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May 2025

President's Message

By *Eric McMurphy*

Hello fellow club members!!

May 2025 has come and gone already! For our club, May was an awesome month with the 2025 Gator Rally at Brazos Bend. We had great attendance at the rally (over 30 rigs) and over 60 people attended. I cooked in my Dutch Oven for the first time and led my first club meeting as President. I met several new members, and we had a great representation of club members and affiliate members join us. I personally enjoyed talking with everyone and saw the volunteerism at a high level. I'm very proud of the enthusiasm we have going this year and I'm looking forward to the two International Rally caravans this summer and the caravan to Big Bend later this year.



At our May rally, we had our annual meeting with club members in attendance as well as our Executive Board and committee chairs. We had good conversation at the meeting. Each Executive Board member and committee chair gave their yearly report. I'm happy to report the club is in good financial shape, rally attendance is booming, and club members are helping others and focusing on service. Our membership is down just a bit versus last year for many reasons, but we are getting new members join. So, we need to do a great job of welcoming the members (all of us). If you talk to a new member, see them at a rally or happen to run into them, say hi, make them feel welcome and encourage them to come rally with us!

At the yearly meeting we discussed one important topic which the Executive Board will vote on later this month. The subject was data management. While our club does a good job of getting through the year publishing the annual directory and monthly newsletters, our data is surprisingly on everyone's laptop, and we have old files still in paper. When we meet as an Executive Board, we will have Google Workspace as one of the topics of discussion. Hopefully, we can move forward from there with a solution and work towards our data being all electronic.

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President's Message

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We also announced the voting results of our 2026 Executive Board. I'm proud to announce the following:

President – Lisa Feine

1st VP – Wayne Wilkerson

2nd VP – Justin Hargadine

3rd VP – John Davis

Trustee – Ron Lange (2 yrs), Mitch Ginn (2 yrs).

Trustee – Alan Billard, Raj Ramlal (both voted last year for a 2-year term)

Corresponding Secretary – Jim Feine

Treasurer – Jerry Lyddon

Assistant Treasurer – Caren Bundy

Recording Secretary – Maria McAnulty

If you see these folks, please help me congratulate them and thank them for serving. As I have found out, serving does take time but it's a very rewarding experience.

I want to wish you all a great summer! Be sure to enjoy the time with family and friends. Get out of the heat if you can and head north! Holly and I will be heading to Michigan's Upper Peninsula in July and of course to York PA in August.

Lastly, don't forget our September rally in La Grange Tx. We will be sending out the rally flyer this summer for September 18-21. Colorado Landing always does a great job of hosting us and La Grange is a great place to visit and have some delicious food!

Hopefully, I will see you in York!

Eric

Please note: This will be the last newsletter until after the International Rally. Start journaling your summer travels, and send your stories for inclusion in the next newsletter! Please send any articles from caravans and rallies, upcoming rally flyers, or For Sale flyers you wish to include in the next Newsletter to the Coyote Tales Newsletter Editor, no later than August 28th. We look forward to hearing from you! *(Articles may be edited due to size.)*



Region 9 Updates - May, 2025

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

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. 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 to get involved today!

Happy Camping,
Tracy Elkins - BRN 9713
Region 9, President
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RALLIES AND CARAVANS



Check out the following **FOUR Club Caravans** for 2025:

Express Caravan to York, PA for 2025 Airstream International Rally
Leaders Eric McMurphy and Julie Kulak

- ♦ August 15 to August 21
- ♦ Max number of rigs 12
- ♦ \$405 total per rig (some exceptions depending on number of people per rig)
- ♦ <https://form.jotform.com/250906991875169>

Scenic Caravan to York, PA for 2025 Airstream International Rally
Leaders Rick Elkins and Wayne Wilkerson - See [FLYER](#).

- ♦ August 11 to August 21

Big Bend Caravan - See [FLYER](#).

Boca Chita SpaceX Caravan - Dates TBD based on publish of launch schedule. Route & Stops Selected - Kitty Fee Budget in process.

Gator Haven Rally at Brazos Bend State Park

Rally Report

By Tom and Caren Bundy

May 15-18, Needville, Texas

Rally attendees at the GHAC Gator Haven rally enjoyed a beautiful weekend at Brazos Bend State Park south of Houston. The park contains many large oak trees that are filled with Spanish moss. It is also a bird-watching paradise and has wonderful trails for bike riding. The attendees who arrived on Thursday gathered at the group dining hall to set up tables and chairs. Grills were set up and attendees grilled their protein of choice and brought a wonderful array of delicious sides. The meal was capped off with ice cream sandwiches.



Friday morning began with a guided hike around 40 Acre Lake led by retired park ranger David Heinicke and GHAC member



Tom Taroni. Although we were at Gator Haven, we only saw a few gators in the water. We did see a wonderful assortment of birds including whistling ducks, parula, blue and green heron, red winged blackbirds, purple gallinules, anhingas, and roseate spoonbills. The water was covered by beautiful water hyacinth and yellow lotuses. The variation in topography in the park is because the park is situated on land that once was the location of a much larger Brazos River.



Friday evening the group enjoyed hamburgers, chips, and baked beans followed by cookies and a donated pecan pie. After dinner activities included bike rides in the park, jam sessions by the musicians, campfires, or just enjoying the beautiful park.

Saturday morning the hosts provided a breakfast taco bar with eggs, sausage and fruit. After breakfast, members went with Tom Taroni to see one of the last areas of native grasslands in the area, where Susan Connaty explained the complex issues associated with coastal grasslands. The ranch near the grasslands is where Santa Anna was held prisoner after being captured at San Jacinto.



Saturday's dinner was cooked in Dutch ovens. It was impressive to see all of the ovens cooking and the volunteer cooks working together. The dinner was chicken and rice with mushrooms and salad, with delicious fruit cobblers.



Following dinner and clean up, Jason Goodwin built a campfire for the group. Musicians Dan McAnulty, Lowell Anderson, and Jim Glover played guitar and ukulele accompanied by singers Virginia Taroni, Liesa Glover, and Deanna Shepard. Many of the crowd joined in on the singing.



Sunday breakfast was an assortment of bread and muffins prepared by rally hosts with fruit and leftover cobbler.

To honor our country's veterans for Memorial Day, a flag folding ceremony that explains the meaning behind each of the 13 folds was held. Three of our veterans, Jerry Goodwin, Vernon Goodwin and Rick Elkins performed the ceremony.

In typical GHAC fashion everyone helped to break down the room, putting up chairs and tables, cleaning the kitchen, distributing the leftover food and condiments, cleaning the kitchen, and sweeping and mopping the floor.

The hosts were Tom and Caren Bundy, Jerry and Carol Goodwin, Jim and Liesa Glover, Nelson and Marilyn Tears, and Tom and Virginia Taroni. Thanks also to Jason Goodwin for building the fire and to Vernon Goodwin, Jerry Goodwin, and Rick Elkins for the flag ceremony.

Scenic Caravan to York, PA for 2025 Airstream International Rally

Leaders Rick Elkins and Wayne Wilkerson

- ♦ August 11 to August 21
- ♦ Max number of rigs 12
- ♦ \$753 total per rig (some exceptions depending on number of people per rig)
- ♦ <https://form.jotform.com/250887630835163>

Ten rigs are registered for this 10 day August caravan from Houston to York, PA and the 2025 Airstream International Rally. We hope to have 12 - 15 rigs on this caravan.

We are traveling on a route filled with things to see and do. The caravan team is diligently working in planning the best possible adventure for everyone! Click on the link below for more details.

We are making campground and entertainment reservations NOW. Please do not delay submitting your registration if you are thinking of going, as we are competing with 1000+ other Airstreams for available campsites and entertainment.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."



Click here to sign up today!

Big Bend – Davis Mountains Caravan

Nov. 2-13, 2025

Itinerary

Nov. 2-5: Meet up at Davis Mountains State Park, Ft. Davis, TX

Davis Mountains State Park

Nov. 6-11: RoadRunner Travelers RV Park, Study Butte, TX

RoadRunner Travelers RV Park

Nov. 12-13: Seminole Canyon State Park, Comstock, TX

Seminole Canyon State Park

Click on the links provided above to get more details about each park.

Costs

- ♦ Davis Mountains State Park - \$25/night with full hookups. Total of \$100 per rig
- ♦ RoadRunner Travelers RV Park - \$54/night with full hookups. Total of \$270 per rig
- ♦ Seminole Canyon State Park - \$20/night with electric and water at each site. Dump station available. Total of \$40 per rig.

To reserve your spot, please pay a kitty fee deposit of \$420 by May 30, 2025 to Bruce Lee (34 Thundercove Place, Spring, TX 77381 or you can Zelle a payment to balee5068@gmail.com).

Total costs will be about \$420. This pays for all the RV sites. Out of pocket costs will be for meals and activities such as jeep/ATV tours, river adventures, and other sight-seeing activities.

This caravan will be limited to 15 rigs maximum. As of May 19, I have 10 reservations that have paid at least an initial deposit and 4 more rigs saying they would like to go on this caravan.

Cancellation Policy:

- Before Sept. 1, 2025 - \$80 per rig
- On or after Sept. 1, 2025 - No refunds
- *These fees do not apply if another rig agrees to fill your reservation.*



More Details to come about things to do at each park.

2025 GHAC Rally Schedule

[Click for Details](#)

- January 18, 2025 - Annual Luncheon at the historic Brandt 1910, Wallis, TX
- February 20-23, 2025 - Rally at the Summer Breeze RV Park, Brookshire, TX
- March 26-30, 2025 - Region 9 Rally at Brackenridge RV Park, Edna, TX **
- April 24-27, 2025 - Joint Rally with the Texas Hill Country Unit at The Hilltop RV Park, Brenham, TX
- May 15-18, 2025 - Rally and Annual Business Meeting at Brazos Bend State Park, Needville, TX **
- August 23-28, 2025 - International Rally, York Exp Center, York, PA **
- September 18-21, 2025 - Rally at Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange, TX
- October 16-19, 2025 - Rally at Blue Water RV Resort, Freeport, TX
- November 20-23, 2025 - Rally at Rusk KOA Holiday, Rusk, TX **
- December 4-7, 2025 - Installation Rally at On The Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, TX

*Rally Registration follows this Two-Step process, unless indicated with **:*

1. *Reserve your campsite with the Campground and pay direct (mention GHAC Rally).*
2. *Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.*

** Rallies indicated with an asterisk will follow a different registration and campsite reservation process. Please see the information for those specific events to learn more.

For the Record...



Gator Haven Rally at Brazos Bend State Park

Jerry & Beth Adams
Toni & Lowell Anderson
Alan, Bernadine, & Ashley Billard
Thomas & Caren Bundy
John & Deborah Davis
Rick & Tracy Elkins
Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett
James & Lisa Feine
Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
Jim & Liesa Glover
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Joletta Goodwin
Jason & Sherry Goodwin
Austin, Riley and Hazel Goodwin
Gene Guthrie
Terah Isaacson & Lee Howell
Natalia & Vivienne Howell

Janice & Ron Lange
Bruce Lee
Jerry Lyddon
Ron Mayfield
Maria & Dan McNulty
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Johnda & Jason Pugh
Teena Reese & William ("Bill") Weibel
Traci & Chris Reyes
David Rice
Deanna Shepard
Sam & Ratna Singh
Tom & Virginia Taroni
Marilyn & Nelson Tears
Jon & LaVerne Villanti
Wayne & Liza Wilkerson



2025 Rally Host/Co-Host Sign-Ups



Dates	Rally Event	Rally Location	Hosts	Co-Hosts	Theme
Jan 18	Annual Luncheon	Brandt 1910 Wallis, TX	Dan & Maria M.	Alan & Bernadine B.	"Hollywood Glam"
Feb 20 - 23	February Rally	Summer Breeze RV Park Brookshire, TX	Vernon & Jo G.	Tom R., Jim & Cheryl M.	"Mardi Gras"
Mar 26 - 30	Region 9 Rally	Brackenridge RV Park Edna, TX	Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, and Region 9 officers. Contact Tracy if you want to help out with this event.		"Escape to the Country"
Apr 24 - 27	April Joint Rally with THCU	The Hilltop RV Resort Brenham, TX	Rick & Tracy E.	Dan & Maria M.	"Bluebonnet"
May 15 - 18	May Rally & Club Business Meeting	Brazos Bend State Park ** Needville, TX	Tom & Caren B.	Jerry & Carol G.; Jim & Liesa G.	TBD
No Rallies in June or July. Join one of our caravans to the International Rally!					
Aug 23 - 28	International Rally	York Expo Center , York, PA			"Let's Make History"
Sep 18 - 21	September Rally	Colorado Landing RV Park LaGrange, TX	Justin H., Guy B.	Deanna S., John & Deborah D, and Toni & Lowell A.	TBD
Oct 16 - 19	October Rally	Blue Water RV Resort Freeport, TX		John & Susan S.	"John Wayne Western"
Nov 20 - 23	November Rally	Rusk KOA Holiday Rusk, TX	Lisa & Jim F.	Paul & Sabra F. Larry & Susan M.	TBD
Dec 4 - 7	Installation Rally	On The Lake RV Resort Onalaska, TX	Rick & Tracy E.	Raj & Narmin R.	"The Fabulous Fifties"

What Hosts/Co-Hosts Do

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a GHAC Rally! For more information or to select a Rally to volunteer, please contact Eric McMurphy at Club155@airstreamclub.org or 832-247-9480 or contact Holly McMurphy at 832-808-3309.

Click here for more specific details.

- GC Contact
- Visit Location
- Set Rally Theme
- Plan Meals
- Plan Activities
- Rally Schedule
- Rally Fees
- Purchase Food
- Club Rally Boxes
- Reservations
- Promote Rally
- Monitor Registration
- Transport Food, Supplies, and Rally Boxes
- Greet Campers
- Prepare Meals
- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge, Devotion, & Grace
- Return Rally Room
- Report w/Pics for Newsletter
- Have Fun!

May Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins

Membership & Directory Chair

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Member Benefits

- Membership Discounts
- Product Savings
- Courtesy Parking
- Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
- Preferred Partners: Travel, Trip & RV Insurance
<https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>

Welcome New Members!

Michael "Mike" & Karen Gunter join us from Houston with their 2023 Globetrotter 28FB.

Dave & Rosemary Kasprzak join us from Houston with their 2021 International 30'.

Paul Sherland & Rachel Rust join us from Wharton with their 2017 Tommy Bahama 28'.

David & Carole Vaughn join us from The Woodlands with their 2025 Classic 30

Also, we published the 2025 Membership Directory. It was sent to all Members via e-mail on 5/14/25. If anyone did not receive it, please let us know and we'll try again. If any information is incorrect or missing, please reach out to Tracy Elkins at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com.

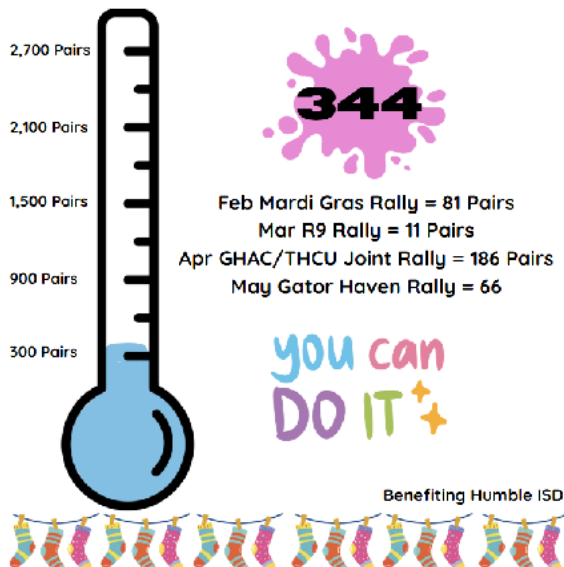
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

If you know someone who is making an Airstream purchase, remind them they get a free 1-year (ACI) membership (Explorer Program) when they purchase a new rig. And we would love it if they select GHAC as their primary club. You will get lots of kudos for your referrals as well.

GHAC SOCK DONATION PROGRESS

3,000 Pairs of Socks - GOAL

Current Progress



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Deanna Shepard 832-515-4732

The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



"Summer means happy times and good sunshine." -Brian Wilson

MEMBER CONCERNS

We will be taking a break from our monthly rallies and Coyote Tales Newsletter during the summer until September. Our International Rally "Let's Make History" is in York, Pennsylvania, August 23-28. Wherever you travel, I pray that all our Greater Houston Airstreamers have a safe and healthy summer!

June Birthdays 01 Jon Villanti 01 Jamie Nixon 03 Jay Bubela 07 Kelly Hargraves 07 Rose Nugteren 10 Dan McAnulty 10 Shawn Schulze 11 Karen O'Donnell 12 Ron Lange 12 Jo Goodwin 17 Larry Meeks 24 Natalie Garrett 24 Lisa Schwarz 26 Laurie Vice 28 Carol Goodwin 30 Susan Sheridan	July Birthdays 01 Lia Laney 01 Eloise Reeves 02 Susan Raia 04 Jan Rightmyer 07 Guy Bily 08 Michael Shelley 15 Rick Vice 16 Patti Blanchet 17 Virginia Taroni 20 Gene Blanchard 20 Louise Parry 20 Jason Pugh 22 Clay Brown 24 Perry Neichoy 27 David Petit 29 David Parry 31 Christopher Dalston 31 Alan Kulak	August Birthdays 01 Coreen Collins 02 Jason Goodwin 03 Lisa Laney 04 John Fuselier 05 Sharlene Ferrin 05 Tim Ebbers 06 Cheryl Verlander 08 Jose Baptista 09 Dan Nugteren 11 Eric McMurphy 11 Tom Taroni 14 Ken Laney 15 Reid Westmoreland 16 David Rice 21 Judy Shelley 24 Jennifer Cary 24 Keely Wood 28 Vicki Ketchum
June Anniversaries 01 David & Kimberly Savage 14 Clay & Jenny Brown 15 Don & Eloise Reeves 20 Ronn & Rae Gilbert 27 Christopher & Lana Dalston 27 Raj Ramlal & Narmin Parpia	July Anniversaries 09 Alan & Julie Kulak 10 John & Deborah Davis 15 Ron & Suzan Bernucho 16 George & Jamie Nixon 23 Tim & Jody Bashor 27 Ray & Denise Wall 28 Charles & Karen O'Donnell 30 Perry & Kay Neichoy	August Anniversaries 03 Bob & June Hutson 05 Mike & Susan Beal 06 Bob & Dell Jones 13 Nelson & Marilyn Tears 14 Jim & Liesa Glover 15 Steve & Donna Cummins 21 Richard & Shannon Cull 23 Paul & Sabra Francis 24 Tim & Cindy West 26 Bill & Christina Rathbun
NOTE: Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact Tracy Elkins at 281-725-1672 or I and we'll get you next time!	HAPPY TRAILS!! SAFE TRAVELS!!	

Tech Tip

By Eric McMurphy

If Refrigerators Could Talk

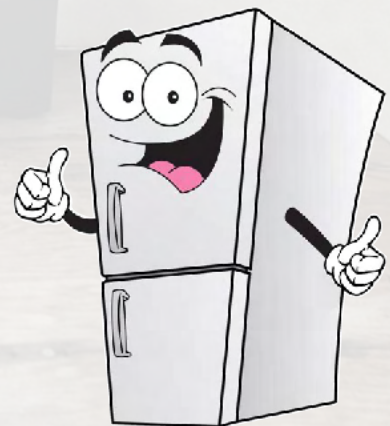
I've been asked several times lately how I like my 12volt refrigerator in our 2023 Classic. My answer is always, "We love it!" Why might you ask?

I'm no fridge expert but it is great because you don't need propane, you can turn it on before you leave home, it gets cold quickly, and we don't have to lug a cooler around any longer! I like it so much, I'm going to investigate if our 1972 Tradewind can be retrofitted for a 12V fridge! When we purchased it in December, it was one of the negatives (gas or electric) but now I've got the bug to convert it to 12V. I watched a video today and there are companies out there that convert an absorption fridge (gas and electric) to 12V or you can buy and have installed a new 12V fridge.

One thing I would recommend is that you have enough battery power to make it worthwhile, and you also have some sort of solar system to keep the battery charged. Lastly, unless you're an expert, don't do this at home folks. Make sure you take your rig to a shop that does this type of thing for a living. Do your homework and I know you will have great success!

Happy camping and streaming!

Eric



Greater Houston Airstream Club

2025 Officers

Officers

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Be men and women with others and
for others: true champions at the
service of others.

Pope Francis

AZ QUOTES



Happy Birthday GHAC!

We are celebrating our Club's 50th anniversary this year. At each rally we will be celebrating the Club and all of its members as YOU are what makes this Club a special group to be apart of as we travel in our wonderful Airstreams.



Useful Links and Contacts

- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
- ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas):
- ❖ Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155):
- ❖ GHAC Facebook Page

- ❖ Blue Beret Archive (club magazine):

- ❖ Blue Beret Blog (club blog):

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello Friends!

The world watched a change in Popes recently. Even if you aren't Catholic, you could not escape the stories on the news, memes of white and black smoke, and incessant pictures of the Vatican showing up on social media. We even watched the movie *"The Two Popes"* which kept popping up on Netflix. (I recommend it. Anthony Hopkins is such a great actor.)



I've included a couple of famous quotes made by Pope Francis while preparing this newsletter. If you have a spare minute, Google his famous quotes. While we may not agree on everything politically speaking, he shared some valuable thoughts for us to ponder.

For one, Pope Francis said, *"Do not be afraid to dream great things!"* How big are your dreams? I've been thinking about this lately. You may know I was diagnosed with metastatic (Stage 4) breast cancer in 2016. I've been in treatment ever since. (My body has been stable with no progression since 2019, much to the surprise of my team of oncologists.) In 2020, Tim and I decided it was time for me to retire so we could chase some of our dreams. He works from home, so traveling is a good option for us. That lead us to our first Airstream purchase, and we've never looked back!

Some of our dreams, or "bucket lists" as we may call them, include hiking in all 63 National Parks, touring State Capitols, visiting Presidential Libraries and Museums, and sleeping in our Airstream in all 50 states. (We might need some advice from our new GHAC members on how to do that in Hawaii 🤔.) We also want to spend as much time with our family and friends as possible.

This summer, for the first time, we will take our two oldest "Jedi" on a road trip with the Airstream in tow. We plan to stop in Kansas (where we have yet to sleep), head on up north, and go to South Dakota where we missed the State Capitol last year, and we will explore the Badlands National Park. We have ridden our motorcycle through there at least twice, but this time we get to stay a few days, explore some of the trails, and share the experience with our two oldest future streamers. (We have 7 grandchildren. The two oldest Jedi are 10 and 8. When our first one was born, Tim didn't think he was old enough to be a Grandpa, so he said he wanted to be called "Yoda.")

So...what are you dreaming of? Why not start now? Is there anything holding you back? Look for the easiest one to accomplish, and go from there. Don't let the summer go by without grabbing hold of your dream. If it involves an Airstream, let us know what you did and I'll include it in a future newsletter!

Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,
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BRN 19963 - 2025 30' Classic RBT ("Classy Girl")
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A Word From Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer on a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So, give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

**Get out there and enjoy your
Airstream adventures!**



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