



# The Alamo Bugle

Texas Alamo Unit



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## Presidential Ponderings...

Well... Mother Nature definitely had the upper hand last month. Our January Rally at Longhorn RV Resort in Kyle (scheduled for January 23-25) got thoroughly clobbered by some truly miserable weather. As disappointing as it was to cancel, it was absolutely the right call. Safety first, always.

The good news? We'll be heading back to Longhorn RV Resort for our **May Rally**, and if the weather behaves, it may be the *first time we get to enjoy their outdoor pool*. I'd call that a solid consolation prize.

Looking ahead, our **next Rally is February 27 - March 1** at:

### Colorado Landing RV Park

64 E Bluff View (Wait List)

La Grange, TX 78945

☎ 979-968-9465

🌐 [www.coloradolanding.com](http://www.coloradolanding.com)

We already have a goodly number of members signed up, but we'd love to see more of you there. Please call the park directly to reserve your spot, and be sure to tell them you're with the **Texas Alamo Unit Rally**.

**Painted Churches tour:** Roseann has arranged for a tour of 3 of the painted churches starting at 10:00 AM on Saturday if anyone is interested. It usually takes 30-40 minutes per church and cost is \$18 per person plus a tour guide fee of \$60.

Before that, don't forget—**Valentine's Day weekend** brings our monthly Burger Meet-Up at Chris Madrid's at 5:30 PM, located at 1900 Blanco Road, San Antonio. I honestly can't think of anything more romantic than taking your sweetheart out for a great burger... especially with friends.

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After our February Rally, many of us will be heading to the **Region 9 Rally (March 25-29)** which (last I heard) may already have a wait list:

**Region 9 Rally**

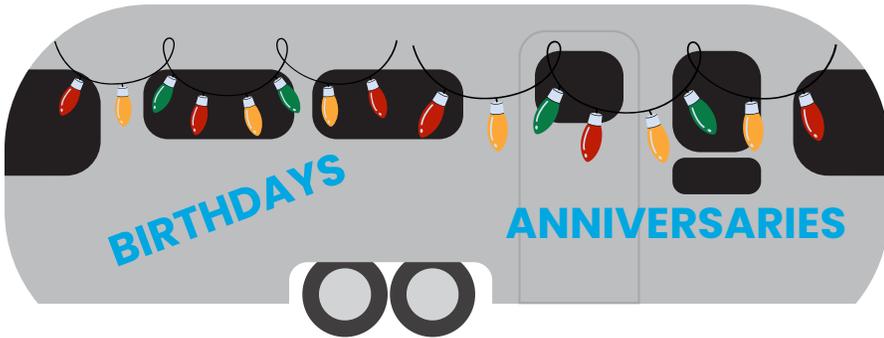
Camp Margaritaville RV Resort  
796 TX-87  
Crystal Beach, TX 77650

If you're thinking about going, let me know and we'll see what the wait list looks like.

One more important item: every club attending the Region 9 Rally has been asked to create a **basket for the charity auction**, with a retail value of around \$100. All proceeds go to charity. If you're coming to the February Rally and have something you'd like to donate toward the Texas Alamo Unit basket, please bring it along. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

I'm also seeking volunteers for the nominating committee to present a new slate of officers. We can discuss at the next rally. That's about it for now. Stay warm, travel safe, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

--Proz Bon



**JANUARY**

**Birthdays:**

- 2 Steven McConnell
- 7 Gail Hall
- 23 Dottie Ulrich

**Anniversaries:**

None

**FEBRUARY**

**Birthdays:**

- 9 Sandy Baird & Lilly Putney
- 14 Luke Brennecke
- 15 Nova Stephenson
- 20 Betty Dunn

**Anniversaries:**

- 2 Samuel & AnnMarie Esparza



# 2026 Rally Schedule



## January 23-25

Longhorn RV Resort  
23932 Camino Real  
Niederwald, TX 78640  
512-398-3677

[www.longhornrvresort.com](http://www.longhornrvresort.com)

## February 27-March 1

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

[www.coloradolanding.com](http://www.coloradolanding.com)

## March 25-29

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

**Wait List**

## April 17-19

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

[www.skylineranchrvpark.com](http://www.skylineranchrvpark.com)

## May 29-31

Longhorn RV Resort  
23932 Camino Real  
Niederwald, TX 78640  
512-398-3677

[www.longhornrvresort.com](http://www.longhornrvresort.com)

**BUDDY  
Rally**

## September 25-27

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

[www.sunsetpointlbj.com](http://www.sunsetpointlbj.com)

## Weekend Rally Schedule

### Thursday Early Arrivals:

4:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

### Friday:

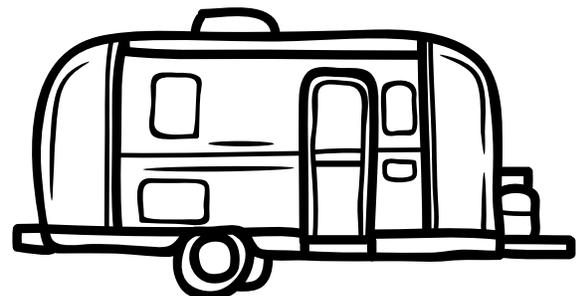
5:00 PM Social Hour  
5:30 PM Opening Ceremonies  
6:00 PM Dinner

### Saturday:

8:30 AM Breakfast  
4:30 PM Pay Rally Fees  
5:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM Games

### Sunday:

8:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Devotional



**Texas Alamo Unit - Region 9 Auction Basket**  
**Theme for 2026**  
**Is**  
**TIN CAN SUNTAN**

*The 2026 Region 9 Rally will be held at Camp Margaritaville Resort in Crystal Beach, Texas. In other words, we're going to the beach, so come join the fun! Start collecting items for the basket now while summer things are on sale. Think bright beach colors, warm breezes, tropical flowers and drinks, beach or pool toys. We will begin collecting items at all of the upcoming TAU rallies.*

**Possible Donation Item Ideas**

*Sun hats, a beach bag, lotions, towel chair clips, beach towels, hand-held fan, tropical plates, napkins, glasses, margarita mix, pina colada mix, rum, tequila, flamingos (of course), beach snacks, mixed nuts, etc...*



**February 27-March 1, 2026**  
**Colorado Landing RV Park**  
**64 E Bluff View**  
**La Grange, TX 78945**

**1) Call the RV park**  
**(979) 968-9465**  
**www.coloradolanding.com**

**2) Sign up on TAU Website**



## 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!  
**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.  
**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](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.

## 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 (Members Only - Chair: Roseann Young)
- 🌴 Programs
- 🌴 Rally Bulletin & Signage
- 🌴 Tours & Activities (Members Only - Chair: Selina Shadd)
- 🌴 Sponsors & Vendors
- 🌴 Door Prizes & Hospitality
- 🌴 Rally Bags, Ribbons & Plaques
- 🌴 Logistics & Parking (Members Only - 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

## **\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\***

### *Snap Happy for the TAU Directory*

Get ready for your close-up! I'll be hunting for your fabulous photos and intriguing backstories to jazz up our TAU Directory, crafted just for our inner circle. Keep your inbox on high alert for my message soon. Ben gave us the heads-up at a past rally, and it's high time we have this handy-dandy membership guide.

### *Tech Tips*

Forever fiddling with our beloved Airstream, I'm knee-deep in manuals and mysteries, trying to keep the wheels spinning smoothly. Every page turn is a lightbulb moment! Got any quirky ideas for our newsletter's tech corner? Ping me, and let's cook up something cool for the next edition.

### *Travels & Interests*

New year, new adventures! As we hit the road to explore our beautiful land, let's share those jaw-dropping spots and snaps, whether you're rolling in the Airstream or not. Last year, we ventured out West in our trusty International 28RBQ and had a blast. More escapades await in 2026, near and far!

Our TAU crew is a treasure trove of fascinating tales! Let's swap stories about where we've lived, our quirky hobbies, career adventures, and family traditions. Spill the beans—I'd love to hear your thoughts!

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