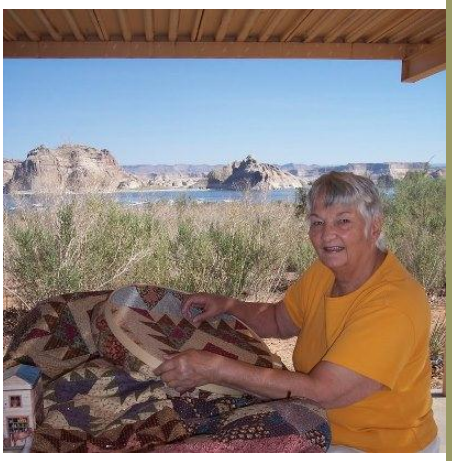
Texas Highland Lakes Unit

Airstreaming … The Sweet Life



Reminder: Pay your WBCCI dues now if you haven't already done so. Regular members have had their Unit dues paid for 2013.

Things Coming Up!

Sept	S'Mores Camp-Out At Inks Lake Sept 28-Oct 1 No Agenda get-together!
Oct	"South" Unit Luncheon at 12:45 pm at the Bluebonnet Café in Marble Falls Oct 2
Oct	Joint Rally with the Heart of Texas Unit at the Rusk KOA Oct-18-21 More info on page 3
Oct	Fall in the Ozarks Unit Rally U-403 Oct-21-Nov 2 All spots filled
Nov	Chocolate Cake Rally Nov 8-11 Guadalupe River RV in Kerrville

S'Mores Camp-out

Though Inks Lake State Park is completely filled for next weekend we hope those of you who didn't get a spot will come out and join us for our nightly Potluck Suppers!

Last of the Summer Vacations

By: Marque Mooney, THLU President

Some of our THLU members are finishing up with their late or extended summer vacations in their Airstreams and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of their exciting travels with you.

Mike Lovell and **Colin Melton** just completed a 17 day tour of lots of beautiful sights along their trek to Washington D.C. and back. That's Colin's trailer above parked along the Blue Ridge Parkway and the picture on the left is of Graceland in Tennessee. They also went to the Crystal Bridges American Art Museum in Arkansas and the Biltmore in North Carolina. While they were in Washington D.C. they were honored to get to attend the memorial service for Neil Armstrong, first person to walk on the moon, at the National Cathedral.

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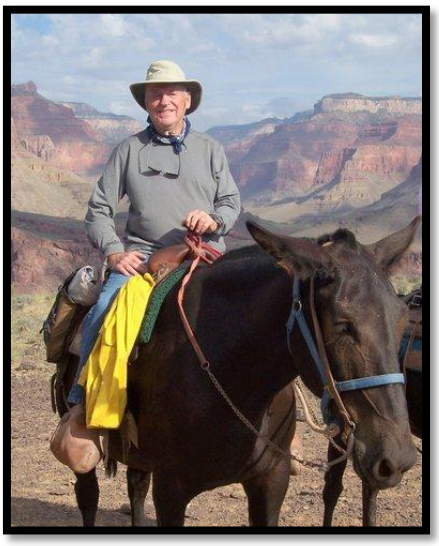
Anxious for all of our THLU family to get home and share their adventures with us!

Fred Hazen takes Grand Canyon Mule Trip

Fred and Judy Hazen took a late summer trip to Grand Canyon where Fred rode a mule, named "Mona," on a two-day trip to the bottom of the canyon. Fred, in a blue shirt is rider number 5 in the picture above, and that's him on "Mona" in the picture to the right. Judy stayed "top-side" and quilted while Fred was gone. That's her picture on page one.

Carol and Eldridge Eason left last week for a trip to Colorado.

Cinda and Stanley Brooks have completed their four month, 14,000 mile, 23 state vacation and are now home. **Jim and B Bailey** are headed to Texas and should be here in time for the Rally at Rusk. **John and Kay Irwin** have just returned from an Alaskan cruise celebrating his 80th Birthday while **Dale and Barbara Burger** are just now leaving on their Alaskan cruise in celebration of their upcoming 50th Anniversary.



A few more Airstreams with names

Harvey and Gail Craig's trailer is named, "Jackie's Wagon" in honor of their Jack Russell, Jackie.

Jim and Paula Haddox own three Airstreams but only one of them has been named. The '57 Caravanner is named "Raven," in honor of her Alaskan heritage.

Janet and Jim Latham's Airstream is called Twilight Bungalow 2 (TB2). TB1 was a SOB that fell apart one trip while going over eastern CO roads including dumping the pancake syrup all over everything!

JOINT RALLY/THLU/THCU – October 18-21, 2012

KOA, 745 FM 343E – Rusk, TX 75785
903/683-6641

Hosts: Richard & Janet Turner, Myron & Kathryn Fischer (THLU) and Joe Long & Gayle Ketchum (THCU)

The KOA Park asked us to advise you that sometime using your GPS leads you to a wrong location.

Wednesday, October 17	**Hosts arrive and other early parkers welcome but let us know ahead of time.**
Thursday, October 18	**Parking after noon only** **4:30 P.M. – Happy Hour** **6:00 P.M. – Dinner – Sloppy Joes, chips, coleslaw, dessert prepared by THLU Hosts** **7:00 P.M. – Fred Hazen Presentation "War in the Deep South" and Announcements**
Friday, October 19	**7:30 A.M. – Coffee's ready** **8:00 A.M. – Breakfast – Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice & Coffee** **9:00 A.M. – Leave for Cherokee Trace Drive thru Safari (your own expense)** **11:30 A.M. – Lunch on your own** **1:00 P.M. – Military Museum Tour – optional and at your own expense** **4:30 P.M. – Wine Tasting** **6:00 P.M. – Pot Luck Dinner – "Anything Goes" – entrees, sides, salads, desserts** **7:00 P.M. – Entertainment – Ron Shepard (Country Music) – compliments of KOA**
Saturday, October 20	**8:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. – Breakfast available at KOA Clubhouse by their staff – your cost** **9:00 A.M. – Pay Treasurer for Rally** **10:00 A.M. – THLU Business Meeting** **Saturday options will be available at the Rally, i.e. Zip Line, Basket Mfg.** **5:15 P.M. – Driver's Meeting for those going on the Fall in the Ozarks Caravan** **6:00 P.M. – Special Dinner in KOA Club House with Mystery Guest in attendance, dessert will be prepared by the THCU hosts**
Sunday, October 21	**8:30 A.M. – Devotional** **9:30 A.M. – Caravan departs**

Note: Bring your own setups to all meals except for Saturday night. Send coupon to Myron Fischer so that an accurate count can be made for parking and catered meal no later than October 10, 2012.

Myron and Kathryn Fischer
16731 Rocky Ridge Road
Austin, TX 78734-1013
Fisch963@earthlink.net - 512/784-0635
512/784-0635

Note: This THLU Rally Coupon is required to be received prior to Sept. 25, 2012 and any cancellation is required to be made to Myron Fischer (cell 512-784-0635 / email fisch963@earthlink.net) prior to Oct. 1, 2012. The catered meal and mystery guest provided Saturday evening will not be charged to your THLU Rally fee but if you do not cancel your rally reservation, THLU will be charged for your meal and that expense may be passed on to the member.

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Name(s):____

Phone:________________ Email address:____

Rig: Trailer _____ Motor Coach _____ Length _______ WBCCI #:___________

Unit Name ______________________________________

Please check nights you will be at the rally: Wed. _____ Thur._____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____

# of Adults: _____________ # of Children _________________

Mail or email this coupon to:

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Austin, TX 78734
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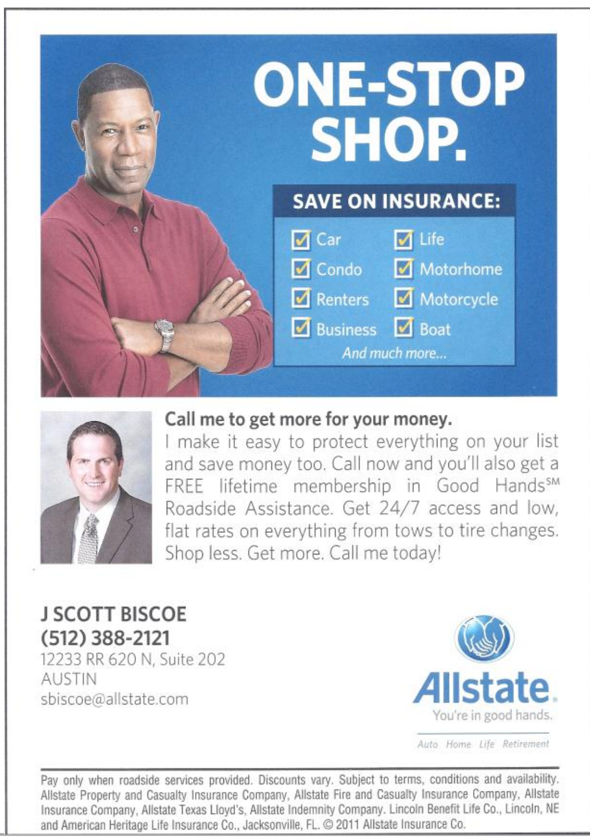
Time to pay your WBCCI dues!

Send check to:
Jean Beebe, Treasurer
503 Chihuahua Trail
Austin, TX 78745-2395



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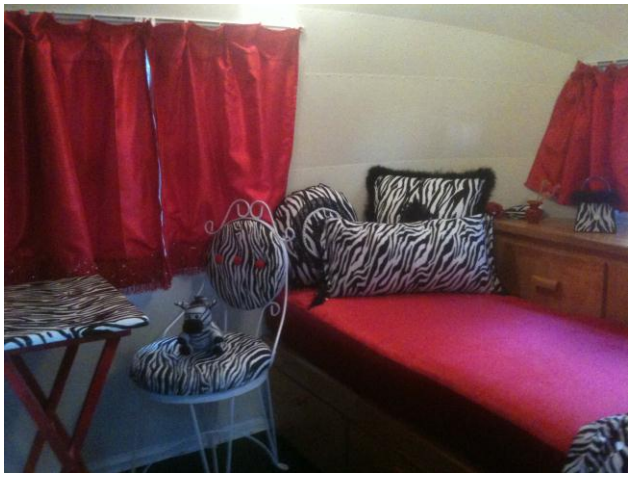

"Miss Cruiser"

Ella Faye's little Dollhouse

Almost a year ago THLU's collective heart was broken in the death of our dear friend, Gayland Stephens, after watching him fight a long and painful battle against cancer. Because we all knew how very much he loved Ella Faye we have held EF in our hearts and arms and prayers this last year and wished her the very best in her new life without her soul mate.

Probably keeping her most busy this year has been being Grandmother (Nene) to two beautiful granddaughters, Addison and Emery.

But a great of time the last year has been in anticipation of the completion of her beloved, "Miss Cruiser." Miss Cruiser is a 1953 25-foot Airstream Cruiser that she and Gayland found a few years ago. Pat McDowell has been restoring it to it's better-than-new condition for several months and finally turned it over to Ella Faye for the interior finishing touches a few weeks ago.

Ella Faye has made Miss Cruiser a little dollhouse with all her red and zebra print accessories. She has upholstered the sofa and made pillows, curtains and bedspread and added all kinds of little decorative touches as seen in the pictures. With all the foo-foo touches, make no doubt about it, this trailer is all Ella Faye's.

Ella Faye has already taken Miss Cruiser

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out on a test run weekend at Lake Proctor with Mike Lovell and Colin Melton and reports that everything went fine. She spent last week in Belton visiting her granddaughters and then she and Addison took the trailer out to the lake and

spent a few days by themselves. Addison said, "Nene we're camping!"

Her next stop will be the S'Mores Camp-Out next weekend at Inks Lake State Park. She's getting braver the more she pulls the trailer and learning to go just a little slower than what she was use to in their 30' Excella that now belongs to **Eldridge and Carol Eason**. She will be bringing her cousin to the Camp-Out and they have already got their menu of things planned out of what all they're going to bring.

We will look forward to putting Ella Faye's Miss Cruiser on display at next year's Cradle of History Vintage Rally to be held by Texas Highland Lakes Unit. I'm sure everyone will be wanting to see all the efforts Ella Faye put into not only getting this trailer completed but seeing Gayland's and her dream come to fruition.

Coming Soon!

The long awaited completion of Jim Whitworth's 1954 Cruiser, "Miss Kitty."

Ella Faye, we are so proud of you and what all you've accomplished this year and we look forward to getting to see the final results of bringing an older Airstream back to it's full glory.

Your leadership team is sincerely interested in your thoughts about how THLU is doing.

Although we get to talk to most of you during the year, we'd like to take this opportunity to request feedback from ALL unit members using a standardized format.

To that end, we are sending you this short questionnaire in the hope that you will share your candid thoughts about how we're doing from your perspective.

TEXAS HIGHLAND LAKES UNIT QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL

1. How many THLU/WBCCI activities do you usually attend per year?

Unit Rallies _____ Camp-Outs _____

Region Rally _____ International Rally _____

Luncheons _____

2. How long have you been a member of WBCCI? _____

RALLY QUESTIONS

Not important Very Important

3. How important is geographical location for a Rally? 1 2 3 4 5

4. How far are you willing to drive to attend a Unit Rally? _____

5. Do you have any recommendations for future Rally sites? _____

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6. How important are full hook-ups? 1 2 3 4 5

7. How important are water and electric hook-ups? 1 2 3 4 5

8. Do you have a preference for Rallies at State/Government Parks vs. Commercial RV Parks?

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9. Do you prefer "hosted" or "no-host" Rallies? _____

10. Do you prefer host-prepared, catered, or potluck meals? _____

11. Are scheduled activities (other than Happy Hour and meals) important to you? _____

If so, what do you recommend? _____

_____

12. How important is Rally price to you? 1 2 3 4 5

What is your "optimum" price per night for a Rally? _____

Are you willing to pay more for "premium" RV parks? _____

13. Do you prefer that a weekend Rally run Thursday through Sunday or Friday through Monday?

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14. Are you willing to coordinate and/or work at a Vintage Rally? _____

WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS

15. How important is an annual Unit Caravan to you and THLU?

1 2 3 4 5

Comments about Unit Caravans: _____

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16. What is THLU doing well? _____

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Not so well? _____

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17. What recommendations do you have to improve your experience with THLU? In other words, what do we need to change? _____

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18. What do you see as the future of THLU? _____

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19. Are you willing to serve as a Unit officer? _____

If not, why? _____

20. Do you have any other feedback for your Unit leadership team? _____

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Signature (optional)

Upon completion, please return to Marty via mail, email or in person before October 20t

Marty Berdan
103 Javelin Drive
Lakeway, TX 78734

martin.berdan@gmail.com

THLU CHOCOLATE CAKE INSTALLATION RALLY COUPON

(Due on or before Monday, October 29th)
Friday, November 9 – Monday, November 12
Guadalupe River RV Resort
Kerrville, Texas

Names:_____

Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

Phone:_____ EMail:_____

Airstream Rig/Length:_____ WBCCI #: _____

Arrival Date:_____ Departure Date:_____

Please E-Mail the above information to:
Harvey Craig at: eharv@msn.com , OR

Mail the above information to:
Gail Craig at: 803 Castle Ridge Road, Austin, TX 78746, OR

Telephone/Text the above information to:
Harvey Craig at: 512/633-0380.

DUE ON or BEFORE: Monday, October 29th
(We only have 30 reserved RV Sites for this Rally, on a first come basis.)

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THLU CHOCOLATE CAKE INSTALLATION RALLY

Thursday, November 8: Rally Hosts (Craigs, Beebes, Gulicks, Wassons, & Wetterschneiders) Arrive & Have Planning Meeting

Friday, November 9: Parking, Happy Hour, Host Dinner, & Entertainment

Saturday, November 10: Coffee, Host Breakfast, Tour/Activity, Dutch-Treat Lunch, Installation Ceremony, Catered Dinner, & Trustee Reception for Officers (No Happy Hour due to Installation Ceremony)

Sunday, November 11: Coffee, Host Breakfast, Devotional, Dutch-Treat Lunch, Tour/Activity, Happy Hour, Pot Luck Dinner with Hosts serving Chocolate Cake & Ice Cream, & Entertainment

Monday, November 12: Coffee & Rally Departure

Sunshine Report

By Kathryn Fischer

Don Bell's brother, Waters Bell, died on Friday, August 24 in Syracuse, NY. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Don and Myrtle and their family.

Everyone knows that Marty and Cindy Berdan rescue beautiful Golden Retrievers. Their oldest one, Sammie, died on Monday, August 27.

Babies & New Airstreams

A big welcome to Anastasia (Ana) Marie Latham. She is the daughter of Ben and Janine Latham and granddaughter of **Jim and Janet Latham**. Ana was born on September 6th and was six pounds. Ana will be spoiled plenty by her Grandmommy and Jim Bob and playing with her six-year-old cousin, Holly.

Anastasia (Ana) Marie

And **Chuck and Skye Anderson** welcome two new granddaughters this month! Brooke and Ken Knight of Sonora and their children, Jacob, Mason and Faith all welcome the addition of three-year-old Audrey by adoption!

And Lennon Anderson was born seven weeks early at a fighting weight of only 3 lbs. 10ozs. She is the daughter of their son Chuck and his wife, Jessica of Landstuhl, Germany. I bet Chuck and Skye would be in Germany right now if they could just find a way to get Bud (the Airstream) to swim.

Darrell and Kathy Kachilla are the proud new owners of a "new" 1989 25 Excella. They found their new Airstream in Austin from a Craigslist listing.

And **Luther, Alice and Jeremy Price** are anticipating the arrival of their new 2013 30' Flying Cloud in time to go on the Fall in the Ozarks Caravan. They have already sold their other trailer that they had originally bought from the Surmans.

Jean's Directory Updates

We welcome the following new members to the Texas Highland Lakes Unit!

Parten, John & Sherry #4406
1329 CR 221
Giddings, TX 78942
Home Phone: 979/542-0034
Cell Phone: 979/716-0105
Email: J_parten@yahoo.com
Birthdays: 7/31 12/25
Anniversary: 11/29
Airstream: 2012 Flying Cloud 25'
Joined: August, 2012

McNeely, Sybil & Arliss #4477
220 Deer Mesa
Cibola, TX 78108
Phone 706/360-0425
Email: junkmail10@juno.com
Airstream: 2012 Flying Cloud 23'
Joined: September, 2012

Jordan, Julie & Stephanie Sobotik
4056 Berkman Dr.
Austin, TX 78723
Phone: 512/426-3684
Email: juliejordan@austin.rr.com
Birthdays: 11/6 4/19
Anniversary: 1/15/10
Airstream: 2011 International 25' "Miranda"
Joined: September, 2012

WELCOME!
Parten
McNeely
Jordan/Sobotik
Courtney
Harris

New Affiliate Members

Harris, David & Vanette #4097
3604 Winnfield Cove
Austin, TX 78704
Cells: 337/230-6619 & 337/230-6629
Email: vanette.harris@lusfiber.net
Birthdays: 8/5 6/4
Anniversary: 6/1
Airstream: 1977 Sovereign 31'

Courtney, Jim & Vickie #2804
200 Walnut Hill Ave. #62
Hillsboro, TX 76645
Cells: 513/325-0219 & 513/382-4518
Emails: jim.courtney2804@gmail.com
vickcour@gmail.com
Birthdays: 1/18 11/2
Anniversary: 8/26
Airstream: 30' Classic

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/1 – Ardell & Pati Mayton
10/1 – Lynn Currie
10/2 – Bob Brown
10/3 – Peggy Spruell
10/3 – Jim Latham
10/4 – Robert Currey
10/4 – John & Kay Irwin
10/6 – Paul & Cecelia Gulick
10/11 – Jim Bailey
10/11 – Marvin Fisher
10/15 – Tommy Morris
10/20 – Esther Malcolm
10/20 – Marque Mooney
10/23 – Melinda Wasson
10/27 – Phil & Betty Lanasa
10/30 – Jeremy Price

And a special, belated Happy Anniversary to
Dave and Karen Sharbo
who celebrated 50 years together on August 25!

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Bob and Nannette Watkins

Inquiries: 830/693-2133 Marble Falls
281/908-5718 mobile
rwwatkin@gmail.com

Jimmy and Marque's 2007 31' Classic

Contact: Jimmy's cell: 254/967-5689
Jimmy's email: jimmarq@gmail.com

Jim Whitworth's 2003 Classic

Beautiful 2003 30' Airstream Classic for sale at Tom Kaminski's:

http://tkrvs.com/rvs/2003-airstream-classic/

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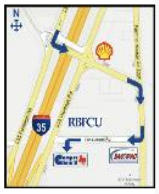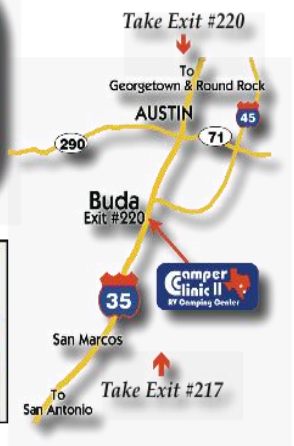
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