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Madame Esparza

Greetings silver Friends!

(Not a reference to anyone's age!)

January in Niederwald was true to its history...it rained but only on Sunday morning! The staff at Longhorn was friendly and accommodating as always.

Although we did not have any guests join us for the rally, we had a few pop-ins which added spice to our planned activities. Steven and Stephanie stopped in on Friday night on their way back to San Antonio – so fun to visit with them for a bit during game night! New Airstreamer Daniel, currently staying at Longhorn, came by on Saturday afternoon to visit. After a few introductions, Daniel and others visited about Airstreams and some specific questions Daniel had as he has a new trailer and was still figuring things out. He's headed to the West Coast as soon as his tow-vehicle is ready for travel after repairs. He now knows how to find another Airstream club for support and friendship – thanks for welcoming him on Saturday!

We had a vendor lead the Tech Talk on Friday evening in Niederwald – which seemed to work quite well. We will have another vendor with a new topic in February. I appreciate Past-President Rich's initiative on incorporating the Tech Talks into our rally schedule.

Keeping with my theme from last month...*Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold...*I've talked with a couple of prospective members and hope to see them at upcoming rallies.

New opportunities to make more silver (Airstream) friends are the upcoming Region 9 rallies...

- Streamin' on the Strand
- Wally's Workshop
- Region 9 Rally - Escape to the Country

I know some of our members have attended Streamin' on the Strand and others have attended the Region 9 rallies over the years. I hope everyone will give one of these larger rallies a try!

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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 Harvie Flat Road
Spicewood, TX 78669
844-371-1517
www.openairrv.com/communities/spicewood/

November 22-24, 2024

Bending Oaks Ranch RV Resort
5681 E US Highway 290
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830-992-4796
www.bendingoaksranch.com

January 24-26, 2025

Longhorn RV Resort
23932 Camino Real
Niederwiesing, TX 78640
512-390-6677
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

March 26-30, 2025 Rally Region 9 Rally in Edna

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

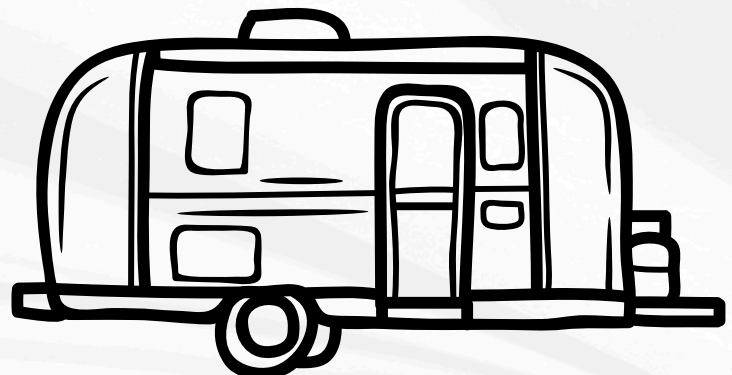
Wilderness Lakes RV Resort
22552 Park Rd 25
Mathis, TX 78368
361-547-9995
www.wildernesslakesrv.com

September 26-28, 2025

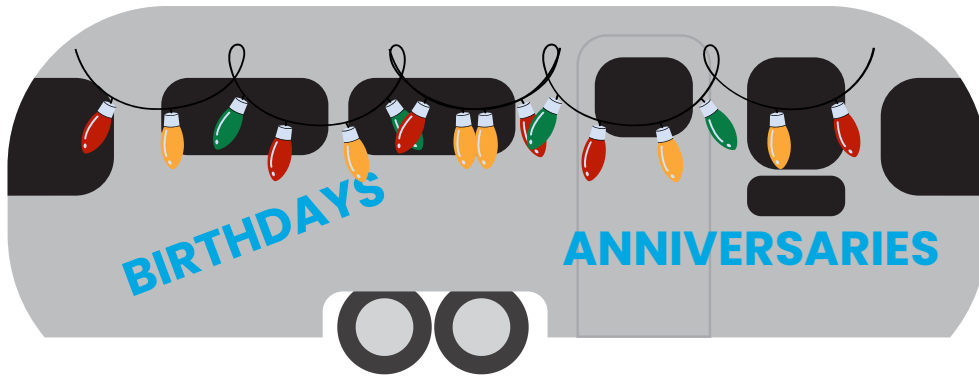
Miller Creek RV Park
5618 Us-281
Johnson City, TX 78636
830-868-2655
www.millercreekrvpark.com

BUDDY
Rally

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November + May = Buddy Rally



JANUARY

Birthdays:
 2nd – Steven McConnell
 7th – Gail Hall
 23rd – Dottie Ulrich

FEBRUARY

Birthdays:
 14th – Luke Brennecke
 15th – Nova Stephenson
 20th – Betty Dunn

Anniversary:
 2nd – Samuel & AnnMarie Esparza

WEEKEND RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour
 6 pm Potluck Dinner

Friday:

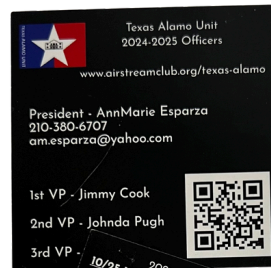
5 pm Social Hour
 5:30 pm Opening Ceremonies &
 Tech Talk
 6 pm Dinner

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 April 2025 rally in Comfort. Volunteer when you register for a rally at airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo

earn your merit badges!



Our January rally found us at one of our favorite RV Resorts -- Longhorn RV Resort in Niederwald, Texas. Previous years found us drenched in rainstorms and/or windy cold conditions. This year the weather held back until Sunday morning with mist and drizzle, so we were able to enjoy the outside amenities a bit more. We missed some of our members who had signed up but had to cancel due to temporary illness but hope to see the Cooks and Postlethwaits at future rallies.

Thursday night found members Dells, Taylors, Waggeners and Pughs arriving to start the rally gathering. Friday brought members Espinosa, Esparza, Brennecke, Cantwell and Young to complete the friendship circle.

Hosts Taylors and Dells fed the crowd Friday night with lasagna, garlic bread and salad. Malen enlisted her sister to make buttermilk pie for dessert. So yummy! Saturday morning found breakfast casserole and fruit on the serving table and Sunday's menu consisted of bagels served with assorted cream cheeses, jelly and peanut butter. Thank you for feeding us so well.

Saturday afternoon while the chili pots were percolating, members filled two tables for a Mexican train competition. Chi and Joi were the winners.



Which brings us to our now almost annual chili cook-off on Saturday. Six rigs participated in the cook-off. AnnMarie roped in our newest members Chi and Mark to judge along with a resident of the RV Park.

Members were told there was some discussion among the judges but the winner was (for the second year in a row, I might add) – **me!** Different recipe from last year but tasty indeed.

(Rich – maybe if you had not changed my recipe from last year that you used, you may have won at Region! Just sayin’).

Diane and Chi rounded out the meal with delicious desserts of carrot cake and chocolate chip cookies.

AnnMarie inducted Chi and Mark Cantwell as our newest members and, since they had not been previously inducted into TAU, Luke and Barb Brennecke also walked the red carpet. Welcome all!

Sunday morning brought a reading by Ben Young from The Book of Mysteries, a series of Biblical-based short stories from a “Teacher” to a “student.” AnnMarie closed the rally and we said our goodbyes until next time.

Make those reservations for Fredericksburg!!!



-- Roseann Young



Rich and I attended Canopener for the first time this year, which is held in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. It's not like any other rally that we've ever attended. The schedule says, "We have a little bit of this, and a little bit of that.

Something for everyone. Like a cruise-ship, you can do as much as you want, or as little as you want. We hope everyone has a good time." There was a pub crawl, a bowling tournament, a paw parade, a beer exchange, margaritas and king cake, a lunch of tomato sandwiches, moon pies and sweet tea (it's a southern thang!) a chili cook-off and a dinner called the long, long, long, long table.

The paw parade and the long, long table were probably the most fun. Everyone dressed their pets up in Mardi Gras attire (the theme for this year's canopener) and paraded through Topsail State Park dancing to New Orleans style jazz. Rich had to join in sporting his Mardi Gras alligator costume since we don't have a pet to dress up. He was throwing beads and taking pictures with everyone as he walked. It was a great way to get rid of all the beads we collected at Streamin' on the Strand last year.

The long, long, long, long table is a dinner on the final night of the rally. Each rig, or group of friends brings a table and they're placed end to end to make one really long table. You decorate your table in the theme and wear "fancy dress." The hope is to be able to win the Guinness World Record for the longest table. We didn't do it this year because the weather was wet and cold so a number of people left early. Nonetheless, there's always next year. (Mark your calendar: January 8-12, 2026)

Diane Espinosa



Friend and Rich ready for the long, long, long dinner party



Rich, the Mardi Gras Gator



Your 2024-2025 Officers!

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

Nominating Committee

Malen Dell, Joi Taylor and Luke Brennecke have been selected for this year's Nominating Committee.

They will prepare the slate of officer nominees for the 2025-2026 Rally year, which will be voted at our Annual Business Meeting in April.

Please contact them if you want to discuss a position.



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luke.brennecke@gmail.com



Region 9 Updates

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Hello Airstream Friends:

Mark your calendars. Region 9 has a busy few months ahead!

- ♦ **Streamin' on the Strand:** The National Event Rally kicks off at Mardi Gras! In Galveston, February 20th-23rd. While the waitlist is full, you can still visit us on Mechanic Row between 22nd and 25th Streets on the Historic Galveston Strand!
- ♦ **Wally's Workshop:** Need to get your rig ready for camping season? There are still a few slots open at Wally's Workshop, happening March 21st-23rd at NTAC in Hillsboro. Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop>
- ♦ **Escape to the Country:** Join us for the annual Region 9 Rally, March 26th-30th at the beautiful Brackenridge Recreation Complex on the banks of Lake Texana! Registration is open now at <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-rally>. Don't miss out!

We hope to see you at one of these exciting events!

Region 9 has volunteer opportunities with two chair positions currently open. If you are interested and have some time to serve, please consider the Region 9 Membership Chair or the Region 9 Caravan Chair. I would be delighted to visit with you about either of these roles!

All the best,

Tracy Elkins
Region 9 President
BRN 9713





**Mark & Chi
Cantwell**



**Barb & Luke
Brennecke**

**Barb won the
vendor door
prize**



The Judges