

NOVEMBER, 2013

# TEXAS HIGHLAND LAKES UNIT

2013 Theme: *Take Me Back*



## Great Crowd, Great Fun at the Texas Vintage Rally

By: Jimmy Mooney, THLU President

A record 93 Airstreams gathered in Gonzales, Texas for Texas Highland Lakes Unit's Vintage Rally, October 3-7. The silver, iconic RV's spanning eight decades parked along US 183 for everyone to see and enjoy. The unseasonably warm October weather gave everyone, especially those visiting from out-of-state, a nice, hospitable environment to ... *continued page 3*

## Time to Pay Dues!

We have been blessed with another year of great financial gains and, once again, THLU is spreading the wealth by paying for every regular member's Unit dues for 2014.

However, **you must pay your WBCCI dues before November 1<sup>st</sup>** to be able to take advantage of this offer, have your name included in next year's WBCCI Directory and to continue to be a member of Texas Highland Lakes Unit.

Nearly 100% of our Affiliate members have already submitted their Unit dues but some of regular members are quickly running out of time to get their money in. If you haven't done so already, please submit your payment of \$65.00 to Jean Beebe today!

**Jean Beebe, Treasurer**  
503 Chihuahua Trail

## Save the Date!

Unit  
Nov 5 & Dec 3  
Luby's  
5200 Brodie  
Lane, Austin, TX  
78745

Take Me Back  
Rally  
November 7-10  
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Christmas  
December 5-8  
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information is on  
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# More Pictures

More pictures from the recent Texas Vintage Rally

## Colin and Mike

Colin Melton and Mike Lovell holding the "Come and Take It" Flag.

## Tom and Jim

Tom Beebe and Jim Bailey presenting a demonstration of Dutch Oven Cooking at one of the Rally Seminars.



## B

B Bailey playing her harp at sunset beside hers and Jim's Airstream for an Airstream documentary being filmed by Eric Bricker (not shown) of Kaleidoscope Mediaworks.



## Pati

THLU Membership Chairperson **Pati Ramsey** (Mayton) swore in new members, **Harry & Patty Penkert** and **Ed & Chere Addicks**, on the red carpet during the Annual Business Meeting.

## Vannie

Wearing her lampshade hat, **Vanette Harris** (aka Vannie) is in the doorway of hers and David's vintage Airstream (affectionately known as **Gypsy Rhapsody**) during the Vintage Airstream Open House. Vannie also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Come and Take It" 5K Race.





## Judy and Fred Hazen lead the way for THLU and friends to celebrate Vintage Airstreams!

*continued from Page one ...* attend educational classes and demonstrations, eat delicious potluck and catered Happy Hours and meals, purchase some bargains at the Swap Meet, tour beautiful vintage Airstreams and probably what Texas Highland Lakes Unit members are best known for – visiting with friends, both current and prospective Airstream owners!

Our Co-Chairmen, **Judy and Fred Hazen**, plus their posse of volunteers, made this entire collaboration of events possible for this unforgettable Rally. Everyone who knows Fred Hazen knows of his love for anything history related and what a perfect match-up for him than to couple the history of Gonzales’ “Come and Take It” annual celebration and THLU’s bi-annual Texas Vintage Rally. Both Judy and Fred have worked

tirelessly for over two years on perfecting every single aspect of organizing this now widely anticipated WBCCI event.

In fear of omitting someone, I will not go into personally naming and thanking all of the Committee Chairmen, other Units who brought members to attend and pitched in to help and everyone who volunteered in one way or another to make this another memorable and historical chapter to the Texas Highland Lake Unit’s history of being the best Unit in all of WBCCI. Thanks to all of you!



## A Note from Marque

The job of writing this newsletter every year falls on the President of THLU. After serving my term as President in 2012, Jimmy followed as President this past year and I continued writing it for him. We are not the first husband and wife to follow each other as President of THLU (John and Kay Irwin also shared this honor) and, like them, we have shared these newsletter writing responsibilities.

Year before last THLU received an Honorable Mention at the International Rally for our newsletter and just this past July we received the First Place Blue Ribbon.

This being “our” last newsletter, Jimmy and I would like to thank the following people who have helped every month in getting the newsletter to you – Judy Hazen (responsible for sending it to you), Harvey Craig (editing), John Irwin (converting to a “sendable” version) and to everyone of you who sent us pictures and content, have complimented us and encouraged us in this endeavor. We hope that you will continue to support Cindy and Marty in 2014!

# “Back to the Future” Installation Rally

Nov 7-10, 2013  
1-800-568-6458 or 1-830-895-0007  
Buckhorn Lake Resort  
1338 Goat Creek Rd. Exit 501-IH  
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Check in at the Office when you arrive and they will give you your assigned parking spot. Set ups and beverages are needed for all meals except Saturday night's Catered dinner.

## Wednesday-November 6

Hosts arrive, others welcome.

## Thursday- November 7 – Parking all day

4:30 P.M. Happy Hour in Rally Room. A-L bring light snacks.

6:00 P.M. Dinner –Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Green Salad, dessert furnished

7:00 P.M. Movie in Theater or games of choice, popcorn provided.

## Friday – November 8

7:30 A.M. Coffee Ready in Rally Room

8:00 A.M. Breakfast – Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Juice and Coffee

12:00 Noon.- Men – Lunch at Mamacita's

12:00 Noon- Ladies-Lunch in Rally Room/Bunco and Tea Party. **Each lady bring your own favorite tea cup**

4:30 P.M. Happy Hour in Rally Room, M-Z bring light snacks

6:00 P.M. Bring a Salad for dinner. Dessert prepared by hosts.

7:00 P.M. Movie in Theater or games of choice. Popcorn provided.

## Saturday- November 9

8:00 A.M Coffee ready in Rally Room

8:30 – 9:30 A.M. Breakfast available at the Campground, Dutch treat

9:30 A.M. Pay Rally and Parking fee to Jean Beebe, Treasurer in Rally Room

Rest of day on your own and no happy hour is scheduled due to Dinner, Installation and Reception.

6:00 P.M. Catered Dinner, Carved Pork Loin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad and Roll.

7:00 P.M. Installation of Officer's Ceremony followed by Reception.

## Sunday – November 10

8:30 A.M. Devotional

Have a safe trip home.

RSVP to Myron Fischer 512-784-0635 or e-mail [fisch963@earthlink.net](mailto:fisch963@earthlink.net) if you plan to attend

## Christmas Rally

Hosted by: Gene & Kathy Blanchard, Phil & Peggy Spruell and Marty and Cindy Berdan

The Annual THLU Christmas Rally will be held December 5, 6 and 7, 2013 at Lake Falling Star RV Resort, 7355 FM 713, McMahan, TX 78606 (near Lockhart and Luling).

The Rally will feature the annual “fun” gift exchange, auction to benefit our charity fund, card exchange; great food and music.

In addition, Lockhart has a Lighted Christmas Parade on Friday night, December 6<sup>th</sup> and “A Dickens Christmas” celebration all day Saturday. Luling features a Lighted Yule Trail every night.

We have 30 slots reserved, with a possibility of a few overflow sites.

Please contact Marty Berdan, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, at the following: 512/913-9011 or [martin.berdan@gmail.com](mailto:martin.berdan@gmail.com).



As we get ready for the upcoming “Back to the Future” Installation Rally and all the anticipation of Marty Berdan becoming our new President I wanted to take a brief moment to reflect on the past year.

I became President of Texas Highland Lakes Unit kind of by the back door and made the very rapid ascension through the ranks with more than just a little help from my predecessors, my wife, Marque, Harvey Craig, ... and down the line of several of the previous past Presidents assisting (and encouraging) me. I’ve had a very much “hands on” assistance by the current officers of THLU – especially the upcoming Presidents – Marty, Paul and now Grady. Thanks to all of you for helping me fumble my way through Business Meetings and keeping me on track of all the things I was required to do through our Constitution and By-Laws and trying to help me to dot all the “i’s” and cross all the “t’s.”

My “right-hand-lady,” (and every prior President will agree with me) has been our Treasurer, Jean Beebe. Jean has been very patient with all of my questions, phone calls and emails. I don’t think THLU realizes just how much Jean does for all of us and how valuable her time and talents have meant to me personally.

Next, I would like to thank each of the Committee Chairmen and all of their volunteers for helping to keep this Unit running. I would be a very wealthy man if I could afford to pay you for what all your time and services have added up to this last year. And right behind the Committee Chairmen I must remember the hardest working, least appreciated group of volunteers we have – our hosts! I wish I had the time and space to name each of you personally for all the planning you’ve done, the phone calls, the meals you’ve prepared,

you have arranged and about a million of other details you’ve so sacrificially made to help make this the best Unit, not just in Region 9, but the entire WBCCI and to make sure we’ve had such fun and exciting Rallies this last year.

As I mentioned almost a little over a year ago, I’ve dedicated my year as President to Gayland Stephens – the man responsible for getting Marque and I involved in THLU. My theme this year has been: Take Me Back. We’ve now “Gathered Round the Camp-fire,” gone to the Hill Country, been “in the “Big Red Barn,” sat “Out on the Porch” and more but now it’s time to get “Back to the Future.” A future that looks very bright and encouraging and growing and most importantly, includes plenty of time for Airstreaming with our Texas Highland Lakes friends!

I ask you to please support Marty this next year as much as you have me. And continue to volunteer!

Being your President this year has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life. I thank you for your trust and faith in letting me represent Texas Highland Lakes Unit.

Gratefully,

**Jimmy Mooney**  
THLU’s 2013 President

11/1 – Tommy and Treasea Morris  
 11/4 – Johnny and Erlene Shelly  
 11/6 – Humberto and Mickey Reyes  
 11/18 – Andy Trumble and Wendi Prater  
 11/19 – Michael and Lynn Neu

11/23 – Billy and Lynn Walker  
 11/24 – Don and Myrtle Bell  
 11/26 – Jim and Melinda Wasson  
 11/29 – John and Sherry Parten

**November Birthdays and Anniversaries !**

11/2 – Glen Hieshima  
 11/2 – Vickie Courtney  
 11/3 – Dave Sharbo  
 11/4 – Ken Callahan  
 11/4 – Frank Rising  
 11/6 – Gail Craig  
 11/6 – Julie Jordan  
 11/8 – Rosemary Leach  
 11/10 – Miranda Lambert (Shelton)  
 11/11 – Marty Berdan  
 11/11 – Raisin Schwerdfeger  
 11/16 – Cynthia Hempel  
 11/17 – Mary Herrold  
 11/18 – Terry Clopper

11/18 – Byron Wright  
 11/18 – Wendi Prayer  
 11/19 – Howard Duff  
 11/19 – Karen Sharbo  
 11/20 – Jim Schwerdfeger  
 11/23 – Kathy Blanchard  
 11/25 – John Tetzlaff  
 11/26 – Ron Harner  
 11/27 – Ed Sherwood  
 11/28 – Johnny Shelly  
 11/28 – John Sheridan  
 11/29 – Myrtle Bell  
 11/30 – Pati Ramsey (Mayton)  
 11/30 – Billy Myers

Sunny and Stella, daughters of Wes and Misty Perryman, got their faces painted after the “Come and Take It” parade in downtown Gonzales.



**FOR SALE**  
 John Irwin has a set of 4 Centramatic wheel balancers for 6-lug Airstream hubs for sale. \$75  
[johnirwin8@gmail.com](mailto:johnirwin8@gmail.com)

**Directory Updates**

Welcome New Members:  
 Bill and Pat Lovelace  
 WBCCI #4217  
 200 Walnut Hill Ave., #8  
 Hillsboro, TX 76645-2217  
 Email: [bl46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bl46@sbcglobal.net)  
[Firepal4@gmail.com](mailto:Firepal4@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 254/707/1586  
 Birthdays: 7/20 8/20  
 Anniversary: 3/26  
 Airstream: 1991 Classic 24'

New address:  
 Dave & Karen Roper  
 200 Walnut Hill Ave., #104  
 Hillsboro, TX 76645-2217

G.R. Allen  
 P.O. Box 310  
 Staples, TX 78670-0310

Roger & Jan Pruter  
 New WBCCI Number is 215

Carlos & Rosemary Leach  
 New WBCCI Number is 1717



Paula Haddox's Mom, Helen Thompson Eggleston, passed away early Sunday morning after suffering a stroke Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to Paula, Jim and their family.



During the recent Vintage Rally we didn't get to see Gail and Harvey Craig because Gail was in ICU in Austin with a heart condition. She will have heart valve replacement surgery in Temple at Scott and White Hospital probably sometime next week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of you.

Karen Sharbo underwent foot surgery at the Mayo Hospital on September 27. We're hoping that Dave is taking really good care of her and that she's feeling better soon.



Jack Maddux was to have shoulder surgery on October 16<sup>th</sup> and I haven't heard the results yet. He is just getting over knee replacement surgery and it's looking like back surgery maybe in his near future too! It was good to see him and Ruth at the Vintage Rally and we look forward to seeing much more of them in the future if Jack can just stay out of the hospital!

Our friend, G.R. (Snookie) Allen, fell a while back and has moved to an assisted living facility. Her new address is: 1401 Wonder World Dr., Apt. 3  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512/392-4294

A special thanks to her daughter, Judy Dietert, for keeping us up to date on Snookie. We look forward to hopefully getting to see you both at a Rally sometime soon (even if it is just for a few hours).

Yes, you are seeing correctly. That is a bra (below) made of Airstream models – blinking lights included. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in the Bras for the Cause in Greenville, TX that raised more than \$87,000! This entry was made by THLU members Janet & Jim (electrician) Latham, Danna Myers and their friends.



Part of the reason we haven't been seeing Larry and Brenda Heinold (pictured above) lately is because they have been putting the miles on that new Airstream of theirs. They took a late summer vacation to Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Canada to name just a few. Look forward to seeing you two soon with lots of tales of your travels!



Harry Rogers recently fell and broke a hip and has had to have surgery. Please keep him and Liz in your prayers as he recovers.

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