



# The Alamo Bugle

Texas Alamo Unit



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## Presidential Ponderings... November-December

### November Thanksgiving Rally

**Where:** Buena Vista RV and Safari Park, Evant, Texas

**When:** November 21-23

#### **Attendees:**

Greg & Dottie Ulrich, Dave & Cathy Willis, Cliff & Gail Hall, Levoy & Malen Dell, Jim & Carol Beebe, Rick & Susan Santos, Mike Riojas & Virgie Reyes, Dana & Sandy Braatz, Les & Sue Postlethwait, Ben & Roseann Young, Joy McDougall & Barry Burke, George & Joi Taylor

#### **Highlights:**

- **Eating (a lot) of food:** Big thanks to our Rally hosts—Joi & George, Malen & Levoy, and Roseann & me (as official taste tester)! We enjoyed a fabulous potluck with turkey, ham, and every imaginable side dish. And dessert? Let's just say the pies and cakes were a showstopper.
- **Cookie exchange:** A sweet tradition for the ladies, and yes, the men were definitely eyeing the treats too.
- **Battery clinic:** For the guys, a hands-on learning session where I heroically volunteered my battery woes. By the end, we mastered wiring batteries so the electric trailer jack actually works—victory!
- **Games galore:** Cornhole, Mexican Train dominoes, and Five Crowns kept everyone entertained and laughing.
- **Dirty Santa gift exchange:** Hilarity ensued, and miraculously, everyone walked away with just what they wanted.

It was a weekend full of food, fun, and friends—thanksgiving spirit at its finest!



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## *Upcoming Chris Madrid Meet/Meatup*

**Where:** 1900 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78212

**When:** Saturday, December 13, **5:30 PM**

We normally meet on the second Saturday of the month, and this December, we're starting a little later—5:30 PM—to make it easier for more folks to join.

On a personal note, Roseann and I will be playing the Santa couple for a children's program at our church before the meet-up. And in January, we'll be helping provide dental and medical care for refugees in San Antonio. Come for the fun, stay for the stories!

## *Cliff & Gail Hall's 40th Anniversary*

If you were at our last Rally, you met Cliff and Gail Hall and got a glimpse of the Texas Alamo Unit's origin story.

Roseann and I were thrilled to celebrate their 40th anniversary in Granbury, Texas, along with longtime friends Jimmie and Diane Lohrke. Here's to decades of love, friendship, and memorable rallies!

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# 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## May 29-31

Canopy RV Resort  
1160 Lakeside Pass  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-310-8511  
[www.canopyrvresort.com](http://www.canopyrvresort.com)



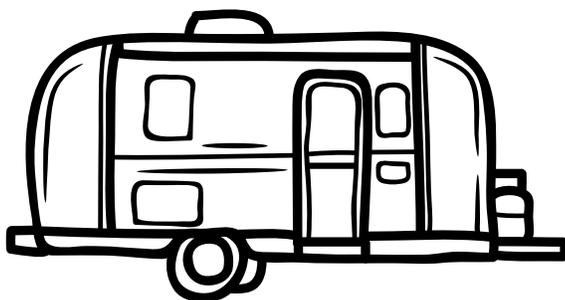
## March 25-29

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

**Wait List**

## 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)



**May = Buddy Rally**  
**Invite your friends! (Airstreams or Other)**



## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays:

20<sup>th</sup> Woody Stephenson  
 21<sup>st</sup> Eldon Sheffer  
 27<sup>th</sup> Barbara Sheffer  
 27<sup>th</sup> Samuel Esparza

### Anniversaries:

2<sup>nd</sup> Buddy & Blanche Royale

## DECEMBER

### Birthdays:

14<sup>th</sup> AnnMarie Esparza  
 29<sup>th</sup> Buddy Royal  
 31<sup>st</sup> David Willis  
 31<sup>st</sup> Ben Young

### Anniversaries:

12<sup>th</sup> Cliff & Gail Hall

## Weekend Rally Schedule

### Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour  
 6 pm Potluck Dinner

### Friday:

5 pm Social Hour  
 5:30 pm Opening Ceremonies  
 6 pm Dinner

### Saturday:

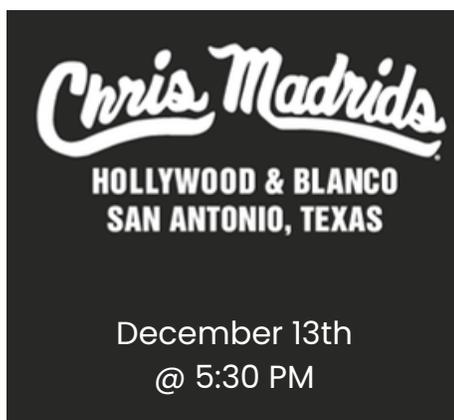
8:30 am Breakfast  
 4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees  
 5 pm Social Hour  
 6 pm Dinner  
 7:30 pm Games

### Sunday:

8:30 am Breakfast  
 9:00 am Devotional

**Volunteers  
 Needed!  
 Help Host a Rally**  
 (SIGN UP ONLINE)

**Pick up your  
 schedule card  
 at the next rally!**





Texas Alamo Unit  
2025-2026 Officers

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1st VP - AnnMarie Esparza  
 2nd VP - Johnda Pugh





**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...*



**January 23-25, 2026**  
**Longhorn RV Resort**  
**23932 Camino Real**  
**Neiderwald, TX 78649**

**1) Call the RV park**  
**(512) 398-3677**  
**www.longhornrvresort.com**

**2) Click here to Sign up with TAU**



## 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)



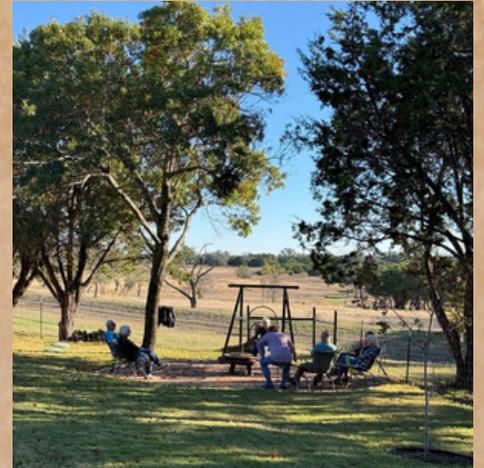
We're currently looking for:

- 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

# November Rally Highlights Event, TX





**Special thanks to George & Joi Taylor for their awesome hospitality!**

**Merry Christmas  
& A Happy New Year!**