

June–July
2015



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Unit Luncheon

- Next luncheon:
Sept. 1, 2015
- TBA
- Meet between 12:30
to 12:45; eat
around 1:00pm
- Call Marty Berdan
for more infor-
mation at 512-913-
9011

President's Message

The rains have finally stopped (woohoo!!) and summer is here (well not officially but temperature wise it is). I hope everyone made it through the heavy rains and storms of Memorial Weekend safely and with minimal damage. I did hear that HV and Pat Martin and Pat and Linda McDowell sustained some damage around their home in Wimberley but they are safe and sound. Please let me know if you sustained damage or know of anyone in THLU who sustained damaged due to flooding that weekend and let us know if THLU can be of assistance.

The torrential rains that flooded central Texas Memorial Weekend resulted in flooding and closure at several state parks in the area. One of those parks closed was Lake Somerville state park. I saw pictures of the Birch Creek Unit (where our June rally was to be held) which showed flood waters up to the eves of the new bath house there. So, as you might imagine, the THLU rally scheduled for June 4 – 7 was cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

I hope to see many of you at the 58th WBCCI International Rally in Farmington, NM June 26 – July 4. There are many fun activities and interesting places to visit while we are in Farmington. Please let me know via e-mail, pizzacat@sbcglobal.net, or text message (713-825-9586) if you plan to be at International. I am trying to pull together a unit meal sometime during the rally and would like to be able to contact everyone from THLU who will be there.

Our next rally after International and other summer travels will be the Texas Railroad rally during the weekend of September 10 – 13 in Rusk, TX. **I really need to know how many folks plan to attend the rally so please send me an e-mail indicating your plans to attend.** I have thirty full hook up sites blocked for the weekend but I need to know how many rigs plan to be there. Right now, there are no hosts for this rally and so I would certainly appreciate anyone who would volunteer to help host the rally.

There were a couple of changes to our constitution and by-laws made at our unit business meeting during the Texas Vintage Rally. Those changes are shown in the business meeting minutes later in this newsletter.

Please be sure to review our Hop On/Hop Off caravan schedule which will be in conjunction with the Texas Country Air Rally in Quanah, TX in October. Also, please review the rally schedule for the remainder of 2015 and make plans to join us for all of the upcoming fun events.

Finally, be safe during your summer travels and I look forward to seeing you at International or in September.

Best Regards,
Grady Ferry



Lake Somerville Flood



Special thanks to Ed and Cheri Addicks for hosting the Lake Somerville Rally. They had a special event planned for us to enjoy. We regret that the flood caused us to cancel.

Also thanks go to Kay Irwin for contacting the Somerville Area Assistance Ministry to set up our rally service project.

Texas Railroad Rally



Nestled in the piney woods of East Texas.

Ride the train with all your friends



Rusk offers the unique experience of staying on-site at a historic railroad.

Rusk, TX. Sept. 10-13

Please contact Grady Ferry at pizzacat@sbcglobal.net to confirm a site.

We have thirty sites blocked for this rally. These are available on a first come first served basis.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

| | | | |
|------|------------------|------|----------------|
| 6-4 | Vanette Harris | 6-22 | Brenda Heinold |
| 6-4 | Douglas Thomas | 6-24 | Lyn Brinkman |
| 6-6 | Shirley Sherwood | 6-24 | Ruth Maddux |
| 6-15 | Stanley Brooks | 6-26 | Gail Hord |
| 6-15 | Kyong Draves | 6-28 | Cinda Brooks |
| 6-16 | Warner Hord | 6-29 | Lex Ray |
| 6-20 | Steven Sosland | 6-30 | Susan Sheridan |

Anniversaries

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 6-1 | Robert & Janis Brown |
| 6-1 | Clyde & Jennifer Findlay |
| 6-1 | David & Vanette Harris |
| 6-3 | Phil & Peggy Spruell |
| 6-7 | Willard & Linda Fischer |
| 6-9 | Mike & Judy Doherty |
| 6-15 | Grady & Keith Ferry |
| 6-17 | Cathy & Byron Wright |
| 6-18 | Glenn Hieshima & Suzanne Kairo |
| 6-20 | C.C. & Carla Gartman |
| 6-21 | Jim & B Bailey |

PARTY LINE AND PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Keith Ferry's mother passed away on June 5 in The Woodlands. Grady and Keith wish to thank you all for your prayers and support during the past few months of her illness.

Judy Hazen is recovering from shingles.

Eldridge & Carol Eason received flood damage over the Memorial Day weekend. Eldridge recently moved into a memory care unit in Austin. Carol is living near her daughter in Lufkin.

Pat & Linda McDowell and **HV & Pat Martin** also received flood damage.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

| | | | |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 7-1 | Richard Roucloux | 7-18 | Carole Beardshear |
| 7-4 | Willard Fischer | 7-19 | Suzanne Kairo |
| 7-5 | Steve Zeringue | 7-19 | Barbara Burger |
| 7-7 | Carlos Leach | 7-20 | Gene Blanchard |
| 7-9 | William Kerfoot | 7-20 | Bill Lovelace |
| 7-12 | Cathy Wright | 7-22 | Jack Maddux |
| 7-15 | Matthew Riceberg | 7-22 | Jim Wasson |
| 7-16 | Mike Lovell | 7-25 | Jim Haddaway |
| 7-17 | Paula Haddox | 7-29 | Diane January |
| 7-17 | Kay Irwin | 7-31 | John Parten |

Anniversaries

| | |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 7-2 | Darrell & Kathy Kachilla |
| 7-6 | Bill Booker & Richard Roucloux |
| 7-6 | Larry & Brenda Heinold |
| 7-8 | Stanley & Cinda Brooks |
| 7-13 | Michael & Joan Foster |
| 7-16 | David & Marilyn Blakey |
| 7-18 | Jim & Marjie Riggio |
| 7-19 | David & Kathy Thalman |
| 7-25 | Jim & Paula Haddox |
| 7-27 | Victor Blood & A.J. Woolery-Blood |

FLAG DAY ~ JUNE 14



The original Pledge of Allegiance was written by Francis Bellamy a former Baptist Minister in August 1892. It was published in "The Youth's Companion", a popular family oriented magazine. Francis was also active in the National Education Association. He planned the public schools' program celebration of the 400th Anniversary of Columbus discovering the New World. The program included a flag raising ceremony which included the reciting of his 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

In 1923 the National Flag Conference under the leadership of the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution replaced the words "my flag" with "the flag of the United States". It was thought that some foreign-born-people might have in mind the flag of their birth country instead of the United States flag. A year later, "of America" was added.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

On June 22, 1942 the Pledge of Allegiance received Congressional recognition and was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. A final change in language was made after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus in response to the Communist threat of the times. President Eisenhower encourages Congress to add the words "under God". On Flag Day 1954, Congress passed a law, which added the words "under God" making The Pledge both a patriotic oath and a public prayer.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Originally, the pledge salute began with a military salute and after reciting "to the flag" the arm was extended palm upward toward the flag. After Hitler came to power in Europe, some Americans were concerned that this position of the arm and hand resembled the Nazi or Fascist salute. In 1942 Congress established the current practice of keeping the right hand over the heart throughout.

Section 4 of the Flag Code states: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: ... should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

Texas Highland Lakes Unit of the WBCCI Business Meeting Minutes May 3, 2015, Bellville, Texas, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Grady Ferry at 9:37 a.m.

Officers Present: Grady Ferry (President), Keith Ferry (Corresponding Secretary), Stephanie Sobotik (Recording Secretary), Jean Beebe (Treasurer), Marty Berdan (Immediate Past President), Melinda Wasson (Trustee), Marque Mooney (Trustee) and Tom Beebe (Trustee)

Officers Absent: R. Lee Steele (1st VP), Rick Trimble (2nd VP) and Gary McClanahan (Trustee)

A **quorum** of officers was present. A quorum of members was also present with 26 regular members present, 7 affiliate members and one visitor also in attendance for a total of 44 attending.

Attendees honored the flag with the **Pledge of Allegiance** and Kathy Kachilla led group in **prayer**.

Minutes of September 13, 2014 were reviewed by attendees. Robert Richards moved to approve the minutes as written. Tom Beebe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report provided by Treasurer Jean Beebe. Budget (attached) shared with group.

Committee Reports:

Rally Committee: Harvey Craig reported 84 rigs on the ground at the May Vintage Rally in Bellville, Texas. Budget update will be provided at next meeting. Based on initial review, expecting profit from the rally. Next Vintage Rally will be held in 2017. Will be 10th anniversary of the Vintage Rally. Due to scheduling with region and international events, Vintage Rally must be held in February, late April/early May or October. Date to be decided. Harvey also reported on upcoming two-week caravan to Quanah. Encouraged participation. Attendees can stay either in downtown Quanah or surrounding state parks. Numbers to be clarified by Grady and Harvey.

Nominating Committee: Marty Berdan read the slate of officers nominated for THLU 2016 positions. The full slate of officers presented included: R. Lee Steele (President), Rick Trimble (First VP), Ed Sherwood (Second VP), Marty Berdan (Treasurer), Debbie Trimble (Recording Secretary), Keith Ferry (Corresponding Secretary), Trustees 1 year (Melinda Wasson and Gary McClanahan) and Trustees 2-year (Cindy Berdan and Windy Fleming).

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Election of THLU 2016 Officers:

Slate of officers presented: R. Lee Steele (President), Rick Trimble (First VP), Ed Sherwood (Second VP), Marty Berdan (Treasurer), Debbie Trimble (Recording Secretary), Keith Ferry (Corresponding Secretary), Trustees 1 year (Melinda Wasson and Gary McClanahan) and Trustees 2-year (Cindy Berdan and Windy Fleming). No nominations were presented from the floor. Jimmy Mooney moved to vote on slate of officers as presented. Diane Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to Constitution and By-laws:

Grady Ferry presented the Sections to be amended in the THLU Constitution, which can be found in its entirety on the THLU website. The purpose of the amendments is to allow scheduling flexibility for the unit. Grady reported Jim Haddaway has reviewed the proposed amendments and if passed will need to be reviewed by International. The following amendments were considered:

Sec 2: **The Officers shall be elected at the Spring May** business meeting ~~and shall be installed at the Fall business meeting~~ and shall assume office ~~during the Installation Rally~~ in **November**. An officer, except for Trustees, shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected but in no case shall an officer be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

Sec 3: The Trustees shall be elected at the **Spring May** business meeting, each for a term of two years, and **shall be installed at the Fall business meeting. They shall assume office in commencing with the installation rally in** November, but arranged so that only one-half such Trustees terms expire in any one year. No Trustee shall serve more than one two-year term consecutively.

Sec. 1: The annual business meeting of this organization shall be held during the ~~fall month of October~~ in each calendar year. Such a meeting shall be announced by written notice and delivered to the members not less than fifteen days prior to the meeting. The notice shall indicate the date, time and location of the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at the annual meeting, or at any additional business meeting, shall be less than fifteen percent of members.

Amendments to Constitution require hand-count (one vote per rig) and two-thirds majority. Jimmy Mooney reminded club that if the amendments pass we need to be mindful of timelines coinciding with Regional and International rallies and reporting. Keith Ferry moved to pass the amendments as stated. John Irwin seconded. Aye: 24 rigs, Nay: 0

Election of WBCCI Officers:

Grady Ferry presented the slate of officers: Jim Schwerdferger (President), Richard Girard (1st VP), Jim Cocke (2nd VP), Berry Bell (3rd VP), Euna Ridnour (Recording Secretary), Richard Turner (Treasurer), Helen Bourgeois and Patti Reed (Nominating). No nominations were offered from the floor. Harvey Craig moved to vote on the slate of officers. Keith Ferry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Harvey Craig made a motion to elect Grady Ferry as delegate and Jimmy Mooney as alternate to the International meeting on behalf of THLU. Motion seconded by Robert Richards. Motion carried.

Harvey Craig made a motion to allow the delegate and alternate at the International business meeting to vote their conscience on behalf of the group. Robert Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Region 9 First Vice President Election: Marty Berdan made a motion to nominate Grady Ferry as Region 9 First Vice President. Jean Beebe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Disbursement of Funds from Auction at December rally:

Grady Ferry reported proceeds from the auction at the December rally in 2014 were allocated as follows: 60 percent of proceeds were donated to Wounded Warriors and 40 percent of proceeds were kept for use by the club. Robert Richards moved to keep the disbursement of funds from the December auction to 60 percent to Wounded Warriors and 40 percent to THLU club use. John Irwin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership Dues of Regular THLU Members: Grady Ferry explained to members that unit membership dues are paid by THLU if regular members pay WBCCI dues by November 1. Harvey Craig made the motion that THLU pay local dues for all regular members who renew WBCCI membership or current lifetime WBCCI membership prior to November 1. Ed Addicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Payment of December Rally dues by THLU: Harvey Craig made the motion to pay THLU December rally fees for all attending WBCCI members with a cap of \$2,000. If more money is needed the executive committee has the authority to adjust amount. Robert Richards seconded the motion. Darrell Kachilla moved to amend the motion to THLU pays December rally fees of all attending regular THLU members with a cap of \$2,000. If more money is needed the executive committee has the authority to adjust amount. The amendment was seconded by Robert Richards. Discussion ensued. The amended motion carried with 17 Ayes and 3 Nays.

Sponsorship of October "Hop On/Hop Off Caravan" to Quanah: Harvey Craig made a motion for THLU to sponsor the "Hop On/Hop Off Caravan" to Quanah. Jean Beebe seconded the motion. Harvey explained the sponsorship needed to be a formal movement of the group to ensure we are covered by WBCCI caravan insurance. He also explained this caravan is an un-numbered unit caravan as expenses are not paid from the unit kitty fee for the caravan. The motion carried.

Announcements:

Jean Beebe reminded everyone to pick up the new 2015 Pocket Directory.

Grady Ferry announced the December rally will be at Buckhorn in Kerrville.

He also reminded the group of upcoming 2015 rallies and camp-outs: Lake Somerville Camp Out (June), Rusk State Railroad Rally (September), Quanah Caravan (October), and Fredericksburg (Nov).

The membership chair is requested to enlist at least 15 new members each year. Pati Ramsey Mayton was recognized by Grady Ferry and WBCCI for signing up 18 new members and winning the Founder's Award.

Request was made for club to use the new PA system at each meeting and that all comments/discussion be made from the microphone so all can hear.

Robert Richards made a motion to adjourn. Tom Beebe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Sobotik (Recording Secretary)

THLU Hop On/Hop Off Texas Country Air Rally Caravan

October 18-30, 2015

Co-Caravan Leaders: E. Harvey Craig (eharv@msn.com or 512/633-0380) and

Grady Ferry (pizzacat@sbcglobal.net or 713/925-9586)

Registration & Reservations Need to Be Made NOW !

First: What is a “Hop On/Hop Off Caravan?”

Members make their own reservations and pay all fees---there is NO Kitty Fee or Driver’s Handbook
Members may join and/or leave the caravan whenever and wherever they wish.

Second: Here are the caravan details, dates, and stops?

Rendezvous on Sunday, October 18 at Cedar Hill State Park for **2 Nights** [Full Hook-Ups, Loops G or H]
(Tour Ft Worth Stock Yards on Monday; an interesting place with lots to see and do and good food!)

Depart Cedar Hill State Park on Tuesday, October 20 and head to Lake Arrowhead State Park south of
Wichita Falls (150 miles) for **2 Nights** [Electric & Water; Park has a Dump Station] A nice place to
chill out and watch the prairie dogs.

Depart Arrowhead State Park on Thursday, October 22 and head to Quanah for the Texas Country Air Rally
(120 miles) for **3 Nights** [Dry camping; no hook-ups around Quanah square & the rally is free]

Depart Quanah on Sunday, October 25 for Caprock Canyons State Park (100 miles) for **2 Nights** [Electric
& Water; Park has a Dump Station] Home of the Texas State Bison herd. Hopefully we can set up a
nice ranger talk.

Depart Caprock Canyons State Park on Tuesday, October 27 for Lake Mineral Wells State Park (265
miles) for **3 Nights** [Electric & Water; Park has a Dump Station] (Have a lunch picnic planned to
break long trip up.)

Caravan ends at Lake Mineral Wells State Park on the morning of Wednesday, October 30. Some mem-
bers may wish to do a Meandering Caravan (remember a caravan consists of 2 or more Airstreams) on
their own to Fredericksburg for the THLU Installation Rally, Thursday, November 5 - Sunday, Novem-
ber 8.

Third: How do I register for this caravan and make various reservations?

Decide when you will join and when you will depart the caravan

Make individual reservations **ASAP** at the above State Parks for the above dates **online at:**

http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/park_reservations/web/ or by calling: 512/389-8900.

Register **ASAP** for the Texas Country Air Rally in Quanah (rally is free) **with registration form located at:**

<http://texasplains.wbcci.net/files/2014/08/Registration-Brochure-for-Web.pdf>

or E-Mail David Thompson, Texas Country Air Rally Registrar at: david@highsiesta.com

E-Mail and/or call **ASAP** a THLU Caravan Co-Leader (Craig or Ferry) & let us know that you will be on
the caravan and know your caravan joining and departure dates (**You must do this EVEN IF you have
previously signed-up for this caravan & rally on a unit rally sheet at a previous THLU Rally.**
**Once registered, a member will receive specific information about activities, pot-lucks, tours, etc
for each stop in an E-Mail by the month of May.**

Fourth: When should I register and make reservations even if I am not sure I will go? **N O W!!**

TEXAS COUNTRY AIR RALLY Urban Downtown Camping Event October 22-25, 2015 Quanah, Texas

Sponsored by: Texas Plains Unit—Wally Byam Caravan Club Int'l & The Three Rivers Foundation (3RF)

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- Airstream Ice Cream Social •
- Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Quanah
- Golf Scramble



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www.texasplains.wbcci.net

General Information

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- There are a limited number of parking sites available.
- Registration is first come/first served. Register early.
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- Buildings are handicap accessible.
- No electricity on site. Quiet generators (<70 DBA) are allowed.
- Dump sites available off-site.
- Water available on site.
- All activities are located within one block of parking site.

Registration Coupon : Texas Country Air Rally October 22-25, 2015

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

WBCCI # _____ Region _____ Unit _____

Email _____

Mail Registration To:
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2200 4th Ave. #305
Canyon, TX 79015-4030



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event/ Location</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-------------|--|--|
| 02/05-02/08 | Matagorda Nature Park Matagorda, TX | Go to Reserve America for Sites in South Loop |
| 03/23-03/28 | Region 9 Rally—Conroe, TX | See Region 9 site www.region9.wbcci.net |
| 04/30-05/04 | THLU 9th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally—Bellville, TX | Blue Beret or THLU site for registration |
| 06/04-06/07 | Lake Somerville State Park- Somerville, TX | Contact Grady Ferry |
| 06/26-07/04 | 58th International Convention/Rally Farmington, NM | See Blue Beret or WBCCI website for registration |
| 09/10-09/13 | Texas Railroad Rally, Rusk, TX | Contact Grady Ferry |
| 10/18-10/30 | THLU Hop On/Hop Off Texas Country Air Rally Caravan | Contact Harvey Craig or Grady Ferry |
| 11/05-11/08 | Installation Rally-Fredricksburg RV Park—Fredricksburg, TX | Contact Grady Ferry |
| 12/03-12/06 | Christmas Rally & Auction Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, TX | Contact R. Lee Steele |

Please call Buckhorn Lake RV resort at 800-568-6458 or 830-895-0007 or contact them on the web at <http://www.buckhornrvpark.com/>. Please let them know you are with Texas Highland Lakes Unit of WBCCI.

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