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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

June 28-July 4: International Rally
in Lewisburg, WV.

Sept. 1-5: Labor Day Rally at
Johnson Creek RV Resort in
Kerrville. **Contact Don Reeves,**
(979)855-1398 or
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by August 1.

Sept. 29-Oct. 2: Fair on the
Square Rally in Huntsville.
Contact Ronn Gilbert at
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by September 14

The President's Corner



Many thanks to all the folks who helped make our Memorial Day Rally and Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio a success. We had great attendance and everyone enjoyed good friends, good food, and good times in the Alamo City! Our hosts allowed us a lot of flexibility to explore the missions, San Antonio Zoo, the River Walk, and other attractions. The weather even cooperated with the rains coming only during the night time hours!

One of the highlights of our business meeting was the presentation of the 2017 Rally Schedule presented by First Vice President, Don Reeves. His great line up is shown later in this newsletter. You will want to mark his rallies on your 2017 calendar and plan to attend as many as possible.

Many of our members are getting ready to take off for their summer adventures on the road. One group even left directly from the rally headed for the International Rally in Lewisburg. Before you head out this summer, be sure to contact hosts, Don and Eloise Reeves, if you think you might be able to attend our Labor Day Rally in Kerrville. It is a beautiful, hill country park, and the park has given us an August 1 deadline to report the number attending.

New discoveries and adventures in this beautiful country of ours is the reason most of us bought our Airstreams! May you enjoy your summer of Airstream adventures and travel safely until we meet again!



Gator got his Davy Crockett act
together in hopes of seeing the Alamo!
He and William loved San Antonio.

See you down the road.
Jim



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Our Rally Hosts: Bill and Dorma Kindle, Sherry and Hub Miller
Bill and Joanne Miller, Lyle and Peggy Snow

MISSION TRAIL MEMORIAL DAY RALLY

May 26 – May 30, 2016

by Sherry Miller

RAIN DROPS KEPT FALLING ON OUR HEADS, BUT THAT DIDN'T DISCOURAGE US!

Many of the Houston TCPUers thought they might need a paddle to get to San Antonio BUT everyone made it and the rain stopped and the sun came out!

Nineteen rigs arrived on Thursday and enjoyed Happy Hour and the company of old friends in one of the best Rec Rooms I've seen in an RV Park. Thursday night we all enjoyed pizza, salad and our favorite --ice cream.

Friday was a great sunny day. Many enjoyed the sights of San Antonio visiting wonderful local restaurants for breakfast and/or lunch. By Friday night, another four rigs arrived. The Calvert's daughter Melinda Rainwater and 2 granddaughters joined us.

We were served Texas brisket, baked beans, potato salad and chips, AND **cobbler a la mode** for dessert. Several people helped cut "Airstreams" out of foam board in preparation for the International Parade.

Saturday morning our Hosts: Bill & Dorma Kindle, co-hosts; Lyle & Peggy Snow, Bill & Joanne Miller, and Hub & Sherry Miller were on duty preparing made-to-order omelets for breakfast.

Saturday we were all on our own. Some people took the local bus to go downtown or to the River Walk, some found restaurants in the area. Mexican Food seemed to top the list of places to go. Some pooled resources and had an impromptu cook out, not having to leave the campground.

The parade "Airstreams" were spray painted silver on Saturday and left to dry.

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Sunday morning found our Hosts, mixing batter and making waffles with strawberries & whipped cream, along with the old stand-by butter & syrup.

Joanne Miller gave a devotional on the history of Memorial Day and how the Poppy became the flower to represent this holiday.

Sunday afternoon we got to the real fun of decorating our foam-board Airstreams. There will be 10 little Airstreams in the International parade. The theme of the International Rally is "Because We Can." We added a little to that, "Because We Can, *We Caravan.*" Our Airstreams will be decorated for 3 little caravans, one going to Florida, one going to Mardi Gras and the third going to the Region 9 Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma, more the western theme. There will be signs for each little caravan. We had a lot of fun decorating these little jewels!

Not to let anything go to waste, since there was lots of leftover Brisket from Friday night, we chopped it up, added a little BBQ sauce, (plus whatever else Bill Kindle could find) for chopped beef sandwiches for dinner with potato salad, baked beans and of course, ice cream for dessert.

Jim Mercer inducted two new couples into our club, Kent Miller & Darlene Kloesel and Stephen & K D Couch. They all fit right in and have even volunteered to co-host one of the rallies next fall. Welcome Kent, Darlene, Stephen and K. D.

Ronn Gilbert gave us a short "Show & Tell" on how to make a portable campfire with a porcelain pot with lid. The pot was filled with candle wax, wood chips or charcoal. Very interesting.

It was time to change the battery on our AED. Rae Gilbert opened the AED so we could actually hear what it says when it is being used. She gave lots of advise on what to do when faced with trying to save someone's life, also what to do for a heart attack or chocking. She had all of us mesmerized with her fun way of educating us on health for "maturing" people.

We woke Monday morning to pouring rain, but that didn't stop our continental breakfast and our farewells for the summer. Other than the International Rally this summer, our next rally will be over the Labor Day weekend.

Have a great summer and safe travels!



*OUR AIRSTREAM LINE UP
photo by Tom Taroni*

The San Antonio Missions and Other Sites



This group enjoyed a wonderful breakfast at the Guenther House, home of Pioneer Flour Mills.



The Alamo
1718



William checking out a vintage rifle at the Alamo.



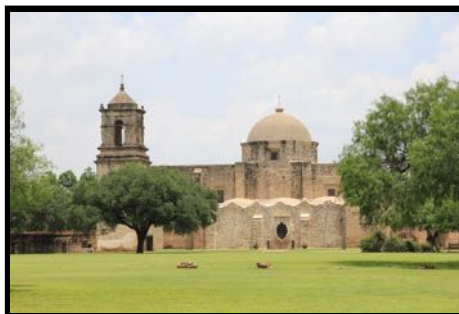
Interior, Mission Espada



Mission San Juan Capistrano, 1731



Mission Espada, 1731



Above: Mission San Jose, 1720, and National Historic Park Visitor's Center



Mission Espada



*Our Fine Looking TCPU
Memorial Day Rally Group*



*Tracey enjoyed the waffles
prepared by our hosts.*



*Our omelet chefs —Bill, Bill, and Lyle —
treated us to an awesome breakfast!*



*James Goodwin at
breakfast.*



*Darlene, Rae and Jerry
demonstrate the use of the AED.*



*KD Couch assisting
with CPR training.*



*Our little Airstreams getting a coat of paint
in preparation for the International parade.*

July Birthdays

7-01 Eloise Reeves
 7-04 Jan Rightmyer
 7-05 Wayne Hale
 7-05 Steve Zeringue
 7-06 Kelli Rightmyer
 7-11 Bill Dodson
 7-11 Bill Wietstruck
 7-17 Virginia Taroni
 7-20 Gene Blanchard
 7-22 Richard Collier
 7-28 Wayne Stehle
 7-30 Kathleen High



August Birthdays

8-01 Coreen Collins
 8-07 Bob Stogdill
 8-11 Tom Taroni
 8-13 Bob Miller
 8-14 Ed Nelson
 8-19 Jim Miller
 8-24 Tina Miller
 8-25 Hou Dng
 8-25 Millie Gonzalez
 8-26 Don Hardman

July Anniversaries

7-04-45 Vern & Jamye Goodwin
 7-15-03 Ron & Suzan Bernucho
 7-16-86 George & Jamie Nixon
 7-20-85 Jim & Mary Miller
 7-21-79 John & LaVaughn Luker



August Anniversaries

8-03-79 Bob & June Hutson
 8-05-78 Rob & Nelda Tope
 8-08-70 Jack & Beverly Williams
 8-09-82 HV & Pat Martin
 8-15-70 David & Gayla Haas
 8-29-66 Tom & Jill Kershner
 8-31-57 Bob & Pat Nimmo



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These folks
are the best!





Sunshine Corner

by Nelda Tope

We were sorry to hear that Don Teegarden has hurt his shoulder. We missed him and Helen at the last campout and send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Suzan Bernucho is home from the hospital but still recovering from a bad infection. We wish a continued recovery for her and hope to see her soon. *Update:* Suzan's recent blood work showed the infection is cleared. Wonderful news.

We missed Beverly Williams at our last rally as her aunt had a bad fall, and she had to rush to assist her. We hope her recovery goes well, and we see you at the next rally, Beverly.

No other reports of illnesses or needs have been reported, so hopefully all is well! As always, please let me know of anyone who needs a card, prayer, or word of encouragement. Email me at neldatope@gmail.com or call me at 210-724-2478.



Do Gooder's Corner

by Sherry Miller

At the Memorial Day Rally, we made Airstreams from foam boards for the International Rally Parade. Volunteers decorated the windows with curtains, etc. to fit the theme of the caravan they will be part of.

We collected tabs that members have been saving for Cents for Kids. I will turn them in at International.

Also, if you have any greeting cards (Christmas, Birthday, Thank you, Get Well etc.) Please bring them to a Rally. I'm collecting them to send to Jude's Ranch for Children. They use the fronts of cards to make new cards that they sell on line.

That's all for this month. See you at International or in the fall!

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TCPU Officers, 2016



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 One Year Trustee: Sherry Miller

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Welcome New Members



Stephen & KD Couch



Darlene Kloesel & Kent Miller

It was great to welcome new members, Stephen & KD Couch and Darlene Kloesel & Kent Miller. Stephen & KD live in Conroe and have recently retired. They are looking forward to traveling in their Airstream. Darlene and Kent are from Edna. You may remember that they visited at our Brazos Bend rally and signed up while there. We are very excited to have these two enthusiastic couples join our group.



2016 Texas Coastal Plains Rally Schedule

Jim Mercer, President

Thursday, December 31, 2015-Sunday, January 2, 2016--New Year's Rally, Coushatta Recreation Ranch, Bellville, TX; HOST: Hub & Sherry Miller; CO-HOSTS: Tom Harris, Fred Walschburger, Don & Eloise Reeves

January 10-15--IBT, Rayne, LA

Saturday, January 23, 2016--Annual TCPU Luncheon at Brady's Landing. HOSTS: Arnold & Mary Zander, John & Lavaughn Luker, Don & Helen Teegarden

Thursday, February 4-Sunday, February 7, 2016--Winter in the Woods Rally. Magnolia Lake RV Park, Goodrich, TX. HOST: Tom Harris; CO-HOSTS: Fred Walschburger, Don Hardman, Hub & Sherry Miller

Thursday, March 3-Sunday, March 6--Pre Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, TX. HOST: Rob & Nelda Tope; CO-HOSTS: Red & Nancy Childers, Hub & Sherry Miller, Don & Helen Teegarden, Bill & Joanne Miller

Monday, March 14-Saturday, March 19, 2016--Region 9 Rally, Shawnee, OK

Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17, 2016--Gator Gonna Getcha Rally, Brazos Bend State Park, Damon, TX. HOST: Tom & Caren Bundy ; CO-HOSTS: Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Jack & Beverly Williams

Thursday, May 26-Monday, May 30, 2016--Mission Trail Memorial Day Rally, Travelers World RV Resort, San Antonio, TX. HOST: Bill & Dorma Kindle; CO-HOSTS: Bill & Joanne Miller, Hub & Sherry Miller, Lyle & Peggy Snow

June 26-July 4, 2016--**International Rally**, Lewisburg, WV

Thursday, September 1-Monday, September 5, 2016--**Labor Day Rally**, Johnson Creek RV Resort, Kerrville, TX. HOST: Don & Eloise Reeves

Thursday, September 29-Sunday, October 2, 2016--**Fair on the Square Rally**, Huntsville State Park, Huntsville, TX. HOST: Ronn & Rae Gilbert; CO-HOSTS: Tom Harris, David Jr. & Kelli Rightmyer

Thursday, November 17-Sunday, November 20, 2016--**A River Runs Through It Rally**, Lazy L & L Campground, New Braunfels, TX. HOST: H V & Pat Martin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Beverly Williams, Don & Helen Teegarden

Thursday, December 8-Sunday, December 11, 2016--**Christmas Celebration and 2016 Officer Installation Rally**, Advanced RV Resort, Houston-Pearland, TX. HOST: Vernon & Jo Goodwin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Autumn Isbell, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill



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

Monday, January 16 - Saturday, January 21, 2017— IBT, Tucson, Arizona

Saturday, January 28, 2017— Annual TCPU Luncheon, Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, Houston, Texas

Thursday, February 16 - Sunday, February 19, 2017— Winter Rally, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2017 — Pre-Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas

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

Thursday, May 25 - Sunday May 29, 2017 — Memorial Day Rally, Oakwood RV Park, Fredericksburg, Texas

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

Thursday, October 19 - Sunday, October 22, 2017 — Pecan Jam, San Saba River RV Park, San Saba, Texas

Thursday, November 9 - Sunday, November 12, 2017 — Goliad Market Days, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas

Thursday, December 7 - Sunday, December 10, 2017 — Christmas Celebration and 2018 Officer Installation Rally, Advanced RV Resort, Pearland, Texas



LABOR DAY RALLY
 Johnson Creek RV Resort
 Ingram/Kerrville, Texas
 Sept. 1 - Sept. 5, 2016
 Telephone: (830)-367-3300

Directions: From Houston, take I-10 west to exit 488 at Junction 27 and I-10. Travel southeast on 27 for 9 miles. Resort is on the right.

Hosts: Don and Eloise Reeves

Parking: \$32 per night. **Make own reservations one month in advance by August 1.**

Rally fee: TBD

Reminder: BRING TABLE SERVICE TO ALL MEALS.

Thursday, September 1

- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour
- 5:30 Dinner by Hosts
- 7:00 Visiting and Hiking

Friday, September 2

- Free to tour area attractions
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour--Appetizers by Even Numbers
- 5:30 Bring Meat to grill and a Vegetable or Salad dish to share.
- Dessert by Hosts
- 7:00 Games and Visiting

Saturday, September 3

- 7:30 a.m. Early Coffee
- 8:00 Breakfast by Hosts
- 9:00 Pay Rally Fees
- Lunch on Own
- Continue to enjoy area attractions.
- 5:00 p.m. Caravan to Mamacita's Restaurant and Cantina for dinner

Sunday, September 4

- 7:30 a.m. Early Coffee
- 8:00 Breakfast by Hosts
- 9:00 Devotional at The "little" White Church in the Woods
- Lunch on Own
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour--Appetizers by Odd Numbers
- 5:30 Picnic by Hosts followed by Competitive Games

Monday, September 5

- 7:30 a.m. Early Coffee
- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- Bon voy age

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Here is one more photograph from our Big Bend TCPU Caravan. As Jerry and Irene Lyddon were headed back to camp from dinner in Chisos Basin, they happened upon these four black bears playing in the road. Black bears have made a comeback in Big Bend in the Chisos Basin. Thanks, Jerry, for sharing this awesome photo with us.



*Get out there and enjoy your Airstream
adventures this summer!
Travel safe and keep the shiny side up!*