



Coyote Tales

Texas Coastal Plains Unit #155, WBCCI, The RV Club of Airstream Owners

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Feb. 16 - Feb. 19 — **Winter Rally**
Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas
Hosts: Ronn and Rae Gilbert
(make your own reservation)

Mar. 16 - Mar. 19 — **Pre-Region Rally**,
Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas
Hosts: Jack and Beverly Williams
(make your own reservation)

Mar. 20 - Mar. 26 — **Region 9 Rally**,
Perrin, Texas

Apr. 20 - Apr. 23 — **Creole Nature
Trail Rally**, A+ Motel & RV Park,
Sulphur, Louisiana
Hosts: Don and Eloise Reeves
(make your own reservation)



The President's Chair

Many thanks to the Teegardens, Zanders and Lukers for guiding a very successful Annual Luncheon. Maggiano's was very conducive to a relaxed atmosphere. The food was excellent, plus some to take home. This family style serving arrangement lent itself to easy conversation groups. Hosts, you oversaw a beautiful occasion.

Volunteers are needed to fulfill our club's responsibilities for ribbon taping and late registration at the Region 9 Rally, in Perrin, TX. Some of you have done these duties before at past Region rallies. Please volunteer to do the same this year. Members who have not done this before can easily learn how to perform these functions. Contact me at 979-885-1398 or reevesde@aol.com,

Although the unit merit award program was eliminated for the future at the 2016 International Rally, we may still apply for a unit merit award for 2015-2016. I am not aware of who oversaw our past award applications. The application must be completed soon. I need someone(s) to take charge of this program. "rivetingly" yours. Don

**"THERE IS NO ELEVATOR TO SUCCESS
YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE STAIRS"**

—UNKNOWN



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Texas Coastal Plains Unit
Unit Website: <http://tcpu155.wbcci.net>



L to R - Hosts: Helen & Don Teegarden; Co-Hosts: LaVaughn & John Luker, Mary Etta & Arnold Zander; First Lady & President: Eloise & Don Reeves

Annual Luncheon — By Helen Teegarden

The annual TCPU Luncheon was held at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant on Saturday, January 28, 2017. There were 52 people attending, including three guests.

Members were greeted at the main doors by hosts Don Teegarden and Arnold Zander, while John Luker directed people upstairs to the "party" rooms. Mary Etta Zander and LaVaughn Luker welcomed everyone and gave each couple the new Directory inserts prepared by Bill Miller.

The Social Hour gave everyone an opportunity to mix and mingle, to visit with old friends, and to greet some newer members. It was good to see Tom and Jill Kershner, Don and Maria McAnulty as well as Russ and Nancy Dionne. Promptly at 12 o'clock, everyone took their seats. Tom Bundy gave the invocation. After a delicious meal consisting of two appetizers, three entrees and two desserts, served family style, a short business meeting followed.

Hub Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Don Reeves spoke briefly before introducing Tom Bundy. Tom introduced John Flores and Feliz Lugo, representatives from Team Red, White and Blue. These men gave a brief summary describing the purpose and mission of their organization. Past President, Jim Mercer, presented them with an \$800.00 check on behalf of our club.

Following the presentation, Don outlined his goals for the coming year. He challenged each committee chairperson, as well as all members, to develop at least two new ideas of ways to enhance the club and to attract new members.

After Committee Reports, Don presented longevity stars to four couples. Five-year awards were presented to Israel and Millie Gonzales and Jack and Autumn Isbell. Fifteen-year stars went to Alan and Bernadine Billard and Dan and Maria McAnulty. Past Presidents were recognized, as were guests Susan Gaines, Fred Walschburger's friend, and the two Red, White and Blue Team members.

The festivities concluded with the recognition of the Luncheon hosts—the Teegardens, the Zanders and the Lukers.



The McNulty's - fifteen year award



President Don Reeves



The Isbell's - five year award



The Gonzalez's - five year award



The Kershner's



Don & the Billard's - fifteen year award



Team Red, White and Blue Contribution Check



2017 TCPU Officers



Knowing of Don's enthusiasm for NASCAR auto racing, two drivers, Jeff Gordon and Danica Patrick, showed up, unannounced, at the TCPU Annual Luncheon—thanks to the Gilberts and the Williams.

Jeff arrived dressed for camping. Danica came ready to race— or to party!





FEBRUARY

2/1 Bill Nelson
 2/2 K. D. Couch
 2/3 Dorothy Cooney
 2/4 Jamye Goodwin
 2/7 Debbie Pfunder
 2/12 Irene Lyddon
 2/13 Autumn Isbell
 2/14 Bernadine Billard
 2/15 Frances Robeson
 2/22 Bob Cooney
 2/23 Clark Gardner
 2/25 Beverly Williams



FEBRUARY

2/3/83 Charlie & Cheryl Jacobs
 2/20/57 Red & Nancy Childers
 2/26/82 Alan & Bernadine Billard

“PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAY

PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID

BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET

HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL”

—MAYA ANGELOU

MARCH

3/1 Mary Lynne Coller
 3/1 Stephen Couch
 3/9 Jim Parry
 3/12 Russ Dionne
 3/13 Jerry Lyddon
 3/21 Jerry Goodwin
 3/22 Pat Martin
 3/24 Ron Bernucho
 3/25 Gayla Haas
 3/27 Red Childers
 3/29 Jim Goodwin
 3/31 Vern Goodwin III

MARCH

3/3/85 Richard & Suzanne McLean
 3/9/96 Jim & Jo Ann Shults
 3/10/04 Bob & Lisa Hansen
 3/17/79 Tom & Caren Bundy

DO GOODERS CORNER

A new year has begun with lots of fun, traveling, seeing old friends and making new ones.

I have been very naughty and not sent out a notice earlier for you to save all the fronts of your Christmas Cards, Birthday Cards - any cards that you may receive. We sent over 1,000 last year to St. Jude's Camp for Children who make new cards to sell on line.

We also will have a jar at each rally to collect all your tab tops from cans to take to the International Rally in Escanaba, Michigan this summer. They will be given to "Cents for Kids".

Hope you are all going to the Pre-Region Rally, March 16-19. One of our new members, Lisa Hansen is going to teach us how to make "Dream Catchers".

See you at the Winter Rally in Victoria, Texas, February 16-19.

Sherry Miller



SUNSHINE

We are sorry to learn that Lyle Snow is no longer at the Broadmore Rehab Facility. Lyle developed a blood clot on one lung, and was returned to Memorial Hermann, the Woodlands. Please pray for Lyle and Peggy in this difficult time. His address is: Memorial Hermann, The Woodlands Hospital, 9250 Pinecroft Drive, Room 4261, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.

Searcy Kracke continues to improve at: The Cresnet, 11353 Sugar Park Lane, Sugarland, Texas 77478, Room 716 Chestnut Lane. Ronn and Rae Gilbert visited her this week. They reported that she has been approved for treatment for her lymphedema at TIRR several days a week. She also has PT and OT several times a day. She has amazing spirit. She loves to get cards. Her cell phone # is 713-828-0673.

Fred Kracke is trying to arrange to return Virginia to retrieve their motorhome and dog.

We were happy to see Irene Lyddon at the Annual Luncheon. She had recently been in the hospital for foot surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We also learned that Tonia Goodwin had broken her leg from a fall. We hope she is doing well, and will have a successful recovery.

As always, please let me know of anyone who needs a card, prayer, or words of encouragement. Email me at neldatope@gmail.com or call me at 210-724-2478.

Nelda Tope



Moment for Maintenance

Keep your powder dry was a basic order to the troops during the Revolutionary War and remains good advice today. Water leaks in the Ol' RV can be pretty devastating unless they are caught early and stopped. One of the best ways to find where a leak is located is to pressurize the inside of the vehicle and use a sprayed soap solution to find the leak from the outside. As seen in the Bob Jones RV Service ad in our Coyote Tales each month, they have a Seal Test 430-K appliance to do the job. Look up the Seal Test website and see how it works. (see following page)

The unit attaches to a roof vent and draws a large quantity of air into the cabin to maintain a positive pressure differential above the outside ambient air (much like a balloon) and this squirts out the hole blowing soap bubbles so the techs can plug the hole - much better than the old way of guessing until the leak stops. The test cost varies depending on how many normal leaks must be sealed, such as around doors or slideouts. Don't let a leak linger. (see following page)

by Don Teegarden



Seal Test Application



Soap Bubble Test

TCPU OFFICERS, 2017

President: Don Reeves
 1st Vice President: Hub Miller
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 3rd Vice President: TBD
 Corresponding Secretary: Eloise Reeves
 Recording Secretary: Nelda Tope
 Treasurer: Jerry Lyddon
 Parliamentarian: Joanne Miller
 Assistant Treasurer: Caren Bundy

One-Year Trustee: Tom Harris
 One-Year Trustee: Fred Walschburger
 Two-Year Trustee: Clark Gardner
 Two-Year Trustee: Dan McNulty
 Immediate Past President: Jim Mercer

TCPU COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, 2017

Constitution & Bylaws: Vernon Goodwin III
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 Directory Editor: Bill Miller
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 Membership: Jo Goodwin
 Newsletter Editor: Don & Eloise Reeves
 Webmaster: Tom Bundy
 Sunshine: Nelda Pope
 Technical: Don Teegarden
 New Member Mentor: Ronn Gilbert



TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

Don Reeves, President

Friday, December 30, 2016 - Monday, January 2, 2017 — New Year's Rally, Coughatte 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: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, CO-HOSTS: James & Tonia Goodwin, Israel & Millie Gonzalez

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2017 — Pre-Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas—HOSTS: Jack and Beverly Williams, CO-HOSTS: 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: Tracey & Jerry Calvert, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill

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

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, Coughatte Recreation, Bellville, Texas—HOSTS: Jim & Barbara Mercer, CO-HOSTS: Nelda & Rob Tope, Jack & Beverly Williams

2017 Pre-Region Rally March 16 – 19, 2017

RUSK KOA
745 FM 343 EAST
RUSK, TX 75785

800-562-4143 email: ruskkoa@mykoa.com Website: Rusk KOA
Hosts: Jack & Beverly Williams, Robert & Lisa Hansen, Jim & Barbara Mercer

Please call the KOA to make reservations.

Directions: Turn east on FM 343 from Hwy 69 at flashing light. Go ½ mile to top of hill. KOA is on the left. GPS: N31.791495, W95.118546. Don't use GPS as the iron ore in E. TX will send you in different directions.

Rally Fee: **TBD**

Parking Fee: \$38.00 per night

Please bring table service to all meals

Thursday

6:00 pm

March 16

Caravan to Restaurant for dinner

Friday

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

March 17

Breakfast & lunch on your own, visit local area

*Local attractions:***Texas State Railroad-** Ride the train or just enjoy the day facilities.**Historic Nacogdoches** – TX oldest city**Adrenaline Rush Zip Line****Cherokee Trace Drive Thru Safari****Caddo Mounds**

Social Hour (odd# rigs)

Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share

Desert by Hosts

Saturday

8:00 am

9:00 am

2:00pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:30 pm

March 18

Breakfast

Pay Rally Fees

Lunch on your own

Make Dream Catchers with Lisa

Social Hour (even# rigs)

Dinner by Hosts

B I N G O

Sunday

8:00 am

9:00 am

March 19

Continental Breakfast

Devotional

For those who will be going to Region in Perrin, TX, we will leave Sunday afternoon.

Make reservations with KOA 800-562-4143 and also let us know if you are coming.

will3023@yahoo.com, 281-660-9922

Name: _____ Arrival date: _____ Depart date:

Number of people: _____ Rig length: _____

30 Amp: _____ 50 Amp: _____



Hosts: Don and Eloise Reeves, Jerry and Tracey Calvert and Bob and Vaughnette Stogdill

Creole Nature Trail Rally

April 20-23, 2017

A+ Motel and RV Park
4631 Highway 27 South
Sulphur, Louisiana, 70665
337-583-2631

Directions: I-10 East to LA 27 (Exit 20) south 1.2 miles. RV Park on left. Approx. 115 miles from Houston

Reservations: Make your own reservations. (\$35.00 per night-pullthrough; \$38.00 for backins by the lake)

Reminder: Bring table service to all meals

DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEXT COYOTE TALES

AREA ATTRACTIONS

A+ RV Park = 10.0/10.0/10.0

Several Golf Courses

Several Restaurants

Railroad Museum

Historic Sites, Museums

Boudin Trail

Three Large Casinos

Horse Race Track/Casino

Creole Nature Trail

Art Galleries

Birding

Wildlife Refuges

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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