

Texas Plains Journal



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From the Past President's Desk



Larry and Joan Luman

My last newsletter finds me thankful...for a wonderful 2017 and all the members of our club who have made it a memorable year. I really appreciate all of the support and patience each of you has shown this past year. I took this position with a bit of reluctance, knowing that I am not one who seeks out leadership roles which requires planning and organization, having had over 37 years of that in the business world. With the assistance of the other officers, I feel like we can say that it's been a successful year.

As **Betty Foley** assumes the role as club president, I know that she can count on continued support from the membership. **Betty's** energy and enthusiasm will no doubt bring a needed boost of interest as we look forward to hitting the road once again in 2018. The choice of rally sites takes us back to some of our favorite spots as well as introduces us to some new unexplored destinations.

Finally, I want to once again pay a special tribute to those who are no longer with us, who have moved away, or just found it time to say goodbye to the road. Each one touched our lives in a memorable way, and I am grateful that we were able to share this part of our lives with so many special people.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

What an honor to be nominated and elected to be your President of the best unit in all of WBAC! I am so very humbled, and I want to serve the club in the best possible way. I follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before me and I have witnessed some of the best presidents in action. They are great examples for me to follow.

I am very excited about 2018 and the rallies that are on the calendar. I am, also, excited to be serving with all of the members of the Executive Board. This club is going places!

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From the President's Desk



Betty Foley

Starting a New Year

At this time of year, I am always mindful of the fact that we have had another great year of safe travels and adventures in our Airstream, and have returned home with new knowledge of different people and places. A New Year is looming in the not too far away future and we have this past year's adventures to look back on. It is good to be home for this holiday season when we celebrate and have so much to be thankful for. But there are already the stirrings in me that want to prepare to travel again soon!

2017 has been a great year for our family, with the marriage of both our sons to wonderful, lovely

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by Susan Poff

Planning for Salem 2018



by **Susan Poff**

I have just become aware that there are very few of us from our unit going to the Airstream International Rally in Salem, Oregon next June. I have not had the opportunity to attend many of the international rallies, but from those I have attended I have found that the trip getting there can be a wonderful adventure! And attending the rallies has allowed us to meet people from all over North America and explore cities which we probably would never have gotten to see. The fact that we are in a location for about 2 weeks at each International Rally has given us the opportunity to feel a real part of the community where we are staying. Last year, we got to feel a part of Escanaba, Michigan. We went with the rest of the community to the new local Farmers Market every few days and learned about the small businesses in town. We toured the beautiful gardens of Escanaba with other residents at the community Garden Tour and attended a celebration at the harbor with others. We went to the outdoor concerts in the park and contributed to many of the needs in that community. This is what Airstreamers do at each International Rally. In Lewisburg, Virginia there was a flood which impacted the whole surrounding area and Airstreamers pulled together to donate and help so many in need. In Farmington, NM we helped an agency that was providing very much needed support to women and children in that community. We are there not just to have fun, but to also leave something good in each place we go.

We really enjoy seeing the places near us on our monthly rallies, but when we go to an international rally we get to see so much more of our country. At the International there are so many things to do, it seems overwhelming at first. The key is making out your own schedule to attend the multitude of classes, programs, tours and activities that interest you. The people who are planning each International, have been working for more than a year to make sure the Rally has all the activities you could ever want to do. The volunteers and band members do a tremendous amount of work to make this a wonderful experience for all of us! But if you don't go, it cannot be a success.

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I had a conversation with a member recently, **Dr. Bruce Fried**, and he said something very profound and full of truth. We were talking about his future plans to travel to the International rallies in 2018 and 2019. He said that he had committed to some positions for each of the rallies. Then, he said this, "If you want the club to succeed, each person needs to step up and volunteer." He's right, of course, the club cannot be run by only one or two members. I truly feel that the reason Texas Plains Unit has been so successful is because everyone takes a turn and each person steps up to volunteer. I am so proud to be associated with this club.

Can you tell? I am looking forward to serving you and implementing your ideas. As I said before "this club is going places, and we are going together!"



Betty Foley being Inaugurated as President, with First Mate **Ron Foley** by **David Thompson**



I hope you might reconsider attending the rally in Salem, Oregon. We would love to have you join us on our adventure!! We are planning to caravan our way there, so come on, let's go together!!

young women. There feels like a promise of new family and new adventures on the horizon. Our Air-stream accompanied us to both of the far flung destinations which our children chose for their weddings, one in Florida and another in Wisconsin.

2017 has also been a year of great loss. Our Texas Plains Unit has lost many dear and wonderful members and so many of us have had to experience the loss of a spouse or a longtime friend this year. People have had health concerns causing them to need to stop traveling with us, others have moved away and left us. This is a time when **Johnny** and I are reflecting on how 2017 meant gaining new family and losing old friends. A time of great joy and of great sadness.

It is coming on Winter in Texas. Even though it is unseasonably warm, the trees and plants know it is time to change the color of their beautiful leaves to gold and red and drop the old leaves in preparation for the new ones. We live in farming country, so we see the fields harvested and the land lying there, bare but recuperating in preparation for a new crop, a new year.

Consequently, we are the same. We are rejuvenating our bodies, our rig and our souls. We are looking forward to the planned rallies next year in places like **Georgetown; Amarillo; Hugoton, Kansas; Pendaries, NM; and Salem, Oregon** with our unit members. Rejoicing that we are a part of this group of friends and travelers, we look forward to 2018 with all of you!

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

Treasurers Report.	
Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance at November 30 2017:	
<u>Assets:</u>	
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Checking Account	<u>2,681.04</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,781.04</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Shriner's Hospital for Children	\$405.50
Common Cents for Kids	<u>19.50</u>
Total Liabilities	\$425.00
<u>Fund Balance:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$2,056.04
Net Revenue	<u>300.00</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>2,356.04</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$2,781.04</u>
Revenue and Expenditures for the Eleven Months ended November 30, 2017:	
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Dues	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$400.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Memorials	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>100.00</u>
Net Revenue	<u>\$300.00</u>
Statement of Cash Flows for the Eleven Months ended November 30, 2017:	
Net Revenue	\$300.00
Other Cash Receipts and Disbursements(-):	
Common Cents for Kids	-20.00
Shriner's Hospital for Children	<u>-477.15</u>
Net cash increase (-decrease) for period	<u>-\$197.15</u>
Beginning cash balance	<u>2,978.19</u>
Ending cash balance	<u>\$2,781.04</u>



Pictures by Ron Foley

Johnny Poff being inducted as 1st Vice President.

Birthdays for January and February

Clark	Mary Lou	January 5
Price	Debra	January 7
Clark	Rayburn	January 21
Mack	Lynne	February 4
Stamps	J.W.	February 23
Byars	Alan	February 24

Anniversaries for January and February

Smith - Summers	Brady & Peggy	January 16
Moore	Bob & Lana	January 23
Thompson	David & Jan	February 11



Pictures by Ron Foley
Ron Foley, Dick Lanham, Joan Luman, and Sherri Lanham being installed as Directors



Pictures by Ron Foley
Susan Poff being installed as 2nd Vice President and Correspondence Secretary



Pictures by Ron Foley
Myrna Coffman being installed as Recording Secretary.



Pictures by Ron Foley
Jan Thompson remains as Treasurer.

Texas Plains Unit Schedule of Events 2018

Monthly	11:30 AM Lubbock Luncheon	Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant
	1st Saturday each month	6251 Slide Road Lubbock, Texas Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921 or bettyjayfoley@gmail.com
Monthly	6:00 PM Amarillo Supper	El Patron Restaurant
	1st Saturday each month	3401-I 40 West, Amarillo, Tx Dick Lanham 806-674-9849 sdlanham@sbcglobal.net
January	January 13 11:30 am	Luncheon- "Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Go!!!"
		Cotton Patch Cafe, 3314 Olton Road, Plainview, TX Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921
February	February 10, 11:30 am	Valentine Luncheon & Charity Donations (Reservations required)
		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	RV Park to be determined by hosts.
		Contact: Gary & Linda Shelton @ 361-571-3140
April	April 9-15 49th Region 9 "Peace, Love, Air- stream" Rally Abilene, Texas	Expo Center of Taylor County
		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 Ama- rillo, Texas	River Falls Airport (SE of Amarillo)
		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	Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center
		2330 17th Street, NE Salem, OR 97301 Contact: WBCCI.ORG to register
July	July 21 "Blue Bell & Joker!" 1:00 pm <i>Bring Ice Cream and Snacks</i> Ransom Canyon, Texas	53 East Lakeshore Drive
		Ransom Canyon, Texas 79366 Hosts: Ellene Osborn & Lumans, Clarks, & Foleys Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-6875921
August	August 22-26 "Air Streaming Among the Pines" Rociada, NM 87742	Pendaries RV Resort 9 Clubhouse Dr. Rociada, NM 87742 Make reservations as soon after May 15 as possible Reservations call 505-454-8304
		Hosts: Myrna Coffman 806-773-8446 & Thompsons
September	September 5-9 "Country Music Festival" Hugoton, KS	Eagle RV Park (20 spaces reserved) 1471 Road 13 Hugoton, KS 620-544-3069 Jan Leonard: Owner Make your own reservations Hosts: Lee & Sherri Reynolds and Foleys
October	October 25-28 "All Aboard" The Texas Country Air Rally Brownwood, Texas	Downtown Brownwood, Texas
		Bill Price 940-839-8567 wa5nbp@sbcglobal.net Contact: David Thompson, Region 9 Treasurer 806-679-8337
December	December 8 "Christmas Luncheon & Officer Installation"	Saltgrass Steak House 8300- I 40, Amarillo, Texas
		Contact: Jan Thompson 806-681-8270 by 12-1-18 for reservations.

Pictures of our Christmas and Installation Dinner.



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