

President's Message

By *Eric McMurphy*

Hi All,

What a great summer! I hope you all enjoyed it like Holly and I did! I hope you packed up your Airstream and hit the road, leaving this heat and humidity for some chunk of time! For us, the summer brought many highs as I retired from Phillips 66 on July 1. We took a one-month trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, turned around and took the Express Caravan to York PA for the International rally and then visited family on the way back to Houston. We attended the Czech Rally in LaGrange, TX and saw some beautiful painted churches. We finished up the summer this past weekend with a quick turnaround trip via air to Rapid City, South Dakota to see the sights in the Black Hills.

I've been watching the WhatsApp postings and Facebook postings this summer and many of you have experienced the same things. I've seen folks travel on the Viking Caravan, Scenic Caravan to York, Express Caravan to York, visit the mothership in Jackson Center, visit the Pocono's, and visit Maine and Upstate NY as well. It's great to see all of you get out there and enjoying the best experience of all – camping!

Those of you who went to International this year, I know it was a long trip. The accommodations worked out to be okay for most. The fun was endless. I really enjoyed parking with others in the club, and we had a great time as a club at International. If you're considering going next year, the rally is in Minot, ND. Based on what I saw from the speaker from Minot at International, it looks like a great place to visit.



Rally registration for Minot 2026 is now open! Details will be coming early in 2026 on the Caravans being planned, and I hope you give it a try if you have never gone. You won't regret it!

We have three rallies left in 2025:

- ▶ Blue Water RV resort in Freeport,
- ▶ Rusk KOA in Rusk, and
- ▶ On the Lake Resort in Onalaska.

I hope to see you at a rally before the end of the year. You won't be disappointed!

Eric

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Region 9 Update

September 2025 - Region 9 Welcomes Autumn!

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Howdy Airstream Friends!

We have had a fantastic summer, but as always, the cooler temps are something we look forward to as we turn the corner into Autumn. We had a few things going on this summer and several things coming up that you'll want to be planning for.

68th International Rally in York: It was better than we could have ever imagined with near perfect weather and lots to do! Close to 100 rigs were there from Region 9. Members enjoyed many activities, volunteered for everything from equipment to room monitors, and celebrated at the Social. A big round of applause to our own, Stacey Daniel for all her efforts on the Pump Outs and to Scott Graham who once again led the Blood Drive. This year there was a whopping 132 Units of Blood collected in 2-days. Each unit could make a difference or save up to 3 lives, creating a very real opportunity to help up to 396 patients and an economic benefit of up to \$50,000. This was the 4th year for the Blood Drive at International and donors have given over 500 Units across these years.

Club Support: Region 9 Board is proud to keep the momentum going for the ACI Campus – Phase II and has donated a brick to the drive to complete the renovations on the ACI Member Clubhouse and Historical Center. The plans include renovations to the 803 Building, expanded Camp Sites & Fencing, along with a dog park, fire pit and pavilion. The estimated cost of this phase of the project is \$250,000 which is being raised solely through donations. The Region's donation is for one 8" x 8" brick commemorating Region 9. You're encouraged to be a part of this project – more information is available this [link](#).

Upcoming Rallies: Region 9 is proud to sponsor several National Event Rallies with the newest being Texas Country Air, Historic Nov 6 – 9, 2025 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo, TX. [Click here to Register](#). Now in it's 5th year, Streamin' on the Strand during the first week of Mardi Gras! Galveston will be February 5-8, 2026; registration is open at <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>. And I know you're all excited for the 2026 Region 9 Rally, which will be March 25-29, 2026 at Margaritaville Resort on Crystal Beach, where registration will open very soon.

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

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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!

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 region9wbcci@gmail.com 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

Letter from ACI President to the City of York PA

Dear City of York;

We are heartbroken at the recent shootings that occurred in your wonderful city. Our Airstream Club International held our annual Rally this past August at the York Expo Center and felt a true kinship with your amazing city. This inexcusable assault felt personal to us as recent guests of yours...nothing justifies the violence delivered to your officers and your citizens. Our members hope you find just a small amount of solace in receiving our deepest sympathy to all who are suffering because of this catastrophe. Words are completely inadequate to convey our great sorrow for your loss.

To the families of your outstanding police force, and those of the innocent bystanders, we grieve for you. We send our heartfelt sympathies.

*Jenifer M. Schnettler
Airstream Club International President*

RALLIES AND CARAVANS

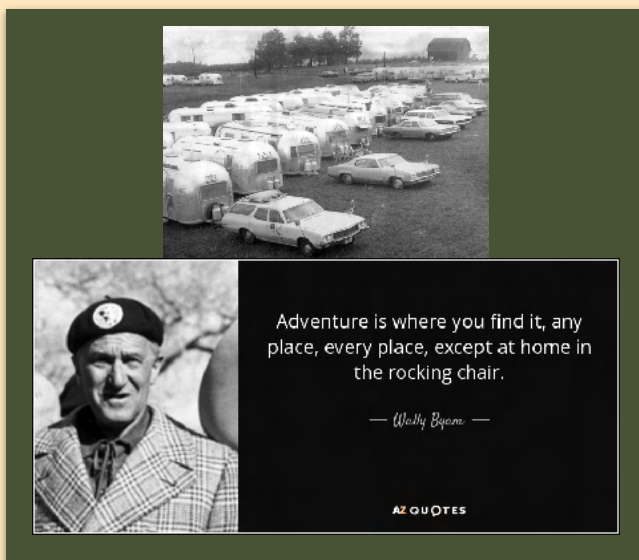
This section is **PACKED** with Rally Reports, Caravan Reports, and important updates. Our hosts have volunteered their valuable time to organize and lead the rallies, in addition to writing up these summaries to keep you informed. Perhaps you will suffer from FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) after seeing their articles and make plans to attend one in the future!



Also, check out the following **TWO Club Caravans** remaining in 2025:

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

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



Czech Out the Sites Rally

By Justin Hargadine, BRN 9650

September 19 - 21, 2025

Host: Justin Hargadine. Co-Hosts: Toni and Lowell Anderson, Deanna Shepard, John and Deborah Davis

Stats:
32 people
18 rigs



The *Czech Out the Sites Rally* was a great success! Good food, great people, and memories that will last a lifetime. Those who arrived on Thursday met for dinner at Jay Dee's and a few members met for a night cap at Crown Bar in downtown La Grange. The Crown Bar is located in the oldest building in La Grange and has an old school/eclectic vibe so it was the perfect way to end the night.

Friday for breakfast we had an overnight breakfast casserole, which was a team effort. Toni Anderson put everything in the crockpot around midnight and Justin Hargadine got to the rally room around 6 a.m. to turn them off. They turned out great! After breakfast, members toured the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center to view various exhibits and to learn about the history, culture, and heritage of Czech Texans.



Czech Out the Sites Rally Continued...

In the afternoon, Toni Anderson led an excellent craft where participants sewed neat little bowl cozies. Toni was even able to find fabric with Airstreams on it.

We had a special treat for dinner on Friday. John and Deborah Davis grilled fish that John caught in Alaska. To accompany the fish, sides included coleslaw, baked potatoes, and green beans. Everyone had fun catching up on what all of the members had been doing over the summer and

hearing about some incredible trips! Justin Hargadine made two gallons of homemade ice cream for dessert: vanilla bean and chocolate chip cookie dough. Toni Anderson baked a few delicious peach cobbles and the two were a perfect pair.

We had a quick breakfast of cinnamon rolls and bacon (cooked on the Blackstone of course!) before heading to Schulenberg to meet our tour guide. Several GHAC members took a guided tour of five painted churches in the Schulenberg area. We learned the history of each church, some of the differences between Czech and German churches, and other various historical information. We toured three churches and then had a picnic lunch under the pavilion at one of them. The weather couldn't have been better and there was a nice breeze. We stayed to listen to the bells toll at noon and then drove to the next church to complete the tour of the final 2 churches.

For dinner, it was Czech sausages, salad, and baked beans with apple pie for dessert. Then it was time for another RWB raffle! There were numerous winners, including the son of one of the workers at Colorado Landing RV Park. Everyone there is always so helpful and supportive of our causes. When I called to make my reservation the person on the phone excitedly told me that they have been collecting the tabs off of cans all year and have them in a bag ready to go. After the raffle, Lowell Anderson led a sing along where he played ukulele and numerous members sang songs across various genres.

Sunday was a morning filled with the Spirit...and kolaches. Bruce Lee led a wonderful devotional where he talked about loving one another even when society is as divided as ever. As usual, members pitched in to help pack everything away and clean the rally room. Another fantastic rally is in the books!





Scenic Caravan almost to York



GHAC rigs parked against building

International Rally Overview: August 2025

by Eric McMurphy

The International Rally started for GHAC on Thursday with our gathering at a local mall, awaiting the call to go into the York fairgrounds as a group. Admission was typical for any rally; several movements then waiting. We were parked towards the back of the fairground in a row up next to a large building. In all, GHAC had 15 rigs at the rally and several members stayed off-site or in different places but still visiting throughout the week.

Members helped each other park and secure their rigs. For this rally, we had to daisy chain the water from two water sources for 15 rigs and hook up 30 amps for each rig. The rigs were parked on an incline with unlevel asphalt so many members helped others unhook, level and secure their rigs in place. Thankfully, the entire week was beautiful weather, and the lack of 50 amps electric power was not an issue for bigger rigs.

The rally kicked off with an opening day ceremony on Saturday. Many members took the opportunity to explore York on Friday and Saturday morning. The York PA area is rich in culture including a vibrant city and rural areas with Amish culture. The ceremony kicked off with the flag ceremony in which GHAC was represented by Eric McMurphy – President as well as Tracy Elkins – Region 9 President.



Flag Ceremony - Eric McMurphy
(GHAC President)



Region 9 Flag Ceremony Team



Flag Ceremony - Rick & Tracy Elkins
(Tracy - Region 9 President)

International Rally Overview Continued...

Throughout the week, there were many events where memories were made. Some events included the vintage Airstream parade, rally exhibitor show, Region 9 dinner, welcome dinner, Vintage Airstream Club dance, blood drive, paws & claws showcase, GHAC block cookout, GHAC block party (smores), state of Airstream presentation, biking, yoga, crafts, flea market and closing ceremonies.



International Rally Overview Continued...



In closing, although the trip was far, far away from Houston, it was well worth the trip. We all made more contacts, more friends and enjoyed each other's company as we rallied together with 1,900 other folks! I encourage all of you to think about Minot, ND next summer. I would not worry about the small stuff; everything can be overcome with friends. Think about the memories you will make meeting new people, exploring new parts of the country with your Airstream and enjoying what is the best thing ever...camping! We would love to have a large group of 1st timers from GHAC as well as repeat visitors to rally together!



Picture Captions pp. 8-9 (left to right)

Page 8: Pull tab donation from GHAC; Historical marker for York fairgrounds; Vintage club parade

GHAC Cookout

Gary Alley & Reba showing off for the audience; SpaceX Launch watch (postponed) – (Wayne Wilkerson, Rick Elkins, Gary Alley, Sam Singh); pump outs on Day 4.

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Beautiful sunsets; Deanna Shepard and Mitch Guinn; GHAC Block Party

Greater Houston Airstream Club's Scenic Caravan to York, PA: A Journey to Remember

By Rick and Tracy Elkins

We embarked on an unforgettable Scenic Caravan to York, PA, from August 11 to August 20, 2025, filled with stunning landscapes, historical explorations, and camaraderie. Comprised of 9 Rigs – Gary & Pam Ally, Rick & Jennifer Cary, Rick & Tracy Elkins, Mitch & Mary Guinn, Ken & Lia Laney and Mimi (Lia's Sister), Dan & Maria McNulty, David & Yi Rice, Sam & Ratna Singh, and Wayne Wilkerson we were York bound or bust with a motto of, "we're not lost, we're just taking the scenic route!" Here's a recap of our adventure-packed journey through thirteen states, showcasing the highlights of each of the five stops.

August 11: Baton Rouge, LA – Farr Park Equestrian Center & RV Campground

We kicked off our caravan in Baton Rouge at Farr Park Equestrian Center & RV Campground. Caravanners settled into first-come, first-served campsites and gathered for a lively happy hour featuring the signature 70/50 Cocktail at 5 PM, followed by a group meal under the park pavilion. The Leaders treated us to a delicious spread from the *original* Raisin' Cane's, complemented by a Mediterranean Orzo Salad and banana brownies. Caravan Leaders Rick Elkins and Wayne Wilkerson provided an overview of the upcoming day's route and divided the Caravanners into travel groups.



Baton Rouge, LA - Scenic Caravan Kickoff Dinner from the Original Raisin' Canes with Leaders Rick & Wayne giving a Caravan Overview.

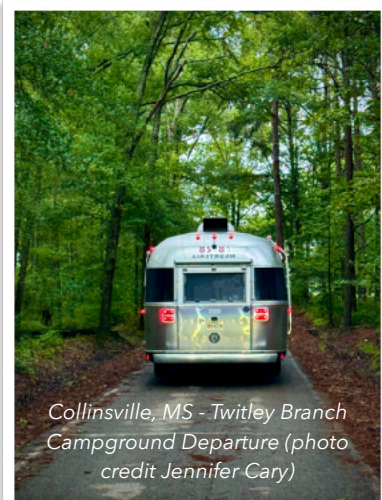


Meridian, MS - Soule Steam Museum Group Photo

assigned sites, we drove 20 miles to Meridian for a special 4 PM tour of the Soule Steam Museum, diving into the region's industrial history. The evening wrapped up with a lovely 10-minute walk to Weidmann's 1870 Restaurant for a delightful dinner, filled with great food and conversation

August 12: Collinsville, MS – Twittley Branch Campground (274 Miles)

After staging groups for departure, we hit the road for a 274-mile drive to Twittley Branch Campground in Collinsville, MS. Once settled into



Collinsville, MS - Twittley Branch Campground Departure (photo credit Jennifer Cary)

Greater Houston Airstream Club's Scenic Caravan to York, PA: A Journey to Remember Continued...

August 13-14: Woodville, AL – Cathedral Caverns State Park (251 Miles)

Our next stop was Cathedral Caverns State Park in Woodville, AL, a 251-mile journey which took us into Georgia. On day one, after arrival we enjoyed a fascinating group tour of the nearby caverns, a cool 60°F underground adventure covering about a mile. Day two was out-of-this-world, with a visit to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville. We explored the world's largest space museum, enjoying exhibits and a planetarium show. This is a beautiful State Park Campground that we would highly recommend to anyone traveling through the area.



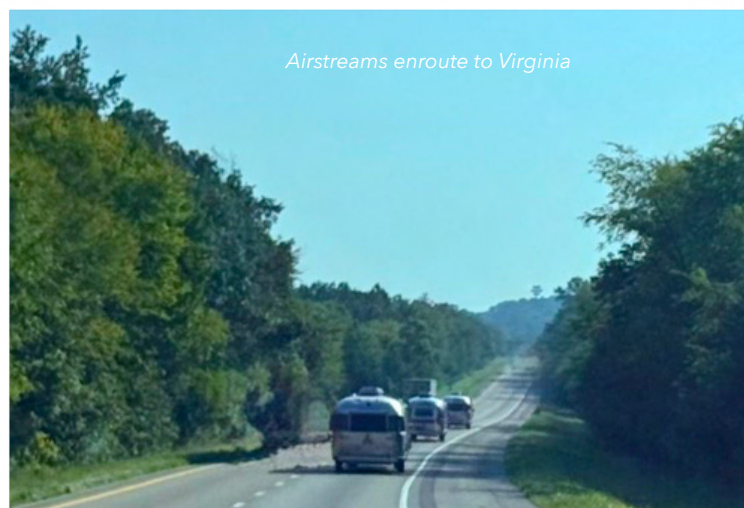
*Cathedral Caverns, AL
Group Photo in front of the Cavern*

August 15-16: Kodak, TN – Douglas Tailwater Campground (216 Miles)



*Douglas Dam near Sevierville TN
Birthday Celebration at Lower Tailwater Campground*

Transitioning to Eastern Time, we traveled 216 miles to Douglas Tailwater Campground near Knoxville, TN. After arriving and setting up, the hosts and David Rice cooked hot dogs and hamburgers at the Pavilion overlooking the Dam and we celebrated those having birthdays along the way (David Rice, Ken Laney & Jennifer Cary). We also played a round of the 1% Club, which resulted in a tie between the travel groups – they're pretty smart cookies! On day two, we explored the Ijams Nature Center in nearby Knoxville. This 318-acre oasis of forests, meadows, and wetlands had a Hummingbird Festival scheduled so we were able to explore the Nature Center and learn about bird banding while soaking in the beauty of raised trails along the Tennessee River.



Airstreams enroute to Virginia

Greater Houston Airstream Club's Scenic Caravan to York, PA: A Journey to Remember Continued...



Natural Bridge, VA - Group Photo

August 17-18: Natural Bridge, VA – Natural Bridge KOA (272 Miles)

Our 272-mile drive brought us to Natural Bridge KOA in Virginia. On day one, we relaxed and caught up on Laundry at this well-equipped KOA. Day two started with a 10 AM ranger-led tour of the iconic 215-foot-high Natural Bridge, a 1.5-mile scenic hike through the park where we saw caves and waterfalls. Optional activities included visiting the free Cyrus McCormick's Museum to see a replica of the first reaper, or the D-Day Memorial in Bedford.

August 19-20: Gardners, PA – Mountain Creek Campground (232 Miles)

Our final stop before York was Mountain Creek Campground in Gardners, PA, a 232-mile drive that took us across several states including West Virginia and Maryland. We were deep into beautiful farm country with all sorts of fruit orchards and corn fields. Day one featured a special evening screening under the stars of the *Gettysburg* movie, hosted by Gary & Pam Alley, who shared ancestral stories—lawn chairs, beverages, and snacks in tow. On day two, members had a range of optional activities: touring the USA Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, exploring downtown Carlisle's

historical markers, visiting Gettysburg National Military Park for a self-guided driving tour, or indulging in sweetness at Hershey's Chocolate World. We took this last opportunity to prepare for the International Rally by doing laundry, emptying tanks, and stocking up on groceries.

Final Stretch: York, PA

The caravan concluded with a 32-mile drive to York, staging at West Manchester Town Center near the Regal West Manchester Theater. Here we met up with the Express Caravan and a couple of rigs that were traveling together from a National Caravan in Newfoundland. We had only a short wait before we were welcomed to the fairgrounds for International Rally Parking.

A Texas-Sized Adventure

From Baton Rouge's river views to Pennsylvania's historic battlegrounds, the GHAC Scenic Caravan was a whirlwind of exploration, connection, and fun. We showed 'em how Texans travel—boldly, joyfully, and ready for the next adventure!



Carlisle, PA - Theater under the Stars showing Gettysburg



York State Fairgrounds - GHAC parked at Memorial Hall West

August 2025 Express Caravan Report to York PA

By Eric McMurphy

The 2025 caravan to York via "Express" commenced on August 15 at Grand Ecore, LA and concluded on August 21 at York PA. The caravan included 7 rigs and 13 members.

GHAC Members included Ginger and Mike Ainsworth, Lisa and Jim Feine, Carol and Jerry Goodwin, Alan, Julie, and Jacen Kulak, and Holly and Eric McMurphy. Affiliate members included Deanna Shepard and Shelly Tumino.

Since the caravan was express, travel each day consisted of 4-5 hours of driving and approximately 250-300 miles. The caravan stayed two days in Chattanooga, TN to rest an extra night and see the beautiful sites around Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee.

Rigs traveled in two teams and left at staggered increments. Safety checks of the rigs were performed by fellow members.



At the kickoff in Grand Ecore, members had dinner together and a caravan meeting was conducted by leader Eric McMurphy.

In Chattanooga, members visited the sites nearby including Rock City and Ruby Falls. The caravan also had dinner together featuring fajitas, fruit and dessert.



August 2025 Express Caravan Report to York PA Continued...



Bonita Lakes, MS

The caravan concluded on Thursday with a gathering in York with the Scenic Caravan.

Overall, there were no safety concerns, no breakdowns, and members arrived at the target destination without incident.

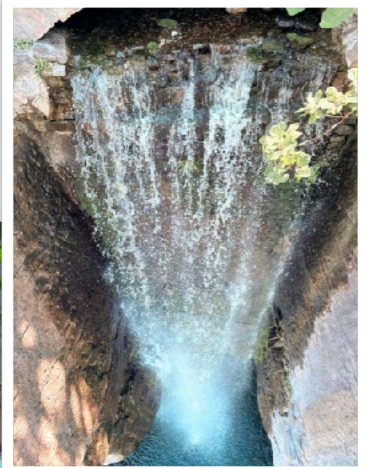
Members commented that they had a great time and although quick, they were very happy they could travel to York with others.

My personal thanks to Julie Kulak and Holly McMurphy for helping coordinate the caravan as well as Julie, Holly, Ginger Ainsworth and Deanna Shepard for helping with the food.

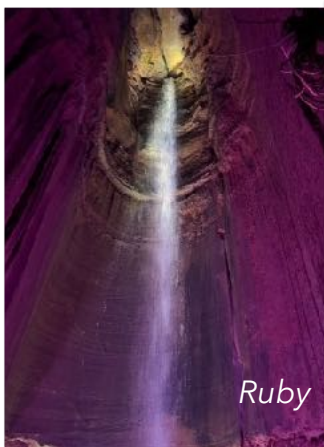
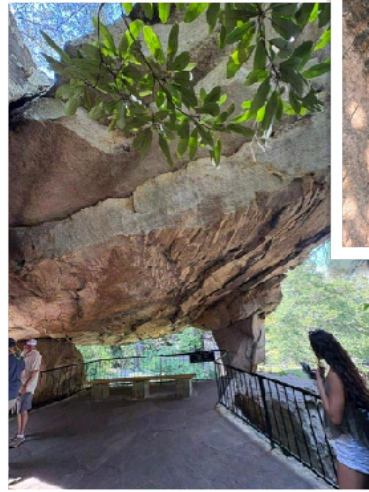
Eric McMurphy
President, GHAC



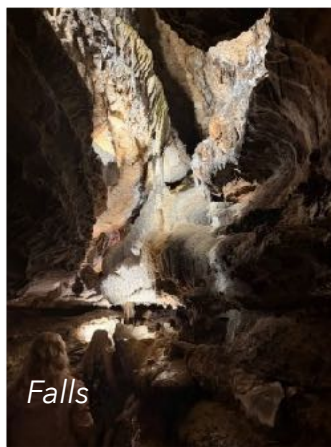
Wytheville, VA



Rock City



Ruby



Falls



SADDLE UP! YOU'RE INVITED TO

GHAC'S JOHN WAYNE WESTERN RALLY

OCT 16-19

BLUE WATER RV RESORT
1151 BLUE WATER HWY, FREEPORT, TX 77541
RALLY FEE: \$16/PER PERSON

THURSDAY

6PM - DINNER @ ON-SITE RESTAURANT FOR EARLY ARRIVALS

FRIDAY



8AM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST BY THE HOSTS

5PM - HAPPY HOUR BYOB

6PM - COWBOY BURGERS BY THE HOSTS

SATURDAY

8AM - COWBOY BREAKFAST BY THE HOSTS

5PM - HAPPY HOUR BYOB

6PM - WESTERN INSPIRED POTLUCK, DESSERT BY HOSTS



SUNDAY

8AM - CHUCKWAGON (CONTINENTAL) BREAKFAST BY THE HOSTS

BEGINNER LINE
DANCING

WESTERN ROPE
GAMES

CACTUS CORNER CRAFTS

**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS
979-239-4301 (MENTION GHAC) &
MOSEY OVER TO THE WEBSITE TO
COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**



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



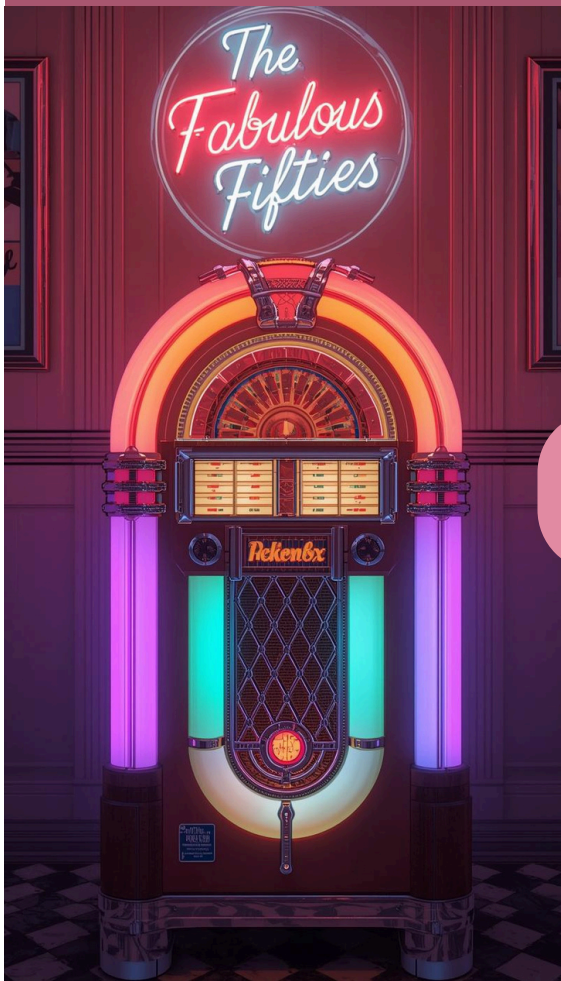
Fabulous Fifties Installation Rally

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>

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.

Czech Out the Sites Rally

Lowell and Toni Anderson
Alan, Bernadine, and Ashley Billard
Tom and Caren Bundy
Richard and Shannon Cull
John and Deborah Davis
Rick and Tracy Elkins
Ed and Sharlene Ferrin
Paul Evens and Natalie Garrett
Jim and Lisa Feine
Mitch and Mary Guinn
Justin Hargadine
Ron and Janice Lange
Bruce Lee
Gerry Lyddon
Eric and Holly McMurphy
Chris and Traci Reyes
Deanna Shepard
Robert Supina

ACI Rally, York Pennsylvania

Mike & Ginger Ainsworth
Gary & Pamela Alley
Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Richard & Jennifer Cary
Rick & Tracy Elkins
James & Lisa Feine
Vernon & Jo Goodwin
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Mitch & Mary Guinn
Thomas & Vicki Ketchum
Alan & Julie Kulak
Ken & Lia Laney
David Rice & Yi Li
Dan & Maria McAnulty
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Sam & Ratna Singh
Tim & Cindy West
Wayne Wilkerson



For the Record...



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.

Click here for more specific

- 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!

September 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>



Member Spotlight

Raymond & Emily Womack, Houston, TX - 2024 Flying Cloud 25

Raymond and Emily live in Westbury, a quaint little neighborhood in Southwest Houston. Raymond is originally from Conroe and The Woodlands, recently moving to Houston, and Emily is from the Westbury area. Combined, they have seven children, aged 20 - 32, and one grandson, aged 12. They love spending time with family and friends, cooking, and entertaining as often as they can.

Emily and Raymond enjoy traveling, hiking, and since November '24, Air-streaming. Most of all, they are foodies who relish cooking outdoors, indoors, or seeking out new restaurants. They are eager to meet new people in the club and participate in upcoming regional and international rallies.

Recent road trips for the two include Big Bend NP last December, Grand Canyon NP last March, a 23-day, 5,000-mile trip to Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier NPs, and Taos and Santa Fe, NM in July with Raymond's parents. Raymond's father was inspired to get his own Airstream, so there are two in the family!

They plan to register soon for a rally and happily anticipate meeting members of the club.

Welcome New Members!

Edward David & Kelley Bond, Conroe, TX - 2023 Bambi 20

George & Jennifer Harpole, Friendswood, TX - 2025 Flying Cloud 27 FBT; & 2021 Flying Cloud 30

Marc & Lorilea Hazzard (Affiliates), Texas City, TX - 2023 Flying Cloud 25

Jeff & Ashley Lawther, Deer Park, TX - 2017 International Serenity 28

James & Whitney Lowery, Cove, TX - 2015 Flying Cloud 30Bunk

Vernon & Suzanne Neal (Affiliates), Iola, TX - 2023 Globetrotter 27

Charles & Tracy Tidwell, Cleveland, TX - 2025 Basecamp 20

Raymond & Emily Womack, Houston, TX - 2024 Flying Cloud 25

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.

Below is a picture of the Womack's Airstream (2024, 25' Flying Cloud) taken at Colter Bay RV Park in Grand Teton National Park, and a picture of Emily and Raymond on the Avalanche Lake Trail in Glacier National Park.



The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



*"Autumn tucked me in her woodland home, A honeyed spot for my soul to roam."
-Angie Weiland-Crosby*

MEMBER CONCERNS

Bob Hutson of Spring, Texas, and 1995 Past President passed away on July 3, 2025. He and his wife, June, were proud members of Greater Houston Airstream Club as well as Airstream Club International for 42 years. They travelled to many rallies across the country from the Statue of Liberty to the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM. His memorial service was held in Klein Funeral Home Chapel.

Alan Billard recently experienced a second stroke. Luckily, he received medical treatment right away and is doing well. He, Bernadine, and Ashley are back on the road enjoying our rallies once again.

September Birthdays

02 Lorraine Gray
05 Maria McNulty
05 Alfred Ricks
05 Denise Wall
07 Selena Hodges
09 Cindy West
10 David Brandon
10 Tracy Elkins
11 James Hodges
11 Tom Raia
12 Janice Lange
13 Gina Hargraves
14 Jim Mercer

16 Nelson Tears
17 Susan Beal
17 Deborah Davis
17 Tim West
18 David Savage
18 Leslie Stauber
21 Steve Cummins
21 Traci Reyes
22 Chuck Bracht
24 Mike Beal
26 Paul Francis
26 Sabra Francis
26 Tim Jackson
27 Georgia Jackson
30 Dale Spillman

September Anniversaries

01 Jon & LaVerne Villanti
07 Doug & Leslie Stauber
09 Scott & Denise Ellis

11 Matt & Brenda Taylor
13 Jay & Amanda Bubela
15 Tim & Georgia Jackson
18 Eric & Holly McMurphy
19 Jason & Johnda Pugh
20 Lee Howell & Terah Isaacson

October Birthdays

?? Devon Wilson
01 Meghan Salazar
05 Rae Gilbert
07 Deanna Shepard
08 Karen Gunter
09 Terry Fuselier
10 LaVerne Villanti
12 Darla Burton
14 Pamela Alley
17 Alan Billard
18 Rachel Rust
19 Ginger Ainsworth
20 Bill Rathbun
23 Toni Anderson
27 Vernon Neal
29 Kathy Spillman
30 Ally Ebbers
31 Suzanne Neal

October Anniversaries

06 Terry and Darla Burton

HAPPY TRAILS!! SAFE TRAVELS!!

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!

Tech Tip

By Eric McMurphy

Stepping Safely.

During our recent summer trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, we abruptly found an issue with our Airstream steps. When I exited the Airstream, stepping on the top step, a small screw flew off the step and the steps collapsed on the right side. I was ok but Holly and I took several minutes on the gravel to find the missing screw that popped out (very small). Thankfully we found it and were able to get the stairs back working temporarily. I did not have the tools at the time to fix the stairs for the long haul.

After much research, I now carry backup hardware (hinge pins (various sizes)) for the steps I purchased at International (you can also purchase at Airstream Supply Co). I also purchased an Allen wrench tool all in one needed to keep the screws tight. Lastly, I purchased some WD 40 Silicone to keep the steps lubricated on each moving joint.

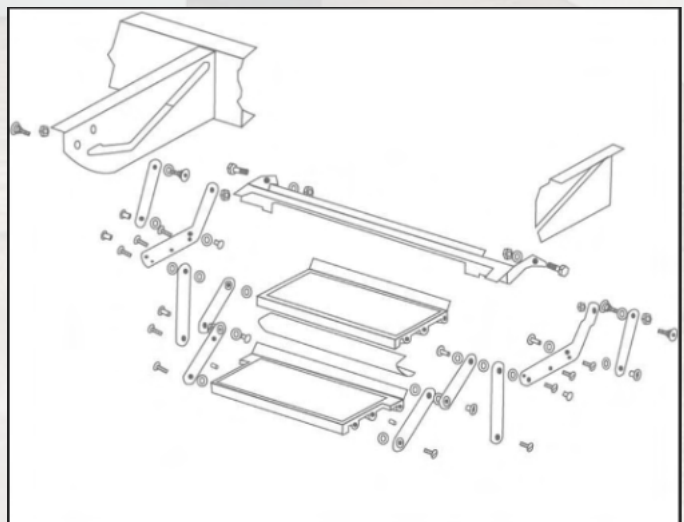
I have learned that these steps are not to be ignored. They MUST be taken care of properly, ensuring the hinge pins are tight, the movement lubricated, and all is in good working order. My suggestion is to inspect before every trip and address as needed.

Failure to maintain these steps could result in someone getting hurt so make sure it's on your checklist before you leave on your next trip. Also, if your steps don't seem to be working right, have them looked at by a qualified professional such as Bob Jones RV or Foley.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric

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Let's not make changes, let's make only improvements.

— Wally Byam —

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):
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello Friends!

I hope you had a wonderful summer! Boy it went by quickly! If you stayed in Texas, you have probably been looking forward to

cooler weather. We have been traveling in the north to get away from the heat, still living full-time in our Airstream until our house is complete. (It's getting closer!) We took our two oldest granddaughters on a long road trip to the Badlands in South Dakota. After parting we went as far north (Voyageurs National Park) and east (Acadia National Park) as we could go, stayed in the Minnesota Airstream Park, hand fed wild songbirds in Michigan, saw our GHAC friends at the York International Rally, met lots of great Airstreamers, visited all of the New England states, Capitols, and we are currently in New River Gorge National Park. It's been a whirlwind of a summer, and if you follow me on FaceBook, you have seen a lot of posts about it. Now we are slowly making our way back to Texas where we hope to see all of you soon!

How did you spend your summer? Let's talk! They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so I'll save my stories for those in-person moments, and wrap up my Letter by saying, *see you soon!* In the meantime, here are just a few of the things we experienced this summer.



Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,

Lucinda (a/k/a "Cindy") West

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BRN 19963-2025 30' Classic RBT ("Classy Girl")

Bored? Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

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!

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
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