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Hello Airstream Friends:

We have just completed the 67th Annual Airstream International Rally in Sedalia, MO. With 200 Rigs registered (376 members) Region 9 offered several events at the Rally. These included the Region 9 Breakfast and continuation of the recent tradition of coordinating the Blood Drive for all International Attendees. 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 it's 4th year, the dates for this National Event Rally are Feb 20-23, 2025 and 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,

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