



Coyote Tales

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

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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 best revenge is to
have enough self-worth
not to seek it” - Unknown**



The President's Chair

Many thanks to the Gilberts, the Gonzalezs and the Dionnes for a very pleasant Winter Rally. The site was nice and quiet; the food was great; the activities varied and entertaining; the weather was comfortable; the recreation room cozy; and, the large porch gave a good outside conversartion location. Coledo Creek cafe was a different source providing food variety without having to leave the RV park. The rally was an unqualified success!

H.V. and Pat Martin have volunteered to work at the Registration Desk for the Region 9 Rally. We need at least one more couple to fulfill our unit's committment to Region 9. Call me at 979-885-1398 or email me at reevesde@aol.com if you can help.

Remember to make your reservation for our Pre-Region Rally. Hosts Jack and Beverly Williams have planned an interesting agenda. Call Rusk KOA at 800-562-4143.

Rivets, Don

Correction: The rig number for Ron and Janice Lange's Trailer in the 2017 TCPU Directory is incorrect. Their correct rig number is 7678.



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L to R - Hosts: Rae & Ronn Gilbert; Co-Hosts Millie & Israel Gonzalez; and Nancy & Russell Dionne

Winter Rally - Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas

The weekend of February 16-19th, 2017, Airstreamers arrived at the Victoria/Coletto Creek KOA. After severe weather sent several tornados through surrounding areas earlier in the week, the weekend brought sunshine and warmer temps. There was some rain in the forecast, but nothing too threatening. We have been to Victoria in the past and always enjoy the history of the area. Of course, THE GREAT COASTAL TEXAS BARBECUE TRAIL runs through here so we are anticipating lots of good BBQ. Victoria has a population of about 62,592. It is only 95 feet above sea level, so the grounds were saturated from the rains. The KOA has a great puppy park and a nice pool. Doubt we will try the latter due to cooler temps. Maybe next time. Wikipedia tells us "The city was named for General Guadalupe Victoria, who became the first President of Independent Mexico." Several missions were located in the city. These include, "The McNamera House, a social museum and THE NAVE, an art museum. It features seven artists and their creamics. The Coastal Bend Museum has wonderful displays of the multicultural heritage of the area. Many artifacts from La Salle's colony in the late 17th century are on display. Several days a week the archeological room is open to the public. Volunteers are going through things found from a recent dig. About 30 minutes away is the Presido La Bahia and Mission Espiritu Santo. It is one of the best preserved Spanish presidios in the country. Perhaps on another rally we can have one of the rangers come and talk with us, or do a group tour of the facility. Lots of history here. Makes me think of how things would have been different, had the French succeeded in their mission to take over the area.

On Thursday, the HOSTS: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Israel & Millie Gonzalez and Nancy & Russell Dionne were joined by: Alan, Bernadine and Ashley Billard, Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Vernon & Joetta Goodwin, H.V. & Pat Martin, Don & Eloise Reeves, Bruce Lee & Leslie Spillman (new members), Bob & Vaughnette Sttogdill, Rob & Nelda Tope, Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines, Hub & Sherry Miller, Bill & Dorma Kindle and Kathy & Gene Blanchard. This is a new adventure for TCPU. The KOA has a HUNTS BROTHER PIZZA KITCHEN. We took orders ahead of time for pizza and wings, We had a salad bar and dessert. Most thought the pizza was good. It just took time for them to make the orders. They assured us all would eat ta the same time, but that didn't happen. We did enjoy wonderful blond and chocolate brownies made by Millie and Nancy. Of course, there was ice cream. All had a great time visiting. There were a variety of games available to play. The Chamber of Commerce supplied us with Visitor bags. All had brochures on the area and a hand sanitizer sample. Temperatures were nice and cool. Most enjoyed sitting on the front porch. Just as at the "Home", all the pups enjoyed the puppy park with their friends.

Friday we welcomed Tom & Jill Kershner, Jerry & Irene Lyddon, Rich & Suzanne McLean (new members), and on Saturday Tom Harris. Folks went out on their own and visited Goliad, Fannin and Victoria. Some did the driving tour of Victoria. Some got milkshakes at a little store in Fannin. Some toured the Coastal Bend Museum. After a dinner of beef stew, rolls, salad, cookies and ice cream; Rae gave an update on Searcy Kracke, Lyle Snow & Tonia Goodwin. Sadly, Tom Taroni developed influenza. He had volunteered to do a bird walk. We were excited as he really knows his stuff. Nice of him not to share his flu with us. Sure hope he can do this at another rally. The bird walk was cancelled. Ronn built a campfire, which was good despite the wet weather. The stars twinkled above, it was nice to be outside.

Saturday morning, the sun greeted us. Many went to the “Cafe” in the rally room for breakfast. Everything was good and folks said they enjoyed getting their choice of food. After paying rally fees, folks dispersed to check out the towns of Fannin, Goliad, Cuero and Victoria. Victoria also has a zoo. Native Texas plants and animals are showcased. Goliad is said to be one of the oldest municipalities in Texas. The first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed here in 1835, and the “Bloody Am Flag” (the first flag of Texas Independence) flew over the town. I WOULD RATHER CUT OFF MY RIGHT ARM, THAN LIVE UNDER TYRANNY.” However, it was during the 1836 Texas campaign that Colonel James Fannin surrendered at the Battle of Coleto on Palm Sunday. The Mexicans marched them out of the fort and shot them. This was THE GOLIAD MASSACRE. It was the largest single loss of life in the cause of Texas independence. There is a wonderful walking tour of this historic town AND THE GOLIAD BREWERY outside of town. Several folks visited the brewery and have the glasses to prove it. There is a beer garden there with scheduled svents throughout the year. There is also an online store. Check it out on google. The brewery is at 252 Metting Road. Fannin has a memorial to the placa where Colonel Fannin surrendered. I heard there was a little shop that had the best milkshakes on the square.

Saturday evening folks gathered in the rally room for social hour, and some music provided by Kathy Blanchard and Rae Gilbert. The “Airstream Song” was popular and many joined in singing with them. Dinner was pulled pork, tater tots, corn and coleslaw. All were saying they were so full that the hosts decided to wait for dessert until the evening game. I apologize to those of you who left and didn’t return. I should have let you take yours with you. Those who stayed said they had a great time. We played HOLLYWOOD SQUARES. Nine of our group were the “CELEBRITY SQUARES”; and they were amazing! Fred & Sue, Bruce & Leslie, Kathy & Gene, Alan, Millie & Israel — thanks so much for your creative participation. Our MC was Tom Harris. The remainder of the group was divided into two teams. We played three games. What a hoot! As we played, all were served pound cake with a berry medley and cool whip. There were prizes for all.

The raffle for RED, WHITE AND BLUE raised \$62.00 and another \$26.00 was added for purchases of leftover pulled pork, etc. It was good that our new members were winners in the raffle. Nancy & Russell had eaten at McMillans’ BBQ and they were given pralines for all of us by the owner. WOW, what a treat!

Sunday morning we met at 8:30 AM for breakfast at the cafe and a devotional by Rae. The topic was, “Random acts of Kindness.” The group was invited to share acts of kindness they had observed.

On Friday evening, we were very pleased to install four new TCPU members: Richard & Suzanne McLean and Bruce Lee & Leslie Spillman.

By Rae Gilbert



A perfect place to relax

KNOWLEDGE IS LEARNING

SOMETHING EVERY DAY

WISDOM IS LETTING GO

OF SOMETHING EVERY DAY

— Zen proverb



Gene and Kathy Blanchard



Tracey and Jerry Calvert



Rob and Nelda Tope



The "Hen Club" Clucking



Relaxing on the Front Porch



Same place, different day, different crowd



New Member Installation
L to R: Bruce Lee, Leslie Spillman, Don,
Richard and Suzanne McLean



Ronn Gilbert - The Dog Whisperer



Vernon and Joetta Goodwin hanging WBCCI
rig numbers on new members, Leslie Spillman and
Bruce Lee's, trailer.



Don standing in front of the
"Hanging Tree" in Goliad
(hanging to follow)



L to R: Joetta and Vernon Goodwin,
Dorma and Bill Kindle



Jammin' with Rae Gilbert and Kathy Blanchard



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

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 were very sorry to learn of Jamye Goodwin's serious health issues—love and prayers to her and her family.

Lyle Snow continues to recover at home.

Searcy Kracke is improving at a new facility—Autumn Years, 10818 Overbrook Lane, Houston, Texas 77042.

Tonia Goodwin is recouping from her fall.

Tom Taroni is recovering from a bout with the flu.

Jack Williams has undergone a series of health tests.

Contact Nela Tope at 210-724-2478 or email neldatope@gmail.com if you know anyone who needs a word of encouragement or a get-well card from TCPU friends.

Nelda Tope



Tom and Jill Kershner and Rob and Nelda Tope
found The Bohemian Blush, an Airstream Salon and Spa
in Victoria, Texas

TCPU OFFICERS, 2017

President: Don Reeves
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 Two-Year Trustee: Dan McAnulty
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 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)

RESERVATION DEADLINE - April 9, 2017
(20-rig limit for rally)

THURSDAY

5:00 PM Happy Hour at Meeting House
6:00 PM Bring meat to grill (and a vegetable, salad or dessert to share)
7:30 PM Visiting and Games

REMINDER: BRING TABLE SERVICE TO ALL MEALS

FRIDAY

Arrivals all day (enjoy local attractions)
5:00 PM Happy Hour at Meeting House (appetizers - even-numbered rigs)
6:00 PM Caravan to restaurant for dinner
7:30 PM Meeting House to plan Saturday's activities

SATURDAY

7:00 AM Early Coffee
8:00 AM Breakfast by Hosts
9:00 AM Pay Rally Fees (TBD)
(Lunch on your own)
(Enjoy local attractions)
5:00 PM Happy Hour at Meeting House (appetizers - odd-numbered rigs)
6:00 PM Cajun Dinner at Meeting House
7:30 PM Show and Tell - last two day's activities

SUNDAY

7:00 AM Early Coffee
8:00 AM Continental Breakfast by Hosts
9:00 AM Devotional
9:30 AM "Homeward Bound"

Make reservation with A+RV Park 337-583-2631 **BEFORE** April 9, 2017; also PLEASE let us know you are coming. reevesde@aol.com or 979-885-1398.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Three Large Casinos

Horse Race Track/Casino

Birding

Several Golf Courses

Several Restaurants

Wildlife Refuges

Creole Nature Trail

Historic Sites, Museums

Art Galeries

A Message from Bob Jones RV

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

Bob Jones

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