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Madame Esparza

Have you ever considered if it's harder making friends as a child or as an adult? What about keeping friends? Do you have different friends during different seasons of your life? I do! At this point in my life, I'm enjoying making new friends related to our choice to seek recreation through our Airstream. "Feasting with Friends" was our merit badge theme in November. It was wonderful to spend several days with friends we've made during our 6 years in the club. I have cooking friends, baking friends, campfire friends...we've met the most wonderful people thru the club.

And I'll venture to say...we're one of the most welcoming Airstream clubs! At our last rally, we had several visitors. Luke and Barbara brought family to the rally (and they fit in great!). Samuel and I invited Chi and Mark, whom we met at the Airstream dealership in Buda, and a new friendship quickly blossomed. We met another new Airstream couple at the campground and invited them to join us for meals. Tracy and Steve from Boerne joined us and seemed to strike up conversations quickly with our friendly club.

Friendships whether short or long, or based on season of time or a lifetime, can help us thru this journey of life. Sharing a laugh or sharing a meal can soothe our worries and can build our individual strengths. Sometimes we're the ones who help someone walk a little farther...or sometimes it's someone else that helps us make it through a challenge.

The Girl Scout song "Make new Friends" comes to mind...

Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver, the other is gold.
Silver is precious, gold is too.
I am precious, and so are you.
You help me and I'll help you
and together we will see it through.

Anytime is a good time to appreciate your friends, not just during the holidays. Thank you to my silver (Airstream) friends...you enrich my life. May the holidays be special for you this year! Looking forward to our time together in January!

Ann Marie

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Rally Schedule. 2024-2025



Sept 27-29, 2024

Lake Buchanan
1420 FM690, Burnet, TX 78611
512 234 2381

October 25-27, 2024

Open Air Resort
25928 Hattie Flat Road
Spicewood, TX 78669
844-211-1517
www.openairrv.com/communities/spicewood/

November 22-24, 2024

Bending Oaks Ranch RV Resort
5681 E US Highway 290
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830-547-4796
www.bendingoaksranch.com

January 24-26, 2025

Longhorn RV Resort
23932 Camino Real
Niederwald, TX 78640
512-398-3677
www.longhornrvresort.com

February 28-March 2, 2025

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg
2647 N Hwy 87
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830-992-1237
www.thevineyardsrvpark.com

Please note: The March 28-30, 2025 Rally will be cancelled. Instead we are encouraged to attend the Region 9 Rally in Edna. March 26-30, 2025

April 25-27, 2025

Comfort RV Resort
145 Hermann Sons Rd E
Comfort, TX 78013
210-992-2837
www.comfortrvresort.com

May 23-25, 2025

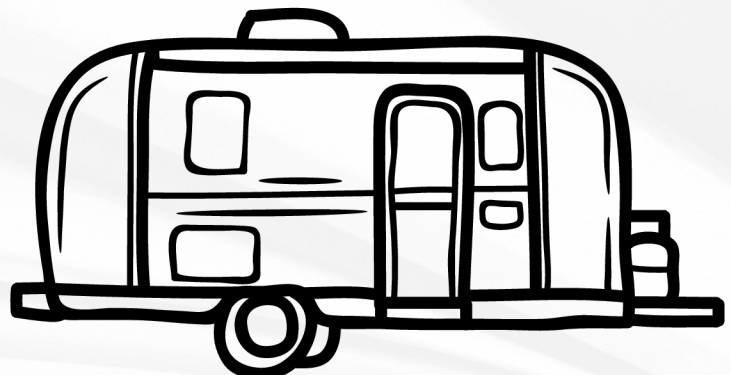
Wilderness Lakes RV Resort
22552 Park Rd 25
Mathis, TX 78368
361-547-9995
www.wildernesslakesrv.com

September 26-28, 2025

Miller Creek RV Park
5618 Us-281
Johnson City, TX 78636
830-868-2655
www.millercreekrvpark.com

Buddy Rally

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November + May = Buddy Rally



DECEMBER

Birthdays:

- 14 AnnMarie Esparza
- 22 Fred Baird
- 22 Steven Duran
- 29 Buddy Royall
- 31 David Willis
- 31 Ben Young

DECEMBER

Anniversary:

- 12 Cliff and Gail Hall
- 27 Steven and Cathy Duran

WEEKEND RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Early Arrivals:

- 4 pm Social Hour
- 6 pm Potluck Dinner

Friday:

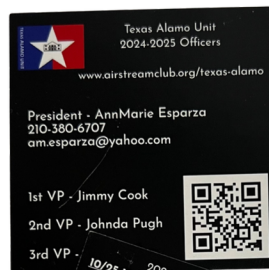
- 5 pm Social Hour
- 5:30 pm Opening Ceremonies
- 6 pm Dinner

Saturday

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees
- 5 pm Social Hour
- 6 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Games

Sunday

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Devotional



Pick up your
schedule card at the
next rally!



Earn your apron!
We need hosts for the
February 2025 rally in
Fredericksburg



Let's Talk Turkey

For those of you who were not able to join us for the November rally, you were missed! Bending Oaks Ranch RV Resort in Fredericksburg welcomed us. Arriving in the dark was a challenge, even in a car! We had a total of 12 rigs and our group consisted of 10 members, 2 new couples joining us and double Brennekes. That's right, Luke's brother Bob and his wife Joy joined us as they were returning to their home in St. Louis. They were traveling with their 19' Bambi and are fellow Airstream members in St. Louis. Our other new couples were Chi & Mark Cantwell and Tracy and Steven Biediger. In years past, this rally was held on the actual Thanksgiving weekend, which for George and I made it impossible to attend due to family. Having the weekend before was perfect, future Presidents, our vote is to keep it that way.

On to the important items of the rally. First, our Hosts for this rally were over the Shiney Roof Exceptional! Cathy & David Willis and Diane & Rich Espinosa showed their love for their fellow TAU members with the outstanding meals they prepared.



Friday night kicked off with AnnMarie opening the rally with info regarding how to earn an amazing TAU blue apron and the November rally badge "Feasting with Friends". We feasted with a potluck dinner which showcased the amazing cooking ability of our fellow members. As always, the food had everyone going back for more. With two macaroni and cheese dishes, one could say that there was a cheesy competition; but the dishes were equally good. One did receive the name Voodoo Mac and Cheese. Clean up and dogs walked, games were played included numerous rounds of Left Right Center with our newcomer Mark leaving with more \$ than he came with.

Saturday morning breakfast is when we had tech talk. Actually our Tech Talk turned into Tech Action and what a tech day it was. Bob and Gracie had a propane issue which was resolved with help by George, Rich, Samuel and Luke. Joi and George had an issue with their exterior door light that was resolved with help from Samuel, Rich and Bob. And if you ever need to know how to get wires out of a wall, just ask Malen and Levoy after fishing and working on that issue all day. Thanks to the handy tool that Luke had, Levoy didn't have the opportunity to open the wall up with a saw and creative repair work.

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Vibrations in the trailer don't just impact rivets, cabinet doors or hangers in the closet... wires come loose on switches so owners beware.

Gracie had friends come by the park who are transitioning from nautical living and sea traveling (lived on their boat for many years) to now wanting to travel by land and looking for a travel trailer. No better way to be exposed to the floor plans and knowledge than with fellow Airstreamers at your fingertips. Tours took place which gave even the "oldtimers" and opportunity to see the new floorplans.

After the amazing, abundant, homemade, could feed 500, never better Thanksgiving feast by our hosts, we waddled over to our gift exchange. Some people took their time, not wanting to tear into the paper and some just stole a prize not to mess with the choice! Once settled, all were smiles except for Betty and Geno who chose the only alcohol prizes and graciously handed it over to the hosts in deep appreciation of the wonderful meals. Pink flamingos were everywhere with cookie jars, casserole dishes, yard art, soft cuddles and neon lights. Mari and AnnMarie had a fun nighttime game of roll the lighted yard dice at Mari and Jimmy's site. Title champ was Gracie.



Sunday morning devotion was provided by Levoy. His message was on trusting in God and knowing everything you need an answer to is found in the Bible. This was a wonderful send off to all for safe travels home, or to other destinations such as Branson Missouri which is where the Youngs set off to.

Our next rally is in Neiderwald at Longhorn RV Park, January 24 – 26, 2025. Make your reservations now and come prepared to feast, be creative, socialize, share your Airstream knowledge and show your chili cooking skills. Host for this rally are the Dells and the Taylors.

Fender, Lacy, Shiner and Dottie are ready to receive their TAU aprons! May your holidays be filled with blessings, laughter, smiles, great memories and love. Ring in the New Year with excitement for the upcoming rally schedule AnnMarie has planned. See you in 2025.



Joi Taylor





Your 2024-2025 Officers!

Please note that the flamingo adjacent to AnnMarie is standing in for Jimmy Cook

Pres - AnnMarie Esparza

1st VP - Jimmy Cook

2nd VP - Johnda Pugh

3rd VP - open

Treasurer - Roseann Young

Corresponding and Recording Secretary - Diane Espinosa

1 Year Trustees - Eldon Sheffer and Luke Brenneke

2 Year Trustees - Tom St. Pierre and Ben Young

Past Pres - Richard Espinosa



Region 9 is bustling with events and Rallies. In September Wally's Workshop was a sold out maintenance rally at NTAC in Hillsboro. October will find Region 9 at the 67th Annual International Rally in Sedalia hosting a Region Officers' Social on Saturday Oct 5th, a Members Breakfast on Monday, Oct 7th and the Blood Drive Oct 7th - 9th.

We are delighted to have two Region 9 sponsored National Event Rallies in 2025. The 4th Annual Streamin' on the Strand at Mardi Gras! Galveston will be February 20-24, 2025. Registration is open:

<https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-2025>

Stitchin' & Fishin' in its 2nd year at NTAC in Hillsboro is a National Event Rally taking place April 24-25, 2025. Registration is open:

<https://airstreamclub.org/stitchin-and-fishin-region-9>

Region 9 Rally will be March 26-30, 2025 at Brackenridge Recreational Complex in Edna, TX. If you would be willing to serve on a planning & host committee, please contact Region 9 President, Tracy Elkins at 281.725.1672 or region9wbcci@gmail.com.

Coming May 15-18, 2025 is the Region 9 Sponsored HAM Rally at NTAC. Registration is open: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-ham-rally>

Check out our Region 9 Website at <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9> for details on other upcoming Region 9

All the best,
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November 2024 Rally In Photos

