaska, TX	Rick & Tracy Elkins	281.725.1672	Raj & Narmin Ramlal	832.488.7157 281.881.2962

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a 2025 Rally! We still need more volunteers. Please contact Rick Elkins at Club155@airstreamclub.org or call Eric McMurphy at 832.247.9480 for information or to select a Rally to volunteer.



October Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins

Membership & Directory Chair

281.725.1672

Tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com

Member Benefits

- Membership Discounts
- Product Savings
- Courtesy Parking
- Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
- Preferred Partners: Travel, Trip & RV Insurance

<https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>

Welcome New Members!

*Teena Reese & William Weibel,
BRN 10452, join us from
Montgomery TX with their 2018
Interstate GT.*



To all the members who would like to donate kids socks for our annual sock drive this year: If you go to Amazon and search for "100 socks," it will bring up all different quantities, 50, 100, 150 pairs, etc. It's a real deal, and so much cheaper than going to Walmart. We need all different sizes from 4 to 18 year olds. They are SO much appreciated by the teachers, nurses and even the crossing guards. They all hand out socks to kids in need. Last year we donated 850 socks. Can we beat that and make it over 1,000 pairs this year? If you order from Amazon you can have them shipped to our home, and I will notify you when they are delivered. Just let me know that you ordered them. Please have them go to our address below.

I just ordered 400 pairs and I challenge the club to match us. The McMurphys have also committed to another 400 pair. That leaves just 200 pair to meet our goal of 1,000 + pairs this year. Are ya'll up to it? Maybe even more??? THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Jan Rightmyer
2018 Midlothian Lane
Kingwood, TX 77339
713 818 9021

The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin

PRAYER OF THANKS

For each new morning with its light

For rest and shelter of the night

For health and food

For love and friends

For everything thy goodness sends.

--by Ralph Waldo Emerson



Member Concerns

Please keep Scott Louis and his family in your prayers. Scott has suspended his chemotherapy treatments for now. He and his wife, Gail, will visit with his oncologist this week to discuss their last steps.

On a brighter note, I received a text message from former First Lady, Sherry Miller, inviting us to a 90th Birthday Card Party for Searcy Kracke. Searcy was a long-time, former member of our club and former 2005 First Lady as well. The goal is to send 90 birthday cards to Searcy for her 90th birthday on 11-26-24. I'm sure it would just brighten her day. Searcy lives at home and receives hospice care a few times a week. Unfortunately, her health is not good, so please start sending cards as soon as possible. Please mail cards to: Searcy Kracke; c/o The Legacy at Long Meadow; 10403 S. Mason, Apt 311; Richmond, TX 77406. Thank you in advance.

November Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Duke Fleshman
- 8 Terah Isaacson
- 9 Don Teegarden
- 12 Sherry Goodwin
- 13 Sofia Smythe
- 18 Renee Lacey
- 18 Doug Stauber
- 20 Richard Cull
- 23 Cathy Atkins
- 23 Kathy Blanchard
- 24 Denis Blanchet
- 25 Shannon Cull
- 26 Nancy Fleshman
- 28 Rick Elkins
- 28 Raj Ramlal
- 28 John Sheridan
- 30 Bob Hansen

Anniversaries

- 15 Shawn & Kristin Schulze
- 20 Dan & Maria McAnulty
- 21 David & Yi Li Rice
- 23 Vernon & Jo Goodwin
- 28 Jeff & Lorraine Gray

NOTE: Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact Tracy Elkins at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com or 281-725-1672 and we'll get you next time!

**HAPPY TRAILS AND
SAFE TRAVELS!!**



Tech Tip

By Rick Elkins

A very short, but important tip.

Remember to clean your return air filters after a very dirty Sedalia!

Note: To clean your air filters, you might find [this link](#) from Airstream support helpful.

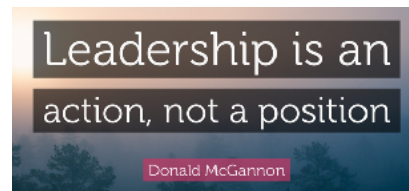
Greater Houston Airstream Club

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New Club Email Account:

Please note GHAC's new e-mail. Airstream Club has changed all e-mail addresses effective 12/31/2023. All future communications will come from the e-mail account below, reflecting the name **Greater Houston**.

Club155@airstreamclub.org

Useful Links and Contacts

- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
- ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas):
- ❖ Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155):
- ❖ GHAC Facebook Page

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EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello friends!

It was great to see so many familiar faces in Sedalia! I caught some kind of bug and stayed in bed the first couple of days, so that was a bummer. But it was fun venturing out to the Bridgerton Tea Party and GHAC Happy Hour amongst other things once I was feeling better. Tim and I will be staying in the Missouri State Fairgrounds for a few days past the rally, and then we will make our way north to the Mothership for those repairs I mentioned in last month's newsletter.

There are many vendors at the International Rallies. Tim got our batteries and solar tested for free. There is definitely an issue. Kleen Tank is another regular vendor. They don't just dump your tanks. They pressure wash the inside of your tanks, removing anything that might have stuck to the walls, ceilings or floors! We learned about Kleen Tank last year in Rock Springs, and made a commitment to have our tanks cleaned this year. Build-up and mold are two factors that dropped our tank grades down to a B-C.

At the Rally, there were many sites to behold. Balloons dancing in the sunset, the northern lights flickering above our trailers, and costumes or special t-shirts at every turn. GHAC dressed up like a M*A*S*H* unit for the Halloween Dance. Also, we wore Pinktober shirts in honor of breast cancer awareness month. The proceeds are going to a local hospital. This issue is very dear to my heart, so I was proud to wear pink.

On top of that, two of my photographs won first and second place in the snapshot contest. In fact, several GHAC members won prizes in the photography contests. Winner, winner, chicken dinner! You probably already Tracy's article, so I won't repeat it all here. I hope we see you at another Rally soon.

In addition to the Rally, we spent a little time in Historic Downtown Sedalia. It's a quaint little town with some rich history. If you've ever worn Levi blue jeans, you have probably been touched by this place. The Lamy Company manufactured their jeans for nearly 50 years. I love learning the history of places we visit.

Wishing you smooth 'streaming on the journey ahead,

Lucinda (a/k/a "Cindy") West

GHAC Newsletter Editor
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BRN 19963 - 2023 27' Globetrotter FBT ("Roam Home")
Bored? Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).



P.S. Feel free to reach out to me if you have news to share. We want to hear your stories! Newsletters will be published every month we have a Rally, approximately one week after the rally ends. Also, I'm far from perfect, so when you find an error or omission, please email me with the correction (ever-so-gently *please*) so I can include it the next newsletter. Newsletter articles may be edited for length.

A Word From Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer on a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So, give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

**Get out there and enjoy
your Airstream adventures!**



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Thank you for your business.**