



COYOTE TALES

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The President's Corner

What a privilege it has been to serve as TCPU president for 2016! It has been a busy year with our nine club rallies, the Region 9 rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma, two unit sponsored caravans (one to Shawnee and another to Big Bend), a trip to the Country Air Rally in Quanah, and our TCPU participation at International in Lewisburg, WV. Each activity was possible only through the work of our willing volunteers. I especially want to thank the folks who stepped forward to host and co-host an awesome group of rallies. They outdid themselves with fun activities and great food! Also, I appreciate so much the support of my fellow officers and committee members. I am pleased that we were able to establish a committee led by the Gilberts to welcome and mentor our new members. At last count, we have 13 new members this year! I now have a greater appreciation for the contributions made by so many of our volunteers. We have an awesome club!

There are a couple of items of business that I need to mention. At our Christmas rally in Coushatta, we will be having a scheduled board meeting followed by a short general meeting. We will be presenting a committee report and recommendation on a name change for our unit. With people joining WBCCI online now, there has been confusion with the similarity of our unit name to the Gulf Coast Unit. It was the consensus of the committee that our name be changed to Greater Houston Airstream Club. The committee felt that name better described the location of most of our membership and would be less confusing to those new members wishing to join us. If you agree to this change, we will then proceed to get approval from Region and International.

I can hardly believe the year has flown by so fast. At the Christmas Rally we will be installing our 2017 Officers, and Barbara and I will become "Past". Our year has been a very special one to us, and we will treasure the memories forever. Thanks for your support and friendship!

Jim Mercer



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Christmas Rally and 2017 Officer Installation

at Coushatta Recreation Ranch
December 8-11, 2016
Host: Vernon Goodwin, III

New Year's Rally

Coushatta Recreation Ranch
December 30-January 1
Contact: Tom Harris
tfharris60@gmail.com or

281-259-8337

by December 16, 2016

Annual Luncheon

January 28, 2017
See Page 10 for information.



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Plains Unit

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



Our Hosts: HV & Pat Martin, Beverly & Jack Williams, Helen & Don Teegarden

The River Runs Through It Rally

Our November Rally became a time to start the holiday season by enjoying a gathering of friends, participating in a variety of activities and eating tasty food. This event took place at the Lazy L & L Campground in New Braunfels. The fun began on Thursday night as some of the early arrivals went to the Sea Island restaurant in New Braunfels for dinner. After dinner the group returned to the campground and gathered at the rec hall for ice cream and cookies. HV reviewed the schedule of activities for the week-end, and the fees for the two tours were collected.

Friday morning dawned bright and clear. The early morning coffee drinkers made their way to the rec hall to partake of the coffee that Vernon had prepared. After breakfast on our own, a group of 33 people made their way to Wimberley for a glass blowing demonstration at the Wimberley Glass Works. It was very interesting to learn a little of the history of glass blowing and to see how the molten glass was formed into a small vase.

Later in the afternoon, Jim Mercer gave a fly-casting demonstration down by the river. However, due to the weather change and the brisk wind that was blowing just a few hardy souls joined him. As the wind picked up and the cold front began to come in, the group gathered for a Social Hour. We were treated to the delicious aroma of the Alabama Corn Boil that Chief Cook, H.V. Martin and his sous chefs were preparing for dinner.

Following dinner, Jim introduced his nephew and his wife, Gary and Linda Mullens, who are staying in the park for the winter. Jim then introduced two new couples, Ron & Janice Lange and Bob & Lisa Hansen, and inducted them into the club. Dave and Cathy Willis, members of the Texas Alamo Unit, were also visiting and are joining as Affiliate Members. Afterwards, Helen described a game she and Beverly had designed to test the ability of our group to locate and name the major rivers of Texas. Worksheets were passed out to be checked Saturday night.

Saturday morning was crisp and clear and after a hearty breakfast of sausage gravy, biscuits and fruit, rally fees were collected and preparations were made to caravan to the Dry Comal Winery for a tour. The winery is small and they only grow one variety of grapes so they import a variety of different juices to supplement making the different wines under their and other labels. Following the tour, a number of our group stayed to do a tasting and/or buy some wine to have for the spaghetti dinner that evening.

After a delicious dinner of Pat Martin's special spaghetti and meatballs, we were treated to a delightful musical performance by a pair of "Wandering Troubadours" aka Tom Harris and George Nixon who were told they had to sing for their supper. George had brought one of the guitars he had built so he played and sang with Tom as they entertained with the Civil War song "Hard Tack Come Again No More" and Tom's favorite "Charlie on the MTA". Following the entertainment, the river game results were checked and then some people played shuffleboard while others enjoyed a campfire on the back patio.

Sunday dawned clear and cold, and a continental breakfast was served followed by a short devotional. Then it was time to pack up and head down the road to join family and friends and to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

FUN TOURS OF THE AREA





*The Traveling Troubadours
Tom & George*



*Jim's fishing lesson paid off for
Melissa!*



*Mom and Son Shuffleboard
Challenge—David, Jr. and Jan*

A RIVER RAN THROUGH IT



*Barbara, Melissa Katz, Cathy
Willis, and Virginia Taroni*



*Fred welcomes new
members*



*Jim inducted new members: Lisa & Bob Hansen
Janice & Ron Lange*

TCPU Officers, 2016

- President: Jim Mercer
- 1st Vice President: Don Reeves
- 2nd Vice President: Hub Miller
- 3 Vice President: Jerry Goodwin
- Recording Secretary: Nelda Tope
- Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Mercer
- Treasurer: Jerry Lyddon
- Parliamentarian: Joanne Miller
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Calvert
- Two Year Trustee: Tom Harris
- Two Year Trustee: Fred Walschburger
- One Year Trustee: Rob Tope
- One Year Trustee: Sherry Miller
- Immediate Past President: Jerry Calvert



TCPU Committee Chairpersons, 2016

- Constitution and Bylaws: Vernon Goodwin III
- Crafts & Projects: Sherry Miller
- Directory Editor: Bill Miller
- Electronic Communications: Tom Bundy
- Health: Rae Gilbert
- Membership: Jo Goodwin
- Newsletter Editor: Barbara Mercer
- Sunshine: Nelda Tope
- Technical: Don Teegarden
- New Member Mentor: Ronn Gilbert



*Merry Christmas from
the Mercers and Gator!*

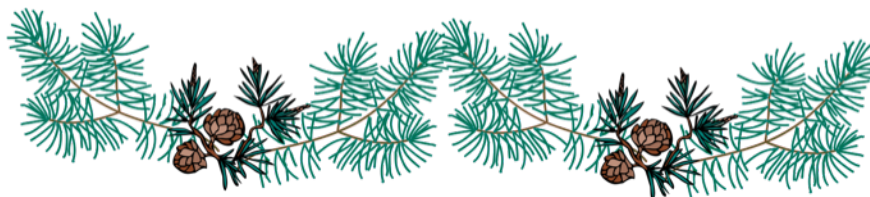
We have had so much fun this year with Gator! He has been our constant companion in our travels and has had so much fun dressing up to fit the occasion. He has been a fly fisherman, a biker, a beach bum in Florida with the Gilberts, a Davy Crockett "wannabe" complete with coonskin cap at the Alamo, a train engineer in Rusk, and a cowboy in Big Bend. He really drew a lot of attention in Quanah dressed in his Native American head dress! The year is not over yet, though! I'm sure he will make an appearance at the Christmas rally suitably attired for the occasion!



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
UNBREAKABLE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT
WITH YOUR NAME AND 2016
WRITTEN ON IT!**



Ornaments will be saved and used each year to decorate our TCPU Christmas Tree.



December Birthdays



12-9 Sam Nunnaly
 12-11 Caren Bundy
 12-11 Dorma Kindle
 12-20 Larry Robeson
 12-22 Melissa Katz
 12-25 Barbara Dodson
 12-26 Israel Gonzalez
 12-26 Don Reeves
 12-28 Fred Kracke
 12-30 Tom Bundy

December Anniversaries



12-2-12 Kent Miller & Darlene Kloesel
 12-4-62 Bill & Joanne Miller
 12-5-97 Bill & Elizabeth Clifford
 12-15-10 Jack & Autumn Isbell
 12-18-71 Jerry & Tracey Calvert
 12-18-82 Matthew & Deanna Shepard
 12-21-81 James & Tonia Goodwin
 12-27-63 Roy & Bonnie MacDonald
 12-27-78 Andy & Barbara Selking
 12-30-66 Dave & Jan Rightmyer



January Birthdays

1-1 Bill Miller
 1-1 Lyle Snow
 1-2 Peggy Snow
 1-4 Sally Mercer
 1-7 Ginger Zeringue
 1-10 Jack Williams
 1-12 Nancy Dionne
 1-12 Bob Nimmo
 1-15 Tracey Calvert
 1-15 Barbara Mercer
 1-21 Bill Wedelich
 1-28 David Rightmyer, Jr.
 1-28 Helen Teegarden
 1-28 June Hutson
 1-31 Pearl Adams-Kyle



January Anniversaries

1-21-61 Bill & Dorma Kindle
 1-25-89 Lyle & Peggy Snow
 1-26-85 Bob & Tina Miller
 1-27-82 John & Mary Ann Boerner



Sunshine Corner

We are so sorry to report the Searcy Kracke is still having health issues. The latest report is that she is back in the hospital in ICU again. She and Fred are still in Virginia, so I am sure it is even more difficult being away from family and home. Please continue to pray for her healing and strength.

We wish everyone a very happy holiday season and hope it is filled with good health and happy memories. As usual, if you know of anyone needing prayers, a card, or a word of encouragement, please contact me.

Nelda Tope
 210-724-2478
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TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

Don Reeves, President

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

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, Lukers

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

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2017 — Pre-Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas—HOSTS: Hub & Sherry Miller, CO-HOSTS: Jack & Beverly Williams, Lisa & Bob Hansen

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: **NEEDED**

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: Ron & Janice Lange

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: Lyle & Peggy Snow, Bill & Dorma Kindle, Tom & Virginia Taroni

Thursday, December 7 - Sunday, December 10, 2017 — Christmas Celebration and 2018 Officer Installation Rally, Coushatta Recreation, Bellville, Texas—HOSTS: Jim & Barbara Mercer, CO-HOSTS: Nelda & Rob Tope, Jack & Beverly Williams

TCPU FIESTA CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION RALLY

DECEMBER 8 – 11, 2016

Coushatte 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 Coushatte Rd. Turn Left on Coushatte 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: \$21.00 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 & Brief Business 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: _____

TCPU 2017 NEW YEAR RALLY
DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 1
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2812 Nelius Rd. Bellville, TX 77418

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Hosts: Tom Harris, Fred Walschburger, Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard

Rally Fee: TBD

Parking Fee: \$20 cash or \$22 check per night

Please bring table service to all meals

Friday **December 30**

5 PM Social Hour (odd # rigs)
 6 PM Pot Luck Dinner (Even # Meats, Odd # Sides and Salads)
 Desert by hosts
 7 PM Olde's music and Karaoke entertainment

Saturday **December 31**

8 AM Breakfast
 9 AM Pay Rally Fees
 Noon Lunch on Your own
 5 PM Social Hour (even # rigs)
 6 PM Catered Dinner (by Nelius Crew)
 7:30 PM Games and entertainment
 11PM New Year Celebration and Fireworks

Sunday **January 1**

9 AM Continental Breakfast
 9:30 AM Devotional

Happy New Year and Safe Travels

Please email or phone your reservations to Tom Harris by December 16th.
tfharris60@gmail.com or 281-259-8337

Name: ----- **Arrival date:**----- **Depart Date:** -----
Number of people: ----- **Rig length:** ----- **30 Amp:** --- **50 Amp:**---

WBAC
TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT #155

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

HOSTS: TEEGARDENS, ZANDERS AND LUKERS

Saturday, January 28, 2017
11:30AM - 2:30PM

MAGGIANO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
2019 POST OAK BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056

PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY
DON AND ELOISE REEVES

GATHERING TIME 11:30 AM – DRESS CODE-DRESSY
COCKTAILS (CASH BAR)

LUNCHEON SERVED FAMILY STYLE PROMPTLY AT 12:00 PM
MAGGIANO'S CHOPPED APPLE AND WALNUT SALAD
MOZZARELLA MARINARA AND SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE AL FORNO
FETTUCCHINE ALFREDO WITH CHICKEN; CHICKEN PICCATA
MOM'S LASAGNA WITH MARINARA SAUCE
CHOCOLATE ZUCCOTO CAKE AND NEW YORK STYLE CHEESECAKE
\$25.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY)

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK (TCPU) TO:
DON AND HELEN TEEGARDEN
303 LAKESHORE DRIVE
SEABROOK, TEXAS 77586

ALL CHECKS AND RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
JANUARY 20, 2017
RESERVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 20
CANCELLATIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED AFTER JANUARY 20

A Message from Bob Jones RV

Hello to all our Texas Coastal Plains Unit members from the gang at BOB JONES RV.

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventive measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

Please contact Harry at 713-910-2949 for an appointment.

Bob Jones

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