

Hot Chocolate Rally

Come join the Texas Highland Lakes Unit Family as we camp and explore the Mission Espiritu Santo State Historic Site (located in the park) and all the rich Texas history and culture of the area.

By: Marque Mooney

February 9-12 at Goliad State Park

For information about Goliad State Park or to make reservations:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/finadest/parks/goliad_and_mission_espiritu_santo/

Plans are being finalized for the Hot Chocolate Rally scheduled for February 9-12, 2012 at the Goliad State Park for a fun and educational Rally. Lead hosts, Windy and Shirley Fleming, advise that all of the 22 spaces reserved for this Rally have been filled and that two others have made their own reservations through the Park Reservation System and that at last check there were still a few spaces available.

This State Park and the nearby area have a rich history in the course of Texas' fight for independence. Windy Fleming has prepared a history lesson about the area and the people involved and will direct us in what we should see while we are there.

Also, while we are there, Goliad will be hosting their Market Days. It is a short hike (or drive) from the park to the Courthouse square where all of the Market Day activities are planned.



Unit Luncheon

February 7, 2012 – Luby's at 13817 US Hwy. 183N, Austin, TX

March 6, 2012 – same location



Rally

March 9-12, 2012 (our first Friday through Monday Rally) Buttermilk Pie Rally – Skyline Ranch RV in Bandera.



Sunshine Report

By: Kathryn Fischer

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers

Jonathan Crenwelge in the loss of his 16-year-old cousin from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Christmas.

Neva Bone as she continues her treatment for cancer, however, she is to receive her last treatment next week.

Harry and Liz Rodgers as Harry continues to recuperate from double pneumonia.

Jim Bailey recovering from surgery to have two stints placed in his heart.

Don Bachman and his family. Don is a former president of Texas Highland Lakes Unit and is currently in a Hospice Facility in Round Rock.

Fred and Judy Hazen in the tragic loss of their granddaughter's husband on 12/31.

Janet Latham's father is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

Important Dates to Remember

Birthdays

2/4 Dale Burger –

daleburger@excite.com

2/5 Jean Beebe –

tjbeebe@hotmail.com

2/5 Shirley Fleming –

seachng@yahoo.com

2/6 Zee Sharpe –

zsharp@austin.rr.com

2/5 Bobbi Tetzlaff –

airstream206@mac.com

2/11 – Jim Whitworth –

dadswhitend@yahoo.com

2/13 – Myrna Guidry –

lukemyrna67@aol.com

2/13 – Kathy Thalman

2/13 – Patricia Thomas –

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2/16 – Marilyn McClanahan –

mgmccclanahan@gmail.com

2/18 - Dorothy McCoppin –

sunseptpar@sbcglobal.net

2/20 – Harvey Craig – eharv@msn.com

2/24 – Don Bell – donbelljr@aol.com

2/25 – Muriel Stephens –

bsms5@sbcglobal.net

Anniversaries

2/9 – Tom & Zee Sharpe =

tsharp@austin.rr.com

2/14 – Jimmy and Marque Mooney

marquemooney@gmail.com





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Team Mighty Fine Cycling visits Candy Bar Campout on Saturday

Last week was Buzz Hempel's birthday and to celebrate his birthday he decided he wanted to go on a little ride with a few of his friends. Though Buzz and Cynthia (and Bradley) are the proud owners of a 34' Airstream and are members of THLU, you can usually find Buzz on a bicycle whenever he has some free time. And when you mention a "little" ride like he took this past weekend it ended up being around 62 miles round trip from Bertram to the park and back.



Those camping out at Inks Lake State Park this last weekend were pleased to look up and see Buzz and about 10 of his fellow Team Mighty Fine Cycling riders come breezing into the Park and stop for a brief visit amongst the shining Airstreams.



Buzz Hempel, 4420

Team Mighty Fine Cycling became a Texas nonprofit corporation in October Of 2011 and 501c3 is pending. They have been participating in the MS 150 since 2009. TMFC is sponsored by Mighty Fine Burgers Fries & Shakes. Welcome Team Mighty Fine Cycling! Hope you'll stop by again sometime!

Hot Chocolate Rally (continued)

Our hosts for the Hot Chocolate Rally are:

Windy and Shirley Fleming
Myron and Kathryn Fischer
John and Kay Irwin
Gary and Marilyn McClanahan

They have planned a whole weekend full of fun and entertaining and educational events for us. Since this Rally is at a State Park the first night's stay has been paid to secure the reservations. However, you will need to stop at the Park's office when you enter and pay for the remainder of the fees. Make sure to bring your State Park Pass to use if you have one. The first night's stay that has been previously been paid will be added to your Rally fees to be paid to our Treasurer, Jean Beebe, on Saturday morning.



Market Days on the Courthouse Square in Goliad

Mozzarella Corn Dip by Janet Latham

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1 pint mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. each of parsley, Accent & sugar
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1-2 T. onion flakes
- 11 oz. can Mexicorn (drained)
- pickled jalapenos to taste
- Pepper to taste

Mix ingredients and fold in 2 cups Mozzarella cheese. Refrigerate but take out one hour before serving. Serve with tortilla chips or Fritos. (Makes a BIG bowl!)



Richard and Janet Turner

Have just returned from IBT in Hattiesburg, MS and will be attending the 31st National Hobo Rally at the Colorado River Fairgrounds in Blythe, California February 6-12, 2012. They will also be visiting with Janet's mother and son while they are in California. They were in North Carolina visiting with Richard's mother during December. We are always thrilled to see our members living their dream and being able to be out and about in their Airstream! Safe travels Richard and Janet. See you at the March Rally!



A LOOK AHEAD:

March 26-31, 2012 – STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES Region 9 Rally in Mineola

April 3, 2012 – Unit Luncheon at the Harvest Buffet in Hillsboro, Texas

April 20-22, 2012 – Peach Cobbler Informal, No-Host Camp-Out.

Reservations have already been made with the Park. Please contact Marque for information.

May 1, 2012 – Unit Luncheon at Luby's at 13817 US Hwy. 183N, Austin

May 11-14, 2012 – Ice Cream Cone Rally at Lake Falling Star RV Resort in McMahan

Candy Bar Campout

We just wrapped up a long holiday weekend with a Winter campout at Inks Lake State Park. Most of the pictures in this newsletter are from that campout.

There were 10 Airstream trailers all parked



together along the lake and when you put that much shiny silver in one spot

you can't help but get noticed. We had several people walk through the park and stop and admire and ask questions. The usual comment is, "I've always wanted an Airstream!" Which just opens the door for me to tell them just how easy that is to make happen and tell them how much fun we have as a group.

Since this was a campout and we didn't have access to a covered pavilion or clubhouse we were going to have an emphasis on Dutch Oven cooking. Tom Beebe was very helpful to several of us amateurs just learning the basics of cooking with fire in our cast iron. And, did we ever eat good!

However, it quickly became apparent that maybe our description of the weekend should have been "Friends and Family Campout," because we really had the company. Besides the strangers walking through the park and the Team Mighty Fine Cycling mentioned on page 3, we had several others come out and visit for awhile. Members Gary and Marilyn McClanahan, and Judy Hazen from Austin, and Jayne Mortensen from nearby Kingsland and Jim Whitworth from Wimberly all drove over and spent time with us. Shannon Pinkston brought her dad, Terry Pinkston, along with her from Dallas. Kelly Sosland's sister, Seleta Davis and daughter, Lexi, and 12 week old lab puppy,

Daisy Mae Davis, came from Longview. Also, Kelly's daughter, Bekah Sosland



from Austin, and Bekah's boyfriend, Hunter Temerton from Fredericksburg, came out and sat by the fire too.

A special additional thanks to Lin Brinkman for leading us in some really neat craft projects. Thanks, Lin!

Thanks!

Jean Beebe unveils new THLU Directory

We extend a huge round of applause to our Treasurer and Directory Chairperson, Jean Beebe, as she unveils our new Unit Directory in its new format. In November when she was sworn in as Treasurer, Jean also agreed to accept the responsibility of tackling the new digital design for our Unit Directory. We no longer will be using the very expensive paper and binder way of keeping up with everyone but can now find everything you ever wanted to know about a THLU member simply by going to your computer. This has been an extremely time-intensive labor and we want to thank Jean for all of her efforts.

Those who do not have a computer or receive emails will have a copy mailed to them once a year.



Picture of THLU Treasurer, Jean Beebe, as she exits her Airstream this last weekend at Inks Lake State Park. Your Unit Directory will now be coming to you via email twice a year!

Airstreamers and Their Pets!

Pictured below is John Irwin and one of his and Kay's three cats, Zoe, who always travel with them wherever they go.



Have you ever noticed just how many of us love and travel with our pets? It just seems like Airstreaming and owning pets go hand and hand. Without a doubt the most unusual pet sighting at a Rally is John Irwin coming out with one of his three cats on a leash. His cats are very social and upon closer inspection you can see that one of his cats has hot pink protective coating over her nails.

The prize for being the most compassionate pet owner would probably be a three way tie between Marty and Cindy Berdan, who are Golden

Retriever rescuers, Shannon Pinkston (that's her Dylan's picture on page 4) who had 6 rescues living with her last weekend until she picked up two more strays on the side of the highway on her way home on Monday and Stuart and Ilene Wetterschneider who recently drove all the way to Middletown, Ohio to adopt Tilly (pictured at left) from the Wire Fox Terrier Rescue Midwest. Everyone in THLU knows who "Jackie" is – the much-loved pet of Gail and Harvey Craig. And Ella Faye Stephens is

always in the company of three of the cutest little poodles you will ever see. Colin Melton is the new owner of a rescue named Ziggy that Tom Beebe has recently immortalized with his own metal sculpture replica. And Windy and Shirley Fleming travel with their two aging and much loved pets (pictured on page 4). Ardell Mayton and Pati Ramsey recently got married and besides a beautiful new bride, Ardell acquired BG (stands for Body Guard), a Yorkie and our Zoey's new best friend. Zoey had four puppies (Yorkshire Terriers pictured below)



about a year and a half ago and all of them traveled with us for a couple of Rallies. I know there are several more I've left out but I was wondering if you had ever noticed just how many pets travel in Airstreams?

If you're like us, the first thing that gets packed on our way to a Rally is our pet.



Letter from Region 9 - 2nd Vice President, Linda Knezek

I am in charge of door prizes this year and I have to live up to Jim's "big" giveaway last year. Kinda like singing after Frank Sinatra...yikes!!

I'm asking that each Unit donate five (5) prizes. I'm not putting any limit on cost, just that whatever is donated be something that you would like to win. I will need to know what is being donated by March 1st and will need the prizes by Monday, the 26th in Mineola.

If you would be willing to donate a door prize for the Region Rally would you please bring it with you to the Hot Chocolate Rally in Goliad. Thank you, Marque

Hot Chocolate Rally at the Goliad State Park
February 9-12, 2012

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Arrival Day. Check in at the Park Office. Pay entrance fees. Follow signs to Jacales Camping Area.
There are great hiking and biking trails throughout the park. Bring set ups to all meals.
5:00 p.m. Happy Hour. "A" through "H" bring appetizer.
6:00 p.m. Pot luck Supper. Bring a dish to share
Dessert provided by hosts. Hot chocolate, chocolate chip cookies and more.
7:00 p.m. Announcements
7:30 p.m. History talk by Windy Fleming

Friday, February 10, 2012

8:00 a.m. Coffee, hot chocolate and juice ready.
8:00 a.m. till ??? **B.Y.O.B. Bring Your Own Breakfast**
Join us in the dining hall with your bowl of breakfast cereal or other favorite food. You can even come in your jammies!
9:00 a.m. Something From the Heart. A short talk on the symptoms of a heart attack by Shirley Fleming
10:00 a.m. Tour and talk given by the Park Ranger
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Tour Presidio La Bahia, Fannin Memorial, shop or hike the trails.
5:00 p.m. Happy Hour. "I" through "W" bring appetizers.
6:00 p.m. Bring your own meat to grill on the big pits outside of the dining hall. Sides and dessert provided by hosts. Potato salad, green salad, garlic bread. Rainbow sherbet and Valentine cookies.
7:00 p.m. Announcements
7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading. Regale us with an original poem about your Airstream, camping or your true love. Or read one of your favorite poems.

Saturday, February 11, 2012

8:00 a.m. Coffee, hot chocolate, juice ready
8:30 a.m. Banana pancakes, sausage, fruit
9:00 a.m. Pay Rally fees
9:30 a.m. So You Got a Kindle For Christmas? Everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask. By John Irwin
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Market Days on the Historic Courthouse Square downtown.
5:00 p.m. Happy Hour. Bring your beverage and join the group in the dining hall. Food to follow.
6:00 p.m. Hosts will serve a variety of soups and breads. Dessert: Chocolate fountain with goodies for dipping.
7:00 p.m. Announcements
7:30 p.m. Show and tell of things bought at Market Days or of activities of your day.

Sunday, February 12, 2012

9:00 a.m. Devotional outside at the picnic tables, weather permitting.
Have a safe trip home or your next destination.

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