

# Yellow Rose...

Texas  
Gulf  
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Unit



October, 2019

## ...from the President



Welcome to October's TGCU Rally! Get ready for the whirlwind of activities at our **October 10-13**

**"Finding the Wild"** Rally.

Thursday night at 6 pm we watch Reese Witherspoon in the hard-hitting film *Wild* based on the 2012 Cheryl Strayed memoir capturing Strayed's 1,000-mile Pacific Crest Trail hike. Come share popcorn and candy and vicariously join a journey of self-discovery. Friday gather at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and socializing. Wake up Saturday morning to pancakes, eggs, and sausage from 7-9 am at the clubhouse. The Country Store opens at breakfast as well. It will remain open all day. TGCU Membership meeting begins at 10 am followed by the October TAHI membership meeting at 11 am. Saturday afternoon at 2 pm is Trailer Clinic with an ice cream social beginning at



2:30 pm. At 3:00 pm our rally guests, Mike and Jacque DeSousa present their "wild" Appalachian Trail hiking adventures. That hike is only one of their many encounters with wilderness in their Airstream. Our hosted dinner with a "taste of the wild" 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. October with its pumpkins and biergarten celebrations and chrysanthemum blooms teases us into thinking there really is a fall in Texas. Even though we still feel the heat of summer during the day, cool October evenings are perfect for watching a blue heron balanced on one leg in the shadows of our lake sunset with TGCU friends. See you at the October Rally.

(Contact Nancy Fitzgerald - [nefitzge6@gmail.com](mailto:nefitzge6@gmail.com) or 281-739-5701)

# Our TGCU Family Having Fun in Sept/Oct.



### Oh those McKeevers...

Dave & Ann Marie having fun recently in Tennessee, at TCPC. Dave & Ann Marie went all-out in getting ready to celebrate Oktoberfest!



Paul Bevering with Camera in hand last Spring captured this beautiful bird on a ride around TAHI...

### Rose Breasted Grosbeak

This species is completely migratory traveling between the breeding range over most of Canada and the eastern United States, to its wintering grounds stretching from southern Mexico to northern South America. They arrive in April and generally stay around for two weeks or so before continuing their flight north.



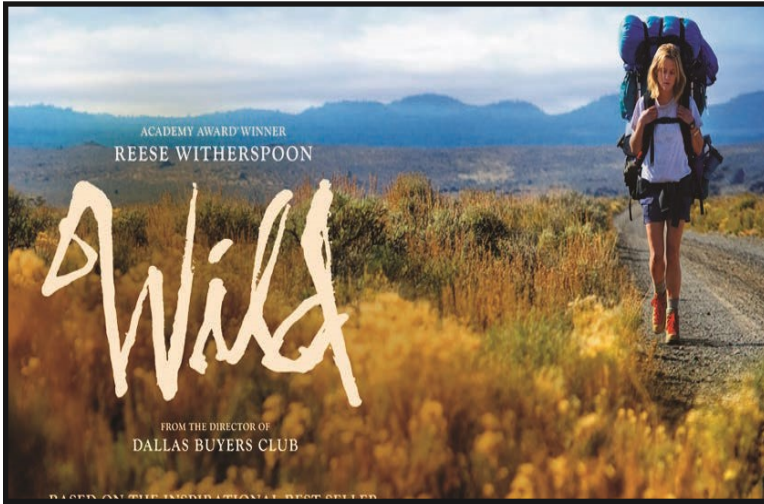
## Winners in Creative Hors d'ourves

Judy Wilson and "R-A" Richardson were winners in the September rally contest of creative hors d'ourves.

Fred presented RutheAnn's Apples & Peanut Butter with red lips and teeth of marshmallows.

Judy offers her famous dips and chips display. Only thing prettier was Judy herself!





Driven to the edge by the loss of her beloved mother (Laura Dern), the dissolution of her marriage and a headlong dive into self-destructive behavior, Cheryl Strayed (Reese Witherspoon) decides to halt her downward spiral and put her life back together again. With no outdoors experience, a heavy backpack and little else to go on but her own will, Cheryl sets out alone to hike the Pacific Crest Trail -- one of the country's longest and toughest through-trails.

## October Anniversaries:

- Jim & Debi Rich.....4
- Keith & Terry DeCuir .....9
- Debi Jean & Harry Harkey.....10
- Angel & Paul Bevering .....19
- Betty & Phil Lanasa .....27
- Judy & Bill Wilson.....28

## October Birthdays:

- Cookie Yeates.....6
- Rhonda Carnes .....7
- Russell Benfanti.....7
- Wanda Martin .....10
- Susan Warner.....12
- Dave McKeever .....13
- Mack Lovelady.....15
- Dee Bryant Smith.....18
- Corey Howard .....22
- David French.....23
- Linda James .....31

# Rally Schedule

### Thursday 10th

Movie Night - Popcorn - Candy .....6 pm

### Friday, 11th

Coffee at the Clubhouse.....9:30 am  
 Country Store . . . . .7am - 8pm  
 TAHI Executive Board Meeting .....10 am  
 Happy Hour Social . . . . .4pm  
 Pot Luck Dinner . . . . .6 pm  
 Fun, Games, Fellowship.....7 pm until

### Saturday, 12th

Breakfast . . . . .7am - 8:30 am  
 Registration . . . . .7:30am - 9 am  
 TGPU Executive Board meeting..9:30 am  
 TGPU Membership meeting .....10 am  
 TAHI Membership meeting .....11 am  
 Trailer Clinic . . . . .2 pm  
 Ice Cream Social . . . . .2:30 pm  
 Wild Appalachian Trail report.....pm  
 Happy Hour Social . . . . .5 pm  
 Dinner (bring set ups .....6 pm

### Sunday, 13th

Sweet Rolls & Coffee .....8:30 am  
 Church Services Devotional .....9 am  
 Clean the Clubhouse . . .following church service



## It's Time to Renew TGPU/WBCCI Dues

To renew online go to [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org)  
 it's simple and quick and saves our Unit treasurer a lot of time. Dues are the same, \$65 for WBCCI, \$10 for TGPU...a Bargain!

Chuck & Barb McClay, our Membership Directory gurus are doing updates to the TGPU Membership Directory. If you have changes, updates, new photos or information, please send them to Chuck and Barb at:

[McClay@McClay.biz](mailto:McClay@McClay.biz)



# WILD APPALACHIAN

## Meet Mike & Jacque DeSousa

Mike and Jacque are our October Rally guests. Saturday at 3:00 pm in the clubhouse, following our ice cream social and trailer clinic session, they will present a visual adventure of their 6-month, 13-day Appalachian Trail hike. Yes, Mike hiked the entire 2, 185 miles and Jacque hiked parts of it in every state except Maryland. They are coming to visit us by way of Ottawa and Acadia National Park. Married 25 years and full time Airstream travelers since 2014, exploring the wild is second nature to them. Below is a chronological list of their adventures:

- 2013 6 weeks in Africa-Kenya, Seychelles, Zambia, Swaziland, and South Africa
- 2014 began full time travel in Airstream
- 2015 transatlantic cruise to Europe/90 days/26 countries, backpacking/riding Euro rail
- 2016 began bike trip riding across highest asphalt road in 48 states
- 2017 Canada and Mike's recovery from bike accident while biking across states
- 2018 4 weeks in South America visiting Easter Island, Machu Picchu, Galapagos completed last 9 states of the bike trip across states which was delayed due to accident
- 2019 Oregon and more Canada

This amazing couple met via a billboard ad in Houston in 1993 (We will need to hear about this adventure as well.) When they married, Mike had full custody of his 4 children and Jacque had 3 and they became a family of 9. So far, their marriage has provided them with 9 grandchildren. Their future goal includes seeing as many National Parks as possible and finding enough time in their schedule to visit all those children and grandchildren! Even though Mike and Jacque have visited TAHI several times, you may not have had the opportunity to visit with them. Come listen to their fascinating stories.

***"We were new to Airstreams and found a place of like-minded folks who helped us get started on a new journey in our retirement."***



**Don Patterson and Emma Lee Wilson**

Don and I visited TAHI three years ago at the invitation of a friend. . We were new to Airstreams and found a place of like-minded folks who helped us get started on a new journey in our retirement. Through observation, discussion, and travel with the seasoned veterans of Airstream here, we learned the following: you need an-

other Airstream (of course), a cabana is must have, no one gets left behind, no question is too dumb, everyone is different but everyone is the same, the best food in Angelina county is served at the potluck dinners, and Happy Hour is happy.

We are retired teachers, living in Lufkin. For the past 20 years we contracted with school districts through out East Texas, serving blind and deafblind children. I taught and Don did all the braille transcription and adaptive technology. In my spare time, I enjoyed competing on jumping horses and later racing jeeps and rock crawlers in endurance contests. Don is an accordionist, occasionally performing as a solo or with a small group. He is patient enough to listen to my stories and I am patient enough to listen to his music.

I am currently Vice President of the Texas Gulf Coast Unit and will be President in January. (Don has no political aspirations). It will be a privilege and a pleasure.

## **October 10-13 Finding the Wild Rally**

**Texas Airstream Harbor, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX**

**\*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.

## Best Performing Silent Auction Items

by Nancy Fitzgerald

Our Silent Auction will take place after our dinner and installation of new officers at the December Rally. I hope you are collecting amazing donations. Remember, Charlie Petrillo, TAHI President, has graciously offered space at his site should you want to bring items early. In order to ensure that your silent auction items are memorable and unique, here are a few ideas:

- Restaurant gift certificates/catering services (think of what YOU can offer)
- Dinner & Wine pairing (you can auction off your services as host of dinner and wine)
- Cooking classes
- Food gift baskets or any theme-related gift basket
- Concert tickets
- Music lessons
- Golf Outings
- Spa Day
- Local Brewery tour
- Sunset boat trip/Fishing trip
- Museum tickets
- Brunch
- Yardwork
- Handcrafted items
- Quilts/Grandchildren gifts
- Pet services

Think outside the box! What services and/or talents do you have that others would love to receive? Can you grill? Sew? Paint? Landscape? Cook? Remember that your donation should range in the \$35 and up category.

## Burtons Traveled To the Pacific NW for Summer 2019

Ruthe and Lloyd Burton spent the hot summer months cruising up and down the coast of Oregon. On the way out to the Pacific Northwest, Ruthe drove ahead just before our May rally and stopped off in Yosemite National Park and saw some of the beautiful Sequoia Groves.



Ruthe spent several weeks in Northern California with her friend before heading out over the pass between California and Oregon right after Memorial Day. She stopped in Florence, but before arriving there she did see beautiful Mount Shasta while it was still covered in snow.



While hanging out on the Oregon coast, we would enjoy high temperatures in the 60s and lows in the 50s most of the summer. Lloyd would work in his office that was setup next to Etta and would usually wear a jacket or warm coat in the morning. Ruthe would enjoy the warmth of the trailer and the two trusty steeds (Duke and Ellie), but would show pity on Lloyd by supplying him with ample hot coffee and meals when he worked.

When we played, we could enjoy many beaches and harbors we visited. New friends painted rocks with our Airstream on them.



We travelled up the coast from Florence where we stayed through the July 4th weekend then on up to Pacific City, Oregon which was one of our favorite areas.

We love the little restaurants in the town, looked out over the Pacific and saw many beautiful sunsets. We ate our weight in sea food and maybe some of yours as well. It was just a beautiful area and plenty to see all around.

Sunsets from our camp were stunning. Flowers were everywhere and Ruthe made sure they were at our camp too.

Tillimock Cheese Factory saw the Burtons stop by many times as we travelled from Pacific City, up the coast and back during the summer months. You can only get their cheese curds at the plant and they are wonderful in tomato soup or for just snacking on.

The farthest north we ventured was Long Beach, WA where we were able to see two of our sons and our grand daughters from Seattle area.

The nights were cool and we were lulled to sleep with the sound of the surf and not much else. It was a peaceful summer with many fond memories made.

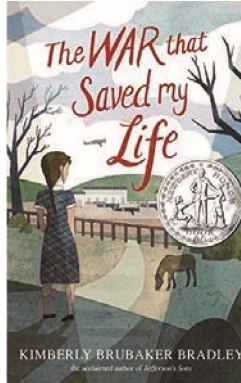


## Debi Rich's Book Treasures

Debi Rich shared a few of the titles from the North Texas Airstream Book Club choices:

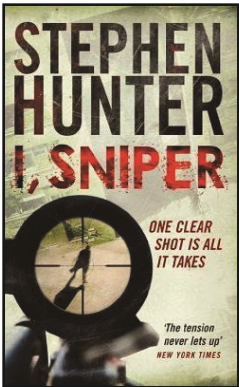
### The War that Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
The year is 1939 and World War II has started. The government begins to evacuate children out from London to escape the war, sending them to the countryside. Ada is ten and her brother is six and when they arrive in the country, nobody wants them. This is the story of saving children both emotionally and physically.



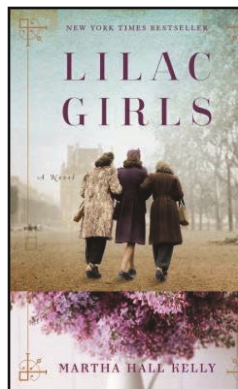
### I, Sniper

by Stephen Hunter – Four famed '60s radicals are gunned down at long range by a sniper. The retired Marine sniper Bob Lee Swagger is asked to investigate, and he soon discovers unseen anomalies and begins to unravel a sophisticated conspiracy. This is Hunter's sixth novel whose hero is Bob Lee Swagger, a character based upon the real US Marine Corp sniper, Carlos Hathcock.



### Lilac Girls

by Martha Hale Kelly – Based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits, this novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and secrets that were hidden for decades.



### 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

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## 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

Galveston/Freeport Wetlands & Beach Fun  
Blue Water RV Resort (200 miles)  
(Sunday - Tuesday nights)  
Call 877-904-4286  
or reserve online at [bluewaterpark.com](http://bluewaterpark.com)

## 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



**TGCU Make Plans for  
2020 Mid-Winter IBT  
January 20-24  
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort**

**4711 W. Windmill Lane  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89123**  
Website: [OasisLasVegasRVResort.com](http://OasisLasVegasRVResort.com)  
800.566.4707



Join us in sunny Las Vegas, Nevada at the highly rated Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort with its beautiful pools, spa, fitness center and 18-hole putting course on site.

The colorful Las Vegas Strip and great entertainment are nearby as are several interesting museums including the Neon Museum, Carroll Shelby Museum and the National Atomic Testing Museum. You will find historical Hoover Dam just a short drive from the RV Resort. An optional evening, 'The Rat Pack is Back', will be available to our members.

Airport: McCarran International Airport (LAS) is seven miles from the Resort  
Nearby hotels: Silverton Casino & Hotel, 3333 Blue Diamond Blvd, 866.722.4608  
Hilton Garden Inn, 7830 South Las Vegas Blvd, 702.453.7830

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Rally fee includes Welcome reception, dinner, continental breakfasts, entertainment, meetings and Airstream camaraderie

Camping (four nights) plus rally fee for two: \$360

Camping (four nights) plus rally fee for one: \$280

Camp one night on each end at the rally rate of \$50/night

Call Resort directly to book/pay for extra days

Rally fee, no camping per person: \$80

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**To register:** <https://region12.airstreamclub.net>

**Questions?** Jim Polk, Region 12 President Email: [JamesPolk@PolkValuations.com](mailto:JamesPolk@PolkValuations.com)

# TAHI News

*...From the Prez:*



October is a Membership Meeting month on the 12th at 11:00AM. Please try to attend. A fair amount of policy changes will be announced and By-Law update suggestions, building rules changes, as well as a new program introduced to help with the day-to-day operations of the Park.

It's not too late to let the fine folks on the TAHI Board member nominating committee, Wayne Sullins, Jim Lovelady & Richard O'Quinn (all Past TAHI Presidents) know you have interest in holding a seat on the TAHI Board. Just because you might travel a lot or don't live full time at TAHI, doesn't disqualify you as a member on the Board. I recall one meeting where three (3) Board members participated by cell phone, connected to Vice President Nancy Fitzgerald's cell phone. The meeting progressed very nicely, only difference was, those three didn't get any Cookies!

A special thank you to Bill Pearson for taking the lead on getting 50 plus dangerous long dead trees cut down. The effort to remove the trees was essential to keep someone from possible injury due to large limbs falling from a slight breeze or lawnmower vibrations. Safety First!

A new air-compressor was purchased and placed into service in September. The old compressor motor was rebuilt for a standby. Our water well equipment is very up-to-date and operating fine. We continue to adjust water well flow into the tank along with chlo-

rine adjustments to get our tria-halomethane into complete compliance.

The clubhouse was recently rented by Solid Rock Baptist Church of Zavalla for their annual church Fish Fry. About 80 church members and guests had a great time enjoying games and a fine meal.

Work Days are every Thursday at 8:15AM in the Clubhouse. Come on out and lend a hand or words of encouragement, or bring a treat to share over coffee.

Remember ... **We Are TAHI**

*Charlie P*



TGCU & TAHI members enjoying a pool tournament during the September Rally

# **The TAHI 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 **Sold** \$75
- 2 ea. Onwego Self-inflating camping pillows - \$10 for both
- 2 ea. Tri-Lynx Wheel Chocks **Sold** \$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, storage 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.



**In Search Of** - a used Jon boat w/trailer. Don't want to tow one all the way from DFW if we can help it. Contact Marsha and Orvil Barnhart. Phone: 469-716-0447

**FOR SALE: Elm lots 3 & 5,** great shade trees, \$6000 for both and buyer pays transfer fees. Contact Geri Prisco at 772-559-9705



**TAHI Clubhouse Amenities:** Perfect for your next Unit or Region Rally.. TV lounge, Board meeting room, table service for 250+, full kitchen facilities, games and Chapel for church services