

Home Unit of 2022-2024 Region 9 President Nancy Fitzgerald

Wow! What a Double Anniversary Rally the "55-50" turned out to be. We sure wish some folks who had other obligations and family health issues had been able to attend, but overall, we were very pleased with attendance. We enjoyed many acts of kindness throughout the rally: several members paid full registration fees even though they couldn't attend because they wanted to support me and the club. Many folks donated supplies or gifts for the goodie bags. The TAHI Board waived the clubhouse rental fee, and the TGCU Board and 55/50 Rally committee waived the rally late fees for those who registered late. Some folks bought and gifted the green raffle tickets for folks not able to attend, and people donated to the Sunday Offering (Zavalla Food Bank). People pitched in to help an attendee with hitch issues, and several

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## ... from the President

folks scoured the park for a missing phone late into the evening. Those are examples of what it means to be a member of TGCU & TAHI com-

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munity. Helping one another. Sacrifice for the greater good. Placing others less fortunate before oneself. I'm told these are "WWJD" type moments. I say it's just common sense and being human. I sincerely thank ALL those that understand and apply that concept each day.

I must recognize the tremendous donations of something more valuable than gold, "Time". I am so grateful to everyone who chooses to give their time to TGCU & TAHI. I was only able to afford some small gifts of appreciation to a few, and recognized them (Bill Pearson, Shanna & Gil Moll, Sarah & Rich Wallace, Debra Green, Wayne Sullins) at Saturday night's dinner. I would like to thank everyone for their abundant support before, during and after the rally, by attending TAHI Workdays, membership meetings, by helping when asked, and especially those who don't even need to be asked, they just naturally see that something needs to be done and they do it.

*Here's the 55/50 rally recap*: Thursday's Blindfolded Golf cart race practice was truly one to behold. One team hit the Start Line. Another demolished the Finish. For one team, it would have been easier to count the cones they didn't hit. All this craziness was followed by wonderful meatball subs and fixings, with music provided by with DJ Jaye & Kim. The evening movie played through the professional sound system, made it feel like you were in the race car with Elvis Presley. True confession: I'm now a fan of Nancy Sinatra.

On Friday morning, we enjoyed a wonderful assortment of fresh donuts from the local shop, as well as fresh from the oven, apple bread and pumpkin bread made by Nina Welling.

During Happy Hour on Friday, we held the inaugural 55/50 Blindfolded Golf Cart Obstacle Course Race with an additional small twist. Three quarters of the way around, at a STOP sign, the blindfold could come off and one member of the team had to get off the cart and put on a pair of HUGE pink 55/50 Granny Panties, have their picture taken, remove the panties and get back in the cart and off to the finish line. The winners were Dana Kelley and Selena Hodges. "Donning the Granny Panties" winner was Pat Pat Muller. "Best Golf Cart Decoration" went to Annette & Mike Bearden.

After a quick demonstration by Annette & Mike Bearden on how to do the "Camshaft Twist," it didn't take long for Pam & Bill Pearson to get the rhythm to win the event.

Next up was the Toilet Paper Toss with the winner being Roy Moore.

Dinner was Frito Pie & hot dogs.

The Saturday breakfast crew came through once again with the usual pancakes & sausage, scrambled eggs along with 3 kinds of omelets, hash brown patties, fresh cut fruit bowl and orange juice available.

At 10AM, the Gulf Coast Membership Meeting was called to order. The membership meetings always provide up-to-date information about what is going on in our unit and Region and International levels.

After doing all the required business, under new business was Election Time. VP. Ms. Debra Green is now Madame President-Elect. Ms. Shanna Moll is going to be TGCU 1st VP come December 10<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Selina Shadd will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Ms. LaVerne Valanti will be Recording Secretary. Ms. RutheAnn Richardson is still Treasurer and Ms. Linda Williams is Corresponding Secretary. Ms. Emma Lee Wilson and I will be serving as Trustees.

I had the privilege of Swearing in Shanna & Gil Moll. They have only been members of

TGCU & TAHI a few months, but they were key figures in the planning and execution of many parts of this 55/50 rally. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing what ideas Shanna has for future rallies. One other new item is Ruthe Burton's caravan to Natchitoches, LA December 4-8.

At 1:00 the Pampered Chef Party got underway. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, with lots of ladies getting door prizes and another good amount placing orders.

At 2:00 the trailer clinic started with lots of good information exchanged. Happy Hour was well attended, and the "Winner Winner Chicken Dinner" started promptly at 6:00. The participation of folks getting dressed up like the '50s was amazing. So many wonderful outfits, but the hands down winners were Bill & Judy (Farrah) Wilson.

The November Rally, 10-13, is always a fun one with the Turkey Shoot on Saturday.

A special Thank You to the folks at Honey's Kitchen in Zavalla, for being so gracious with their excellent food and gift certificate donations, as well as Stephanie & Dan Matney from Curtains4Campers, for donating hitch jack covers in the goodie bags.

T.G.C.U.

Charlie P. #55 T.G.C.U. & You









#### Final Rally Host Schedule - 2022

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

If you are unable to host in your month, kindly switch with someone & record at the clubhouse.

Please refer to Host Duty List on page 11.



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Emma Lee Wilson	Trustee

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#### **November 2022 Rally Hosts**

Nancy Fitzgerald & Randy Robinson, Becky & Bob Kalton, Jody Herrera, Judy & Bill Wilson, Rhonda & Jim Petrukitas, Shelby & Jim Trimble, Robert Warner

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT RALLY NOVEMBER 10-13

#### Thursday, November 10—Wear Your Camo!

5:30 pm Social Hour & Chili Tasting at Clubhouse Make a pot of chili to share or bring chili fixins to add to the festivities. Also bring your favorite beverage. Setups supplied.
6:30 pm Games & Fellowship/Campfires on the Patio

#### Friday, November 11

9:00 am Morning Coffee at Clubhouse

10:00 am TAHI Board Meeting

5:00 pm Gather at the Clubhouse for Veterans Day

5:30 pm Social Hour & Potluck Dinner Celebrating Americal

What goes with fried chicken? (Hosts will supply chicken)—*Make it an All-American Potluck. Bring your beverage & setups; Wear Your Camo!* 

#### Saturday, November 12

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

- 9:30 am TGCU Board Meeting
- 10:00 am TGCU Membership Meeting

1:00 pm Trailer Clinic

2:00 pm Turkey Shoot Behind Clubhouse

\$5 a Shot/Bring shotgun or use available shotguns supplied.

10 Rounds – 10 Prizes; Shot closest to bullseye wins; No alcohol allowed

5:00 pm Social Hour— Bring your beverage & Wear Your Camo!

6:00 pm Dinner. Setups supplied.

7:00 pm Games & Fellowship

#### Sunday, November 13

8:30-9:00 am Coffee & Pastries 9:00 am Devotional 9:30 am Clubhouse cleanup!



## **October 55/50 Rally Photos**



**Our Airstream Leaders!** Charlie Petrillo, TGCU President Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President Fred Richardson, TAHI Preisdent

> Best Outfit Award Judy & Bill Wilson









**NASCAR Theme Game Winners:** 

Best Golf Cart Decoration- Mike & Annette Blindfolded Golf Cart Obstacle Course Race- Dana & Selena Donning the Granny Panties- Pat Pat Camshift/Lug Wrench Twist- Bill & Pam Toilet Paper Toss- Roy











Selena is taking the picture!





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Photos from 1967 & 1972, the beginning years for TGCU & TAHI





**Photo Quiz** 

Do you know who these people are? Answers are on page 11.



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## **CELEBRATIONS**

#### November Birthdays 10 Selina Shadd 16 Van Neie 19 Jodie Herrera 21 Ruthe Burton 22 Bill Wilson 27 RutheAnn Richardson

#### New to Our Community

Lou & Dan Monk, Lafayette, LA



**REMINDER** Daylight Saving "Fall Back" Sunday, November 6, 2022



**November Anniversaries** 11 Rick & Lonna Nelson 12 Steve & Selina Shadd







Gill & Shanna Moll being "Sworn In" Charlie, I believe they're serious about this!

#### **Tour of the Airstream Trailer Factory Jackson Center, Ohio**

On a recent trip, Texas Gulf Coast Unit member Jim Hodges visited the Airstream trailer factory in Jackson Center, Ohio. The trailer factory is one of three in the city. The Basecamp and Mercedes Coaches are built in one factory while the new Ram based coach is built in another. The 750,000 square foot trailer factory opened in 2020 and offers tours Monday–Friday.



This amazing tour takes about an hour to complete and covers all the areas of trailer construction, from the formation of end caps to water testing and finish installations.

The design of the factory is quite impressive including the way in which all the Airstream components are produced, including the machinery dating back to the 1950's. The modern equipment utilizes laser guided computer equipment to cut trailer components to 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an inch tolerance. The largest part of the massive factory is Airstream's cabinet shop, where all cabinets are hand-cut and assembled for the trailer models. Ironically, the trailers are still moved through the factory by people-power. Two people manually pull the trailers from station to station until completion when a tractor moves the trailer off of the production floor.

There are several little-known facts at the factory:

- There is a travel trailer that is made at the factory that is not sold to the public. The trailer is produced for a company called Autocamp. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akJVUJ8VZ4s
- The factory has doctors and nurses on staff for all employees and their family member's medical needs.
- There is a special "Eurozone" location at the factory that builds trailers to specifications for sale outside of the US and Canada.

The next time you are close to Jackson Center, stop by the Airstream headquarters to take the factory tour and visit the Heritage Museum. You won't be disappointed.







#### **Dues & Assessments Reminder**

Our memberships in Airstream Club International, **WBCCI**, and **TGCU** Unit 103 are due now. They must be renewed to remain a TAHI member in good standing. *Please go online to renew these.* 

Our **TAHI** assessments (\$700 per lot) are due beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. They are considered late January 31<sup>st</sup>. *Mail to: TAHI, 714 Angelina, Zavalla, TX 75980 Attn: Treasurer*  Answers to Photo Quiz from page 7 #1- Pam Pearson #2- Roy Moore

#3- Steve Shadd

#### **TGCU Rally Host Duty Reminders**

- Coordinate plans together with rally host team; first couple listed is team leader.
- If an appointed team member is unable to participate, it is his responsibility to find a replacement & communicate that change to the host team leader at least two weeks prior to the event.
- Plan activities & meals for Thursday evening through Sunday morning.
- Send rally schedule to Debra, <u>debrabgreen@gmail.com</u>, to post in newsletter (by 25<sup>th</sup> of month prior to rally, i.e. **Feb. 25** for March 9-12 rally).
- Shop for food & decorating items needed, keeping receipts (reimbursable any time during the rally); check boxes in store room first for available décor—food & decorating budget for each rally is typically \$300 for 40-50 in attendance. [Saturday breakfast is pre-planned & not included in team responsibilities or expenses.]
- Check supplies on hand in clubhouse before ordering more.
- Decorate accordingly.
- Make coffee each morning; prepare and serve meals; remember to plan in advance to have propane turned on if oven is to be used.
- Post daily activities on clubhouse whiteboard.
- For each event, make sure kitchen is clean & restrooms supplied.
- Set up tables & chairs for meals, TGCU meeting & Sunday Devotional.
- Ask someone to lead in prayer before each meal.
- Make announcements & remind members of Sunday Service, informing them that our collections always go to the Zavalla Food Pantry.
- Clean up after each meal.
- Take trash to dumpster as needed.
- Turn off lights after each event **OR** arrange for those remaining after event to do so.

## **October CARAVAN**





Shelby Tremble, Nancy Fitzgerald & Shanna Moll TAHI Girls at the 5K Fun Run **Airstreams at the Price** September 29-October 2, 2022 Bartlesville, Oklahoma



Rally to Celebrate Original American Design

Bartlesville, OK! What a wonderful city to host Airstreams at the Price Rally. Where else could you immerse yourself in the history of both Wally Byam and Frank Lloyd Wright? We had an amazing panel of experts on Wally and Airstreams: Dale Schwanborn, David Gulley, Samantha Martin, and Price Conner, an architect and historian at the Price Tower.

The tour of the tower was quite interesting, it gave us insight into the creative mind of Frank Lloyd Wright. He built this skyscraper for Phillips 66 headquarters in 1957. Today it is a boutique hotel and office space. We toured and learned from docents about building construction and purpose. We heard many tales of FLW mythology and had two days of speaker panel discussions and visual history.

Eric Bricker sent his film "Alumination" for our viewing pleasure as well. It was a beautiful weekend of learning, viewing vintage Airstreams, and a fun run to raise money for Miles for Mamograms, a nonprofit that provides mammograms for women without health insurance. There was the Woolorac car show nearby, and even an Octoberfest where Region 9 hosted a fabulous Charcuterie Board Happy Hour!

Thanks to Philip Vasquez for the vision and planning. And thanks to all the volunteers from several different regions who helped it run smoothly.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Ruthe and Lloyd Burton have secured 19 sites. Our group will leave Sunday afternoon—it's just a couple hours away. The park has so graciously given us the use of their clubhouse. We'll be scouting in the next week or two, so there will be lots of fun activities to choose from.

- Beautifully light little town with festive activities
- Christmas light displays throughout the town
- Steel Magnolias was filmed in this charming little town
- Plantation tours
- Kayaking opportunities—bring you kayak to soar down the river with lighted bridges just moments from our campground!
- Airstream cookie decorating—we'll be decorating our very own Airstream Gingerbread Cookies.

Please call to let us know if you can or would like to join us. We want to make sure we bring enough supplies for everybody!

Ruthe Burton TGCU Group Organizer 254-338-0501



### Harry and Debi Jean Invite Everyone to Shangri La Ranch for a New Years Rally.

Please put this event on your calendar!

We are located in Anderson, Texas at the edge of the pine forest. We have plenty of room for all and excellent well water for tanks or jugs. Generators are welcome and encouraged. We have a big barn for shelter, bathrooms, kitchen, bar, tables, chairs, lp gas cookers, bar-b-que pits, dominoes and dancing. Last year, the weather was perfect and hopefully this year will be as well. The front gate will be open and the cows and horses will be in another pasture.

Rigs can start arriving on Thurs 12/29. Most will arrive on Friday. NEW YEARS EVE is Sat. night, Sun., Jan 1st will be the traditional NEW YEARS DAY lunch with cabbage and black eyed peas.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and everyone is welcome to bring a friend!

More information to follow as the year progresses.

Harry and Debi Jean Harkey Harry cell 936-203-3471 Debi Jean cell 936-537-2626 For caravan travel dates & to sign up, call **Shanna Moll** 512-945-8555.

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# Texas Airstream Harbor ...from the Prez...

What a great time to be a member and resident of Texas Airstream Harbor. The weather has been outstandingly beautiful. Only one real cool night this past month, but the skies have been clear blue and the temperatures very nice in the mid 70's to lower 80's. Fall Airstream travelers have been coming to enjoy our



park and the Fall weather and beauty, too. If you see visitors to our park, please take the time to welcome them to TAHI and invite them to participate in our park activities.



RutheAnn Richardson pictured with TGCU President Charlie Petrillo, & TAHI President Fred Richardson

Our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our park was a great success along with the 55th Anniversary of our travel club, Texas Gulf Coast Unit. A huge thank you to all who made it an outstanding event and great milestone. Thanks to TGCU President Charlie Petrillo who brainstormed the event and organized everyone to make the celebration happen. Read and enjoy the pictures in the TGCU newslet-

ter. There was a "sock hop" with live DJ, Jaye Curtis of "Yesterday Once More Productions" providing the music and entertainment.

A huge Thank You goes out to TAHI member Debra Green who saw a need to paint the clubhouse. Debra, thru her efforts and several other helpers managed to raise funds to get the clubhouse painted. Inside, new decorations for tables and chairs and a new air-conditioner in the board/workout



room. A special shout out to new member Shanna Moll for the new chair covers in the clubhouse, too.

We are on schedule to bring the new sewer plant online around November 15th. This has been a major undertaking and will soon come to fruition which will improve the sewer infrastructure for many years to come. Almost everyone in the park has contributed many work hours to make this happen.

## TAHI continued ...

During the October membership meeting members directed the board to purchase remote gate opener/closers for our entrance gate. Sad, but true, crime rate is on the rise and we want to be sure to protect our park by keeping the gae closed as much as possible. The gate had been remaining open for long period of times and especially during after hours which prompted the gate "clickers" as a way of offering a convenience to our residents to open and close the gate either going or coming. 20 clickers were ordered and programmed and so far 15 of them have been sold. They are available to members for \$15 each.

Please note that the county still has a burn ban going on which prevents us from burning the brush pile. Please note "Brush Pile" is for <u>brush only</u>. If you have boxes please break them down and place in the dumpster. Breaking them down enables more room for household trash for everyone else.

Keep the Son in Your Eyes Fred Richardson, President









## Work Days at TAHI



**Carl Pennington & Carlene,** always working-& thankful for the new sewer plant!



















#### Cardboard Boxes At the Burn Pile



**REMINDER:** You can review TAHI documents on our website: www.texasairstreamharbor.com Please break down cardboard boxes & place in dumpster. Boxes are allowed, but we prefer they be broken down & placed in our dumpster.

Remember to record miles traveled in your Airstream this year.

At the December Rally, an award will go to the traveler with the most miles in 2022.



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# The Peddler! (Buy-Sell-Trade)

As a reminder, in order to purchase a TAHI membership, all prospective members must be members of WBCCI & TGCU an& be the owner of a roadworthy Airstream per our TAHI Bylaws.

**For Sale: TAHI Lots 5, 7, 9 & 11 Magnolia**. Asphalted with 30 amp electrical service & 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. Rick & Lonna Nelson, 941-800-8556. **\$280,000**. Price **REDUCED**:

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

**For Sale: Lot 1, 110 Oak.** This is a nice corner lot with a smaller tree for some shade. The space is large enough to build a full size cabana with parking space for your Airstream. It currently has full hookups for water, gray/black water disposal & electricity. If you want more information, contact <u>marymoosemiller@gmail.com</u>.

**For Sale: 2010, 30-foot Airstream Flying Cloud.** In excellent condition. Has Hensley hitch, second air conditioner, and Maxxis tires. The couch has been removed and 2 Lazyboy rockers/recliners have replaced it. They have removable custom camo covers. The trailer is located near Del Rio, Texas. The asking price is \$70,000.00.

Also available as the tow vehicle, is a **2005 Eddie Bauer Excursion Diesel** with approximately 156K miles. Banks exhaust and airbags installed. The asking price is \$45,000.00. Combo Price \$105,000.00. Please call Dave Williams at 713-560-1298.

**For Sale: 171 Holly.** Recent electrical upgrade to Jasper-Newton Electrical Co-op. Roof has been repainted with 10-year elastomeric reflective paint, 05/2022. 30-gallon water heater installed 08/2020. Recently repainted interior throughout. New 1.5 ton mini-split AC/heat, installed 02/2022. Short walk to clubhouse & Lake Sam Rayburn. All appliances included. Furnishings are negotiable. <u>\$70,000</u>. Contact Van Neie, <u>airstreamlivingTAHI@gmail.com</u>.

Price **REDUCED**: **\$63,000** 

**For Sale:** Lot 11, 160 Elm. 40' x 80' lot nestled among the huge pines & boasts two huge concrete pads plus a full length concrete sidewalk. The asphalt driveway will keep you & your tow vehicle clean on rainy days as well. To the rear of the lot you have a nice view of Lake Sam Rayburn while the pines provide plenty of shade. Pad could be used to build on if you choose and keep the other as a large patio area. 30 amp TAHI electrical, water & sewer service are conveniently located for stress free hookups. Asking \$7,000 or best cash offer. May trade for an interesting golf cart plus cash. For more information. please email John at ttt2davir@gmail.com

## The Peddler! (continued)

**For Sale: 173 Magnolia.** Gorgeous cabana, completely renovated. Beautiful cabinets with granite countertops. Large deck. Air-conditioned storage building/man cave. Central air/heat. Two patio areas. Washer/Dryer and refrigerator included. Contact Nancy Fitzgerald, 281-739-5701. \$140,000.

**For Sale: Lots 2 & 4 Elm.** Two beautiful cabanas on adjacent lots are located within walking distance to the beautiful Lake Sam Rayburn Reservoir and the park clubhouse. Price for both cabanas is \$165,000.

Lot 4: Cabana was built in 2022. Design is based on an open floor plan, has a storm shelter, granite countertops, custom made kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Weatherized with closed cell insulation foam & solar screens. Has two split AC/Heat units, ceiling fans & seamless gutters.

Lot 2: Large corner lot, open floor plan, large bathroom with a bathtub, stacked washer and dryer, AC units in bedroom and kitchen area, ceiling fans in bedroom and front porch. This cabana offers the opportunity to create a fantastic office/guesthouse and has many upgrades, new windows and gutters.

All appliances included in both cabanas. Furnishings are negotiable. Both cabanas under electric service by Jasper-Newton Electric Co-op. Buyer is responsible for paying membership and transfer fees. To view the cabanas, point of contact is: Janie Lovelady, 220 Magnolia Zavalla, TX 75980. 817-253-0210 For more information feel free to call owner, Hector Correa, at 703-631-2015.

**For Sale: 2012 30-foot Airstream Classic.** Queen bed, two recliners, Hickory cabinets, two air conditioners, 50-amp, Max Air Fantastic Fans, lots of storage, in great condition. Dinette was removed and stored – available if wanted. Propane cooktop was replaced with Induction cooktop. Willing to switch back if you prefer propane. \$84,000. Contact Roy Moore, 713-504-0140, or Brenda Moore, 281-326-6025.

**For Sale: 121 Oak.** The Moores have decided to sell 121 Oak. It is a beautiful corner lot with asphalt pad. A gorgeous oak provides plenty of shade. \$6,000. Contact Roy Moore, 713-504-0140, or Brenda Moore, 281-326-6025.

**For Sale: 100 & 110 Pine.** 100 Pine is a corner lot with an asphalt driveway, 200-amp service with Jasper-Newton Electric, concrete patio, nice trees and a 10 x 12 storage shed. 110 Pine has an asphalt driveway, 100-amp service with Jasper-Newton Electric, concrete patio and nice trees for shade. *Selling both together for \$15,000.* Contact Roy Moore, 713-504-0140, or Brenda Moore, 281-326-6025.

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.