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September 2019



...from the President

Welcome to September's TGCU Rally! And welcome back to our Texas Airstream Harbor home base. Many of our members wander lusted all summer and have tales to tell. Come prepared to share your travel photos and stories with us as we kick off our September 12-15 "Airstream Caravan Experiences" Rally. Thursday night at 6 pm we will watch Ben Stiller in the visually stunning film, *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. Come share popcorn and candy and vicariously join a global journey that turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything the protagonist could imagine. This film will leave you dizzy from its outstanding cinematography and its happy, happy ending. Friday gather at 5 pm for heavy hors d'oeuvres and socializing.



Why not pose your hors d'oeuvres (Walter Mitty style) and we will have a contest for BEST APPETIZER PRESENTATION! Think like a photographer and make those appetizers tasty as well as visually stunning! Wake up Saturday morning to pancakes, eggs, and sausage from 7-9 am at the clubhouse. Membership meeting begins at 10 am. Saturday afternoon at 2 pm is Trailer Clinic and then ice cream and photo share at 3 pm. Don't forget to put your best summer adventures on a flash drive and bring them to share while we relax with our ice cream from 3-4 pm in the clubhouse. Our potluck dinner begins at 6 pm Saturday in the clubhouse followed by games and fun. Join our Sunday devotional at 8:30 in clubhouse with sweet rolls and coffee followed by Fred Richardson's message at 9 am. September always promises that cooler weather will come eventually. It is a month to reconnect to our community and share the travels we completed and start planning the roads to take next. See you at the September Rally. (Contact Nancy Fitzgerald - nefitzge6@gmail.com or 281-739-5701)

We Enjoyed the Ride! 62nd International Rally Doswell, VA

By Nancy Fitzgerald &
Randy Robinson #4061



Randy and I didn't know what to expect from our first International Rally. My parents, Bill and Meredith Fitzgerald attended every International Rally throughout their Airstream years alongside their good friends, the DeCuirs and so many others. I knew from their descriptions that there were many meetings and much travel to local sites around the rally and meeting up with friends from across the country that they had met in all the previous years. But I probably wasn't listening. Until you attend, you really don't get it. Why in the world would over 700 trailers gather on the grounds of a horse farm and why would over 1,000 gather nightly in an arena for

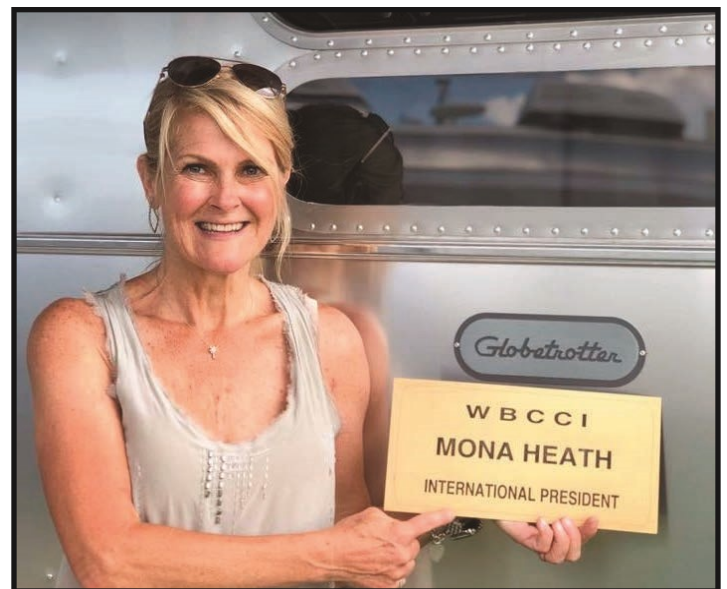
entertainment, meetings, and rituals. I guess I just nailed why people do it. It is a ritual that has been evolving for 62 years. You begin to understand the power of buying an Airstream and becoming a part of a lifestyle and community when you are surrounded by it at a rally of this enormity. You sit and look around the audience and fill with pride that all this comes from a place that begins with the simple pronouncement, "Let's go camping." You don't have to have an Airstream to love camping, but you have to have an Airstream to participate in the sacredness that arises from this lifestyle choice. Growing up, I learned to love camping from within the walls of a rotting green army tent. I loved my dad's charred pancakes and my mom's tomato chili. I loved the security of my surrounded family and the stories that my dad grew us up on. The places that we visited were exotic and nothing like the Beaumont Texas I inhabited all the other days of my life. I chose the lifestyle long before I bought into the Airstream cult. But being at International awakened those almost religious experi-



ences we have all felt while in the company of our closest friends. For example. . . when caravanning to Montana to honor the death of a long-time TGNU member only to find no place to camp except in the cemetery. Or boondocking in Colorado for a month with nothing but car and trailer problems but friends never leave you and in fact turn the woes into laughter. And how about an unraveling awning on a trailer barreling down the road into the winds of Big Bend and a friend rescues you with a simple tie strap. The Airstream stories archive become our



communal story that doesn't die when we die or stop when we get too weary to travel on. The stories live on in us and we pass them on and hand them down to other friends and our family. We live on because we are a part of something large and good and true. And as I sat in the arena with 1,000 stranger-friends, I felt my story rooting there in the fertile earth of this historic horse farm in Doswell, Virginia. Even though the actual purpose of an International Rally is to conduct the business of the Wally Byam Airstream Club and to vote on issues before the delegates, that is not at all the reason so many attend. As my husband Randy says over and over again when we are enjoying a quiet moment while camping, "We are so fortunate." I hope you will join Randy and me next year in Loveland, Colorado for the 63rd International Rally so we can build more Airstream stories. I like what Mona Heath, our International President for 2020-21, said in her acceptance speech at Doswell. " ...the most Magical Thing would be to see our large and continuously growing Airstream family continue to do what we do best – envelop new members with kindness, support and surround them with the possibility of WHAT IF?" Sounds like the beginning of a good story. Let's go camping – 2020 Loveland Colorado, June 20-27.



TGCU Friends at International Rally

TGCU friends and members attended the international Rally. Members Alan and Celine Martel, (right) Robert & Susan Warner with Randy & Nancy (below) and Nova Fleming with Nancy bottom right). Not pictured were members Bill and Judy Wilson



September 12 -15 Airstream Experiences Rally

Texas Airstream Harbor, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX

September 12—15 Airstream Caravan Experiences

Thursday Night Movie—The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)

Friday Night Hors d'oeuvres—It's all about the presentation! (Make it Look Like a Food Photo Shoot)

Saturday Night Potluck Supper and Sharing Our Best Airstream Caravan Photos (Walter Mitty Style)

Hosts—Avery, Burton, Kelley, McFillen, Nelson

***October 10—13 Finding the Wilderness in an Airstream (Mike and Jacque DeSousa)**

Thursday Night Movie—Wild (R)

Friday Night Potluck

Saturday Night Hosted Dinner with a Taste of the Wild

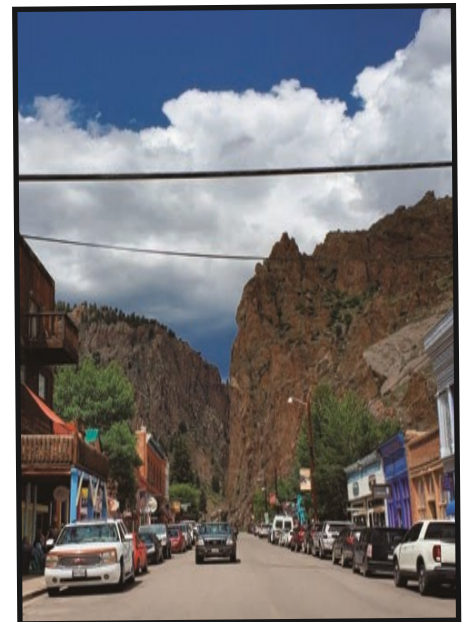
Hosts—Rich, Prisco, Watermann, McKeever, Richardson, Smith, Yeates, Pearson

*Indicates a date of a TAHI Membership Meeting. On each of the four TAHI membership meeting dates (MARCH, MAY, OCTOBER, DECEMBER), Texas Gulf Coast will hold a traditional rally schedule that includes potluck supper Friday night and hosted dinner on Saturday night.

A Cool August In Colorado

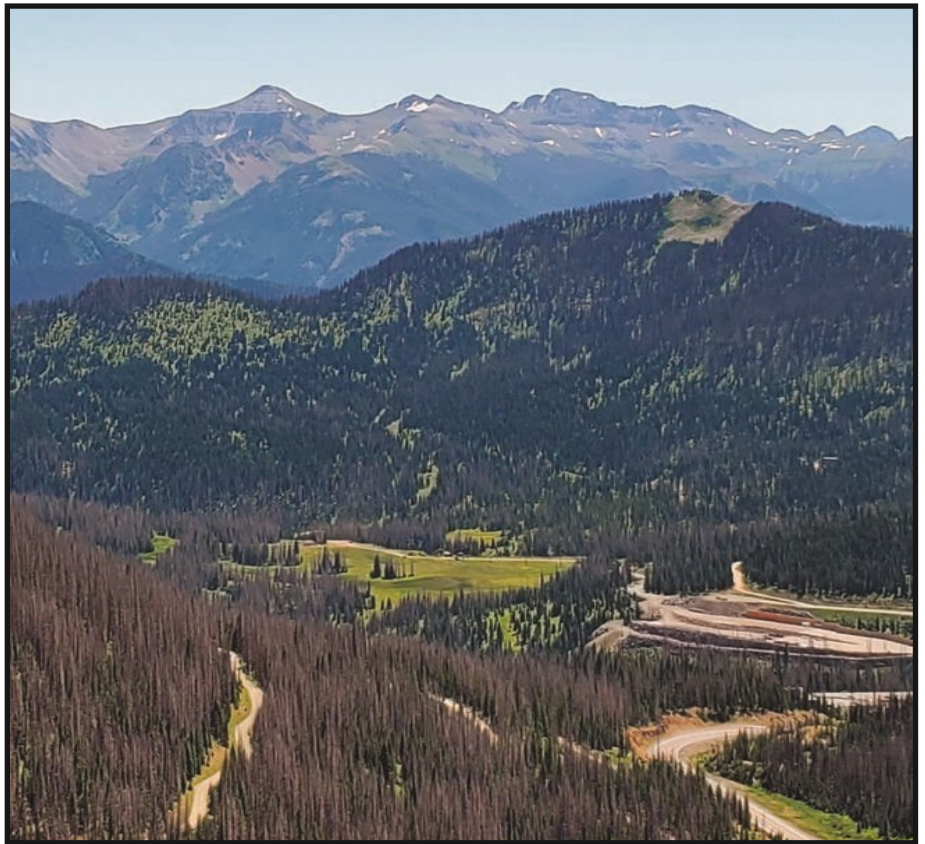
By Terri DeCuir

After hearing wonderful stories from our TAHI and TGPU friends about their past summer quests for cooler temperatures, Keith and I decided to head to Colorado for the month of August. Although we have vacationed in Colorado many times, this would be our longest stay to date. Jim and Debi Rich have been frequent visitors to the South Fork, Colorado area for six years and were there with us. They knew all the fun places to visit. We loved Riverbend Resort because it sits right on the bank of the south fork of the Rio Grande River. We were not disappointed! The morning temperatures were around 40 degrees, warming up into the 70s/80s by evening. It was a good thing we brought coats! The park views were fabulous! Keith and Jim fished every body of water in the area!! They caught lots of trout! We also enjoyed park pot lucks, breakfasts and even a chili cookoff! Our very own Debi Rich took third place! Her chili was delicious!! Charlie and Geri Prisco (aka extreme mountain hikers) were there with us for two weeks. I did not even try to keep up with them, but did enjoy their fun stories in the evenings! We also enjoyed Ken and Ava Daniels stopping in for two nights before heading on to Missouri. We hiked the Trout Creek Trail, Big Meadows Reservoir and Treasure Falls. We really enjoyed day trips to Pagosa Springs, Creede and the other nearby towns. A steep drive up to Lobo Lookout



... a cool August cont.

was amazing. We also drove up and around the back mountain roads to check out the local cabins. The views of mountains and valleys everywhere we went were absolutely breathtaking! Rick and Lonna were also there and definitely won the hearts of the local chipmunks and ground squirrels with their five-gallon bucket of raw peanuts. We left with Geri and Charlie, making several stops in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas before getting back to TAHI. We had a fun time and are already planning future trips!!



Looking Forward to Fall 2019 Caravans

October 25-28

Texas Country Air Rally
Downtown Brownwood TX (300 miles)
(For registration info, see FB page
"Texas Country Air" or Google "Texas
Country Air")

December 15 -18

Bolivar & Galveston Beach Fun
Crystal Canal RV (135 miles) (Sunday -
Tuesday nights)
Call 409-648-0268

Looking Forward Spring/Summer 2020

2020 Mid-Winter IBT
January 20-24
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort

61st Annual
Region 9 Rally
April 14-19 2020
Mineola Civic Center
Mineola Texas

Loveland 2020 International Rally
June 20-27
The Ranch Events Complex
Loveland Colorado

2019 Fundraisers

October 12

Country Store
Clubhouse Patio
Bring sellable (not junk) to clubhouse
storage closet

November 16

Turkey Shoot
Clubhouse Lawn

December 14

Silent Auction
Clubhouse
Bring items priced to sell at \$35 value
and higher
Storage available at Charlie Petrillo's

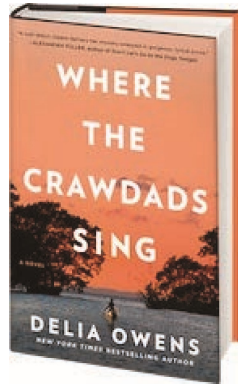


Bobbie O'Quinn's Suggested Best Reads

Where the Crawdads Sing

by Delia Owens

This novel of two timelines that slowly intertwine has topped the Best Sellers of 2019 for 20 non-consecutive weeks. One timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl growing up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina from 1952-1969. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of a local celebrity in a coastal North Carolina town.

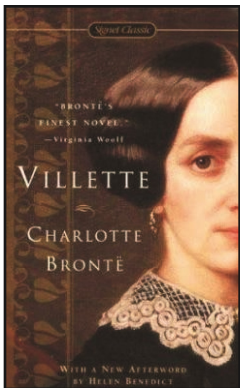


Carnegie's Maid

by Marie Benedict
A story of a brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen

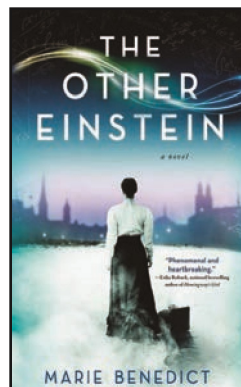
by Hendrik Groen
Amusing day by day account of an 84-year-old assisted living resident who formed the OLD BUT NOT DEAD CLUB



Villette by Charlotte Bronte
An 1853 novel about a young English woman who travels to the fictional French-speaking town of Villette to teach at a girls' school, where she is drawn into adventure and romance.

The Other Einstein

by Marie Benedict
This is a historical novel focusing on Albert Einstein's first wife, Mitza, whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow.



Rally Schedule

Thursday 12th

Movie Night - Popcorn - Candy6 pm

Friday, 13th

Coffee at the Clubhouse.....9:30 am
TAHI Executive Board Meeting10 am
Heavy Hor s'doeuvres5 pm
Fun, Games, Fellowship.....7 pm until

Saturday, 14th

Breakfast7am - 9:00 am
Registration7:30 -9:30 am
TGCU Executive Board meeting..9:30 am
TGCU Membership meeting10 am
Trailer Clinic2 pm
Ice Cream & Photo Share Social3 pm
Happy Hour Social5 pm
Pot Luck Dinner6 pm

Sunday, 16th

Sweet Rolls & Coffee8:30 am
Church Services Devotional9 am
Clean the Clubhouse . . .following church service

September Birthdays:

- Lonna Nelson11
- Judy Wilson12
- Joe Lang15
- Don Patterson15
- Emma Lee Wilson20
- Judy Bagby.....25
- Debi Rich.....25
- Gene Bagby26
- Paulette Brooks27
- Rick Nelson.....26

September Anniversaries:

- Bobbie & Richard O'Quinn.....1

Meet Our New Members Orville & Marsha Barnhart



We welcome Marsha and Orville Barnhart - their story is a typical TAHI story as they came for a visit and fell in love with the neighborhood, the warm and welcoming people and with the Graham's lovely cabana! Their other home is in Midlothian, (in DFW area) where Orville enjoys word-working and metal work in his "barn" (with a/c and a satellite dish - LOL) and Marsha enjoys quilting and raising funds for women's scholarships. They plan to split their time between North Texas and TAHI and will try to even spend a little more time here! Orville is discovering he enjoys fishing and hopes to do more of it and Marsha is starting to get the "hang" of Train - hopes to win a game one of these days!

New Game Opportunity "Mah Jong"

By Pam Pearson

Good news! In addition to Joker, Mexican Train, ping pong, pool, shuffleboard, bean bag toss, and anything else you can come up with, TGPU gamers can now play Mah Jong. Mah Jong, also spelled Mahjong or Majiang, is an ancient Chinese game of tiles played by four players. It is similar to rummy in that a specific set of tiles must be acquired. People have been playing the game for centuries, some even think for as far back as 500BC. There are versions for several countries, including our own American version which started here in 1922. Interestingly, the game of Mah Jong has made its way into our modern culture via literature and film. As any lover of the novel *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan knows, playing mah jong is symbolic of a daughter's first steps in the journey toward understanding mother-daughter relationships. The film *Crazy Rich Asians* embeds the intricacies of how the game is played into the action of a scene between a potential wife and possible mother-in-law. So far, several TGPU members have met to try to teach ourselves the game. Everyone is welcome to learn the rules. Watching several YouTube lessons before playing is HIGHLY recommended. (We also recommend polling visitors to see who might be a player. First hand knowledge is the best kind of help.) If you are interested, check the dry erase board at the clubhouse door for future "learning meetings." We will definitely be learning and playing a game during the September Rally.



We Wandered Around

By Pam and Bill Pearson



Probably early in June, Fred and Rutheann Richardson, and Carl and Sheryl Graham came to our house with their atlases in hand. Carl and Fred planned a great trip while Bill and I snacked and heard nothing. Then later in June Bill and I sat at a table in the clubhouse with Fred and Rutheann while Fred drew a beautiful map on a plastic tablecloth of where we were going. (We still didn't have a clue). He tossed out words like pass, canyon, gate, rosy something, and BOONDOCKING!

So we packed and set off on July 8. First night was Quannah, TX, at the Ole Towne Cotton Gin RV Park. Full hook ups. We drove to our first canyon the next day. Boondocking at the very remote Mills Canyon, N.M. Bill caught a horned toad for us to admire while we cooked steaks and drank margaritas made with vodka (my mistake). **First oops** of the trip occurred here. Our A/C wouldn't cooperate. Somehow the men figured out to make a new shortened extension cord and that did the trick. The next morning we descended into the canyon on one of those-to-be-expected winding rocky roads. The valley is a former fruit orchard complete with the Canadian river, ranch house ruins, and primitive camping. The whole valley was destroyed by flood in 1904 with a loss of thousands of fruit trees.

Red River at the Elephant Ridge Campground-boondocking again-was our next stop. We began to appreciate the well maintained vault toilets found all over New Mexico and Colorado. **Second oops** of the trip, the Graham's trailer brakes failed, and the men came up with a plan. This was Friday. After trips to Taos and Questa, they finally had to drive to Santa Fe for brake kits. The fix was fairly speedy after waiting 5 days. During that time, (**oops number three**), our water pump went out and semi-flooded the bathroom floor. Fred found an RV shop open on Sunday, bought us a new pump, and Bill replaced it. **Oops number four**.. Fred's refrigerator got warm. He replaced the circuit board and it was fixed. Sometime be sure to ask Bill, Fred and Carl about their solution to 5 days of full black tanks.

On the road again, our next stop was South Fork, Colorado (fork of the Rio Grande). Our campsite, Big Meadow, was above a beautiful lake. All the sites overlook the lake on a lovely tiered

road. It was a picture perfect mountain scene. We drove through Pagosa Springs into the San Juan National Forest. More breathtaking scenery with a river, canyons, and sweeping meadows. Teal Lake was our destination. Bridge Campgrounds was primitive but beautifully nestled beside a river. The men went fishing for trout and caught their limit.

Oops number five. Carl and Sheryl had to drive to Del Norte to buy a new battery for their Suburban. Creede, then North Clear Creek Falls in the Rio Grande National Forest was beautiful. The falls were full

... we wandered cont.

and loud. Our campsite was again secluded and beautiful. Back in Creede, we saw an underground fire station, drove Bachelor's Loop, visited the Last Chance Mine (silver and amethyst), and made our way back to camp via a lovely 2 mile road from the highway. Do Not Take The Road That Passes The Waterfall!!! Picnic lunches at Deer Lakes, fishing, moose and deer sightings. Every day was spectacular!

Now to The Gate. Driving around a curve revealed two towering cliffs facing each other as if going through a gate! This little spot of heaven was beside a roaring river outside of Lake City. A day trip to Blue Mesa, Gunnison, and the Gunnison National Forest, led us to check out campsites Rosy Lane and Lottis Creek. We drove early Sunday morning to Lottis Creek to get a spot with electricity- first time since July 8!

Oops number six. Carl and Sheryl had to drive back to Gunnison for more Suburban woes. Another new battery, a new starter, the Chevy dealership, Good Sam, and a tow truck with flat bed were involved!

Four days of touring led us to Taylor Lake, Mirror Lake, more Fishing, Crested Butte, Kebler Pass, and Hotchkiss.

Time to head for home and leave the 50 degree weather, campfires, and cool breezes behind. Happy Trails RV Park with full hookups in Moriarty, N M, then Cloudcroft with horrible generator hours. 8-10, 12-2, and 5-7. We lazed around, went back to Alamogordo for a pistachio fix and finally headed for home.

Traveling with Fred and RutheAnn and their expertise as well as his supply of spare parts was a blessing. Traveling with good friends was incomparable.

**Final count: 31 days
4 nights with electricity
3 nights with full hookups
Grand adventure!!**



TAHI News

...From the Prez:



Welcome home all you fine traveling folks. It's great to see you all again and hear of your travels from the International Rally in Virginia to the Mountains of Colorado and beyond. I must say the one thing all the stories have in common is, and very similar to "Dorothy" in the Wizard of OZ, There's No Place Like TAHI, There's No Place Like TAHI.

A decent amount of work was able to be completed over the summer, and I'm hoping to get much more done as the "People Power" numbers increase in the coming weeks and months.

Some repairs were made to "TWEETY BIRD", our tractor so we can now use it for heavy dirt and landscaping work. Many thanks to Bill Pearson for using his tractor for the last 6-8 months for some road and utility work when we needed it.

Work Days are every Thursday at 8:15am in the Clubhouse. Come on out and learn to lean on a shovel just like the Pro's on the Highway Departments we see when traveling

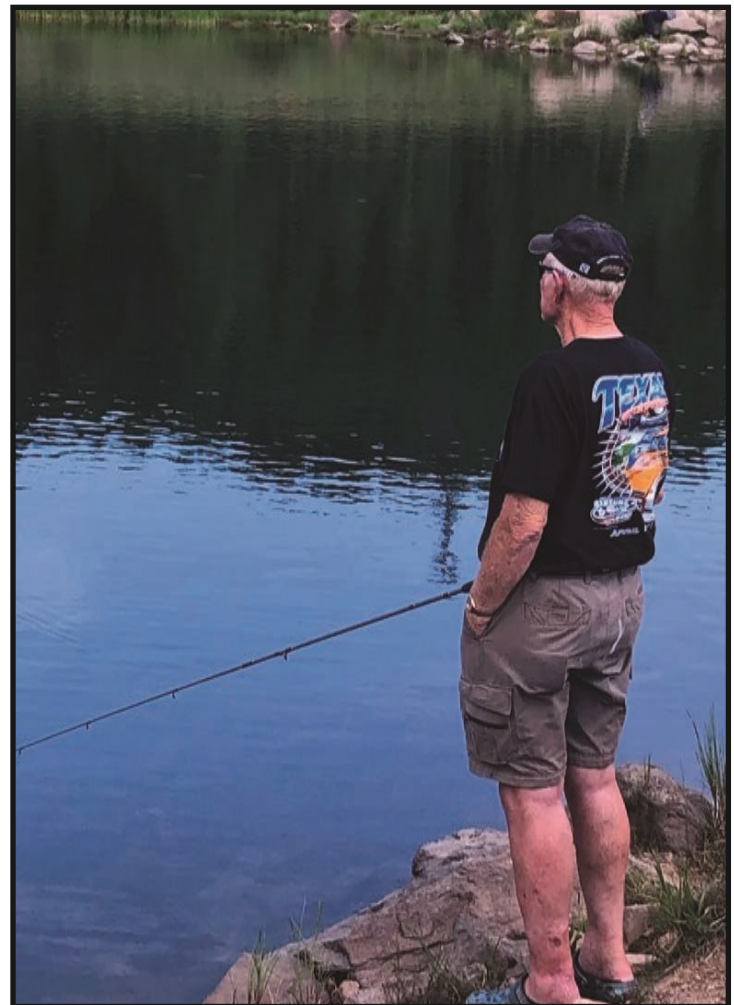
Some exciting ideas and opportunities are being discussed for future projects to enhance the Park as well as income possibilities which will be brought before the membership in due time.

A few sales are in progress due to increase of visitors even during hot months of summer. I'm told there will be several folks coming in the next few months seriously looking to purchase a membership.

A fair amount of building is going on as well. Even more proof people are seriously investing themselves into the TAHI way of Life. The Word is out, TAHI is the place to be. So, once again, Welcome Home.

We Are TAHI

Charlie P



The Peddler!

(Buy--Sell--Trade)

FOR SALE: 104 Elm. 40' X 80' lot with new Asphalt Drive..\$4500.00 Contact Kenneth Daniels, 979-559-0755

FOR SALE: TAHI/One Angelina Way Double lot with custom built, double-garage plus apartment, complete with full bathroom and large closet. Prime location. First home in complex with large, open front yard with view of lake from front porch. Oversized concrete driveway with full hook ups, including septic. Room for parking multiple trailers, large Class A motor home, boat and golf cart. Owned by Dr. Cain, charter club member. First time for sale in over 30 years. Offered for sale by original family members. \$50,000. Call James Diorio at 512-426-2900.

FOR SALE: 104 Elm. Cabana with two lots with hookups and storage shed. 1 bedroom with king size bed and dresser, kitchen with table & chairs, living area with two recliners. \$49,900. Contact Kenneth Daniels, 979-559-0755

FOR SALE: lot 106 Holly with Nice storage building \$2500.00. Contact Kenneth Daniels, 979-559-0755.

FOR SALE: 265 Angelina - Large 3 bedroom/2 bath home with 1 car garage with studio apartment over it. Cover that will accommodate a motor home. Kitchen was recently updated and has slate island. Recent stainless-steel, double-oven, gourmet stove and refrigerator. Bosch dishwasher. Great room with wet bar. Separate dining room. Fireplace with gas logs. Back deck off master bedroom. **NOW \$49K.** Contact Larry Rowell at 571-236-0865 or by email... mary.rowell@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Lot # 4 Magnolia Cement Pad & Patio...Good 10'X10" Storage with fishing boat. Contact Howard Tyler 616-894-8884

FOR SALE: Lot # 14 Holly - \$4850. Concrete patio area, shade trees. Contact Dan James 936-875-3719.

FOR SALE: Lot 9 Elm - \$5,000 large concrete slab patio, electricity to both shed and lamp post out front. The lot is well shaded and has the best drainage angle in the park.

Also Lot 7 Elm - \$3,000 Original asphalt driveway. Well shaded and drainage as good as 9 Elm. We would prefer to sell them together as a unit. We can be reached at 254-848-8006 or 318-732-3053 Call Jim & Kay Gompper.

FOR SALE: 1984 31' Limited Airstream travel trailer. \$15,000 - In great condition. Large cedar closet. Recently replaced A/C. Excellent front sitting area. Rear twin beds. It has wood floors throughout. Photos to send on request Call Jim & Kay Gompper 254-848-8006 or 318-732-3053

FOR SALE: Lot 7 Willow Beautiful, clean lot with new asphalt drive and trailer pad. \$7,000. Bill Pearson 409-656-9713

FOR SALE: Lots 1 & 3 Oak \$4000 each or both for \$7500. Buyer to pay transfer fees. Contact Bill Miller 281-685-1244 or 832-577-7687

FOR SALE: 431 Angelina 14'x80' Mobile home - Porch & 2 Carports & Garage with .69 acre of land behind..\$50,000. also...

FOR SALE: Lot 2 Magnolia Cabana with screened in porch & storage shed, \$20,000...also

FOR SALE: Lot 1 Willow with new asphalt drive and pad..\$4800.00. Also...

Sears 150 PSI Compressor for \$90.00

Folding Aluminum Ladder for \$100.00

Contact Phil Tyler or call 575-449-4775

FOR SALE: Lot 3 Pine Great location with some concrete and 50 amp service (up to 200 amp) already in place. \$3750.00. Contact John Cowart 409-781-1829.

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous Trailer Items

- Blue Ox Sway Pro BXW1000 load distributing hitch - \$300
- 50 amp 30' power cable with twist-lock connector - \$70
- 50 amp 15' power cable with standard male and female connectors - \$25
- 25' Camco Premium Drinking water hose (new) \$10

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous Items continued

- Della Portable Ice Maker - \$75
 - 2 ea. Onwego Self-inflating camping pillows - \$10 for both
 - 2 ea. Tri-Lynx Wheel Chocks - \$7 for both
 - Tri-Lynx leveling blocks - \$10
- Contact David Hudson at (409) 880-2968. Email: david7679@att.net

For Sale: Lots 13, 15, 17 Magnolia with a view of Lake Sam Rayburn. Lot 17 has 25' x 36' Cabana divided into a 13' x 36' covered airstream port whose additional height can accommodate a motorhome. The other half is a 12' x 36' screened porch with three doors and a built-in Perfect Flame 5-burner propane grill and stone wings for additional working surface. The floor is an attractive inset grouted red brick and the foundation is well-elevated to ensure that it will never be inundated by rain water. The cabana is shaded by three trees on the West. Lot 17 is also shaded from the east and south by a very large ash tree on lot 15. Lot 17 has a 10' x 10' storage building behind the cabana. Lots 13 and 15 are shaded from the late afternoon western sun by the large ash tree on lot 15. Lot 17 has 200 amp service and Lots 13 and 15 also has 200 amp service. All three lots will be sold as a group for \$37,500. Contact David Hudson at (409) 880-2968. Email: david7679@att.net

FOR SALE: Lot #7 Pine- \$2500. Nice lot with trees. Contact Mack Lovelady 936-363-3821.

FOR SALE: Mobile home on Angelina Street. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Has covered parking area for an Airstream, storge buildings and large shop/garage area. It also has .65 acres behind the garage & home. Asking \$70,000 or best offer. Contact: Laura Huckaby, phone: 832-492-3126.



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