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NEWSLETTER



... from the President

I'm not sure how it is possible, but every rally seems to get more amazing than the previous one. The April Doc Cain Fishing Tournament was no different. Thursday evening kicked off with pizza & beer, two large fire pits, a photo booth and karaoke, with the one and only "DJ Bobber" (Ms. Jennifer DeLand), keeping the hits going well past 9 PM.

Friday morning at 10, we held the TGCU Membership meeting, to allow uninterrupted fishing Saturday morning. The meeting was called to order, invocation given by Mr. Fred Richardson, Pledge led by Vice President Debra Green, and then we sang God Bless America, led by Past President Emmalee Wilson. While everyone was still standing, I administered

May 2022

*"CHARLIE P."
PHISHING TOURNAMENT RALLY
MAY 12-15*



the TGCU Creed to all, reminding everyone what is expected of all members of our Unit. Like participating at rallies & working a rally when it is your turn. It is assumed that

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both members will get involved. It is important that everyone keeps their equipment up to safety standards.

We discussed the pre-Region 9 Rally caravan to Tatum and Henderson as well as our unit's duties at the Region 9 Rally. International caravan and post caravans were discussed in hopes of enticing more to sign up.

Treasurer RutheAnn spoke passionately about how the funds collected at Sunday services go to the Zavalla Food Bank and how many families it serves every month. Thank you to all that contribute.

As of this writing we have one application for the scholarship TGPU is giving to a Zavalla High School senior, interested in pursuing further schooling in the "Trades" arena. We installed new members Marilyn and Mike Murphy. The Sheriff's report collected a few fines. Right after the meeting, fifteen or so crafty members helped assemble the table decorations for the Region 9 Rally, all lead by Ms. Dee Smith. Later, it was nice to see some really lovely heavy hors d'oeuvres, enjoyed by all and followed by games.

Saturday morning breakfast was different than normal. We had scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and white gravy with lots of sausage mixed in. Tournament participants started eating promptly at 7:00, and most were on their way to the dock by 7:30. The breakfast crew began preparations at 5 AM, and it was amazing to see that volume of food served and consumed in a half hour. Several members

of the breakfast crew were also entered in the tournament. At breakfast, it was announced that April's Tournament was a QUALIFIER for the May Phishing Tournament. I went down to the water's edge to watch everyone racing out to catch the Big One. Then I went to the Point to watch several ladies casting out from shore. One was in the water over her rubber boots, chasing after, well pretty much anything that may have swum close by. All participants showed great courage because Mr. Bill Wilson and Ms. Emma Lee reported seeing a gator not long before the tournament start time. Those not fishing were able to keep busy with a craft making session led by Ms. Dee Smith, Ms. Jennifer Deland and Ms. Janie Lovelady.

Saturday evening featured Happy Hour, and at 7 with Potluck, with a vast array of delicious entrees and desserts. Finally we had the Tournament "Awards Ceremony", put on by Mr. Fred. There were so many tournament highlights and fish tales and accounts of other "activities" (a great story told by both Ms. Annette & Mr. Mike Bearden) even I am considering entering next year's tournament 😊😊. List of winners is printed in this newsletter. Congratulations to all participants and an outstanding job by April Host Crew. Thank you.

I cannot leave out a big thank you to our many wonderful sponsors: Airstream, Valendine Lakeside, Lufkin, Tatum, Beaumont and so many others. Just a fantastic effort led by Mr. Fred &

RutheAnn Richardson. At the awards ceremony, it was announced that The May Phishing Rally was open first, to ALL ladies (whether they fished in April or not), then men who did NOT fish in April, then remaining spaces for men who did enter April's tournament. The weather is guaranteed to be pleasant and dry. While sponsorship and prizes cannot come close to that of April, I guarantee the Grand Prize is very nice and very generous of the sponsor.

Please take a minute to read the article on page 20 of the April Blue Beret, about the "22/22" program. International is starting this program to increase the WBCCI's Philanthropic visions as well as increasing the visibility of the club. TGCU roughly has 94 members, and if we could get 47 members to donate, I think it would be a great minimum goal to start with. There is a link in the article which takes you to the proper place to make your donation, with various payment methods available. Donating is a private matter, but I ask if you decide to give, please let me know, so I can see if we hit my goal of 47 participants. Donations I believe are tax deductible. Wild guess here, if this drive is successful, look for a 23/23 next year. ☺

Please attend the May TGCU Membership meeting, fore we will be going over NEW voting procedures for International Officers as well as voting at the International rally.

I've reached my "Tab Goal" and hoping to add to it handily, with the cut-off date of

July 4th to get your tabs to me. I am looking forward to the picture of all the tabs, and will be very surprised if another unit or person beats our amount.

Charlie P. #55

T.G.C.U. & You

***T.G.C.U.
Is YOU***



REMINDER:
Monthly Rally Fee was increased from \$10 to \$15 per person back in January 2022.

Lunch at
the
clubhouse



Wednesday, May 11
12:00 noon

Bring your own lunch. **Dessert provided!**

Please RSVP to Emma Lee
936-635-2095
Husbands or guests welcome

Thanking John Jacob

for donating items to our clubhouse kitchen

**Knives Serving Utensils Silverware
Measuring Cups Measuring Spoons
and several other items that
we will find handy in our kitchen**

*Almost everything was commercial
grade and will be put to good use!*

What a generous donation!

Rally Host Schedule - 2022

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

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

October: Pat Muller, Richard & Sarah Wallace, Byron & Lou Kaelin, Tom Kalkowski, Dan & Stephanie Kersten

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 haven't found your name on the schedule, please sign up on the Host Schedule at the clubhouse.

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



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

May 2022 Rally Hosts

Bruce & Debra Green Terry & Keith DeCuir
Ken & Ava Daniels Paul & Angel Bevering

(See Rally Host Duty Reminders on page 15.)

"CHARLIE P." PHISHING TOURNAMENT

RALLY SCHEDULE ~ MAY 12-15, 2022

Thursday, May 12

Ice Cream & A Movie: The Long, Long Trailer

6:00 pm Bring your favorite beverage

Ice Cream provided by the ***Sheriff's Monies!***

6:45 pm Movie begins. Popcorn & Treats served.



Friday, May 13

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 a favorite dish to share & set-ups.

7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship

Saturday, May 14

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

11:00 am TAHI Membership Meeting

2:00 pm Trailer Clinic

5:00 pm Happy Hour. Bring your own beverage. ***Wear your fishing shirt!***

5:15 pm Phishing Tournament. ***Prizes awarded to best Phishermen!***

6:00 pm Dinner. Bring your own beverage.

7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship

Sunday, May 15

8:30-9:00 am Coffee & Donuts

9:00 am Devotional

9:30 am Clubhouse clean-up



April Rally Photos



Lunch Bunch at The Eagle's Nest



Mexican Train—Fun & Fellowship



“DJ Bobber” and Her Fishermen



Fun With Crafts



The Fishing Tournament





The Winners

Crappie

- Most** 1st Place: Ken & Bob – 31
 2nd Place: Paul & Richard – 18
Biggest 1st Place: Fred & Van

Catfish

- Most** 1st Place: Mike & Annette – 4
 2nd Place: Bruce & Jody – 3
Biggest 1st Place: Isa & Pat – 17 1/2"
 2nd Place: Lou, Byron & Randy

Bass

- Biggest** 1st Place: Bill W. & Orville – 16"
 Participants:
 Keith & Dan
 Jim H., Jim H., Sr. & Rich

Powder Puff Division

Catfish

- Most** 1st Place: Dana – 3
 Participants:
 Mary, Pam, Emma Lee, Celene, Nancy

CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays

- 1 Charlie Petrillo
- 7 Chuck McClay
- 14 Louis Smith
- 22 Jennifer DeLand
- 31 Pam Pearson

New to Our Community

Mike & Mary Murphy, Pineville, Louisiana

May Anniversaries

- 4 Bruce & Linda Williams
- 28 Joe & Kay Lang

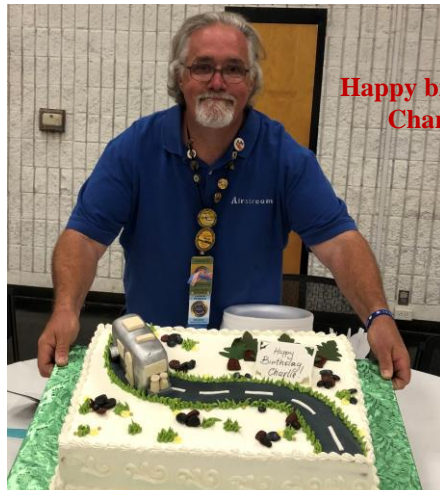
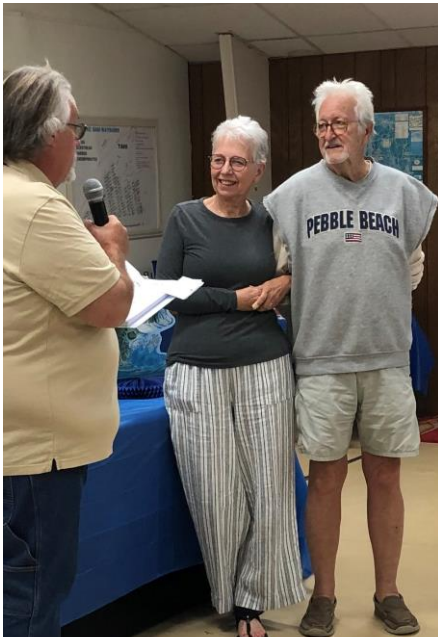
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Repairs

All Things Airstream



Happy birthday, Charlie!



ON AGING



On Aging

Part 2

By I.D. Clair

There is a Snoopy cartoon in which he is lying on his back on top of his doghouse, ears dangling beneath him, and staring at the sky. “I’m Retired” is written in bold, large letters above him. Beneath him, in smaller print on the side of his doghouse, the following sentence appears: “I was tired yesterday, and I’m tired again today!”

Aging is a bit like that – tired yesterday, and tired again today. Gone are the youthful times when we could work or play easily and painlessly for days on end. Admittedly, as we age, we are unable to do some things the young still do.

The things we can do in our latter years, however, are vastly more significant and more worthwhile. It is not nonstop energy and a strong back that achieve the important things in life. It is, among other things, experience, wisdom, patience, personal influence, and meaningful friendships.

The ancient Greek city-state of Sparta was a warrior society, which began the military training of its boys at age 7. At age 20, Spartan males became full-time soldiers, and remained on active duty until age 60. But in Sparta the highest governing body was made up entirely of old men, and they were called, simply, “The Old Men.” History is after all full of examples where the young have sent powerful governments crashing to ruin.

Youth is overrated, and it is a fact far too often overlooked that the latter years of our lives are meant to be better than the early years. One of the best things a person can do about aging is to embrace it. As Snoopy said, “Be yourself. No one can say you’re doing it wrong.”

April CARAVANS

And other Travels

11th Annual Tatum Pecan Pie Festival

April 23, 2022



Just like out of the oven!
Nothing like heating food up on a nice
diesel motor for a few hours—
Charlie's yummy hot dog & apple pie!





Region 9 Rally

April 26-May 1, 2022

Mineola, TX 75773

Mineola Civic Center



Highlights: Charity Bingo Baloon Volleyball
Breakfast Hosted by TGPU Blackstone Bunch
Campfires & Region 9 "Jammers" Chili Cook-Off
Airstream 101 & 202 Seminars Quilting Excursion
Officer Training SideWalk Sale Golf Scramble
Presidents Club & Leader Recognition
& Ms. Nina Welling's Handmade Presidents' Aprons

56 Rigs—115 People
All 10 units/clubs represented!





Congratulations to the 2022, Region 9 Outside Balloon Volleyball Champions, TGCU!

Conditions were Gale Force Winds at minimum. Score went back and forth, but towards the end “WE” pulled away decisively, to a 11-7 win.

Team members were: **Eat Em Up EmmaLee Slamming Stephanie Dunking Dan Brutal Bruce** and member of our unit, first time attending, **Ace Man Jim Trimble** and myself **[Charlie P]**.

Despite outrageous calls by a very partial & obnoxious umpire, sub-par chairs, and thorny grass that popped numerous balloons.

Thankfully **Balloon Girl Nancy** had extras and was constantly placing measured amounts of water in them prior to filling with air. Challenging conditions for all.

TGCU & You TGCU is You TGCU BABY!!

...Thinking a Ticker-Tape Golf Cart Parade may be in order upon returning or during May Rally. 😊

International Travel
Mary Watermann visits
her native Ireland

with Airstream on her mind (we're sure!)
as she kisses the Blarney Stone



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday, June 9 – Sunday, June 12

ATTENTION ATTENTION

Please Read all the **Blue Beret** Articles about the TWO "International Club" **Changing Amendments**, that **YOU'RE** being asked to **Vote on**. **Please attend the May TGCU Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 14th, at 10 AM.** If you have any questions, contact me and I will gladly attempt to help you. I attended 2, hour & half+ round table discussions, at the Region 9 Rally. **–Charlie Petrillo**

ATTENTION ATTENTION

TGCU Rally Host Duty Reminders

- Coordinate plans with other rally hosts, first couple listed is organizer
- 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



**FRYEBURG, ME
JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH
65th International Rally**

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

Sign up online at [2022 IR Registration | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org/2022-IR-Registration).

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



It's May already...and from an old Almanac saying ..*"The Pecan trees are now blooming so Spring is officially here"*..whoever wrote that saying wasn't around TAHI very much because they would have known Spring came in during April with yellow pollen everywhere, sneezing and itchy eyes. Wow everything was covered with yellow pollen..but the beauty that this season brings makes it all worth it. Roses are blooming, trees showing their new leaves and of course the grass is growing.



Speaking of grass growing there are two lawn services that take care of mowing individual lots. If you are looking for someone to mow your lot(s) this Spring and Summer please contact them. They are: Jerry Bouleware, individual and a company, A Cut Above. To contact Jerry he can be reached at 936-465-1597. A Cut Above at 936-228-6006. For mowing our common areas and TAHI guest lots volunteers who have been checked out on the Gravely mower keep our park looking nice. Thanks to those folks.

The April winds have been super strong this year along with some pretty nasty weather. Recently the wind knocked out power, internet and phone service all over Zavalla, including us. However, our backup generators kept our water and sewer plants operational for over 7 hours. Power was available at the clubhouse and several folks went there to watch the final round of the Masters golf tournament via satellite tv. We are blessed with our amenities for back up electrical power providing water and sewer operations.

Work Days called recently afforded us the opportunity to repair a Main water shut-off valve that was leaking. Everyone showed up and the water was off for less than 2 hours. Thanks to all who helped. Several water faucets in the park were also replaced during the water cut off. You gotta love team work. On another day, volunteers mowed, raked pine needles moved some discarded items to proper disposal sites.

Our water tank is being painted on the outside as a regular maintenance to give us years of service. The scope of work includes washing, sanding of surface rust areas, treating those areas and painting with a water based Latex paint outlined by the American Water Well Association (AWWA). All precautions have been followed to ensure no contaminants entered our water supply. A lab will test our water following painting and drying. We will recind our Boil Water notice following that test.

An annoying vibration noise at the water tank coming from our Trihalomethane blower motor is being investigated. I have contacted our engineering firm that designed and installed the tower for possible solutions to remedy that noise. While most of our park residents don't hear the noise it is affecting/annoying those who have lots/cabanas near the tank on Dogwood. Until a solution is found there will be on/off periods for those residents.

We will have a TAHI membership meeting during the TGPU rally in May. In our March meeting we discussed hosting a Region 9 rally at TAHI. Those plans have been put on hold as time was too short to prepare for a 2023 rally. We will look into a possible 2024 rally. The board in our April meeing approved two gift certificates for 2 nights free camping as door prizes at the Region 9 rally in Mineola.



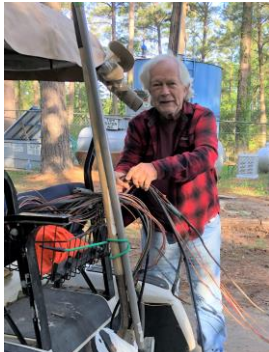
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Remember to record miles traveled
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At the December Rally, an award will go
to the traveler with the most miles in 2022.



REMINDER:

*You can review TAHI
documents on our website:*

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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: 110 Elm. Very nice corner lot with asphalt 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 and electricity. If you want more information, contact marymoosemiller@gmail.com.

For Sale: Lots 200, 210 & 220 Oak. Beautiful, extra large cabana with glass enclosed air-conditioned porch and great sunset lake view. Trailer port next to cabana with nice size storage shed and extra lot for extra parking. For information, call Terry McFillen, 337-962-9980.

(Continued on next page)

The Peddler! (continued)

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. \$89,500 OBO. See full ad with pictures on website. Call Marsha Barnhart, 469-716-0447.

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: Beautiful 1993, 32 foot, Excella Airstream. This Airstream has full awnings covering each side. She has new blinds on the windows, a super modern Dometic refrigerator, and a new microwave. She has rear twin beds, each with an extra thick mattress made for an Airstream. One of her best comfort features is a set of matching leather recliners. This Excella is sparkling clean and is ready for travel. Asking price is \$38,000. Call Brenda Jacob, 936-465-6475 or John Jacob, 817-483-8801.

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.

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