

President's Message

By Rick Elkins

November 2024 will be remembered in U.S. history with the political election process. But many of our club members will also have lasting memories of the great joint rally they enjoyed with Region 9 Texas Gulf Coast Unit at the Texas Airstream Harbor community campground near Zavalla, TX, on Lake Sam Rayburn! Thank you TGCU President Shanna Moll for our great rally!

Be sure to read the rally leader's report in this newsletter, making sure to checkout the many photos that captured much of the spirit of the rally as two clubs within Region 9 rocked it out together.

I am excited that with the December rally we will have the end of the year raffle for the Team Red White & Blue (TRWB) Grand Prize: a Weber Grill with the Airstream logo. Members this year have been so generous in their donations. The games and competitions we included for raising the funds seemed to be well received. After watching from the sideline & seeing the heated competition of members playing "Mexican Train" at the November Rally, perhaps we need to revisit getting this going again with TRWB rewards or prizes. Competition was heated, (especially between some family members—guess which ones?)

Our December Rally is at Onalaska RV Park on the Lake, on Lake Livingston. It was selected for several good reasons but one of the main ones was hopefully being close to Houston makes it easier for members to attend the rally as the club installs its 2025 Officers, led by incoming President Eric McMurphy. Let's show our appreciation for these members who volunteer to serve. They deserve and need our support, which can start by attending the installation rally. If you are unable to attend, perhaps you can send a message thanking them for their willingness to serve.

Our incoming President and his leadership team have selected some very good rally sites for 2025. Some are familiar and others are not. All 2025 rally sites can be found on the local club website. Members can volunteer as Rally Hosts or Co-Hosts and are always needed for club rallies. A rally host opportunity for 2025 is still out

there. Don't miss out on participating here as it is very rewarding; and, if you need help, just ask the leadership team.

I want to recognize the club caravan that traveled from Rusk, TX to Sedalia, MO. The campgrounds and group activities were all enjoyed and we were fortunate with great weather, safe travels, and magnificent scenery all the way. There were many first time caravaners on this trip and it was rewarding to hear that they enjoyed the activities so much. This caravan used a Kitty Fee is to include a cost contingency amount. Budget plans were good and worked out such that there were funds left in the Kitty Fee.

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Caravan members very generously agreed that funds remaining in the Kitty Fee were to be donated to the (TRWB) charity in the name of the club 2024 Caravan to Sedalia.

Additionally, our generous caravan members gave a cash gift to both Wilkerson and Elkins families as a show of recognition for our work effort, and enjoyment of events/activities in a safe and well planned trip. Both recipients agreed the gift was over the top for what was expected, and we agreed that these gifts will be used to purchase socks which will be donated in the name of the caravan to Humble ISD in support of the collection effort championed by club member Jan Rightmyer. There is more on this donation effort and how you can donate in this newsletter.

God Bless and Safe Travels!

Rick



Region 9 Updates

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Hello Airstream Friends:

Escape to the Country at the 2025 Region 9 Rally!

We're excited to invite you to the 2025 Region 9 Rally at Brackenridge Recreational Complex on the banks of Lake Texana in Edna, TX. The campground is beautiful and the lake is known for kayaking and fishing. There are several trails to hike or bike. Hafernick Hall is reserved for Rally Activities. We're only a short drive from the Gulf, so we'll have a shrimp boil and we're planning local excursions, tours, golf, and even skeet shooting.

Sites are 30 or 50 Amp and you can choose FHU or Electric/Water Only. See the attached Campground Map for the locations (E/W Sites have a Red Slash on Site Number) An area with FHU for Clubs/Units that want to park together is available near the Main Event Center and across from a Catch 'n Release Fishing Pond. Please indicate on your registration form if you prefer to park with your Club/Unit. The other sites are along the banks of Lake Texana and configured in Wally's Friendship Circles.

Are you ready to escape to the country?

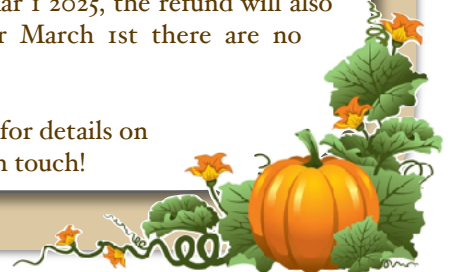
We hope to see you there! (Registration information is on [page 4](#).)

Your Region 9 Team

Tracy Elkins, President - Anna Brandon, 1st VP - Tim Ebbers, 2nd VP

Cancellation Policy: Fees less processing charges requested by e-mailing the Host at region9wbcci@gmail.com before Feb 1, 2025 will be refunded. Feb 1 - Mar 1 2025, the refund will also be reduced by any committed costs for catering or entertainment. After March 1st there are no refunds.

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!



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!

There will ONE FINAL opportunity to get tickets. Show up at the Christmas Rally for a chance to WIN BIG!

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.





Rally report from Texas Airstream Harbor (TAHI) Airstream Park, Zavalla, TX

November 7 – 10, 2024

By Dan and Maria McAnulty

We arrived 4 miles outside of the East Texas town of Zavalla (pop. 603) on Thursday November 7th, 2024 for the joint GHAC-TGCU Rally celebrating Thanksgiving together. TAHI is a gated Airstream-only park located on a 24 acre peninsula on the shores of Lake Sam Rayburn. It was established in 1972 with approximately 160 sites. Lovely RV covers and cabanas been built over many of the sites along with a huge clubhouse featuring a commercial kitchen, washer and dryers, restrooms, game areas, large TV set and plenty of tables and chairs for dining. Some residents live there full time while others use their lots for weekend of escapes from colder weather to the north. The town of Lufkin is 25 miles away and has two hospitals, a mall, and plenty of restaurants. The views of Lake Sam Rayburn from the park are stunning and the lake is one of Texas' best for fishing!

We bought our 30' Excella new as a 2001 model and in 2002 purchased lots 10 & 12 on Oak St. We kept our trailer there until 2003 when we bought a property 75 miles north of Houston which had a large shed and barn. We later sold the two TAHI lots one of which has a beautiful cabana on it now. We still like visiting TAHI and enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of the area.

On our arrival, we were met by Nancy Fitzgerald and full-time resident Fred Richardson who got us parked near the clubhouse and hooked up. Fred was kept busy on his golf cart meeting arrivals at the gated entrance and leading them to their site. Fred has a great front porch just right for morning coffee and checking out the lake view.

We were also met by Bob and Becky Kalton (from Minnesota). Becky was our Thanksgiving Chef-in-charge of the kitchen and especially in directing how five (5) large turkeys were to be prepped and roasted for our Saturday evening Thanksgiving meal! At 5:00 pm, members of GHAC & TGCU gathered for a Happy Hour in the clubhouse. After greeting each other and enjoying a beverage we went on the back porch for a view of the sunset on the lake. Nancy, Maria and Becky warmed/cooked the dishes brought for our evening meal consisting of Unstuffed Cabbage Casserole, quiche pie, King Ranch chicken, and Mac & Cheese. Everyone got thoroughly stuffed!



Friday Nov 8, 2024:

At 9:00 a.m. we were served coffee and sweetbreads provided by Nancy Fitzgerald (Bought in Lufkin at 6:00 a.m. by Nancy). Some folks went to Lufkin to see the sights there, had lunch in Broadus 9 miles to the north, while others hung around the park visiting and getting to know the residents. At 2:00 pm, Stan "Bumpy" Schwenke of SkyMed entertained us with videos of him and his family's appearances on the Ed Sullivan show from the 1950's performing their acrobatics! Stan narrated the videos of his 30 years of performing with his family. He was truly a talent and serves us well as SkyMed's representative for emergency transport insurance.



At 4:30 p.m., TGCU members Jon and LaVerne Villanti hosted everyone for Happy Hour at their beautiful Cabana at 210 Oak St serving wine and tasty munchies beside their cabana (It's For Sale btw if anyone is interested). It has a spectacular view of the lake and has three lots. Several other cabanas are for sale and were open for viewing at 131 Elm, 191 Elm, and 148 Holly.



Becky Kalton, Maria, and Nancy prepared large containers of Taco Soup on the stove top for our Friday evening meal. Others brought cornbread and condiments which were delicious. We had planned a campfire off the back patio but the rain cancelled that plan. Instead, a table set up a game of Mexican Train. Later, ace musician George Nixon brought out his hand-built (by him), mandolin and was busy teaching Dan McNulty some songs on Dan's guitar. They were later joined by singers Mitch Guinn and John Fuselier singing some old and newer folk songs. George and Dan pledged to practice and be more prepared in the future!

Saturday Nov 9:

The Bodacious Breakfast crew prepared pancakes and sausage for the hungry campers to enjoy.

At 12:00 noon, Becky Kalton had husband Bob and Bill Pearson washing and preparing five (5!) turkeys to be cooked for dinner. After the birds were dried Dan McNulty and Rick Elkins stuffed them with onions, celery and apples then rubbed them with oil and placed them in electric roasters for 4 hours.

At 2:00 p.m., GHAC 30-year member Vernon Goodwin conducted a Trailer Clinic in the clubhouse. Because of Vernon's extensive knowledge of Airstream trailers (he has 4) he provided a number of important topics of maintaining your Airstream trailer from brakes, AC, refrigerator, tires, wheels, tools on the road and other relevant subjects. Jerry Goodwin was also present and is quite knowledgeable too. Vernon is always ready to give advice or help with such issues. He fixes Stuff and Knows Things! Others put together a craft of turkeys and hedgehogs.



There was an afternoon old-fashioned Ice Cream Social at 3PM. By 4:30, the turkeys were done so they were de-boned and stored until ready to serve. At 6:00 p.m. Bob Kalton of TGCU recognized our Veterans as it was Veterans Day, Fred Richardson offered a blessing on the food, and our Thanksgiving dinner was served!

After dinner and dessert, the area was cleared for a square dance by NTAC members Dana and Steve Blankenship.

Sunday Nov 10:

Coffee and pastries were served from 8:30-9:00 a.m. after which was held a Devotional service and hymn singing. The rally was concluded after the clubhouse was cleaned and put back together. What a great Joint-Rally enjoyed by all. Thanks to TGCU for their hospitality!



DEC
5-8

The Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC)

presents

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION

and

INSTALLATION RALLY

Rally Hosts: Tim & Cindy West
(863-670-2828 - Cindy)
Co-hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins,
Mitch & Mary Guinn

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!"



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 Trivia.

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

Saturday ... Breakfast, GHAC Board Meeting, 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

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.

- 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 KAY!

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). Bring a friend!





AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL REGION 9 RALLY



ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

EDNA, TEXAS MARCH 26-30 2025

BRACKENRIDGE REC COMPLEX

Registration is open for the 2025 Region 9 Rally!

Dates - March 26 - 30, 2025

Registration Link: [Region 9 2025 Rally | ACI](#)

Location: Brackenridge Recreation Complex 891
Brackenridge Parkway, Edna, TX 77957

Note: For the Region 9 Rally there is one registration that covers the sites and Rally Fee. No need to register with the Campground.

2024 GHAC Rally Schedule

[Click for Details](#)

- 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...



Zavalla Rally (GHAC)

Rick & Tracy Elkins
Jim & Lisa Feine
John & Terry Fuselier
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Jo Goodwin
Gene Guthrie
Justin Hargadine
Ron & Janice Lange
Bruce Lee

Dan & Maria McAnulty
Eric & Holly McMurphy
George & Jamie Nixon
Narmin Parpia-Ramlal &
Raj Ramlal
Tom & Susan Raia
Stanley Schwenke
Sam & Ratna Singh
Tim & Cindy West

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



Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
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.



November Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins

Membership & Directory Chair

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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!

**Ray & Denise Wall, BRN 24100,
joined us from Katy TX with their
2020 Globetrotter.**



Renewal Information

For many of our members, the 2025 Membership Renewal has begun. Below are a few highlights to remember:

- Membership dues are \$99 per year for International and \$20 per year for GHAC.
- The primary or partner member **MUST** be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online.
- Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the member-only portal at the time of renewal.
- HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.
- All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.
- Review your contact details and update as needed.
- **The deadline for the 2025 Published Membership Directory is Dec. 31, 2024.**

If you have any questions, email membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.

Renewal link: <https://airstreamclub.org/members/dashboard>

Please note: This renewal cycle is for those on a calendar year renewal - basically anyone that joined prior to 2021.

2025 GHAC Directory

Everyone needs to be sure their contact details are up-to-date in the ACI website at this link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/account-information>

We will use the information from International for the 2025 GHAC Directory published in 1Q2025. If anyone wants a current photo included, please send one to Tracy at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com.

The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



*“To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant,
To enact gratitude is generous and noble,
But to live gratitude is to touch Heaven.”*

-Johannes A. Gaertner

Member Concerns

Condolences go out to the family of **Carol Baker**, who died on October 19, 2024. She and her husband, Pete, have been members of our club for several years, but have been members of WBCCI since January 1, 1970. They both shared the love of travel and had traveled through 49 of the 50 United States, all of the Canadian provinces, and even the United Kingdom in their Airstream trailer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Please also keep **Bob and June Hutson** in your prayers. Their son, Jim, died on November 4th of Stage 4 Liver/Pancreatic cancer just 10 days after being diagnosed. Needless to say, they are heartbroken. They will celebrate his life privately. Additionally, Bob has been diagnosed with treatable lung cancer. He will start chemotherapy next week. They are hopeful for a good outcome. We wish them the best.

Wishing healing thoughts for **Jerry Calvert**, who was involved in a traffic accident last month. Jerry sustained some injuries such as a broken clavicle, cracked rib, and a punctured lung. He spent five days in the hospital. He is slowly recovering. Unfortunately, his Jeep was totaled.

Searcy Kracke continues her stay in Hospice care. Her husband, Fred, spends most days by her side. Please continue to send her cards for her 90th Birthday Card Party. I'm sure she'll appreciate it. Her address is Searcy Kracke; c/o The Legacy at Long Meadow; 10403 S. Mason, Apt 311; Richmond, TX 77406. Her birthday is November 26th.

December Celebrations

Birthdays

1	Tim Bashor
1	Jim McGee
3	Marilyn Tears
11	Caren Bundy
11	Dorma Kindle
15	Jeff Gray
17	Lisa Feine
22	Tom Ketchum
26	Don Reeves
27	John Breeding
29	Danielle Sitton
30	Tom Bundy
30	Julie Kulak
31	Chris Carantza
31	Lisa Glover

Anniversaries

4	Bill & Joanne Miller
8	Rick & Tracy Elkins
12	Mike & Ginger Ainsworth
15	Jack Isbell & Autumn Laughrun
18	Jerry & Tracey Calvert
19	David & Felicia Petit
21	Jim & Tonia Goodwin
27	Jose & Ines Baptista
27	James & Selena Hodges
30	Dave & Jan Rightmyer

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

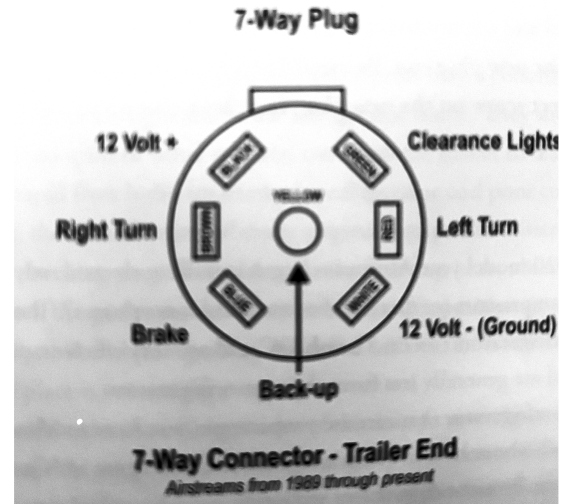
By Rick and Tracy Elkins

Maintaining the 7-pin Connection Plug

The 7-way connection cord contains all the wires needed for the trailer's exterior brake, clearance and turn lights and power to keep the battery charged while towing.

The only maintenance for the 7-pin plug on the trailer is to occasionally clean off any corrosion on the spade connectors. There are kits available (we have one from AirGear) that includes a flat burnishing tool and electrical contact cleaner.

AirGear recommends applying a small drop of contact cleaner on each metal spade connector. With the burnishing tool, scrub the contacts until all corrosion is gone and the connectors are a dull color. Protect the cleaned connectors with a thin coat of dielectric grease. You should not need to do this more than once per year and it should only take a few minutes.



We are on track to have over 2,000 pairs of socks. WOW!! We have 700 pairs coming from the Sedalia Caravan and McMurphys. I am ordering more for a friend to donate. So the total count to date will be 1616 pairs. With a few more, we can DOUBLE last year's donation of 850 pairs of socks. Isn't that GREAT?!

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. 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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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

Greater Houston Airstream Club

2024 Officers

<i>Officers</i>		<i>BRN</i>
President	Rick Elkins	9713
1 st Vice President	Eric McMurphy	15220
2 nd Vice President	Lisa Feine	31415
3 rd Vice President	Open	
Recording Secretary	Mary McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	Tracy Elkins	9713
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
Trustee 1 Year	Jan Rightmyer	26931
Trustee 1 Year	Tom Raia	20121
Trustee 2 Year	Jo Goodwin	731_1311
Trustee 2 Year	Paul Evens	20004
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	212
Immediate Past President	Dan McAnulty	2162

Committee Chairpersons:

Caravan	John Sheridan	1326
Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
Electronic Communications	Tom Bundy	2835
Historical	Vacant	
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713
Newsletter	Cindy West	19963



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) <https://airstreamclub.org>
 - ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas): <https://airstreamclub.org/region9>
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EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello friends!

Tim and I are finally back in Texas! We have been full-timers 222 days as of this writing since selling our house in Conroe. We've checked with the builder on the progress of our new home and they are experiencing delays. Not the builder's fault, and probably not the developer's fault. It's more likely due to county issues, but either way we are happy to have an Airstream where we can live, Tim can work, and we can travel around the country while we wait. We considered buying a larger Airstream to make the wait a little easier; but, at the end of the day, we like our Roam Home.

On our journey back to Texas from the International Rally in Sedalia, we took the scenic route. We stayed in Marceline Missouri for a couple of weeks, where Walt Disney grew up and patterned his parks after the "original Main Street USA." It's such a quaint and fun little town that has a lot going for it. It was almost like being at Disney World (without the crowds). Almost. Certainly a *lot* less expensive!

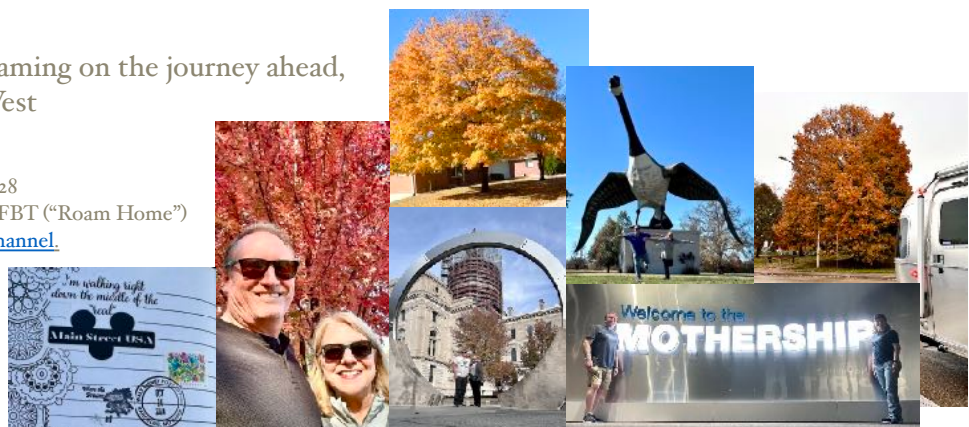
After that, we drove to The Mothership to get some work done on our solar equipment and axle as well as a few other minor warranty repairs. We stayed at the TerraPort there for free since we had repairs, a fun experience to be surrounded by all those Airstreams. You can stay for \$20/night if you aren't getting service. Did you know if you stay at the TerraPort you get free entrance into the museum? It's a great bargain all the way around.

We high-tailed it back to Texas to make sure we got home in time to vote. Along our journey we saw a few state Capitols, the world's largest wild goose, enjoyed lots of local cuisine, saw beautiful fall colors, attended the GHAC/TGCU Rally in Zavalla (played *lots* of Mexican Train), and visited some Airstream Dealers. (We have seen 25 Airstream Dealers to date.)

Next month Tim and I are hosting the December Christmas and Installation Rally, with co-hosts Rick and Tracy Elkins and Mitch and Mary Guinn. We have some fun activities planned! It's going to be a BIG rally, and I'm told "We haven't had a Rally this large in YEARS!" (To date, 28 rigs with 54 people have signed up.) Be sure to register if you plan to attend. We need to nail down our final numbers! Hope to see you there.

Wishing you smooth 'streaming on the journey ahead,
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--Flora Disney (Walt's mother)--

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.

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