



Texas Highland Lakes Unit
Newsletter

The Roadrunner

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Howdy Streamers!

Thank you for allowing Cheri and me to serve as your Airstream Club First Lady and President. We've made some wonderful friends in this group in a very short four years! By serving you in this way, we hope to make many more friendships, as well as deepen those we've made already.

When Cheri told me seven years ago that she wanted us to get an Airstream, I gave her a tight budget. She's a resourceful woman; it took one night on-line to find a unit on Cape Cod. That night I heard her shout out, "I found our Airstream!" On my way upstairs, I caught myself thinking out loud, "There's no way." But when I looked at the photos, I was as hooked as Cheri. Our 2002 28-foot Classic was treated by its prior owners as their third child. It literally was in mint condition, but the personalized décor in the trailer had us hook, line, and sinker.

Thus began our first trip in our Airstream, from Massachusetts to Texas, to bring it home. On that trip, I learned a lesson I could have learned from Desi if I had watched The Longest Trailer. Yes, our 1/2-ton Suburban just wasn't going to do the trick, even with that contraption called a Hensley hitch. So, our "new" Airstream put us in the market for a "new" Suburban. Of course, a 3/4-ton unit was what was needed, and of course, silver would be purrrrfect! There are not many 3/4-ton Suburbans, and there are even fewer silver ones; this one was in Illinois. So, Lucy flew to O'Hare, met the dealer, finalized the deal, and drove our new tow vehicle home.

A week later, we took a cross-country trip to enjoy Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and many stops along the way there and back. After that big trip, we settled into the glamping life at several State Parks, enjoying weekends here and there. On one of those in Sealy, we noticed an Airstream across the park as we were unhitching and setting up. Cheri and I said, "Let's go meet them." We took off clockwise, went to their door, knocked, received no response, and kept going around the loop back to our "home". Being an observant guy (please don't argue Lucy), I noticed a couple doing the same thing we were, only directly opposite us. Sure enough, they went into that other Airstream trailer! So we started walking again, keeping an eye out to make sure they didn't repeat as we were.

Turned out to be Matt and Deanna Shepard. What fun we had getting to know them that weekend, and what nice friends they've been. They're the ones who encouraged us to take the plunge and get into THLU. We're happy we took their advice. Matt's also the one who twisted my arm gently to accept this office; I'll let you know next November if we're still friends!

A few terrific Caravans later, namely Blue Ridge Parkway, Canadian Rockies, and Balloon Fiesta, as well as numerous fantastic THLU Rallies, have made true believers in WBCCI and THLU out of us. What a fun group you all are, and what great memories we're making together!

We're expecting that many of us make lots more memories in 2018, with a Unit Caravan in February to West Texas and Big Bend National Park, as well as Rallies in March (Athens), April (Cherokee), May (Comfort), September (Galveston), October (Rockport), and November (Fredericksburg). Did I mention our Region 9 Rally in Abilene in April, our International Rally in Oregon in June, or our upcoming Christmas Rally in San Antonio this December? Phew!

Speaking of our Christmas Rally, thanks to all of you who have volunteered (and those who will). We are a group full of wonderful volunteers, many who have served to make THLU the awesome club it is today! We're reaping the harvest today from the seeds of energy you sowed yesterday. May we continue to plant seeds today to enjoy future harvests in our days to come.

To many, see you in San Antonio. To all the rest, hope to see you soon. May you and your families be blessed over the holidays!

Ed



A Note from our Treasurer

There is still time to renew or join
WBCCI and THLU.
 Click on the image to learn more.
 Stephen Broadus

Once again it is time to renew or join WBCCI and THLU. Even though your current 2017 membership runs through December 31, 2017, we begin renewals for the next calendar year early so that everyone has ample opportunity to get their dues in before year-end. If you pay your dues after November 20, 2017 you'll still be a member, of course, but your name and WBCCI number will not appear in the printed 2018 International Directory. You will, however, be listed in subsequent Digital Directory updates as they are compiled and distributed throughout the year. If you choose, you may opt out of the Directory.

WBCCI International dues and THLU unit dues remain the same as 2017. The dues for 2018 are \$65+\$15 = \$80/year for Full Members ... and \$15/year for Affiliate Members.

If you joined between January 1 and July 1, 2017, you paid pro-rated dues for the balance of 2017. New members joining after July 1 must submit pro-rated dues for 2017, as well as full dues for the 2018 membership. This puts everyone on the same renewal schedule (see chart below).

Join Dates	International Dues	Unit or Member at Large Dues	FOR
January - February - March	\$65.00	Plus Unit or Member at Large dues	Current Year
April - May - June	\$48.00	Plus Unit or Member at Large dues	Current Year
July - August - September	\$32.00 + \$65.00 = \$97.00	Plus Unit or Member at Large dues	Current Year PLUS Next
October - November - December	\$16.00 + \$65.00 = \$81.00	Plus Unit or Member at Large dues	Current Year PLUS Next

I ask each of you to join or renew online at www.wbcci.org - it's quick and easy. The form is set up to be used with PayPal, but you do not need a PayPal account - you can also use a credit card or debit card. Applicants should select the appropriate button "Join Online Today" or "Renew Online Today" and provide the required information. Select Region 9, Unit 172, Texas Highland Lakes to pay unit dues. Of course, dues can always be paid in person or by mail to:

Stephen Broadus, THLU Treasurer
 212 Waldeck Road
 Leedbetter, TX 78946
 713-501-7714
wbk1950@earthlink.net



The webpage has been updated over the past year.

Take a look at it, if you have not opened it lately.

- You can register for a rally and see great photos of our rallies.
- Hosting is a fun way to get to know more members. Wonder what is involved? See the Hosting Duties (Revised January 2017)
- We have a Business Meeting in December -- become familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws and Unit Policies.

[*Click here to check out the THLU webpage*](#)

REGION 9 NEWS

Region 9 Rally:
Peace, Love, Airstream

Peace, Love, Airstream will take place April 9 - 15, 2018 at the Expo Center of Taylor County in Abilene, Texas. The rally parking fees include six (6) nights of 30 amp electric, water and one pump out.



Keith and Grady did an awesome job for last year's rally. The food and entertainment were outstanding. Seeing Grady Hulu last year was a hoot.

[Click here for the brochure and registration form.](#)

Early registration is a tremendous help for them.



September:
Willard and Rayne Armour transferred to our unit.
Armour, Willard & Rayne
Hillsboro, TX 76645

October:
Long, Lydia & Bob Bailey
Tuscola, TX 79562

Bruce and Cynthia Nutt (affiliate members) joined us as regular members.

Nutt, Bruce & Cynthia
Addison, TX 75001

November:

Larry and Judy Bettencourt became affiliate members of our unit.

Bettencourt, Larry & Judy
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

Thanks to Jean Beebe for the information.



Urgent: Still Searching for Positions for 2018

2nd Vice President

Caravan Chairperson

If you are willing to serve, please contact our President, Ed Addicks.

NEWS



WWW.BITSTRIPS.COM

NEWS: Please email [Debbie at debbst@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie@debbst@gmail.com) with news.

Marque received this note from Sybil McNeely: We got the notice to renew our membership with club but will not for 2018. Arliss was not up to camping out in 2017. We also got a Airstream Interstate XLT to continue what we love, RVing. We will miss our friends.

I (Debbie) am continuing PT (ankle) and OT (wrist). I have not gained my complete range of motion back. A nerve test was done to see about the carpal tunnel issue resulting from surgery. I return to the doctor on December 11 to discuss the need for surgery. If anyone has had carpal tunnel surgery, I would welcome your input.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our thoughts and prayers are with these folks who are grieving, under the weather, undergoing treatments, surgeries or are on the mend .

Anita Bon's mother passed away and consequently the Bons will not be vacationing in the USA during the month of October.

As the Mitchells were preparing to make their way home from Arizona in September, Ken received word that his brother, while in Florida, had passed away.

Bill Lovelace was helping with landscaping at NTAC; he began to feel ill with

various symptoms. Pat took him to the ER and immediately he was "airlifted" to Providence in Waco. He did suffer a heart attack. He received a stint that day and proper medication. He is now resting at home.

Gail Craig and Harvey Craig as they continue to face the challenges of Gail's heart condition.

Jim Haddaway and Janie as he recovers from a fall in late October.

John & Sherry Parten lost her mother on November 15. It is a big loss to all the family.

Dale Burger's cancer has returned and he is taking chemotherapy again.

Thanks Marque Mooney for helping with the information.

Happy Birthday to You!

NOVEMBER

A.J. Wolery Blood 11/2
Vickie Courtney 11/2
Glenn Hieshima 11/2
Dave Sharbo 11/3
Ken Callahan 11/4
Gail Craig 11/6
Julie Jordan 11/6
Rosemary Leach 11/8
Miranda Lambert 11/10
Marty Berdan 11/1
Mary Herrold 11/17
Howard Duff 11/19
Karen Sharbo 11/19
Kathy Blanchard 11/23
Betty Richards 11/23
John Tetzlaff 11/25
Jim Riggio 11/27
John Sheridan 11/28
Myrtle Bell 11/29
Ron Harner 11/26
Pati Mayton 11/30
Billy Myers 11/30

DECEMBER

Bill Booker 12/2
Paul Nevitt 12/3
Janet Turner 12/9
B Bailey 12/10
Cindy Berdan 12/17
C.C. Gartman 12/18
Alice Price 12/20
Wendell Fleming 12/23



JANUARY

Rosario Lester 1/2
Kathryn Fischer 1/3
David Blakey 1/4
Sheila Gallagher 1/6
Ginger Zeringue 1/7
Lynn Perrin 1/10
Darel Ball 1/13
Tom Beebe 1/15
Debi Jean Harkey 1/17
Jim Courtney 1/18
Luther Price 1/19
Janet Latham 1/27

Sherry Parten 12/25
Ella Faye Stephens 12/28
Sandie Boutwell 12/29
Kathi Mitchell 12/31



Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER

Morris, Tommy & Treasea 11/1
Zeringue, Steven & Ginger 11/5
Reyes, Humberto & Aurora (Mickey) 11/6
Walker, Billy & Lynn 11/23
Bell, Don & Myrtle 11/24
Parten, John & Sherry 11/29

DECEMBER

Barber, Wendy & Tammy Patterson 12/4
Fleming, Wendell & Shirley 12/12
Price, Luther & Alice 12/17
Shepard, Matthew & Deanna 12/18
Lester, J.T. & Rosario 12/20
Burger, Dale & Barbara 12/22
Selking, Andy & Barb 12/28

JANUARY

Jordan, Julie & Stephanie Sobotik 1/15
Maddux, Jack & Ruth 1/18
Leach, Carlos & Rosemary 1/20

Rally Information

The Christmas Rally is full for November 30 - December 3. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, call Ed, (979) 251-0602.



Texas Highland Lakes Unit (THLU) 2018 Rallies Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RALLY LOCATION AND LINKS</u>
Nov 30 – Dec 3, 2017	Feliz Navidad en San Antonio! Travelers World RV Park, San Antonio, TX <i>Riverboat ride, golf, Mission San Jose tour, heated pool/spa, Christmas auction and gift exchange, concrete bike path, brewery tours, etc.</i> RV park information: www.travelersworldrvresort.com
Mar 1-4, 2018	Lake Athens -n- Canton Trade Days! Lake Athens Marina RV Park, Athens, TX <i>Canton Trade days, lake fishing, golf, arboretum tour, fisheries tour, zip lining, etc.</i> RV park information: www.lakeathensmarina.com
April 5-8, 2018	Cherokee Wildflowers! Fleming's Ranch, Cherokee, TX <i>Dry camping experience with electrical hookups on Wendy and Shirley's lovely hill country ranch! Camp along the creek where you can swim, kayak, canoe, or exercise your canine. Enjoy the richness of the stars at night as you can at few other places, and join us for a bonfire at night.</i>
May 3-6, 2018	Bravo Rio Guadalupe! Rio Guadalupe Resort, New Braunfels, TX <i>Bring a friend with their SOB rig to this Buddy Rally. Enjoy the wonderful rally hall, with great outdoor seating under the oaks between the hall and river. Close to Gruene, New Braunfels and Lake Canyon, and right on the Guadalupe River.</i> RV park information: www.rioguadalupe.com
September 6-9, 2018	The Beach or the Strand! Jamaica Beach RV Resort, Galveston, TX <i>Great resort with concrete pads, putt-putt golf, lazy river, and swimming pool all on site. Rally room is very nice. Lots to do in Galveston; plan an extended stay!</i> RV park information: www.ibrv.net
October 18-21, 2018	Another weekend on the Gulf Coast! Lagoons RV Resort, Rockport, TX <i>Awesome resort with concrete pads that's rebuilding quickly following Hurricane Harvey. Lots of retirees here and full-timers. Great rally room, coffee and breakfast shop, and indoor swimming pool. Lots to do in Rockport; you may want to plan another extended stay!</i> RV park information: www.lagoonsrv.com
November 8-11, 2018	Wie geht's? Alles gut! Fredericksburg RV Park, Fredericksburg, TX <i>Nicely located RV park with nice rally room, gravel pads, and adjacent outdoor food court. This is our installation rally and it's located in beautiful Fredericksburg!</i> RV park information: www.fbrvrvpark.net

Texas Highland Lakes Unit (THLU) 2018 Caravan Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CARAVAN LOCATION</u>
Jan 31 – Feb 11, 2018	West Texas and Big Bend National Park South Llano River State Park (2 nights), Davis Mountains State Park (3 nights), Big Bend Resort Study Butte-Terlingua (3 nights), and Rio Grande Village Campground (3 nights).

Questions...see our website www.THLU.org, or call or email Ed Addicks at 979/251-0602 or edward.addicks@gmail.com.

**A FUN-FILLED
YEAR OF
RALLIES
AHEAD!**

**CLICK ON THE IMAGE
TO SEE THE
SCHEDULE.**

**ADD THE DATES TO
YOUR CALENDARS.**

Big Bend Unit Caravan THLU Members January 30 - February 11

The Caravan is full.

Click on the link below for the itinerary and to get on the waiting list.

<http://tinyurl.com/ltinerary-and-waiting-list>

News from WBCCI Headquarters

**61st Wally Byam Airstream Club
INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

June 23-30, 2018 in Salem, Oregon



[Click here to learn more information about International 2018](#)

62nd WBCCI International Rally
July 20-27, 2019
Doswell, VA

More details will be announced at the 2018 Rally in
Salem, OR

Quoth the Raven Nevermore Rally October 26-29, 2017

I just had to make a slideshow because there were so many great photos.

Thanks to Marque and Peter for your photos. This slideshow would not exist without you.



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