



Coyote Tales

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Apr.20 - Apr.23 — **Creole Nature Trail Rally**

A+ Motel & RV Park
Sulphur, Louisiana
Hosts: Don and Eloise Reeves
(Make your own reservation)

May 25 - May 29 - **Memorial Day Rally**

Oakwood RV Park
Fredericksburg, Texas
Hosts: Tom and Caren Bundy
(Contact Tom and Caren Bundy)

July 22 - July 29 - **International Rally**

Escanaba, Michigan



The President's Chair

A very pleasant Pre-Region Rally at Rusk, Texas, KOA preceded the Region 9 Rally at Perrin, Texas. Hosts Beverly and Jack Williams; Co-Hosts Lisa and Bob Hansen and Barbara and Jim Mercer directed a very smooth, low-keyed rally. Everything was good — the food, the company, the weather, Lisa and Sherry Miller's craft project, and the trivia games. Beverly and Jack went beyond the call of duty. Their Airstream was lodged in Jackson Center being repaired. Nevertheless, they functioned well from a KOA cabin. They never missed a beat! Many thanks to all Hosts for an enjoyable rally.

A short, impromptu TCPU Board of Directors meeting was held on March 18, 2017. It had two distinct, important purposes. The first, Caren Bundy reported that the club name change motion passed easily (51/1). A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously for me to present our motion at the Region 9 Rally. I did that and it passed. It will next be presented at International in July. The second purpose was a motion to approve an Official Unit Caravan to International. The motion passed.

Remember to register for the Creole Nature Trail Rally before April 10. This will hold our rig sites.

Yours in rivets, Don



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



F to B: Hosts: Beverly and Jack Williams
Co-Hosts: Lisa and Bob Hansen,
Barbara and Jim Mercer

Rusk KOA Pre-Region Rally — by Beverly Williams

The Pre-Region Rally was held in Rusk, Texas, March 16-19. Rusk was established by an act of the Texas Legislature on April 11, 1846. It defined the boundaries of Cherokee County and called for the county seat to be named for General Thomas Jefferson Rusk. He was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The area was in full bloom with Red Bud trees, Wisteria and Dogwood. The weather was pretty much perfect.

Rusk is home to the Texas State Railroad, Heritage Center of Cherokee County and the Rusk Footbridge which is believed to be the longest footbridge in the nation at 546 feet. It was built in 1869 by engineer T.H. Barnes. Also nearby in Alto is Caddo Mounds State Historic Park. It is an archeological site composed of a village and ceremonial center. It features two platform mounds and one burial mound. More than 1200 years ago a group of Caddo Indians built a village which was the southern-most ceremonial center for the great Mound Builder culture. New to the park is a recently built grass house.

Hosts for the rally were Beverly and Jack Williams, Barbara and Jim Mercer, and Lisa and Bob Hansen. A Hawaiian theme was selected since the Region 9 Rally had an Aloha theme as well. Lisa provided all the wonderful, creative decorations. Thursday arrivals included the hosts as well as Pat and H.V. Martin, Jan and Dave Rightmyer, Fred Walschburger and friend Sue Gaines, Eloise and Don Reeves, as well as guests Ken and Leah Laney (Lisa Hansen's brother). That evening we went as a group to KT Seafood for dinner and enjoyed some very good seafood. Joining us on Friday were Caren and Tom Bundy, Nelda and Rob Tope, and Deb Pfunder and Clark Gardner.

Friday evening saw the grills come out and everyone grilled their choice for dinner. Each rig provided a side dish to share. Airstreamers know how to provide some mighty fine food! Dessert was Tennessee Apple Cake with Cool Whip provided by the hosts. Beverly tested our groups "irish" knowledge with a short trivia quiz. Some were more "irish" than others.

Breakfast of sausage and egg casserole, fruit, juice and coffee began the day on Saturday. Rally fees were paid and Don and Eloise then took care of our Red, White and Blue Team raffle. Saturday provided some time to enjoy the Rusk area. In the afternoon, Lisa provided kits and instructions to make “dream catchers”. Each of us choose a color of string to make our “dream catcher”. Some of us were a bit more adept at creating our project than others. But, with infinite patience, Lisa helped us each step of the way. Each of us ended up with our very own beautiful “dream catcher”. It was a very fun project for us all.

Saturday evening after happy hour, the hosts provided dinner—ham, baked beans, salad, and rolls. Ice cream bars completed the meal. After dinner, some participated in Hawaiian Bingo. Several rounds were played with winners receiving a Snickers treat. The “big” winners of the evening were Nelda Tope and Barbara Mercer. They each received the ultimate prize of a solar flamingo dancing thing-a-ma-jig.

Sunday morning, the hosts served sweetrolls, sausage and egg casserole, more fruit, juice and coffee. Jack then provided a short devotional titled The Place. After cleaning up, everyone took to the road. Some left for the Region Rally in Perrin, Texas, and others to their own adventures.

IN
MEMORIUM



JAYME GOODWIN

1923-2017



Dogwood Tree



Wisteria



L to R: Clark Gardener & Deb Pfunder, Jan Rightmyer, Fred Walschburger, Sue Gaines and Dave Rightmyer



Lisa Hansen teaching the craft group to build "Dream Catchers"



Seafood dinner at KT Seafood - Rusk



Finished "Dream Catchers"

TCPU Region 9 Rally Highlights

A six-rig caravan, led by Fred Walschburger, traveled from Pre-Region at Rusk, Texas to the Region 9 Rally at Mitchell RV Resort in Perrin, Texas. Some 67 rigs from throughout Region 9 gathered for the Airstream "Aloha" Rally. Twenty-one individuals represented TCPU at the event (see Page 5). The catered meals were delicious and the entertainment kept everyone laughing.

The three nights of entertainment were provided by a barbershop quartet, a Hula Dance company, and an Elvis impersonator. Ronn Gilbert's golf tournament, Lisa Hansen and Sherry Miller's "Dream Catcher" craft project added to the special events provided. TCPU met on Wednesday evening for a unit picnic.

Rae Gilbert won third place in the Spam cookoff for her egg roll recipe, Lisa Hansen won a blue ribbon playing bean bag baseball. Ronn and his partner placed second in the golf tournament.

Next year's Region 9 Rally will be held in Abilene, Texas.



TCPU "Aloha" members at Region 9 Rally



Region 9, Board of Directors - TCPU members - Bill Miller, 2nd VP; Bill Kindle, 1st VP; Joanne Miller, Parliamentarian; Don Reeves, Unit President



Don Reeves, TCPU President, receiving 2016 Superior Unit Merit Award & Ribbon from Jim Hattaway, WBCCI.



"Aloha" outfits — Tom Harris and the Gilberts



Elvis impersonator and the TCPU women



MARCH

3/1 Mary Lynne Collier
 3/1 Stephen Couch
 3/9 Jim Parry
 3/9 Andy Selking
 3/10 Barbara Selking
 3/12 Russ Dionne
 3/13 Jerry Lyddon
 3/21 Jerry Goodwin
 3/22 Pat Martin
 3/24 Ron Bernucho
 3/25 Gayle Haas
 3/27 Red Childers
 3/29 Jim Goodwin
 3/31 Vern Goodwin III

APRIL

4/3 Bob Hutson
 4/4 Joanne Miller
 4/5 Cathy Cates
 4/5 Belinda Hale
 4/9 Jerry Calvert
 4/12 Grady Ferry
 4/12 Ellen Wedelich
 4/13 Charles White
 4/15 Ronn Gilbert
 4/17 Keith Ferry
 4/17 Jill Kershner
 4/17 Fred Walschburger
 4/21 Mary Cruszczak
 4/23 Suzan Bernucho
 4/25 Hub Miller
 4/30 Cheryl Jacobs
 4/30 LaVaughn Luker



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

APRIL

4/1/06 Scott & Sally Mercer
 4/4/87 David & Cathy Willis
 4/6/74 Israel & Millie Gonzales
 4/6/13 Hub & Sherry Miller
 4/15/67 Jerry & Irene Lyddon
 4/17/70 Jim & Barbara Mercer
 4/23/76 Richard & Mary Lynne Collier

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 so sad to learn of Jayme Goodwin's passing. She is so loved by all in TCPU and will be missed. Our love and sympathy goes out to Vern and to her extended family— Vernon and Joletta, Jerry and Carol, Jim and Tonia and all of their families.

We also send our sympathy to Jim Parry in the recent loss of his sister.

We have learned that Irene Lyddon has broken her wrist. Irene, get well soon, we miss you.

We are happy to report that Lyle Snow is improving; and that Searcy Kracke continues on her road to recovery.

Address to send your love to Searcy (or visit) is: Searcy Kracke c/o Autumn Years 10818 Overbrook Lane, Houston, Texas 77042 (this is close to the the Galleria area).

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

Nelda Tope



TCPU hula dancers



Real hula dancers



Rae Gilbert's Third Place Award in Region 9 Spam Cookoff



Ronn Gilbert's Region 9 Golf Tournament entrants

TCPU OFFICERS, 2017

President: Don Reeves
 1st Vice President: Hub Miller
 2nd Vice President: Jerry Goodwin
 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 McAnulty
 Immediate Past President: Jim Mercer

TCPU COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, 2017

Constitution & Bylaws: Vernon Goodwin III
 Crafts & Projects: Sherry Miller
 Directory Editor: Bill Miller
 Electronic Communications: Tom Bundy
 Health: Rae Gilbert
 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: Don & Eloise Reeves, 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, Tom & Jill Kershner

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

Memorial Day Rally May 25 – 29, 2017

Oakwood RV Park

78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Directions: From Jct US 290 & Hwy 16: Go 2.25 miles south on Hwy 16, then 200 ft west on FM 2093**Hosts:** Tom & Caren Bundy, Red & Nancy Childers, Rob & Nelda Tope**Rally Fees:** \$25/person and Parking \$31/night, Optional tour \$10/person*Please bring table service to all meals***Thursday May 25**

Early Arrival parking

5:00 PM: Happy Hour – Even number rigs bring an appetizer

6:00 PM: Dinner – Bring something to grill and a side to share. Hosts will provide dessert

Friday May 26

7:30 AM: Coffee

Breakfast and Lunch on your own.

2:00 PM: Craft

5:00 PM: Happy Hour: Odd number rigs bring appetizer

6:00 PM: dinner provided by hosts

Saturday May 27

7:30 AM: Coffee

8:00 AM: Breakfast provided by hosts

9:00 AM: Pay Rally Fees

Lunch on your own. Tour local attractions, visit wineries, or check out the Crawfish Festival in town

4:30 MP: TCPU Business meeting

Election of 2018 Officers

Present 2018 Rally Schedule

Caravans to the International Rally

September Rally info and sign up

5:00 PM: Happy Hour: Even number rigs bring appetizer

6:00 PM: Dinner provided by hosts

8:00 PM: program

Sunday May 28

7:30 AM: Coffee

8:00 AM: Breakfast provided by hosts

9:00 AM: Devotional

1:15 PM: Depart for Museum

2:00 PM: National Museum of the Pacific War Battle Reenactment (Tickets \$10/person) www.pacificwarmuseum.org

5:00 PM: Happy hour – Odd number rigs bring appetizer

6:00 PM: Dinner provided by hosts

7:30 PM: Bean Bag Baseball contest

Monday May 29

7:30 AM: Coffee

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

RSVP by May 15th to Tom Bundy 281-250-7644 or tom-caren@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Number of people: _____ Rig Length: _____ 30 or 50 Amps: _____

Will you attend the Battle Reenactment at the National Museum of the Pacific? _____



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

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Bob Jones

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