

# Texas Plains Journal



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### From the President's Desk



Larry Luman

With Thanksgiving just days away and my term as President of our unit winding down, I reflect on the past year with a thankful spirit.

Firstly, I want to thank each of you who have offered help and encouragement throughout the year. Without our active membership and willingness to "pitch in", our unit could not continue to be viable.

From "no host rallies" to rallies in unique locations, we have managed to come together and have a successful rally season. I would hope that most of us would agree that, regardless of the rally site, we have come away from each rally feeling that it was worth the effort to attend.

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Our final rally of the season was by all accounts a success, if you don't include less than optimum viewing conditions for the Marfa lights and the cancellation of the Starlight Party! When we selected Ft. Davis as our rally site, we were uncertain whether or not it would be a popular destination. We had never camped there before and had not even been to Ft. Davis, except to drive through over 30 years ago. We were pleasantly surprised by the beauty of the



area, the majestic mountain ranges and fall colors among the cottonwood trees. Although we did not have the benefit of a meeting room, the crisp mornings and cool evenings were not a deterrent to the get-togethers. By the end of the week-end, we had a record setting 31 in attendance. We especially want to recognize those from other units who chose to join us in Ft. Davis. I think their attendance speaks to the friendliness and inclusiveness of our group.

Secondly, Joan and I are thankful for the friendships we have made through our association with WBCCI, not only at the local level, but throughout the country. Starting our travels with the IBT rally in January, the Region Rally in March, the International Rally in July, and the Balloon Fiesta Rally in October, we have had the opportunity to explore the country and to know that because of our association with WBCCI, we find familiar faces and welcoming smiles wherever we go.

I look forward to working with the incoming officers to make 2018 the best year yet, and I encourage everyone to participate whenever and however you can.



## Memorandum

From: **Jan Thompson** Treasurer



To: All Texas Plains Members

Incoming president, **Betty Foley**, has received some communication from the chair of the newly formed Special Financial Management Committee that affects the procedures we will use for financing future unit rallies and collecting rally fees from the participants. The communication states in part:

**"It's important that all money collected on behalf of the Unit for rallies, caravans, special event rallies, etc., and checks for same, be made out to your Unit - not to an individual. The monies collected by that individual could be considered personal or business income and the individual could be considered liable if something happens during the event."**

The statement necessitates that our unit adapt new procedures effective January 1, 2018. Following are suggested procedures that will bring our unit into compliance with the committee's recommendations:

- Unit hosts or anyone else who incurs expenditures relating to an event shall submit a request for reimbursement along with appropriate documentation (receipts, etc.) to the unit treasurer.
- The unit treasurer will reimburse the individuals and keep a tally of the total amount expended for the event.
- The unit treasurer will calculate the per person rally fee by dividing the tally by the number of participants and round up to the nearest dollar. The unit treasurer will collect the fees from the participants.
- If there are unused items remaining after the event, they will be distributed among the participants as desired.
- Any excess funds collected due to rounding will be used to reduce the tally of expenditures for the next event.

Some of us who have hosted rallies in the past have guessed at a "ballpark" figure for a rally fee and absorbed any shortage. The procedures above will not

only address the concerns of the committee but will also ensure that rally hosts are adequately reimbursed for all expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jan Thompson**, Treasurer

## Treasurers Report.

### Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance at October 31 2017:

<u>Assets:</u>			
Petty Cash	\$100.00		
Checking Account	4,341.04		
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b><u>\$4,441.04</u></b>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Shriner's Hospital for Children	\$405.50		
Common Cents for Kids	19.50		
WBCCI dues to be remitted	<u>1,690.00</u>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			<b>\$2,115.00</b>
<u>Fund Balance:</u>			
Beginning Balance	\$2,056.04		
Net Revenue	<u>270.00</u>		
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>			<b><u>2,326.04</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>			<b><u>\$4,441.04</u></b>

### Revenue and Expenditures for the Ten Months ended October 31, 2017:

<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dues	\$370.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$370.00</b>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Memorials	<u>\$100.00</u>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b><u>100.00</u></b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>			<b><u>\$270.00</u></b>

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Ten Months ended October 31, 2017:

Net Revenue	\$270.00
Other Cash Receipts and Disbursements(-):	
Common Cents for Kids	-20.00
Shriner's Hospital for Children	-477.15
WBCCI dues to be remitted	<u>1,690.00</u>
Net cash increase (-decrease) for period	<u>\$1,462.85</u>
Beginning cash balance	<u>2,978.19</u>
Ending cash balance	<b><u>\$4,441.04</u></b>



# Fort Davis Rally November 2017

By Linda Shelton

Wow, what a great time of fun, friends, and fellowship!! And of course, lots and lots of good food!!!!

Arrival day was filled with many hugs and, of course, a potluck dinner! The Clarks and Lumans prepared delicious pot roast with everyone bringing sides to share! I would rate this rally as a 10-pound rally!!! Mmmmmmm!!

The next morning the hosts served a breakfast of oatmeal and banana nut bread before we all loaded up for the fort.

Thursday we went to Ft. Davis; it is one of the best-preserved frontier forts in the southwest! We first saw a film, which gave us the history of Fort Davis. Just to give a little history of the fort, it was established in October 1854 along the Limpia Creek at Painted Comanche Camp. The fort was named after the Secretary of War Jefferson Davis. It is tucked into a canyon flanked on three sides by sheer rock walls in hopes to protect it from the winter northers. Fort Davis was occupied from 1854 the 1891.

Today, 24 restored buildings and over 100 ruins and foundations are a part of Fort Davis National Historic Site. Five of the historic buildings have been refurbished to the 1880s making it easy for visitors to envision themselves being at the fort at the hub of its development.

Golf carts were provided for those who were unable to walk the hundreds of miles within the fort.... ☺ Now I know why soldiers are thin!!

Now, off to eat lunch in downtown Ft. Davis at The Porch! A very nice meal of soup and Panini sandwiches was enjoyed. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring the area.

One of the best treats was the Fort Davis Drug Store where they made shakes and malts from Blue Bell Ice Cream!!! The hamburgers were outstanding!! Another reason this is a 10-pound rally!!

Friday morning, a breakfast of pancakes, sausage,



and bacon with some leftover banana nut bread was served!! **Gary** and I even stepped in to help fry bacon and sausage....don't faint, I do know how to cook but I just don't do it very often!! It was my excuse to be close to some warmth, it was very cold that morning!!

Everyone went exploring or played joker until meeting at the historic Presidio County Court House in Marfa for a tour. Then off to the Hotel Paisano to explore where the stars of "Giant" stayed during the filming of the movie. A gourmet meal was enjoyed at Jett's Restaurant in the hotel, can you say 10-pound rally!!!

Then, off to "view" the famous Marfa lights!! I was surprised there were so many people there to watch for these lights! One lady who grew up there gave us insights on what to look for, AND there were even some lights



seen by a chosen few!! One of the most phenomenal sights other than the lights was the brilliant sunset in the west and the full moon rising in the east at the same time. A once in a lifetime sight!

Saturday morning, the hosts served a light breakfast because we met at the Indian Lodge Black Bear Café for lunch. Another great meal!! The rest of the day was spent doing whatever...joker, nap or exploring!!

Side note from me; I was able to explore places I had

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grown up visiting but hadn't seen in over 40 years. There was one site that I had my heart set on seeing and that was the "Rock Pile" as we called it, but its real name is "Point of Rocks". Kit Carson 1809-1868 (mountain man, frontiersman, guide, Indian agent, and U.S. Army Officer) carved his name into one of the rocks on his way west. We found the rocks 11 miles southwest of Fort Davis, and I was like a kid again but there was no climbing all over the rocks, too old. Couldn't find Kit's name but after 40 years I can't remember what I did yesterday much less remember where the exact rock was!!

Saturday night found us all at the McDonald's Observatory for the Twilight Program beginning at 6:45 with the Star Party following. Unfortunately, the clouds came

in and there was no viewing of the stars so a refund was given. We went back to camp for a good nights sleep!!

It was a very enjoyable rally with great memories made by all!! Happy Trails to all!!

**Gary and Linda Shelton**



## Birthdays for November and December

Bell	Greg	November 1
Price	Bill	November 1
Williams	Danny	November 4
Hallmark	Lorren	November 8
Fried	Bruce	November 11
Poff	Susan	November 20
Calcote	Lynda	November 22
Hightower	Donna	November 23
Tillery	Ray	November 23
Phillips	Lillie	November 26
Hansen	Bob	November 30
Calcote	Bart	December 3
Grabowski	Pat	December 10
Pope	Darlene	December 12
Lambrecht	Richard	December 12
Starkey	Sharon	December 21
Foley	Betty	December 27
Hightower	Royce	December 27
Garrett	Phillip	December 28

Our Officers for 2018	
President	Betty Foley
1ST VP	Johnny Poff
2nd VP	Susan Poff
Correspondence Secretary	Susan Poff
Recording Secretary	Myrna Coffman
Treasure	Jan Thompson
Director 1 year	Ron Foley
Director 1 year	Sherri Lanham
Director 2 year	Dick Lanham
Director 2 year	Joan Luman
Past President	Larry Luman

## Anniversaries for November and December

Calcote	Bart & Lynda	November 22
Clark	Rayburn & Mary Lou	November 24
Lanham	Dick & Sherri	November 24
Garrett	Phillip & Julia	December 3
Pope	Bill & Darlene	December 20
Selking	Andrew & Barb	December 28
Grabowski	Ted & Pat	December 30
Lambrecht	Richard & Barbara	December 30

I would like to thank those who submitted pictures of the rally. It just makes the newsletter better to see different views other than mine.  
THANK YOU.

Ron

# Texas Plains Unit Schedule of Events 2018

Monthly	11:30 AM Lubbock Luncheon 1st Saturday each month	<b><u>Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant</u></b> 6251 Slide Road Lubbock, Texas Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921 or bettyjay-foley@gmail.com
Monthly	6:00 PM Amarillo Supper 1st Saturday each month	<b><u>El Patron Restaurant</u></b> 5807 SW 45th Ave #500 Amarillo, Tx Dick Lanham 806-674-9849 sdlanham@sbcglobal.net
January	January 13 11:30 am	<b><u>Luncheon- "Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Go!!!"</u></b> Cotton Patch Cafe, 3314 Olton Road, Plainview, TX Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921
February	February 10, 11:30 am	<b><u>Valentine Luncheon &amp; Charity Donations (Reservations required)</u></b>  Lubbock Women's Club: 2020 Broadway, Lubbock, TX Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921
March	March 6 - 11 Texas History Expedition: Taylor, Georgetown, and Austin Georgetown, Texas	<b><u>RV Park to be determined by hosts.</u></b>  Contact: Gary & Linda Shelton @ 361-571-3140
April	April 9-15 49th Region 9 "Peace, Love, Airstream" Rally Abilene, Texas	<b><u>Expo Center of Taylor County</u></b> 1700 State Hwy 36 GPS: 1801 ES 11th Street Contact: David Thompson, Region 9 Treasurer 806-679-8337
May	May 3-6 "Hanging Out at the Hangar" in Amarillo, Texas	<b><u>River Falls Airport (SE of Amarillo)</u></b> Claude Hwy. 1151 12851 Montana Way (within the airport) Hosts: Tillerys and Lanhams Contact: 806-678-0742
June	June 23-30 61st International Rally "Living the Dream" Salem, OR	<b><u>Oregon State Fair &amp; Exposition Center</u></b> 2330 17th Street, NE Salem, OR 97301 Contact: WBCCI.ORG to register
July	July 7 "Blue Bell & Joker!" Ransom Canyon, Texas	<b><u>53 East Lakeshore Drive</u></b> Ransom Canyon, Texas 79366 Hosts: Ellene Osborn & Lumans, Clarks, & Foleys Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-6875921
August	August 22-26 "Airstreaming Among the Pines" Ropdiada, NM 87742	<b><u>Pendaries RV Resort</u></b> <b><u>9 Clubhouse Dr.</u></b> <b><u>Rociada, NM 87742</u></b>  Hosts: Myrna Coffman 806-773-8446 & Thompsons
September	September 5-9 "Country Music Festival"  Hugoton, KS	<b><u>Eagle RV Park (20 spaces reserved)</u></b> <b><u>1471 Road 13</u></b> <b><u>Hugoton, KS</u></b> <b><u>620-544-3069 Jan Leonard: Owner</u></b> <b><u>Hosts: Lee &amp; Sherri Reynolds and Foleys</u></b>
October	October 25-28 "All Aboard" The Texas Country Air Rally Brownwood, Texas	<b><u>Downtown Brownwood, Texas</u></b> Bill Price 940-839-8567 wa5nbp@sbcglobal.net Contact: David Thompson, Region 9 Treasurer 806-679-8337
December	December 8 "Christmas Luncheon & Officer Installation" '5	<b><u>Women's Club Lubbock, Texas Reservations Required</u></b> 2020 Broadway, Lubbock, TX Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921

# What's Happening in Brownwood 2018?

by **Betty Foley**



**Bill Price**, WBAC Chairman for National and Special Event Rallies, assembled his "ad hoc" committee together, and met at Brownwood, Tx, from October 25-29 to plan for the Texas Country Air 2018. This rally is going to be filled with new activities, seminars, and great entertainment.



theme "All Aboard because the railroad has such a prominent profile in the city.

The Chamber of Commerce of Brownwood is very



**No one is going to want to miss this rally!**



excited to be hosting this event along with Region 9 of the WBAC.

Brownwood is a small sized town of about 9,500 citizens, and it is considered to be a railroad hub in the center of Texas. The committee adopted the

Get ready and be one of the first to register. Registration fee is \$100, and starts **January 15, 2018** the first 49 to register for hookups will get electricity and water for an additional \$20 a night which goes to the city of Brownwood. The other units will be boon-docking on the streets of Brownwood. The rally is limited to 200 units. **All Airstreams are welcome, whether they are WBAC members or not.** All venues are within walking distance of all the designated parking spaces.

"All Aboard" for Texas Country Air in Brownwood 2018.



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