

December, 2013



# Texas Highland Lakes December Newsletter

## Installation Rally Held at Buckhorn RV Resort

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The highlight of the 2013

Installation Rally was the catered dinner, installation of officers, and reception on Saturday night November 9th.

Jimmy Mooney bid us all farewell as President (with a great big smile on his face). Marty Berdan was sworn in as the 2014 President along with Paul Gulick, 1st VP; Cindy Berdan, Corresponding Secretary; Jean Beebe, Treasurer; with Tom Beebe and Marque Mooney, 2 year trustees. Grady Ferry, 2nd VP, Lin Brinkman, Recording Secretary, Harvey Craig and Ilene Wetterschneider, 1 year trustees were unable to at-

tend. Marty's theme for the year, "Here, There And Everywhere" is based on several Beatles songs which are highlighted in a later article about the 2014 schedule.

Of course the rally included lots of great food prepared by the hosts, members and local restaurants. The ladies enjoyed a tea party lunch and Bunco. Many local stores were visited such as Gibsons, James Avery and the quilt shop Creations. Thanks to our hosts Kathryn and Myron Fischer, Patti Ramsey (Mayton) and Ardell Mayton, Linda and Willard Fischer for a fantastic job well done!

### President's Message

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Cindy and I just returned from the Installation Rally feeling energized and thankful for the fantastic members we have in THLU! We've been Airstreaming with this unit for about 3 1/2 years, but there are many members we have never met.

My goal is to meet each of you sometime soon. We are really looking forward to the next year and hope each of you will join us at least once during the year for a rally, luncheon or caravan. Thanksgiving is just two weeks away and the Christmas Rally is right around the corner. We would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have the opportunity to spend time with your families and friends to give thanks for all of our blessings.



## Christmas Rally 2013 at Lake Falling Star RV Resort

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The annual THLU Christmas Rally will be held at Lake Falling Star RV Resort, McMahan, TX December 5-8, 2013. Unfortunately only 30 sites are available for this year's rally, and they are all booked. The stand-by list has 3 members patiently waiting for a spot. Please contact Marty Berdan if you have a change of plans and cannot attend the rally. **Marty will contact those who have signed up with a reminder and a list of attendees about 10 days before the rally.** **TENTATIVE AGENDA**— Arrival Thursday: happy hour; potluck dinner; Chinese gift exchange. Friday : breakfast; carol sing-a-long; craft idea exchange; BBQ at Blacks; lighted parade in Lockhart. Saturday: breakfast; shopping/ sightseeing; auction set up; happy hour with heavy snacks; auction. Sunday: devotional and fare-well. **REMINDER OF THINGS TO BRING TO RALLY**— One wrapped gift per person for the gift exchange (\$ 5-10 range). Auction items for charity auction benefitting Wounded Warriors. One pot luck meal; one light and one heavy snack ,and normal drinks and set ups. Christmas cards for the card exchange. Chairs and blankets for the parade. Decorations for your trailer. Small nativity scene for table decorations. Musical instruments and voices for the sing-a-long. If you have a Christmas craft or gift idea to share, please bring a sample with instructions for making it.

## New Members Sworn in

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Our newest members are Ginger and Steve Zeringue from The Woodlands, TX. Ginger has restored a vintage 1983 Excella, 31'.

WELCOME Ginger, Steve and Ziva!



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**2014 Rally Schedule:** February 6th brings us to Goliad State Park for the “Till There Was You” Rally. We have 15 sites reserved, plus the pavilion, so that we can stay warm and dry should we have “winter” weather. Currently there are 2 vacancies in our reserved section, but there are more sites available through the Texas State Parks and Wildlife website. Hosts Shirley and Windy Fleming , Cecilia and Paul Gulick, could use one more couple to volunteer to help. **Please contact Marty Berdan ASAP to make your reservation.**

THE COMPLETE 2014 SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.thlu.org](http://www.thlu.org)

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12-3 Bill Brinkman  
12-3 Paul Nevitt  
12-7 Carol Eason  
12-8 Yvonne Rising  
12-9 Janet Turner  
12-10 B. Bailey  
12-10 Mike Barnes  
12-16 Paul Gulick  
12-17 Cindy Berdan  
12-18 C.C. Gartman  
12-20 Linda Lawson  
12-20 Alice Price  
12-23 Windy Fleming

12-25 Sherry Parten  
12-26 Bruce Marshall  
12-28 Ella Faye Stephens  
12-31 Jeremy Price

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12-2 Mike and Jill Barnes  
12-4 Wendy Barber and Tammy Patterson  
12-11 Glen and Linda Lawson  
12-12 Windy and Shirley Fleming  
12-17 Luther and Alice Price  
12-18 Matt and Deanna Shepard  
12-20 JT and Rosario Lester  
12-21 Lex and Dana Ray

12-22 Dale and Barbara Burger  
12-31 Lynn Currie and Becky Arreaga



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Can you guess why Jimmy and Marque are so happy?!

Thank you Trustees and especially Sheila and Richard Gallagher and Carla and CC Gartman for the cake and punch at the reception



Safety Brief by Stuart Wetterschneider: Many Airstreams are connected to the tow vehicle using a Hensley hitch, one of the best weight distributing, anti sway hitches on the market. If you use the Hensley it is important that you follow the directions of the manufacturer when you hook up. For example, if you fail to check if the struts are loose, and in fact they are loose, your Airstream will start swaying from side to side when you are passed by a large vehicle in any direction. Not a good situation. When you are checking to see if the struts are tight be sure to check when the springs bars are NOT under tension.





## **2014 Luncheon Schedule**

As our theme is “Here, There, and Everywhere” we are venturing out to different restaurants for our Austin area luncheons. The schedule is not firm yet, but we plan to eat at places such as Tres Amigos, The County Line, Mimi’s, Chuy’s and other places you suggest. The dates are January 7; February 4; March 4; May 6; September 2; and November 4. The newsletter will announce the location and it will also be posted on the website and via email. **Come and join us!**

## **Thinking of you....**

**Gail Craig** is having a transapical transcatheter aortic valve implant (TAVI) at Scott and White Hospital in Temple on Friday November 22nd. Please keep her and Harvey in your thoughts and prayers. **Dave Sharbo** reports that Karen’s foot surgery went well . Their son Pete, who lives in Minneapolis is tolerating chemo well and making progress in his battle with cancer. **Gayle Shonley** broke her wrist requiring surgery and a lengthy recovery period. **Terry Clopper** recently lost his sister.

**Please contact Cindy or Marty Berdan if you have anything you want to share in future newsletters about member news, health issues, or celebrations. Email: martin.berdan@gmail.com or call 512-913-9011, 512-608-9244**

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Trooper and Wendy give Buckhorn a 5 Star rating. Great dog park and lots of squirrels!



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