

# Installation Rally



Tour of Monolithic Homes Research Center in Italy, TX. Visit their website at <https://www.monolithic.com>

## Members Awarded 5 Year Stars

### 5 Years

Jacob Beal  
Gustavo & Patricia Blanco  
Steve Cook & Randy Davis  
Shareece & Peter Dumont  
Case & Deanna Fischer  
Lynda Gammage  
Linda & Philip Glassman  
Kimberly Harmon  
Dennis & Jerri Howard  
Brandon & Liz Hudson  
Al & Cathy Lightfoot  
Shelly & Rock McNulty  
Evan Speight & Audrey Yu-Speight  
Rick & Laurie Vice

### 10 Years

Kevin & Melissa Katz  
Harry & Patti Penkert  
Peter & Carol Sajovich

### 20 Years

Reto & Anita Bon  
Charles Smith

### 45 Years

J Lester

# Salute to Veterans

The following veterans were recognized at the Installation Rally held at NTAC in Hillsboro, TX.

Michael Ashley	US Marine Corps	1971-1976	
Bruce Leonard	US Army and US Navy Lt.	Total 15 years—Ret, March 1996	Army E-6, Navy Lt.
Ardell Mayton	US Navy	After High School Graduation	
Jim Haddaway	US Air Force 11th Airborne	1954-1955	Supply Sergeant
Chuck Peck	US Army	5 years service	Captain
Rhonda Peck	US Army	4.5 years service	Captain
Randy Rice	USAF	Retired 1976	Major
Richard Turner	US Navy	4 years active/2 reserve	E5 (RD2)
Keith Roberts	Marine & Army	4 years/16 years	E6 Staff Sergeant (SSG)
William Crawford	Texas National Guard		E5
Jim Courtney	US Navy	1965-1969	Petty Officer 2nd Class
Pam Dudley	US Air Force	28 years service	Command Chief Master Sergeant
Jim Dudley	US Air Force	22 years service	Lt. Colonel



Door prizes awarded by Matt & Brenda Taylor from Kleen Tank RV Cleaning Service



Rally Hosts Frank Steed, Bill Saulnier, Gayle Steed & Rick Trimble serve dinner.

# Christmas Rally

Hosts: Kathy & Mike Ashley, Sue Brown & Dennis Burchell



# Christmas Rally



## Christmas Rally 2025 Report

The THLAC Christmas Rally was held December 4-7, 2025 at the San Antonio/Alamo KOA in San Antonio, TX.

Hosts were Kathy and Mike Ashley and Sue Brown and Dennis Burchell.

40 rigs originally signed up, 6 ended up cancelling. 34 rigs (66 people) attended.. The waitlist rigs were contacted but had other plans.

Thursday evening - Happy Hour with appetizers provided by attendees. Christmas cards for Veterans at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital were made. Over 100 hygiene bags were also put together with items provided by attendees.

Friday morning - Breakfast tacos and coffee were served by the Club. Best Christmas pajamas, ugly Christmas sweater or favorite Christmas character outfits were judged by the staff at the KOA. Prizes were awarded!

Friday evening - RIO boat cruise on the Riverwalk. Bus passes were provided for transportation to downtown.

Saturday morning - Catered pancake breakfast provided by the Patio Cafe

Saturday afternoon/evening - Silent auction, Happy Hour, gift exchange and live auction- all before dinner. Dinner was provided by the Club catered by Black Tie Affair. Trailer Christmas decorating was judged by the KOA staff and prizes were awarded. The silent and live auction collected \$6,025.00 to be divided equally to K9s for Warriors and Community Under the Bridge, San Antonio.

Sunday morning - coffee and devotional

Christmas Rally Expenses: \$4,757.32 Club contribution \$2,900.00 Balance \$1,857.32 Rally fee - 66 people \$ 28.00/person  
AWESOME RALLY THLAC !!!!!



## Fredericksburg Christmas Pop Up Rally

Hosts: Richard & Barbara Blount



Richard Blount like a kid in a candy store (literally)



Artistic talents about next year's artwork?



Braving the cold at PEC lights in Johnson City on Sunday night.

# PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Sue Brown & Dennis Burchell

The past few months we have been busy traveling in our Airstream! Rallies in Grapevine, Palo Duro Canyon and NTAC/Hillsboro plus helping plan the Christmas Rally in December has had us hopping!

The highlight of Grapevine was the glass making event at Vetro. Dennis chose the purple glass. We had the BEST sandwich at Eatzi's and got a kick out of seeing all the dinosaurs in front of businesses in Glen Rose.

In the first 5 minutes at Palo Duro Canyon, I took a spill - tripping over the curb stop while helping Dennis into our campsite. The views were breathtaking! We competed in the scavenger hunt (came in last) but it was so much fun and we got acquainted with the park. Great entertainment, drinks by the fire pit and visiting with everyone was the best! We visited thrift stores on the square and found some vintage cookie cutters. No trip to Canyon is complete without a visit to see the Tex Randall statue!

The NTAC Rally was our first time to visit the community. The field trip to the Monolithic Dome community and site was interesting. We've driven by "Bruco" the caterpillar many times and wondered about the construction of it. We visited an estate sale and scored two framed NOLA scenes in watercolor!

I am honored to be elected and installed as your corresponding secretary. I'm looking forward to serving with the THLAC officers and our membership. I have some big shoes to fill as Keith has done an excellent job in keeping our club informed over the years.

Starting in 2026, please send your photos and travels etc. to: [psuebrown@gmail.com](mailto:psuebrown@gmail.com)

Dennis and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Jim Pfeil & Tracie Holub

Trae and I are heading to Natchitoches, LA for the Christmas Lights Festival. Stopped off at Cypress Bend Park...



# PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

## Mike & Kathy Ashley

I have discovered woodworking! I made a stove top board for the Airstream out of walnut! Now I have added a counter extension leaf to the trailer. It is also out of walnut! On to replacing the counter top in the bathroom...



## Bob Paquette



After a 3-month tour from Prince Edward Island to South Carolina, November has been a time to catch up with a few things.

First, and most importantly, I was able to attend the last two T-ball games of the season for my 4-year-old grandsons.

Secondly, I paid attention to a few things with the trailer.

- Rebuilt the dinette set, replacing staples with screws. Vibrations just rattled the unit apart. I did most of the rebuild during the trip and completed it with an angle bracket to the wall when I got home.
- Installed a Cabinet Maid wire shelf in the cabinet over the bed. Better organization!
- Rebuilt the closet floor. I put too much weight on it, and it crashed through. It will hold more weight now!

- Replaced one rivet inside the cabinet over the stove. Seems like a minor thing, but it required me to empty the cabinet so aluminum shavings didn't get onto my kitchenware. That resulted in a much-needed reorganization!

- Purchased a Proven lock. Just a little more peace of mind. Discovered that the design is different for Airstream models since 2020, like mine.

Thirdly, I needed some work done on the 2015 RAM 1500, with 175k miles.

- Replaced the differential. It was making noise, so I went no faster than 60 mph for the last thousand miles. Also replaced the exhaust manifold and one wheel bearing. Yes, large repair bill.

- Replaced the battery. My dash cam wasn't getting enough juice to work. I was also getting several check engine lights fails and was happy to have a gadget from FIXD to diagnose the details for each fail. Each fail was related to low voltage. That gadget let me know I could take care of things when I got home. I only had to use my Noco battery to start the truck after I got home!

Lastly, I started planning for 2026 adventures! See you down the road!      Bob P.

# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

## **Keith & Barbara Roberts**

When Keith and I started out on our Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights, we decided to make this trip different. Everyone who visits the UP has captured the highlights at each stop, but we decided to also capture Roadside America attractions that we normally would pass by. We had a blast doing it and most of all our Airstream "Princess" got to be in some of our stops and photos. It made a long days travel feel shorter cause we got to see something new along the way. Plus we incorporated as many Harvest Host (HH) stops as we could and hit some Gems:

First Stop was Lake Murray State Park-Cedar Grove in Ardmore, OK where we also went to Tucker tower and the Nature Center. We saw deer, people working, rocks and a tower which was very interesting and cool.



Second Stop was Wyldewood Cellars (HH) in Peck, KS where we tasted and purchased three bottles of Elderberry Wine. Between second and third stop, we did a roadside attraction World's First Batwing Gas Station 1954 in Haysville, KS with Princess.



Third Stop was Aerial View (HH) in Polo, MO which was very relaxing w/ beautiful views and a campfire at night. Fourth Stop was Corn Patch Corner Campground/RV Park in Rockwell, IA. There was corn fields all around us and relaxing. Between fourth and fifth stop, we did the Spam Museum in Austin, MN. Who knew there were so many different flavors of spam which of course we had to buy a case of the ones we haven't seen at our HEB. We also stopped and said Hello to Jolly Green Giant in Blue Earth, MN with "Princess"



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## **Keith & Barbara Roberts**

Fifth Stop was Sota Solar in Elk River, MN where we had 1600 watts of solar put on. During the install we went a farmer market for the sweetest corn and the Mall of America.



Wow that Mall is fours stories high and has everything in it to include an amusement park and no we didn't ride any but we did enjoy a Johnny Rocket hamburger w/ fries and a milk shake.



Between the fifth and six stop, we did a roadside attraction World's Largest Stucco Snowman in North St Paul, MN with "Princess". Sixth Stop was Monican RV Park in Bowler, WI (HH) which also was a casino and we won \$75, spent it at a Creamier with "Princess" for lots of WI cheese.



Seventh thru Twelfth stops were the Caravan in Manistique, Munising, Newberry, Sault St. Marie, and St. Ignace. Our highlights were Picture Rock Cruise, Soo Locks Boat Tour, Grand Hotel Luncheon Buffet. On our own (not part of caravan) was finding and buying Yooperlites, hunting rocks for agates and viewing Northern Lights



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## **Keith & Barbara Roberts**

We did a few roadside attractions Paul Bunyan and Babe at Castle Rock, America Moose, Big Boy statue, Paul Bunyan Moose, and visited Christmas town. Oh and the caravan celebrated my birthday on the trip and, “ No we never saw any real Moose “, (don’t think they really exist there regardless of what they say). We went to Canada and found some really unique potato chips with the ketchup version as our favorite.



Thirteen Stop was Holiday City in Traverse City, MI where we went Salmon fishing and caught 5 large Lake Salmon. We did roadside attraction Man Killing Clam, 32 ft long Steel Sturgeon, Worlds Largest Cherry Pie Pan, Man Made of Canoes, Dairy Lodge Cone Girl, Running Dinosaur and Sleeping Bear Dunes.



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## Keith & Barbara Roberts

Fourteen Stop was The Bluffs at Manistee in Manistee, MI where we went fishing again and caught big four King Salmon, one Steelhead Trout and one big Coho Salmon. We went to the Little Manistee Weir where we watched big Salmon swim up the river to holding pods for milking of eggs for Hatcheries to restock Lakes. It was so cool watching them jumping in the pods. We did roadside attractions Robert Wadlow's Shoe/Statue (shoe size 27 inches in photo, 44 inches at time of death, Lakeside Lion (chased Barb). Between Fourteen and Fifteenth stops, we did roadside attractions Big Tin Man in Hart, MI and World's Largest Weather Vane in Montague, MI.



Fifteenth Stop was Haymarket Taproom/Brewery (HH) in Bridgeman, MI where we enjoyed beer on tap and pizza. We jumped 10 ft when a train went by right next to our rig that we didn't realize there was a track.

Sixteenth Stop was Illinois State Fair Campground in Springfield, IL where we visited Illinois State Capitol, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum/Library, Lincoln Tomb, Dana Thomas House Foundation (Frank Lloyd) House built in 1903. Our highlight was that we lucked out and there was a Clydesdales Show/Competition from all over the world. We counted 50 rigs/stables set up to include Budweiser Clydesdales and two dalmatians. Budweiser who gave out free beer and flavored vodka drinks Tuesday night. There was Clydesdales everywhere.



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## Keith & Barbara Roberts

Another bonus was all the Route 66 attractions at the fairground and around town. So cool!



Between Sixteenth and Seventh Stop, we did a roadside attraction at Pink Elephant in Livingston, IL. There we saw a giant ice cream cone, pink RV, alien antenna, aliens, alien space ship (Keith was attached by a alien), pink elephant, giant gray dinosaur (Barb was attacked), monsters, skeletons, haunted school



Seventh Stop was Grizzley Bear Ball Park (HH) in Sauget, IL. We were across from the Gateway Arch with "Princess" for the night but got closer in the morning for photos. So cool!! We have had a lot of fun and enjoyed ourselves exploring new things more than words can express.



# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

## **Grady & Keith Ferry**



World Famous Bloody Mary served at City Bar, Eunice, LA



Palmetto Island State Park on the Vermillion River in LA



41st Giant Omelet Festival—Abbeville, LA

Cracking 5,000 eggs and baking omelet over open fire!

# *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

## **Peter & Carol Sajovich**

Carol and I took our entire family and our bank account to Disneyland in Anaheim. By staying at the Disney hotel, we had an opportunity to have an incredible buffet breakfast with the Disney characters.

Not sure who enjoyed the characters the most?



Two weeks later we went to Las Vegas to see The Wizard of OZ at the Sphere.

We had pretty good seats on the sixth floor and we were still in the lower 1/3 of the 18,000 seat venue.

It was an incredible experience. If you get a chance to go make sure you pay for valet parking in advance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Rally.



## *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

### **Ed & Cheri Addicks**

Following our May 2025 BVI sailing trip, Ed and Cheri Addicks (BRN8981) continued enjoying full retirement! In June we travelled from Florida to Texas to visit with family for Fathers' Day, gathering up 3 of our grandchildren for a trip across 13 states in 3 weeks, including Silver Dollar City and 2 water parks in Arkansas and Missouri...



Took a 10-day cruise around Ireland in late August with Ed's Mom and brother...



## *PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS*

### **Ed & Cheri Addicks**

Visited the redwoods near Crescent City and worked on a 3-week mission trip in Redding, California...



We're looking forward to a great Christmas with our family at home in Anacortes! We miss our Texas friends; have a very Merry Christmas!