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President's Message

By Lisa Feine



Hello Friends!

It has been a whirlwind of activity in 2026 so far. By the time you read this message, we will have completed three fun-filled monthly GHAC rallies, one outstanding Region 9 rally with great GHAC attendance and participation, a GHAC lunch during the Region 9 rally in Crystal Beach, and a Pop-Up Girl Gang Getaway rally in Brenham. We are currently gearing up for our final Spring rally in San Antonio at the Alamo KOA Holiday. The May rally includes the Annual Business Meeting for Members and includes voting for new Club Leadership and Policy updates. We need more of you to attend! See the Flyer in this newsletter and sign up using the Texas Two-Step (call the Campground and register on JotForm).

We love all of our members, whether they are Regular members with Greater Houston as their "home" club, or Affiliate members whose "home" clubs differ for a variety of reasons. All members and guests are welcome to attend rallies and events with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. In fact, we have gained new Regular members who first attended a GHAC function as guests. I love meeting everyone and hearing your suggestions.

That said, the voting for officers and policy updates is only open to our Regular Members of the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Those who claim GHAC as their home club should already have received email notifications with JotForm links to vote online for our 2027 Executive Board Leadership positions and a Policy Update to minimally raise our Rally Fees for meals. Online voting will close on May 8th; however, paper ballots will be available for in-person voting at the May Business Meeting.

Please join us for the May Rally regardless of your membership type. Also, we welcome any guest with an Airstream. We are allowed two Buddy Rallies per calendar year. A Buddy Rally allows any of us to invite friends who own Some Other Brand (SOB) of RV. I have already determined that the September Rally (Sept.17-20, 2026) at Stephen F. Austin State Park in San Felipe, TX will be designated as a Buddy Rally.

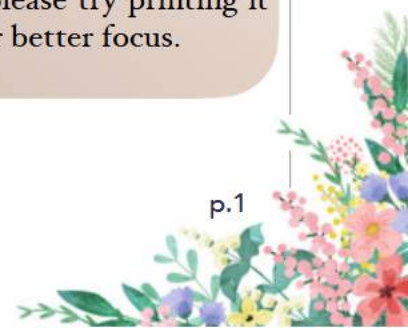
Finally, you should have received information regarding the GHAC Caravan to Minot, ND for the 69th Airstream Club International Rally, August 22-27, 2026. The GHAC Caravan is scheduled to arrive on August 20th for early group parking in Minot. I encourage you to attend with us!

Regular GHAC rallies will resume in September with the Buddy Rally at Stephen F. Austin State Park. Please see the 2026 Rally Schedule in this newsletter. I still need Hosts for both October and December. I am not an island, and I cannot do this alone. Thank you!

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Region 9 Update - April 2026

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Happy Spring, Region 9!

What an incredible start to our rally season! The **momentum** across our region is at an all-time high, especially after seeing over 310 Airstreamers converge on the Texas Gulf coast for our first-ever resort rally. From the gleam of silver crossing on the Bolivar Ferry to fabulous, food, activities, entertainment and the community spirit shown through our record-breaking blood drive and cash donation to Boliver Point Lighthouse Foundation, it's clear that our community—now over 2,082 members strong—is more vibrant than ever.

Rally Recap: Airstreams in Paradise

Our **55th Region 9 Rally** at Camp Margaritaville Resort in Crystal Beach, TX, was truly exceptional. We enjoyed beachside auras at the **License to Chill Pool**, shared meals in the **Paradise Pavilion**, and celebrated our community with "Pawaradise Found" pet pics and nightly entertainment.

We also gave back to the coastline that hosted us:

- **Generosity in Action:** We donated **\$5,050** to the **Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation** to assist in the restoration of the storied 1872 Lighthouse Crown.
- **Life-Saving Results:** Under the coordination of **Scott Graham**, we had our best turnout to date, collecting **37 units of whole blood, 3 Double Reds, and 1 plasma** for the Gulf Coast Blood Bank.
- A massive thank you to our **Rally Planning Committee Chairs** for their tireless work: **David Brandon, Rick Elkins, Nancy Fitzgerald, Scott Graham, Tracie Holub, Allana Patterson, Jim Pfeil, Fred Richardson, Selina Shadd, and RoseAnne Young**. We also thank the Region 9 Leadership Team of **Tracy Elkins, Anna Brandon, and Tim Ebbers** and our countless volunteers!

Member Business Meeting & Governance

During the rally, we conducted our annual Member's Business Meeting. Several key updates were approved to ensure the continued success of our region:

- **Governance Update:** Revisions were approved to the **Region 9 Governance Document** to extend current Region Officer terms through 12/31/2026. This aligns our leadership cycle with the International Executive Council (EC) terms.
- **Financial Planning:** The **2026 & 2027 Region 9 Operational Budget Forecast** was officially approved.
- **Looking Ahead to 2027:** We discussed the potential of moving the **2027 Region 9 Rally** from Spring to Fall. We truly need your input! Please email us at region09@airstreamclub.org with your thoughts on a Fall 2027 rally.



(Region 9 Update continued from page 2)



Spring Rally Season Opportunities

The season is just heating up! On the heels of Wally’s Workshop and the Region Rally, we still have Rallies aplenty. While some events are at capacity, keep these dates on your calendar:

- **Stitchin’ & Fishin’** April 16–21, 2026 | NTAC-Hillsboro | **Registration:** Waitlist only – airstreamclub.org
- **69th International Rally** August 22–27, 2026 | Minot, ND | <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>. Watch for Jotform Registration to open soon for the Region 9 Social – August 23rd at 3 pm in the Theatre.

Leadership Opportunities

We are still seeking enthusiastic members to step up as candidates for the **2nd Vice President** role (**2027–2029 term**). If you are interested in helping guide the future of Region 9, please reach out to **Nancy Fitzgerald** at nefitzge6@gmail.com.

Happy Camping & Safe Travels—let's make this spring one for the books!

Tracy Elkins - BRN 9713

Region 9 President

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55th Region 9 Rally at Camp Margaritaville Resort in Crystal Beach, TX





RALLIES AND CARAVANS

Our Rally hosts volunteer their valuable time to organize and lead the rallies, in addition to creating flyers and writing up summaries to keep you informed. Perhaps you will suffer from FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) after seeing their articles and subsequently make plans to attend one in the future! Be on the lookout for Rallies and Caravans in 2026 so you don't miss out on the fun!

We still need hosts and co-hosts for a few upcoming rallies (see p. 5). Contact Lisa Feine, GHAC President, for more information on how you can become involved.

Rally Registration follows this Two-Step process, unless indicated otherwise:

1. **Reserve your campsite** with the Campground and pay direct (mention GHAC Rally).
2. **Register at the GHAC Website & pay your Rally Fees.** Club rallies can be found by clicking on this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston>

In case you are wondering, this is a summary of the official [Airstream Club International \(ACI\)](#) Rally Types:

- ✦ **International Rally:** The club's largest annual event, typically lasting six days. It gathers members from around the world for education, maintenance seminars, socials, and shopping at a large Airstream-only expo.
- ✦ **National Event Rally (NER):** These have "national" status and are held near well-known festivals, historic sites, or natural landmarks. They receive prime placement in the Blue Beret magazine and on the ACI website.
- ✦ **Regional Rally:** Large annual events organized at the region level (e.g., the [Region 9 Rally](#) often held at fairgrounds or resorts with planned programming and meals.

- ✦ **Local Club (Unit) Rally:** Planned by local clubs for their members and guests. These usually include planned activities and meals. (GHAC Rallies are Club Rallies.)
- ✦ **Multi-Club Rally:** A rally jointly sponsored by two or more local clubs.
- ✦ **Buddy Rally:** A specific type of rally where club members are permitted to invite a friend who owns a non-Airstream RV. Clubs are typically limited to hosting two of these per year.
- ✦ **Club Caravan:** A "rolling rally" that includes multiple camping locations along a set route.
- ✦ **Pop-Up Rally:** The Pop-up Rally is one that is gaining popularity and is best described as an impromptu gathering with no rally fee or dedicated host but rather just a location and set date where rigs can join together.

For the Record...

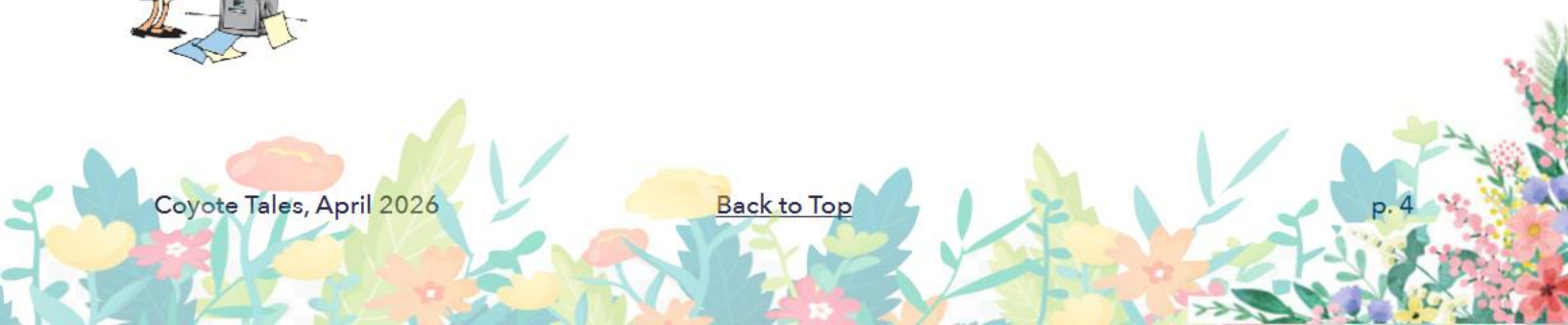


April Rally

Amanda & Jay Bubela
 Richard & Linda Farrow
 Lisa & Jim Feine
 Jim & Liesa Glover
 Bob & Dell Jones

Ken & Lia Laney
 Lisa Laney & Nando Lopez
 Bruce Lee
 Gerald Lyddon & Samantha Lyddon-Hogue
 Gail & Dean Murphy

Danny & Sharon Scamardo
 Robert Supina
 Tom & Virginia Taroni
 Tim & Cindy West
 Burney & Keely Wood





GHAC 2026 Rally & Event Schedule



Dates/Rally/Event	Location (TX unless otherwise noted)	Jotform Reg & CG Reservations	Host(s)	Co-Host(s)	Theme
Jan 10 Annual Luncheon (11:00 - 2:00)	The Ballroom at Tanglewood, Houston	Jotform only	Lisa F.	*Eric & Holly M. *Tim & Cindy W.	GO CAMPING 
Feb 19-22 GHAC Rally	Salmon Lake Park, Grapeland, TX	Jotform & call CG (936) 687-2594	Dan & Maria M.	Mitch & Mary G.	Go Camping!
Mar 5-8 GHAC Rally	McKinney Falls State Park Austin	Jotform only	James & Lisa F.	Tom & Caren B.	Explore Austin! "Keep Austin Weird"
Mar 25-29 Region 9 Rally	Camp Margaritaville Crystal Beach	Jotform only	Region 9	Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer	Airstreams in Paradise
Mar 28 GHAC Lunch	Tia Juanita's Fish Camp Crystal Beach	Email Lisa Feine lfeine1@gmail.com	Lisa & James F.	N/A	N/A
Apr 16-19 GHAC Rally	Brackenridge Rec. Center, Edna	<u>Jotform only</u>	Jim & Liesa G.	Tom & Virginia T.	Fun and Games at Lake Texana
May 14-17 Rally & Club Business Mtg	Alamo KOA Holiday San Antonio	<u>Jotform</u> & call CG (210) 224-9296 *before 1/30/26 for best sites			TBD
Tentative Aug 5-20 Caravan to Int'l Rally	1,580 miles, 6 stops, 15 rigs	Jotform*TBD	Jim & Lisa F.		TBD
Aug 22-27 Airstream Club Int'l Rally	North Dakota State Fair Event Center Minot North Dakota	<u>Online Registration by WBCCI</u>	Airstream Club International	Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer	TBD
Sep 17-20 GHAC Rally	Stephen F. Austin State Park -San Felipe **need TEAM to RESERVE SITES on Apr 17 **Contact Lisa Feine!	<u>Jotform only</u>	Tom & Caren B.	Allen & Bernadine B.	TBD
October 15-18 GHAC Rally	Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett	<u>Jotform</u> & call CG (936) 544-8466			TBD
November 12-15 GHAC Rally	Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	<u>Jotform</u> & call CG (979) 968-9465	Rick & Tracy E.	David & Yi Li R.	TBD
December 10-13 Holiday Rally and Installation	On the Lake RV Resort Onalaska, TX	<u>Jotform</u> & call CG (936) 646-3824			TBD

What Hosts/Co-Hosts Do

Thank you for volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a GHAC Rally! For more information or to select a Rally to volunteer, please contact Lisa Feine at Club155@airstreamclub.org.

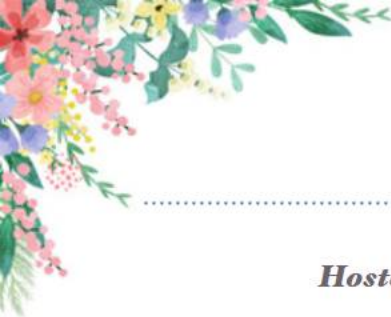
[Click here for more specific policies and details.](#)

- Campground Contact
- Visit Location
- Set Rally Theme
- Plan Meals
- Plan Activities
- Rally Schedule
- Rally Fees
- Purchase Food
- Reservations
- Promote Rally
- Monitor Registration
- Transport Food, Supplies, and Club Rally Boxes*
- Greet Campers
- Prepare Meals
- Coordinate Activities
- Maintain Rally Room
- Lead Pledge, Devotion, & Grace
- Return Rally Room to original state
- Report w/Pics for Newsletter
- Have Fun!

**with assistance from current Club president*



GET
READY
TO RALLY



April Rally Report

By Liesa Glover

*It's Fun & Games at Lake Texana, April 17-19, 2026
Hosted by Jim & Liesa Glover, Co-hosted by Tom & Virginia Taroni*



Tom and Virginia Taroni; Jim and Liesa Glover

The beautiful and convenient pull-through sites at the Brackenridge Recreation Complex gave us expansive views of Lake Texana for our April Rally. While the lake was low, there was no shortage of wildlife to observe from camp, from the showy red plumage of the male cardinal, and the striking black feathers and immense size of the black vulture, to a busy little armadillo making its way from site to site, everyone and everything seemed to be enjoying the balmy, spring days.

Early birds enjoyed a 5pm Happy Hour in our newly decorated Rally Room in the Marina Building. The Rally Room was mostly windows on three sides so that we could enjoy the views of the little tributary off of Lake Texana. It was set up with a long banquet table for the 28

expected campers, and then three individual tables of 6 for future game playing. Off of the room was a deck from which we could watch for alligators and birds like seagulls, pelicans, caracaras among others.

Friday morning, a few early risers gathered together at 7:30 AM for coffee. By 5:00 PM Happy Hour everyone was ready to get back together to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and getting to know one another better. A pretty cut-throat game of Corn Hole kept us entertained while dinner was cooking. It was the rigs over 26ft who brought the sides and desserts to share and everyone brought their own protein to grill.



Friday Lunch at 3 Portillos



April Rally Report continued...

After dinner we played a quick round of the group-game "Poetry for Neanderthals", where you must describe a clue without using multi-syllable words (No use big word where small word work). Some moved to the deck to play "Aggravation", a marble-moving game similar to the game "Sorry!", while others practiced their ability to tell some tall tales in a few rounds of "Sounds Fishy". In which, one has to figure out who among them is telling the truth. How fun it was to hear all the joyful laughter!



After early Saturday morning 7:00AM coffee a hearty breakfast of make-your-own breakfast tacos, and fruit followed at 8:00.

Tom Taroni set up a trail maintenance service project at Texana Park near the Nature Center. The goal of this 1 ½ hour long project was to trim back brush to make the trail navigable. Tom with Bruce Lee, Richard Farrow, Jim Glover, Bob & Dell Jones, Nando Lopez and Dean & Gail Murphy split into two groups covering the whole path, about a ½ mile of trail.



Nando Lopez and Lisa Lainey





April Rally Report continued...

Following Saturday's 5pm Happy Hour, a dinner of Chicken Enchilada Casserole was supplemented by the rigs under 26 feet who provided the side dish or dessert to share. By Saturday's dinner, everyone was having such a good time chatting and enjoying each other, we did not play any games. But we did not need games to fill the room with laughter and sparkling conversation.



Sunday breakfast was at 8AM. A cold front had come in overnight and we woke up to rain and chill. Hot coffee, warm donuts, and kolaches were very welcome.

After we were done eating, we cleaned up the rally room building and got ready to head home. So many people helped that it was put away in better shape than we found it. Jim and I would like to add a huge thank you to the Taroni's for all of their generous and untiring help and support this weekend. I am especially grateful to Virginia for making all the kitchen work so much easier and more pleasant. This small rally of 15 rigs and 28 people seemed warm and intimate. The folks we met on Thursday and Friday were friends by Sunday. What a pleasure it was to get to be a part of such a fun group!



Last to leave!





Greater Houston Airstream Club May Rally & Annual Business Meeting

When: **May 14-17, 2026** Check-In: **1pm** Check-Out: **12pm (Noon)**
Where: **Alamo KOA Holiday** 602 Gemblar Road San Antonio, TX 78219

Who: **No Host / Need Volunteers** to help with meals

How to Prepare:

Rally Fee \$12 / JobForm Registration Required

Call Park Directly for Reservations Phone: **1-210-224-9296**

*(Make sure to say that you are with the **Greater Houston Airstream Club Rally.**)*

Rally Schedule:

Thursday:

5pm: Happy Hour in **Event Center** *(Bring your own favorite beverage and a snack to share.)*

Dinner on your own.

(City bus stop with service to Downtown/Riverwalk located on Gemblar Road on the right across from the campground entrance.)

***Unless otherwise noted, all meals and group gatherings will be in the Event Center.
Bring plates/bowls, flatware, and a personal beverage* for all meals.**

Saturday:

7:30 am: Coffee
(Bring your own mug.)

8am: Breakfast
(Crockpot Casserole / Bring sides to share.)

***10am:** Executive Board Meeting
(In Events Center or Club President's Site.)

Lunch on your own.
Explore KOA Amenities

***2-3:30pm:** Annual Business Meeting in Events Center
(ALL Club members are welcome and encouraged to attend)

5pm: BYOB Happy Hour
(Even BRN rigs bring appetizers.)

6pm: Dinner *(Rotisserie Chicken / Bring a side or dessert to share.)*

7pm: Raffle, Games, etc.

Sunday:

7:30 am: Coffee
(Bring your own mug.)

8 am: Pastries & Fruit

9am: Devotional & Pack-Up / Clean-Up / Goodbyes

Check-out by 12pm (Noon)

Friday:

7:30am: Coffee
*(Bring your own mug.)
Breakfast & Lunch on your own.*

Explore San Antonio
(Download "Visit San Antonio" free app.)

5pm: BYOB Happy Hour
(Odd BRN rigs bring appetizers.)

6pm: Dinner
(Bring your own meat/protein to grill & a side or dessert provided.)

Games After Dinner!

Visit / Explore San Antonio:

Whether you crave historic exploration, thrilling theme park adventures, or vibrant cultural experiences, San Antonio has something for everyone. Start planning your unforgettable San Antonio adventure today!

Visit San Antonio Main Website: <https://www.visitsanantonio.com/things-to-do/>

San Antonio Visitors Guide: <https://www.flipsnack.com/FBCC58BBD9/visit-san-antonio-2025-2026/full-view.html>

San Antonio Trip Advisor: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Products-g60956-a_contentid_1181975167383049+268262976-San_Antonio_Texas.html

Have Questions? Call Lisa Feine +1 (832) 816-1242

Safe travels home! See you down the road.





Silver on the River - ACI National Event Rally

- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends and family welcome!
- Space is limited, sign up today!

Sailing
July 15-22
2026

Registration
Now Open!



Do you have any maintenance tips, recipes or presentations to share?

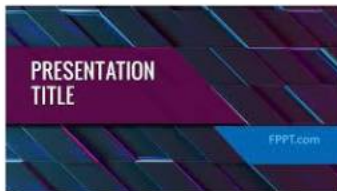
Email Tom Bundy or Holly McMurphy to post on the GHAC website!



Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net

or

hollymc01@gmail.com



Your input will be posted on the GHAC website for all to enjoy and benefit from!



GHAC MEMBERSHIP

April Membership Update

by Tracy Elkins

Membership & Directory Chair

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Member Benefits

- Membership Discounts
 - Product Savings
 - Courtesy Parking
 - Blue Beret Quarterly Publication
 - Preferred Partners: Travel, Trip & RV Insurance
- <https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>

Members should be sure their 2026 GHAC Membership Directory in the WBCCI / ACI Membership Dashboard at this link <https://airstreamclub.org/members/dashboard>. Our membership directory details were downloaded from the Dashboard.



Welcome New Members!

We have two new members joining in April:

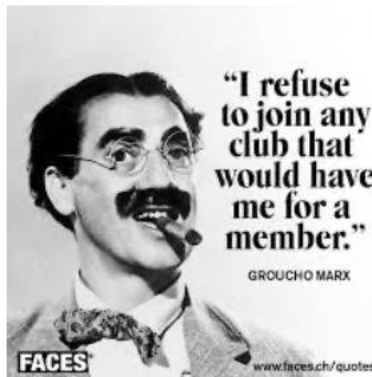
- Fazil & Prudence Ozman join us from The Woodlands with their 2025 FC Midnight Flamingo 27'
- Mike & Leslie Wills join us from Livingston, TX with their 2026 Classic 30'

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

If you know someone who is making an Airstream purchase, remind them they get a free 1-year (ACI) membership (Explorer Program) when they purchase a new rig. And we would love it if they select GHAC as their primary club. You will get lots of kudos for your referrals as well.

If any information is incorrect or missing, please reach out to Tracy Elkins at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com.

"Being a member is about knowing that you're not on your own and that you share experiences with other people."



"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities!"



The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."
-Mark Twain

MEMBER CONCERNS

Longtime member, Rose Nugteren, died on March 7, 2026. She and her husband, Dan, joined Airstream Club International in 2002 and met other like-minded friends who loved to see the world from the window of a camper-a home on wheels. She decorated their camper in pink and flamingos like their other homes. Please keep Dan and their family in your prayers.

Sadly, we lost another longtime member, George Nixon, on March 26, 2026. He was 91 years old. The last time I saw him and his wife, Jamie, at a rally, she remarked to me that he looked so good at age ninety. And, I agreed! Please keep Jamie and their family in your prayers.

Finally, Sam Singh recently had a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. At this writing, he is in recovery at Memorial Hermann Northeast. Please keep him and his wife, Ratna, in your prayers.

If you would like to share a prayer request, award of personal achievement, retirement, or a hobby you enjoy, you can contact me at cgoodwin7@comcast.net. Thank you.

May Birthdays

- 04 Jody Cerisano
- 04 Donna Cummins
- 05 Amanda Bubela
- 07 Kimberly Savage
- 23 Dave Rightmyer
- 25 Robert Cerisano
- 25 Bill Hamilton
- 27 Jody Bashor
- 27 Justin Hargadine
- 29 Ed Ferrin
- 31 Daniel Schwarz

NOTE: Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact Tracy Elkins at 281-725-1672, and we'll get you next time!

May Anniversaries

- 04 Jerry & Carol Goodwin
- 05 Ed & Sharlene Ferrin
- 06 John & Terry Fuselier
- 06 Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder
- 09 Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander
- 13 Joe & Teresa Romero
- 13 Tom & Virginia Taroni
- 18 Tom & Susan Raia
- 18 John & Susan Sheridan
- 19 Wayne & Liza Wilkerson
- 20 Jerry & Beth Adams
- 20 Larry & Susan Meeks
- 21 Ken & Lia Laney
- 22 Ron & Janice Lange
- 23 Marc & Lorilea Hazzard
- 25 Tom & Vicki Ketchum
- 28 Douglas & Hawley Towns
- 29 Rick & Laurie Vice

HAPPY TRAILS!!
SAFE TRAVELS!!



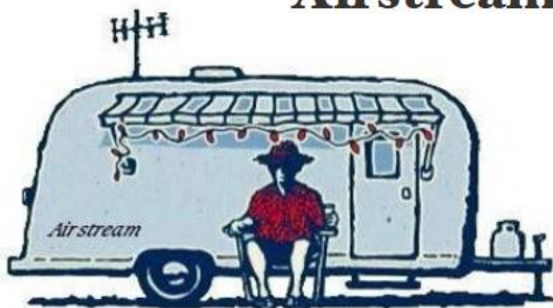
A Word From Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer on a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So, give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

**Get out there and enjoy your
Airstream adventures!**



*****Please Note*****

***Our hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
Thank you for your business.***



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Greater Houston Airstream Club

2026 Leadership Team

Officers

		<i>BRN</i>
President	Lisa Feine	31415
1 st Vice President	Wayne Wilkerson	1849
2 nd Vice President	Justin Hargadine	9650
3 rd Vice President	John Davis	11819
Recording Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	James Feine	31415
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
Trustee 1 Year	Alan Billard	7707
Trustee 1 Year	Raj Ramlal	2385
Trustee 2 Year	Mitch Guinn	20225
Trustee 2 Year	Ron Lange	7678
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	212
Immediate Past President	Eric McMurphy	15220

Committee Chairpersons:

Caravan	<i>Vacant</i>	
Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
Electronic Communications	Tom Bundy	2835
Historical	<i>Vacant</i>	
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713
Newsletter	Cindy West	19963
Nominating Committee	Bruce Lee	5461
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131



Useful Links and Contacts

- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
- ❖ Region 9 (Oklahoma & Texas):
- ❖ Greater Houston Airstream Club (GHAC, #155):
- ❖ GHAC Facebook Page

- ❖ Blue Beret Archive (club magazine):

- ❖ Blue Beret Blog (club blog):

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- ❖ General Questions/Comments:
- ❖ Membership:
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- ❖ Website Feedback/Questions:

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<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston>

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EDITOR'S LETTER



Gulf Coast Fritillary



Hello Friends! If only I had a dollar for every Airstream on my new hat. 😊 I hope you are enjoying this spring weather as much as we are! And wasn't that cold front was a nice treat?!

We picked up our Classy Girl from the shop and took her to Edna for our first GHAC rally of the year, after arriving Thursday afternoon and saying hello to some friends we ran into along the way. When you are heading to a rally on a back road, and another Airstream happens to pull into the same gas stop, you are likely headed the same direction! That was a fun happenstance.

Tim said I jinxed the hook-up process. We were doing so well ... until I said we were doing so well. 🙄 We pulled into a perfectly level spot on the first try, hooked up the electricity to a strong current, and unhitched without a hitch. Then the water works started! Water was pouring out of two drain tubes underneath the rig, and a puddle by the dinette, soaked our rug. *Where were our ER services when we needed them?!* 😭

Fortunately, others at the rally stepped in and helped. Our host Jim Glover came to the rescue, carrying his box of tools, and Bob Jones helped as well. Jim isolated the location on our Alde system where the leak was coming from. It was the hot water valve underneath the dinette, which we turned off to stop the leak. Of course, that meant we had no hot water from then on! Camping in an Airstream is always an adventure!

All seemed to be corrected until Tim decided to take a cold shower after working outside in the heat. This lead to more water works, this time from underneath the shower. Frankly, he was ready to trade her in for a Flying Cloud 😞, but Airstream of Austin has upped their game. They now have a call center to schedule appointments. After discovering they could take us in on Saturday, we made the decision to leave a day early and get her in. Darn, that meant we would miss the work day at camp 😞😞. At this writing, just one week later, we have a diagnosis. The shower cartridge was leaking internally due to a bad shut off valve, our hot water quick connect underneath the dinette was loose on the alde hot pipe, and drain valves underneath the rig leaked to a stuck shut off valve. We aren't sure at this point whether Airstream will fix it under warranty, but it's looking pretty good! **If you ever need to replace your shower cartridge, here's a great YouTube video on how to DIY.** I think even we could do this.

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