

April, 2014



Texas Highland Lakes April Newsletter

“HELP!” RALLY HELD AT SUNSET POINT RV PARK

The “HELP” maintenance and new member rally was attended by 16 rigs at beautiful Sunset Point on Lake LBJ at Wirtz Dam. (more pictures and a list of attendees on page 2) Two couples attended their very first rally- Warren and Lynn Capps and John and Sherry Parten! We also added two new members Bill and Karlene Kerfoot . Bill just happened to be at the park that weekend. We also had many THLU members visit at times during the rally- Windy and Shirley Fleming, Darrell and Kathy Kachilla, Ed and Shirley Sherwood, Colin Melton and Mike Lovell. [Thanks to our outstanding hosts Myron and Katherine Fischer, John and Kay Irwin and Gary and Marilyn McClanahan for the planning, great food and fellowship!](#) We visited the Pogue Sculpture Gallery and Foundry and met renowned artist Dan Pogue. Other highlights include dinner at The Real New Orleans Style Restaurant, games, sightseeing and shopping around Marble Falls, and a roaring campfire. Les Dodgen from Camper Clinic 2 led an excellent discussion of maintenance and repair on Air-streams and John Irwin led a panel discussion with Myron Fischer and Tom Beebe regarding safety and new ideas. [Thank you to Cinda Brooks for the thoughtful Sunday devotions.](#)



Left: John and Sherry Parten with Stephanie Sobotik and Jean Beebe

Above: The hosts kept us on our toes with some new games. Some tall stories were told by the hosts.....were these members in drama class in a previous life?

Unit Luncheons

March 4th found nine members celebrating Mardi Gras lunch at Mimi's Café in Bee Cave. Marty Berdan, Kay Irwin, Stephanie Sobotik, Fred and Judy Hazen, Gary and Marilyn McClanahan and Myron and Katherine Fischer were in attendance.

The April luncheon will be held on Wednesday April 2nd during the Region 9 rally.

May 6th will be the last luncheon until September. The location has not been determined but will be announced soon. **Check out our new and improved THLU website at www.thlu.org for all the latest information about our schedule.**



RALLY ATTENDEES

Hosts extraordinaire: Myron and Katherine Fischer, John and Kay Irwin, Gary and Marilyn McClanahan welcomed Cindy and Marty Berdan, Jimmy and Marque Mooney, Tom and Jean Beebe, Warren and Lynn Capps, John and Sherry Parten, Billy and Dana Myers, Jim and Janet Latham, Julie Jordan and Stephanie Sobotik, Grady and Keith Ferry, Gail and Harvey Craig, Stanley and Cinda Brooks, R.Lee Steele and Eileen Page.

WE DONATED 290 POUNDS OF FOOD TO THE HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY IN MARBLE FALLS! THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

4-3 Gayle Shonley

4-7 David Skinner

4-10 Aurora (Mickey)
Reyes

4-11 Janie Haddaway

4-12 Grady Ferry

4-12 Erlene Shelly

4-17 Keith Ferry

4-18 Terry Clopper

4-19 Stephanie Sobotik

4-21 Jill Barnes

4-21 Douglas Draves

4-25 Judy Hazen

4-29 Darrell Kachilla

4-30 Harry Rodgers

Anniversaries

4-5 William and Karlene Kerfoot

4-6 Arliss and Sybil McNeely

4-7 Ron and Vicki Plaxco

4-12 Harry and Elizabeth Rodgers

4-16 Gene and Kathy Blanchard

4-25 Warren and Lynn Capps



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THLU MEMBERS "HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE".



1st VP Grady and Keith Ferry have new wheels and new Airstream!

Congratulations on this beautiful combo.

Welcome new members! Jim and Marjie Riggio of Round Rock, TX who found us through the Forum.

Bill Booker and Richard Roucloux of Volente, TX who found us through Colin and Mike.

William and Karlene Kerfoot of Austin TX recruited by Marque at the HELP Rally.

Affiliate members John and Mary Diamond who live at NTAC part time.

Upcoming Rallies Action Needed:

Good Day Sunshine Rally, Johnson City, TX May 15,16,17 2014. This is an important rally as we have our May Business Meeting and election of officers for 2015. The following members have signed up for this rally. Hosts- Hazen, Wasson, Addicks, Atchley. Attending : Berdan, Mooney, M. Fischer, McClanahan, Beebe, Wetterschneider, Mayton, Steele/Page, Zeringue, Parten, Craig, Gallagher, Findley, Stephens, Lovell/Melton, Gartman, Blanchard, Richards, Kachilla, Latham. The RV park may have a few sites left, but the Bamberger Ranch tour is "sold out".

PLEASE CONTACT MILLER CREEK RV RESORT AT 830-868-2655 TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2014.

SAVE THESE DATES! All You Need is Love Rally, Glen Rose, TX [September 11,12,13 2014.](#)

Hello, Goodbye Installation Rally, Rusk, TX [November 6,7,8 2014.](#)

Christmas Rally, Montgomery, TX [December 4, 5 , 6 2014](#)

Call or email Marty Berdan to make a reservation. 512-913-9011; martin.berdan@gmail.com

Party Line -thoughts and prayers needed.

Barbara Burger is scheduled for mitral heart valve repair on April 4th at Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City.

John Irwin had foot surgery after the HELP rally and is running around in a boot! Next up for him is cataract surgery.

Jack Maddux is recovering from back surgery.

Richard Gallagher is recovering from surgery to repair a detached retina.



Jimmy Mooney's cool shirt .



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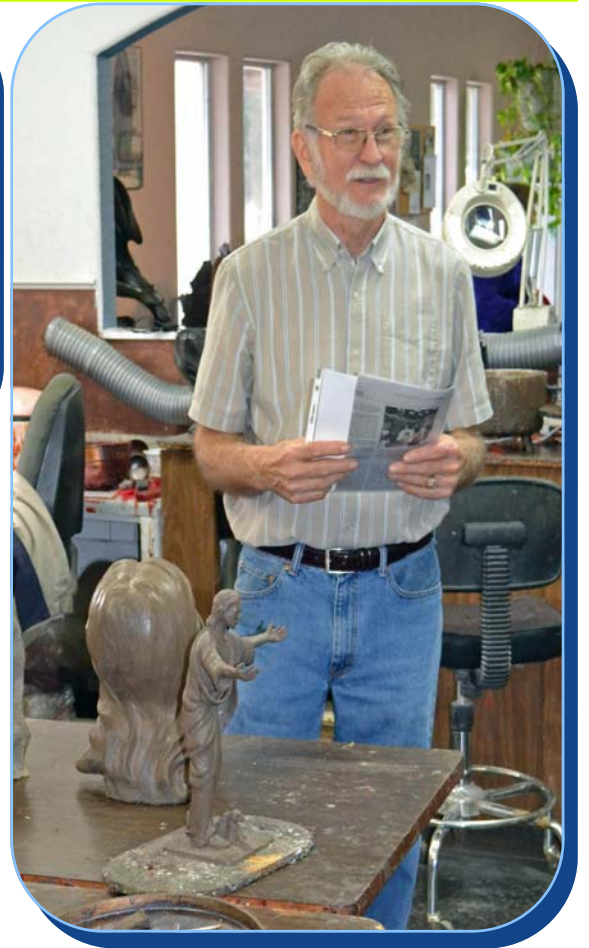


President's Message

Grady Ferry, 2nd VP has moved up to 1st VP and will serve as our next President if the members vote to confirm him at the May business meeting.

Jimmy Mooney, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with Shirley Fleming and Grady Ferry, is tasked with developing a slate of proposed officers for 2015. The nominees will be presented to the members prior to the May Business Meeting. **The election will be held at the May 2014 rally in Johnson City.**

Please contact Jimmy, Shirley or Grady if you are interested in serving as an officer next year. They will be happy to answer your questions.



A fun and informative visit to artist Dan Pogue's Gallery and Foundry. He showed us the many steps it takes to make his beautiful art. Among the many locations his works are located we found out there is a bronze of Jesus kneeling in the Memorial Gardens at The Lakeway Church.



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Playing it Safe by Marty Berdan

One of the safety discussions we had at the Help Rally concerned smoke, carbon monoxide and LP detectors. Trailer Life magazine had an article in the October 2013 issue discussing the proper selection and maintenance of these and I will attempt to summarize the key points.

1. **Your RV should have three (3) types of detectors**– smoke, carbon monoxide and LP gas. Smoke detectors should be the dual sensor type which means it uses ionization and photoelectric technologies.
2. All detectors have a shelf life and should be replaced when specified in the owners manual. Some detectors have a replacement date stamped on the back of the detector.
3. Regular maintenance is necessary and that goes well beyond pushing the test button and waiting for the chirp. The detector sensors need to be cleaned periodically. The best way is to use canned air spray to keep the sensors clean. Also, remember to change the battery every year.

There are many RV-specific products available made by First Alert, Kidde, Atwood, BRK and more.

Final thoughts– make sure you have a good fire extinguisher and an escape plan should you need to get out of your Airstream in a hurry!

