

THE ROADRUNNER



A Publication of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172 of the Airstream Club International (WBCCI)

<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

President's Message— December 2024

What a great Installation Rally held in Fredericksburg! There was a great turnout, good food and fun! Pam and I greatly appreciated the warm welcome and words of support. I am truly honored to serve as President in 2025.

Our Installation Rally Hosts, Jim and Pam Dudley, Keith and Barb Roberts, Bob and Janice Phelps, and Rickey and Judy Taylor did a wonderful job – thank you!! They know how to throw a party!

Additionally, I want to thank Grady Ferry for conducting the Installation Ceremony. It was memorable and painless!!

Congratulations and thank you to Bill and Elaine Saulnier for leading our club on a successful camping year. Many good memories were made, new friends were welcomed, and relationships with long-time friends were strengthened. It was a great year!

Thank you to our outgoing Trustees: Betty Richards and Harvey Craig. Your contributions were outstanding. Your knowledge and experience are highly valued!

Congratulations to our new 2-year Trustees, Kathy Ashley and Rick Trimble. Thank you for stepping into these important roles.

Our various committee chairs are already working on next year's plans. We are very fortunate this year that Jim Pfeil has agreed to be the Webmaster Assistant. He will take much of the workload from Webmaster Debbie Trimble. So don't be surprised when you see Jim's name associated with emails from Constant Contact.

Our new Marketing Chair, Brian Powers, is working to make sure our club's name is front and center with new Airstream owners as he works with the Airstream dealers in the region. Additionally, Brian and Frank Steed, Membership Chair, work together to keep club membership growth on a healthy path.

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President's Message— Continued

Although we have excellent Marketing and Membership chairs, perhaps the best ambassador for our club is you and I! A great way to display your club pride is by wearing a stylish shirt and/or hat that contains the club's logo. As luck would have it, Kathy Ashley is leading a project that will offer two different styles of shirts – Polo shirt and a light weight, buttoned shirt with vented back. Both styles will have our embroidered club logo on the left chest. Additionally, a baseball style hat with a logo patch will be available. All the above will be available in multiple color options. Stay tuned for more details!

A few members have asked me about the yellow garden flags with name, BRN, etc. Colin Melton and I are working on that project. Stay tuned for more information.

By the time you read this, our club will have held its annual Christmas Rally. This year's rally was held at Margaritaville RV Resort in Crystal Beach (near Galveston). Check out our rally plans for 2025 by visiting the Airstream Club International website. The "Czech this out! Rally" to be held in February, is waitlisted. Stay tuned for registration news on the St Patty's Day Rally in New Braunfels (March 13-16). Please consider being a Rally Host for this rally.

Don't forget about the Region 9 Rally (March 26-30) to be held at Brackenridge Park & Campground near Edna.

Make your plans now if you plan to attend the ASI International Rally in York, PA (Aug 23-28). Sites are limited at this venue (1000 max), so don't wait!

And, finally, don't forget to look into the multiple caravans that our club members are leading. THLAC rocks the caravan experience!

THLAC offers many opportunities for Airstreamers to see and experience the outdoors. I hope to see you at one of these events in 2025!

Safe travels!

Allen Faulk, THLAC President

2025 THLAC RALLY SCHEDULE



- Christmas at the Beach Rally - Margaritaville RV Resort, Crystal Beach, Dec 5-8, 2024
- Czech Music Festival Rally – The Range RV Resort, Ennis, Feb 13-16, 2025
- St Patty's Rally – The Canopy RV Resort, New Braunfels, Mar 13-15, 2025
- ◇ Region 9 Rally – Brackenridge Park & Campground, Edna, March 26-30, 2025
- ◇ ASI International Rally
York, PA, Aug 23-28, 2025
- Grapefest! Rally – The Vineyards Campground, Grapevine, Sept 11-14, 2025
- Bikin' & Hikin' Rally – Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Oct 2-5, 2025
- Installation Rally – North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC), Hillsboro, Nov 13-16, 2025



RALLY WITH US!

Executive Board:

President: Allen Faulk
1st VP: Jim Dudley
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 Ginger Zeringue
 Rick Trimble
 Kathy Ashley

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Webmaster: Debbie Trimble &
Assistant Webmaser: Jim Pheil

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2025

Feb. 13-16 Czech Music Festival
 The Range RV Resort, Ennis, TX

March 13-15 St Patty’s Rally
 The Canopy RV Resort, New Braunfels, TX

March 26-30 Region 9 Rally
 Brackenridge Park & Campground, Edna, TX

April 21-May 6 Texas Riviera Caravan

May 11-14 Sunrise, Sunset, Lake Watchin’ Pop Up Rally
 Cedar Ridge Campground on Lake Belton
 Temple, TX

August 23-28 ACI International Rally, York, PA

September 11-14 Grapefest! Rally,
 The Vineyards Campground, Grapevine, TX

Oct. 2-5 Bikin’ & Hikin’ Rally
 Palo Duro Canyon State Park

November 13-16 Installation Rally
 North Texas Airstream Community
 Hillsboro, TX

December 4-7 Christmas Rally
 KOA, San Antonio, TX

The Roadrunner is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October and December for the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172 of the Airstream Club International (WBCCI). Members are invited to submit articles about their Airstream travels, maintenance tips, family news and prayer concerns to : ferry_keith@hotmail.com.

Check us out:

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.

Membership

Hello Highland Lakers,

Ever been camped near an Airstream and said hello only to have the conversation lead to discussion of the reasons you belong to Texas Highland Lakes? Or seen a non-member while attending one of our Rallies or Caravans and wanted a way to say hello?

Well, the index cards pictured are now available to all Club members.

Our goal is to make it easy for you to knock on a door or just leave behind a reminder of who we are and the benefits of joining WBCCI and THLAC. Spreading the word about the fun we have is the key to the continued growth of our Club.

Thanks for your help and Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Frank Steed, Membership Chairman
Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club
Fsted6149@gmail.com



Note from Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank all those who submitted such great articles, news items and photos for our newsletter. You make it a pleasure to prepare the club newsletter which goes out every other month. If you have not sent in items to be included, please consider taking a few minutes to forward photos from your recent travels whether near or far. Pet, family and Airstream photos are welcome too. Do you have hobby photos to share? Airstreamers love to hear about new places to go and things to do. Birthdays and anniversaries are printed using information you have provided to me. Prayer requests are also included when I receive them.

Look for the Constant Contact emails requesting information. Please submit items directly to me: Keith Ferry at ferry_keith@hotmail.com. (Note the underline not a hyphen).

I must also offer my sincere apology to those who have submitted articles which were not in the newsletter. I include all items I receive. Through my error or internet error, sometimes things are missed. Please be sure to let me know so I can correct any problems.

Keith Ferry, Newsletter Editor

NEW MEMBER PAGE

Guide for Hosting A Rally

Welcome New Members

Kathryn & Chris Silva
Copperas Cove, TX
2019 International 25'

Liz Smolinski
Dallas, TX
2019 Sport 22'

William & Nancy Jackson
Georgetown, TX
2024 Flying Cloud 26'

Kirk & Ellen Marchand
Kerrville, TX
2024 Rangeline 21'

Jayson LeBlanc &
Richard Bruce
Austin, TX
2025 Globetrotter 25'

Jasen Duncan
Hillsboro, TX
2018 Flying Cloud 25'

Finding the rally locations is a big job for the President. Hosting is a great way to make connections with members. If every rig will host at least one rally a year (health permitting), it should reduce the frequency of the same people hosting. Even if you only come to one or two rallies a year, please volunteer to help spread the hosting around the club.

When the itinerary for the next year is announced, sign up for locations that interest you and either recruit co-hosts or see who else signs up. If you are hosting for the first time, don't worry. The other hosts will pitch in to help you "get your feet wet".

1. Meet with the President, Allen Faulk, to find out about the cooking facilities, room size, seating, area attractions and restaurants. Also ask him if there is a rally theme or any special activities she would like to include on the rally schedule.

2. The President and Webmaster will work together to send out rally registration information to club members via Constant Contact. Everyone attending must sign up through Constant Contact for planning purposes.

3. Rally hosts should plan to arrive the day before the rally begins. To show our appreciation for hosting, the club will reimburse the hosts for this one additional night of camping.

4. With co-hosts, plan rally menu, campground or catered meals, activities or entertainment. Make reservations for outside meals. Call the campground 3 weeks out to let them know when you are coming in and see if there are any last minute details.

5. Submit your rally schedule to the President, by the date requested, so it can be sent out to registrants by email and published in the newsletter. Include website addresses for members to go to for "things to do".

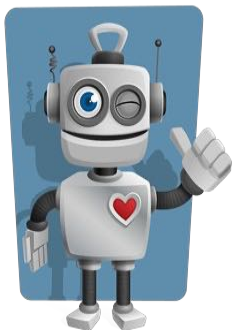
6. Get the final count on the number of people from the President. Purchase food and supplies for the rally. Be sure to keep all your receipts for the treasurer. All receipts must be turned in to the Treasurer by the first night of the rally.

7. Rally boxes are available with cooking utensils, coffee pots, dish towels, etc. At the rally prior to yours, get the rally boxes from the 2nd Vice President, Nancy Powers, and divide them up among the hosts to take them to your rally.

8. On the day before the rally or the first day of the rally, put out WBCCI signs (if needed), plan parking and post a few rally schedules near the rally room (area).

9. At the rally, prepare food, arrange seating, lead activities and caravans. Decorate the meeting room or tables, if desired.

10. At the conclusion of the rally, clean everything up. There are always members willing to help get things cleaned up and squared away. Pass rally boxes on the hosts for the next rally. Thank yourself and other hosts for a job well done!



Dear Rivet, Winter and the holidays are here so our Airstream is parked. We miss the adventure of traveling. Any suggestions?
Home for the Holidays

Spread goodwill by incorporating volunteer work into your Christmas celebration. Research local charities, shelters, or community events that may need assistance. Participate in toy drives, serve holiday meals at shelters, or contribute in other ways to give back to the community. Volunteering can add a meaningful dimension to your Christmas while fostering a sense of connection and generosity.

MARKETING CHAIRMAN 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Peter Sajovich
Marketing Chairman

In 2018, here in Fredericksburg, I was sworn in as President, Membership Chairman and Marketing Chairman. Back then our club had 88 primary members. For the past seven years together with numerous volunteers we've been able to build Texas Highland Lakes into the premier Airstream Club in Texas.

Our clubs relationship with Airstream Inc. and Blue Compass the largest Airstream dealer in the country has never been better. Airstream of Austin has recently been named the number one dealer for Airstream in the WORLD!

With our Club Only caravans, our Newbie Workshops, State wide Rallies and Luncheons the club has grown to be one of the largest in Region 9. Below is a report presented at the THLAC Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg.

Ten Individual Clubs	Primary Members
North Texas Airstream Club	189
Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club	186
Heart of Texas Airstream Club	126
Greater Houston Airstream Club	114
Texas Gulf Coast Airstream Club	94
Texas Hill Country Airstream Club	80
Oklahoma Airstream Club	74
Texas Alamo Airstream Club	48
East Texas Airstream Club	31
Texas Plains Airstream Club	23

(November 12, 2024)

Total Primary Members 965

In addition, there are 211 "At Large" Region 9 members. Our club would easily have been the largest had Region 9 equally distributed At Large member leads to our club. During the first full year of the Explorer Program we did not receive any At Large member referrals!

Our club is in excellent shape and after 7 years the time has come for me to retire. Last month I handed in my resignation to our upcoming President. Carol and I will still remain very active, and we hope to lead future Club Only caravans.

Caravan Updates

Caravan Openings

Caravans offer an excellent opportunity to deepen your connections with fellow members. If you've never participated in a caravan before, a short trip is the perfect way to experience all the fun and camaraderie without committing to a longer journey!

Don't miss out! Two spots have just opened up on the Texas Riviera Caravan. Share a memorable Easter with your family, soak up the sun and fun on the Texas Gulf Coast, and then return home in time to honor Mother's Day.

[Texas Riviera Caravan](#)

TEXAS RIVIERA CARAVAN



LEADERS: Jim & Pam Dudley Michael & Julie Kutach

RIGS: 25 Including two leaders rigs

STOPS:

Galveston -	4/21-4/25	StellaMar, \$47/night
Port O'Connor	4/25-4/28	Port O'Connor RV, \$55/night
Port Aransas	4/28-5/3	Pioneer Beach RV, working rate
Brownsville	5/3-5/6	Jetstream RV, \$60/night



I am excited to announce that Jim Pfeil has volunteered to help me as our Assistant Webmaster.

Thanks so much.

Please open the emails from Constant Contact, our primary means of communication. Email addresses that have not engaged with us for six months will be deleted from the mailing list.

Debbie Trimble, Webmaster

Texas Highland Lakes AC #172

Sunrise, Sunset and Lake Watchin' Rally Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club



Come join our “pop-up” rally from **Sunday, May 11 to Wednesday, May 14**. This is a mid-week, no activities rally. The Rally is to be held at **Cedar Ridge Campground**, a Corps of Engineers Park on Lake Belton near Temple, Texas. Your hosts are Kathy and Mike Ashley. To register, click here [May Pop Up Rally](#).

Five campsites have been reserved. The window for reservations is now open. If greater than five members register they should be able to reserve a site. Be sure to note the cancellation policies for this park listed on the recreation.gov website. If you have a National Park pass your stay is 50% of the noted cost.

The first five members to register will pay their fee to the club. Additional reservations will pay for their site directly. Kathy Ashley will contact those registering to confirm their reservation.

Kathy and Mike Ashley

THLAC FASHION TIME

We have polos (men's and women's, a men's Daybreak shirt, and hats with the THLAC logo for sale.

All of these are available in three colors.

This is a pre-order. When we reach our minimum quantity order, the shirts will be processed and shipped.

Visit and bookmark: <https://thlac.liftoff.shop>

Your credit card will be charged at the time you order.

Any orders shipping in Texas will not be charged tax.

Shipping will be via USPS

If you have any questions when placing an order, you can contact Kathy Ashley by email at

k.s.ashley60@gmail.com

Deadline to place orders is January 15, 2025.

PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Rickey & Judy Taylor

Judy and I spent the summer taking care of our 12-year-old grandson and let Fancy our trailer take a break. We got to attend a Grapes and Grain Rally in Waco and met a lot of new friends. We also managed to spend 7 days in the HEAT at Oak Park on Lake Navarro Mills relaxing and doing a little fishing from our kayaks. We are now on our first out of state trip to the International Rally. We have stayed at Eisenhower State Park for two nights and are currently at Bernice State Park on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees for two nights. Tomorrow we will travel up to Harry Truman State Park for two nights and then attend the International rally in Sedalia Mo. for the first time. Hope to see our other THALC members that attend.

Safe Travels

Rickey & Judy



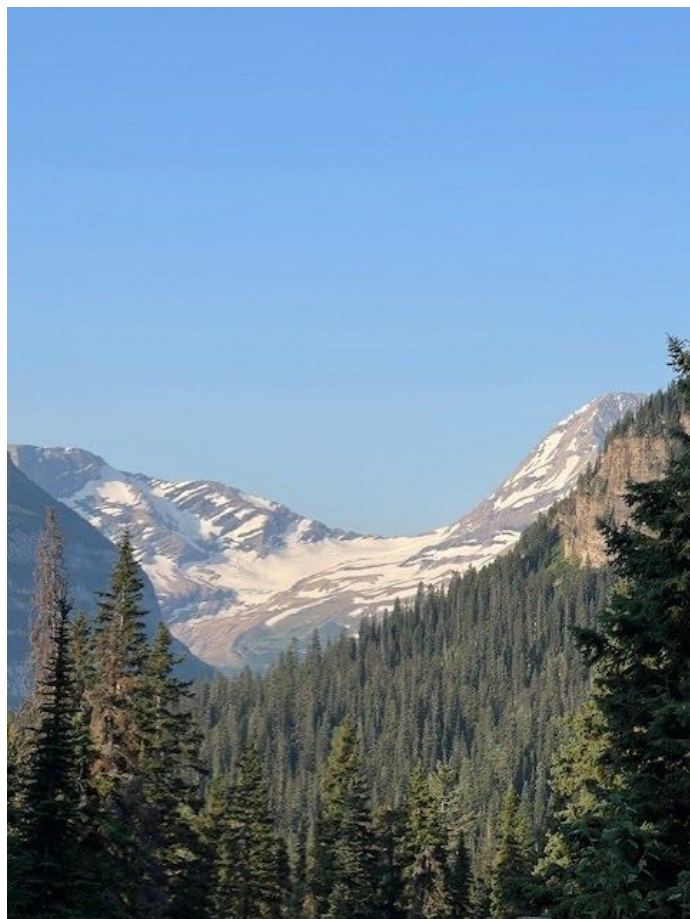
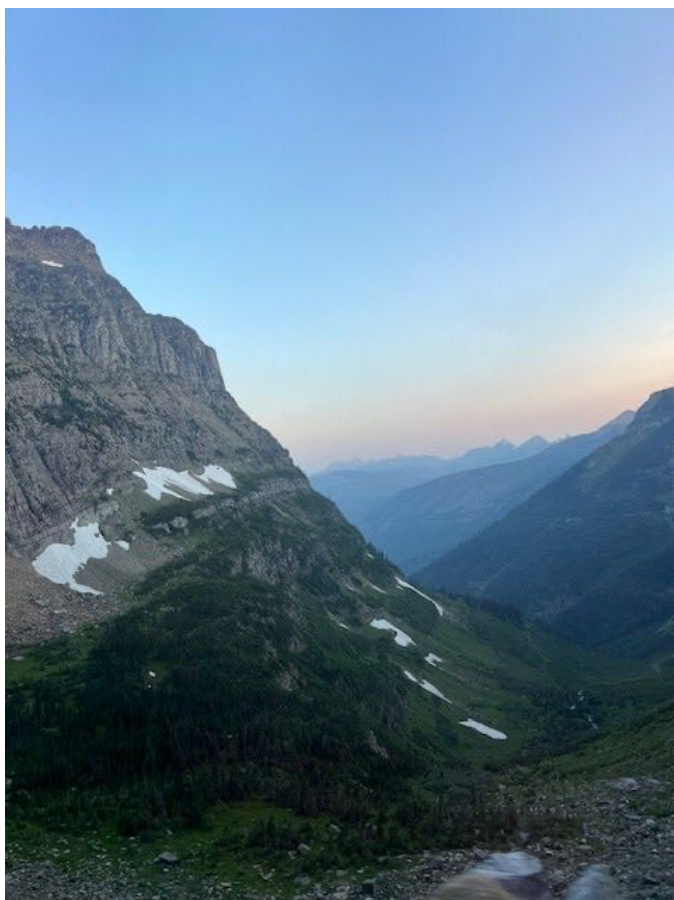
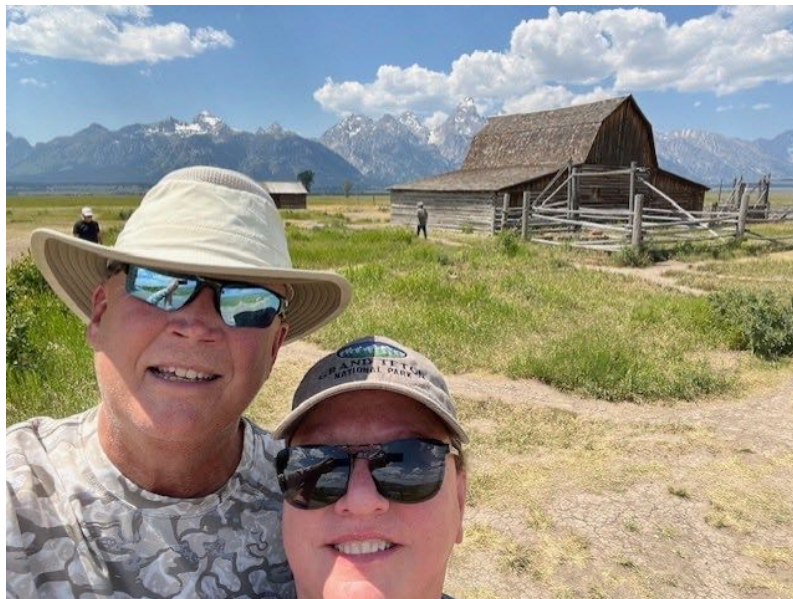
PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Merri & Steve Crawley

Steve and Merri Crawley had an action packed 9 week trip planned to “beat the heat” as they say. However, when we made it to Glacier NP, it seems we brought the 98 degree Texas heat with us!!! Needless to say we enjoyed all the beautiful sites along the way. Some of those sites included Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Glacier, Canyonlands and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Parks.

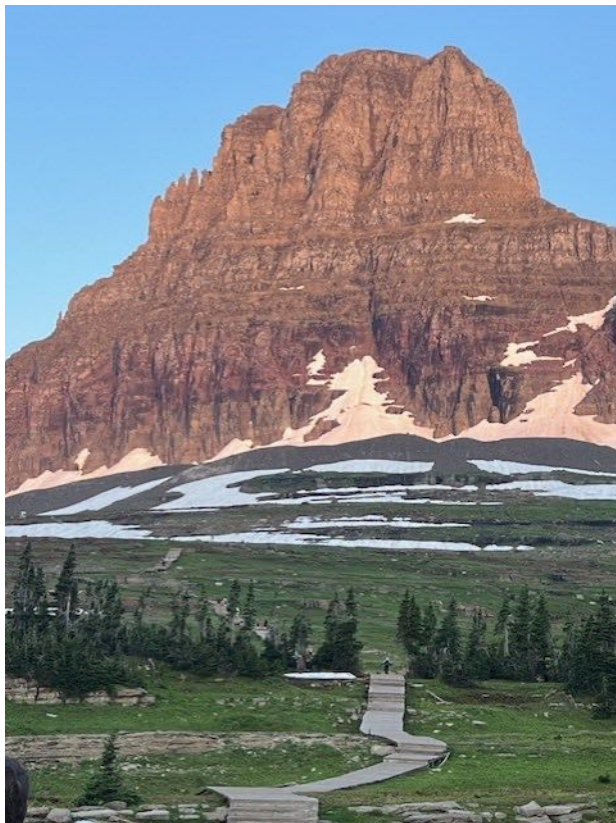
A favorite was a side trip we took in CO to drink wine and eat pie!

On to the International! Hope to see you all there!



PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Merri & Steve Crawley



PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Peter & Carol Sajovich

We attended a well planned, wonderful Installation Rally in Fredericksburg with our new Cybertruck. We are BIG Tesla fans and have had a reservation for several years. In October, Tesla dropped the price of the truck and I jumped at the opportunity to take delivery in October.



So why would anyone purchase such an UGLY truck. Simply put, it's the best vehicle on the market and the most economical truck available.

No other vehicle matches the technological advances offered by this truck.

Four wheel steering

Drive by wire

Air suspension

340 mile range

Oh and it drives itself!

Carol gave everyone rides around the park and we had the truck drive our guests to our favorite restaurant.

I use it primarily as a work truck and a daily driver and it's going to save me a lot of money. Thus far I've driven 2,083 miles and have spent \$164.00 on electricity. That included charging at home at .15 per kWh and charging once in The Woodlands at .35 cents per kWh. I also used the 50 AMP park pedestal for free charging. Our four day trip to Fredreicskburg cost \$10.45 in fuel.

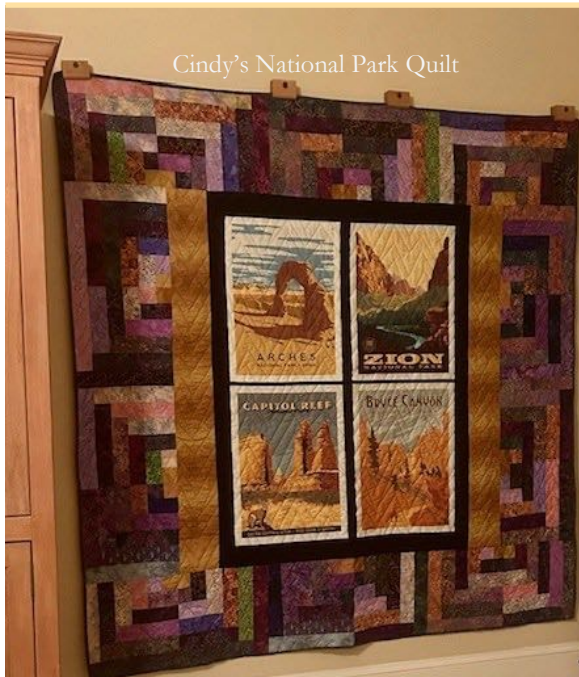
I wish I could say it's perfect but EV's have a problem with towing. Our towing range is only about 120 miles with a full charge. It works great for towing our tractor and my sons dump trailers but isn't practical for longer Airstream trips.

I'm keeping my 3/4 ton Chevy Diesel for our Airstream travels.



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Marty & Cindy Berdan



Grady & Keith Ferry



Region 9 Events



Wally's Workshop Rally

March 21-23 2025

North Texas Airstream Community

[Click here to go to the Rally Website](#)

Stichin' and Fishing National Rally (Wait List)

April 24-29, 2025

North Texas Airstream Community

[Click here to go to the Rally Website](#)

Ham Radio Rally

May 15 - 18, 2025

North Texas Airstream Community

[Click here to go to the Rally Website](#)

Let's Make History

68th Annual Airstream Club International Rally

August 23—28, 2025

AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES the 68th Annual Airstream Club International Rally will be held at the 87-acre York Expo Center, in York, PA. August 23 – 28, 2025, with a potential for 1200 campsites with connection to power/water and additional options for boondocking.

Click Here for Additional Information: [York 2025 | Registration | ACI](#)



Dates - March 26 - 30, 2025

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

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

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!

Your Region 9 Team,

Tracy Elkins - President

Anna Brandon - 1st VP

Tim Ebbers - 2nd VP

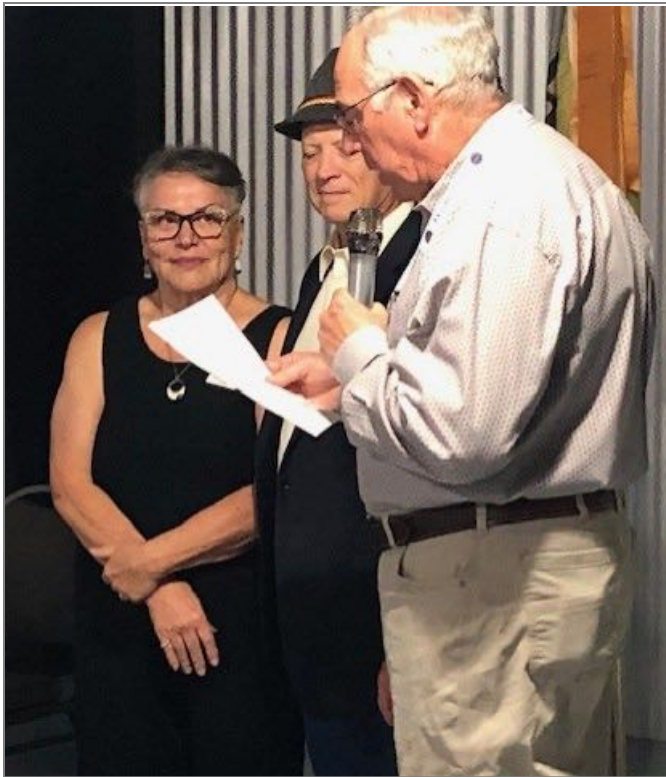
Cancellation Policy: Fees less processing charges requested by e-mailing the Host at Region9wbcci@gmail.com before Feb 1, 2025 will be refunded. Feb 1 - Mar 1 2025, the refund will also be reduced by any committed costs for catering or entertainment. After March 1st there are no refunds.

All the best,

Tracy Elkins

Region 9 President

THLAC Installation Rally



Grady Ferry installs new THLAC President, Allen Faulk with First Lady, Pam Faulk.



Congratulations & many thanks to our Past President, Bill Saulnier and First Lady, Eliane



Installation Rally Hosts: Judy & Rickey Taylor, Barbara Roberts & Keith Roberts (not shown), Pam and Jim Dudley and Janice & Bob Phelps



Tim Dupis at his first THLAC rally

THLAC Installation Rally



Kimberly & James Townsend with Mark & Helen Dickerson
Can you guess which two are cousins?



Jonell & Mark Clardy



Phillip & Linda Glassman with Cynthia & Bruce Nutt
Two more relatives in this photo!



Don & Laura DeMello

THLAC Installation Rally



Kirk & Sharon Guidry with Rey & Rowena Arellano
visiting Das Peachhaus in Fredericksberg

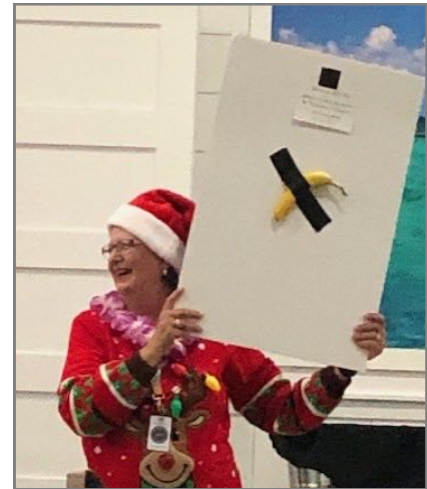


Check out those Lederhosen!

Christmas at the Beach Rally



Laurie & Rick Vice with Sir Gallahad



Valuable "Original" Artwork offered at the auction



Cynthia Nutt, Cindy Berdan, Shirley Fleming & Gayle Steed



Auction a Success

Thanks to all those who donated items to the auction. Just a sample is pictured above. With lots of bidding the total income from the auction was \$3,850. Half of the proceeds will be donated to charity with the other half remaining in the club budget for rallies and operating expenses.

Charitable donations will be sent to the Salvation Army for our international charity and to the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles .

Christmas at the Beach Rally



Allen Faulk, Michael Kutach & Mike Ashley



Ugly Sweater Winners: Sue Brown & Rickey Taylor

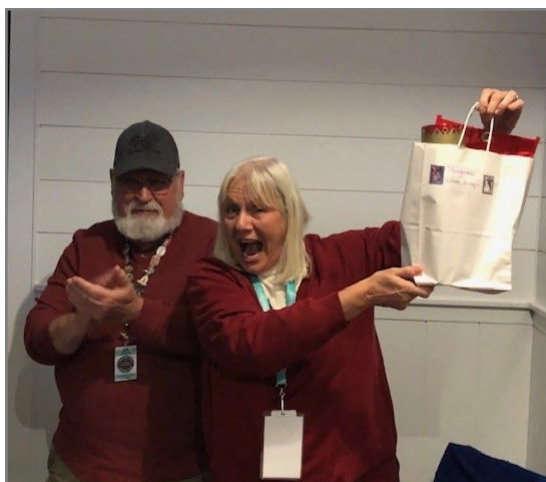


Mary Glasnapp, Phillip & Linda Glassman



Christmas Rally Hosts

Mike & Kathy Ashley and Helen & Mark Dickerson



Keith & Barbara Roberts—A Winner!

Christmas at the Beach Rally



Kelly Sawyer, New Member



Heading Home from the Dinner



Off to Dickens on the Strand