



# The Roadrunner

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## President's Message

Jim Dudley - President

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club

Hello, Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club!

It is hard to believe we are already through the first month of 2026. As we look back on January, I am filled with pride for our club's spirit of service and community. Seeing our members come together to support those who have served our country was a powerful way to start the year.

### **Service in Action: Kerrville VA Hospital Rally**

Our January Service Rally at the Kerrville VA Hospital was a heartwarming success. We had the privilege of hosting a lively bingo game for the residents, bringing some joy and friendly competition to their afternoon.

More importantly, we were able to distribute the necessity packs and donations collected during our December Christmas rally. These items go a long way in providing comfort to the veterans, and your generosity truly made a difference.

A huge "Thank You" to our hosts Kirk and Ellen Marchand and Mark Clardy for their hard work in organizing this meaningful event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

### **On the Horizon: Alpine and Tyler**

We have some fantastic travels ahead of us!

### **February: Cowboy Poet Rally - Alpine, TX**

Get ready for some Big Bend country charm and soulful storytelling. I look forward to seeing many of you around the campfire in Alpine.

### **March: Tyler Rally**

In March, we head east to the Rose Capital of Texas. This will be a beautiful time to explore the piney woods.

### **Important Club Business Meeting**

During our Tyler Rally in March, we will be conducting a formal Club Business Meeting.

To ensure everyone can participate regardless of where they are, we will be holding this meeting both in-person and online. Please keep a close eye on your Constant Contact emails for the specific date, time, and link details to follow soon.

Safe travels and silver streamers,

-Jim and Pam Dudley

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*Sue Brown, Editor  
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# Calendar of Events

## THLAC Rallies

February 19-22 • **Cowboy Poetry Rally** •  
Lost Alaskan, Alpine, TX

March 12-15 • **Flora and Fauna Rally** •  
Bushman's RV Park, Bullard, TX

**Double the Fun • 2 Pop-up Rallies**  
April 13-16 0- Inks Lake State Park  
April 16-19 - Lake Buchanan RV Resort

August 8-20 • **Back Roads to Minot Caravan**  
Lake Mineral Wells State Park

September 17-20 • **Windmill and Red Raider Rally** •  
Lubbock KOA, Lubbock, TX

October 1-4 • **Birdies & BBQ Rally** •  
Lockhart State Park, Lockhart, TX

November 12-15 • **Installation Rally** •  
Buckhorn RV Park, Kerrville, TX

December 3-6 • **Christmas Rally** •  
Vineyards RV Park, Fredericksburg, TX

## Region 9

February 5-8, 2026 • **Streamin' on the Strand** •  
Galveston, TX. Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>

March 20-23, 2026 • **Wally Workshop** •  
NTAC-Hillsboro  
Waitlist Registration:  
<https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop-0>

April 16 - 21, 2026 • **Stitchin' & Fishin'** •  
NTAC-Hillsboro, TX. Registration (Wait List):  
<https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>

March 25-29, 2026 • **Region 9 Rally • Airstreams in Paradise**, Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX. Registration (Wait List) :  
<https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2026-rally>

## ACI

August 22-27 **ACI International Rally** •  
Minot, ND

## From the Editor

Sue Brown • THLAC Corresponding  
Secretary/Newsletter Editor  
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I'm looking forward to being the new editor of the Texas Highland Lake Airstream Club newsletter. I will try my best to carry on what has Keith passed on to me. I'll need your news, photos etc. to help fill these pages.

Here's a bit of my background. I worked at the Pleasanton Express newspaper for almost 30 years. Fifteen of those years I was the editor. Before that I sold advertisements. Being an editor of a small town community newspaper was more than just editing. Along with my co-workers, I wore a lot of hats. I still sold some ads, wrote a weekly column, helped lay out each weekly issue, covered city council meetings, filled in for school board meetings (we covered five school districts and municipalities) as well as Atascosa County courthouse happenings. I've been on law enforcement busts, fires, wrecks and murder scenes. Nights and weekends were filled with town celebrations, sporting events (yep, I photographed those sometimes, too!) and fundraisers.

I assisted getting the papers ready for distribution, delivered tearsheets and newspapers to our advertisers and on occasion, newspaper bundles as well. There were times when we cleaned up a burst water heater, debris from a ceiling that fell in, a tree that landed on our storeroom, painted offices and made curtains. You get the picture!

I'm a self-taught graphic designer and relatively proficient in Adobe platforms. I'm able to use these skills in my current job as Special Events Director for the Texas Press Association. I've been there since 2018 where my main focus



Our family at the Illuminate lighting display at San Antonio Botanical Gardens during the Christmas holidays. Ali is front and center (and photographer!) with Taylor, Samuel, Daryl and Emily.

is planning our annual convention and organizing our trade show. I also maintain a statewide public notice platform for our membership of 185 newspapers.

I'm relatively new to the Airstream and THLAC family after joining in 2019 when I met Dennis. He was a recent widower and I'd been divorced since 2010. It was a match made in heaven when we met over pizza and beer. Dennis and his wife never had children. I have a son (Daryl, 39, and a daughter-in-law, Emily) and a daughter (Allison, 37, and a son-in-law, Taylor and a 22-month-old grandson, Samuel!) We are Papa and NueNue to this funny and sweet little boy! Dennis has taken to his new role quite well and the kids love him as their own. We are blessed to have a great family!

We have a Bichon Frise, Sadie, as well as grand-dogs, Falkor and Daenerys who we get to dogsit on a regular basis. They all live within 15 minutes of us.

Dennis and I are happy and lucky to have landed with this



Sadie after she had her hair done!

group of Airstreamers! While we may not be able to make it to all of the rallies (I haven't retired), please know that we will always be there in spirit.

I hope you approve of the new layout - suggestions are welcome!

Again, please send your news, travels, photos etc. or contact me with any questions or concerns.

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# Membership

Frank Steed • Membership Chairman  
Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club  
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## Membership Renewal & Updates

It's winter, and some of our club members are going south and some are braving the cold.

Many of you are cozy at home with your Airstreams winterized and waiting for spring and others are still gathering at Texas Highland Lakes rallies – even when a cold front blows through. Whatever your plans, we hope you enjoy every minute and return home with new friends and great stories to tell.

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club offers something for everyone, and it's that shared experience that keeps us growing. Thank you to all of you for taking the time to share your pictures and stories in the Roadrunner Newslet-

ter and on our Facebook page – “Friends of Texas Highland Lakes.” Seeing the fun we have is contagious, and it makes my job of keeping and growing our membership easy.

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership on January 1st. For those of you whose renewals occur later in the calendar year, we appreciate your attention to your renewal date.

You may wish to enroll in auto-renewal to ensure uninterrupted membership benefits and to avoid receiving our friendly, “Did you forget?” reminder email.

We have a fun-filled year of rallies and pop-ups planned and we can't wait to see you at many of them! As you are out traveling, keep passing along our Spotter cards. There's always room for more fun-loving Airstreamers, and we would love to have them join us at our events.

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road.

Frank Steed, Membership Chairman  
214 803-9919




## 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.



Frank Steed has “spotter” cards available for members to pass out during their travels to encourage fellow Airstreamers to join our club.

# Communities Under the Bridge, K-9 For Warriors send thanks for Christmas Rally donation proceeds



On behalf of Communities Under the Bridge (CUB) and the Board of Directors, I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your very generous donation to CUB. We are grateful! Your donation will go a long way in providing food, clothing and even winter shelter as the temperatures drop in January and February. What a blessing! We would love to provide a tour to anyone in your group who might be interested when the Sn Antonio area. We could even provide an opportunity to serve with us, if there is ever an interest. In the meantime, we will place you on our newsletter mailing list, so that you can see the impact your donation will have. Thank You again! I am providing my personal information in case anyone from your club has questions or might like to come and visit CUB in person.

Thank You again, and God Bless!

Sincerely,  
Roni Harlan  
CUB Board of Directors, Vice-Chair  
roni@underthebridesa.org  
210-532-5564



I am reaching out to say thank you so much for your support. Your impactful donation will help us save lives at both ends of the leash. It means the world to us and the Warriors and dogs we serve.

Please extend our gratitude to all! It is because of supporters like you that we can continue to move forward in our mission.

Should you have a moment to view and share with members, our program video is worth the watch: Service Dogs Saving Lives | K9s For Warriors.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or would like more information. I am honored to be your point of contact.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Vogt  
Community Relations Manager  
stephanie@k9sforwarriors.org  
904-686-1956 x1119

At our 2025 Christmas Rally, the funds raised during the live and silent auctions were split among two non-profits. The auction amount totaled over \$6,000.00 and \$3,012.50 went to Communities Under the Bridge - San Antonio and \$3,012.50 was donated to K-9s For Warriors.

We also donated over 300 pounds of canned and pantry goods to the San Antonio Food Bank thanks to our generous members.

Thank you to everyone for donations for the food bank and both auctions as well as to those who were bidding and bought auction items.



There were so many wonderful items for the silent auction! Special thanks to Colin Melton for all of the camping themed donations.



Kathy Ashley's handmade quilt was one of the beautiful donations for the THLAC live auction.

# Region 9 Update



Tracy Elkins • President  
Region 9 WBCCI • Texas/Oklahoma  
Region09@airstreamclub.org

**January 2026**

Happy New Year, Region 9!

Wow, we are off and running in 2026! So much has happened already, and the energy across our region is tremendous. A recent check of our membership database shows we are now 2,016 members strong in Region 9! It is an honor to see our community continue to grow.

## Important Updates & Leadership

To provide increased security for our communications, we have transitioned to a new official email address: Region09@airstreamclub.org. Please update your contacts for Region 9.

As we settle into the new year, I hope the recent leadership transitions are falling into place smoothly. I want to encourage leaders & members alike to reach out to me directly if any questions or concerns arise—I'm here to support and represent you.

Regarding the 2026 Printed Membership Directory: I recently attended a local club event where a question arose about pre-ordering a hard copy. HQ has informed me that ordering details are coming very soon, so stay tuned!

We are still seeking passionate members as candidates for the 2nd Vice President role (2027–2028 term). This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the club and help keep Region 9 rolling strong. If you have an interest in serving, please reach out to Nancy Fitzgerald at nefitzge6@gmail.com.

## IBT Meetings

The International Board of Trustees will conduct its quarterly meeting on January 22, 2026. 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 Region09@airstreamclub.org. If you would like to participate in the meeting, you can find instructions here: <https://airstreamclub.org/international-board-trustees>.

Happy Camping,  
Tracy Elkins - BRN 9713  
Region 9, President  
281-725-1672



## The Wally Byam Creed

“In the heart of these words is an entire life’s dream. To those of you who find in the promise of these words your promise, I bequeath this creed... my dream belongs to you.”

- To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
- To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
- To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.
- To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
- To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.
- To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
- To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
- To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
- To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true.

- Wally Byam

## THLAC logo items available

Want to represent THLAC by wearing or using our logo on apparel, glassware, koozies etc? Visit the You Customize It website and order your own! <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Texas-Highland-Lakes-Airstream-Club-Logo/7969711>



Just one of many items with our THLAC logo on the site!



**Q: I just bought a vintage Airstream, where can I get a manual or information?**

A: Congratulations! To find out more about your Airstream, visit <https://www.airstream.com/owners/document-archive/>

# Service Rally - January 20-23, 2026

## Hill Country Youth Event Center • Kerrville, TX

We had 16 attendees for the rally though some left early to beat the impending ice storms. Hosts were Jim and Pam Dudley, Ellen and Kirk Marchand, and Mark Clardy.

On Tuesday we had a Sunset Sociat Happy Hour after everyone checked in and set up.

On Wednesday we volunteered at the Museum of Western Art in the morning and at the Kerrville VA Hospital that afternoon with a BINGO session for the residents That evening we enjoyed dutch treat dinner at Los Dos Amigos in Center Point.

On Thursday, Day 2 of Service Day was spent at the Kerrville VA Hospital. We distributed Necessity Packs collected at the Christmas Rally to residents.

That afternoon we enjoyed sunset at The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. Dinner was held at Off Main Brewing.

Everyone departed on Friday morning after coffee.



Gathering at the The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden during the THLAC Service Rally in Kerrville are, left to right: Mark Clardy, Phil Drieci (wife Paula taking photo), Ellen Marchand, Jim and Pam Dudley, Kirk Marchand, Merri and Steve Crawley.

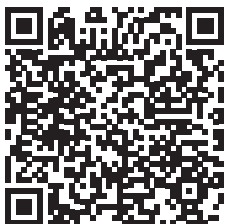
## Back Roads Caravan to Minot, ND

Rush and Kathy Bowman and Kathy and Mike Ashley are so excited about this back roads trip to International in Minot, ND. We already have 5 rigs that will do the whole caravan with us and a couple rigs saying they will hop on and join at various locations. It will take us about 10 days to arrive in Minot.

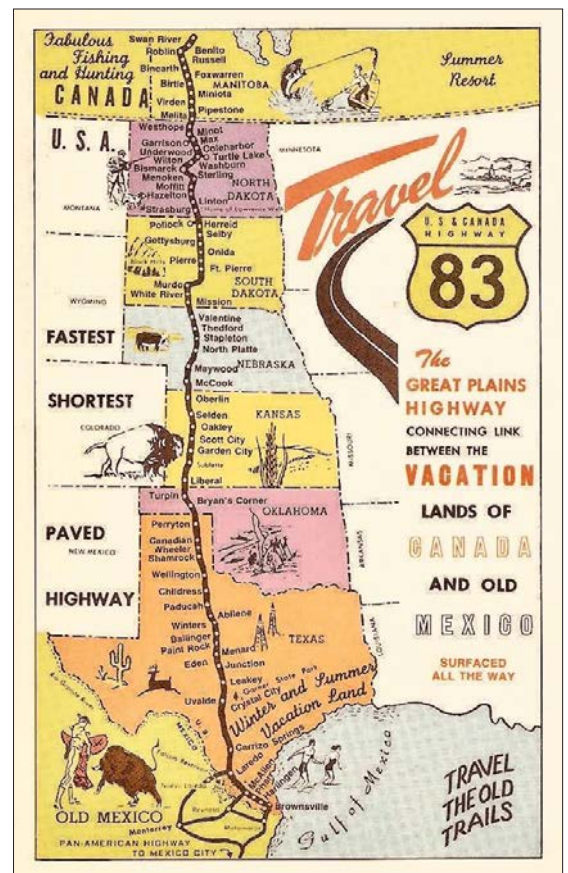
We are trying to keep our costs down by staying in State Parks as much as possible. This is a no kitty fee caravan. We just figured the more we can save getting there, the more we can spend on goodies at International!

We are researching things to do at all our stops. If you are going to International (August 22-27) think about joining us for the trip. We are taking US 83 almost the entire route.

Check your email - several have gone out concerning registration for the caravan. Or contact Rush at [rushmo@mac.com](mailto:rushmo@mac.com) or Kathy A. at [k.s.ashley60@gmail.com](mailto:k.s.ashley60@gmail.com)



< Scan code for more information!



# Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Alcocer  
Austin, TX  
2023 Caraval

Kim & Kimberly Anger  
Aubrey, TX  
2024 Globetrotter

Sherri & Ben Bailey  
Lago Vista, TX  
2025 Basecamp 20Xe

Carey & Donna Benge  
Bertram, TX  
2025 Globetrotter

Brent Chittenden &  
Laura Landstrom  
Marble Falls, TX  
1982 Limited



Russell Clark &  
Fred Poston  
San Marcos, TX  
2019 Classic

Marty & Robin Comeaux  
Houston, TX  
2015 International

Bill Dippo  
Spicewood, TX  
2019 Flying Cloud

Catherine Tan &  
Lachlan Gillespie  
Dallas, TX  
2025 Globetrotter 27FBT

Joyce & Brian Inberg  
Cedar Park, TX  
2025 Flying Cloud

Micheal & Barbara LaPlant  
Lago Vista, TX  
2009 Flying Cloud

Mick & Sherri Martin  
Boerne, TX  
2021 Classic 33 FBT

Charles & Paula Timmons  
Lakeway, TX  
1972 Agosy

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Hi Airstreamers,

Below is a short survey which can help us all when seeking repairs, maintenance and upgrades for our Airstreams.

## How do you service your Airstream?

1) Repairs (including body work, maintenance, interior changes/additions)

\_\_\_\_\_ DIY

\_\_\_\_\_ Airstream of Austin

\_\_\_\_\_ Other RV shop

If Other, please provide the shop name and type of repair(s).

2) Upgrades (including major body work, electrical and plumbing, etc)

\_\_\_\_\_ DIY

\_\_\_\_\_ Airstream of Austin

\_\_\_\_\_ Other RV shop

If Other, please provide the shop name and type of upgrade(s).

**Please submit your answers to Jami Eng at [engjami@gmail.com](mailto:engjami@gmail.com). Answers will be compiled and published in a subsequent newsletter. All responder names are confidential and will not be published. Thank you in advance for participating!**

# Party Line • Prayers & Concerns

## Trimbles and Saulniers



Wonderful evening dinner at Sea Ranch Restaurant! Left to right, Rick and Debbie Trimble, Elaine and Bill Saulnier. Great food, atmosphere, and fun.



Beautiful day for a boat tour of the Port Brownsville Port Authority. Bill & Elaine Saulnier and Debbie Trimble.

**Our Party Line, Prayers & Concerns pages are for our members to share photos of travels, celebrations, concerns, news and to ask for prayers. We are all interested to hear from each other and we could all use extra prayers, right?**

## Peltons

We spent Christmas at Port Aransas with friends. Camped at Mustang Island State Park, got in a couple of days of surf fishing and lounging on the beach.

March is booked at Margaritaville in Galveston.

April has us booked at Inks Lake and Lake Buchanan

Summer trip includes visiting cousins in Indiana then traveling to southern Wisconsin for a couple weeks of dog training at Bong recreational area.

Tentative plans for a fishing trip to Durango, and Pueblo, Colorado in May and June.

Casey & Janet Pelton  
BRN 20400



Miss Kaeleigh helped make hors d'oeuvres for Christmas dinner.

# Flashback

Let's visit the past!

Our club will turn 45 this year in May. Please submit memories and photos to:

Sue Brown - [psuebrown@gmail.com](mailto:psuebrown@gmail.com)

Colin Melton had an idea to feature old photos and memories of our club. He also reminded me that our club will turn 45 this May! Here are a couple of photos he shared from an album. Please submit memories and photos to: Sue Brown - [psuebrown@gmail.com](mailto:psuebrown@gmail.com)





## Flamingo Flip

This is space for you to list items you have for sale or swap. Submit information and photos to: Sue Brown • psuebrown@gmail.com

THLAC member Colin Melton has these items for free and for sale. He is willing to deliver them to a rally location for free! Please contact him at: colin.digthis@yahoo.com



Gas absorption refrigerator, 12v interior fan, circulation fans + additional led interior light strip. Used to help keep a gas/absorption refrig, cooking better in the Texas summer heat. 12v. Works great. 2 speed fan settings + can turn on fans individually. Price: \$75.00. Free delivery to THLAC rally site



Back cushion - upholstered on back side as well. Non-smoking, no holes, tears, cracks or stains. Price: FREE! Willing to deliver, to a THLAC rally location.



Medium size door shelves. These came out of a Dometic, gas absorption refrigerator. Plastic & no cracks, stains or damage. Price: FREE! Free delivery to a THLAC rally site.



Dometic gas absorption refrigerator and freezer handles. Set of 2 locking door handles, bone color. If you have ever broken one of these & needed a replacement - hard to find. Price: FREE! Free delivery to a THLAC rally site.