

President's Message

By *Lisa Feine*

Hello Friends!

Welcome to Springtime in Texas, where the weather is wild and the wildflowers are peaceful and beautiful. So far, this year is racing through at high speed. I have learned so much more about my leadership position in our Club. After a somewhat steep learning curve, I am feeling more settled and even more excited for the upcoming rallies and a caravan to Minot for International in August. Please be patient, we are getting flyers and JotForms up as soon as possible. We would be more efficient if I could recruit a few more volunteers for Hosting/Co-hosting rallies. I could also use Co-leaders and more assistance with the Club Caravan to Minot. Justin Hargadine has been a huge help with the Caravan, but he is also working a newish full-time job.

We have an upcoming annual Club Business Meeting scheduled during the May rally in San Antonio. Don't forget to call the Alamo KOA directly: (210) 224-9296 and tell them you are with the Greater Houston Airstream Club (May 14-17) to get our reduced rally site price. If no one volunteers to host, this will be a No-Host Rally where I will need a few teams to coordinate meals and/or tourist activities.

Prior to the May rally, you will receive emails with JotForm links for voting on new Leadership and rally related items such as an already approved proposal by the Executive Board on newly revised Policies to include an increase in Rally Fees to cover ever increasing food expenses for meals. The JotForm for the Rally Fee increase will open very soon, and will remain open for two weeks. Please use the link and cast your "Yes/No" vote!

We will also be voting by JotForm prior to the May Business Meeting for two new Trustees, next President and Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, and any other Leadership Position that may be vacated by those wishing to retire from their duties. (No! No one has yet made a request to retire, but a few may be thinking about it.)



If you are interested in serving our great Club, please speak to one of the members of our current Nominating Committee: Bruce Lee, Rick Elkins, or Eric McMurphy. If one or all of these fine gentlemen approach you, *do not run away!* Listen to what they have to say and seriously consider joining the Leadership of the Greater Houston Airstream Club. It is very rewarding to serve in this capacity.

Remember, we are dependent on volunteers for Leadership positions, Committees, Hosting, and generally keeping our Club running smoothly. That said, we also have open Committee Chair positions on the Caravan and Historical Committees.

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Region 9 Update - March 2026

By: Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, BRN 9713

Happy Spring, Region 9!

Spring has arrived, and the rally season is in full swing across our region! With warmer weather and longer days, it's the perfect time to hit the road, reconnect with friends, and make new memories in our Airstreams. The energy continues to build—our membership now stands strong at over 2,016 members, and we're thrilled to see our community thriving.

Leadership Highlights & Welcome

We extend a huge Region 9 congratulations to Millie O'Donnell (BRN 407), a proud member of the North Texas Airstream Club, on her election as the new President of Airstream Club International! Millie brings tremendous passion, experience, and dedication to the role, and we're incredibly excited for her and for the positive impact she'll have on our entire club. Region 9 is proud to have one of our own leading the way! We also warmly welcome Cody Klingler (BRN 3937) from the Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (Region 2) as our new Executive Council Member. His fresh perspective will be a great addition to the leadership team.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly—I'm here to support you and our vibrant Region 9 community. We're continuing with our secure official email: region09@airstreamclub.org.

Spring Rally Season Opportunities

March marks the kickoff to an exciting spring rally lineup—plenty of chances to gather, learn, create, and enjoy the Airstream lifestyle. Here's what's coming up:

Upcoming Rallies

✦ Wally Workshop

When: March 20-23, 2026 Where: NTAC-Hillsboro
Registration: Waitlist Only <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop-o>

✦ Region 9 Rally - Airstreams in Paradise

When: March 25-29, 2026 Where: Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX
We have a full house for this exciting event—our first-ever Region Rally at a luxurious resort! We're looking forward to beachside vibes, great fellowship, and making the most of this special location. If you're on the waitlist, keep an eye out for any cancellations. Early arrivals and post-rally stayovers may still be available at the special rally rate—check the rally page for details: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2026-rally>

✦ Stitchin' & Fishin'

When: April 16 - 21, 2026 Where: NTAC-Hillsboro
Registration: Wait List Only <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>

✦ Don't forget the upcoming 69th International Rally

When: August 22-27, 2026 Where: Minot, ND
Registration is open: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>

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I am not sure of the details for the Historical Committee, but the Caravan Chairperson is NOT required to create any Club Caravans. We need someone who has been on many caravans and is familiar with the ins and outs to serve as a "Sounding Board" and answer questions for those, like myself and Justin, who are working on an upcoming caravan.

I'm sure there is something I have forgotten to include in this message, but that's what email is for. Please read the emails and newsletters to keep up with all Club happenings. Attend as many rallies as possible.

Let's Go Camping with hosts Jim & Liesa Glover and co-hosts Tom & Virginia Taroni, at the Brackenridge Recreation Center in Edna TX on April 16-19. [GHAC April 2026 Rally | ACI](#).

Lisa

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Streamin' on the Strand - February 5 - 8th, 2026 at Mardi Gras! Galveston Laissez les bons temps rouler!

The 4th Annual **Streamin' on the Strand** National Event Rally brought full Mardi Gras magic to the historic Galveston Entertainment District. Hosted by **Region 9**, the rally featured 40 Airstreams lining Mechanic Street under stunning sunny skies.

The weekend was packed with style: attendees marched in the Funky Uptown Umbrella Brigade as the "Silver Bullet Twirlers," hosted a spirited Airstream decorating contest, and enjoyed a private balcony view of Da Krewe du Roux's Gumbeaux Gras Parade. Between the parades, guests fueled up with a pizza, King Cake and mimosas, a bourbon tasting, and classic Cajun red beans and rice in the private Airstreamers-only Hospitality Tent.

It was undoubtedly a national rally, welcoming nine rigs from outside the Region! Representing Greater Houston were Amanda & Jay Bubela, Chase Caldwell & Devon Wilson, Rob & Jody Cerisano, hosts Rick & Tracy Elkins, photographer Ed Ferrin, Bruce Lee, Raj & Narmin Ramial, and Burney & Keely Wood.

This is truly a Rally for the bucket list! If you're ready to experience it for yourself, watch for registration to open in the Fall of 2026 for the 5th Annual Streamin' on the Strand in 2027.

We're also still seeking enthusiastic members to step up as candidates for the ****2nd Vice President**** role (2027-2028 term). If you're interested in helping guide Region 9 forward, please contact Nancy Fitzgerald at nefitzge6@gmail.com.

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

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Region 9 President
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WCCI Streamin' on the Strand Mardi Gras! Galveston Rally. Photo Credit: Ed Ferrin

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. 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>***

For the Record...



February Rally

Tom & Caren Bundy
John & Deborah Davis
James & Lisa Feine
Jerry & Carol Goodwin
Mitch & Mary Guinn
(Co-Hosts)
Gene Guthrie
Bruce Lee
Ken & Lia Laney
Lisa Laney & Nando Lopez
Dan & Maria McAnulty
(Hosts)
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Chris & Traci Reyes
Wayne Wilkerson

March Rally

Clay & Jenny Brown
Tom & Caren Bundy
(Co-Hosts)
Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Richard & Sharon Cull
John & Deborah Davis
(Co-Hosts)
Spencer & Stefanie
Estabrook*
(Members at Large)
Rick & Tracy Elkins
James & Lisa Feine
Paul & Sabra Francis
Jerry Goodwin
(Co-Host Support)
Mitch & Mary Guinn
Ken Laney

Mark & Rose Leone*
(visiting from Minnesota)
Eric & Holly McMurphy
Dean & Gail Murphy*
(First GHAC rally)
Tom & Susan Raia
Davis & Meghan Salazar*
(First GHAC rally)
Danny & Sharon Scamardo
Daniel Schwarz
Terry & Corie Taylor*
(Heart of Texas)
William Weibel & Teena
Reese



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 | <u>Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer</u> | 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 & 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 | <u>Contact Tracy Elkins to volunteer</u> | TBD |
| Sep 17-20 GHAC Rally | Stephen F. Austin State Park -San Felipe | <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 |

February Rally Report

By Dan McNulty

*Western Themed at the Crazy Horse Saloon, Salmon Lake RV Park, in Grapeland, TX
Feb. 19-22, 2026 Hosted by Dan & Maria McNulty, Co-hosted by Mitch & Mary Guinn*

This was an exciting Rally because it was our first official Greater Houston Airstream Club Rally under our 2026 President Lisa Feine and First Husband Jim Feine! Lisa did a good job of scouting Rally sites for us and Salmon Lake was a great starter site. The park was established in 1960 when Floyd Salmon acquired 50 acres of land and built a lake for his cattle. Eventually, he moved old houses and farming equipment onto the land making it resemble an old western town. Today, it has over 500 camping sites, 25 cabins, and multiple reunion and event halls. It also hosts the Annual Bluegrass Music Festival.



Our rally was held in the Crazy Horse Saloon, which backs up to and over Salmon Lake making for lovely views. The saloon has six large dining tables that seat about 40 people and has a large kitchen with fridge and stove to prepare meals.

The hosts as well as Lisa and Jim arrived **Wednesday** afternoon to prepare for the rally. Lisa and Jim have an enclosed trailer that transports all the club rally supplies and equipment which she pulls with her BMW SUV while Jim tows their trailer! This sure makes the hosts and co-host job easier.



The ladies decorated the tables with a Western motif, red plastic tablecloths, bandanas, succulent plants and stick horses.

Immediate Past-President and 1st Lady (Eric and Holly McMurphy) arrived **Thursday** towing their completely remodeled and polished 1972 Airstream pulled by Eric's spotless (of course) 2016 F-150. Eric is still celebrating his recent retirement, and the trailer becomes Holly's mobile office where she worked online thanks to Starlink! Bruce Lee and



Wayne Wilkerson also arrived and got set up as we visited and caught up. Soon, Jerry and Carol Goodwin, Chris and Tracy Reyes arrived.

We all went into Palestine and met for dinner at Hambone's Cajun Restaurant.



February Rally Report continued...

On **Friday** morning coffee was served at 8:00 am. Folks drifted in and enjoyed the morning sunlight and cool weather planning the day, walking around the lake and property. We met David Powers who is the current owner of Salmon Lake Park who was making sure all electrical and plumbing was working. He had 4 of his 7 sons helping him. He also has three daughters rounding out his family of ten (10) children that operate the park.

We gathered for Happy Hour at 5:00 PM in the Crazy Horse Saloon where Maria McNulty and Mary Guinn had set up a delicious Charcuterie board in the dining room consisting of a variety of cheeses, sausage, olives, pickles, pepperoni, dips and crackers. We had 5-6 grills set up under a cover outside, where everyone grilled their meats then ate inside the Crazy Horse Saloon.

We had plenty of sides to share. After our meal, we gathered around a campfire and roasted marshmallows and made s'mores until it got late and everyone headed to our trailers for the night.



Saturday morning coffee was ready at 7:00 am when Mitch and Mary Guinn arrived for Pancake and Sausage cooking duty. Lia Laney commandeered the plain pancake griddle while Mitch cooked blueberry pancakes and Mary watched over the pan sausage. Everyone helped themselves to piles of pancakes, sausage and fruit. After breakfast, folks explored the park while others went to Palestine or Crockett to antique shops and sites like the 1914 Redlands Hotel.

Saturday Happy Hour was at 5:00pm in the Crazy Horse Saloon while a dinner was cooking in the oven. Lasagna dinner was served about 6:30 with salad and hot garlic bread. Iced cupcakes made by Mary and Maria were served for dessert.

After dinner, Lisa Feine conducted a drawing for RWB prizes on the display table. Then it was time to have Mitch Guinn perform some George Jones and Vince Gill hit songs with Dan accompanying him on guitar. Mitch has a great voice and was enjoyed by all.



Sunday morning, we all gathered for fresh donuts, leftover pancakes and sausage and hot coffee. After breakfast, Mitch sang Amazing Grace with Dan's guitar and then blessed us with a devotional before we cleaned up the Saloon and packed away all the gear until the next rally. Thanks to Jerry Goodwin for helping with that. Thanks to Lisa and Jim for choosing a great rally site in beautiful East Texas!



March Rally Report

By Lisa Feine

*McKinney Falls State Park (Explore Austin)
March 5-8, 2026 Hosted by Lisa & Jim Feine, Co-hosted by Tom & Caren Bundy*

... we had so much fun and the weather mostly cooperated!

Our March Rally was a long time in planning as I had to start the process of securing the Group Hall on March 5, 2025, then recruit a team of volunteers to reserve blocks of 5 sites each, provide information to co-host, Tom Bundy, to assign the sites and create a spreadsheet for the Park Rangers. Caren Bundy and I worked on meal plans and completed the food shopping. We both bought too much food, but the excess went home to attendees who showed up for breakfast and devotional on Sunday morning.

Most of us arrived on **Thursday** and we created quite the back-up line at the park entrance. Luckily, I had emailed our site spreadsheet the day before and when I went in and answered a few questions, everything appeared to be running smoothly. The GHAC rally supplies were unloaded, tables and chairs were set up, and Thursday evening's dinner was a "grill your own meat and bring a side to share" with cookies for dessert. Thanks to everyone who brought a grill or a Blackstone!

At this time, I need to make a special announcement about great GHAC members who willingly pitch in to help on short notice. Tom & Caren Bundy arrived to discover that they had no AC in their rig! They made the decision to stay overnight, then leave Friday morning to get their Airstream in for service. **John and Deborah Davis** jumped in as co-hosts! **Jerry Goodwin** also stepped in as co-host support and was a great help throughout the weekend! Jerry and Deborah kept the coffee pots full and ready to serve early each morning. This allowed Lisa to get enough sleep to remain mostly coherent throughout the days. At least until dinner was served.



Resident experts having fun!



Confidence building exterior rivet workshop by resident experts



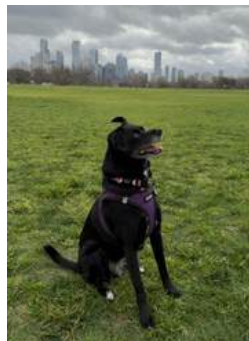
Ok so I'm not a professional photographer...z

On **Friday** evening we enjoyed a dinner of burgers and fixings with Oreo themed desserts in honor of National Oreo Day. After dinner, a small group of us enjoyed a Texas Trivia Game created by Caren Bundy. All who participated got extra Oreo treats and/or candy. Experts included Jerry Goodwin and Danny Scamardo, both Aggies!



After dinner on Friday, I had the honor of welcoming First-time Rally Attendees: **Dean and Gail Murphy and David** and **Meghan Salazar**. They received GHAC lapel pins and a rig decal. I was also able to finally “gift” the pins and decal to **Danny and Sharon Scamardo** who were “Guests” in December and joined during that rally because they found GHAC to be a perfect fit. We also welcomed visitors: **Terry and Corie Taylor** from Heart of Texas, **Mark and Rose Leone** from Minnesota, as well as Members at Large, **Spencer and Stefanie (Nina) Estabrook**. Most of us were tired from the drive and set-up, so we were done in the Group Hall by 9:00 pm. The park was peaceful and I slept very well. I hope everyone else also had a great night.

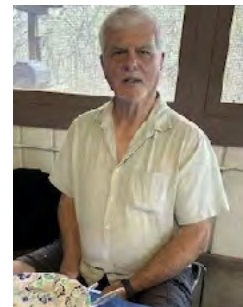
Most of us went out to run errands and explore the Austin area on Friday and on Saturday. Based on our WhatsApp chat and shared photos, some highlights were: Gour dough’s (Big, Fat, Donuts) from an Airstream food truck, hikes in the park to view the upper and lower waterfalls, bluebonnets and other spring blossoms, Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History, Zilker Park, baby chicks at Tractor Supply, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Pinthouse Brewery, other restaurants and shops, mural hunting, and a troll! ([Find the Trolls!](#))



Turns out, Spencer Estabrook is a Professional Chef! He jumped in to help prepare **Saturday's** breakfast tacos.



The skies finally opened with pouring rain on **Saturday** afternoon. We were lucky, as the worst weather was north of our location. With a temperature drop of 20+ degrees, Saturday's dinner of Italian Chicken soup with salad was the perfect choice! For dessert, we had Ice cream sandwiches or leftovers from previous evenings. After dinner, we held the Team Red, White, and Blue Raffle. During this rally, we brought in another \$220 for our favorite Club charity.





Those teams know their Texas history! And much to Corie's dismay, the answer was never The Alamo 😊.

Sunday morning dawned cool and clear. After a Continental Breakfast of muffins, breakfast breads, fruit, and yogurt, we quickly cleared and cleaned the Group Hall. A lot of food was given away to members in attendance.

Deborah Davis gave an inspiring Devotional and Mitch Guinn gave a special blessing. A lot of food was given away to members in attendance. Again, everyone present pitched in to clear the Group Hall and help load the Feine's utility trailer with the GHAC Rally Supply Bins.

Greater Houston Airstream Club April Rally

It's Fun & Games at Lake Texana!

When: April 17-19, 2026

Where: Brackenridge Park and Campground, 891 Brackenridge Parkway, Edna, TX 77957

How to register: Follow the GHAC Texas 2-step...

- 1) Call the park at 361-782-5456 to pick your site and pay campground fees. The club has reserved all of the pull-through sites closest to the rally room and a few small back-in sites nearby. All sites are gravel and (somewhat) level ☺. Campsite cost is \$45/night.
- 2) Complete the rally registration form on [JotForm](#) via the [GHAC web page](#). Rally fee is \$15/person.

Hosts: Jim and Anneliese Glover, 979-709-8184 (first time hosts - (please) cut us some slack!)

Co-Hosts: Tom and Virginia Taroni, 979-297-5563 (veteran experts)

Rally Schedule

All gatherings will be at the Marina Building

Thursday (Early Birds): 5PM Happy Hour (bring your beverage and a snack). Dinner on your own.

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|--|---|
| 7:30 AM Coffee Only (Breakfast and lunch on your own) | 7:00 AM Early Coffee | 8:00 AM Coffee, Donuts, and Fruit provided by the hosts |
| 5:00 PM Happy Hour - Hors d'oeuvres by the hosts - Bring your favorite beverage | 8:00 AM Breakfast provided by the hosts | 9:00 AM Devotional, Cleanup and Departure. |
| 6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner - Bring your own meat to grill - Rigs over 26ft bring a side dish or dessert to share | 10:00 AM Service Project at Texana Park (trail maintenance, bring gloves & loppers) | |
| 7:00-9:00 Board Game Night: Come try some board games - new ones and old favorites in the rally room. | Lunch on your own. Explore Ganado, Edna, or Port Lavaca. | |
| | 5:00 PM Happy Hour - Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share | |
| | 6:00 PM Dinner - Main dish provided by the hosts - Rigs under 26ft bring a side dish or dessert to share | |
| | 7:00-9:00 PM Fun & Games (continued) | |

Brackenridge Park
Click below for

MORE INFO

SIGN UP!

GIRL GANG GETAWAY

No Bros, Just Throws (and pillows, too)
April 24-26, 2026



Ladies - are you hankering for some girl time? Then join us for our Girl Gang Getaway Pop-up Rally. Don't pull your camper? No problem! Have your guy bring your camper to the campground, set it up for you and you'll be all set to enjoy time with the girls.

There is plenty to do in Brenham - shopping, museums, wineries, etc.

No JotForm to fill out and no rally fee. Just call the campground and make your reservation (be sure to tell them you want to park near Holly McMurphy - & ask for our group's **10% discount**) and then send Holly an email to hollymc01@gmail.com to let her know you're coming.



The Hill Top at Brenham

3170 N. Park St, Brenham, TX 77833

979-269-7505



Thursday - If you come in on Thursday, we'll pick a cute place to dine in town :)

Friday Sip & Social - 5pm

Bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. (Dinner on your own)

Saturday Forks & Friends Potluck - 6pm

Bring a main dish, side or dessert to share and your beverage of choice.



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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
**with assistance from current Club president*
- 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!



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

Feb-Mar Membership Update

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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!

Gene & Beverly Henricks join us from Magnolia with their 2002 Classic (BRN 1700)

Micky & Amy Williams join us from Katy with their 2023 Flying Cloud (BRN 20788)

Bruce & Bridgett Leslie join us from New Waverly with their 2024 33' Classic FB (BRN 1566)

Abraham Massuttier & Lynda Rincon join us from Houston with their 2025 Interno (BRN 27040)

Michael & Cary Iverson join us from Lufkin with their 2021 Classic (BRN 8621)

Darren & Delores Woods join us from Missouri City with their 2023 Globetrotter (BRN 2213)



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.

The Sunshine Corner

By Carol Goodwin



Irish Toast

*There are good ships. And there are wood ships, The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships are Friendships and may They always be.*

-BoboBlissArt.com

MEMBER CONCERNS

Vaughnette Stogdill (2004 GHAC President) passed away on February 3rd. According to her husband, Bob, there will be no service. Donations can be made in Vaughnette's memory to Chappell Hill Methodist Church in Chappell Hill, Texas. Please keep Bob in your prayers.

New member, William "Bill" Rathbun, succumbed to cancer recently. He and his wife, Christine, joined in March 2025 and were planning to attend our Region 9 Rally later this month. Although they have travelled extensively, they had yet to attend a GHAC rally. Please keep this couple in your prayers.

GHAC member, Gina Hargraves, recently had knee surgery. She had a rough start in her recovery with pain, but she is starting to get around a little better. She says that it's just taking a while unfortunately. We wish her smooth sailing from here on out! Additionally, her daughter just gave birth to her fifth grandchild giving her a great reason to celebrate! We wish her many years ahead to enjoy her beautiful grandchildren!

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.

March Birthdays

- 12 Ines Baptista
- 13 Jerry Lyddon
- 13 Kay Neichoy
- 14 Dell Jones
- 17 Gary Alley
- 21 Jerry Goodwin
- 22 Joe Romero
- 24 Ron Bernucho
- 27 Jerry Adams
- 27 Jim Glover
- 28 Paul Evens
- 31 Vernon Goodwin

March Anniversaries

- 06 Rick & Jennifer Cary
- 10 Doug & Julie Hogenmiller
- 12 Jason & Sherry Goodwin
- 13 Kelly & Gina Hargraves
- 17 Tom & Caren Bundy
- 16 Bruce & Bridgett Leslie
- 19 James & Lisa Feine
- 21 Bill & Sofia Smythe
- 22 Michael & Judy Shelley
- 23 Gary & Pamela Alley
- 28 Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett

April Birthdays

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| 03 Charles O'Donnell | 22 Bob Jones |
| 04 Joanne Miller | 22 Johnda Pugh |
| 05 Jenny Brown | 22 Brenda Taylor |
| 08 Susan Meeks | 23 Suzan Bernucho |
| 09 Jerry Calvert | 24 Carla Ricks |
| 12 Bridgett Leslie | 27 James Feine |
| 13 Bob Supina | 28 Chase Caldwell |
| 18 Rick Cary | 28 Lee Howell |
| 21 John Davis | 30 Matt Taylor |

April Anniversaries

- 07 Dale & Kathy Spillman
- 13 Dan & Rose Nugteren
- 25 David & Louise Parry
- 29 Tim & Ally Ebbers

NOTE: Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact [Tracy Elkins](mailto:TracyElkins@comcast.net) at 281-725-1672 and we'll get you next time!

**HAPPY TRAILS!!
SAFE TRAVELS!!**



These Tools Are Your Best Friends



As we have all experienced, almost everything in our home-on-wheels, seem to constantly loosen up. It is amazing how road vibration can unscrew things (or screw things up)! That's why screw drivers are your best friends!

Every so often, it is wise to set aside just 10 minutes to go through your rig and tighten every screw you can find. Don't forget to check those that aren't immediately visible, as they can loosen up just as easily. There is no need to over-tighten—simply snug each screw to ensure it's secure. This straightforward habit can help you avoid more significant problems and frustrations down the road.

Doors and Drawers



This is a great place to start! Just using them can cause them to loosen up; however, I have been amazed how many door/drawer screws come loose "on their own". Cabinet doors, shower doors, screen doors, bathroom doors, kitchen drawers. Also, if you have a drawer that weebles and wobbles or just doesn't seem to close properly, it is probably due to some loose screws. You'll need to remove the drawer to find them.

So, what about the main door?

Well, that is held in place with bolts and nuts and can be tightened as well. However, tightening these are a little more involved, requires extra care and should be done with other door adjustment to ensure a smooth and tight fit. If you feel your door needs tightening/adjusting, I'm happy to help.

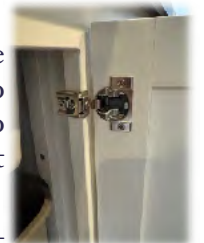


Cabinets



Those overpacked cabinets hanging down from the ceiling and onto the walls are held in place with screws. So, you certainly don't want them to loosen up as they are bouncing down the highway. You really want to make sure these are snugged up and if you find some that just won't tighten, then you'll need to replace it with a slightly larger one.

And don't forget the hinges on the cabinet doors. You may just find that snugging them up solves your frustration with them popping open or not closing.



Walls



All of the interior walls are held in place with screws. They can be found holding walls to one another, holding the walls to the ceiling and holding the walls to the floor. You'd be amazed at how much flexing these walls go through as you are moving, turning and leveling. So, snug them up!



Trim



Ever walk into your Airstream after a long drive day and find a trim piece, light or vent laying on floor? Well guess what? Loose screws are usually the culprit. There is trim everywhere and the screws are begging to be tightened. The trim around your microwave actually holds it in place as well.



Exterior



Although it seems that the outside of your Airstream is full of rivets, you'd be surprised how many screws are out there as well. Water inlets, electrical outlets, door holders, trim, shore power receptacle, black tank flush inlet, vents and reflectors all depend on tight screws to both keep them in place AND keep water out of your Airstream.



So, what can you do if you find screws that always loosen up or are stripped out?

Well, if they are going into metal, you can use thread locker. **CAUTION:** Make sure it is the *blue* version which is *removeable*. There is a *red* version which is permanent.

If the screw is going into wood, you can find many hacks on YouTube. However, one of my favorite approaches uses toothpicks. Check this out: [Toothpick hack](#).



So, go ahead, grab a cup of coffee and your favorite set of screw drivers and tighten away. You'll be glad you did; especially when nothing is laying on the floor when you arrive at your next destination!

-- Tom Raia

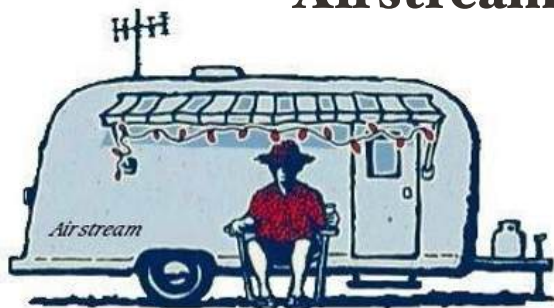
A Word From Bob Jones

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Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!



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"I am trying to build here a place where people can live in pleasant surroundings."

MILTON HERSHEY, "HERSHEY-THE FRIEND OF ORPHAN BOYS," SUCCESS MAGAZINE, OCTOBER 1911

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- ❖ Airstream Club International (WBCCI / ACI)
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EDITOR'S LETTER



Smoky Mt National Park

Hello Friends! Welcome to Spring! At this writing we are in Hershey Pennsylvania, where Tim had a work site, we did a bit of site seeing, and ate a bunch of chocolate.

Since our last newsletter, Tim and I have been quite busy moving in to our new house, making it a home, assembling furniture, building a mudroom, tending to bruises, and watching some gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. It has also been “fun” seeing the development progress around us. As the first ones in, we have watched workers build fences that a tank could not breach, re-route sprinklers because of said fences, build culverts only to tear them up and rebuild them, pour slabs and start on new homes, etc. At least two other families have already joined our little community.

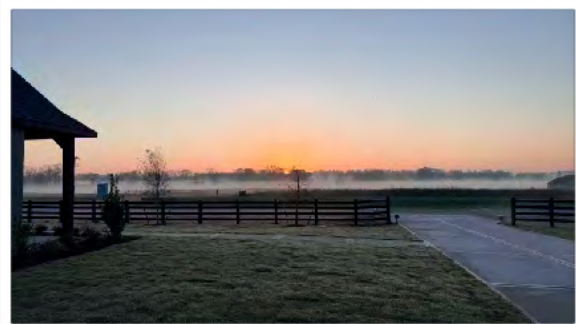
We are currently looking for a company to build a barn on our property, where we will house our Classy Girl and store lawn equipment. It never ceases to surprise us how unresponsive construction companies can be! If you know of anyone who can pour concrete, build an inexpensive, fully-enclosed garage with room for an Airstream and some tools, *and* wants the work, we would love to hear those recommendations!

In other news, and in case you were wondering, we typically send out a Coyote Tales newsletter within 1-2 weeks after a GHAC rally has ended. We didn't have a newsletter in February due to two rallies being so close together, so you will find reports for both of those in this edition. If you ever have a question about the Newsletter process, please feel free to reach out to me at my email listed below. Or, simply give me a call! We have missed the last few rallies due to moving, work-related travel, *and* our Classy Girl being in the shop. Hopefully we will see each other at another rally in the very near future!

Wishing You Smooth ‘Streaming on the Journey Ahead,

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"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"
~Robin Williams



P.S. Find an error or incorrect information? Please email me (*gently*) and I will include a correction in the next edition of Coyote Tales. Thank you for your support!