

THE ROADRUNNER



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<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

President's Message— December 2025

Wrapping Up a Fantastic Fall Season! Notes from Your New President, Jim Dudley

Dear Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club Members,

Pam and I are incredibly happy and deeply honored to step into the roles of your new President and First Lady. We are truly looking forward to a fantastic year of rallying, caravanning, and making new memories with all of you. What an incredible start we've had to the season!

Giving Back: The Christmas Rally Impact

Our first rally, the Annual Christmas Rally, was a resounding success, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to **Kathy and Sue**, and everyone who contributed their time, effort, and spirit to making it such a welcoming and smoothly run event. Your commitment truly sets the standard for our club. The gathering was not only a blast but also a tremendous success for our chosen charities! Thanks to your incredible generosity and participation, we were able to raise **\$6,025**, which will be split equally between **K9s for Warriors** and **Community Under the Bridge**. Additionally, we collected a significant amount of food to donate to the **San Antonio Food Bank**, and put together more than 50 necessity packs for veterans at the the Kerrville VA hospital, helping local families and veterans in need during the holidays. Giving back is a core part of the THLAC spirit, and you all showed up in force!

Pop-Up Power in Fredericksburg

A special shout-out is due to Barbara and Richard **Blount** for hosting our inaugural Pop-up Rally in Fredericksburg. This event proved to be a resounding success, demonstrating that our club is always ready to explore new formats and destinations. We look forward to more spontaneous fun in the coming year!

A Thank You to Our Leaders and Volunteers

Our club runs smoothly because of the dedication of many individuals. Thank you to everyone in a leadership position, our thoughtful rally hosts, our adventurous club caravan leaders, and every member who steps up to help at each event. Your time and effort are the foundation of this wonderful club. As the year comes to a close, Pam and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with family, warmth, and cheer, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

See you on the road in 2026! Sincerely, Jim Dudley President, Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club



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2026

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| January 20-23 | THLAC Service Rally, Kerrville Youth Event Center, Kerrville, TX |
| February 19-22 | Cowboy Poetry Rally, Lost Alaskan, Alpine, TX |
| March 12-15 | Tyler Flora and Faun Rally Bushman's RV Park, Bullard, TX |
| March 25-30 | Region 9 Rally Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX |
| April 13-16 | Back to Back Pop Up - I Inks Lake State Park |
| April 16-19 | Back to Back Pop Up - II Lake Buchanan RV Park |
| August 22-27 | ACI International Rally Minot, ND |
| September 17-20 | Windmill and Red Raider Rally Lubbock, TX |
| TBD | Golf and Grub Rally Bastrop State Park, Bastrop, TX |
| November 12-15 | Installation Rally Buckhorn RV Park, Kerrville, TX |

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Check us out:

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.



Region 9 Update - December 2025

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! **Registration:** <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>

Wally Workshop **When:** March 20-23, 2026 **Where:** NTAC-Hillsboro

Details: It's a great time to get your rig in shape for Spring & Summer Rallies.

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop-0>

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.

Registration (Wait List): <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>

Region 9 Rally - Airstreams in Paradise

When: March 25–29, 2026 **Where:** Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX

Registration (Wait List): <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2026-rally>

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.

Registration: <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. 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.

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.

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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!

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 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

Membership

Hello Fellow THLAC members and affiliates,

Thank you all for your support in my first year as your Membership Chairman. This past year we have grown our Club from 185 members at last Fall's Business Meeting to 201 this year. This was accomplished with the efforts of our Marketing Chairman, Brian Powers, and his volunteers who conduct monthly Newbie Workshops and annually support the Austin RV Show. You all played a role with your stories and pictures in The Roadrunner, our bi-monthly newsletter, and with your posts on our Friends of Texas Highland Lakes Facebook page as well as your distribution of our Spotter Cards. These cards are an excellent way to introduce our Club to other Airstreamers. They can be handed out in person or left on a trailer door. The card has links to our website, our Friends of Facebook page as well as my contact information.

Our Club membership has grown exponentially. Our records indicate that our Club membership in 2007 was 60 members and in 18 years has grown to 201 members and 54 affiliates.

We have members and affiliates from 20 states and in Texas we stretch from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf and Mexico as well as from the Louisiana border to New Mexico.

There are ten Clubs in Region 9. Texas Highland Lakes has the second largest memberships of all 10. We are also number 10 in members in all of Airstream Club International.

Again, thanks for your support in our growth, keep spreading the word and safe travels in 2026.

Frank Steed, Membership Chairman

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club

Shop for THLAC Items

Storefront is complete. We are live and ready for Christmas. Check out the website for THLAC logo items including drinkware, office items, party goods, pet supplies and apparel.

Here is the link: <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Texas-Highland-Lakes-Airstream-Club-Logo/7969711>

Please feel free to contact Frank Steed if you have any questions.



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NEW MEMBER PAGE

Welcome New Members

James & Kimberly Snyder
Denton, TX
Classic 33'

Matthew & Pippin Freed
Dallas, TX
International 28'

John Casey & Janet Ann Pelton
Liberty Hill, TX
Flying Cloud 25'

Pete & Debbie Correa
Driftwood, TX
Interstate

Han Shen Shih & Linjia Li
Cedar Park, TX
Trade Wind

Jeffery & Amy Wagner
Austin, TX
Atlas

Kathy Bubblez & Keith Sieczkowski
New Braunfels, Tx
Globetrotter

Family Style Sugar Cookies

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1t. Baking powder
- 1/4 t. salt
- Dash nutmeg
- 1/2 cup Crisco shortening
- 1 beaten egg
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 t. vanilla

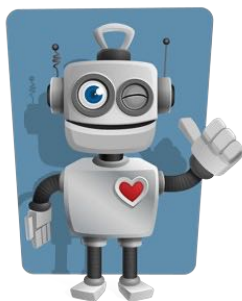


Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Using a pastry blender, cut in shortening till like fine crumbs. Combine egg, milk and vanilla. Stir into flour-shortening mix. Blend well. On floured surface roll into 1/8 inch thickness for crisp cookies and 1/4 inch for softer cookies. Cut with cutters. Sprinkle with sugar or leave plain if cookies are to be frosted. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheets at 375 degrees for 7-8 minutes for thin cookies and 11-12 minutes for thicker cookies. Makes 1 1/2—2 dozen cookies.

Frosting: Whip together...

- 2# powdered sugar
- 1 1/3 cup Crisco shortening (white not butter flavor)
- 2 T powdered Dream Whip (dry)
- 1t. clear vanilla
- 1 t. almond extract

Can color with food color. Decorate with colored sugar and sprinkles. Allow frosted cookies to set until dry before packaging. Keep leftover frosting covered in the refrigerator.



Dear Rivet, What is a Pop Up Rally?

Ima Ready T'Go

A Pop Up Rally is a later addition, smaller event with lots of relaxing and fewer activities. Any member may host a pop up rally provided the club president has been notified 30 days prior to the rally- and approval has been given. The pop up rally notification is to go to all members either through the newsletter or by email via Constant Contact. Members are to make their own site reservations. There is no rally fee collected as each rig is responsible for its own meals and activities. Attendance at these rallies may be limited due to space constraints.

2026 Rally Schedule

| Location | Park | Dates | Host |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| San Antonio – Christmas | San Antonio KOA | Dec. 4-7 | Ashleys |
| Fredericksburg – Pop-Up | Lantern Oaks RV Park | Dec. 11-15 | Blounts |
| Kerrville – Service Rally | Schriner Municipal | Jan. 20-23 | Dudleys |
| Alpine – Cowboy Poetry | Lost Alaskan | Feb. 19-22 | Saulniers |
| Tyler –Flora and Fauna Rally/ Spring Business Mtg | Bushman RV | Mar. 12-15 | Faulks/ Co-Hosts needed |
| Pop-Up Rally TBD | TBD | April | Rices |
| Pop-Up Rally TBD | TBD | May | Powers |
| International – Minot ND | Minot Fairgrounds | Aug. 22-27 | |
| Lubbock – Windmill Museum | Lubbock RV Park | Sept. 24-27 | Dudleys |
| Tagalong – Lubbock to Lockhart | TBD | Sept. 27-Oct. 1 | Crawleys |
| Lockhart – Locktober Fest | TBD | TBD | Crawleys |
| Kerrville – Installation | Buckhorn RV Park | Nov. 12-15 | Faulks |

Rally Hosts Needed

Being a Host is a great (and easy) opportunity to pitch-in and help with our Club. If you never have been a Host, don't sweat it! Volunteer to be a co-host. You will then work with an experienced host. It's fun and there are plenty of experienced hosts and volunteers willing to help! It is a great way to make new friends and get to know your fellow THLAC members.

What exactly does a rally host do? The club president will choose the site for the rally and often will choose a theme. After gathering this information, the host and cohosts plan meals and activities for the rally. Usually this involves a few emails or phone calls. Some rallies have decorations—some do not. Some hosts like to cook meals while others like to have meals catered. The responsibilities for the rally may be divided among the hosts/co-hosts.

What is the difference between the host and co-host? The host takes the lead in getting the rally team together.

Rally hosts and co-hosts may arrive at the rally a day early to begin preparations. Expenses for the additional night are reimbursed by the club. Expenses for the rally incurred by the hosts are reimbursed at the rally and comes from the rally fees collected there.

Rally hosts are responsible for keeping good records of their expenses. Original receipts are to be turned in to the treasurer before the rally fees are collected.

Contact Jim Dudley, THLAC President, at jimdudley87@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a host or co-host at an upcoming rally.

Kerrville Service Rally

January 20-23, 2026



This is a Service rally where we camp together and perform volunteer service at the Kerrville VA Medical Center and possibly light river cleanup. Be sure to register with THLAC as well as making your site reservation.

Make reservations now - contact:

Hill Country Youth Event Center camping Phone: (830) 896-9044, 3785 TX-27, Kerrville, TX, 78028

Price: \$20/night, water and electric, dump station nearby

32 RV sites with 30- and 50-amp service.

Point of contact: JakeWilliamson. You may have to call multiple times.

The primary contact must register with the Club. Please register using the primary contact's name and email. Your registration is vital for planning. Be sure to keep your club confirmation.

Double the Fun: Back to Back Pop Up Rallies

April 13-16 Inks Lake & April 16-19 Lake Buchanan

Inspired by our club name, we have planned back-to-back pop-up rallies at two of the Texas Highland Lakes: 3 nights at Inks Lake SP (April 13 - 16) and 3 nights at Lake Buchanan RV Park (April 16 - 19). They are only about 7 miles apart.

At Inks, we plan to spend a day enjoying the park and another day visiting Longhorn Caverns (6.5 miles away). Inks Lake has canoes and kayaks to rent, and there is a nice mile-long hike that starts and ends at Devil's Cove.

While at Lake Buchanan RV Park, we plan to take the Vanishing River boat tour and visit Torr Na Lochs Vineyard and Winery. The winery offers a beautiful, scenic view of both Inks Lake and Lake Buchanan. FYI, since this is a Pop-up rally, there will not be any organized meals other than a potluck at each park.

Open to all ACI members until we run out of spots.

Rally Host: Randy Rice and Nancy Powers

For more information visit THLAC website <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

THLAC 2026 Officers



Linda Glassman (Recording Secretary), Keith Roberts (Trustee), Sue Brown (Corresponding Secretary), Grady Ferry (Treasurer), Pam Dudley (First Lady), Jim Dudley (President), Randy Rice (3rd VP), Allen Faulk (Past President) and Tracy Elkins (Region 9 President). Not shown: Nancy Powers (2nd VP), Rick Trimble (Trustee), Larry Heinold (Trustee) and Kathy Ashley (Trustee).



Special thanks to our retiring officers:
 Allen Faulk, President & Pam Faulk, First Lady
 Keith Ferry— Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor
 Jonathan Crenwelge & Ginger Zeringue - Trustees
 Bruce Nutt - Treasurer
 Cinda Brooks— Chaplain (Not shown)

