

DECEMBER 2012

TEXAS HIGHLAND LAKES UNIT

Take Me Back



MERRY CHRISTMAS A NEW BEGINNING – “Take Me Back”



Saturday, November 10, 2012, Texas Highland Lakes Unit swore in new President, **Jimmy Mooney**, at the Chocolate Cake (Installation) Rally in Kerrville, TX. Jimmy ushered in THLU's 32nd year with the theme of “Take Me Back” in hopes of bringing back memories and rejuvenating our love of Airstreams, camping, caravanning and especially our Unit, Texas Highland Lakes Unit.

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Save the Date!

Unit Luncheon

December 4

Luby's

5200 Brodie Lane

Austin, TX

A Country Christmas

December 6-9

Peach Country RV

Stonewall, TX

Unit Luncheon

January 8

Luby's

13817 US Hwy

183 N, Austin, TX



“I am dedicating my year as President to the memory of Gayland Stephens.” Jimmy Mooney

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We were honored to have THLU member and former International WBCCI President, **Jim Haddaway**, conduct the swearing-in ceremonies of all the new officers. (2013 Officers and Chairmen are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.)

Jimmy stated that in the less than six years we have been members of Texas Highland Lakes Unit that the members have become our very best and dearest friends. And it all began with the friendship and invitation of Gayland Stephens. Gayland died a little over a year ago but he was instrumental in recruiting a number of our members.

While he was alive he had been an outstanding

Ambassador for Airstream - Vintage Airstreams in particular. Gayland Stephens was the epitome of what all Airstreamers should be in caring and sharing for their fellow Club Members. Jimmy closed his acceptance speech with his thanks to everyone who has led before him and those who continue to work so diligently to keep THLU Number One. And in closing, he promised to lead Texas Highland Lakes Unit and dedicate his efforts as President in 2013 to the memory of Gayland Stephens.

By: Marque Mooney

Christmas Cards

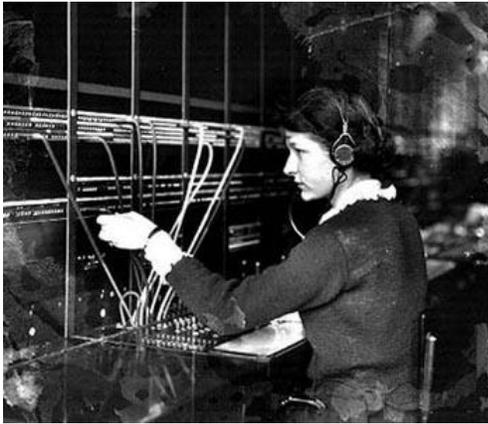
A Texas Highland Lakes Unit Tradition to exchange Christmas Cards during the Rally

Christmas Cards will be exchanged next week at the “A Country Christmas” Rally in Stonewall. An email with all the names of the attendees will be sent out to everyone who has signed up for the Rally. A gift sack will be provided for everyone there to deposit their cards.



Party Line

Party Line *n.* 1. a single telephone circuit connecting two or more subscribers with the exchange.
 2. an avenue for Texas Highland Lakes Unit to stay connected with each other
 (with contributions by Kathryn Fischer, Jean Beebe and Marque Mooney)



Neva and Lyman Bone joined THLU last year after attending the Vintage Rally. At the time they joined we knew that Lyman was a multiple-time cancer survivor and that Neva had just had some tests that “looked suspicious.” The suspicious tests turned out to be a yearlong battle Neva has fought against colon cancer. She has just recently been released to take their Airstream to Florida to meet and relax with relatives. When they renewed their membership this year they promised to try and make some THLU events this coming year after having to miss all of this last year. Neva had a follow-up appointment a few days ago and tests “show something happening or changing.” They have gone on to Alabama to spend the holidays with her family but will have to re-turn in mid-December to be re-scanned.



Gene Blanchard's 63-year-old brother, Guy, died on October 18, 2012. This

Lynn Walker had her first knee replaced back in August and is scheduled to have the second one replaced on December 5. She and **Billy** were at the Installation Rally and she seems to be getting around very good. She received a lot of sentiments from former fellow knee replacement patients **Jim Whitworth** and **Jean Beebe**.

Jean Beebe received the following note along with their dues for another year from Cathy & Byron Wright:

*We've had a great summer. Finally did a caravan – Springtime in Kentucky. Met our goal of sleeping in our Airstream in 49 states (and most provinces) within 2 years on road. Went to Sarasota Rally in February, Alumalera in Charlotte, NC in March, Alumapalooza in May, after touring Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba & Saskatchewan. Met up with Nebraska/DenCo Rolling Rally in Cheyenne and went with them to Antelope Rally. Great turnout. Just finished there and am in Rocky Mountain National Park on way to Four Corners Balloon Fiesta and then Region 11 Rally in Cortez in October. Don't know when we'll be back in Texas. Ironic – we've done Rallies with SC, FL, Neb, Denver and will do with 4 Corners, CA (Rose Bowl) but still not with our own Unit! See you down the road.
 Cathy Wright*

Received this in an email from Pat and Doug Thomas:

*Doug & I are both well & have enjoyed a couple of get aways in our home away from home. We are both working but it's my job that is putting a wrench in joining the club on Rallies. My job changed from Monday-Friday to having to work every other weekend. Unfortunate for us, a lot of the events have hit on a work weekend. We are hoping to make the Christmas Rally but still working to get that weekend free. Once our daughter finishes college (18) months, I will be able to retire & have more travel time. Doug can work from anywhere. We have missed everyone this year. Don't give up on us! We'll be looking forward to the time we can be more active participants. Please feel free to share with the club!
 Thx, Pat & Doug*



Benjamin Gartman, 22 year old grandson of **C.C. and Carla Gartman** died on October 28, 2012 following an automobile accident.

Jim Haddox lost his younger brother, Mike, on November 5th to a heart attack. Jim and Paula have also been hit doubly hard this year too because Jim just lost his Dad in January.

Joint Rally at Rusk

Fun with celebrity Mystery Guest, Wine Tasting with Miranda Lambert Wines, Dancing, New Members, and so much more!

Kay Baby Epperson

We had the distinct honor of having a "Mystery Guest" join us for a catered Italian Dinner one night. Kay Baby Epperson recently appeared in the movie "Bernie" but this night she was being remembered as being the one who cut the hair of Elvis Presley and his band.

Miranda Lambert Wines

THLU member and Country Music Female Entertainer of the Year (again), **Miranda Lambert**, furnished the delicious wines for a Wine Tasting one night. Thank you, Miranda!

Community Service project for November was providing Christmas ornaments for a Christmas tree in a nursing home in Kerrville.

New Members

THLU welcomed new members, **Diane and Robert Richards** of Waxahachie and **Rick and Debbie Trimble** of Plano at the Rusk Rally.

Several enjoyed tours of the Cherokee Trace Drive-Thru Safari and the Military Museum.

A BIG THANKS to hosts **Myron & Kathryn Fischer**, assisted by **Johnny & Erlene Shelly** and **Willard & Linda Fischer**.

Dancing

Ron Shepard entertained folks with some wonderful music one night. There were a bunch of dancers out on the floor and lots of toe tapping going on.

Devotionals were led Sunday morning by **Marilyn McClanahan** and **Erlene Shelly**.

Everyone enjoyed **Fred Hazen's** "War in the Deep South" presentation. Thank you, Fred.





FALL IN THE OZARKS a 13 day, fun-filled adventure

What a fun time we had on our 13-day tour of the Ozarks last month in the Texas Highland Lakes Unit's Fall in the Ozarks Caravan, #403. It took the help, cooperation and contributions of everyone to make it such a success. Though we started out with 24 of us (12 rigs), before too long we lost **Terry Clopper** and **Gayle Shonley** to electrical problems on their vintage Airstream. We were sorry to lose Terry and Gayle but we were thankful that they were able to make it home to Texas and get necessary repairs done before returning to their home in Maine.

We saw a huge variety of scenic, entertaining and educational sites along the way. **Pati Mayton** described the colorful vistas the best when she said it felt like we were, "driving through a

postcard."

There is nothing compared to a Unit Caravan to bring a Unit's members closer together. Hats off to **Jimmy Mooney** for leading this successful and memorable first Caravan. The Caravan didn't go without its hiccups but all-in-all everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Unfortunately, due to the pending move of Harvey and Gail Craig to New Mexico, we will not be having a Caravan in 2013 as was originally planned.



KOA Care Camps

THLU Community Service Project benefits
Children with Cancer

Our Community Service Project for the month of October was to benefit KOA's Care Camps. Care Camps are provided to allow children with cancer enjoy care-free time focusing on fun, friends and activities at sleep-away camp instead of their illness. Walter Preamble, Rusk KOA owner, donated a very nice set of walkie-talkies to be raffled off. The winners were brand new members, Rick and Debbie Trimble. Over \$300 was donated to the KOA Care Camps by THLU and the Texas Hill Country Units.



Directory Updates — BY JEAN BEEBE

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 Anniversary: 3/25
 Airstream: 1991 Diamond Anniversary Classic 34'
 Joined: October 2012

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 Birthdays: 9/27 5/28
 Anniversary: 10/9
 Airstream: 2012 Flying Cloud 25 FB'
 Joined: October 2012
 Courtesy Parking

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 Anniversary: 8/8
 Airstream: 2002 Classic 30'
 Joined: October 2012

Findlay, Clyde II & Jennifer, WBCCI #: 1663
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 Anniversary: 6/1
 Airstream: 2010 Flying Cloud 28'
 Joined: November 2012

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 Airstream: 2010 Flying Cloud 23'
 Joined: November 2012

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 Airstream: '
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Fleming, Windy and Shirley
 Add courtesy parking



Jean says we now have 119 members and that she will be sending out updates next week.