



The Gunnison River taken at the East Portal of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park outside of Montrose, CO

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"AIRSTREAMING ... THE SWEET LIFE"

SEPTEMBER, 2012

What's In A Name?

By: Marque Mooney, THLU President

*Does your Airstream have a name?
Toaster? Silver Bullet?*

After having read a post on the AirForums.com about the names people have tagged their beloved silver homes on wheels, I posed the same question to THLU members and thought you would be interested in knowing some of the names they have given their trailers and why.

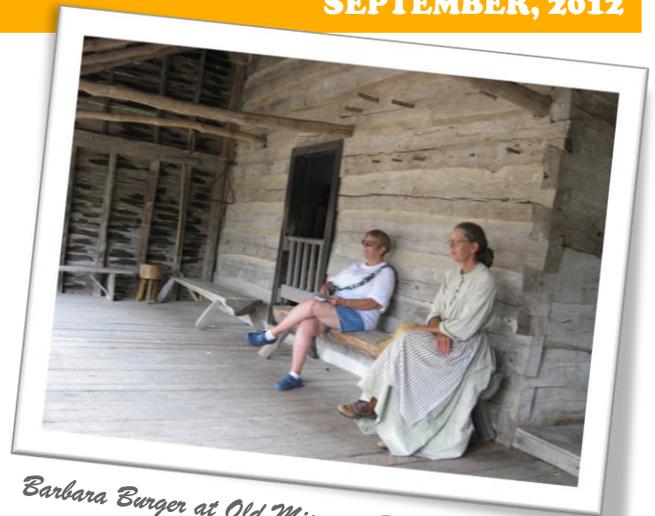
Our first Airstream, a 1982 310 Turbo Diesel motorhome

was named, **Seymour**, after a former owner. Our idea was that we would "See More" (of the USA) in Seymour.

Our next named



More inside!



Barbara Burger at Old Missouri Town, 1855

WBCCI Dues

The best bargain in all of WBCCI is to be a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Unit! All Unit dues are being paid for our regular members for 2013. All you have to do to receive this great deal is to pay your WBCCI dues now! See page 7 for details.

Airstream Names continued....

Airstream was Spongebob. Spongebob Squarepants was one of our grandson's favorite cartoons at the time and it somehow seemed a fitting name for our 1992 Squarestream. Both Seymour and Spongebob have since found new homes but we currently have a vintage project Airstream – a 1965 20' Globetrotter – named **Henrietta**. Henrietta is named after the little town in north Texas where we found her.

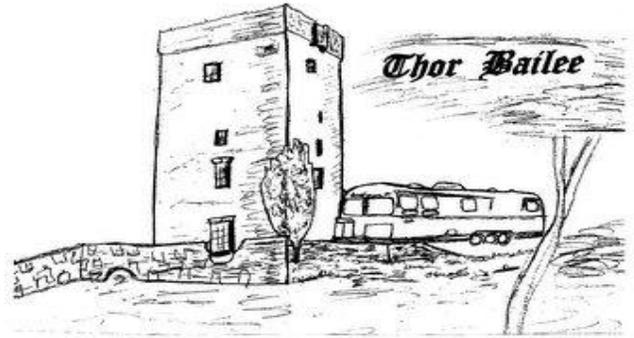
John and Kay Irwin's Airstream is named "**Sabre-Dog III**" named after the jet fighter that he flew back in the 1950's. The aluminum and rivets reminded him of a plane.

Kelly and Steve Sosland's Airstream is named, "**Atlas**." They also have another RV named "**Tilly**."

Paul and Cecelia Gulick (2015 THLU President and First Lady) named their 2011 Sport, "**Lady Liberty**."

Annie and Marvin Fisher's Argosy is named, "**Costalotta**" which seems very applicable if you've seen all the work that has been put into this prize winning beauty.

Let me know if any more of you have named your Airstream.



How **Jim and B Bailey** named their trailer:

"After we got this unit, we noted that it was made by "Thor." This reminded us of a place we visited in Ireland named Thoor Ballylee, a tower developed into a summer home by W.B. Yeats. From there, it was only a jump – leap? to THOR BAILEE, the name of our unit. The picture above is our "logo" and a re-worded poem from Yeats:"

An ancient bridge,
And a more ancient tower, An
Airstream sheltered by its wall,

The sound of the rain or sound
Of every wind that blows;
Such is our dream of
Future Bold.

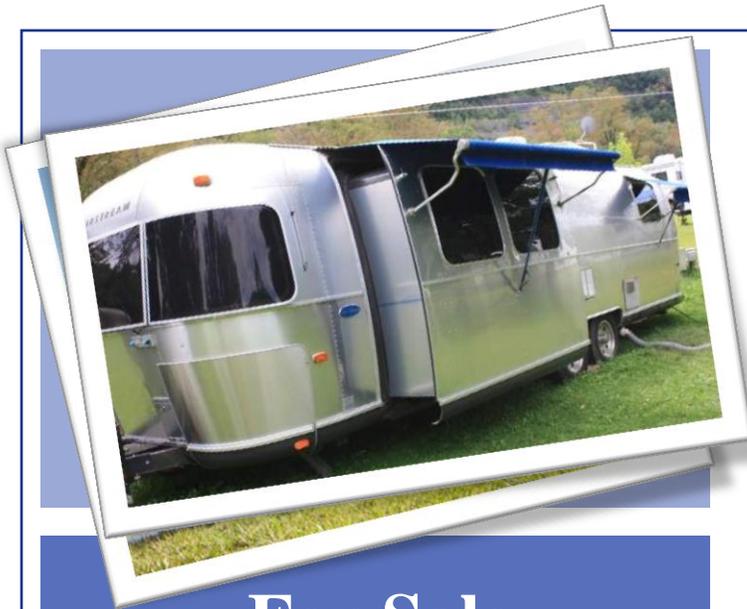
By B. Bailey & W.B. Yeats



Chuck and Skye Anderson's Airstream license tag is "Bud 99"

BUD

Chuck and Skye Anderson purchased their Airstream year before last from **Marvin and Libby Crane** in Fredericksburg with the help of **Myron Fischer**. After Skye's Mom passed away, her Dad, Bud, traveled with her and Chuck and the kids on vacations until Bud was unable to travel anymore. His health deteriorated and he moved in with them and travel was put on the back burner. Bud passed away at age 99. When they purchased their Airstream from the Cranes, they named it Bud 99 in honor of Skye's Dad. Bud 99 and their memories of its namesake now travel with them everywhere they go.



For Sale

I had a request this last week to help a THLU friend out in selling their 30' Airstream (with slide). This trailer is owned by Ken and Sandy Sands who use to live in Texas and moved a couple of years ago. The trailer is listed on Craigslist at:

<http://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/rvs/3197647917.html>

Jimmy Mooney has an UnderCover brand Tonneau listed on Craigslist for sale. You can see pictures and more details at:

<http://dallas.craigslist.org/sdf/pts/3208209477.html>



Jim Whitworth's 2003 Classic

As Jim Whitworth's little Vintage trailer – 1954 Cruiser - nears completion he would like to sell his beautiful 2003 30' Airstream Classic. More pictures and information can be seen on Tom Kaminski's website at:

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



Let me know if you have an Airstream or parts you would like to have listed for sale. We have members and prospective members who are looking for their perfect Airstream. Let's help each other out!

A couple of months ago I received an email from an anxious prospective member who had printed out the application and wanted to send in their dues. The only problem was that they didn't own an Airstream yet. I have just received word that they have put a deposit down on a trailer, appropriately named, "**Miranda**," and we should be able to meet them soon. But this was another case of someone looking for an Airstream to buy where we could help by sharing information about what's available out there.

And **Darrell and Kathy Kachilla**, who totaled their Airstream on the way to the Bandera Rally this spring, are looking for a 24-25' Airstream. Please let them know if you know of one for sale.

September Birthdays

- 9/1 – Shannon Pinkston
9/2 – Eileen Page
9/3 – Tom McCoppin
9/4 – Ceclia Gulick
9/5 – Larry Heinold
9/5 – Michael Neu
9/6 – John Irwin (80th)
9/17 – Susan Beal
9/17 – H.V. Martin
9/20 – Gary McClanahan
9/23 – Mike Barker
9/24 – Mike Beal
9/27 – Lynn Walker
9/27 – Doris Branch
9/28 – Stuart Wetterschneider
9/28 – Joan Larson

And Anniversaries

- 9/5 – Bill & Lin Brinkman
9/5 – Jerry & Joan Larson
9/8 – Stuart & Ilene Wetterschneider
9/15 – Marty & Cindy Berdan
9/15 – Warner & Gail Hord
9/24 – Eldridge & Carol Eason (#1)
9/26 – Fred & Judy Hazen



Sunshine Report By: Kathryn Fischer

Gene Blanchard's Mother, Anna Mae Blanchard (age 90) died on August 1 in Lake Jackson. Our sympathies go out to Gene and Kathy and their family.

Myrtle Bell had surgery on July 25 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin. She reports that she is home and is doing much better.

Kathy Kachilla broke a bone in her left wrist and cracked a bone in her right hand while she was visiting family in Alabama. She is back home now.

Judy Hazen has had carpal tunnel surgery done to the second of her hands now. She can already tell an improvement in the first hand and is anxious for the second one to heal.



Kesslyn

Kesslyn



Darrell and Kathy Kachilla are the proud (first time) grandparents of baby Kesslyn born at 11:55 a.m. on June 4th. Kesslyn belongs to Derrell and Kathy's son, Chris and his wife from Austin, TX.



Kelly Sosland

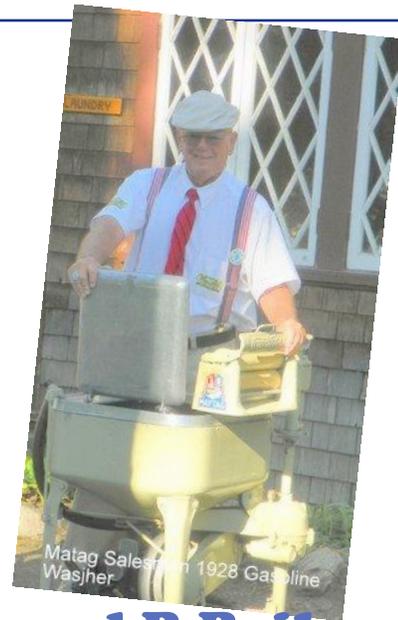
The picture above is of Kelly Sosland from Fredericksburg. She is currently in the Michigan Upper Peninsula just finishing up a re-build for a Habitat for Humanity project. It's really a RV Care-A-Vanner project for Habitat for Humanity.

This Mom of two (Rachel is in her 3rd year of rotations as a medical student and Beka is doing a summer internship at Space X in McGregor – yes, that's a doctor and a rocket scientist in the making) and wife of Fredericksburg's hospital Chief Operational Officer, Steve, will move to Houghton, Michigan on Sunday to start a second re-build.

Kelly hooks up, pulls and stays in her Airstream, named Atlas, when she is on these builds. She has worked the last two years on builds in Mason, Texas with fellow THLU members **Dave and Karen Sharbo.**

We are so proud of you Kelly (and Dave and Karen) and hope to learn more in the future about what you do as a RV Care-A-Vanners. What a noble way to spend your summer!

Habitat for Humanity's mission statement:
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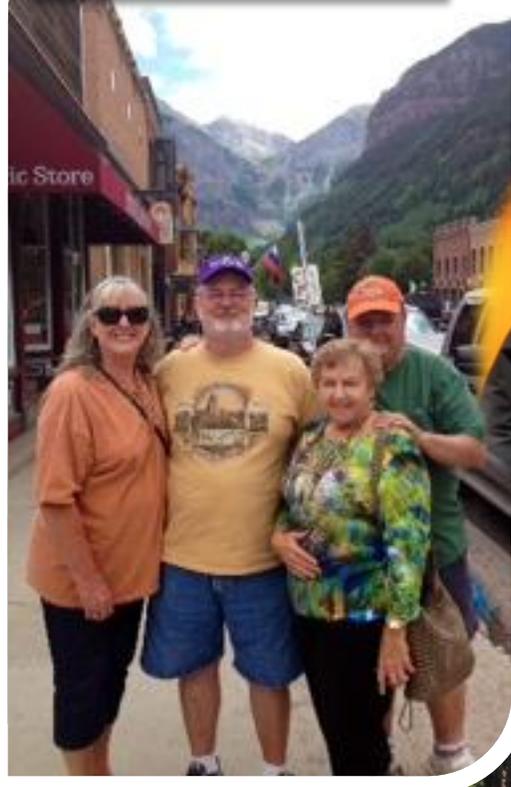
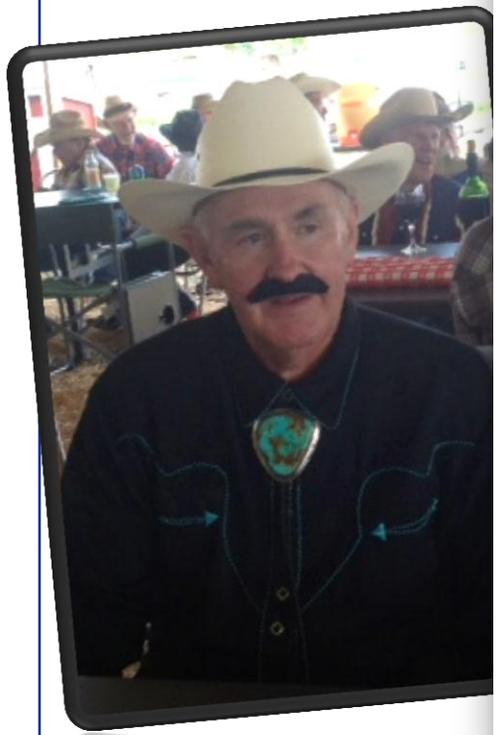
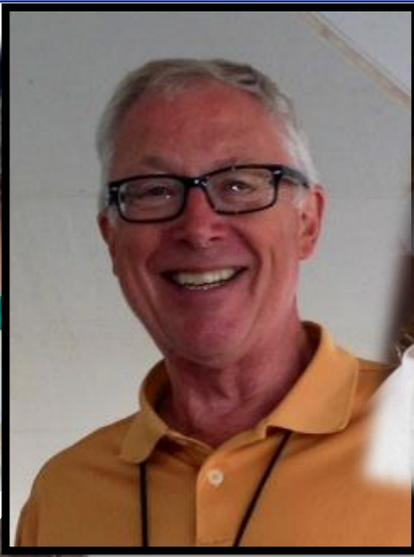
Jim and B Bailey

Jim and B Bailey have been busy in their summer schedule. They recently enjoyed the Great Gatsby Days at Lake Tahoe. B participated by leading tours through a "living history skit" costumed a la 1920's (picture on page six). Jim demonstrated a 1928 Maytag washing machine (pictured above and on page 4).

After Labor Day they will be in Fillmore, Utah where B will play her harp during the Arts Festival. Before heading home they will take in a couple of plays at the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah.

They are currently in Reno, NV having their A/C replaced and a new bicycle rack installed on their Airstream.





B & Laurel T
1920's Costu

1920's Costumes
B & Laurel T. Photos



Those going on the Fall in the Ozarks Caravan in October will need to send the remainder of their deposit (\$ 300.00) in by the 1st of September to:

Jimmy Mooney
101 St. James Court
Stephenville, TX 76401
254/ 967-5689

Reminders

Your WBCCI renewals are currently due and should be mailed to:

Jean Beebe, Treasurer
503 Chihuahua Trail
Austin, TX 78745-2395

WBCCI dues are \$ 65.00

Associate member dues are \$ 15.00

Unit dues of all regular members of THLU have been paid for 2013 making it easier than ever to belong to the greatest WBCCI Unit!

Remember: Prizes awarded to everyone at the October Rally who pays their dues by September 1!

Directory Changes

By : Jean Beebe

New email address for

Ken and Julie Callahan:

2549julie325@bellsouth.net

2549julie325@bellsouth.net

New Canadian address and phone numbers for

Marvin and Annie Fisher:

1973 Upper Flinton Rd.

Flinton, Ont. KOH1PO

Canada cell for Marvin: 613-334-7187

Canada cell for Annie: 613-334-8825

US cell: (remains the same) 810-728-5517

Mark McClure

11826 Caprock Canyons Ln.

Sugarland, TX 77498

Phone: 713-851-7925

Email: mark.mcclure@gmail.com

Airstream: 1990 Excella 1000 34'

Joined: July, 2012



Jim and Shanna DeWitt

WBCCI #4957

4603 Oakmont Blvd.

Austin, TX 78731

Phone 512-459-4515

Email: jim.dewitt@athletics.utexas.edu

Shanna.dewitt@sbcglobal.net

Airstream: 1975 Ambassador Int'1 29'

Joined: July, 2012

Joint Rally/THLU/THCU-Oct 18-21, 2012

KOA, 745 FM 343 E – RUSK, TEXAS 75785

903-683-6641

Hosts: **Richard & Janet Turner (THLU)** **512/633-2006**
 Myron & Kathryn Fischer (THLU)
 Joe Long & Gayle Ketchum (THCU)

Wednesday- Oct 17 Hosts arrive and other early parkers welcome, but let us know ahead of time.

Thursday-Oct 18 Parking after noon only

4:30 P.M. Happy Hour

6:00 P.M. Dinner- Sloppy Joe's, chips, cole slaw, dessert prepared by THLU Hosts

7:00 P.M. Fred Hazen Presentation "War in the Deep South" and Announcements

Friday-Oct 19

7:30 A.M. Coffee 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, 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- Oct 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. Business Meeting, THLU

Options on how to spend Saturday will be available at the Rally, i.e. Zip Line, Basket Mfg.

5:00 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 prepared by THCU hosts

Sunday- Oct 21

8:30 A.M.- Devotional

10:00 A.M. Caravan to Arkansas leaves KOA

Note: Bring your own setups except for Saturday Night. Send Coupon (on next page) to Myron Fischer so that an accurate count can be made for parking and catered meal no later than Oct. 12, 2012.

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.

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

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:

Myron Fischer
16731 Rocky Ridge Road
Austin, TX 78734
Email: fisch963@earthlink.net



COMING UP!

S'MORES CAMP-OUT (no host, no agenda – just nightly Happy Hour and Potluck Supper
September 28 – October 1 – Inks Lake State Park

Make your own reservations at: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/park_reservations/web/

This is a Buddy Rally so invite all your family and friends to join us!

MONTHLY UNIT LUNCHEONS – 12:45 p.m.

September 4- Luby's at 5200 Brodie Lane, Austin, TX

October 2 – Bluebonnet Café in Marble Falls, TX

November 6 – Luby's at 5200 Brodie Lane, Austin, TX

CHOCOLATE CAKE (INSTALLATION) RALLY

November 9-12 (Friday through Monday)

Guadalupe River RV Resort in Kerrville, TX

Hosts: **Harvey and Gail Craig, Stuart and Ilene Wetterschneider, Jean and Tom Beebe, Cecelia and Paul Gulick and Jim and Melinda Wasson**

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS RALLY

December 6-9 (Thursday through Sunday) – Peachtree RV Resort in Stonewall, TX

Hosts: **Gary and Marilyn McClanahan, Steve and Kelly Sosland, Jayne Mortensen, Jonathan Crenwelge, Lin and Bill Brinkman and Willard and Linda Fischer**

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