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Presidential Ponderings Once Again!

As I step into the presidency for my second term—three years after my first stint—I'm honored to lead this vibrant club that feels like a second family.

Why the comeback?

First, I'm armed with secret weapons that make this role a joy: my incredible wife, Roseann, whose administrative, organizational, and planning skills are unmatched, and the generous talents of our members, especially the tireless AnnMarie.

Second, to again launch Burger Meetups (or Meatups, if you enjoy a pun) on the second Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Chris Madrid's in San Antonio—come for lunch and great conversation! Our first meetup, breaking the rule already since we can't make the second Saturday, is set for October 18, the third Saturday.

Third, TAU's wonderful people make every rally a chance to reconnect with old friends and welcome new ones.

Fourth, we all bought our Airstreams to be used, and prearranged rallies, largely planned by others, make doing this so much easier.

Fifth, co-hosting rallies is pure fun—shared efforts make it feel like part of the camping adventure, not work.

And sixth, I'm eager to see familiar faces who've been away. Once a TAU member, always a TAU member, even if you're between Airstreams. Come visit—the door's wide open!



President Ben Young,
Texas Alamo Unit

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October 24-26

Johnson Creek RV Resort
4279 Junction Hwy
Ingram, TX 78025
830-367-3300
www.johnsoncreekrvresort.com

November 21-23

Buena Vista Wildlife Safari and RV Park
1830 S Hwy 281
Evant, TX 76525
254-791-5441
www.buenavistawildlifesafari.com

Buddy
Rally

January 23-25

Longhorn RV Resort
23932 Camino Real
Niederwald, TX 78640
512-398-3677
www.longhornrvresort.com

February 27-March 1

Colorado Landing RV Park
64 E Bluff View
La Grange, TX 78945
979-968-9465
www.coloradolanding.com

March 25-29

Region 9 Rally
Camp Margaritaville RV Resort
796 TX-87
Crystal Beach, TX 77650

April 17-19

Skyline Ranch RV Ranch
2231 State Hwy 16 N
Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-4958
www.skylineranchrvpark.com

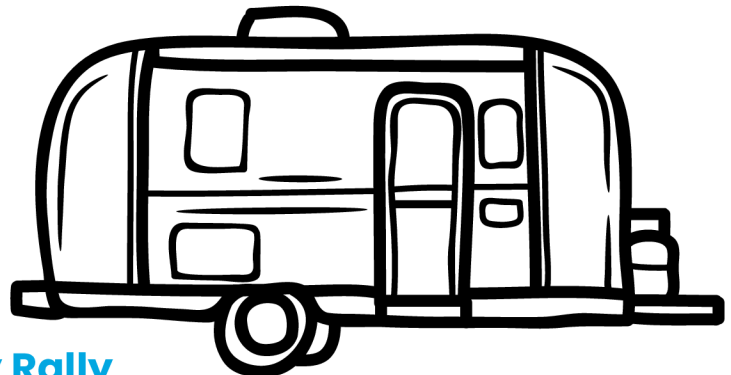
May 29-31

Canopy RV Resort
1160 Lakeside Pass
New Braunfels, TX 78130
830-310-8511
www.canopyrvresort.com

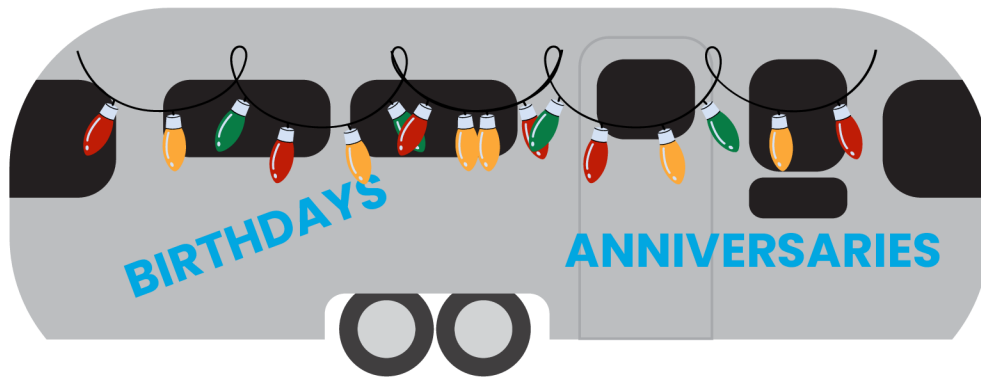
Buddy
Rally

September 25-27

Sunset Point RV Resort
2322 N Wirtz Dam Rd
Marble Falls, TX 78654
830-798-8199
www.sunsetpointlbj.com



November + May = Buddy Rally
Invite your friends! (Airstreams or Other)



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays:

22nd Susan Postlethwait
 22nd Tom Rogers
 23rd Cathy Willis
 28th George Taylor

Anniversaries:

22nd Steven & Stephanie McConnell
 26th Geno & Betty Dunn
 27th David & Diane Flores

OCTOBER

Birthdays:

16th Roseann Young
 19th Diana Flores
 31st Malen Dell

Anniversaries:

5th Levoy & Malen Dell
 22nd George & Joi Taylor

WEEKEND RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour
 6 pm Potluck Dinner

Friday:

5 pm Social Hour
 5:30 pm Opening Ceremonies
 6 pm Dinner

Saturday

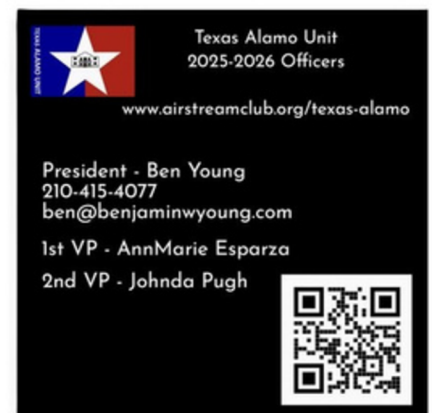
8:30 am Breakfast
 4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees
 5 pm Social Hour
 6 pm Dinner
 7:30 pm Games

Sunday

8:30 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Devotional

**Volunteers
 Needed!
 Help Host a Rally**
SIGN UP ONLINE

**Pick up your
 schedule card
 at the next rally!**



Rally Recap – Miller Creek RV Park, Johnson City

Our last rally at Miller Creek RV Park near Johnson City was a blast! The park, set along a quiet creek with oak-shaded sites and full hookups, offered a great base for enjoying Hill Country trails and nearby wineries.

Our steadfast old-timers in attendance were Jimmie and Amy Allison, Jim Cook and Mari Rabinowitz, Geno and Betty Dunn, AnnMarie and Samuel Esparza, Richard and Diane Espinosa, Tom and Susan St. Pierre, Greg and Dottie Ulrich, Bob and Gracie Waggener, David and Cathy Willis, Roseann Young, and yours truly.

Also, we were thrilled to host visiting at-large couple Jim and Carol Bebee, plus three new couples eager to join TAU: Sandy and Dana Braatz, Mike Riojas and Virginia Reyes, and Rick and Susan Santos. Speaking of Rick—huge thanks to him for stepping up as our new Newsletter Editor after this issue, expertly crafted by AnnMarie.

Thank you AnnMarie and way to go, Rick! Your technical skills will help keep us connected. We also welcomed day visitors on Saturday, George and Joi Taylor and Luke and Barbara Brennecke, who stayed for the installation. Barbara was sworn in as a 2-Year Trustee—congratulations! A big shout-out to our host couples, Rich and Diane Espinosa and Bob and Gracie Waggener, for creating a warm, seamless experience.

Saturday night's highlight was the installation of our new officers:

- President: Ben Young
- 1st Vice President: AnnMarie Esparza
- 2nd Vice President: Johnda Pugh
- Treasurer: Roseann Young
- Corresponding and Recording Secretary: Diane Espinosa
- 2-Year Trustees: Gracie Waggener, Barbara Brennecke
- 1-Year Trustees: Samuel Esparza, Malen Dell
- Past President: AnnMarie Esparza

Most importantly, a heartfelt thank you to AnnMarie Esparza for her stellar leadership this past season. Her return as 1st Vice President this coming year sets her up to lead once again in September 2026—a true blessing for TAU.

Upcoming Rally – Johnson Creek RV Resort

Join us next at Johnson Creek RV Resort, 4279 Junction Hwy, Ingram, TX 78025. We've requested 12 slots, but they'll go fast!

[You can sign up here.](#)

This park, set in a pecan orchard near Kerrville, offers pull-through sites with full hookups, a pool, a fishing pond, and a clubhouse. It's a great spot to unwind, with Kerrville's shops, art galleries, and the Guadalupe River nearby (no flooding here from July's rains).

Our plan? Group games, plenty of good food, lots of laughs, and soaking in the Texas Hill Country. I'm also, by popular demand, planning to arrange a Tech Talk at this rally, sharing practical tips for maintaining your Airstream—think tricks for keeping your rig road-ready. If you've got a topic or expertise to share, let me know!

Safe travels, and I look forward to seeing you down the road!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

- -Bon

More September Rally Highlights!





Region 9 Update

September 2025 – Region 9 Welcomes Autumn!

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](#).

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!

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

• **Assistant Webmaster:** Train with our current Webmaster to learn the ropes before he retires.

• **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



Region 9 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.

<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-country-air-2025-texas-plains-airstream-club-106>



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...registration will open very soon.



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