

## President's Message

*By Eric McMurphy*

Hi all,

Happy December club members!

It's already the end of 2025 and this is my last message as President of the Greater Houston Airstream Club. This year has gone by so fast. Holly and I have so many great memories from an opportunity of a lifetime to serve great people and a great club! As a bonus, we served during our 50th anniversary as a club. That's a big deal! We are so honored that all of you trusted us to lead!

You will see in the next few pages as a club we raised over \$3,000 for TRWB and also donated over 4,000 pairs of socks for the Humble ISD. Our membership has grown, though by a small number. Our rally attendance got stronger. Members are getting more engaged and that is wonderful. I'm still amazed at the generosity of our club and the teamwork we all show whether we were at a rally, luncheon or on a caravan. The people in this club are the best; there is nothing like it and I'm proud to be a small part of it.

I want to thank Joletta (Jo) Goodwin and Paul Evans for their two years of service as Trustees on the Executive Board. Jo and Paul were great at providing input to the leadership of the club over the past two years. Incoming trustees for the next two years will be Ron Lange and Mitch Guinn, I'm confident they will do a great job. Alan Billard and Raj Ramlal will remain for their 2nd year in 2026. Many thanks to Alan and Raj for their service and support. Our VP's for 2026 will welcome John Davis as 3rd VP, Wayne Wilkerson will move up to 1st VP and Justin Hargadine will move up to 2nd VP. Our VP bench is very strong and full of great people to continue the great leadership of our club.



Past President Rick Elkins has been my rock as President. He and Tracy have been so supportive of my tenure and have always been there to answer any questions or be a thinking partner. I'm forever grateful to the Elkins for their support. Many thanks to all our committee chairs. Their hard work in 2025 has enriched the club. Their input during EB meetings has spurred great conversations and moved the club in the best direction.

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Our Treasurers have once again done a great job with our finances and with their wisdom helping the club. My thanks to Jerry Lyddon and Caren Bundy for their help! Our next President Lisa Feine is very excited to serve in 2026. She will do a great job. She wants to have fun and continue enriching the traditions of the club. Please welcome Lisa with open arms. I'm looking forward to her luncheon in January 2026 and working with her throughout the year as the Past President. Lastly, many thanks to all the committee chairs and volunteers who helped the committee chairs in 2025 along with all the hosts and co-hosts that helped at rallies, your efforts are most appreciated!

In conclusion, the club is in great shape for next year. The rally schedule for 2026 is very exciting. Plans are underway to caravan to Minot, ND for International. I'm sure more caravans will come to life for the club during 2026. If you have been thinking about helping out more, I encourage you to sign up for hosting or co-hosting a rally. Maybe even volunteer for a leadership or committee position. Our club is always evolving, and we need your help to keep it evolving. It's members like you that make this club what it is which is a great place to make friends, learn and develop in the wonderful history that is the Greater Houston Airstream Club.

We rally together,

Eric McMurphy

Marilyn Mann from Humble ISD happily receives all of our sock donations. Way to go GHAC!



*Pictured from right to left is Jan Rightmyer, Dave Rightmyer, Marilyn Mann, and Eric McMurphy.*





## Region 9 Update - December 2025

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Howdy Airstream Friends!

It's beginning to look like we are almost done with this year and what a phenomenal year it has been! The Region is bustling with Airstream activities that the Club is involved in from local club rallies to National Event Rallies, RV Shows, Caravans, and Meet-ups. I'm very excited with the things we are doing as our robust community.

### Upcoming Rallies:

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

- \* **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.  
**Register:** <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop-o>
- \* **Region 9 Rally Airstreams in Paradise.** **When:** March 25-29, 2026. **Where:** Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX.  
**Register (Wait List):** <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-rally>
- \* **Stitchin' & Fishin.'** **When:** April 16 - 21, 2026. **Where:** NTAC-Hillsboro. **Details:** This unique rally combines the hobbies of sewing and fishing during beautiful months in Texas. Registration is currently for the wait list.  
**Register (Wait List):** <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>
- \* **69th International Rally in Minot**  
Registration is filling up 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:** <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration> IBT Meetings

The International Board of Trustees meets quarterly to discuss, review and vote on Club business. These meetings ensure ACI continues to grow, evolve, and serve its members. All members are welcome to attend and observe the process. If you have issues or questions, please contact Tracy Elkins, your Region 9 President at 281.725.1672 or at [region9wbcci@gmail.com](mailto:region9wbcci@gmail.com). If you would like to participate in the meeting, you can find instructions here: <https://airstreamclub.org/international-board-trustees>. The next meetings are Jan 22, 2026 and April 23, 2026.

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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](mailto: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 (Full - Chair: Roseann Young)
- 🌴 Programs
- 🌴 Rally Bulletin & Signage (Members Only – Chair: Nancy Fitzgerald)
- 🌴 Tours & Activities (Members Only - Chair: Selina Shadd)
- 🌴 Sponsors & Vendors (Members Only – Chair: Tim Ebbers)
- 🌴 Door Prizes & Hospitality
- 🌴 Rally Bags, Ribbons & Plaques (Full - Chair: Allana Patterson)
- 🌴 Logistics & Parking (Full - 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](mailto: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! Be on the lookout for Rallies and Caravans in 2026 so you don't miss out on the fun!

## The GHAC 2025 Big Bend Caravan By David L Savage 11/12/25

A convergence of silver, like rays from the sun  
All aimed at the river where the Big Bend's begun  
The Camino del Rio across the State Park  
The absence of light in communities dark

At Roadrunner, campsites were gravel and rocks  
A succulent, cactus, or tall spiny stalk  
The whole gang together, we conspired and schemed  
Adventures in canyons or some desert hike dreams

A puma, a bear, two aoudads, and deer  
Four coyotes and lizards were all sighted here  
At the Starlight for dinner we had fun with a stool  
A humorous prop like our days back in school

Saturday's campfire with Moses was great!  
Under God's firmament, the moonrise came late  
His Terlingua tunes and harmonica jams  
Had us howling like coyotes and clapping our hands

Our celestial awareness grew sharper and keen  
As we synchronized life with sunsets and moonbeams  
Sotol Vista's horizon, so expansive and vast  
And last night's aurora, a surprise and contrast

Every caravan meal from red beans and rice  
To cheerfully baked pizzas' every savory slice  
Have highlighted service of both women and men  
May God bless every member and let's do it again!



# Big Bend / Davis Mountains Caravan v. 3

Report By Bruce Lee and Tracy Elkins



Sunrise, Davis Mountains State Park



**November 2-12, 2025**

**Host: Bruce Lee, Co-Hosts: Rick and Tracy Elkins**

The third edition of this caravan started in the Davis Mountains State Park on Nov. 2, with 14 rigs. Mike & Ginger Ainsworth, Jerry & Beth Adams, Rick & Jennifer Cary, Rick & Tracy Elkins, Ed & Sharlene Ferrin, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Bob & Dell Jones, Ron & Janice Lange, Bruce Lee, Jim & Cheryl McGee, Eric & Holly McMurphy, Larry & Susan Meeks, Sam & Ratna Singh, and Wayne & Liza Wilkerson joined together for our first dinner that night. Unfortunately, Jim & Cheryl had to leave abruptly to

drive to Alpine for the nearest hospital due to a kitchen accident. They came back in time to enjoy dessert provided by Tracy.

During our four nights in this area, caravanners enjoyed hiking on some of the many trails in the area, observing native wildlife and birds, taking in a star party at the McDonald Observatory, and touring many of the sights in the greater Ft. Davis area. We also enjoyed many meals planned and coordinated by Tracy and prepared with many helpers along the way.

On Nov. 6, we packed up our rigs and made the short trek to the Big Bend area where we set up camp at RoadRunner Travelers RV Park. We were joined by David & Kim Savage at this park, giving us a total of 15 rigs. We continued our exploration adventures taking in all that the Big Bend area has to offer, including spotting bear, mountain lions, Aoudads, deer and lots of high desert birds. We were a busy group doing jeep tours, canoeing trips on the Rio Grande, hiking the many trails, visiting Boquillas, MX where we rode burros, an ATV tour, and admiring spectacular sunrises and sunsets. We also had a great group dinner at the Starlight Theater in Terlingua. This was in addition to several meals prepared by Tracy and her many helpers. Eric McMurphy and Rick Elkins expanded their culinary skills by preparing made to order omelets on their propane griddles as well as instructing others on the joys of cooking on these devices.



## Big Bend continued.



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Davis Mountains State Park



Seminole Canyon Pictographs

Our five nights in the Big Bend area sped by and we moved to our final campsite as a group, Seminole Canyon State Park. As we broke camp in Big Bend, we wished Mike and Ginger a fond farewell as they traveled to Fredericksburg for a family gathering. Seminole Canyon also provided more opportunities to hike and explore. On our first night Eric & Rick fired up their griddles for made-to-order pizza and we recognized our Veterans. Some of us took a guided hike where a park ranger directed us to various pictographs created by ancient civilizations. We finished our final night together with a fabulous chili

dinner and a rousing tribute to the Caravan; an original poem penned by David Savage.

After spending 11 nights together it was time to go our separate ways. We shared so many experiences and created a host of great memories of this part of Texas. For some of our group it was their first time to this area. Others had been in these parts before and got to renew seeing old sights again. I believe everyone had a great experience and

some may even give it another go! From a leader's perspective, it was great seeing how well everyone got along, joining together in various adventures and sharing their experiences with the group over delicious meals. For me personally, it was one of the best Big Bend caravans ever.



Big Bend Aficionados



Pecos River Scenic Overlook



All Girls Hiking Club



Boquillas Bandidos



Aoudad in Big Bend



Exploring the Rio Grande

# November 2025 Rally Report: Holiday Traditions (Family & Friends + Food & Fun)

By Lisa Feine

**November 12-15, 2025, Rusk KOA**

**Hosts: Lisa and Jim Feine, Co-Hosts: Paul &  
Sabra Francis, Larry & Susan Meeks**

The November Rally at Rusk KOA Holiday has come and gone... and a good time was had by all!

The campground was beautiful and the staff was wonderful! The Clubhouse/Rally Room was a delight for hosts and all who attended.

The fun began on Thursday evening with a group meal at KT's Seafood Grill in Rusk. Although reviews were mixed on the food quality (shrimp and gumbo: good / fried oysters: not good), all enjoyed the company of fellow campers. The weather went downhill on Thursday night, but the more severe storm cells remained north of the campground. Friday dawned with cooler weather and fewer showers. By Saturday, the weather was perfect for camping in the Piney Woods of East Texas.

As usual, there was plenty of delicious Rally food including a "boil-in-bag" omelet breakfast in which each diner prepped a personalized omelet in a 1-quart freezer bag to be dropped into a large pot of boiling water supervised by Eric McMurphy (see photo of our omelet bar). Larry Meeks and Paul Francis both worked the coffee station. Paul also manned his personal "toast" station with delicious offerings of a variety of warm buttered toast.

Campers went their own ways after breakfast. Some met at the historic Rusk Footbridge for photos, then wandered around the town of Rusk. Others went further to explore the Piney Woods. If you are ever in the vicinity, Caddo Mounds is a recommended "must see."

Happy Hour and dinner on Friday left us all very full from appetizers and vegetarian and gluten-free free dinner options. We enjoyed a buffet of salad, pasta, hearty vegetable sauce, and turkey in both loose meat and meatball forms. Dessert was a combo of homemade gluten-free brownies from Susan Meeks and ice cream. Yum! And not to be forgotten, Eric and Holly McMurphy once again provided a special rally "drink" of Holly's own Holiday Punch. We all agreed with her version of a "Family Favorite" beverage!



Hosts and Co-Hosts: Paul & Sabra Francis, Jim & Lisa Feine, Susan & Larry Meeks



Cooking Omelets in a Bag



Rusk Footbridge



Prep Time!



I'm hunary!!

## Nov. Rally continued.



Eric is describing Holly's Holiday Punch and encouraging charitable donations.

Some attendees shared memories of their own family's holiday traditions. Rick Elkins shared a poem composed by Dave Savage during the recently completed GHAC Big Bend Caravan. After dinner fun was a rousing game of Farkle. This is a fast-paced dice game with lots of good-natured ribbing and laughter.

The Saturday breakfast buffet included meatless and sausage breakfast casseroles with sides of toast from Paul's special toast station, fruit, and of course, coffee and juice. The casseroles were a bit delayed as host, Lisa Feine, misplaced the key to the rally room. Oops! Luckily, our

membership includes several talented people with lots of specialized skills, including "breaking & entering." Not to worry, the missing key was located in the pocket of the pants that Lisa wore the night before!

photo credit: Tom Raia



Crafty Ladies

Saturday afternoon activities included a craft for the women, and a tech-talk for the men. Women made cute and easy snowman tealight ornaments led by Susan Meeks. Men spent the afternoon on duty as "ER to the rescue" taking care of Tim West's list of things needing attention on his rig. Prior to dinner on Saturday, Tom Raia set up his tripod and remote to take a group photo outside by the campground's large teepee.

"Tech Talk" men at work



After another filling Happy Hour, we all enjoyed an old-fashioned potluck composed of a variety of "Family favorite" entrees, sides, and desserts provided by all the attendees. No one left hungry! Unfortunately, your host forgot to take photos and can only remember the ham, sweet potato casserole, chicken & dumplings, and a completely full table of assorted delicious food. (I blame the excess consumption of Holly's Holiday Punch!) The Team Red, White and Blue raffle was once again a great success with President and First Lady McMurphy leading the raffle and providing another \$\$\$ Gift Card for the Grand Prize. Again, your snookered hostess

cannot remember all the details. After dinner fun was a game of Mexican Train that ended after the tipsy Hostess went back to her rig to "sleep it off."

Mitch Guinn giving the Sunday Devotional



We met on Sunday morning for a Continental Breakfast with another full table! After breakfast, Mitch Guinn blessed us with an inspiring Devotional about the importance of Family. We agreed that family is composed of more than just our blood relatives, and that each of us have a number of families that are so very important to our physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional well-being. Thank you, Mitch!

As usual, there was no shortage of help in clearing and cleaning up the rally room. This rally is now in the fond memories of all who attended. Safe travels! See you down the road.



City of Rusk Planter, Downtown

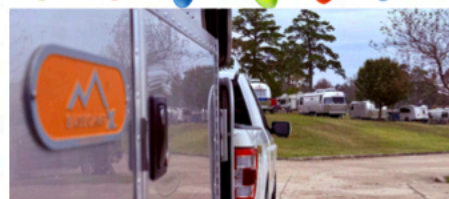


Tom Raia took this on his way out of town.



# Installation Rally Report

By Tracy Elkins



***On the Lake RV Resort – Onalaska, TX – December 4–7, 2025***

***Hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins, Raj & Narmin Ramlal, and Kim Savage***

What a way to wrap up our club's **50th anniversary year**—with a full-on **Fabulous Fifties Buddy Rally** that had everyone twisting, jiving, and floating on root beer! With **34 rigs** and **62 happy campers**, this was one **BIG** blast from the past. The hosts rolled in early on Wednesday and turned the Rally Room into a genuine **1950s diner**, complete with a balloon arch and a shiny **Cruisin' Chevy photo booth**—perfect for striking those classic poses!

The weather? A classic Texas mix: rain showers one minute, sunny skies the next, and a definite chill off Lake Livingston. Who complained? Nobody! It just meant more excuses for cozy indoor fun and comfort food.

By Thursday afternoon, nearly everyone had arrived, and we kicked things off with a group dinner at **Jerry's Restaurant** in Onalaska. They opened their festive, Christmas-decorated Back Porch just for our crew of over 50—talk about VIP treatment!



## Installation Rally continues Friday Morning. Fog, Crafts, & Tech Talk...

Friday morning started foggy and frosty (hello, 40s!), so nothing beat warming up with a hearty breakfast: fluffy French toast, fruity compote, sizzling sausages, and—drumroll—our first-ever Keurig coffee station! (Huge thanks to John & Susan Sheridan for donating their “retired” machine—it was a hit!)

After breakfast, adventurers hit the trails around the lake, while a spirited group of ladies went “junkin” in Livingston’s charming antique shops. The guys gathered at the pavilion for a Tech Talk with Rick Elkins covering winterizing tips, ceramic coatings, must-have spare parts, and even troubleshooting a sneaky tow-vehicle-to-trailer connection issue.

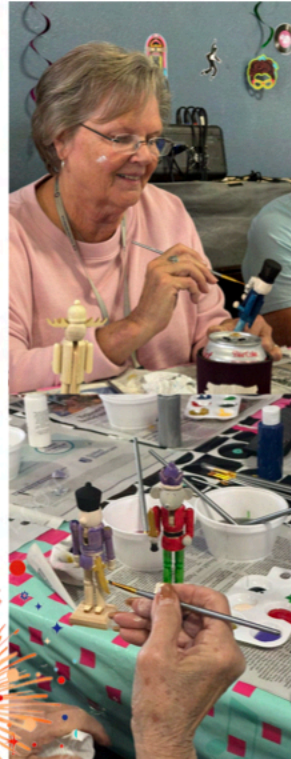
Meanwhile, the ladies got crafty with a Miniature Nutcracker painting session led by Toni Anderson—creative juices flowing amid the rally room’s nutcracker display. The fellas eventually wandered in, lured by the aroma of diner classics and fresh Keurig brews.



BRAVING THE COLD TO TALK TECH WITH TECHIES



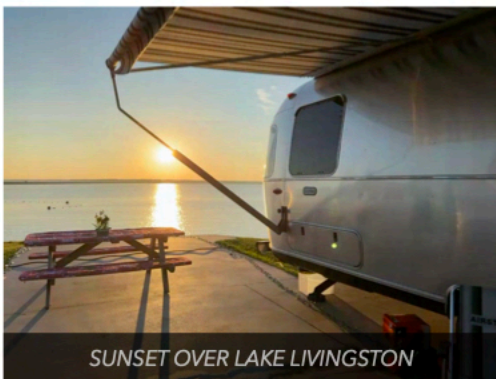
HOSTS GEAR UP FOR FOOD PREP



ASHLEY & TRACY



CRAFTING WITH SOME NUTCRACKERS



SUNSET OVER LAKE LIVINGSTON



## Installation Rally continues Friday Evening. Beast Feast and Floats



Happy Hour was a feast, courtesy of everyone with odd-numbered BRNs—wow, what a spread! President Eric McMurphy officially welcomed us, pinning shiny GHAC lapel pins and stickers on first-time rally-goers: Clay & Jenny Brown, Ray & Denise Wall, Mike & Tracy Tidwell, and returning member, Danny Nugteren. We also met fabulous guests: Stephanie Farmer, Danny & Sharon Scarmardo (who had such fun they joined GHAC), and Brad & Connie Bihner in their vintage, fully restored Silver Streak.



Bruce Lee handed out souvenirs to those on the recent Davis Mountains / Big Bend caravan and presented a \$300 check to Team Red, White & Blue from leftover caravan kitty funds—because that's how generous our members roll!

Dinner? The 50s diner officially opened! Hosts served up retro deliciousness: Chicken à la King, gnocchi, buttered corn, crisp green salad, and hot rolls. Then came the pièce de résistance—a Soda Bar with hosts in red-and-white aprons, bow ties, and paper hats scooping old-fashioned root beer and Coke floats. Pure nostalgia!



PHOTOBOMB TIMES FOUR

## Installation Rally continues Friday Evening. Pick & Rip & STEAL...

The evening melted into laughter, stories, and reconnecting with old friends and new plus a gift exchange that quickly diverted into gift steals and a couple of new sayings, "Pick & Rip" from Tom Raia for those they were taking a little long selecting a gift to unwrap, and "I'm not the gift ATM" from Tim West after he and several others had their gifts stolen, repeatedly!



## Installation Rally continues Saturday. Decisions, Drones, Dinner...

**Saturday—the big day: 2026 Officer Installation!** But first, more fun (and food). The hosts outdid themselves with a massive breakfast buffet: fluffy biscuits, creamy sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, and fried apples. Bellies full, we dove into the Executive Board Meeting led by President Eric—celebrating 2025 wins and getting excited about 2026 plans, including a caravan to Minot that Lisa Feine and Justin Hargadine are planning!



Business done, we headed outdoors for Tom Raia's fascinating drone demo. High-res cameras, scouting tips, stunning travel photos—mind officially blown.



Happy Hour brought another appetizer bonanza from the even numbered BRNs plus the **Team Red, White & Blue raffle**. Eric, Holly, and Ashley played Santa, handing out prizes galore. Grand prizes went to Mary Guinn (\$100 gift card bundle) and Ashley Billiard (gorgeous Big Bend quilt). Early estimates put 2025 donations at around **\$3,300**—incredible! And our annual sock drive? Thanks to matching gifts from Jan & Dave Rightmyer and Eric & Holly McMurphy, we're nearing **4,000 pairs** for Humble ISD. GHAC hearts are as big as Texas!



Dinner was a holiday feast: roasted turkey, stuffing with gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, and hot rolls.



## Installation Rally continues Saturday. Delegates, and Dancing...

After Dinner—the main event! Region 9 President Tracy Elkins swore in our sparkling **2026 officers**:

**President:** Lisa Feine

**1st VP:** Wayne Wilkerson

**2nd VP:** Justin Hargadine

**3rd VP:** John Davis (in absentia)

**Recording Secretary:** Maria McNulty

**Treasurer:** Jerry Lyddon

**Assistant Treasurer:** Caren Bundy

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jim Feine

**2-Year Trustees:** Mitch Guinn & Ron Lange

**1-Year Trustees:** Alan Billard, Raj Ramlal

A festive reception followed with cake, punch, and champagne—cheers to the new team!



But the night was young! Why else did we dig out poodle skirts, saddle shoes, leather jackets, and cuffed jeans? The Sock Hop kicked off! The dance floor filled with hand jives, twists, bebopping, and sweet slow dances. Mystery judges Wayne Wilkerson and Jennifer Cary crowned:

Most Authentic 50s Outfits  
Ron and Janice Lange



Best Dressed Preps  
Eric & Holly McMurphy



Best Dressed Baddies  
David & Kim Savage



Prizes? Beautiful custom-engraved Christmas ornaments designed by host Narmin Ramlal.

## Installation Rally Ends Sunday. Charlie Brown Devos & “See ya!”...

Sunday dawned wet and chilly—perfect for a relaxed farewell. We savored banana bread, yogurt, and fruit, followed by a heartfelt devotional from Tim West and a cappella Christmas hymns led by Cindy West and Mitch Guinn. In the usual end-of-rally rush, this quiet moment of reflection and song was pure gold.

What a fabulous, fifties-filled finale to our 50th year! Thanks to our amazing hosts and every member who made it unforgettable. Here’s to 2026—let’s keep rolling!



## A Message from your Incoming 2026 GHAC President By Lisa Feine

Hi Y'all! Just a few items I would like to address before the end of the current year.

We have just ended a **record-breaking year** of fabulous and well-attended rallies! Thanks so much to our current **President, Eric McMurphy** for a great rally schedule with ongoing promotion and reminders to register on JotForm and call the campgrounds. Many of these rallies will go down in our Club's history as "the best rally of all time!" The most recent and best example being the December 2025 Holiday and Installation Rally "50's Sock Hop" at On the Lake RV Resort in Onalaska, Texas.

Every rally needs one very important thing to get off the ground: **Hosts and Co-Hosts**. The Greater Houston Airstream Club has a number of willing volunteers that regularly volunteer for this responsibility. Those with prior experience are always willing to mentor future Hosts. The best way to learn about hosting is to volunteer to be a Co-Host. By the time you have done a couple of rallies as a Co-host, you will be in great shape to take on a rally as a Host. It seems scary, but it really is not as difficult as it may seem! That said, I definitely recommend co-hosting at a familiar campground with someone you have built a prior friendship with at previous rallies. Newly edited streamlined guidance notes have been drafted by **Holly McMurphy** and approved by your current Executive Board. This document will soon be available on our GHAC Website. Please check it out!

Also check out the **2026 Rally and Event Schedule**, which is posted on the Website and published in our Newsletter. Our next event will be the **Annual Club Luncheon** on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at The Ballroom at Tanglewood in the Galleria area of Houston, Texas. If you have not yet signed up, please use the link in the Luncheon Flyer from this Newsletter, or pull up the Greater Houston Area Club's website and click on "Rallies and Caravans" to find the JotForm link to register.

Now the kicker, I need a few more willing and eager **Hosts/Co-Hosts for 2026!** Open opportunities include May, October, and December rallies as well as Co-Hosts for April. In April, we will be camping on the lakefront at the fabulous **Brackenridge Recreation Center in Edna, TX**. Those of us who attended last year's Region 9 Rally were parking far away from the festivities in a parking lot with no view. It is my pleasure to provide you with full lakeview sites and the nearby Marina Room for our gatherings. Jim and Liesa Glover have already volunteered to Host, but they need one or two more couples to assist as Co-Hosts. In May, we will be in **San Antonio at the Alamo KOA**. This location provides a unique opportunity for outdoor grilling and potlucks as it lacks kitchen facilities for campers. We will have a reserved indoor area and access to a large grill. With a few extra grills, we can provide many of our favorite camp meals. In November, we will be at **Crockett Lakefront RV Resort** with a full kitchen and gorgeous Clubroom. Finally, we will once again wrap up our year in **Onalaska, TX at On the Lake RV Resort**. Please consider volunteering to Host/Co-host at one of these rallies in 2026!

One final note about 2026, I have been contacted by the new General Manager of Alamo KOA Holiday in San Antonio (May 14-17 Rally). The group reservation was completed before his arrival at this campground. He is not willing to hold such a large number of sites in the area close to the Event Center for such a long period of time. After negotiations, I managed a "hold" on our sites through **January 30, 2026**. After that date, he will honor the discounted site fee, but will no longer be able to guarantee close proximity to our Airstream group and the Event Center. This is a large park with limited extra parking around the event center. So please, **call the campground as early as possible (210) 224-9296 before January 30th** to secure a site in the original area of reserved sites. The deposit is only for the first night, but it should confirm a hold on your site closer to the Event Center.

Let's Go Camping, Have Fun, and Make Memories in 2026! **Adventure Awaits!**





## Silver on the River - ACI National Event Rally

- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter
- for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends and family welcome!
- Space is limited, sign up today!

Sailing  
July 15-22  
2026

Registration  
Now Open!



Do you have any  
maintenance tips, recipes or  
presentations to share?

Email Tom Bundy or Holly McMurphy  
to post on the GHAC website!

[Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net)

or

[hollymc01@gmail.com](mailto:hollymc01@gmail.com)

Your input will be posted on the GHAC  
website for all to enjoy and benefit from!

# 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*



# 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...



### ***November 2025 Rally Rusk KOA Holiday***

Rick & Tracy Elkins  
Jim & Lisa Feine (Hosts)  
Paul & Sabra Francis (Co-Hosts)  
Mitch & Mary Guinn  
John & Suellen Jacobsen  
Eric & Holly McMurphy  
Larry & Susan Meeks (Co-Hosts)  
Tom & Susan Raia  
Robert "Bob" Supina  
William Weibel & Tina Reese  
Tim & Cindy West

### ***December 2025 Installation Rally On the Lake RV Resort Onalaska***

Lowell, & Toni Anderson  
Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard  
Brad & Connie Bihner  
Clay & Jenny Brown  
Tom & Caren Bundy  
Rick & Jennifer Cary  
Rick & Tracy Elkins  
Stephanie Farmer  
Jim & Lisa Feine

### ***December 2025 Installation Rally cont.***

Jerry & Carol Goodwin  
Vernon & Jo Goodwin  
Mitch & Mary Guinn  
Justin Hargadine  
Bob & Dell Jones  
Ron & Janice Lange  
Bruce Lee  
Jerry Lyddon & Samantha Hogue  
Dan & Maria McAnulty  
Eric & Holly McMurphy  
Danny Nutgeren  
Raj & Narmin Ramlal  
David & Felicia Petit  
Tom Raia  
Chris & Tracy Reyes  
David & Kim Savage  
Danny & Sharon Scamardo  
Deanna Shepard  
Robert Supina  
Mike & Tracy Tidwell  
Ray & Denise Wall  
Tim & Cindy West  
Wayne Wilkerson



## 2025 Rally Hosts/Co-Hosts



Dates	Rally Event	Rally Location	Hosts	Co-Hosts	Theme
Jan 18	Annual Luncheon	<b>Brandt 1910</b> Wallis, TX	Dan & Maria M.	Alan & Bernadine B.	"Hollywood Glam"
Feb 20 - 23	February Rally	<b>Summer Breeze RV Park</b> Brookshire, TX	Vernon & Jo G.	Tom R., Jim & Cheryl M.	"Mardi Gras"
Mar 26 - 30	Region 9 Rally	<b>Brackenridge RV Park</b> 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	<b>The Hilltop RV Resort</b> Brenham, TX	Rick & Tracy E.	Dan & Maria M.	"Bluebonnet"
May 15 - 18	May Rally & Club Business Meeting	<b>Brazos Bend State Park **</b> 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	<b>York Expo Center</b> , York, PA			"Let's Make History"
Sep 18 - 21	September Rally	<b>Colorado Landing RV Park</b> LaGrange, TX	Justin H., Guy B.	Deanna S., John & Deborah D, and Toni & Lowell A.	"Czech Out the Sites"
Oct 16 - 19	October Rally	<b>Blue Water RV Resort</b> Freeport, TX	Eric & Holly M.	Mitch & Mary G., Ed & Sharlene F.	"John Wayne Western"
Nov 20 - 23	November Rally	<b>Rusk KOA Holiday</b> Rusk, TX	Lisa & Jim F.	Paul & Sabra F. Larry & Susan M.	"Family Traditions"
Dec 4 - 7	Installation Rally	<b>On The Lake RV Resort</b> 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](mailto:Club155@airstreamclub.org) or 832-247-9480 or contact Holly McMurphy at 832-808-3309.**

*Click here for more specific details.*

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



# GHAC 2026 Rally & Event Schedule



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

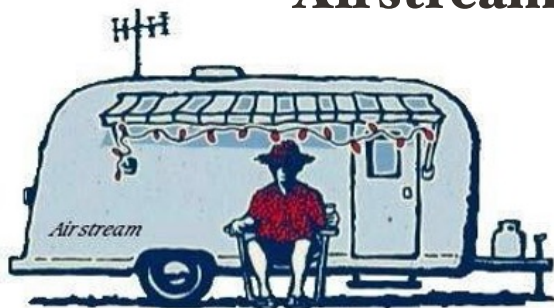
## A Word From Bob Jones

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

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

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

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



**\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\***

***Our hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.  
Thank you for your business.***

**BOB JONES**  
**RV REPAIR**  
SOUTH HOUSTON ★ TEXAS

**GOT A PROBLEM? WE CAN FIX IT!**

**We also install Blue Ox towbars.**

**Call Bob or Chris at 713-910-2949.**



# GHAC MEMBERSHIP

## December Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins

Membership & Directory Chair

281.725.1672

[tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com)



### Member Benefits

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

### Introducing...Bob Supina

I grew up North of Philadelphia... Taught college for one year after getting a Masters in Math from Villanova. Decided that a teacher's salary was going to cramp my intended lifestyle with toys, so I joined IBM and spent the better



part of 30 years supporting NASA, which is why I am down here. Along the way I developed a passion for Packards, especially 1937 Seniors. Then that expanded to the Twenties models. In 1974 a friend had a plane and every Sunday afternoon he would do Lazy-eights over my farm in Tranquility....sooo I got the itch to fly. May 8, 2026 will be my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of solo. Yes, I'm still flying my Cessna 182P!

In 1981 my brother bought 'Ole81' (8181). He lived in State College, PA. He also bought a Chevy dually to tow it. Well, the Chevy rode so rough, my sister-in-law would only go to the local State Park to glamp. Ole81 just gathered dust in his warehouse. Somewhere around 1995 Walt upgraded to a suburban and they took Ole81 to Big Bend. On the way back to PA they stopped by for a visit. "Bob, you need to take the Airstream down to Big Bend. It is a great park that you should not miss!"

Well...to make the story short...Ole81 has been a resident of my hangar ever since. In 2002 I attended an Airstream Rally at Delanera in Galveston. In December 2007 we attended the Airstream Rally in Blanco State Park. My late wife, Gail, loved traveling with it. Besides Big Bend, we went to the factory to have the front guards and additional awnings installed. I can't count the number of times we went to Brazos Bend State Park and Delanera in Galveston. In 2008 we attended the Texas State Vintage Airstream Rally at Lake Conroe and received the award for *Best Original*. One most memorable trip was to Galax, VA to the Fiddlers convention... a week-long event that everyone needs to have on their 'bucket list.'

I intend to be more active in the Airstream community, and I recently attended rallies in Rusk and Onalaska.

Bob Supina

P.S. Ole81 was a special order...it is configured with double bunks.

## Welcome New Members!

**Ulf Andresen** - BRN 23795 - Houston - 2020 Flying Cloud 25'

**Ken & Susie Cox** - BRN 9403 - Burton - 1972 Overlander 27'

**Richard & Linda Farrow** - BRN 18360 - Manvel - 2020 Globetrotter 23'

**David Fisher (Affiliate)** - BRN 15500 - Houston - 2020 Classic 30' RB

**Doug & Julie Hogenmiller** - BRN 6763 - Houston - 2018 International Serenity 30'

**Robert Supina** - BRN 8181 - Richmond - 1981 Excella II 31'

### 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](mailto:tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com).

# The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



*"The holiday season is a perfect time  
To reflect on our blessings  
And seek out ways to make life better  
For those around us."  
-Terri Marshall*

## MEMBER CONCERNS

You might like to share an award of personal achievement, retirement, or a hobby you enjoy. You can contact me at [cgoodwin7@comcast.net](mailto:cgoodwin7@comcast.net). Thank you.

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries	January Birthdays
01 Tim Bashor 01 Jim McGee 03 Marilyn Tears 11 Caren Bundy 15 Jeff Gray 17 Lisa Feine 22 Tom Ketchum 26 Don Reeves 28 Lowell Anderson 29 Danielle Sitton 30 Tom Bundy 30 Richard Farrow 30 Julie Kulak 31 Chris Carantza 31 Liesa Glover	03 Dave & Rosemary Kasprzak 04 Bill & Joanne Miller 08 Rick & Tracy Elkins 12 Mike & Ginger Ainsworth 18 Jerry & Tracey Calvert 19 David & Felicia Petit 27 Jose & Ines Baptista 27 James & Selena Hodges 30 Dave & Jan Rightmyer	01 Bill Miller 02 Bruce Lee 03 Hawley Towns 04 Narmin Ramlal 08 Jill Hamm 10 Christina Rathbun 14 Kathy Westmoreland 15 Tracey Calvert 15 Barbara Mercer 17 Allen Thyssen 17 Anna Brandon 22 Gene Guthrie 23 Liza Wilkerson 24 Wayne Wilkerson 25 Mike Ainsworth 25 Holly McMurphy 25 Yi Li Rice 25 Kristin Schulze 28 June Hutson 30 Felicia Petit
<b>NOTE:</b> Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact <a href="#">Tracy Elkins</a> at 281-725-1672 and we'll get you next time!	January Anniversaries	
	05 Lowell & Toni Anderson 06 Alfred & Carla Ricks 15 Burney & Keely Wood 16 Gene & Kathy Blanchard 17 David & Anna Brandon	

**WISHING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS  
A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!  
SAFE TRAVELS!!**

# Tech Tip

By Eric McMurphy

## Better Air Flow.

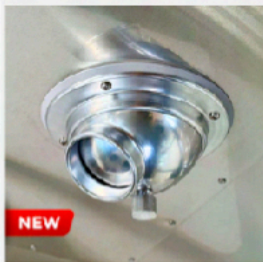
Have you ever sat in your rig and thought about the air vents? Why were they designed the way they were and is there a better solution? Well, I certainly did and after many conversations with other members, I decided to make the purchase to increase airflow in my rig and make it an even more comfortable place to enjoy.

Whether you're looking for more air from the AC or a better way to heat your rig with your heat pumps from the AC, I can tell you from personal experience this is some of the best money I've spent on my rig.

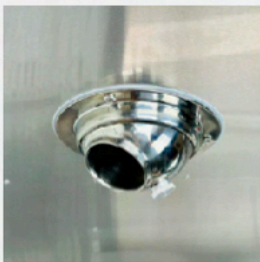
There are several options to improve your air flow, I'm going to show you the option I chose and provide some pictures but there are also other companies with other options. I'm very happy with my choice and I think the cost was very reasonable.

So why did I do this? Well, the time it took to cool down the rig or warm up the rig seemed to take too long. I have two small dogs that we do leave in the rig for a few hours at a time and heating/cooling the rig quicker was very beneficial and, in the long run, better for our AC units because they don't have to work as hard. In the end, we are real believers that the rig is much more comfortable, we can control the air flow much better and our rig is not working as hard to heat or cool.

We purchased our new vents from [rivetedmarket.com](http://rivetedmarket.com). We purchased the Campair High-Flow spot diffuser air vent – steel series with radius mount which is the picture below in the middle. Recently, Campair has come out with an aluminum diffuser (far left) as well that is \$20 more than the steel diffuser, I purchased at \$70 each. My personal rig install in our bedroom below (far-right picture) looks pretty good!



CAMPAIR High-Flow Spot Diffuser – Satin Aluminum Series with Radius Mount™ - For Airstreams with QuietStream Ducting  
★★★★★ (15)



CAMPAIR High-Flow Spot Diffuser Air Vent – Steel Series with Radius Mount™ - For Airstreams with QuietStream Ducting  
★★★★★ (80)



There are other options such as erPOD at \$145 each and Airstream Ceiling Vent Registers (new version) at \$28 each from Airstream Supply Company (part # 204438-01).

From personal experience, the installation is easy for the

Campair. If you can turn an Allen wrench and use a drill, you can install these air diffusers. You first need to put the hardware together on each diffuser. I put together 9 of them for my rig and it took me about 45 minutes. Next, you need to remove the old diffusers in your rig with a drill and drill bit, for my 9, it took me about 20 minutes. Then you need to install the new diffusers which took about 30 minutes. Overall, it's about a 2-hour investment that you will NOT regret. Now, air is pushed all the way to the floor vs out along the ceiling. The feel in the rig is much better than before and frankly, I think the look is even better as well!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eric

# Greater Houston Airstream Club

## 2025 Officers

### Officers

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### Happy Birthday GHAC!

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



### Useful Links and Contacts

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

- ❖ Blue Beret Archive (club magazine):

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## EDITOR'S LETTER



**H**ello Friends! And Merry Christmas from our family to yours.

**I**t has been a wonderful fall, and we are gearing up to move into the winter season while still waiting for our house to close. We are told it should be ready for us to move in by the end of this year. Perhaps we will be moved in by the time our next

newsletter comes out. Fingers crossed!

We have enjoyed living in our Airstream, and as one friend said, "I don't feel sorry for you - you get to travel!" There's some truth to that. There's no place like a home on wheels. Those wheels have seen a lot of pavement. If you missed my last couple of articles, I mentioned some of the places we have been. It's a long journey, but certainly worthwhile if you ever get a chance to do an extended road trip.

The November rally in Rusk was providential as we had a laundry list of repairs to do on the Airstream. We were trying to figure out how we would get it in for service, while still living in it. Our GHAC "ER" team said, "Let's take a look," and the next thing we knew they were scoping out our A/C duct, fixing rivets, and repairing several other small items on the list. **THIS** is why we go to the rallies! Our people are not just rally-goers. They are friends who stick by us when we have issues, big or small. Thanks so much to Eric, Rick, Tom, and Mitch for this wonderful blessing!

As I was writing this article we were looking out over Lake Livingston, where we were parked for the December Installation Rally. We stayed a few days later, and then headed north for one of Tim's job sites. We left our Classy Girl at a friend's house while we are gone.

Wishing You Smooth 'Streaming on the Journey Ahead,

Cindy

GHAC Coyote Tales Newsletter Editor

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

Bored? Subscribe to our [West YouTube Channel](#), and

Check out my [Nitty-Gritty Gritty Blog](#).



*Eric and Tom work on our propane and hitch, Tim and Eric are fixing the Air Conditioning, and Rick is showing me what they found inside the ducts. It's no wonder we could not feel any cold air coming out of those vents!*

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!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Vernon and Jo Goodwin, BRN 731 for correctly counting **111 PUMPKINS** in the October newsletter! **They won a \$25 STARBUCKS Gift Card, given at the December Rally. Please note:** We combined November and December into one Holiday Edition, in case you were wondering. **NEW HOLIDAY CONTEST! See next page for instructions. Have fun!**

# HOLIDAY CONTEST

Hey Airstreamers!!

Here's another chance to play and win! Since we skipped the November newsletter, **TWO PRIZES** will be awarded this month! In this "scavenger hunt" you will take watch video clues, identify items, and send pictures of the items to me, your Newsletter Editor. Photos are not judged on quality, but based on correct responses to clues given. Follow the easy steps below.

- 1) Look for **links to clues** below footer on various newsletter pages; **watch brief video clues** to determine which Christmas item is being described. Send me a list of items from the clues you watched. You can identify one, two, or all eleven. It's totally up to you! You will get an entry into the contest drawing for each item you identify correctly, for a total of 11 items.
- 2) **Extra credit: Take a picture of each item** you identified for an additional entry on each one. Pictures can be in your house or neighborhood (or you can cheat and take a picture of one in a store), but they must be original pictures you took. Only one item per picture, and one picture per item.
- 3) **Email list of items and/or pictures to me using this link.** Include the following in your email:
  - ☼ All names of items and pictures, preferably in one email, unless it is too large of a file to send in one message. Please do not include a link to your pictures, just attach the pictures as a small file in a universal format like jpg or png.
  - ☼ Please include your first and last name, BRN, and mailing address in your email, as well as a description of each picture for clarity.
  - ☼ You can also send a brief story of anything you encountered while figuring out the clues of taking the pictures, but this is optional. No additional entries for this option, but it can be fun.
  - ☼ I would appreciate you sending me a text 863-670-2828 to let me know you sent me an email. Sometimes my mail decides it is junk for no reason. If you do not have email, you can send me your answers and photos in a text message.

For each correct item or picture, you will get **one entry** into a drawing for a chance to win! Exception: BONUS Holiday Contest Clue #11 will earn you **FIVE** entries into the drawing for correctly identifying the item AND sending a picture, for a total of 25 possible entries. No more than 11 guesses and 11 pictures (e.g. one per category) per entrant will be accepted.

**PRIZES:** First place: \$25 gift card to Starbucks, Second place: \$20 gift card to Walmart!

Couples may enter together or separate, but separate entries should contain separate, individualized pictures. If you enter together, your picture will be counted one time.

Deadline is January 9th, the day before our Annual GHAC Luncheon.

Winners will be announced in the next edition of our newsletter. Remember, TWO drawings give you double the chances to win, and the more you submit the more chances you have to win. But you have to play to win, so get started now! Have fun!

Cindy  
Coyote Tales Newsletter Editor  
Questions? Call or Text me 863-670-2828!

