



# The Alamo Bugle

Texas Alamo Unit



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## Madame Esparza

### **Greetings TAU Members!**

It's definitely spring time in Texas - one day the weather is mildly warm, the next day it's hot, and the third day it's blowing us all over the place! We are lucky enough to be able to enjoy spring time in the Hill Country because of all the scenic places to enjoy. We are also lucky to enjoy spring time in the Hill Country with friends! I always look forward to rally weekends, where I know I'll get to spend time with friends and visiting new locations.

Samuel shared some thoughts on finding your happy place on Sunday morning... several attendees shared where that happy place is for them. One happy place can be glamping with our friends in our Airstreams...others shared that being out in nature was a happy place, spending time in their hobby space (sewing room or woodshop) is their happy place, or traveling is their happy place. I hope everyone knows at least one happy place where they can go and recharge their personal batteries.

April was a good rally for another reason...we successfully elected new unit officers and made some minor updates to our bylaws to maintain conformity with WBCCI. Succession planning for our unit (annual new officer elections) means we can continue to promote TAU Rallies as "happy places".

I look forward to our rally in May at a new location, Mathis near Lake Corpus Christi. It's a buddy rally, so I encourage you register for the rally now and to invite RV friends - Airstream or Some Other Brand, to enjoy the weekend together. I promise we'll have more great food, some fun games and great conversations.



See you soon!

*AnnMarie*

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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 Hawley Flat Road  
Spicewood, TX 78669  
844-211-1517  
[www.openairrv.com/communities/spicewood/](http://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](http://www.bendingoaksranch.com)

## January 24-26, 2025

Longhorn RV Resort  
23932 Camino Real  
Niederwieseler, TX 78640  
512-390-5677  
[www.longhornrvresort.com](http://www.longhornrvresort.com)

## February 28-March 2, 2025

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg  
2647 N Highway 87  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-952-1237  
[www.thevineyardsrvpark.com](http://www.thevineyardsrvpark.com)

## March 26-28, 2025 Rally Regional Rally in Edna

## April 25-27, 2025

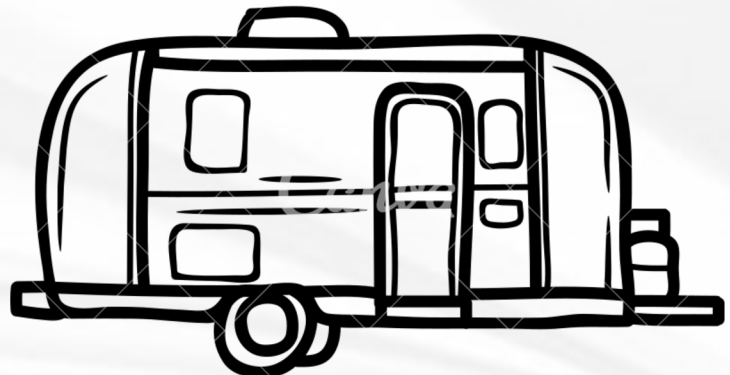
Comfort RV Resort  
145 Herman and Sons Rd E  
Comfort, TX 78013  
210-992-2837  
[www.comfortrvresort.com](http://www.comfortrvresort.com)

## May 23-25, 2025

Wilderness Lakes RV Resort  
22552 Park Rd 25  
Mathis, TX 78368  
361-547-9995  
[www.wildernesslakesrv.com](http://www.wildernesslakesrv.com)

## September 26-28, 2025

Miller Creek RV Park  
5618 Us-281  
Johnson City, TX 78636  
830-868-2655  
[www.millercreekrvpark.com](http://www.millercreekrvpark.com)



November + May = Buddy Rally



## MAY

Birthdays:

10<sup>th</sup> – Geno Dunn  
15<sup>th</sup> – Chi Cantwell

Anniversary:

19<sup>th</sup> – Les & Susan Postlethwait

## JUNE

Birthdays:

21<sup>st</sup> – Blanche Royal  
27<sup>th</sup> – David Flores

Anniversary:

10<sup>th</sup> – Ben & Roseann Young  
20<sup>th</sup> – Eldon & Barbara Sheffer

## 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 additional hosts for the **May** 2025 rally in Mathis. Volunteer when you register for a rally at [airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo](http://airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo)

**earn your  
merit badges!**



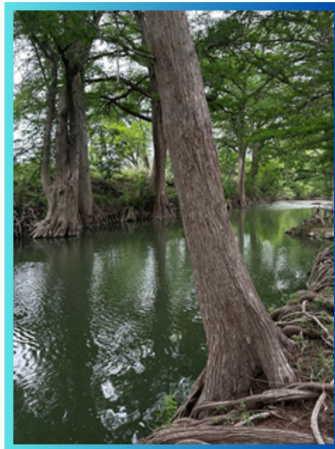


## APRIL 2025 Rally COMFORT, TX



Fourteen TAU members and four additional Airstreamers (one Houston Airstream Club couple and "one member-at large" couple) began the TAU April Rally weekend at Comfort RV Resort, Comfort TX. Sixteen TAU members and two wonderful new friends would complete the weekend! The Comfort RV Resort, on the banks of the Guadalupe River, was a delightful venue for our April Rally. The individual sites were spacious, with abundant room between trailers. All of the Airstreams were parked around a very nice recreation center that included a beautiful pool and spa.

Most of the TAU members arrived Thursday and enjoyed each other's company in unorganized socializing Thursday night and much of Friday. On Friday evening, TAU President, AnnMarie Esparza, officially opened the TAU rally and informed us about the planned weekend activities. The potluck dinner, as usual, offered good food and even better company.



Saturday morning began with a delicious, innovative breakfast featuring "girl scout omelettes" (or "boy-scout omelettes"). After breakfast, AnnMarie presided over the annual TAU business meeting in RECORD time (20 minutes). The meeting included presentation (and approval) of the new 2025-2026 slate of officers and a reading (and approval) of changes to the TAU bylaws. AnnMarie showed us the April Rally Merit Badge, "A Taste of Texas" and briefly explained what we would need to do earn them.



The program was then turned over to Gracie Waggener who introduced the group to the sotol plant that provided a wide variety of uses to the native Americans to the west of here. We used the dried sotol sticks she provided to make walking sticks which we were to individually and uniquely decorate using material provided by Gracie including yarn, cords, leather, beads, and feathers among other things. The results were, indeed, varied and beautiful.





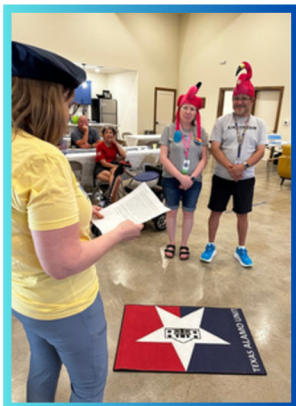
## More APRIL 2025 Rally Highlights!

Eldon Sheffer, a Certified Master Naturalist, then took those of us who desired to participate on a nature walk along the bank of the Guadalupe River where he shared his extensive knowledge of a wide variety of topics including (but not limited to) types, numbers, and varieties of plants and mammals; the origin of birds; the origins of elements and molecules; the critical roles played by plants and animals in the survival of all species; the make-up of a riparian ecosystem; and MORE and MORE.

Speaking for myself and I believe everyone in the group, we were amazed by the breadth of Eldon's knowledge and appreciative for his willingness and ability to share it.



We were on our own for the remainder of the day until the dinner hour, where our hosts provided a fabulous feast featuring pecan encrusted chicken that literally melted in your mouth, salad, baked potatoes, and delicious desert cakes. After dinner, Jimmy Cook won the fifty-fifty drawing (the proceeds of which he generously donated to the unit). Before the games began, AnnMarie presided over the welcoming of two new members, Rick and Susan Santos.



After the flamboyant welcoming ceremony (which included the requisite wearing of the flamingo hats and making those first steps onto the TAU mat), about ten or twelve of us decided to voluntarily sit around a table throwing three silly dice and ultimately donating three dollars each to AnnMarie, the winner of "Left-Center-Right". After AnnMarie took our money, she divided the entire group into two teams, the Astros and the Rangers for a game of bean bag baseball. It was a pretty one-sided game with regard to the score, but everyone (even the losers) had a ball.

Sunday morning breakfast, which featured wonderful home-baked muffins prepared by Diane, was followed by a very meaningful and thought-provoking devotional led by Samuel. President AnnMarie then officially concluded the weekend.

Many thanks go out to our president, AnnMarie, our hosts, Brenneckes, Espinosas, and Sheffers, and the two leaders of the planned Saturday activities, Gracie and Eldon.





### Your 2024-2025 Officers!

Pres – AnnMarie Esparza

1st VP – Jimmy Cook

2nd VP – Johnda Pugh

Treasurer – Roseann Young

Corresponding & Recording Secretary –

Diane Espinosa

1 Year Trustees – Eldon Sheffer & Luke Brenneke

2 Year Trustees – Tom St. Pierre & Ben Young

Past Pres – Richard Espinosa

### 2025-2026 Officers

Upon unanimous approval during the April 2025 TAU Business Meeting, the unit's new officers will be:

President – Ben Young

1<sup>st</sup> VP – AnnMarie Esparza

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Johnda Pugh

Treasurer – Roseann Young

Corresponding & Recording Secretary –

Diane Espinosa

2 Year Trustees –

Gracie Waggener and Barbara Brennecke

1 Year Trustees –

Samuel Esparza and Malen Dell

### 2025 ACI Executive Council Nominee – Rachael Miller



I'm honored to run for the ACI Executive Council and offer my experience as an executive and board member because this community has truly shaped my life and I'd love to help shape its future. As a full-timer, I've found friendship, wisdom, and joy through rallies and meetups, and I've tried to give back by creating the Airstream Full Timers Facebook group.

Our weekly check-ins and in-person gatherings have helped fellow travelers feel a little less alone on the road.

Professionally, I run a small business, have served on nonprofit and international boards, and bring a background in psychotherapy. I prefer to lead with clarity and compassion valuing consensus, clear communication, and collaboration

over ego. ACI is evolving, and that's exciting. I want to help us adapt while staying true to our roots by offering more flexible ways to get involved, strengthening member-leadership communication, maintaining a good relationship with Airstream, Inc. and making space for solo travelers, digital nomads, and the next generation of Airstreamers. I love this community – not just the trailers or the travel, but the people. If elected, I'll bring big-picture thinking, grounded leadership, and a genuine belief that our best days are still ahead. Thank you.

*As allowed by ACI, each nominee can submit 200 word statement for submission to club newsletters. Publishing of Nominees Statements does not constitute endorsement by Unit Officers, Newsletter Editor nor unit members.*



## Region 9 Update May 2025

Howdy Airstream Friends!

As we roll into May, the Region 9 community is buzzing with club rallies, leadership opportunities, and the excitement of election season. Here's the latest to keep you in the loop and inspired for the adventures ahead!

### **Election Season Is Underway for Executive Council**

It's time to shape the future of Airstream Club International! Voting for the Executive Council opens on June 1, 2025. Get to know the candidates:

<https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2025-executive-council-candidates> Take a moment to review their profiles and platforms—your vote is your voice in guiding our club's direction. Make sure to cast your ballot by the deadline and help choose our next leaders!

### **Call for Candidates: Region 9 2nd Vice President (2026–2028 Term)**

We are now seeking candidates for the Region 9 2nd Vice President position for the term of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2028. This role is key to our leadership team, working alongside the Region President and 1st Vice President to plan rallies, support clubs, and represent our members at the national level.

Responsibilities Include:

- Helping coordinate regional events and rallies.
- Supporting local clubs with resources and guidance.
- Preparing to advance to 1st VP and President roles in future terms.
- Championing the Airstream Club's mission of fellowship and adventure.

Who We're Looking For:

- Enthusiastic Airstream Club members passionate about our community.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- A collaborative spirit and eagerness to lead.
- Club leadership experience is a bonus but not required.

Interested or know someone who'd be perfect? Contact Nancy Fitzgerald, the Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair at [nefitzge6@gmail.com](mailto:nefitzge6@gmail.com). Step up and help shape Region 9's future!

### **Volunteers Needed – Step Up!**

Region 9 thrives because of our amazing volunteers, and we need you to keep the momentum going! We're currently seeking:

- Caravan Chair: Lead exciting group adventures across Region 9 and beyond.
- Committee Members: Join teams like rally planning, membership, or communications to make a big impact.

Whether you're ready to take the lead or lend a hand, your skills and passion are welcome. Reach out to me at [region9wbcci@gmail.com](mailto:region9wbcci@gmail.com) to get involved today!

Happy Camping,  
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