

President's Message

By Eric McMurphy

Hi All,

The year is flying by and it's already the end of October! We had an eventful month with a Pop-Up rally for the club ladies sponsored by the First Lady, Holly McMurphy and the October Western Rally at Blue Water RV resort in Freeport, Texas.

The Pop-Up rally was well attended and was held at the Twisted Parrot RV resort in Conroe. According to the First Lady, the group had a very good time. Some spouses drove their rigs and left their wives at the park for the weekend, and some ladies drove on their own with their rigs. I was particularly very proud of the ladies who drove their own rig and enjoyed the experience without any help. The ladies enjoyed time together, dinner at Margaritaville, a Halloween craft, pot-luck dinner, and a devotional. This is what the club is all about, making friends and memories together.

The October rally was one for the record books. Please read my report later in this newsletter but I can tell you that all the stairsteps we took as a club (I would bet) was a club record. I was amazed at how members kept coming back for events held in the 3rd floor rally room, a room with beautiful views of the beach and the ocean. I want to thank not only the co-hosts but also all the members that helped Holly and me get everything to the 3rd floor and back down again. Plus, we did it all safely, which I really do appreciate!

You might have read a recent communication from me regarding the 2026 Region 9 rally held in Crystal Beach at the Margaritaville RV resort. If you have not signed up yet, I encourage you to register and enjoy a great time with us. The Rally is in late March of 2026, and it will be a blast. Sites are going fast. After 4 days of open registration, about 75% of the sites were already taken!



We have two rallies left in 2025 – Rusk KOA in Rusk Tx and On the Lake Resort in Onalaska Tx. I hope to see you at a rally before the end of the year. You won't be disappointed! In addition, I encourage you to sign up for the 2026 Annual Luncheon which is now open for registration. We are also posting the 2026 rally chart in this edition of the newsletter so don't miss your chance to host or co-host a 2026 rally!

We rally together - Eric

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Region 9 Update - October 2025

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Howdy Airstream Friends!

Camping in Region 9 is never better than in the Fall! I'm enjoying visiting several of the Club/Unit Rallies and I hope to catch you at one soon. It's a busy time of year for your Region 9 team as well, and we are always looking for help from our members. I hope you'll consider volunteering in the coming days as we ramp into 2026 planning! And a big thank you to two new Region 9 Volunteers: Robert Speer as Assistant Webmaster and Selina Shadd as Caravan Chair!

69th International Rally in Minot

Registration is open now for August 22-27, 2026, and it's sure to be an incredible time. Each year, Airstream Club members gather from all over the world to meet for 6 days of education, entertainment, shopping, socials, and fun at our International Rally! Register to experience the welcoming magic of Minot, North Dakota – and give back through community service initiatives, blood drives, and more.

Register Here: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>

IBT Strategy Session

Coming up in November is the IBT Strategy Session in Jackson Center, OH. Region 9 1st VP, Anna Brandon, will be representing Region 9 in this annual session focused on the Club's future.

Upcoming Rallies:

Region 9 is proud to sponsor several National Event Rallies or Region 9 Rallies:

- * **Texas Country Air 2025. When:** November 6–9, 2025. **Where:** Fort Concho, San Angelo, TX
Details: Celebrate the 10th Anniversary at this National Historic Landmark with urban boondocking, seminars, tours, and live music. Limited spots!
Register: <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-country-air-2025-texas-plains-airstream-club-106>
- * **Streamin' on the Strand. When:** February 5–8, 2026. **Where:** Galveston, TX
Details: Join us for the 5th year during the first week of Mardi Gras!
Register: <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>
- * **Wally's Workshop. When:** March 20–23, 2026. **Where:** NTAC-Hillsboro. **Details:** It's a great time to get your rig in shape for Spring & Summer Rallies. Registration will open soon.
- * **Region 9 Rally Airstreams in Paradise. When:** March 25–29, 2026. **Where:** Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX. **Register:** <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-rally>

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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 nefitzge6@gmail.com. Step up and help shape Region 9's future!

Airstreams in Paradise Rally Volunteers Needed – Join the Fun!

Our Region 9 community thrives because of dedicated volunteers!

We are looking for help with these Rally Planning Committees:

- 🌴 Registration (Members Only - Chair: Roseann Young)
- 🌴 Programs
- 🌴 Rally Bulletin & Signage
- 🌴 Tours & Activities (Members Only - Chair: Selina Shadd)
- 🌴 Sponsors & Vendors
- 🌴 Door Prizes & Hospitality
- 🌴 Rally Bags, Ribbons & Plaques
- 🌴 Logistics & Parking (Members Only - Chair: David Brandon)
- 🌴 Food & Beverage (catered by the resort except for Coffee)



We're currently looking for:

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

No matter your skills or experience, there's a place for you. Reach out to me at region9wbcci@gmail.com or call/text at 281-725-1672 to get involved and keep Region 9 rolling strong!

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

RALLIES AND CARAVANS

Our hosts have volunteered their valuable time to organize and lead the rallies, in addition to writing up these summaries to keep you informed. Perhaps you will suffer from FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) after seeing their articles and make plans to attend one in the future! We have TWO Rallies left in 2025. Check out the flyers!

The last Club Caravan in 2025:

➤ **Big Bend Caravan** - Nov. 2 - Nov. 13. For more information, contact Bruce Lee at balee5068@gmail.com.



John Wayne Western Rally Report

By Eric McMurphy

**October 16-19, 2025, Blue Water RV
Resort, Freeport Texas**

Hosts: Eric and Holly McMurphy.

**Co-Hosts: Mitch and Mary Guinn, Ed
and Sharlene Ferrin**

The October 2025 Western Rally welcomed 19 rigs and 37 attendees on the Gulf Coast at the Blue Water RV Resort in Freeport, Texas. The theme was Western in honor of John Wayne who used to own the property. Mr. Wayne used fly in and out using a landing strip created by dredging a channel and using the dirt to create the airstrip. In fact, the channel that was dredged next to the airstrip was also used by float planes.

In honor of the Western theme, decorations on the rally room tables featured Western themed decorations. There was a craft where members could decorate a cowboy hat. We had line dancing featuring dancers with cowboy boots and hats. Several members also dressed in the theme, making the feel of a real Western atmosphere. We even watched an old John Wayne Western movie on Friday night.



Western themes abound!



Hosts left to right, Mitch Guinn, Mary Guinn, Holly McMurphy, Eric McMurphy, Sharlene Ferrin and Ed Ferrin

The food was Western themed as well with a cowboy breakfast one morning and cowboy burgers for dinner on Friday night. On Saturday evening, we had a Western themed potluck dinner.

At the rally, we had one couple who where affiliate members attend (Gene & Kathy Blanchard) as well as two couples from the Carolina's joining us for the weekend (Jason & Amanda Kreiling and Bruce & Amy Melville). It was a pleasure seeing them and having them join our activities!



John Wayne Western Rally Report Continued...



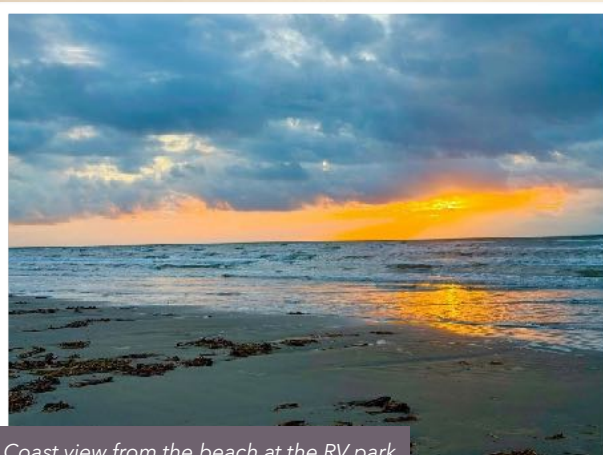
The big talk of the rally was mosquitoes and stairs. We all got bit by mosquitoes when the sun was down, and we climbed to the third-floor rally room (2 flights of stairs) for three days! Members were very gracious in helping the hosts bring supplies upstairs and down, which was most appreciated!

Overall, we had a great time socializing, catching up with others and enjoying company. We also celebrated the birthdays of Mitch Guinn and Alan Billard!

In closing, I want to thank the many that helped the hosts at every turn. I continue to be amazed at the great people in our club who are always willing to lend a hand!



Western Crafts!



Gulf Coast view from the beach at the RV park

Beautiful Airstream views
on the Gulf Coast



Holly McMurphy doing
what she loves - dancing!

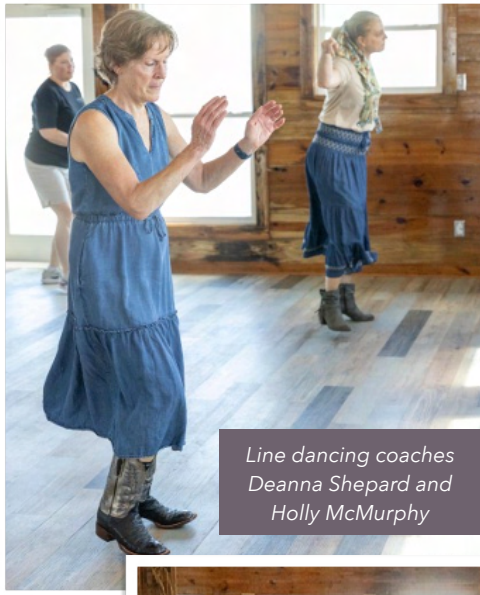


President Eric McMurphy
speaking with members



Ed Ferrin is doing
some grilling!





Line dancing coaches
Deanna Shepard and
Holly McMurphy



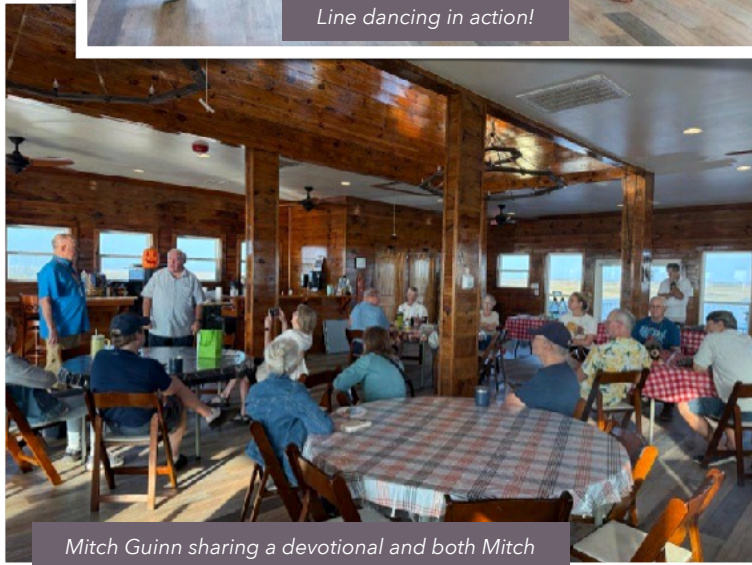
Look at those beautiful Western hats!



Line dancing in action!



Birthday wishes!



Mitch Guinn sharing a devotional and both Mitch
Guinn and Ed Ferrin singing for the group!



Coyote Tales, October 2025



Evening views of the channel in the RV park

A Note from your First Vice President

Lisa Feine

Hey Y'all!

Hasn't 2025 been a load of Fun so far? Of course it has!

Next up: The November Rally at Rusk KOA Holiday in the Piney Woods of East Texas
(745 FM 343 E, Rusk, TX 75785)

Our theme for this rally will be:

Holiday Family Traditions – Fun and Food

Hosted by Jim & Lisa Feine with Co-Hosts: Larry & Susan Meeks, Paul & Sabra Francis

JotForm registration is open now! Click on the link below to register.



November 20-23, 2025 - Rally at Rusk KOA Holiday, Rusk, Texas

Rusk is a great town with historical attractions including the Texas State Railroad (main depot in Palestine), Rusk Footbridge (longest in Texas), Jim Hogg State Park and James S. Hogg Memorial Museum, Heritage Center of Cherokee County, Bulah's Best Farm, Cherokee Civic Theatre, and nearby Nacogdoches (oldest town in Texas), Palestine (Polar Express train ride), Curious-Museum, local wineries (Piney Woods Wine Trail), many nearby lakes and golf courses.

Each small town has cute downtown shops, nearby hiking trails (possible Autumn leaf color), and a variety of parks.

Our rally will include fun with our friends, great food, crafts, and a variety of games and good times. Bring your family holiday traditions and memories, a potluck family favorite for Saturday night, and family favorite games, songs, or activities you wish to share.

Rusk KOA Holiday is ready and waiting for our group with a great Rally Room, beautiful FHU RV sites, lots of trees, and great amenities. Please call the campground directly to reserve your site (DO NOT use the KOA App). +1 (800) 562-4143 Tell them you are with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Site fees are \$39.81 per night (+ \$10 for patio site).

Please read the flyer on the next page for more details. Please join us!

Also, keep your calendars open for the December Holiday and Installation Rally with 1950's Sock Hop, and the Annual GHAC Luncheon on January 10, 2026, from 11:00am-2:00pm at The Ballroom at Tanglewood in Houston, Texas (near the Galleria). JotForm registration is coming soon!



Greater Houston Airstream Club November Rally

Theme — Holiday Traditions
Family & Friends + Food & Fun = RALLY TIME

When: **November 20-23, 2025** Where: **Rusk KOA Holiday**

How to Prepare:

Call the campground directly (**DO NOT** use the KOA App). **+1 (800) 562-4143**
Tell them you are with the **Greater Houston Airstream Club** and **reserve your site**.
Complete the rally registration form on **JotForm** via the **GHAC website**.
Rally Fee: **\$12 per person**

Who: **Hosts:** Lisa & Jim Feine **Co-Hosts:** Sabra & Paul Francis + Susan & Larry Meeks

Rally Schedule:

**Although the official rally begins on Friday afternoon, many choose to start the fun on Thursday.*

Thursday (Early Birds): **5pm:** Happy Hour (Bring your own favorite beverage and a snack to share.)
6pm or later: Dinner on your own.

***Unless otherwise noted, all gatherings will be in the Clubhouse.**
Please bring your own set-ups (plates + utensils) to all meals.
Also bring your favorite games, puzzles, music, or family friendly fun activities to share.

Saturday:

Friday:

8am: Coffee Only
Breakfast & Lunch on your own.

5pm: Happy Hour
(Bring your favorite beverages + Even BRN rigs bring appetizers).

6pm: Dinner by Hosts
Followed by attendee suggestions of
Family Traditions: Games, Music & More
Bring Your Ideas!

7am: Early Coffee
8am: Breakfast by Hosts
Lunch on your own.

2pm: Potential Craft & Tech Talks

5pm: Happy Hour
(Bring your favorite beverages + Odd BRN rigs bring appetizers).

6pm: Potluck Dinner
7pm: Raffle & Games

Sunday:

7am: Early Coffee

8am: Continental Breakfast

9am: Short Devotional &
Clubhouse Clean-Up

Restaurant & Tourist Suggestions:

Joe's Sports Bar & Grill in Rusk, Abuela's Mexican Restaurant in Rusk, JW's Barbeque in Jacksonville, Piney Woods Wine Trail, Shopping & Museums in Tyler, Nacogdoches, Lufkin, Texas State Railroad.

Campground Offerings:

Walking Trails, Basketball, Volleyball, Horseshoes, & Dog Park.

Safe travels home! See you down the road.

Next Rally will be December 4-7, 2025 @ On the Lake RV Resort in Onalaska, TX with Installation, Annual Membership Meeting + Holiday Dinner & Party

Have Questions? Call Host Lisa Feine +1 (832) 816-1242





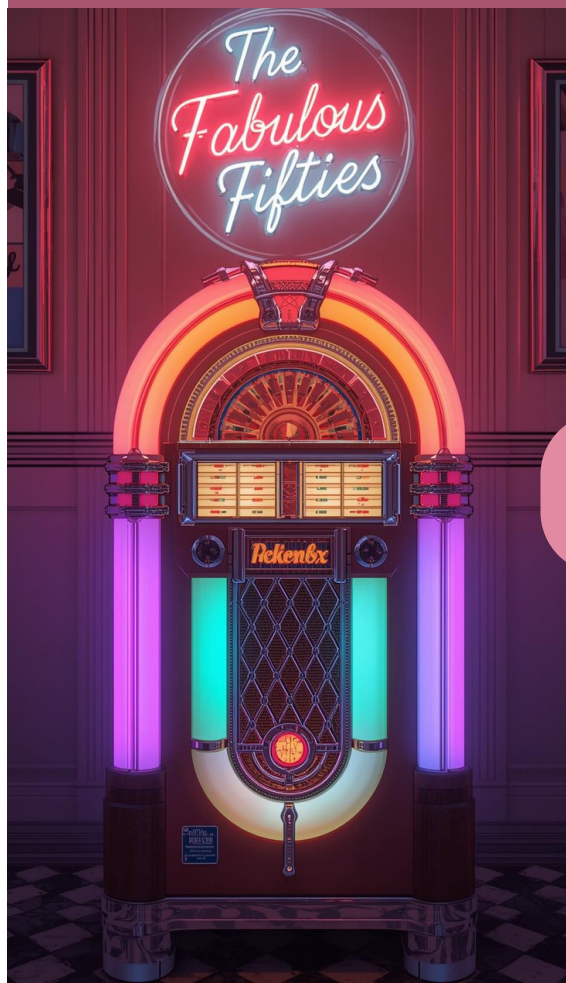
Fabulous Fifties Installation Rally

On The Lake RV Resort

15152 US-190, Onalaska, TX 77360

Call for Site Reservations: 936.646.3824

Celebrate Greater Houston Airstream Club's 50th



December 4th - 7th, 2025



Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 or less
and an Appetizer to Share

Bring your Socks to donate to HISD
and Pop Caps for RMH

Watch WhatsApp for Details & Updates.

Hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins - 281.725.1672

Co-Hosts: Raj & Narmin Ramial

Rally Schedule



Thurs: Arrive, Set Up, Dinner on Your Own

Fri: Breakfast, Lunch OYO,
Happy Hour & Dinner,
Gift Exchange.

Sat: Breakfast, Lunch OYO,
Happy Hour & Dinner
Officer Installation,
50's Sock Hop (Slicked-back Hair, Poodle
skirts & leather jackets

Sun: Breakfast & Devotional
See You Down the Road

*Retro All the Way - Diner Food & Sock Hops to Close out
GHAC's 50th Year and Welcome our new Officers*

Register: <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-december-2025-rally>



GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB 2026 ANNUAL LUNCHEON

THEME - GO CAMPING

LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN WITH:
FRIENDS, FUN, FOOD & MORE! MAKE NEW MEMORIES!

When: **January 10, 2026** 11 am - 2 pm

Where: **The Ballroom at Tanglewood** 5430 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77056

Included with Registration:

Covered Parking with onsite security, ADA access,

Food:

Water or Tea, Appetizers, Bread & Butter, Salad, Sides & Dessert

Plated Lunch: Chicken or Vegetarian

Additional: **Cash Bar, Team Red, White & Blue Raffle Prize**

Luncheon Cost: **\$35 per person**

Presentations & Speeches from outgoing and incoming GHAC Officers

Annual Donations Check to Team Red, White & Blue

Vintage Airstreams on Site to Tour

Adventure Awaits





What you can expect:

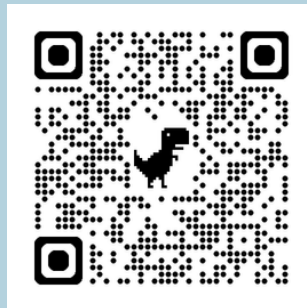
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>



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...

John Wayne Western Rally

Alan, Bernadine, & Ashley Billard
Gene & Kathy Blanchard
Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Richard & Jennifer Cary
John & Deborah Davis
Rick & Tracy Elkins
James & Lisa Feine
Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
Jim & Liesa Glover

Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Vernon & Jo Goodwin
Mitch & Mary Guinn
Jason & Amanda Kreiling
Bruce Lee
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Bruce & Amy Melville
Tom & Virginia Taroni
Wayne & Liza Wilkerson
Ken Laney





2025 Rally Hosts/Co-Hosts



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.	"Gator Haven"
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.	"Czech Out the Sites"
Oct 16 - 19	October Rally	Blue Water RV Resort Freeport, TX	Eric & Holly M.	Mitch & Mary G., Ed & Sharlene F.	"John Wayne Western"
Nov 20 - 23	November Rally	Rusk KOA Holiday Rusk, TX	Lisa & Jim F.	Paul & Sabra F. Larry & Susan M.	"Family Traditions"
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.

- 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

Click here for more specific

- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge, Devotion, & Grace
- Return Rally Room
- Report w/Pics for Newsletter
- Have Fun!





GHAC 2026 Rally & Event Schedule



Dates/Rally/Event	Location (TX unless otherwise noted)	Jotform Reg & CG Reservations	Host(s)	Co-Host(s)	Theme
Jan 10 Annual Luncheon (11:00 - 2:00)	The Ballroom at Tanglewood, Houston	Jotform only	Lisa F.	*Eric & Holly M. *Tim & Cindy W.	GO CAMPING! 
Feb 19-22 GHAC Rally	Salmon Lake Park, Grapeland, TX	Jotform & call CG (936) 687-2594	Dan & Maria M.	Mitch & Mary G.	TBD
Mar 5-8 GHAC Rally	McKinney Falls State Park Austin	Jotform only	John & Deborah D.	Tom & Caren B.	TBD
Mar 25-29 Region 9 Rally	Camp Margaritaville Crystal Beach	Jotform only	Region 9	Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer	Airstreams in Paradise
Mar 28 GHAC Lunch	Tia Juanita's Fish Camp Crystal Beach	Email Lisa Feine lfeine1@gmail.com	Lisa F.	N/A	N/A
Apr 16-19 GHAC Rally	Brackenridge Rec. Center, Edna	Jotform only	Jim & Liesa G.		TBD
May 14-17 Rally & Club Business Mtg	Alamo KOA Holiday San Antonio	Jotform & call CG (210) 224-9296			TBD
Tentative Aug 6-22 Caravan to Int'l Rally	TBD	Jotform*TBD	Lisa F.		TBD
Aug 22-27 Airstream Club Int'l Rally	North Dakota State Fair Event Center Minot North Dakota	Online Registration by WBCCI	Airstream Club International	Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer	TBD
Sep 17-20 GHAC Rally	Stephen F. Austin State Park -San Felipe **need TEAM to RESERVE SITES on Apr 17	Jotform only	Tom & Caren B.	Allen & Bernadine B.	TBD
October 15-18 GHAC Rally	Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett	Jotform & call CG (936) 544-8466			TBD
November 12-15 GHAC Rally	Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	Jotform & call CG (979) 968-9465	Rick & Tracy E.	David & Yi Li R.	TBD
December 10-13 Holiday Rally and Installation	On the Lake RV Resort Onalaska, TX	Jotform & call CG (936) 646-3824			TBD



MEMBERSHIP

October 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!

Bruce and Denise Morrow (Affiliates) join us from North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro with their 1974 Overlander 27.

The Morrows have been members for many years, but decided to affiliate with Greater Houston Airstream Club because they've enjoyed our various caravans, rallies and most recently the Alaskan Cruise together!

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.

If any information is incorrect or missing, please reach out to Tracy Elkins at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com.



The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.
-Anne of Green Gables

MEMBER CONCERNS

I am happy to report that our talented Coyote Tails Newsletter editor, Cindy West, got good news regarding her bloodwork and scans for continuing cancer treatments. Her body remains stable, and this is great news! We wish and pray for her continued success.

Our club is very devoted to supporting and encouraging our members who are dealing with a challenging illness or death of a loved in this Sunshine Corner report. We would also like to highlight our members' happy occasions, too. For instance, your family weddings, graduations, births of grandchildren or great-grandchildren. You might like to share an award of personal achievement, retirement, or a hobby you enjoy. You can contact me at cgoodwin7@comcast.net. Thank you.

November Birthdays

05 Mike Gunter
08 Terah Isaacson
10 Emily Womack
12 Sherry Goodwin
13 Sofia Smythe
17 Teresa Romero,
18 Doug Stauber
20 Richard Cull
23 Kathy Blanchard
23 Burney Wood
24 Denis Blanchet
25 Shannon Cull
28 Rick Elkins
28 Raj Ramlal
28 John Sheridan

November Anniversaries

05 Mike & Karen Gunter
15 Shawn & Kristin Schulze
20 Dan & Maria McAnulty
21 David & Yi Li Rice
23 Vernon & Jo Goodwin
28 Jeff & Lorraine Gray

NOTE: Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact Tracy Elkins at 281-725-1672 and we'll get you next time!

HAPPY TRAILS!! SAFE TRAVELS!!



Tech Tip

By Eric McMurphy



Front End Separation.

I know this is a very touchy topic with Airstreamers, and I'm not qualified in any way to determine if a rig has front end separation or not. However, I've seen firsthand some of the warning signs on my own rig so I want to share with others in the club.

I have a 2023 Classic 33 FBQ. I bought it in the summer of 2024. The previous owner had used the rig twice and returned it to the dealership wanting something bigger for his two Boxers and himself. The rig was just beautiful, and the fridge had never been used (still had the blue tape and Styrofoam on all the shelves).

First Lady Holly and I drove it back from the panhandle of Florida where we purchased it and started camping in it right away. During our trip to Sedalia last year, around the front exterior compartment, I lost two exterior rivets on one side one and one on the other around the compartment frame. At the rally, I bought some Olympic rivets and a rivet gun and replaced them.

We have been camping just over a year now and recently went on two long trips this summer basically living in the rig over a 75-day period (trip to the UP of Michigan and to York). During this trip, I noticed a very slight crease in the aluminum near one of the replaced rivets in the front and a small gap between the trim that goes around the rig and the aluminum near the replaced rivets.

I needed to take the rig to Bob Jones RV for other repairs and I asked them to inspect for front end separation due to these clues I'd seen. I've also watched several YouTube videos that helped me raise my curiosity. Upon inspection, Bob Jones RV found the evidence of front-end separation starting on both sides of the rig but more noticeably on the side with the small crease in the aluminum. The repair has now been done and "some" of the repair was covered under warranty. Airstream does not fully cover the way Bob Jones RV does the warranty work because this dealership believes their way of repair is superior to what Airstream authorizes.

So, in conclusion, inspect your rig each time you use it. Look for warning signs in the front of the rig. If something starts happening that is out of the ordinary, have the rig inspected right away. The repair is very costly but if you catch it early, you can lower that cost by quite a lot.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric



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"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."

— John Maxwell



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.



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EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello Friends!

I'm sporting my "Captain Ameri-Stream" t-shirt in this picture. We were pulling the Airstream to Texas after a *very* long road trip! Tim and I like to wear matching shirts, so we picked these up at the ACI Rally in York. Fess up! What swag did you buy?

We were staying near the *New River Gorge National Park* the last time I wrote a letter. Tim had to leave for a work trip that week, so I spent three days going to all their recommended destinations. By the time we left, I had visited all five. I love visiting the National Parks, and this was no exception. For those of you who may wonder: No, we didn't do the bridge walk. Turns out it was closed

while we were there due to inspections and maintenance, so my fear of heights was not challenged (Whew!). I enjoyed the views from much "safer" locations though. Did you know? West Virginia's New River Gorge National Park is one of only five United States destinations to earn a spot on National Geographic's "Best of the World" (2024). I now have a better understanding of why John Denver wrote about #AlmostHeaven.

On our way home we stopped at the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, Tim's childhood stomping grounds in Oklahoma, and finally made it back to the Lone Star State where we have been playing with our three youngest grandkids and checking daily on our new home progress. I am happy to report that today, the day I am writing this letter, they are pouring pavement on the roads in our new subdivision!! Yay! Finally. Our house is nearly finished and the builder has been waiting on the developer to get their part done. Having said that, we are fairly confident we will close on our new home in early December.

We signed up for the November Rally, and we do plan to come to the December Rally as well, as long as all the stars align properly. Hope to see many of you there!

Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,

Cindy

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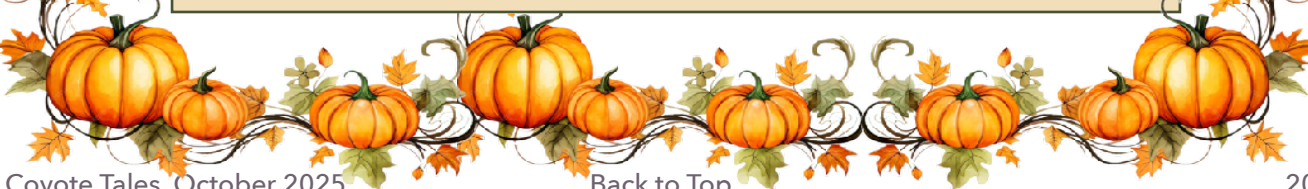
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P.S. Find an error or incorrect information? Please email me (*gently*) and I will include a correction in the next edition of Coyote Tales. Thank you!



COUNT THE PUMPKINS! Count all the pumpkins in this edition of *Coyote Tales*. The first person to **email me** with the correct (or closest) number will win a \$25 gift card to Starbucks. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter. Have fun!



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.

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