



# Coyote Tales

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

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## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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)

Oct. 19 - Oct. 22 - **Pecan Jam**  
San Saba River RV Park  
San Saba, Texas  
Hosts: Ronn and Rae Gilbert  
(Reservation method TBA)



## The President's Chair

A well-organized rally at Fredericksburg, Texas, was carried out by Host Bundys; Co-Hosts Vernon Goodwins, Childers and Topes.. A four-day rally versus the usual three-day version presented challenges easily met. A pleasant variety of food served, including a boiled shrimp treat, kept everyone satisfied. The weather did not always cooperate, but the cooks remained undaunted.

A highlight of the rally was the reenactment of a World War II pacific combat zone battle sponsored by the National Museum of the Pacific War.

To our Hosts, many thanks for a very good, entertaining rally. You did a fine job.

Please remember, those of you attending International, to bring your parade paraphernalia. If you have questions, call me at 979-885-1398 or email me at reevesde@aol.com

Rivets,

Don

You can't unscramble eggs.  
John Pierpoint Morgan



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



L to R: Hosts Caren & Tom Bundy; Co-Hosts Jo & Vernon Goodwin III  
Rob & Nelda Tope and Nancy & Red Childers

The Memorial Day Rally was held May 25-29, 2017, at the Oakwood RV Resort in Fredericksburg, Texas. There were 24 rigs in attendance. The rally was hosted by Tom and Caren Bundy, Red and Nancy Childers, Vernon and Jo Goodwin and Rob and Nelda Tope. Other TCPU attendees were Ronn and Rae Gilbert, James and Tonia Goodwin, Tom Harris, Jack and Autumn Isbell, Charlie and Cheryl Jacobs, Tom and Jill Kershner, Bill and Donna Kindle, Jerry and Irene Lyddon, HV and Pat Martin, Jim and Barbara Mercer, Scott, Sally and William Mercer, Hub and Sherry Miller, Jim and Mary Miller, Don and Eloise Reeves, Bob and Vaughnette Stogdill, Tom and Virginia Taroni, Don and Helen Teegarden, Fred Walschburger and Sue Gaines, and guests Ken and Lia Laney.

Thursday evening there were 19 rigs already in town. We broke out the gas grills. Everyone grilled their meat of choice. An assortment of wonderful side dishes was shared. Klondike ice cream bars followed.

On Friday everyone enjoyed the multitude of activities available in Fredericksburg. Friday evening's dinner was a real treat. We had boiled shrimp, corn and potatoes, salad and bread. Thank you to Red and Nancy for bringing the shrimp from Port O'Conner. Thanks to Red for running the boiling pots. The wild caught shrimp was YUMMY! Our dessert was four different types of bundt cake, baked and decorated by Nelda Tope, with vanilla ice cream.

Saturday morning, we ate breakfast tacos with orange juice and cantalope. Everyone was free to enjoy the area until our business meeting at 4:30 pm. The officers for 2018 were elected; and, we had reports on club business. Saturday evening's dinner was spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, and left-over cake. Jerry and Carol's son, Stephen, and daughter-in-law,, Rebecca, joined us for dinner. After dinner, we had a fun game of, "Where Are We Going?," organized by Nelda.

On Sunday morning, we had pancakes (cooked by Tom Bundy and Tom Kershner) with bacon, fruit and orange juice. Tom Bundy led a devotional for Memorial Day which included the history of the holiday, and a flag-folding ceremony which described the meaning of the thirteen folds of the flag. Participants in the ceremony representing the armed services were Bob Stogdill, Air Force; Jerry Goodwin, Army; Hub Miller, Navy; Fred Walschburger, Marines; and Ronn Gilbert, parents of armed service members.

The World War II Pacific Combat Program at the National Museum of the Pacific was very interesting and meaningful. It demonstrated combat in the Pacific as the Allied Forces endeavored to retake islands captured by the Japanese.

Nelda Tope's friend, Suzie Hamilton, joined us for the Reenactment program and for dinner. For Sunday's dinner we had grilled hamburgers with baked beans, broccoli slaw salad, and watermelon. Mother Nature did not cooperate with our dinner plans. A huge rainstorm erupted with pouring rain and loud claps of thunder. A slight break in the rain allowed the brave cooks to move the grills to a small overhang and grill the hamburgers. The cooks were soaked. We appreciated their efforts. Thanks to Tom Bundy, James, Jerry and Vernon Goodwin, Jim Mercer and Hub Miller for cooking in the rain. Following dinner, Rae Gilbert gave a refresher course on CPR, the Heimlich maneuver and using the AED. Thank you, Nurse Rae, for keeping us educated!

Monday morning, we had sausage kolaches, donuts and fruit. Everyone assisted in breaking down and cleaning up the rally room. Then, equipment to be used by hosts in the fall was loaded.

We enjoyed the rally; see you down the road!

By Tom and Caren Bundy

### The Flag-Folding Ceremony



Virginia, Cheryl and Jill "shooting the breeze"

Sherry and Hub under "old Glory"



## 13 FOLDS OF THE FLAG

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd Fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is tribute to the country, for the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of the Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, Preserving for them the rights, privileges, and freedoms they enjoy today.



Tonia and Jim Goodwin



Don Reeves and Nelda Tope  
at Buiness Meeting



Craft Flowers for International Parade



The Crafters



Shrimp Boilers  
Tom Bundy and Red Childers



Mary and Jim Miller

## *DO GOODERS CORNER*

This is for anyone going to International in Escanaba this summer. We are going to be celebrating the 60th International Rally, so we are going to show them how Texans celebrate during the parade. If you have a stick horse, bring it along with noise makers, sombrero's and cowboy hats. It will be a real Texas celebration without the BBQ and Margaritas!

If you want to "decorate" your horse or yourself, use lots of purple. We will have posters, a new banner, paper flowers and anything else we can think of between now and then.

Looking forward to seeing you in Escanaba! You betcha!

Sherry Miller



## *SUNSHINE*

We were happy to see Irene Lyddon at the Memorial Day rally as she continues to heal.

Lyle Snow is improving and is able to drive now. We hope to see him again in the near future.

Searcy Kracke continues on her road to recovery. With Fred's help, she gets out each week for her therapy. That gives her some much needed time to enjoy the city sights. The address to send messages or to visit her is — Searcy Kracke c/o Autumn Years, 10818 Overlook Lane, Houston, TX, 77042.

On a sad note, for those of you who know Marilyn and Jerry Thomas, we send our condolences to Jerry on the recent death of his son, Michael.

As always, let me know who needs a card, prayer, or word of encouragement. Email me at [neldatope@gmail.com](mailto:neldatope@gmail.com) or call me at 210-724-2478.





## 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

## JULY

7/1 Eloise Reeves  
 7/4 Jan Rightmyer  
 7/5 Wayne Hale  
 7/5 Steve Zeringue  
 7/11 Bill Dodson  
 6/17 Virginia Taroni  
 7/20 Gene Blanchard  
 7/22 Richard Collier  
 7/30 Kathleen High

## JULY

7/7/77 Dennis & Diane Roberts  
 7/15/03 Ron & Susan Bernucho  
 7/16/86 George & Jamie Nixon  
 7/16/77 Bill & Ellen Wedelich  
 7/20/85 Jim & Mary Miller  
 7/21/79 John & LaVaughn Luker  
 7/26/08 Bruce Lee & Leslie Spillman

## ALASKA CARAVAN

By Lyle Snow  
(lyles51@comcast.net)

I have been asked by several people if I would lead another unit caravan to Alaska. If there are enough rigs interested i will do that in 2019, if I am able. I am not sure where International will be held, but it should be on the East Coast which could be a problem. Let me know if you are interested. I will let you know if there is enough interest. My guess is it will be a kitty fee of around \$6500. I gave back around \$500 last time at caravan's end. The rate of exchange in Canada will be a factor. Currently, it is about 30%. Three years ago it was 3% or 0%. The current rate of exchange will help with tha cost. If you have firends in SOBs, we can make this a buddy caravan.



Tom Bundy and Hennessy



Tom and Virginia Taroni  
and Beretta

### TCPU OFFICERS, 2017

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OF THE  
PACIFIC WAR**



**WORLD WAR II  
PACIFIC  
COMBAT  
PROGRAM**



Sally, Scott and William Mercer



Lady Marine, WAVE (Navy), WAC (Army) Actors

## 2018 TCPU RALLY SCHEDULE

<p>Dec 29, 2017 - Jan 1, 2018  <b><i>New Years Eve</i></b>  Coushatte Recreation Ranch  812 Nelius Road  Bellville, TX 77418  979-865-5897</p> <p>Houston to Bellville - 69 mi</p>	<p>Jan 27, 2018  <b><i>ANNUAL LUNCHEON</i></b>  Christie's Seafood &amp; Steak  6029 Westheimer Rd  Houston, TX 77057  713-978-6563</p> <p>Houston to Waco - 189 mi</p>	<p>Feb 8 - 11, 2018  <b><i>Mid-Winter Rally</i></b>  Whispering Oaks RV Park  Weimer, TX  972-732-9494</p> <p>Houston to Weimer - 89 mi</p>
<p>Mar 8 - 11, 2018  <b><i>Spring is in the Air</i></b>  Brazos Bend State Park  21901 FM 762  Needville, TX 77461  979-553-5101 / 512-389-5101</p> <p>Houston to Needville - 43 mi</p>	<p>April 5 - 8, 2018  <b><i>Pre-Region Rally</i></b>  <b><i>I-35 RV Park &amp; Resort</i></b>  15131 N - I35  Elm Mott, TX 76640  254-829-0698</p> <p>Houston to Waco - 189 mi</p>	<p>April 9 - 15, 2018  <b><i>REGION 9 RALLY</i></b>  Abilene Fairgrounds  Mitchell RV Park  Abilene, TX</p> <p>Waco to Abilene - 118 mi</p>
<p>May 17 - 20, 2018  <b><i>Pre-Memorial Day Rally</i></b>  Magnolia Lake RV Park  791 FM 2665  Goodrich, TX 77335  936-365-4910</p> <p>Houston to Goodrich - 67 mi</p>	<p>Aug 30 - Sept 3, 2018  <b><i>Last Days of Summer</i></b>  Livingston State Park  300 Park Road 65  Livingston, TX  936-365-2201</p> <p>Houston to Livingston - 74 mi</p>	<p>Sept 27 - 30, 2018  <b><i>A &amp; M Tail Gating</i></b>  Bryan College Station  Goodwin's to Host</p> <p>Houston to Bryan - 100 mi</p>
<p>Nov. 8 - 11, 2018  <b><i>Takin' a Break before the Holidays</i></b>  Crockett Family Resort  75 Dogwood Lane West  Crockett, TX  936-544-8466</p> <p>Houston to Crockett - 126 mi</p>	<p>Dec 6 - 9, 2018  <b><i>Christmas/Officer Installation</i></b>  Coushatte Recreation Ranch  812 Nelius Road  Bellville, TX 77418  979-865-5897</p> <p>Houston to Bellville - 69 mi</p>	

### Moment for Maintenance

By  
Don Teegarden

Got dingy , yellowish headlights that barely penetrate the darkness? Fix'em yourself with Mothers Headlight Restoration Kit. This kit sells for \$16.45 at Home Depot and includes a bottle of Power Plastic polish, a Power Ball polishing tool, wet sandpaper pads, and a Microfiber towel. The headlight lenses are wet-sanded progressively with four different grit pads and then polished to restore the lens to original clarity. The pictures show the headlights of my motorhome before and after polishing, and it only took about an hour and a half. The technique can be used on all of the vehicle light lenses as I cleaned my turn signal ones also. Instructions are in the kit. Big improvement in night driving and traffic safety.



Before



After



Kit



## ***A Message from Bob Jones RV***

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

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

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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