# The Bluebonnet

December 2024 Texas Hill Country Unit



Presidents Message

Christmas is upon us and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our December joint rally between TCHU and North Texas Airstream Club in Grapevine, Texas is now in the history books. (More details below) It was a great rally and I want to give special thanks to Allana Patterson of NTAC who initially contacted Tim Ebbers regarding this joint rally. Allana and Tom Jensen were gracious hosts and planned out a great time for all. I hope we can do it again sometime.

I want to remind everyone our January Luncheon is coming soon –11:30 am Saturday, January 11, 2025, in Marble Falls, Texas. Bella Sera Restaurant is located at 701 N Hwy 281. (Don't go to their 1125 address – it is not open yet – it is still under construction) For you members that have not yet attended a rally this is a great opportunity to meet and get to know fellow club members for a short weekend outing. Please send RSVP email to me at <u>Tractor\_dude97@yahoo.com</u> so I can get a head count.

Finally, please note that our next rally is Feb 27-March 2, in Kemah, Texas. There is lots to do in Kemah and the highlight will be a scheduled tour of NASA. You can book your RV site now. Additional information on this rally later in this newsletter.

Mike Green



## Welcome to our new THCU Affiliate Members!

**Terry Lockridge** Linda Humble and Travis Gilley Jennifer and Paul Mason

### Birthdays

Laurie ONeal Todd Buck Nance Algert Pat Green Brian Walker Noel Olsen Lois Muir Michael Green Richard Fletcher January 27

December 1 December 1 December 4 December 7 December 18 December 19 December 22 January 11

Gerald Davis Gary Cameron Keegan Carrick Kimberly Taber Yvonne Michek Wayne Gosnell Bonnie Stanley Kenita Rogers Sylvia Lemley

December 25 December 26 December 27 December 28 December 29 December 30 January 9 January 23 January 28

## Happy Anniversary!

Nance Algert and Kenita Rogers Keith and Kimberly Taber Michael and Bonnie Stanley Wayne and Martha Gosnell Eddie and Jan Eiland

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#### Rally News and Information

#### December Christmas Rally- Mike Green and Susan Fegley

Our joint TCHU and North Texas Airstream Club rally was a lot of festive fun! Attendees were: Kevin and Felicia Johnson, Tim and Ally Ebbers, Bob and Sylvia Lemley, Ira and Terri Rush, Jeff and Cindy McKee, Kathleen and Robert Salazar, Craig and Susan Fegley, Pat and Mike Green.

Most of THCU arrived Thursday and enjoyed the lovely Vineyards RV Park with its beautiful lake views, plentiful lake front trees and paved level sites. We had some nice Texas fall weather for a short while. Thursday night THCU attended the Christmas parade down Historic downtown Grapevine Main Street. There were well over 100 floats. On Friday, most explored downtown Grapevine shopping and restaurants on their own and Friday night several contests were held at the Vineyards Pavillion. Mike Green was runner up for the Dutch oven cooking contest, Terri Rush won the Instapot competition, and Sue Fegley won the ugly Christmas sweater contest. Then mother nature sent us a reminder about winter with wind, colder temperatures and light rain. Saturday morning was cold, damp and windy but it didn't slow the festivities down. North Texas Airstream Club sponsored a group breakfast, and it was delicious. Our own Craig Fegley flipped pancakes for everyone. Saturday evening, THCU and NT attended a murder mystery dinner in downtown Grapevine and later, there was a fun white elephant gift exchange. Grapevine is known as the Christmas capital of Texas and we all certainly saw why they have earned that reputation.

#### February Kemah Rally-Susan Fegley

Kemah's Marina Bay RV Resort is family-owned and operated with amenities that include full hook ups, sparkling swimming pools, lakeside fishing, fire pits, barbeque grills, covered dining areas, community rooms, fitness center, and more! Cable and wi-fi are included and they offer high-end onsite laundry facilities. Highlights for this rally include the Kemah Boardwalk and NASA Space Center tour. Book your site and let Susan Fegley, <u>efegley802@aol.com</u> or Mike Green, <u>tractor\_dude97@yahoo.com</u> know you are attending.



#### THCU Rally Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
2410		
<del>Dec 05-08</del>	Christmas Rally Joint rally with NTAC Grapevine Vineyards @ Grapevine, TX	Hosts: Allana Peterson & Tom Jensen Currently, this rally is full, BUT call Tom Jensen at 817-329-3090 BEFORE calling the RV Park if you would like to be on a waitlist for the park. If you want to be on the waiting list for the dinner theatre, please call Alex Swanson at 817-310- 5588. Link to tentative agenda: "Oh What Fun"
Jan 11 @ 11:30 AM	Luncheon at Bella Sera Italian Restaurant in Marble	Address: 701 N Hwy 281, Marble Falls, TX Send an RSVP to tractor_dude97@yahoo.com if attending
Feb 20-23	Region 9 National Event Rally Mardi Gras Galveston @ Galveston, TX	If you would like to check out the schedule and sign up for wait list, click on this link: <u>Region 9 Rally: Streamin' on the Strand 2025   ACI</u>
Feb 27- Mar 3	THCU Rally US RV Park/ Marina Bay Kemah, TX	Hosts: Sue & Craig Fegley To reserve a site call 281-334-9944 and let Ariel or Sherri know you are with the Texas hill country airstream unit. Then email Susan <u>efegley802@aol.com</u> to let her know you are attending. Click on this link for additional information: <u>THCU - Marina Bay   ACI</u> *Check out next page for itinerary
Mar 26-30	Region 9 Rally Brackenridge Recreation Complex in Edna, TX	Registration is open! Don't wait to register. Check out the link for additional information and to register: <u>Region 9 2025 Rally   ACI</u> Some THCU attendees are planning on parking together at Region 9. We may meet up at a central place before Edna or in Edna, depending on space. If we have assigned spots, we may just roll in when we are able. More information will come out as we get closer and know more information. If you do want to park together, make sure you select "Yes" on the registration question: "Would you like to park with
Apr 24-27	THCU/GHAC Rally Hilltop at Brenham Brenham, TX	THCU Host: Loyce Engle & Greg Carroll and Ira & Terri Rush This is a joint rally with Greater Houston Airstream Club
May 22-26	THCU Memorial Day Rally Johnson Creek RV Resort and Park Kerrville, TX	Hosts needed for this rally. Contact Lisa at 830.367.3300 to make reservations. This is a 4-day rally. Rates are \$52/night FHU sites with full use of club house; one-night re eservation deposit. The Kerrville Folk Fest is also occurring this weekend.
June TBD		
July TBD	THCU Luncheon	No host needed. Location, date and time are TBD.
Aug 23-28	International Rally York, PA	THCU may have a caravan going to and coming back from International depending on interest. If you are interested in going on a caravan, please contact Mike Green.
Oct 16-19	THCU Dueling State Park Rally Garner SP/Lost Maples SNA Concan, TX/Vanderpool, TX	Hosts: Bob & Jan Grimes and Tim & Ally Ebbers Camping at Garner SP (Rio Frio Loop) and exploring Garner SP & Lost Maples SP There are 16 FHU (50 AMP) sites reserved for this rally (Rio Frio Loop). If you are interested in this rally, please contact Ally Ebbers (ally.ebbers@gmail.com) to book
Nov TBD	Installation Rally Goliad State Park, Goliad, TX	Hosts needed for this rally
December	TBD by incoming president	



## THCU Kemah, TX Rally at USA RV Resorts, Marina Bay Thursday, February 27 through Sunday, March 02, 2025 925 Marina Bay Drive Kemah, Texas 77565

REGISTER: To reserve a site call 281-334-9944 and let Ariel or Sherri know you are with the Texas Hill Country Airstream Unit. RV sites are 65 feet pull through sites for \$49/night. There are currently 15 sites reserved in a group.

Hosts Sue and Craig Fegley

Rally Fee: Estimated at \$10/pp

Preliminary Agenda:

Thursday, February 27 Check in at noon Dinner as a group across the street at Jackie's Bar and Grill

Friday, February 28

Breakfast tacos

Tram tour/general admission of NASA Space Center. 10am -5 pm go to <u>spacecenter.org</u> to learn more . Tickets are about \$45 per person ; if we have enough going, there will be a lower group rate. Please let Sue Fegley (efegley802@aol.com) or Mike Green (tractor\_dude97@yahoo.com) know if you want to do the NASA Space Center to get a head count for the group rate.

Saturday, March 01

On your own. Lots of shopping, restaurants , entertainment on the boardwalk etc within walking distance. Moody Gardens in Galveston, shopping on the strand, beach combing, sea wolf park (submarine tour).

Saturday evening - happy hour at the RV park or go to the final night of Mardi Gras in Galveston

Sunday, March 02

Donuts/coffee. Pack up and head home. Check out is at noon.

## Helpful Info

There have been some folks who have asked about recommendations for places they can get their Airstream repaired, updated, and upgraded. Susan Fegley has collated a list of places and there have been a few add ins to the list. Hope you find it helpful, when/if you need Airstream repairs—outside of the Airstream dealer repair shops. Note: If they had a website, It is included

- $\Rightarrow$  Rivet Restoration in San Marcos, TX. Phone: 512.214.2863
- $\Rightarrow$  Texas Hill Country Coach (Terry Nabors) in New Braunfels, TX. Phone: 830.627.3030
- $\Rightarrow$  Caravan Services (Todd Ludzenski) in New Braunfels, TX. Phone: 830.626.1946
- $\Rightarrow$  American Vintage Trailers in Gatesville, TX. Phone: 254.248.1186. Website: <u>AVT</u>
- $\Rightarrow$  Bob Jones RV in South Houston, TX. Phone: 713.910.2949 . Website: <u>Bob Jones RV</u>
- $\Rightarrow$  Bayer RV in Dublin, TX. Phone: 254.445.4807 Website: <u>Bayer RV</u>
- $\Rightarrow$  Auers RV in Georgetown, TX . Phone 512.863.2030. Website: <u>Auers RV</u>
- ⇒ Cross Country RV Solutions (Tim Love). Phone: 817.917.0092. WebSite: Mobile RV Repair
- ⇒ Texas Country RV (Karrie Mikle). Phone 830.935.4503. Website: <u>TexasCountryRV.com</u>



### **THCU Officers**

- President: Mike Green—<u>tractor\_dude97@yahoo.com</u>
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- Web Master: Brian Walker
- Past President: Tim Ebbers

## EZ Links

This page is dedicated to links you may want to access. These are links within AirstreamClub.org and other links you may find helpful. If you have a link or website you find helpful and would like to add to this, please send it to me at 0104@wbcci.net.

AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG— <u>https://airstreamclub.org</u>/ Description: This is the mainsite for WBCCI Members. There are a few pages that do not require a log in, but most of the helpful links within these pages will require a log in. A log in can be created if you are a WBCCI Member.

Helpful links within airstreamclub.org (log in is required) Courtesy Parking Directory— <u>https://airstreamclub.org/members/courtesy-parking-directory</u> Description: Have you ever wanted to moochdock? If you find yourself in a situation where you just need a place to park with no/ minimal hookups, check out this least used benefit of being a WBCCI member. This will be updated in the future to use the Harvest Host website. Watch for updates to this.

Texas Hill Country Unit—<u>https://airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country</u> Description: This is the official THCU site within airstreamclub.org. It has links to the Rallies for our unit, newsletters, and other THCU Information. Check it out.

Blue Beret Magazine—<u>https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine</u>

2025 International Registration link (and information) - https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025

Campfire chats—<u>https://airstreamclub.org/events/campfire-chats</u> Description: This page link includes all of the prior recorded campfire chats, any future campfire chat dates and time AND on the day of the campfire chat the link to the virtual meeting.

WBCCI local rallies, events and national caravans—<u>https://airstreamclub.org/events</u> Description: If you want to check out and attend a rally outside of THCU rallies, check this out! If you want to attend another unit's rally it is proper etiquette to email the wagonmaster, event planner, or coordinator first prior to booking to ensure there is room for you to attend.—unless there are other registration instructions are listed for the event.

Other Links THCU Facebook group: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/267836193395602/</u> Description: This is a private facebook group for THCU members and friends of THCU.