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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Sept. 29-Oct. 2: Fair on the Square Rally in Huntsville. **Contact Ronn Gilbert at (281)224-7870 or rngilb3673@aol.com by September 14**

The President's Corner



We were privileged on our trip to Lewisburg to have two of TCPU Past Presidents traveling with us. You just haven't traveled until you take a trip with Tom Harris and Fred Walschburger! We had a great time touring Kentucky distilleries, Lincoln's birthplace, caves, and horse farms. In the above picture we are at the Patton Museum in Fort Knox, KY. Thanks, Guys, for joining us!

Many thanks also to those who stepped up at the rally to take over my Presidential responsibilities when we had to leave the rally unexpectedly to travel home to support the Gant family. Thanks especially to Don Reeves for representing TCPU in the opening ceremonies and taking my place as delegate, Tom & Caren Bundy for taking on the 4th of July Picnic, Rae & Ronn Gilbert for handling our TCPU Luncheon, and Sherry Miller for taking care of our 4th of July Parade entry.

Many of you are enjoying caravans or other summer vacations in your Airstreams. Make some wonderful memories and travel safely!

See you down the road.
Jim



Gator made it to Lewisburg, West Virginia, and did his best to join Jim on a bike ride. It seems his legs are a little too short to reach the pedals!



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



Silver in the Clouds WBCCI International Rally 2016 Lewisburg, West Virginia

Many of our TCPU members arrived early in Lewisburg in order to volunteer in the preparations for the largest WBCCI International Rally in a number of years. Our group of 7 rigs including the Billards, the Bundys, the Gilberts, Tom Harris, the Reeves, Fred Walschburger, and the Jim Mercers arrived on Wednesday, June 22, with storm clouds threatening. Little did we know that the next few days would bring a 1,000 year flood to the Lewisburg area. Fortunately for us, the State Fairgrounds where we were parked, was high and dry. The devastation in the area was catastrophic with many homes and businesses destroyed, and the loss of life reaching 24. We were all heartbroken for our West Virginian hosts, and many Airstreamers donated their time, labors, and money to helping the flood stricken area. About \$40,000 was collected to assist the area. Total rally attendance was somewhere in the neighborhood of 650. Some of the 750+ who had registered opted not to come when the flooding and devastation in the area was reported. Those of us who were there did our best to make a difference in the area by helping in any way we could.

The rally activities continued in spite of the weather, temporary loss of power and water, boil water orders, and cancellation of many of the tours scheduled in the area. Our members contributed greatly to the rally's success. Rae Gilbert presented seminars on Growing Older, Staying Healthy and CPR Training that were well attended. Way to go, Rae! Joanne Miller, as Parliamentarian, made sure the Rules of Order were followed in the Board Meeting and other meetings. Bill Miller did an excellent job of putting together the program booklet for the rally. Pat Martin was in charge of the Usherettes which included TCPUers Sherry Miller, Nelda Tope, and Helen Teegarden. They did an outstanding job and looked beautiful in the matching outfits. I saw Ronn Gilbert driving the shuttle tractor around the grounds picking up folks and delivering them to the various activities.

Our group of 18 rigs was scattered throughout the campground, but we were still able to enjoy many group get togethers such as Happy Hours at various rigs and group dinners. Some of those included our TCPU luncheon at Food & Friends in Lewisburg, the Region 9 Luncheon, a joint TCPU & Louisiana Unit picnic, and our 4th of July Picnic. Many of our ladies enjoyed the Ladies Tea and looked fine wearing the lovely hats they decorated for the occasion. Ronn Gilbert was even one of the servers at this function.

TCPU was able to land a couple of awards at the rally. Our 4th of July Parade entry, "Because We Can, We Caravan!" won 2nd place in the Theme category. Our newsletter, Coyote Tales, received an Honorable Mention in the Unit Publication Contest.

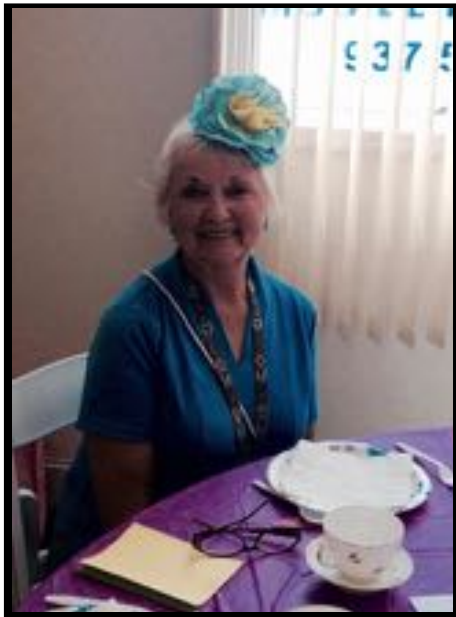
As everyone bid new and old friends farewell and headed for home or further Airstream adventures on the road this summer, many were already making plans for next year's International Rally in Escanaba, Michigan. Have you registered yet? You may do so online at WBCCI.org. Registration for 2017 is now open!



Lewisburg welcomed WBCCI



Scott Mercer and Jack Isbell wait in the Bull Pen to be parked.



Sherry at the Ladies' Tea



Don Reeves at Opening Ceremonies



Another fun gathering at International



Caren at the 4th of July Picnic
Happy to have the pavilion as it was a rainy day in Lewisburg.



Millers and Bundys
4th of July Picnic



Caren in the 4th of July
Parade



Our TCPU Parade Leaders



4th of July Chefs



Bill Kindle in the Mardi Gras
Caravan



Our parade theme was,
Because We Can—We Caravan!
Our entry took 2nd place!



Don Reeves in the Florida
Caravan



TCPU & Louisiana Units enjoyed a joint cook out hosted by Nelda and Marilyn.



Our Beautiful TCPU Usherettes: Pat Martin, Sherry Miller, Helen Teggarden, and Nelda Tope



Ronn Gilbert's Taxi Service



TCPU 4th of July Picnic

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



2016 and 2017 Region 9 Officers



TCPU Luncheon at Food & Friends



Honorable Mention for Coyote Tales



Wow!



In Memory of Virgil Gant

We were saddened to learn of the death of TCPU member, Virgil Gant, in a tragic accident on June 26th outside of Ozona, TX.

Virgil was a graduate of Texas A & M, a veteran of the United States Navy, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, and was active in many civic and charitable causes. He served on the Pearland ISD Board of Trustees for 16 years and was a member of the Pearland Rotary Club. He was involved in Scouting for over 50 years and most recently served as Den Leader for his grandson Samuel's Den.

Virgil and Debbie had been TCPU members since 2008. They loved vacationing in their Airstream and tailgating at Texas A & M football games.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Debbie and all the Gant family.



Some Early WBCCI History from WBCCI.org

Early Airstream owners were passionate travelers with a strong desire to tour the world, but many were daunted to set out solo on an adventure to destinations unknown. Wally Byam found a thrilling solution.

In 1951, Byam organized a group of 50 Airstream-owning friends for a caravan together through Central America. Though the route was always challenging and the roads often impassable, the group safely and successfully completed the trip.

The exotic Central American caravan was a hit. Another Airstream trip to Mexico was organized a year later, then another to Eastern Canada in 1955. While Byam was busy scouting the 1956 caravan to Europe he enlisted his cousin Helen, who had never towed a trailer, to lead the Eastern Canadian trip. It was during this caravan that Airstreamers envisioned a formal organization, and the Wally Byam Caravan Club was founded on August 3, 1955 in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

As one of the founding members of the WBCCI, Helen Byam Schwamborn—WBCCI member #2—established the first WBCCI headquarters office and served as the first editor of the club newsletter, the Blue Beret.

In the coming years, caravans became even more daring and spectacular. In 1956, Caravan #8 toured Europe; news and photos of the Airstreams and their owners appeared in the June 1957 National Geographic magazine. Caravan #20 made history when the fleet of Airstreams traveled 9,000 miles in 1959 to traverse the length of Africa from Capetown to Cairo. In 1963, Caravan #35 took a full year to go around the world. Wally Byam caravans have traveled the globe, including stops near the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the Great Pyramids of Egypt; in 1985, a group of WBCCI members traveled in 11 trailers through China.

Today, WBCCI members continue to travel in style with their Airstreams each year on dozens of national and international caravans, and enjoy camping with new and old friends at the hundreds of local, regional, and special event rallies.

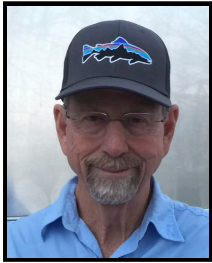
TCPU Officers, 2016

President: Jim Mercer
1st Vice President: Don Reeves
2nd Vice President: Hub Miller
3rd Vice President: Jerry Goodwin
Recording Secretary: Nelda Tope
Treasurer: Jerry Lyddon
Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Calvert
Two Year Trustee: Tom Harris
Two Year Trustee: Fred Walschburger
One Year Trustee: Rob Tope
One Year Trustee: Sherry Miller



TCPU Committee Chairpersons, 2016

Constitution and Bylaws: Vernon Goodwin III
Crafts & Projects: Sherry Miller
Directory Editor: Bill Miller
Electronic Communications: Tom Bundy
Health: Rae Gilbert
Membership: Jo Goodwin
Newsletter Editor: Barbara Mercer
Sunshine: Nelda Tope
Technical: Don Teegarden
New Member Mentor: Ronn Gilbert



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

Please respond at (979)-885-1398 or e-mail: reevesde@aol.com by AUGUST 1, 2016. Include Name, Number attending, Arrival and Departure Dates.

A Message from Bob Jones RV

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

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

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

Bob Jones

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