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### President's Message—June 2025

I hope everyone's summer plans are on track!

The picture below is of Pam and I enjoying the sun and sand during the recent Texas Riviera Caravan. Pam thinks we lingered a little too long and enjoyed the sights and sounds a little too much. What do you think?



Pam and I are currently looking out the front trailer windows and absorbing the beauty of the mountains surrounding Eagle Nest, NM. The views are so good that they inspired me to clean the windows; nature works in mysterious ways!

In a few days, we'll be leaving here to travel to our favorite summer hangout: Lake City, CO. High temperatures there will be around 70 degrees, or cooler. Life is good!

Later this summer, we will attend the 68th International Rally in York, PA. I will be working with the Logistics Crew and Pam will again be driving folks around the rally site as a member of the Transportation Crew.

At last count, there are 15 THLAC rigs registered to attend International. Our 1st VP, Jim Dudley, is working to organize those club members who are attending the rally and want to camp near each other while there. Thank you, Jim!!

You should have already received an email regarding registration for the Grapefest Rally in Grapevine, scheduled for September 11-14. Pre-registration for Club members will close on June 9. Open registration for the Rally begins on June 10. The last day to register is July 10. These sites will go quickly.

The recent Pop-Up Rally, held at Cedar Ridge Campground, Lake Belton, was a resounding success! Many thanks to Kathy and Mike Ashley for leading this event. If you have an idea for a Pop-Up Rally, please notify me as quickly as possible. These Rallies have no planned activities and no Rally Hosts; just Airstreamers who enjoy Airstreaming.

Wherever you are this summer, please travel safely and stay cool!



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#### 2024-2025 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Executive Board:** 

President: Allen Faulk

1st VP: Jim Dudley

2nd VP: Nancy Powers

Corr. Secretary: Keith Ferry

Rec. Secretary: Linda Glassman

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Trustees: Jonathan Crenwelge

Ginger Zeringue Rick Trimble Kathy Ashley

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Caravan: Rick Trimble Chaplain: Cinda Brooks Constitution/Bylaws: Harvey Craig Marketing: Brian Powers Frank Steed Membership: Newsletter: Keith Ferry Sunshine: Sharon Guidry Webmaster: Debbie Trimble

Assistant Webmaster: Jim Pfeil

For Security Purposes The Roadrunner does not publish contact information. Please refer to your Membership Directory.

2025

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, NTAC, Hillsboro, TX

December 4-7 Christmas Rally

KOA, San Antonio, TX

2026

TBD Kerrville Service Rally,

Kerrville, TX

February 19-22 Cowboy Poetry Rally, Alpine, TX

March 12-15 Tyler Rose Festival Rally, Tyler, TX

May 7-10 Stockyards Rally, Grapevine, TX

September 17-20 Windmill Museum Rally, Lubbock, TX

October 8-11 Heart of Texas Rally, Waco, TX

November 12-15 Installation Rally, Kerrville, 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 <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes">https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes</a>. 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.

# AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL TURNS 701

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025. Visit AirstreamClub.org/70Years for more details.

#### 70th Anniversary Store

It's finally open! There's drinkware, accessories, and apparel for everyone, including a special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt with Wally's Creed on the back! Purchases are printed/embroidered on demand, so all sales are final. https://airstreamclub.checkoutstores.com/

The 70<sup>th</sup> Logo has also been uploaded to Land's End, for use on their apparel and we have 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary decals being printed now. Those will be released in the ACI store and will sell for \$7.00, in the next couple of weeks.

#### **August Blue Beret**

The next Blue Beret is going to be a commemorative edition focused on the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The issue will highlight the club's rich history, multi-generational member stories and more! We've set up a couple ways for members to participate:

- **Share Your Story:** Tell us about your family's history with the club, your favorite Club traditions, craziest Club adventures, and more! <a href="https://form.jotform.com/251196029698166">https://form.jotform.com/251196029698166</a>
- Share Your Photos: Show off your best club adventure photos select photos will be used throughout the issue and maybe even grace the cover! <a href="https://app.kululu.com/9dqw1g">https://app.kululu.com/9dqw1g</a>
- Leave Your Mark: Buy a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Message that will be included in the magazine. You can choose a text only message for \$25 or text with photo/logo for \$100. All proceeds will be donated to the WBCCI Historical Center. https://form.jotform.com/251103983344050

All these links and more can also be found at AirstreamClub.org/70Years

Thanks!

#### **Sherrye McCabe**

Marketing & Communications Manager

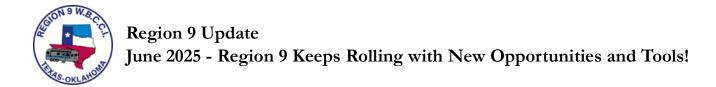
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#### Howdy Airstream Friends!

As summer heats up, so does the excitement in our community. From casting your vote for the Executive Council to downloading the brand-new ACI Mobile App, here's everything you need to stay connected and make the most of your Airstream adventures. This will be the last Region 9 Update until September, so I hope to see you all in August at the International Rally in York, PA, for more fellowship and fun!

**ACI Mobile App Now Available!** We're thrilled to announce that the Airstream Club International Mobile App is now available for download! Stay connected on the go with easy access to club news, rally schedules, member resources, and more—all from your smartphone. Whether you're planning your next trip or catching up on club updates, this app is your one-stop hub for all things ACI. Download it today from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and explore the future of Airstreaming at your fingertips!

**Election Season: Your Vote Matters!** The voting window for the 2025 Executive Council opens June 1st and runs through June 30, 2025. This is your chance to shape the future of Airstream Club International! Get to know the candidates and their platforms at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2025-executive-council-candidates">https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2025-executive-council-candidates</a>. Review their profiles, cast your ballot, and help choose the leaders who will guide our club forward. Don't miss the deadline—make your voice heard!

**Call for Candidates: Region 9 2nd Vice President (2026-2028 Term)** We're still seeking passionate members for the Region 9 2nd Vice President role, serving from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2028. This leadership position is a fantastic opportunity to plan rallies, support local clubs, and represent Region 9 at the national level.

#### Responsibilities Include:

- Coordinating regional events and rallies.
- Preparing to advance to 1st VP and President
- Promoting the mission of fellowship and adventure.
- Providing resources and support to local clubs.

#### Who We're Looking For:

- Enthusiastic members with a passion for our community.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- A collaborative spirit and desire to lead.
- Club leadership experience is a plus but not required.

Interested or know someone who'd be a great fit? Contact Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:nefftyge6@gmail.com">nefftyge6@gmail.com</a>. Step up and help shape Region 9's future!

#### Region 9 Update

#### June 2025 - Region 9 Keeps Rolling with New Opportunities and Tools!

**Volunteers Needed– Join the Fun!** Our Region 9 community thrives because of dedicated volunteers! We're currently looking for:

Caravan Chair: Lead unforgettable group adventures across Region 9 and beyond.

**Committee Members:** Join teams for rally planning, membership, or communications to make a meaningful impact. **Rally 2026 Planners:** Chairs and Committee Members to Plan & Execute the 2026 Region 9 Rally at Camp Margaritaville

No matter what your skills or experience, there's a place for you. Reach out to me at <a href="mailto:region9wbcci@gmail.com">region9wbcci@gmail.com</a> or via call or text to get involved and keep Region 9 rolling strong!

Happy Camping, Tracy Elkins - BRN 9713 Region 9, President 281-725-1672



My name is Anthony Robbins, (Carolinas Airstream Club BRN # 11959). I own a 2022 33ft Airstream Classic.

I have been working with others to start an Airstream Fly Fishing Intra-Club, with support from Chris Olsson. (Minnesota Airstream Club BRN # 7827)

I'm getting ready to submit our package to include:

- 1) At least 10 members identified as founding members.
- 2) Key officers identified: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer
- 3) Mission Statement (Statement of Purpose)
- 4) CBL document
- 5) A motion for approval for a logo and flag

I think it would be fantastic to gauge interest across all Regions / Clubs, including securing more Charter Members.

Therefore - would you mind forwarding this email to your Region / distribution lists and ask them to email me directly should they have interest?

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Respectfully,

Anthony Robbins BRN #11959 anthonykrobbins@gmail.com.

Fly Fishing

Submitted by THLAC member, George Beckwith #29401

# York PA International Rally

#### Hello York PA International Rally group!

Hope you all are doing well, just a note to get us started for those wanting to camp together at International. Those wanting to camp together will need to go in together on the same day at the same time, and if we have more than five rigs we'll need to inform the parking group of arrival date and approximate time.

That said, entrance begins Wednesday, August 20 at 8am - 6pm, and continues 8-6 daily to Saturday August 23 with Friday August 22 anticipated to be the longest wait times. Two basic strategies to go in together - camp the night before together or meet close to the parking entrance.

If you are interested in camping together please email me (<u>Jimdudley87@gmail.com</u>) with your arrival date plan and if you're camping close the night before the campground info. We'll start there as I know several of us have already planned our trip and arrival date.

Pam and I will be camping with the Caravan Leaders arriving on the 21 Aug.

Be Well,

Jim Dudley

THLAC 1st VP

Jimdudlev87@gmail.com

# **Palo Duro Canyon Rally**

The Trimbles plan to visit the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM, before the Palo Duro Canyon Rally. We have camped there several times, and Rick has enjoyed the shooting ranges. Nearby towns include Red River, Angel Fire, and Cimarron Canyon State Park.

If you are interested, give us a call:

Rick: 214-298-1009 Debbie: 972-422-5133

#### The Country's Premier Shooting Range Webpage

<u>Campgrounds</u>: We prefer staying at the West Campground. Some leveling might be necessary.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

NRA Whittington Center West Campground Night 1: Arrive Saturday, 9/27 Check-in 3:00 PM Nights 2, 3, and 4: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Depart on Wednesday, October 1. Check-out time is 10:00 AM

Palo Duro Canyon Rally 3 nights Starts Thursday, October 2 Ends Sunday, October 5

# Membership

Hello Fellow Airstreamers,

Our Club continues to grow thru the efforts of Brian, Nancy Powers and Rey Arellano with our Newbie Workshops and from your referrals. If you need a new supply of spotter cards just let me know, we'll be home for June and July and can easily mail you a few.

Each of our Rallies and Caravans have attracted new members and shows just how active we are and how much fun you are having. Please share your photos on our Friends of Texas Highland Lakes Facebook page for all our followers to see. (We have over 500!)

Also, please post your Summer travels so we can see your adventures. Have a fun and safe Summer and we look forward to seeing you all at a Fall Rally.

Safe Travels,

Frank Steed, Membership Chairman



Rally Report
Sunrise, Sunset, Lake Watchin' Pop Up Rally Report
Cedar Ridge Campground, Temple, TX
May 11-14, 2025

**Rally Hosts**: Kathy & Mike Ashley were the Hosts.

**Overview:** Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club held its first Pop-Up Rally at Cedar Ridge Campground, a Corps of Engineers Park. It was held Sunday, May 11 to Wednesday, May 14. What a beautiful campground! We had 14 rigs sign up. There were no planned events, no rally fee, and everyone secured their own site. All who attended raved about the campground. We had waterfront sites to gather around and gather we did! Visiting, plopping and playing Farkle were done by all! Pop up Happy Hours occurred each night and a donut breakfast was served one morning.

**Financial**: There was no income or expenses.

**Notes:** All agreed we should go back there again!

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy and Mike Ashley

### Sunrise, Sunset, Lake Watchin' Pop Up Rally Cedar Ridge Campground on Lake Belton Temple, TX















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Leaders & Co Leaders Jim & Pam Dudley & Keith & Barbara Roberts

Well, another successful caravan is in the books. Jim, Pam, Keith & Barbara led the second Texas Six Shooter Caravan beginning out west in Alpine and ending in Grapevine in March/April. We had 25 rigs of the most wonderful group of folks from California to Rhode Island and Michigan to Florida.

We got off to a very windy start with winds more than 60 miles an hour, but the group who were true took it in stride. The windy conditions stayed with us through Big Bend and Seminole Canyon, it made for quite the adventure. On to San Antonio where we enjoyed a Margarita Contest and some crazy karaoke (of course the margarita tasting helped with that)! In Fredericksburg we had fun sippin' and paintin' and a painting auction. We auctioned off our Airstream paintings amongst ourselves with the winning bidders of each getting a dance with the artist (artists kept their masterpieces). We raised \$600 and a very generous fellow caravaner matched it so we were able to donate to the Fredericksburg local SPCA \$1,200 in the name of Steve and Merri Crawley's precious golden, Bailey who we lost along the way. We had a very nice stopover in NTAC with the residents making us some great desserts for our potluck. A Waco day did not disappoint! Our final stop provided a great fajita cookout with our terrific chefs, Jim, Steve & Keith doing the honors. A Fort Worth Stockyard Day showed the cowboy side of Texas to our visitors with a cattle drive and finished off with a rodeo that was amazing. We love leading this caravan so if you want to have a trail ride that cannot be beat....come with us!



Museum of Big Bend Day @ Sul Ross University



Hotel Paisano in Marfa dinner



1st THLAC VP forever "working it"



Bouquillas Crossing into Mexico and lunch





Starlight
Theatre
dinner in
Terlingua

Barbara & Pam...
Reaslly??





Seminole Canyon Food Truck....nothing we can't do!



Shish-K-Bob dinner preppers in Lajitas







Sippin' & Paintin' our Airstreams in Fredericksburg

Cowboy
Poet Lee
Haile entertained
us in Big
Bend with
his helpers
Victoria,
Helene and
Britt





Our Fajita
Dinner
Chefs
Jim, Steve
& Keith in
Grapevine



Texas Star Dinner Theatre in Grapevine for Murder Mystery Dinner



Ft. Worth Rodeo crowd

But wait.....the fun wasn't over just yet



### Texas Riviera Tag/Hop a Long Club Caravan

We met up with THLAC members for the first Texas Riviera Club Caravan in Galveston in April finishing up in Brownsville in May. For two weeks we enjoyed the beaches and a ton of coastal food including the famous Port O'Connor Crawfish Festival. In Port O'Connor Jim Dudley and Steve Crawley tried their fishing skills, and we did have a good fish (but small) dinner with the Roberts adding some fabulous local scallops. A much larger and luckier (or maybe more skilled) group fished at our next stop - Port Aransas - along with marathon shopping trips to donate to the local economy. We caught all the sands sculptures the day after the Texas Sandfest and stayed at a park over the dunes from the beach. Food of course was always so good, and can you have enough fresh seafood? Heading to the final destination of Brownsville we jumped into Mexico for a great lunch at Arturo's and some shopping. A trip to Boca Chica to visit SpaceX along with potlucks, happy hours, fishing, bowling, and a great group of THLAC caravanners made this a great trip, so great that Mike and Julie Kutach are taking over the leadership for next year!! Dates and itinerary to follow soon.

# **Texas Riviera Tag/Hop a Long**

2026 Leaders Mike & Julie Kutach







**Texas Sandfest** 



# **Texas Riviera Tag/Hop a Long**



**Our Fishing Crew** 



**SpaceX** 



**Dolphin Cruise** 

Lunch in Progresso Mexico at Arturos





# **Texas Riviera Tag/Hop a Long**

# Tortugas Saltwater Grill Dinner









# NEW MEMBER PAGE

#### Welcome New Members

Obed Franco Round Rock, TX 1993 Classic 34'

Joel Caruso & Allison Ashmore Lakeway, TX 2025 Caravel 20'

Miguel & Susan Rodriguez Havre de Grace, MD 2022 Globetrotter 27'

Tim & Carol O'Hare Waynesville, OH 2023 Globetrotter 30'

Randy & Karen Boone Shiner, TX 2025 Globetrotter 27'

Rush & Kathy Bowman Arlington, TX 2021 Caravel 20'

Pamela & Lawrence Payne Kileen, TX 2025 Classic 30'

David & Carole Spangler Vaughn Spring, TX 2025 Classic 30'

Billy McAlister & Belle Guice Manchaca, TX 2019 Tommy Bahama 27'



### **Pet Travel Tips**

### Here are a few tips to make your travel plans less stressful for you as well as for your pet.

- Ensure your pet is microchipped for identification & wears a collar and tag imprinted with your name, phone number and current contact information.
   Keep a color picture of your pet with you.
- ♦ Choose a suitable travel crate/carrier. Check that your pet can stand, sit, lie down, and turn around while inside the crate/carrier. Make sure that it is well ventilated and secure it so it won't slide or shift when the car stops. Acclimatize your pet to crate travel by taking several short drives before planning a long trip.
- If your pet is riding on the seat, keep them in the back seat in a harness attached to the seat buckle to prevent injury. Allowing pets to roam around the car or ride with their head outside the window can be dangerous.
- ♦ Familiarize yourself with the policies and accommodations for pets at each stop along the way as well as your destination. Ask if there are breed restrictions or a limit on the number of pets per site. There may be a required deposit or additional cost for pets.
- ♦ Before crossing state or international lines, check the requirements for bringing pets along you need a **certificate of veterinary inspection** (also called a health certificate). You'll need to get it within 10 days of when you plan to travel. Your veterinarian will examine your pet to make sure it doesn't have any signs of infectious disease and that it has the appropriate vaccinations (e.g., rabies). This certificate can't be issued legally without a veterinary exam.
- ♦ Make sure you **take your pet's medications** with you, including any preventives (heartworm, flea and tick) that might be due while you're traveling. Bring your veterinarian's contact information.
- Pack a kit with a bowl, leash, waste bags, grooming supplies, documents, medications and a first-aid kit. Add a favorite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity.
- Avoid feeding your pet in a moving vehicle. Your pet's travel-feeding schedule should start with a light meal three to four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness or vomiting. Always opt for bottled water. Drinking water from an area they aren't used to could result in stomach discomfort.



Dear Rivet, How can I locate a vet in an emergency?

Bow Ow Wow

If there's an emergency on the way to or at your destination you can quickly locate a veterinarian by using an online veterinary clinic locator . The American Animal Hospital Association or American College of Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care are two good sources. You may also want to add the National Animal Poison Control (ASPCA Web site) 888-426-4435 to your emergency contacts.

#### Kevin & Gwen Bresser

My wife, Gwen, and I set out on March 17th for a 4-week trip throughout LA, MS, AL, FL, GA, SC, TN, AR, and OK. Traveling in our 2022 Globetrotter 27 FBT, the trip went great with the exception of our microwave door breaking on the second day (replacement part received after the trip and now repaired). Stops included Sam Houston Jones State Park (Lake Charles, LA), Davis Bayou Campground (Ocean Springs, MS), Pineglen Motorcoach & RV Park (Panama City Beach, FL), Crooked River State Park (St. Mary's, GA), Hilton Head National RV Park (Bluffton, SC), James Island County Park (Charleston, SC), Dudley Creek Campground (Gatlinburg, TN), Unicoi State Park (Helen, GA), Whitten Park COE (Fulton, MS), Village Creek State Park (Forrest City, AR), Beavers Bend State Park (Broken Bow, OK), Lake Thunderbird State Park (Norman, OK), and back home. Really enjoyed all of the sites and hiking throughout the trip while trying to dodge tornados in MS and the noseeum bugs on the coast! Shout if anyone has any questions about our stops and activities!



#### "TRAVEL FAR, TRAVEL OFTEN, AND TRAVEL WITHOUT REGRETS."

### **-OSCAR WILDE**

#### Mike & Betty Richards

Mike and Betty Richards joined members with 13 other rigs on May 11-13 for our first pop-up rally at Cedar Ridge COE on Lake Belton. The rally was organized by Kathy Ashley, and everyone agreed it was a great idea. Hopefully other members will try hosting one in the future. We were in site 62, recommend it if you want to visit this park.







(L-R) Maya, Betty Richards, Domino, aka "The Chihuaha Cartel"

#### John & Melissa Brattlof













Hi! We are John and Melissa Brattlof. Our pets are Louis (heeler mix) and Penny (mix of everything!). Here are some photos of them. Our summer travel plans are an extended trip to Colorado.

### Kevin & Gwen Bresser



#### Larry & Brenda Heinold

We took a river cruise in April that sailed from Budapest to Amsterdam along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers.

We left Houston on 6th of April and returned on 26th. We started in Budapest, spending 3 days in that city. Budapest has lots of interesting sights and pleasant people. Highlights for us were the Parliament Building, St. Stephen Basilica, and the Chain Bridge.





Our next stop was Vienna on Palm Sunday. We went to a Mozart/Strauss concert, watched a Palm Sunday procession to the cathedral, and visited two separate homes of the Hapsburgs. We even struck out on our own on the subway system without getting lost!



#### Larry & Brenda Heinold

After Vienna, we sailed on to southern Germany, stopping Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg Wertheim, Cologne. Highlights for us were a sausage (weiswurst) making class in Regensburg and a moving tour, featuring Regensburg's Jewish history. In Cologne, we visited the magnificent Cologne Cathedral. Our cruise ended in Amsterdam, where we spent an extra day, walking through the city and visiting the Keukenhof gardens to see tulips in full bloom and the Ann Frank house where the Frank family hid from the Nazis.

Although we saw many campers and campgrounds, especially along the Rhine, we never spotted an Airstream. Believe me, we were looking for one. It was memorable, fun trip!







#### Rick & Debbie Trimble

Glory is 14 years old. We adopted her at around age 3 from <u>DFW Daschund Rescue</u> [A fantastic group]. She is an incredible traveler. She loves visiting La Feria, our farm, where she enjoys taking strolls. Wherever Debbie goes, you'll find Glory.





Her BBF, Copper, crossed the Rainbow Bridge in February 2025. We all still miss her.

#### Keith & Barbara Roberts

What a great end to spring with the Texas Six Shooter and Texas Riveria Caravans. And what a great start to summer with the Pop Up Rally and hanging for five days with great friends. We had a great group on the Texas Six Shooter lead by Jim and Pam Dudley and co-lead by us. The group hung with us through the strong winds and had their share of Airstream mishaps but it was a great time. They will always hold a special place in our hearts and we can't wait to meet the next group in 2026.













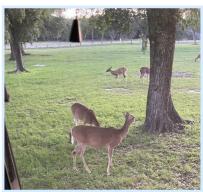
For me the highlight of the Texas Riveria lead by Jim and Pam Dudley and co-lead by Mike and Julie Kutach was Rick and Debbie Trimble leading us to Space X which I was fascinated by it all, seeing the sand sculptures (I am not a dancing queen but I tried) and fishing where our boat of three caught 13 Black Drums. Harvey was awesome in finding two great restaurants for us all to gather at and spoiling us with appetizers at both, thank you Harvey.

#### Keith & Barbara Roberts

Next we adventured onward to the Pop-up Rally at Cedar Ridge Campground hosted by the Ashleys who did a wonderful job. It is just what the doctor ordered, it was very laid back, deer everywhere. We reunited with old club friends and met five new cub members, played Farkle and happy hour every day at different sites. I really enjoyed it a lot and hope to see more of this type of rally.











#### Keith & Barbara Roberts





Our last adventure was meeting up with Keith and Grady Ferry at South Llano River State Park for five nights and what a treat. The park has four different bird blinds and each one has its own charm and delight of different birds (my favorite was the Painted Bunting). It is so relaxing sitting there with no schedule or place to be and enjoying the animals of nature all around us (deer, armadillos, lots of birds, lizards) and the weather was perfect. We cooked out, ate out, went to the river, took in a star gazing event, played Farkle and just enjoyed ourselves.





We plan to go back there again, great campground. Our only plans for the summer is taking our 8 year old grandson (Aiden) out camping which we always look forward to spending time with him.

We are very excited to be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary on 26th July.





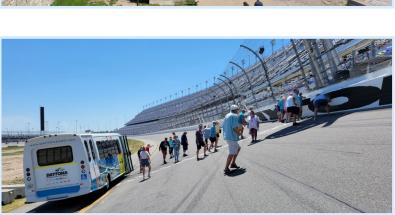


#### **Bob Paquette**

The Florida Coastal Caravan was an epic event. 15 rigs met in St Augustine April 9, and finished in Jensen Beach May 11, 8 campsites and 32 days of adventure. There were a lot of activities, some scheduled as a group and some during several half or full days of free time, each with a list of opportunities to explore on your own or with other campers. Highlights include learning about Florida history, visiting forts, lighthouses, kayaking, Daytona Speedway, Kennedy Space Center, rocket launches, sea turtle rehab center, manatees, alligators, airboat ride in the Everglades, feeding tarpon, snorkel trip near Key Largo, exploring Key West, ferry to Dry Tortugas, meeting dolphins, plenty of wonderful meals, and more. It should be no surprise that I got in a few bike rides. There were rigs from WA, OR, CA, AZ, KS, ND, MD, SC, FL, and TX; a wonderful group of new friends and new courtesy parking options! The photos are a few of the thousand I have from the trip. I highly recommend this caravan!











### **Bob Paquette**













#### **Bob Paquette**

By the way, THLAC members Kevin and Melissa Katz were also on the caravan. And current or former affiliate Deb Heen also participated; I met her on a WOP caravan. (West of the Pecos)













#### Mike & Robin Pierce

So happy to have had the opportunity to meet some of the members when they were in Brownsville. Hope to be able to attend a rally this year.

Also, travelled to New Mexico with some friends that also have an Airstream. Had a great time in Angel Fire and Santa Fe.











### Michael & Judy Shelley











Sunrise over Jekyl Island





#### Ed & Cheri Addicks

Ed and Cheri Addicks (BRN8981) have been enjoying full retirement since February with elan! We literally haven't stopped in our travels across the country. Starting from home in Anacortes, WA, we've <u>visited</u> Cheri's brother and sister-in-law in Fort Stockton...



Met the Trimble's and together enjoyed Cowboy Poetry...



Visited with Ed and Cheri's Moms in Brenham...





#### Ed & Cheri Addicks

Visited our Airstream friends the Russo's at their home near Lafayette ...









Enjoyed the Georgia on My Mind caravan ...

Enjoyed the Southeast Coastal Caravan ...



Visited our Airstream friends the Drake's at their Hilton Head home ...





Visited our Washington State friends the Bugg's at their Greenville, TN home ...

#### Ed & Cheri Addicks

Visited our daughter-in-law and two grandchildren in Cincinnati...



Enjoying (currently) a week-long sailing catamaran charter in the Virgin Islands with Ed's brother and sister-in-law, and Airstream friends from Florida!



Here we're at The Baths, and after a fine dinner at the Cooper Island Beach Club. The sunset picture is at Manchineel Bay. What a wonderful trip!!





Ed's brother and sister-in-law, the McGinn's (North to Alaska Caravan leaders), and Gina McGinn's sister and son all joined up to explore the British Virgin Islands on a chartered 45-foot catamaran.

### Matt & Brenda Taylor

Texas Six Shooter Caravan pictures















#### Peter & Carol Sajovich

When you read this Carol and I will still be enjoying our springtime adventure in Europe. We left on May 2nd and will be arriving home June 10th.

On previous cruises we learned of <u>gate1.com</u> travel. We tried their 14 day romantic Italy tour and boy can't say enough good things. There is no way anyone could see more of Italy in a shorter period of time than we did.

We flew to Milan and were picked up by a driver who took us to the Lake Como region. On our first day, we run into Nancy & Brian. Wow, what a coincidence, they made our trip even more enjoyable. From the lakes we went to Venice, then travelled to Pizza, Florence, Rome, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri and Amalfi.

We had such a good time, I'm trying to convince our upcoming Club President to turn the Gate1 trip into a Club Caravan.







#### Peter & Carol Sajovich



After Italy, Carol and I flew to Budapest where I was born. This was my first time back to Hungary in 70 years.

We stayed at the Four Seasons next to the famous chain bridge for two days prior to boarding our Viking cruise to Amsterdam.







#### Peter & Carol Sajovich



As I write this we made it to the Bavaria region in Germany where they call Beer, "Holly Water". You can drink it on the streets in any city.

In another week we will be in Amsterdam where we will spend four nights prior to flying home.



#### **Colin Melton**



Top saleswoman for watermelons at our local farmers market! Schotzie is German for sweetheart; she was a rescue & has proven to be a great travel companion.

She has a proven record for picking "ripe" watermelons!

"The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog."

m. K. Clinton

#### Mark & Mary Glasnapp



Hank enjoying the toy Santa from the dog basket we bid on at the Margaritaville Christmas Rally . He loved it!

"A dog's love for a toy is simple and pure a wagging tail, a happy bark, and a heart full of joy.

#### Frank & Gayle Steed

In early April we headed to St. Augustine Florida for the start of the Southeast Coastal Crawl Caravan. The caravan traveled up the East coast for 32 unforgettable days, making stops in Savannah, GA, Jeckyl Island, GA, Beaufort, SC, Charleston, SC, Cape Hatteras, NC, and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia to name a few.

Time went by fast as we enjoyed trolley rides and tours, museums and light houses, restaurants and shopping and we learned that the East coast is filled with beautiful beaches, fascinating history and friendly people.

The final stop was in Chincoteague, Virginia which is home to the famous Chincoteague ponies. You may be familiar with the book, "Misty of Chincoteague." Luckily we got to see and photograph the ponies up close as they grazed along the shore

This caravan gave us the opportunity to fill in several states on our travel map, but we had a few more states yet to fill so we continued up the coast to Cape May Point, New Jersey where I had the most enjoyable time finding Cape May Diamonds. They aren't really diamonds but are actually quartz pebbles. It was such a thrill to find them.

We stayed in Maryland and Delaware and took the train into Washington, DC for the day. It happened to be grad week for George Washington University. The town was bustling with excitement as there were students everywhere being photographed in their caps and gowns. I couldn't help but think, we were looking at the future doctors and lawyers of our country.

Not only were we able to fill in several new states on our map, we also made new friends and renewed old friendships with those we have met on past caravans. Other THLAC club members on the caravan were Michael & Judy Shelly and Past President Ed Addicks and his wife Cheri who now live in Anacortes, Washington. Greg and Louisa Stone (also Texans) decided to join THLAC. They are avid birders and will be a nice addition to our club. Be on the look-out for them at a future Rally.

After traveling in and out of 13 states and putting many miles on our Airstream, we are happily back in Texas. While we treasure the opportunity to explore the East coast, I must admit Texas is and always will be, our favorite state on the map.

### Frank & Gayle Steed



















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