

President's Message

By Rick Elkins

Happy December club members!

This is my final message as your 2024 club President. I cannot adequately express the appreciation that I have for the support I received from all members, especially with those serving on the club's leadership team. Thank you Dan McAnulty for your guidance and support as Immediate Past President.

Member generosity through donations to charities selected in 2024 was at a level I have not seen before. These donations are going to help two significant group types, young children and U.S. Military Veterans. Thank you members for your generosity.

The club nominating committee did a great job in locating candidates for 2025 officer positions filling all open seats for 2025. Newly installed leadership members have a great opportunity to learn from returning officers led by President Eric McMurphy. I encourage all officers and members to look for ways assist and engage with Eric, asking questions along the way.

The club's CBL team completed a major accomplishment with the update and revision of both the club Constitution and By-Laws. They continue their work in 2025 with possible changes coming to the club's Policies. Their dedication to these tasks deserves thanks from members who are receiving the benefits, along with special recognition and thanks to chairperson Bruce Lee.

A busy year in 2024 for members serving as rally hosts and co-hosts, caravan leaders, and committee chairs. We had new ideas for rally themes, better communications (WhatsApp), easier registration (JotForm) and rally reporting and information sharing using the club Newsletter, Website and Facebook page. Great ways to keep informed and register for rallies.

The club is in great shape starting 2025 with planning already underway for new rallies and caravans. Also, with the Region 9 President, Tracy Elkins, being a member of the Club, we will have great synergy between club and region. Club members interested in being more involved in the Club or Region as an officer or in a leadership role can get additional information by asking any of the current club officers.

Signing out as your President, not looking for goodbyes, but rather lots of hellos. Stay in touch!

"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others."

Rick

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Region 9 Updates

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Region 9 is looking forward to several upcoming events in 2025. Two National Event Rallies sponsored by Region 9 are coming up—the first is Streamin' on the Strand—Feb 20-23, 2025 in Galveston on the Historic Strand during the first week of Mardi Gras and the second is the Stitchin & Fishing Rally at NTAC (Hillsboro) on April 24-29, 2025. Check out more details at <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9/region-9-events>. Region 9 is also sponsoring the Spring Wally's Workshop Rally hosted by NTxAC at NTAC in Hillsboro on March 21-23, 2025; if you need to learn about your Airstream or get a few services done, be sure to register at <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop>.

Escape to the Country is the theme for the Region 9 Annual Rally which will be March 26-30, 2025 at Breckenridge Recreational Complex near Edna, TX. Registration is at <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-rally>. We are also looking for committee planning volunteers; if you're interested, please contact Tracy Elkins via email at region9wbcci@gmail.com or call/text 281.725.1672.

Region 9 has a couple of committee chairs that are vacant. We are looking for a Membership Chair and a Caravan Chair. If you have interest in either of these valuable roles and have time to volunteer, please reach out to me via email at region9wbcci@gmail.com or call/text 281.725.1672.

On behalf of the entire Region 9 Leadership Team, we wish you a very blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New year!

All the best,
Tracy Elkins
Airstream Club International
Volunteer
Region 9 President



RALLIES AND CARAVANS



Christmas/Installation Rally, On the Lake RV Park, Onalaska Texas



Congratulations to **Richard & Shannon Cull**, winners of the club's end of the year raffle grand prize, an Airstream branded Weber 1200 grill with accessories. Members competed for Grand Prize raffle tickets throughout the year by participating in assorted games and competitions conducted at most GHAC rallies in 2024.

Proceeds collected from this year long raffle are to be donated to the Team Red White & Blue Veteran's Community.



Canine Catwalk at the December Rally

Recommended Pet Policy for Events

All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leash 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.

Squirrels and Cats are welcome too.





Christmas/Installation Rally Report On the Lake RV Park, Onalaska, Texas December 5-8, 2024

By Tim West (and whatever else my wife told me to write!)

My three favorite times of the year are the Master's golf weekend, opening weekend for football, and Christmas. To this last favorite, the annual Christmas Rally and Installation Weekend enabled me to kick off this favorite time of the year in a grand way. Not only was it a fun rally, but it was also the first rally Cindy and I had ever hosted with any Airstream group. The theme was The National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, and the merriment was evident. We were blessed to have two seasoned co-hosts in Rick and Tracy Elkins. Mitch and Mary Guinn also jumped in as very helpful co-hosts.

FOOD. In my short time as an Airstreamer, I've witnessed that great rallies are baked with several important ingredients. Of course, food has got to come first and this rally was no exception. Jerry's Restaurant rolled out the red carpet for us when we arrived Thursday night. They decorated the banquet room to the nines. Service was great. Conversation was stimulating. The food was exceptional.



Back at the park, we dined on made-to-order breakfast sandwiches Friday morning. On Saturday, *nous avons beaucoup mangé* French toast, which translated into Texan means "we pigged out with syrup and egg covered bread." Due to an oversupply of eggs, by about six dozen to be exact (ha ha), we improvised and served Mitch's "special eggs" on Sunday morning. If you want to know what Mitch's special eggs are, join us at the Western themed October 2025 rally because they are "MMMM, MMMM, GOOD!" (Trivia question – you now know I like trivia – what famous TV personality would say that phrase quite regularly on his award-winning 1960s series?) In addition to an

overage of eggs, we also had extra bread and cheese, so we offered grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch to those who wanted to steer clear of the cold rain and hang out in the clubhouse on Saturday.





Besides Jerry's on Thursday night, we feasted in the Rally Room on homemade chili made by the hosts for Friday's dinner, and Joe's Italian Restaurant catered our meal on Saturday.

MORE FOOD. If meals weren't enough, we had snacks galore. Happy Hours included some of the most delicious charcuterie boards you have ever sampled. We also savored fresh fruits, baked cookies, tasty desserts, buttered popcorn, mints, chocolates, and a celebratory cake for the Installation. Even the dogs begged for more of their bacon and steak flavored treats provided by the hosts.



DRINKS. No rally would be complete without a good supply of beverages, which included hot coffee and various teas, juices, milk, agua fria, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, regular eggnog, "leaded" eggnog, and a large variety of BYOB drinks in Moose Mugs.

ACTIVITIES. We tried to work the calories off from our overeating with a variety of activities. After dinner Thursday, randomly chosen teams competed in a game of Christmas Jeopardy(ish). The Reindeer team won, and as a prize they each received a theme-appropriate Clark Bar!



On Friday morning, the ladies crafted some delightful table decorations for the Griswold family to enjoy throughout the weekend, while the men learned more from Jim Fine about why awnings do not work well. The tips on how to optimize their use was insightful. Friday afternoon gathered a dozen or more 'Streamers who sat around the big screen television at the clubhouse and enjoyed a showing of National Lampoons Christmas Vacation. After Friday night's dinner, the same three teams (Reindeers, Polar Bears, and Puffins) battled it out in the aptly titled Reindeer Games. Much commentary could be inserted here, but please know this: it was active; it was fun; and these teams seemed to like some good old-fashioned competition. Fortunately, no doctor was needed even though two were present. We were pleased to see those who typically retire early decided to stay up a bit later than normal, and joined in the festivities.



Saturday was cold and rain-soaked. Nevertheless, the clouds parted long enough for the Canine Catwalk to be held under the pavilion. Although freezing, both owners and dogs entertained the audience with their cuteness and humor. Betsy (Holly McMurphy) won the small dog category with her sparkly Christmas dress and tulle which shimmered as she strutted her stuff. She was so proud of her new outfit. In the large dog category, Pierpont (Justin Hargadine) impressed with his Christmas sweater and hoody featuring Santa Claus riding on his back. His laid back and friendly personality seemed to woo the audience into voting for him. In my mind, though, every dog was a winner. And of course, several guys huddled together in the afternoon to watch the UT-Georgia football game. It didn't end well for UT lovers.



GHAC BUSINESS. In addition to activities, business was conducted at the Rally. The Executive Board met on Saturday morning for their annual business meeting. In the evening, the Installation Ceremony recognized those who are assuming important roles within our chapter, I mean club. Those installed from the 2024 elections by Region 9 President Tracy Elkins for a 1-year term to the GHAC Board included:

- Eric McMurphy - President
- Lisa Feine - 1st VP
- Wayne Wilkerson - 2nd VP
- Justin Hargadine - 3rd VP
- Maria McAnulty - Recording Secretary
- Holly McMurphy - Corresponding Secretary
- Alan Billard, Trustee
- Raj Ramlal, Trustee (not present)



FINALE. On Sunday morning, a special closing ceremony concluded this hap, hap, happy weekend. It featured a Christmas Medley singalong of traditional carols accompanied by Dan McNulty, special duet of “O, Holy Night” by Mitch and Cindy, and a few devotional words shared by yours truly. As always, our tribe graciously pitched in, and the Rally Room was cleaned before Rudolph could light his nose.

In summary, not even rain and cold weather could sabotage our festivities. We had a total of 32 rigs, 58 people, and 16 dogs. It was a fun time with our Airstream family. So, from me and all the other nut-jobs, we wish you the merriest of Christmases. May all of your travel be pleasant and void of the poignant words of Clark Griswold, “Eat my road grit, Liver Lips!” See you next year!





AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL REGION 9 RALLY



ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

EDNA, TEXAS MARCH 26-30 2025

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.

THE GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

& ANNUAL LUNCHEON KICKOFF

Please join us for a refined luncheon to celebrate our club's 50th anniversary, featuring a delectable menu & delightful company. Feel free to come dressed to impress as we gather in the historic and beautifully restored Brandt 1910 in Wallis, TX. Enjoy as we remember our many travels as a club in 2024 & prepare for the upcoming year ready for adventure in 2025.



**FEATURING: 50 YEARS OF
GHAC MEMORIES**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

**11AM
\$30/PERSON**

**BRANDT 1910
6503 COMMERCE ST
WALLIS, TX 77485**

***** REGISTER ONLINE BY JAN 11 *****

[HTTPS://AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/GHAC-2025-ANNUAL-LUNCHEON](https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2025-annual-luncheon)

If you would like to camp for the weekend in the area, we highly recommend Kathy's Kampground in Sealy 979-987-6111

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). Make sure you check the rally flyer as a few rallies include the reservation for your campsite in the rally fees.***
- 2. Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.***

For the Record...



Christmas/Installation Rally (Onalaska)

Mike & Ginger Ainsworth
Chance & Paige Ainsworth
Alan & Bernadine Billard, & Ashley
Guy Bily
Tom & Caren Bundy
Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Richard & Shannon Cull
John Davis
Rick & Tracy Elkins (co-hosts)
Jim & Lisa Feine
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Jo Goodwin
Mitch & Mary Guinn (co-hosts)

Gene Guthrie
Justin Hargadine
Bob & Samantha Hogue
Bob & Dell Jones
Julie & Alan Kulak, & Jacen
Bruce Lee
Gerald Lyddon
Dan & Maria McAnulty
Eric & Holly McMurphy
George & Jamie Nixon
David & Felicia Petit
Tom Raia
Joe & Teresa Romero

David & Kimberly Savage
Roberto Suarez-Rivera
Nelson & Marilyn Tears
Tim & Cindy West (hosts)
Wayne & Liza Wilkerson

Also attending the dinner
Lisa Laney
Fernando Lopez

Rally Hosts / Co-Hosts

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a GHAC Rally! Contact Eric McMurry at Club155@airstreamclub.org or (832)247-9480 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!



2025 Rally Host/Co-Host Sign-Ups



Dates	Rally Site	Hosts	Phone	Co-Hosts	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		Please contact Eric McMurry at Club155@airstreamclub.org or 832.247.9480 to volunteer.		
May 15 - 18	Brazos Bend State Park Needville, TX	Tom & Caren Bundy	281.250.7644 281.381.9416	Jerry & Carol Goodwin; Jim & Liesa Glover	281.787.6687 713.598.1063 979.299.8376 979.709.8184
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	Tim & Cindy West	863.838.0187 863.670.2828	John & Terry Fuselier, John & Susan Sheridan, Jim & Liesa Glover	713.703.2427 713.703.9873 832.628.0392 832.527.9644 979.299.8376 979.709.8184
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

December Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins



Membership & Directory Chair

281.725.1672

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Member Benefits

- Ø Membership Discounts
 - Ø Product Savings
 - Ø Courtesy Parking
 - Ø Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
 - Ø Preferred Partners: Travel, Trip & RV Insurance
- <https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>

Welcome New Members!

- *Joe & Teresa Romero joined our club from Spring, Texas. BRN# 1347.*
- *Jon & LaVerne Villanti join as Affiliates from Houston TX with their 2021 25' Flying Cloud, BRN# 21818*
- *Burney & Keely Wood join us as Regular Members from Friendswood, TX with their 2011 19'*

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



*Warmest Thoughts and Best Wishes for
A Wonderful Holiday and A Happy New Year!
(homemade-gifts-made-easy.com)*

Member Concerns



Searcy Kracke received many birthday cards for her 90th Birthday Card Party. Too many to count! Her daughter wants to thank all the friends who sent cards and well wishes. Searcy was overjoyed with the outpouring of their love.

Dave Rightmyer is having Day Surgery this Tuesday, December 10. We wish him a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

It was nice to see **Jerry Calvert** and his wife, Tracey at our December rally. Jerry was hospitalized earlier this year for digestive issues and kidney stones. In October, he sustained a broken clavicle, cracked rib, and a punctured lung from an auto accident. We hope that 2025 will be a healthy and safe year for him.

Please keep **Cindy West**, our Coyote Tales Editor, in your prayers as she continues treatment for Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Her journey initially started with breast cancer in 2012. In 2016, it returned with metastases to her bones, skull, liver, lungs, and brain. With treatment (and a lot of prayer), those tumors were eradicated. Thankfully, her body has been stable since 2019, but she regularly gets tested to see if

her cancer has returned, and she receives lifelong immunotherapy infusions every three weeks at MD Anderson Cancer Center in The Woodlands. Cindy shared with me that she travels with her husband, Tim, in their Airstream and that she is enjoying life. She is a woman of great faith. She praises God for her success in living with HER2+ metastatic breast cancer.

January Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Bruce Lee
- 3 Hawley Towns
- 4 Narmin Parpia
- 8 Jill Hamm
- 10 Jack Williams
- 12 Dayle Pugh
- 14 Kathy Westmoreland
- 15 Tracey Calvert
- 15 Barbara Mercer
- 17 Anna Brandon
- 17 Allen Thyssen
- 22 Gene Guthrie
- 23 Liza Wilkerson
- 24 Richard Fussell
- 24 Wayne Wilkerson
- 25 Mike Ainsworth
- 25 Holly McMurphy

- 25 Yi Li Rice
- 25 Kristin Schulze
- 28 June Hutson
- 28 Dave Rightmyer
- 28 Helen Teegarden
- 30 Felicia Petit

Anniversaries

- 15 Burney & Kelly Wood
- 16 Gene & Kathy Blanchard
- 16 John & Pam Breeding
- 17 David & Anna Brandon
- 21 Bill & Dorma Kindle
- 26 Bob & Tina Miller

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



Airstream Published Step by Step Winterization Procedure(s)

Winter months are here and temperatures have started down. Airstream provides good guidance for how to winterize your Airstream for storage in winter months. Proper winterization involves flushing all the water out of your Airstream's plumbing system, and then removing batteries and cleaning out any food that might attract pests.

Why should someone winterize their Airstream?

Unit winterization, should protect your investment and avoid unwanted costly repairs. When done correctly, winterizing your Airstream travel trailer removes all the water from the plumbing lines, the holding tanks, the faucets, and water heater. Water that remains in the plumbing system can freeze when the temperature drops below freezing, and can potentially damage pipes, valves, and sensitive mechanical equipment.

The typical process for winterizing begins with draining all plumbing lines and then using an air compressor and adaptor (blow out plug) to blow any remaining water out of the system. An optional, additional method involves pumping non-toxic RV antifreeze through the system. Instructions for both methods are outlined in Airstream's documentation on this website referenced below.

Click on the link below to access articles having the steps for winterization for both coach and trailer units.

[Step-by-Step Instructions for Winterizing Your Airstream Travel Trailer.](https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/articles/360030870191-Winterization-Guide-How-to-Winterize-an-Airstream-Travel-Trailer)

<https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/articles/360030870191-Winterization-Guide-How-to-Winterize-an-Airstream-Travel-Trailer>



Airstreamers always have amazed me and this time they REALLY outdid themselves. We collected 2649 pairs of socks for the kids in Humble ISD! Dave and I delivered them today and Marilyn Mann was truly grateful and shocked at the total number of socks. Last year we took in about 850 pairs so she thought we might be donating about the same this year. When I called to tell her we would be there today I didn't tell her how many we were bringing. When we arrived the security guard kept saying "THANK YOU and Bless your club." I think everyone there thanked us with many hugs too! What a wonderful feeling it gives you to know you are giving a child a new pair of socks that some have never had. Thank you GHAC members and an Airstreamer we know up north who contributed to this year's sock donation! You are more than appreciated by these kids. Merry Christmas and a BIG THANK YOU!!

Jan Rightmyer
713 818 9021

Greater Houston Airstream Club

2024 Officers

<i>Officers</i>		<i>BRN</i>
President	Rick Elkins	9713
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2 nd Vice President	Lisa Feine	31415
3 rd Vice President	Open	
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Corresponding Secretary	Tracy Elkins	9713
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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>
 - ❖ Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155): <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston>
 - ❖ GHAC Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterHoustonAirstreamClub>
 - ❖ Blue Beret Archive (club magazine): <https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>
 - ❖ Blue Beret Blog (club blog): <https://blog.airstreamclub.org>
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EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello friends!

It was FANTASTIC seeing so many of you in Onalaska at the Christmas and Installation Rally. We don't often get the opportunity to host parties, especially since we are full-time Airstreamers, so this was a treat for us. Being our first time hosting a rally, we weren't sure how the Griswold theme would go over. However, we were pleasantly surprised to see everyone dressed in their Lampoon's best, enjoying their moose mugs and spreading the holiday cheer. Thank you for coming out to support our leaders, and for giving us a *grand* reason to host a festive rally. If you haven't read Tim's Rally Report, there are many wonderful experiences listed there. We wanted to make it memorable, and we believe we will be talking about this rally for years to come.

We were so busy hosting, I didn't get a chance to talk with some of you personally. But the conversations we did have were deep and meaningful. I now know more GHAC names than before, and I think I will even remember some of them! Beyond the names, I know the people.

I am always amazed at how similar some of our stories are. While we have smiles on our faces, there are some challenges down deep. Many of us are battling physical issues, have family woes, experience cancer, have lost loved ones, and more. We are also very different—our backgrounds, education, marital status, pets or no pets, where we are from, and how we got to Texas—but the one thread binding us together is the love of camping in our Airstreams.

Rallies are like that. Getting to know people with similarities and differences. Offering our skills and talents for the greater good. Building a sense of community and developing deeper friendships. Realizing we are not alone in our struggles. If you've never been to a rally, try it out!

I am especially grateful to those who stepped in and helped host the rally, made chili, cleared dishes, offered Blackstone grill lessons, cooked the food, brought food, and made everything look its best. We have such a great group of people always willing to help. Our motto of "many hands make light work" was evident.

I do see a few open slots in the Sign-up sheet for 2025 Rallies. Hosts have the freedom to do as much (or as little) as they choose. That's what makes each rally unique! Take a stab at it if you haven't hosted before. Start as a co-host, where you can learn the ropes. Then you can decide whether you will go on to be a Host in the future. I promise, you may sleep for 14 hours after it's over, but it's worth the effort!

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](#).

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill



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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GOT A PROBLEM? WE CAN FIX IT!

We also install Blue Ox towbars.

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*****Please Note*****

Our new hours will be 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Thank you for your business.