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The President's Corner

I'll bet you never knew I was a musician! I finally found an instrument that is perfect for me, the African drum. The Drum Circle was one of the seminars offered at Texas Country Air in Quanah, TX, on October 18-23. Barbara talked me into going thinking it would be Native Americans sitting in a circle playing their drums. As it turned out, we were the drummers! It was actually a lot of fun for all who participated—even me.

Five units from TCPU attended the Quanah rally this year. In addition to Barbara and me, the TCPUs included the Gilberts, the Snows, the Kindles, and Tom Harris and guest, Toni Nolder. There were many fun activities with lots to see and do. You should plan to go next year if you have never been.

Remember, if you have not renewed your membership online, you should do so as soon as possible. In order for your name to appear in the directory, you must be registered by November 15, 2016. It is quite easy to renew or join online. Just go to WBCCI.org and click on the "Renew Online Today" button. Fill in the information as requested and pay with your credit card or Pay Pal account when completed. Be sure to select our unit, **Region 9, Texas Coastal Plains, Unit 155**, from the drop down list.

There are only two rallies left on our 2016 schedule. Our New Braunfels River rally has about 30 rigs signed up to attend. I sure hope the fish are biting! Our final rally (the Christmas Celebration and 2017 Officer Installation) has been moved to Couthatte RV Ranch in Bellville, TX. Please check the rally flyer later in the newsletter for information on this rally, and notify Vernon and Joletta if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Renew your WBCCI membership
ASAP at WBCCI.org

Nov. 17-20: A River Runs Through
It Rally at Lazy L & L Campground,
New Braunfels.

Contact: *HV Martin*

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Don Teegarden

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December 8-11: Christmas
Celebration and 2017 Officer
Installation.

**Note change in location to
Couthatte Recreation Ranch in
Bellville, TX**

Contact: *Vernon Goodwin III*

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by November 30

See You Down the Road!

Jim Mercer



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Plains Unit

Unit Website: <http://tcpu155.wbcci.net>



Enjoying the day in Quanah

Texas Country Air in Quanah, TX

by Barbara Mercer

Five rigs from TCPU headed up to Quanah for the Texas Country Air rally on October 18-23. Our group included the Gilberts, Snows, Kindles, Mercers, Tom Harris and guest, Toni Nolder. We all had a great time exploring the town and enjoying the city's hospitality. Meals were provided in the food court by different organizations in town. Not only did it provide us with a convenient place to eat, it provided a fund raiser for local groups—a win, win!



*Ron and Cynthia Parker blessing
Airstreamers*



There were many activities offered this year. We took several field trips on buses. There was a trip to Medicine Mounds, an area considered sacred by the Comanche Indians. When we arrived, we were surprised to be greeted by Ron Parker, great grandson to Quanah Parker, the last great Comanche chieftain. Also there was Ron's daughter, Cynthia, who was named for her great great grandmother, Cynthia Ann Parker. If you know your Texas history, Cynthia Ann was the most famous of the white captives taken by the Comanches during pioneer days. She was only nine when captured and lived the Comanche way of life until she was "rescued" in 1860. She had lived among the Comanches for 24 years, had become the wife of a chief and bore him 3 children, one of whom was Quanah Parker. Ron Parker and his daughter told of the significance of the Medicine Mound area to their people and blessed us with the burning of cedar and traditional songs. It was very moving to all of us who attended.

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Another trip of interest was a star party adventure at the Three Rivers Foundation's observatory, Comanche Springs Astoronomy Campus. We were able to observe the Andromeda Galaxy, Mars, Venus, and Saturn through their telescopes without the interference of city lights. We were also fortunate enough to see the the International Space Station cross the night sky.



Exterior of Safe Room/Cafeteria



Interior of Safe Room/Cafeteria

The third trip was to one of the two Quanah Safe Rooms, a dome shaped storm shelter, which the Quanah school district constructed with the help of a government grant. The one we visited also served as a cafeteria for the high school. A second one across town serves as an elementary gymnasium. Great use of resources!

In addition to field trips, there were many interesting seminars and crafting opportunities offered. The evening entertainment was amazing as well, beginning with a concert by the local elementary school kids and ending with big band sound from the '40s. You could certainly find plenty to do, or just sit and relax or visit with friends old and new!



*Quanah Gator
(left) Airstreams on the square
(right) Rae and boys out for a walk*



*Our drum circle drummers, Dorma and Peggy
On the courthouse tour, Rae and Ronn
were the only ones brave enough to
climb the ladder to the roof!*



November Birthdays



11-9 Don Teegarden
 11-11 David Haas
 11-17 Charlie Jacobs
 11-19 Kim Perkins
 11-21 Dan High
 11-23 Kathy Blanchard
 11-25 Scott Mercer
 11-26 Searcy Kracke
 11-28 John Sheridan
 11-29 David Perkins

November Anniversaries



11-5 Steve & Ginger Zeringue
 11-17 Larry & Frances Robeson
 11-20 Dan & Maria McAnulty
 11-23 Jo & Vern Goodwin III
 11-28 Bill & Barbara Dodson



Sunshine Corner

As many of you know, Fred and Searcy Kracke have been traveling this summer. While still in Virginia, Searcy became ill and was so weak, she fell and injured her leg. She was in the hospital there for some time with an infection and also her leg injury. She has now moved to rehab where she is getting therapy for a torn meniscus. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is able to come home soon!

If you would like to send Searcy a get well wish, her address there is as follows:

Searcy Kracke
 Heritage Hall Senior Serv.
 10051 Foxes Way
 King George, VA 22485

We are happy to hear the Fred Walschburger has recovered nicely from his knee surgery and is ready to join us at the next rally.

If you know of anyone needing a card or our thoughts and prayers, please contact Nelda Tope.

210-724-2479
 neldatope@gmail.com

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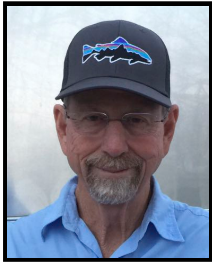
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 New Member Mentor: Ronn Gilbert

HAPPY



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2016 Texas Coastal Plains Rally Schedule

Jim Mercer, President

Thursday, December 31, 2015-Sunday, January 2, 2016--New Year's Rally, Coushatta Recreation Ranch, Bellville, TX; HOST: Hub & Sherry Miller; CO-HOSTS: Tom Harris, Fred Walschburger, Don & Eloise Reeves

January 10-15--IBT, Rayne, LA

Saturday, January 23, 2016--Annual TCPU Luncheon at Brady's Landing. HOSTS: Arnold & Mary Zander, John & Lavaughn Luker, Don & Helen Teegarden

Thursday, February 4-Sunday, February 7, 2016--Winter in the Woods Rally. Magnolia Lake RV Park, Goodrich, TX. HOST: Tom Harris; CO-HOSTS: Fred Walschburger, Don Hardman, Hub & Sherry Miller

Thursday, March 3-Sunday, March 6--Pre Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, TX. HOST: Rob & Nelda Tope; CO-HOSTS: Red & Nancy Childers, Hub & Sherry Miller, Don & Helen Teegarden, Bill & Joanne Miller

Monday, March 14-Saturday, March 19, 2016--Region 9 Rally, Shawnee, OK

Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17, 2016--Gator Gonna Getcha Rally, Brazos Bend State Park, Damon, TX. HOST: Tom & Caren Bundy ; CO-HOSTS: Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Jack & Beverly Williams

Thursday, May 26-Monday, May 30, 2016--Mission Trail Memorial Day Rally, Travelers World RV Resort, San Antonio, TX. HOST: Bill & Dorma Kindle; CO-HOSTS: Bill & Joanne Miller, Hub & Sherry Miller, Lyle & Peggy Snow

June 26-July 4, 2016--International Rally, Lewisburg, WV

Thursday, September 1-Monday, September 5, 2016--Labor Day Rally, Johnson Creek RV Resort, Kerrville, TX. HOST: Don & Eloise Reeves

Thursday, September 29-Sunday, October 2, 2016--Fair on the Square Rally, Huntsville State Park, Huntsville, TX. HOST: Ronn & Rae Gilbert; CO-HOSTS: Stephen & K D Couch

Thursday, November 17-Sunday, November 20, 2016--**A River Runs Through It Rally**, Lazy L & L Campground, New Braunfels, TX. HOST: H V & Pat Martin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Beverly Williams, Don & Helen Teegarden

Thursday, December 8-Sunday, December 11, 2016--**Christmas Celebration and 2016 Officer Installation Rally**, Coushatta Recreation Ranch, Bellville, TX. HOST: Vernon & Jo Goodwin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Autumn Isbell, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill, Jerry & Carol Goodwin



TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

Don Reeves, President

Friday, December 30, 2016 - Monday, January 2, 2017 — New Year's Rally, Coushatte Recreation Ranch, Bellville, Texas—HOSTS: Walschburger & Harris, CO-HOSTS: Alan & Bernadine Billard

Monday, January 16 - Saturday, January 21, 2017— IBT, Tucson, Arizona

Saturday, January 28, 2017— Annual TCPU Luncheon, Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, Houston, Texas—HOSTS: Don & Helen Teegarden, CO-HOST: Zanders, CO-HOST: **NEEDED**

Thursday, February 16 - Sunday, February 19, 2017— Winter Rally, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas—HOSTS: Ronn & Rae Gilbert , CO-HOSTS: James & Tonia Goodwin, **NEEDED**

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2017 — Pre-Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas—HOSTS: Hub & Sherry Miller, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Monday, March 20 - Sunday, March 26, 2017 — Region 9 Rally, Perrin, Texas

Thursday, April 20 - Sunday, April, 23, 2017 — Creole Nature Trail, A+ RV Park, Sulphur, Louisiana—HOSTS: **NEEDED** CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, May 25 - Sunday May 29, 2017 — Memorial Day Rally, Oakwood RV Park, Fredericksburg, Texas—HOSTS: Tom & Caren Bundy, CO-HOSTS: Rob & Nelda Tope, Red & Nancy Childers

Saturday, July 22 - Saturday, July 29, 2017 — International Rally, Escanaba, Michigan

Thursday, September, 14 - Sunday, September 17, 2017 — Hummingbird Festival, Ancient Oaks RV Park, Rockport, Texas—HOSTS: Jerry & Tracey Calvert, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, October 19 - Sunday, October 22, 2017 — Pecan Jam, San Saba River RV Park, San Saba, Texas—HOSTS: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, CO-HOSTS: Blanchards, Calverts

Thursday, November 9 - Sunday, November 12, 2017 — Goliad Market Days, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas—HOSTS: **NEEDED**, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, December 7 - Sunday, December 10, 2017 — Christmas Celebration and 2018 Officer Installation Rally, Location to be announced—HOSTS: Jim & Barbara Mercer, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

A River Runs Through It Rally
LAZY L & L CAMPGROUND
11699 River Road, New Braunfels, Tx.
November 17-20, 2016

Directions: From Houston: I 10 W to Seguin. Take exit # 607 for Hwy 46 to New Braunfels. At I 35, turn right onto I 35 Frontage Rd. Keep right to stay on I 35 Frontage Rd for 1.1 miles. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto FM 306 for 12 miles. Turn left onto FM 2673 W for 1.5 miles. Make a sharp left onto River Rd at the traffic light. Travel 2.8 miles on River Rd. Lazy L & L Campground will be on your right.

No parking till 1:00 p.m. Check in at the office and pay rally fee. Tell park you are with TCPU. Bring table service to all meals. **Notify HV Martin if you plan to attend at hvmrtn25@gmail.com.** Also, notify HV if you are attending either of the following trips: **Wimberly Glass Works on Friday, or the Winery on Saturday!**

You do not need to notify the park.

HOSTS: H.V. & Pat Martin, Don & Helen Teegarden, Jack & Beverly Williams

Thursday, November 17

- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at club house, bring snacks
- 5:00 p.m. Assemble to caravan to the Sea Island restaurant in New Braunfels, I-35 & 306, dinner on your own.
- 7:30 p.m. Meet in club house for dessert and announcements regarding activities for the rally.

Friday, November 18

- 7:30 a.m. Early Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Caravan to The Wimberley Glassworks for a glass-blowing demonstration. \$2 per person to be collected beforehand. 6469 R.R. 12, San Marcos, Tx.
Lunch on your own. In Wimberley, The Leaning Pear Restaurant can handle large numbers. The Blue Hole and Jacobs Well on Cypress Creek are good to visit. There are many shops and the Wood Creek golf course.
- 4:00 p.m. Gather at the river for a fly casting lesson by Stephen Couch
- 5:00 p.m. Social hour at club house. Odd numbers bring appetizers.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner is an "Alabama Corn Boil" provided by the hosts
- 7:30 p.m. Dessert & games of choice. Joker, Mexican Train, Spinner, etc.

Saturday, November 19

- 7:30 a.m. Early coffee
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Biscuits & Sausage gravy, fruit, juice
- 9:30 a.m. Pay rally fees (\$15 per person) plus first night's parking (approximately \$30)
- 10:15 a.m. Caravan to the Dry Comal Creek Vineyards & Winery. Prepay \$5 each for winery tour. 1741 Herbehin Road, New Braunfels.
- 11: a.m. Tour of the winery. Tasting on your own. Lunch on your own. Ask your wine hosts for local favorites.
- 5:00 p.m. Social hour in club house. Even numbers bring appetizers.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner by hosts, Spaghetti & Meat Balls. Bring your wine. Dessert provided.

Sunday, November 20

- 7:30 a.m. Early coffee
- 8:30 a.m. Lite Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Devotional

HAPPY TRAILS

TCPU FIESTA CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION RALLY

DECEMBER 8 – 11, 2016

Coushatta Recreation Ranch
2812 Nelius Rd, Bellville, TX 77418



Directions: go west on I-10 to exit 720 (Sealy/Bellville). Go North on Hwy 36 about 5 mi to FM 331. Turn right on FM 331 and go about 4 mi to Coushatta Rd. Turn Left on Coushatta Rd and go about 2 miles to Nelius Rd. Turn Left and go about 1 mi, then follow signs straight into the RV Park.

HOST: Vernon & Jo Goodwin;

CO-HOSTS: Jack & Autumn Isbell, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill, Jerry & Carol Goodwin

CHECK IN WITH WAGONMASTER FOR PARKING IN FRONT OF THE STAGE® ROOM (red building)

RALLY FEE: \$33.50 per person (includes catered meal Saturday night)

PARKING FEE: \$20 cash or \$22 check per night

Please bring table service to all meals

Thursday **December 8th**

5 PM Social Hour
6 PM Bring your own meat to grill & a side-to-share – Host to provide dessert
7 PM Games and socialization

Friday **December 9th**

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

5 PM Social hour (odd number rigs)

6 PM Dinner provided by hosts

7 PM **World Famous Gift Exchange Party**



•Please bring one new wrapped gift per person of ~\$10 value (no re-gifting please)

Saturday **December 10th**

8 AM Breakfast
9 AM Pay Rally Fees
9:30 AM Board Meeting
10 AM Craft Session / Maintenance Seminar (focused on towing safety)
Noon Lunch on your own
5 PM Social hour (even number rigs) “Smart Casual” attire please
6 PM Catered Dinner (**by Howard Nelius**)
7:30 PM Installation of 2017 Officers - Reception to follow

Sunday **December 11th**

8 AM Continental Breakfast
9 AM Devotional

Please email or phone your reservations to the Vernon Goodwin's 3rd by **November 30th**

jwg502@aol.com or 281-556-1633

Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Dept Date: _____

Number of people in rig: _____ Rig length: _____ 30 amp: _____ 50 amp: _____



A Note from Your 2016 Editor



I can hardly believe that a year has passed by so quickly! I only have one more issue as your newsletter editor. That means you have one more chance to pen that wonderful feature article in 2016. If you have anything you would like to submit for publication, let me know. I would love to see some reports and pictures from summer caravans featured. This is your newsletter, and I would love your input.

Barbara

*Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!
Travel safe and keep the shiny side up!*

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