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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Annual Luncheon: January 23
Deadline to register: Jan. 13

February 4-7: Winter in the Woods
Rally **Contact Tom Harris by Jan. 16**

March 3-6: Pre-Region Rally
Contact Nelda Tope by Feb. 15

March 6-13: Unit Caravan to
Region 9 Rally **Contact Jim
Mercer (jimmercer42@gmail.com)**

March 14-19: Region 9 Rally in
Shawnee, OK. **Be sure to register
ASAP**



TCPU New Year's Eve Celebration



Our Rally Hosts & Co Hosts

*Don & Eloise Reeves, Hub & Sherry Miller, Tom Harris and Fred
Walschburger*

HAPPY NEW YEAR AIRSTREAMERS!

by hosts, Hub and Sherry Miller

We welcomed 2016's arrival at Coushatta RV Ranch. Hub & Sherry Miller arrived a day early and were joined by Dave & Jan Rightmyer, Red & Nancy Childers, Fred & Searcy Kracke, Tom Harris, and Fred Walschburger. All enjoyed a delicious Chinese dinner at Golden Pagoda in Bellville.

On Friday the rest of the group arrived: Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Jim Parry & grandson, Camden, Alan & Bernadine Billard with Ashley & Katherine, Jim & Barbara Mercer, and two new couples, Kevin & Melissa Katz, who were installed at the November rally, and first timers, Ron & Suzan Bernucho.

On New Year's Eve everyone contributed hors d'oeuvres for munching all evening. Fred & Tom led us in games of high
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Plains Unit

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



The Egg Race proved a little more challenging than expected. Alan & Bernadine were our winners successfully passing the egg and making it to the finish line first!



Red & Nancy had a problem with the Egg Drop!



Jerry & Carol finally mastered the pass off!

skill that included a basketball challenge and balancing of eggs on plastic spoons. The basketball challenge was won by long armed Kevin and Melissa. Passing the egg on a plastic spoon held in the mouth from one spouse to another proved more difficult. The Billiards won hands down. Then the "Coushatta Derby" took center stage and brought out the high bidders. The young people really enjoyed this event. Katherine threw the dice, Ashley moved the horses, and Camden was the big winner. It was a great evening to visit old friends and get to know our new friends.

We watched the big ball drop in NYC on TV, partook in a mini black-eyed pea buffet at midnight (EST), and toasted 2016's arrival with champagne and sparkling cider. At midnight (CST) we were ready to trot down to the lake and watch Howard's fireworks, joined by our own Vernon Goodwin.

New Year's Day we slept in, then enjoyed a 10 AM breakfast of sausage and waffles cooked by Don & Eloise. There was plenty of Red's coffee along with Mimosas (had to use up the leftover champagne!). Some of us watched football, some played cards, some struggled putting together a jigsaw puzzle, and some of us took naps. A wonderful lazy New Year's Day!

Friday night, Yani's Steakhouse catered a lovely rib eye steak dinner with the most delicious NY cheesecake and Black Forest chocolate cake (Yumm!) Jim Mercer installed our first new members for 2016, Ron & Suzan Bernucho. Suzan's life long dream was to become an Airstreamer. We are glad she has fulfilled that dream and are so happy to welcome the Bernuchos to TCPU!

After dinner and the installation, we played "Crazy Cards" which was introduced to us by Jan Rightmyer. Lucky Fred Walschburger was the winner.

Saturday morning we enjoyed a simple continental breakfast as we said our Good Byes and headed home before the Holiday Highway Crowds on Sunday.

See you all down the road at our Annual Dinner on January 23!



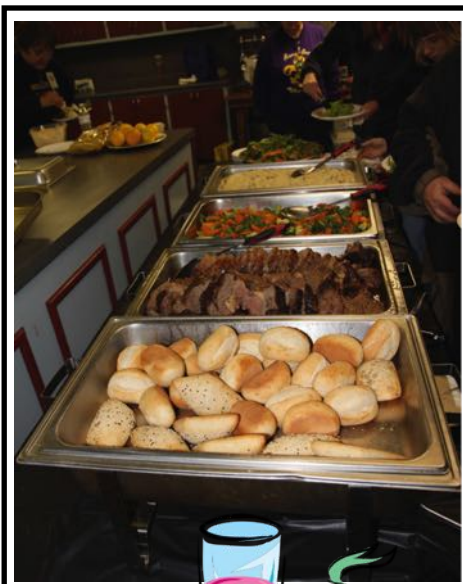
Happy New
Year!




Welcome
2016



Ashley & Katherine
"The Puzzle-masters"



Fred, Tom, & Searcy
Toast the New Year



Heady Basketball Challenge
Jim Parry & Cameron



The Race is On
"Coushatta Derby"

Do Gooder's Corner

by Sherry Miller

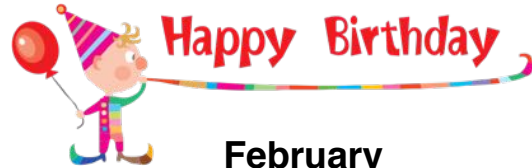


Happy New Year! I know this is going to be a great year. Lots of travel plans are in the works!

In 2015 we started working on blankets, bags, and hats for the Shriner's Children's Hospital. If you still have items, please bring them to the February or March Rally. March is the Pre-Region rally, and **we want to turn in all our donations at the Region Rally in Oklahoma**. Also, we will be working on our totem pole centerpieces for the Region 9 Rally. If you have any ideas or material we might use, let me know.

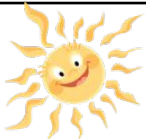
Thank you so much for all your hard work and generosity for the Shriner's Kids.

Sherry Miller
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214-770-3271



February

2/01 Bill Nelson
2/02 Roy Mc Donald
2/4 Jamye Goodwin
2/07 Debbie Pfunder
2/12 Irene Lyddon
2/13 Autumn Isbell
2/14 Bernadine Billard
2/15 Frances Roberson
2/20 Red Childers
2/23 Clark Gardner
2/25 Beverly Williams



SUNSHINE REPORT

By Nelda Tope



As we head into 2016, there are no new reports of any member illnesses or losses. For that we are thankful! We did learn the Red Childers had a bout with pancreatitis recently, but was improved enough to join us for the New Years's Rally. We were certainly happy to have our head coffee maker back at his position! Tracey Calvert is continuing with her treatments, and we continue to pray for a complete healing for her.

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

Best wishes,
Nelda Tope

The President's Corner



Here's to a great 2016 for TCPU and all our members! We are off to a great start with our New Year's Rally at Coushatte RV Ranch. Our hosts and co-hosts kept us laughing, playing, relaxing, or eating all weekend! Next up is our Annual Luncheon at Brady's Landing on January 23. If you have not made your reservations with Arnold Zander, please do so before January 13. This is always a great get together with some wonderful food and fellowship, so we hope you won't miss it!

I'm really excited to hear about all the fun activities our hosts are coming up with this year. I hear that we are having a 50s night at the February rally. Barbara is already bugging me about brushing up on my jitterbug steps. So, if you want to see your President and First Lady "cut a rug" you had better join us in February at Magnolia Lake!. The rally flyer is included in this newsletter with all the information.

Also, coming up soon is our Pre Region Rally in Rusk, followed by Region 9 Rally in Shawnee, OK. Barbara & I are leading a Unit caravan from Rusk to Shawnee and hope we have some folks to caravan with us. The tentative stops are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

It was my pleasure to induct new members, Ron and Suzan Bernucho, at our New Year's Rally. They are really excited about Airstreaming, and I know they will be a great addition to our club as we tow our Airstreams, have fun camping in our Airstreams, and enjoy our Airstream friends!

See you down the road,

Jim

Bob Jones

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Meet our New Members

We are happy to welcome new members, Ron & Suzan Bernucho, to TCPU. As a child, Suzan traveled with her grandparents in their Airstream, and they were able to get her grandparent's WBCCI number when they joined.

Both Ron & Suzan are musicians and play a number of instruments and love to sing. They also both enjoy photography.

Suzan told us it has been her lifelong dream to have her own Airstream. We are so happy her dreams have been fulfilled! Welcome to WBCCI, TCPU, and a new way of life, Ron & Susan!



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, Jerry & Carol Goodwin

**WBCCI
TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT #155
ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 23, 2016
11 AM - 3 PM**

**BRADY'S LANDING
8505 CYPRESS STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77012
CHANNELVIEW ROOM**

**PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY
JIM & BARBARA MERCER**

**GATHERING TIME 11 AM
COCKTAILS (CASH BAR)**

BUFFET LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00 PM

**MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH ASSORTED DRESSINGS, THREE BEAN SALAD,
SLICED SEASONAL FRUIT TRAY, PASTA SALAD,
ROAST BEEF BOURGUIGNON, FRIED SHRIMP, CHICKEN CORDON BLUE,
CHEF'S RICE AND POTATOES, GREEN BEANS ALMANDINE, SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY, FRESH BAKED ROLLS
ASSORTED DESSERT DISPLAY
ICED TEA AND COFFEE**

\$32.50 EACH (INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY)

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK (MADE OUT TO TCPU) TO:
ARNOLD ZANDER
4006 WEST PINE BROOK WAY
HOUSTON, TX 77059
(281-480-5751)**

**ALL CHECKS AND RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1-13-2016
DRESS CODE DRESSY**

**HOSTS: ARNOLD & MARY ZANDER
JOHN & LAVAUGHN LUKER
DON & HELEN TEEGARDEN**

Winter in the Woods Rally
 Magnolia Lake RV Park
 791 FM 2665 Goodrich, TX 77335
 936-365-4910



A 1950's THEME ROCKABILLY BASH

Bring your Threads, Baby and make the Scene Big Daddy

Directions: From Houston, take US59 N to Goodrich. Turn right on FM 2665.
 Proceed 1.3 miles to park entrance on the left.

Hosts: Tom Harris, Fred Walschburger, Don Hardman, Hub and Sherry Miller

Parking: \$25.00/night. Rally host will assign spots and collect parking fee.

Rally Fee: \$15/person

Please bring table service to all Meals.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

4:30PM Social Hour

5:30PM Caravan to **Florida's Kitchen** (10 miles)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

5:00PM Social Hour APPETIZERS *BY EVEN NUMBERED RIGS*

6:00PM Dinner provided by Hosts.

7:30PM Cool it Daddy-O

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

7:30AM Early coffee

8:00AM Breakfast by hosts

9:00AM Pay parking and rally fees

Lunch on your own and touring area attractions

5:00PM Social Hour APPETIZERS *BY ODD NUMBERED RIGS*

6:00PM A TEXAS BARBQUE PREPARED BY HOSTS

7:30PM Go ape with the Greasers and Sides

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

7:30AM Early coffee

8:00AM Continental breakfast

9:00AM Devotional

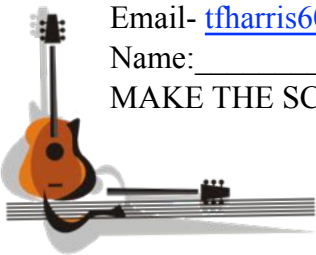
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Please respond by January 16th to Tom Harris (281-259-8337) cell (832-623-8114)

Email- tfharris60@gmail.com

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____

MAKE THE SCENE: _____ SPLIT: _____





TCPU UNIT CARAVAN TO REGION 9 RALLY

Tentative Agenda

Contact Jim Mercer

281-485-7088 or jimmercercer42@gmail.com

March 6-8 — K E Bushmans Camp Campground, Bullard, TX.

Sunday, March 6—Depart Rusk KOA to K E Bushmans Camp Campground

Monday, March 7- Tour Tyler

Tuesday, March 8-Tour the Kiepersol Winery and Distillery. Dinner at the Restaurant at Kiepersol.

March 9-10 — Lake Bob Sandler State Park, Pittsburg, TX

Wednesday, March 9—Arrive at State Park. Explore the park & possibly cook out if the weather permits.

Thursday, March 10—Take in the sights of Pittsburg. Choices include the following:

Witness Park & Prayer Tower

Farmstead Museum

Depot Museum & Depot Museum Annex (Ezekiel Airship)

Vineyards & Wineries (Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards & St Rose Vineyard and Winery)

Dogwood and Red bud viewing

Golf at Princedale Country Club

March 11-12 — KOA Campground Durant, OK. Choctaw Casino

Friday, March 11—Depart Lake Bob Sandler State Park to Durant

Saturday, March 12—Feeling Lucky??? Choctaw Casino Run!

March 13 — Region 9 Rally at Shawnee, OK

We are welcome to suggestions if you know of an awesome site to visit. We are unfamiliar with this area, therefore dependent on the internet. As you know, the internet has a way of making some things look better than they actually are. Just let us know if you are interested in joining us. You can join us anywhere along the route if you cannot do the entire trip with us. Everyone should make their own reservations at the various parks.

Hope you will join us!

Jim & Barbara



Pre Region Rally
Spring Is in the Air Rally

March 3 – 6, 2016
 Rusk KOA
 745 FM 343 East
 Rusk, TX 75785



903-683-6641 – Reservations: 800-562-4143

Host: Nelda & Rob Tope

Co Hosts: Red & Nancy Childers, Hub & Sherry Miller, Don & Helen Teegarden, Bill & Joanne Miller

Directions: Turn East on Fm 343 from Hwy 69 at Flashing light. Go ½ mile to top of hill. KOA is on the left. GPS: N31.791495, W95.118546. Don't use the GPS as the iron ore in East Texas will send you in different direction.

Parking: Please make your reservations directly with KOA mentioning rally for discount.

Please bring table service and bowls to all meals.

We will have a book swap table. Bring any books, DVDs, CDs or magazines you want to swap. Any left after the rally will be donated to the Friends of the Library at Montgomery Library.

Thursday March 3, 2016

4:30 PM Social Hour

5:00 PM Dinner – Bring something to grill and side dish

Friday March 4, 2016

2:00 PM Craft Workshop – Totem Poles for Region Rally – Sherry Miller

5:00 PM Social Hour Appetizers by Even Numbered Rigs

6:00 PM Dinner provided by host. Soup and Sandwich. Bring Soup bowls.

7:30 PM Group Trivia

Saturday March 5, 2016

7:30 AM Early Coffee

8:00 AM Breakfast by Host

9:00 AM Pay Rally Fees

10:00 AM Leave for Caddo Mounds State Historic Site Group Tour

12:00 PM Lunch on own

2:00 PM Craft Workshop – Completion Totem Poles for Region Rally

5:00 PM Social Hour Appetizer by Odd Numbered Rigs

6:00 PM Dinner provided by host.

7:30 PM Group Competition Game “ Where are you going?”

Sunday March 6, 2016

7:30 AM Early Coffee

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Devotional

Please respond by Feb 15th to Nelda Tope at neldatope@gmail.com or 210-724-2478

Name: WBCCI#

Arrival Date: Departure Date: