



Coyote Tales

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

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

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

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

Escanaba, Michigan

Sept. 14 - Sept. 17 - **Hummingbird
Festival**

Ancient Oaks RV Park
Rockport, Texas
Hosts: Jerry and Tracey Calvert
(Make your own reservation)

Remember to bring your soda can pull tabs to Fredericksburg. Sherry Miller will take them to International for the "Cents for Kids" charity.



The President's Chair

The Creole Nature Trail Rally in Sulphur, LA, was a very pleasant, relaxed rally at an excellent site. Hosts Eloise and Don Reeves; Co-Hosts Tracey & Jerry Calvert and Vaughnette & Bob Stogdill served good meals to the 15-18 attendees. Nelda Tope's sister, Darlene Brummett, attended two meals. Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines arrived for the Cajun dinner on Saturday night. At one time or another, everyone traversed some portion of the Creole Nature Trail wetlands. Games were played on two nights. The lower attendance was conducive to good communication amongst all Airstreamers.

WBCCI has contacted me inquiring if our Unit is going to participate in the WBCCI Parade at the International Rally. We may take part in either of two options - walking or pulling. Pulling refers to some form of a float. We have usually participated in the parade, so I trust that we will this year. Walking is the logical option. I am looking for a/some club member(s) to step up and lead the planning and completion of our parade efforts. Please call or email me.

Rivets,

Don



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L to R: Co-Hosts: Vaughnette & Bob Stogdill and Jerry & Tracey Calvert; Hosts: Eloise & Don Reeves

Eighteen campers traveled to A+ RV Park in Sulphur, LA for the April TCPU Rally. The weather was near perfect; the campground was well landscaped; and, the large recreation hall was convenient and comfortable.

At some point during the weekend, nearly everyone journeyed down the Creole Nature Trail. Destinations were the town of Hackberry, Holly Beach and the Cameron Ferry. Wildlife observed were alligators, many neotropical cormorants, egrets, great blue heron, and various other fowl.

Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share was the theme for Thursday's evening meal. A competitive round of Texas Trivia followed dinner. Bob Stogdill won the contest handily.

It was a free day to explore one's own interest including dinner on Friday. Bill & Joanne Miller, Dave & Jan Rightmyer and David Rightmyer Jr. chose to dine at Steamboat Bills for their crawfish entrees. Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Clark Gardener & Debbie Pfunder, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill, Don and Eloise Reeves checked out the Blue Dog Cafe. Both restaurants were in Lake Charles. Rob & Nelda Tope dined with Nelda's sister, Darlene Brummett, at their favorite place in Sulphur.

Saturday morning, the cooks prepared a ham, eggs, cheese and hash-brown potato casserole. Complementing the main dish were Vaughnette's delicious cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee.

Louisiana hospitality was evident Saturday when a foursome were hunting for a specific restaurant. Unable to locate the place, they stopped at a bank. A woman and her son backing out of a parking place seemed to be someone to ask for directions. She said, "pointing over her right shoulder, go back to the stop light, turn right and follow that road. Oh, just get into your car and follow me. I'll take you there;" and, she did.

Following lunch at the Boiling Point in Sulphur, driver Don came to a fork in the road and took it. Ask passengers, Bob, Vaughnette and Eloise how that turned out. ??

Jerry Calvert's tasteful chicken/sausage gumbo hit the spot for Saturday's dinner. Complements were rice, lettuce salad, French bread and bread pudding. Fred Walschburger and Sue Gaines joined the group for the meal. An aggressive contest of Left, Center and Right topped off the evening. Winners were Jan Rightmyer, Darlene Brummett and Debbie Pfunder.

The group dined on pancakes, sausage, boiled eggs, juice and coffee Sunday morning. Following the meal, Bob Stogdill gave an inspiring devotional to cap the weekend festivities.

It's on to Fredericksburg, TX in May for the Rally and Annual Meeting.

See you there!!

Eloise

An old Cherokee told his grandson, 'My son, there is a battle between two wolves within us all.

One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins,?"

The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

Author unknown



Tracey Calvert's Rec Hall decorations



A+ Motel and RV Park
Our rally site



Don Reeves and Bob Stogdill
at Cameron Parish Ferry



The Camero Parish
Ferry dock



Point of interest monument
along the Nature Trail



The cooking crew - L-R
Eloise Reeves, Tracey Calvert
and Vaughnette Stogdill



The TCPU crew in the Rec Room



Nelda Tope's sister, Darlene Brummett, with Nelda and Rob enjoying a game of dominoes



A hot game of, "Left, Center and Right"



The famous "Blue Dog" paintings by the Southwest Louisiana artist, George Rodrigue



A TCPU crew at the Blue Dog Cafe Lake Charles, Louisiana

DO GOODERS CORNER

The new year is filled 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".

See you at Fredericksburg ,Texas, May 25-29 for the Memorial Day Rally.

Sherry Miller



SUNSHINE

We are happy to report that Lyle Snow is back home and doing well after gall bladder surgery. Please keep Lyle and Peggy in your prayers as he continues to improve.

Hub Miller is scheduled for back surgery this Monday, May 1. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Hub and Sherry.

I had a nice conversation with Searcy Kracke, who continues to improve slowly but surely. She is now receiving both physical and occupational therapy. Fred picks her up in a special van and transports her to TIRR in Sugarland for her therapy. The good part is that she is enjoying just getting outside from her confinement at Autumn Years. She is happy to report she is able to get on some shoes which she had not been able to wear for some months.

We all need to stop and give thanks for the many small blessings we receive each day. Bless you, Fred, for taking such good care of Searcy. We love both of you.

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



MAY

5/15 Tom Harris
 5/18 George Nixon
 5/23 Kevin Katz
 5/23 Dave Rightmyer
 5/24 James Fulweber
 5/25 Bill Hamilton
 5/25 Jack Isbell
 5/28 Danny Brown



MAY

5/4/80 Jerry & Carol Goodwin
 5/4/02 Fred & Searcy Kracke
 5/6/08 Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder
 5/13/72 Tom & Virginia Taroni
 5/14/88 Bob & Dorothy Cooney
 5/18/74 John & Susan Sheridan
 5/21/77 Wayne & Belinda Hale
 5/22/71 Ron & Janice Lange

JUNE

6/1 Jamie Nixon
 6/6 John Luker
 6/9 Suzanne McLean
 6/10 Dan McAnulty
 6/12 Jo Goodwin
 6/12 Ron Lange
 6/12 Sherry Miller
 6/30 Susan Sheridan

JUNE

6/4/66 Russ & Nancy Dionne
 6/6/81 Dan & Kathleen High
 6/6/57 Don & Helen Teegarden
 6/15/74 Grady & Keith Ferry
 6/15/63 Don & Eloise Reeves
 6/19/82 Kevin & Melissa Katz
 6/20/70 Ronn & Rae Gilbert
 6/20/59 Arnold & Mary Etta Zander

**“Maybe you are searching
 among the branches,
 for what only appears
 in the roots.”**

Rumi

**It costs \$0.00
 to be a decent
 human being.**

R. Wolfe

Moment for Maintenance

This article presents a little different slant on maintenance for our membership, as I will not discuss specific maintenance issues. My intent this time is to encourage you to read the Blue Beret articles published monthly by the Airstream Tech Help Group chaired by Dave Schumann. Dave worked for the Airstream Company and, having retired, is now living the Wally Byam dream. He and his group have an immense body of knowledge to share with us. It is time well spent to study it in depth. My advice is to start your own notebook indexed with sections for the different subjects and cut and paste them in as they are published.

Other great resources are YOU TUBE and online tech forums. Here you can find videos and discussions for almost any repair from jacks to generators. I even found I could repair my electric step by replacing the OEM motor with a Lincoln car electric window motor much cheaper than the OEM part. Reading the tech help articles in other RV magazines can also solve many problems. And, don't forget your club buddies — just ask around when you have a problem.

By Don Teegarden

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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: 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, Coushatta 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

Caravans to the International Rally

Present 2018 Rally Schedule

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? _____

A Message from Bob Jones RV

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