

Yellow Rose...

**Sept - Oct - Nov
TGCU Newsletter**

**Texas
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Newsletter



**...from the
President**



VISION Here is some good news!
WE WILL MEET IN DECEMBER. We will meet for our December Rally, December 10-13. It is our hope that some of the restrictions will be lifted by that time. We will do everything possible to have a fun and productive meeting. The 2020-21 officers will be elected at our meeting and sworn in at the dinner meeting. This evening should be a wonderful affair, with a catered meal and live entertainment. Start planning now.

Enjoy the Fall and I will see you in December.

Emma Lee

Dear TGCU members,

We have finally caught up with September and look forward to cooler weather and colorful leaves. Most of us have grown accustomed to the rituals that have accompanied the Covid pandemic, even if we don't like it. Some Airstreamers have used this time to make improvements on their trailers and motorhomes. Many from our club have found wonderful places to travel while following the guidelines of social distancing and have enjoyed scenic beauty outside Texas. Most members I talked with have been able to find joy and happiness while staying home in various ways. Personally, I have returned to cooking (well, kinda like cooking, maybe I should say fixin) three meals a day, reading good books, researching the internet on a wide variety of topics, writing notes on paper and mailing it with a stamp to long time friend and relatives, exercised more, Movie binging, organizing the closets, learning how to Zoom, and the list could go on and on. I know you join me when I say it has not been all bad.

**2020
TGCU Officers**

- Emma Lee Wilson .. President**
- Patt Avery1st VP**
- Ava Daniels2nd VP**
- Dana Kelley.....Rec./Corr. Sec.**
- RutheAnn RichardsonTres**
- Nancy FitzgeraldTrustee**
- Pam PearsonTrustee**

What have you been doing this summer?

Amy McFillen has gone into the Shredding business. Like many we've been cleaning out our storage / rats nests. Destroying sensitive personal & business records. She enjoys the work and works cheap. Basically room and board.

Orville Barnhart is cutting masks and I'm sewing them for donating to health care and volunteers



Carmen Correa saying high to neighbors from a distance, go for walks, cleaning cabana, read and then get crochet needles and crochet Instead of watching TV. Days of reflection and be thankful for what we have.

The men of TAHL... repairing roads...how many does it take?..could hire out with the Texas Highway Department! One working, six watching...LOL



Ahh..Colorful Colorado!

Fred & RutheAnn Richardson along with Carl & Joyce Pennington and Carl's brother Troy & wife Billie took a trip to cooler weather in early August to SW Colorado for a little relaxing, fishing and just having fun with day trips and jeep rides.

The campgrounds were really filled to capacity as it seemed everyone had the same plans as we did but we found out that a lot of folks were just out in their RV's looking for a little adventure and relief from the Pandemic situation all across our country.

We travelled to Creed, Lake City, Gunnison, Montrose and Silverton, Colorado. Most of our camping was "boondocking" in dispersed areas of Colorado between Creed & Lake City. Then later in Taylor Canyon above Gunnison in a campground called Rosie Lane.

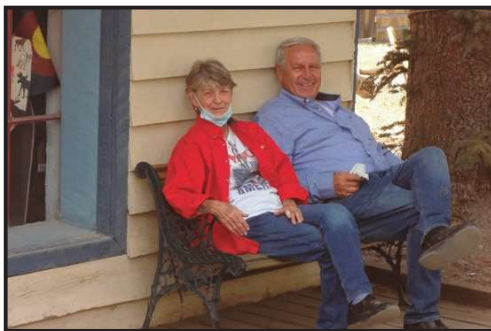
The Penningtons headed back toward home with stops in Montrose, Ouray, Telluride Silverton and Durango. They also stopped in for a visit to the Indian Cliff dwellings in Cortez, Colorado.

The Richardsons ventured farther North with visits to Buena Vista, Colorado, a quaint town set in between several 14,000 ft., high mountains with lots of downtown shops and beautiful parks along a river that flowed beside the main street of town. After a quick trip over to Colorado Springs to visit their kids the trip was cut short by a couple of weeks because of Hurricane Laura and the need to get home to take care of property and electricity that was out in the park for over 4 days.

All in all it was a great trip and refreshing escape from the heat and humidity of East Texas.



L-R Troy & Billie Pennington, Carl & Joyce, Rutheann & Tazzie at North Clear Creek Falls between Creede & Lake City



In downtown Lake City doing a whole lot of nothing!..Shopping, walking around & enjoying the Ice Cream!



When In the Mountains...Jeep it!...a fun day exploring mountain passes as we "jeeped" over Cinnamon Pass, Elevation 12,600 ft... then over Engineers Pass in a big loop back to Lake City.



Carl Pennington pulling the mountain roads to our dispersed boondocking campground

Welcome to Yellowstone!



Lewis Falls at South Entrance to Yellowstone.

No one should travel all the way from Texas to Yellowstone and stay only 3 days, but that was all the time Randy and I had for this quick trip in mid-June. We planned the trip to arrive on the date that Madison CG in West Yellowstone opened having been delayed by Covid. This was the first and only NP campground to open in early June. Visitor centers were closed, and several roads were closed due to construction. We were able to see four of the five areas of the park, however, and were rewarded with small crowds and perfect weather. We entered from the Grand Tetons at the South entrance and spent the first two days exploring the Geyser Basin areas from the South and the West entrances. A beautiful walkway at the West Thumb Geyser Basin immerses you in geothermal activity. To walk along this small portion of the vast expanse of the 110 miles of Yellowstone Lake shoreline and see blue thermal pools steaming up through frigid lake water emphasizes the fragile and volatile surface of this area. Huge volcanic eruptions that occurred over the past 2 million years formed the geyser basins' striking landscapes. When the magma chambers beneath Yellowstone emptied, large surface depressions called calderas were formed. It takes more than two days to see all of the 150 geysers in

this section of Yellowstone, but Randy and I did our best on the "must sees" - Old Faithful, Grand Prismatic Springs, and all the Lower and Norris Geyser Basins. By the time we headed to the North entrance along the Montana border and saw the Mammoth Hot Springs (a two-tier travertine hiking wonder), we felt we had earned our geology degrees. We can tell you all about the four types of thermal features: geysers which are like pressure cookers exploding; hot springs which are like pressure cookers that never explode due to plumbing systems that are unstricted; fumaroles which are steam vents in the Earth's crust; and mud pots where microorganisms convert hydrogen sulfide into sulfuric acid.



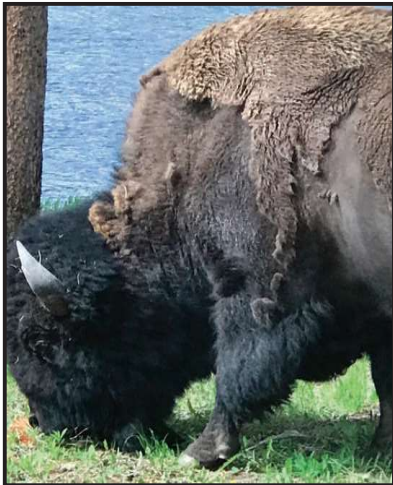
You think you are on Planet Mars but this is in the Grand Prismatic Geyser Basin area which contains 20% of the world's known geysers

We spent our last full day in Yellowstone driving and hiking along the upper and lower Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. The 20-mile canyon was formed by erosion as the Yellowstone River flowed over progressively softer, less resistant rock. The canyon colors are wonderful and ever-changing. From the black rock near the top of the canyon, the river has cut

through many layers of the same rhyolite that forms so much of the park. Thanks to geothermal activities, the Canyon walls are orange sherbet, pale yellow, and gold colored. Rangers described the Canyon to us as "rusting" over thousands of years.

Our intent was to view the magnificent Yellowstone Lake and Alpine forests by driving to the East entrance of the park and then exiting to spend two nights in Cody Wy. We did see the lake and the forests but within 20 miles of Cody we were turned back due to an out of control wildfire that was too near the highway for safe passage. We did not make Cody but did enjoy boondocking at one of the many national forest campgrounds outside the East entrance. We grilled steaks and spent time listening to bear sighting stories spun by a volunteer ranger. We never saw a bear, though.

We did not get to the Northeast part of Yellowstone in Lamar Valley. This is where photographers with spotting scopes gather hoping to see the wolves and grizzlies. Randy and I saw plenty of bison and pronghorns and elk but no bears or wolves. We do not recommend a three-day visit to Yellowstone, of course, but we were pleased at how accessible the park was to us in those three days. Our advice is go early in the season. We never waited in a line and we never felt crowded. Most of the sparseness was due to Covid issues but some was also due to the time of year we planned the visit.



This boulder took a ride on a glacier and stopped here 83,000 years ago



Randy at our West Yellowstone campsite with traveling companions Chuck and Judy Eastman from TN. We were the first of 200 campers to show up for the parks opening day delayed by Covid concerns



Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
This is a view of the Upper Falls area

TAHI News



Hasn't this year been more than anyone could have imagined? I couldn't even begin to catalog everything that has happened, world wide! TAHI has been a safe haven for so many of us this year. We are blessed with so much. As you know, we will not have the October membership meeting. Hopefully, we can safely gather in December with some semblance of normalcy.

We need to form a plan for TAHI residents who leave the park for extended periods. Who has keys for access? Are refrigerators and freezers empty? Is yard furniture secured? Our power was out for four days, and it could have been so much worse.

Some updates on the park. Our sewer pump went out. Charlie and Bill replaced it with the spare, so a new spare will be purchased. Our propane tanks are filled at the clubhouse, the water plant, and the sewer plant. The entrance gate keypad has had some issues. A new one is on order. Your remote should still work. We have not had regular work days due to heat, COVID, and lack of workers so....we look forward to some productive days coming up!

Quite a few of us managed to travel despite COVID. We welcome back Patt and Bob Avery, Nancy and Randy Fitzgerald/Robinson, Ruthe and Lloyd Burton, Fred and Rutheann Richardson, Carl and Joyce Pennington, George and Angie Embrey, Van Nei, Scott Nixon, AnnMarie and Dave McKeever, newlyweds Janie and Jim Lovelady, and Rick and Lonna Nelson.

Keep a social distance but give them a welcome back hug!

Several people have started or completed construction around the park. See Scott Nixon's new cabana, and look for the McKeevers and the Kelley's buildings. EmmaLee Wilson and Don Patterson have finally moved into their new cabana!

A big thank you to everyone who made contributions to help our Louisiana neighbors devastated by Hurricane Laura. I have sent a check for \$1000.00 to The United Way of Southeast Louisiana. The McFillens recommended them because all funds go directly to those in need. As I write this, I am informed that some 68,000 families are still without power due to the hurricane.

During the summer, several visitors found their way to TAHI. We welcomed new members Rob and Robyn Warren who, despite social distancing, thought we were a good fit and purchased a membership and a lot on Oak.

We anticipate a nice turnout for the December membership meeting to be held in conjunction with the TGCU December rally. I have sent the proposed bylaw amendments to you in a separate letter. We will vote on those, and we will elect new board members. Board member nominees are Scott Nixon, Rutheann Richardson, and Tom Kalkowski. As always, nominees from the floor will be accepted.

I hope you have all been healthy and safe during these past uncertain months. It has certainly been unusual. Look for more information about the December events as the time gets closer.

Mary

The Peddler! (Buy--Sell--Trade)

FOR SALE: CLUB CAR GOLF CART: Runs good, 48-volt. New Batteries last July, \$700.00. Contact Fred Richardson, 903-731-2036

FOR SALE: LOTS 3 & 5 Elm, asphalt pads on each with two beautiful oak trees providing excellent shade. \$5000 for both, buyer pays transfer fees. Dan & Stephanie Kersten 713-389-0683

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. Larger 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. \$35,000. Call James Diorio at 512-426-2900.

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

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. Will entertain reasonable offer. Contact Jim Gompper 318-732-1301.

FOR SALE: Lot 7 Willow Lakeview lot with new asphalt. \$7500.00. Contact Tom Kalkowski. 308-289-0921

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: 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
- 2 ea. Onwego Self-inflating camping pillows - \$10 for both

Contact David Hudson at (409) 880-2968. Email: david7679@att.net

For Sale: 1999 Airstream Cutter, 35' diesel pusher, driver slide out, motorhome, good condition 165K miles, good rubber. New recently; air bags, high pressure pump, fuel injectors, ac system, and well maintained.

7000-watt generator, fantastic fans LR & BR, queen bed, washer/dryer, large lighted wardrobe, full size glass shower, new porcelain toilet, mirrored medicine cabinets, solid oak kitchen cabinets, jackknife couch, AC with heat strips, gas/elect water heater, and more. \$23K. Needs new chassis batteries.

Offered with the sale of Cutter, **2009 Jeep Liberty** 105K miles, excellent condition, with complete Falcon2 tow bar assembly \$9K Will consider Airstream trailer in trade. Can be seen on lot#13 TAHI.

Call Chuck McClay 540-872-8027 for more information and pictures. Shown by appointment only!

Reduced!

Sold

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.

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: 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 \$64,000 or best offer. Contact: Laura Huckaby, phone: 832-492-3126.

FOR SALE: Lot # Holly - \$7200. Nice lot concrete pad with cabana. Close to clubhouse. Contact Jane Fudge. Phone: (479) 206-1825.

FOR SALE: Lots 3 & 5 Willow \$8500 for both. Nice lots to build your dream home on. Very quiet street. Phone: 201-407-9515 or 732-533-9713

FOR SALE: 121 Oak \$3,000 (grass lot at the end of Oak) Contact Scott Nixon 843-247-5760, snschh@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 161 Oak \$4,000 (concrete slab with porch area and a shed. Shed coming down but the concrete shed pad could be used for a new shed. **Sold!** Scott Nixon 843-247-5760, snschh@gmail.com

