



Region 9 Update April 2025

Howdy Airstream Friends!

Last week, we wrapped up an unforgettable **54th Region 9 Rally – Escape to the Country** at Brackenridge Recreation Complex near Edna, TX. With 123 rigs and 225 attendees, it was our biggest rally in 12 years! Top notch entertainment, great clinics, and delicious food were on tap as always, but this year we hit some serious milestones:

- \$3,700 raised for Team Red, White & Blue
- 34 units of blood donated
- \$300 collected for Edna Animal Control
- David Brandon volunteered to serve as the Region 9 Membership Chair
- And, dubbed “rainmakers” by locals, we brought enough rain Thursday and Friday to boost Lake Texana nearly 3 feet—breaking a drought in style!

Coming Up: **STITCHIN’ AND FISHIN’ Rally** – Year Two and Thriving!

Later this month the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) hosts a full Terraport for STITCHIN’ AND FISHIN’, now a National Event Rally in its second year. April in Texas is unbeatable—Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush in bloom, perfect weather, and prime fishing. Sewists can join the “All Texas Shop Hop” and work in a dedicated rally space, while anglers score a guided fishing trip on Monday, April 28th—a four-star day for striped bass, per solar lunar tables. It’s sold out, but hop on the waitlist: airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin.

Meet Our New Region Historian: Linda Shelton

We’re thrilled to introduce Linda Shelton as our new Region 9 Historian! Linda brings a wealth of experience and passion for preserving our Airstream legacy. She’s sharing her personal history with us in the attached document—take a read to get to know her and see why she’s the perfect fit for this role.

Election Season Is Underway for Executive Council

Voting for the Executive Council opens June 1st! Check out the new Electioneering Webpage for all the details: airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/electioneering?check_logged_in=1. Take a moment to review the candidates and get ready to vote—your voice matters!

Volunteers Needed – Step Up!

Region 9 runs on the energy of our incredible volunteers. We’ve got an opening for Caravan Chair, a call for 2nd VP candidates and we can always use committee members. Whether you’re ready to lead or join a committee, we’d love your talents to keep the wheels turning. Reach out and get involved!

Happy Camping,
Tracy Elkins
BRN 9713
Region 9, President



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Hello Region 9!

I wanted to share a little about myself for those who don't know me. I'm a second generation Airstreamer, my parents Johnny & Wilda Wadle bought their first Airstream in 1976 and became members of the West Texas Unit of WBCCI in 1977. They traveled all over the good ol' USA and Canada until they were no longer able due to health reasons in 2009. My brother Lonny Wadle joined the club in 2004. My parents' BRN was 1308, mine was 13081 and my brothers was 13082.

My late husband Harvey Knezek and I bought a 1976 Airstream from my aunt and uncle in July of 1998 and joined the Texas Tropical Trail Unit in August. I served as 1st VP in 1999 and President in 2000. Unfortunately, the TTTU lost members and disbanded in 2007, when we joined the Texas Alamo Unit. I served as 2nd VP 2008, 1st VP 2009 and then President in 2010. Harvey passed away in October 2010, and this club got me through some very dark days.

I served as Region 9 2nd VP in 2011, 1st VP for 5 days in 2012, and President 2012-2014, Membership Chair 2018. I also served as the International Recording Secretary for President Tye Mott in 2022.

I married Gary Shelton April 4, 2015, and we loaded the Airstream to spend our honeymoon traveling Route 66! We spent 50 days on the road from Chicago to LA ending up in Quanah, at the first Texas for the Texas Country Air Rally for the last 7 days. We have attended seven International Rallies beginning in 2016.

I am honored that Tracy Elkins, Anna Brandon and Tim Ebbers have asked me to be the Region 9 Historian! I love this club and want to make sure that its wonderful history isn't lost. I am looking forward to gathering some really great stories and paraphernalia you are willing to share.

Linda Wadle Knezek Shelton
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