

February 2022

SHOW THE LOVE RALLY

FEbruary 10-13

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NEWSLETTER



... from the President



How about that January Rally folks?

As always, it started with the Host Crew, comprised of our T.G.C.U. Board, Vice President Debra Green and Mr. Bruce, Treasurer RutheAnn Richardson & TAHI President Fred, and Recording Secretary Linda Williams, myself and the usual helpers who always magically and dutifully appear.

Thursday started off with a workday preparing Clubhouse decorations for the Italian American themed dinner Saturday night, as well as the grounds for visitors and general maintenance. In the evening we had 42 in attendance, enjoying four kinds of pizza and a great movie, "Pure Country." Friday evening was the "Dress as a Movie or Song" and so many folks really went all out, as pictures in this newsletter will show. I'm still trying to recover from laughing so much. Saturday's well-attended breakfast was followed by the TGCU membership meeting. We covered twenty-six

informational items, including plans for the next several months' rallies. For the February "Show the Love" rally, you are asked to bring photos of your First, Last, and/or any & all in-between weddings, to Show your Love.

Thursday evening at 6pm, we will have the return of Bingo being called by the "Grand Spin Master", Carl Graham. The February Host

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Group has been working hard on making the rest of the weekend very special for all. Pat-Pat Muller has graciously offered special rates for a post rally at her Valentine Campground, which filled up very fast. Next, many (8+) are going to the Mardi-Gras Galveston rally. The March weekend prior (3-6th) to the “Feeling Lucky” rally (10-13TH), we are looking to have a short caravan to Crockett National Forest–Radcliff Lake, with a lunch Friday at Larry Bruce Gardens. We have Fishing Tournaments in April & May, the Region 9 rally in late April. Who’s going to International? Want to get together to plan a route???

Region 9, 1st VP Nancy Fitzgerald spoke about the possibility of TAHI hosting the 2023 or 2024 Region 9 Rally. Pros & cons were discussed, and enough interest was generated that a committee was formed to prepare a proposal for submission to the “powers” making the final location decision. We also discussed the October “55-50” rally, monthly Hosts assignments, and installed new members Rhonda & Jim Petrukitas. We discussed all those topics, and more, in one hour and three minutes. If you blinked, you missed something.

One of my responsibilities I take seriously is keeping the membership informed, so they in turn can volunteer their expertise in areas in need. If you want to know what’s going on, attend and participate at meetings & rallies, not just assigned ones, read the newsletters, the Blue Beret, take an Office. TGPU has openings for a 2nd Vice President and other positions. Get involved, you’ll probably be sorry you didn’t do it sooner. Remember, **Volunteering** was part of the **Oath you took** when joining **TGPU**.

Ask **Not** What TGPU **Can Do** For **You**, **But**
What Can **You** Do for **TGPU**??

A special thank you to my *very distant (thankfully) cousin Giuseppe Guido Ollirtepi*, for helping with dinner Saturday night, as well as our very own local baker **Ruthie Burton**, for making from scratch, all the various specialty breads served.

Charlie P. 55

Rally Host Schedule for 2022

March: Pam & Bill Pearson, Mary Waterman, Jon & LaVerne Villanti, Richard & Sarah Wallace, Mike & Mary Moosemiller

April: Fred & RutheAnn Richardson, Dana Kelley, Robert & Susan Warner, Linda Williams, Jim & Janie Lovelady, Van Neie, Lee & Jennifer DeLand

May: Bruce & Debra Green, Terry & Keith DeCuir, Ken & Ava Daniels, Paul & Angel Bevering, Celine Martel, Dan & Stephanie Kersten

June: Nina Welling, Howard Weitzel, John & Brenda Jacob, Alison Steele & Lawrence Baitland, Jack & Kim Stewart

September: Don Patterson & EmmaLee Wilson, Orville & Marsha Barnhart, Jim & Selina Hodges, Bob & Jolinda Lauderdale

October: Terri & Alice McFillin, Pat Muller, Carl & Sheryl Graham, Byron & Lou Kaelin, Tom Kalkowski

November: Randy Robinson & Nancy Fitzgerald, Bob & Becky Kalton, Jody Herrera, Bill & Judy Wilson, Jim & Rhonda Petrukitas

December: Dee Smith, Mike & Annette Bearden, Pam Pearson, Nancy Fitzgerald, Mary Watermann, Susan Warner

If you don’t find your name above, please sign up on the Host Schedule at the clubhouse.
If you are unable to host in your month, kindly switch with someone.

2022 TGCU Officers

Charlie Petrillo President
 Debra Green 1st Vice President
 Linda Williams ... Rec/Cor Secretary
 RutheAnn Richardson Treasurer
 Emma Lee Wilson Trustee

February 2022 Rally Hosts

Dee & Louie Smith Roy & Brenda Moore
 Scott Nixon George & Angie Embrey

(See Rally Host Duty Reminders on page 9.)



SHOW THE LOVE RALLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 10-13, 2022

Thursday, February 10

6:00 pm **Bingo with Carl**, our “Grand Spin Master”
 Bring your favorite beverage.



7:00 pm Ice Cream—*showing the love!*

IT'S BACK!

Friday, February 11

9:00 am Coffee at Clubhouse

10:00 am TAHI Board Meeting

5:00 pm Happy Hour—Bring your own beverage.

6:00 pm Heavy Hors d'oeuvres—Bring your favorite dish to share & set-ups. **ALSO:** Bring a wedding photo to the rally to share. If you don't have a wedding photo, bring a picture of someone or something you love.

7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship

Saturday, February 12

7:00-8:30 am Breakfast with **Charlie & His Crew**. Bring your own set-ups.

9:30 am TGCU Board Meeting

10:00 am TGCU Membership Meeting

2:00 pm Trailer Clinic

5:00 pm Happy Hour—Bring your own beverage.

6:00 pm Dinner/Dance. Bring your own beverage, set-ups & dancing shoes!

Remember how to waltz? No worries—Brenda & Roy Moore will give us a short tutorial!

7:00 pm Dance/Fun/Fellowship



Sunday, February 13

8:30-9:00 am Coffee & Donuts

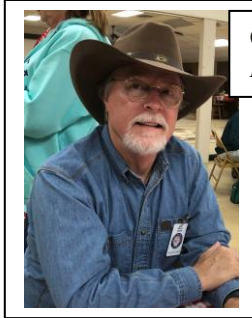
9:00 am Devotional

9:30 am Clubhouse clean-up by assigned crew

What A Blast! Dressing as a Song or Movie Title at the January Rally



Trinity, in *The Matrix* &
 Cross My Heart




Gus, in
Lonesome Dove




Cousin Eddie makes an
entrance from *Christmas
Vacation*



 Jolene, Judy Garland in *Easter
Parade*, Beauty School Dropout in
Grease, & *Bye Bye Birdie*



 Singing in the Rain




Rod Stewart



Backdraft



 Just the Two of Us

Other January Rally Pics



Name That Tune Rally Group



Breakfast with Charlie and His Crew



Train - Group 1



Pizza & A Movie



Train - Group 2

CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays

- Terry McFillan 5
- Jimmy Carnes 5
- Bill Pearson 7
- Sheryl Graham 11

New to Our Community in 2021

Byron & Lou Kaelin, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee



From Lou:

I will say we probably aren't considered new as we've had our place now a year.

Right now home is Nashville TN but we are planning retirement and will be living 50/50 in TN and Texas. We also have a place at TCPC in Crossville TN.

We look forward to spending much more time there and can't wait.

New to Our Community

January 2022

Jim & Rhonda Petrukitas, LaPorte, Indiana

From Rhonda:

We have really enjoyed being here. Making many new friends. Love our new spot! Everyone has been so nice and helpful!



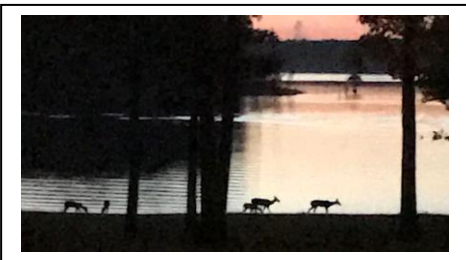
Jim & Rhonda are sworn in at the January rally.





The Last Best Place

And the Virtues That Make It
That Way



Aristotle on Living in an RV Community

Part Two in “The Last Best Place”

by A New Airstream Owner

I mentioned in Part One last month that my wife and I were attracted to the sense of community in a residential RV park.

Upon finding our RV park and meeting the people there, I recalled that Aristotle believed an individual’s happiness must involve the happiness of others because friendship is necessary to human life. Friendship he defined as “reciprocated goodwill,” and he said it “would seem to hold cities together, and legislators would seem to be [even] more concerned about it than about justice.”

This is because, in part, people who are friends have no need for external compulsion of justice through law. In short, what Aristotle termed “complete friendship,” where the individual looks out for the good of others, and not just for his own good, promotes virtue.

By “virtue,” he meant a disposition or habit to choose good actions. Simply put, a good habit is a virtue, and a bad habit is a vice.

When my brother-in-law told my wife and me that the last best place for finding good neighbors is in an RV community, he meant it is a place where people of similar virtues “live together,” sharing one another’s pleasures and sorrows, and sharing in what Aristotle called reciprocated goodwill.

In our short time in our RV community, we have discovered the best neighbors are those who practice certain virtues with the welfare of the whole community in mind.

In the next installment or two of this short series, I will mention the five or so virtues we have identified as the good habits that make an RV community the last best place to live.

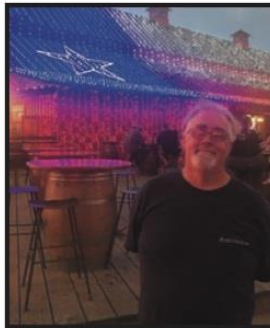
Here’s to less justice and more friendship.

Ring in the New Year -2022! Airstream Style

Texas Gulf Coast members and friends were "Ringing in the New Year" as we traveled from TAHI to Bryan, TX Dec 29, 2021 and set up camp so we could all take in the beautiful light show in nearby College Station of Santa's Wonderland of Lights. I often imagined what four (4) million plus Christmas lights would be like...well



Fred with long time friend Phil Medlin



TGCU President Charlie Petrillo



wonder no more as I and others were all amazed at how well Owner Phil Medlin and family put together a family oriented display that represented every facet of Christmas from Toys and Joys to the Reason for the Season in a dramatic Nativity setting where Jesus the Christmas Child was born. Santa's Wonderland of Lights was the brain child of Phil Medlin in 1998. Medlin, a railroad friend of mine purchased a small parcel of land with the thought of having a drive thru Christmas light experience...It was so well received that it has become one of the top 10 light displays in the nation. As a caravan group and friend of Phil we were offered half price tickets Those attending were Maxi and Cliff Millican from North Texas, Karen Petty, an Airstreamer friend of Don Patterson and Emma Lee Wilson. Also TGCU President Charlie Petrillo, RutheAnn and me.



TGCU & friends camped out "Boondocking" at Shangri-La Ranch

Dec. 30, 2021-Jan 2, 2022..We hitched up our Airstreams and caravanned to Shangri-la Ranch over near Anderson, TX for a New year celebration rally at TGCU affiliate members Harry and Debi Jean Harkey. Everyone was welcomed with open arms and escorted to



a wide open pasture where we joined 5 other Airstream friends with trailers from across Region 9. Members from other units dropped by, too on New Years day.

On arrival night, the Harkeys set up and prepared chicken strips and fried chicken livers along with homemade gravy and every side dish you can image. The feast and partying lasted for 3 days with breakfasts, games, happy hours, even neighbor giant fireworks displays and visiting with fellow Airstream friends. There was a giant pot of blackeyed peas for luck and

cabbage for prosperity..cornbread and more deserts than you could sample. It was a perfect place with perfect hosts.

We were treated to some beautiful sunsets at Shangri-la ranch, too, but old man winter came in on our last night there with howling winds and falling temperatures to send us away. But in true Harkey style Debi Jean and Harry had a roaring fire and hot coffee for our trip. Sure glad I had my Airstream!

Fred & RutheAnn

TGCU Rally Host Duty Reminders

- Coordinate plans with other rally hosts
- Send rally schedule to Debra, debrabgreen@gmail.com, to post in newsletter (by 1st of month)
- Check supplies on hand in clubhouse before ordering more
- Make coffee each morning
- Post daily activities on clubhouse whiteboard
- Make sure kitchen is clean & restrooms supplied
- Set up tables & chairs for meals, TGCU meeting & Sunday Devotional
- Decorate accordingly
- Ask someone to lead in prayer before meals
- Make announcements & remind members of Sunday Service
- Inform membership that our Sunday Service collections always go to the Zavalla Food Pantry
- Clean up after each meal
- Take out trash as needed

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Valentine Caravan Celebration

Lake LBJ Valentine Lakeside February 13-16

TGCU member Pat Muller (aka Pat-Pat) has invited a caravan of TGCU Airstreamers to her Valentine Lakeside Resort on LBJ to celebrate Valentine's with food, fun and fellowship. Pat-Pat has offered a special camping rate of \$25 per night (regular \$60 rate). The plans are to depart TAHI on Sunday, February 13 after church services at the February Rally and caravan to Kingsland, TX on Lake LBJ.

Join in for a fun-filled stay with lots of Happy Hours, food and outings! What a way to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Caravan Leader: Charlie Petrillo

Sign-Up Now. Please contact Charlie to sign up, mcccj@aol.com. Space is limited!

Crockett National Forest – Radcliff Lake

Radcliff Lake Recreation Area is nestled in the Crockett National Forest and is a dandy little treat; please join us.

Where: Radcliff Lake Recreation Area, a mere 57 miles from TAHI, <https://tinyurl.com/2p8tdcm3>

When: Thursday, March 3-Sunday, March 6

Things to do:

- Hike & fish in the recreation area or just enjoy the park
- Lunch at Larry Bruce Gardens Friday afternoon, <https://larrybrucegardens.com/>
- Saturday- Let's check out Crockett, named for Davy Crockett himself.

- Lunch at Moosehead Café—I hear their patty melt is amazing. Take a stroll down the street for a peek of Sam "Lighting" Hopkins. Or cruise some antique stores & local fair.
- Sunday, we head home to TAHI.

Hope you can join us for a quick get-away.

You must reserve your own site at Recreation.gov.
<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234362>

We will be in Dogwood Loop, which provides electricity. Water is available nearby.

Burtons are reserved in Dogwood Loop, Site 018.



TAHI News

From the Prez A Lot of Goings On at TAHI.



Our new Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) has been delivered and placed on our new concrete foundation and work is being done to make it operational. That project has many steps. First: re-construction of the plant as it had to be dis-assembled to move it from Angelina Wood Products in Huntington to TAHI. Electrical hookups, plumbing and permitting will take time before we can operate.

The TAHI board met on January 7, 2022 and made several chairmen changes for members to work with and contact for information and issues. There will be some adjustments to those so will wait until after the February board meeting to finalize.

The board did make a change in our Bylaws and voted to re-instate three membership meetings a year in addition to the annual meeting in December. This will allow members more opportunity to be involved in our park. March, May, and October membership meetings will be held following the TGPU scheduled meetings in those months.



TAHI board is investigating a proposal to hold the Region 9 rally at our park in 2023 and will be seeking input and cooperation from everyone to put this together. We will be looking at electrical issues that need attention on a few of our guest lots and how we might add additional temporary places to park for a rally of this magnitude. It will take everyones involvement and a can-do attitude. This is a great opportunity to expose TAHI to the Texas/Oklahoma Airstream communities and WBAC International.



Big move at our Water Plant. We took advantage while the big crane was here to lift our old gray colored water tank outside the fenced area. It will now be cut up and hauled off. Expect a work day soon to spruce up and improve that old area and make some needed repairs.

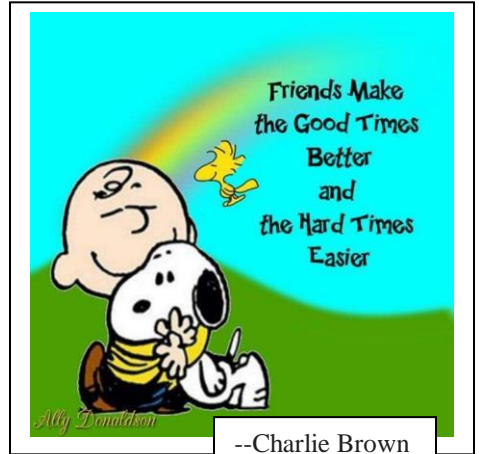
Permits were issued for a driveway for the Burtons on Magnolia and for a walkway for Dana Kelley on Oak street. If you are looking at

any improvements/changes to your lots/homes, please contact Jack Stewart with your plans so that he can bring them before the board for review.

Fred

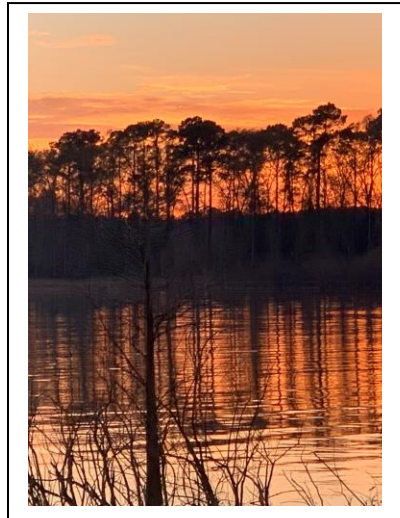


Thumbs up! Finally got the old gray water tank out of the fence—ready to be cut up and hauled off



We love our VOLUNTEERS!
Check out the White Board in the Clubhouse which lists beautification projects that need completion. Write your name next to the project that works for your schedule.

REMINDER:
You can review TAHI Documents on our website:
www.texasairstreamharbor.com



The Peddler! (Buy-Sell-Trade)

For Sale: 141 Elm. 40' x 80' lot with new asphalt drive, \$4,500. Contact Kenneth Daniels, 979-559-0755.

For Sale: TAHI Lots 5, 7, 9 & 11 Magnolia. Asphalted with 30 amp electrical service and sewer. \$4,500 each. Contact number is 903-731-2036.

For Sale: 151 and 159 Oak. Two lots with cabana, trailer port, full RV hookups, patio and storage! See the detailed listing for this beautiful and modern cabana on our website. See link below. Rick & Lonna Nelson, 941-800-8556.

For Sale: Lot 11 Pine. Beautiful new cabana with 200 amp electric service! Full RV hook-ups with 50a/30a/20z RV service. Includes golf cart! See the detailed listing for this beautiful cabana on our website. See link below. Emma Lee Wilson & Don Patterson, 936-632-6116.

For Sale: 131 Oak. Super nice cabana with Full RV Hookups! Only eight years old! Never lived in! See the detailed listing for this beautiful and roomy cabana on our website. See link below. Dana Kelley, 936-524-2851.

For Sale: Lot 11 Elm. Beautiful shaded lot close to the water with compacted drive, concrete patio and slab for shed (old one has been removed). Necessary trees have been removed to build your dream cabana or park your Airstream! Buyer pays transfer. \$6,000. Contact Selena Hodges 713-838-5466.

For Sale: 110 Elm. Very nice corner lot with asphalt pad. \$3,000. Contact Pat Muller 360-608-3413.

For Sale: Lots 1 and 3 Oak. Two lots side by side for sale. A pretty spot with 2 trees for shade and a place to park 2 Airstreams with hook-ups. If you are looking for a space to build a cabana this may be your spot. There is even room for 2 buildings. You can live in one and use the other space to park your Airstream and have room to spare and do with it as you like. The extra space could be a man cave, a workshop, a studio space, an entertainment space, whatever you like. We are selling the both lots as a unit for \$9,000 OBO. Please contact Mike or Mary with any questions at 630/414-0868.

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The Peddler! (continued)

FREE! We also have a 6 foot pre lit Christmas tree we brought here by accident. It is free to whomever wants it. Contact Mary Moosemiller, 630/386-7449.

NEW ON MARKET

For Sale: 2018 Airstream Flying Cloud 30 ft, rear twin bed model. Excellent condition. Less than 1500 miles. Stored under cover. Upgrades include: replaced sofa with two comfortable electric recliners, replaced dinette with additional counter space and under counter storage bins. The original sofa and dinette are wrapped in thick plastic, properly stored and can be picked up in nearby Lufkin, TX. All required inspections have been done to maintain factory lifetime warranty. However, the warranty is not transferable. Selling below market value hoping for a quick sale. For health reasons, we need something smaller. Will consider trading for gently used Interstate or smaller Airstream. Located at TAHI in Zavalla, TX. \$95,000. See full ad with pictures on website. Call Marsha Barnhart 469-716-0447.

The Peddler is posted on TAHI's website

<https://texasairstreamharbor.com/peddler-for-sale-in-tahi>

Be sure to check out the individual Cabana listings!!

Send updates to Terry DeCuir.