

Texas Plains Journal



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Attending Rallies Outside of Our Unit

Members of our unit do not need a formal invitation to attend a rally hosted by another club in WBCCI. Twice, now, **Ronny** and I have attended the **Doc Cain Fishing Rally** hosted by the **Texas Gulf Coast Unit** in Zavalla, Texas. Getting to know the members from other units/clubs is a great way to see how others host rallies and to develop deeper friendships within WBCCI. All one has to do is to contact the unit or hosts of the rally and tell them that you will be attending and ask if they will have room for you to attend.

Remember, you will be paying a rally fee as well.

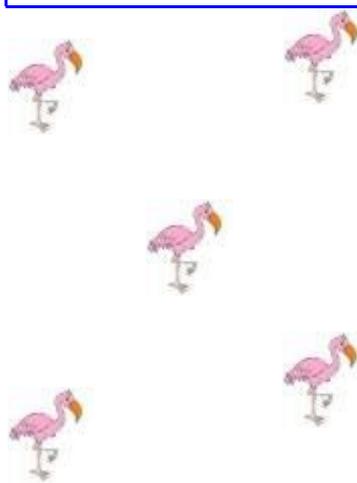
Ronny was able to fish from a boat in the middle of Lake Sam Rayburn with some of the other Airstreamers (**Tommy Largent**). They kept five catfish and five crappie, and I bought a bag of 25 jumbo shrimp left over from the shrimp boil. We came home with some good vittles for a future shrimp boil of our own. We spent Thursday through Sunday enjoying the lake and the other events.

While the men went fishing, the women got together and carpooled into Lufkin to go shopping at antique stores and met for lunch in

the town. Unfortunately, I did not get to participate in this excursion because I was down for the count with vertigo. They all returned with some terrific purchases and stories to relate.

This rally has something for everyone and many other non-members of this club attend. There were Airstreamers from outside Region 9, and we came away with some new friends and great memories. We are very glad that we stepped out of our routine and attended.

In the Blue Beret there is a listing for each region's units and their remaining rallies. Why not select one and see what happens? **Ronny** and I have strengthened our friendship with the Texas Gulf Coast Unit, and we have so enjoyed getting to visit and fellowship with those that we usually see only twice a year at the Region Rally and at the International Rally.



The Airstream Life

By Susan Poff



If you are like me, you may have noticed that we hear the terms “ **Airstream Life**” very often. We read about it in our **Blue Beret Magazine**, we see it in advertisements for Airstream, we hear it at our rallies. I started thinking about what that actually means? It is obviously a saying that means something good and something we must want, according to everyone, right?

After giving it some consideration, I realized that it obviously means different things to different people. It does not mean any one thing. Recently, **Johnny** and I went on a trip to Austin in the Airstream. While there, we were so busy, we spent almost no time in the trailer. I began to seriously miss sitting outside under the awning. I missed visiting with **Johnny** and the dogs in the early morning with my coffee. I missed sitting in the cool breeze in the late evening watching the sunset. I missed seeing others walk past and that people almost always indicated a friendly “Hello” or a cheery “Good Morning”. And I realized that was a major part of what The Airstream Life means to me .

When we finally get things all packed up and get on the road with our trailer, there is usually an almost immediate reduction of stress and a sigh of relief between us. We always listen to a our special traveling song called **Down the Road** by **Van Morrison** as we start out on our trip and that starts us off on another adventure! This is the Airstream Life to us.

We feel secure and confident in our Airstream. It is so comfortable to us, but it took a little while to make it feel like home. We both had to learn about it and how to operate the various things about it. So if you are new to this Airstream Life, give it a little time. Take your Airstream out on the road and learn what the Airstream Life can mean to you.

It can mean lots of things, but it still means whatever good feelings you have about the people you meet and the adventures you have while exploring this beautiful country in your Airstream, the product you have chosen to make your home away from home.

Hanging Out at the Hangar

By Betty Foley



Our hosts for this rally were the **Tillerys** and the **Lanham**s. Their plans for us were filled with fun and good eats. There was not a day that did not have us doing something special. In fact, there was so much to do that **Ronny** and I had “hangar lag” when we returned home on Sunday.

On Friday night we saw the movie “RV” starring Robin Williams. On Saturday evening we watched the “Long, Long Trailer” starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez. We laughed as we ate our popcorn, and some of us played Joker while watching the movies. Each of these evenings were filled with fellowship and hu-



mor.

It seems that on Saturday, **Ray** and **Kandy** had promised his pilot friends a wonderful breakfast if they would fly in with their planes. Bribery did the trick. We had several pilots to come and then show off their “toys”.

We hung out at the hangar and some of us were able to get a ride in one of **Ray Tillery's** airplanes. We watched planes come in for landings and also, take off again. Some planes even tipped their wings to say

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"goodbye" as they flew over the hangar. We enjoyed the show as if we were kids!

Another event on the agenda was to visit two of the hangars across the grassy runway. They were filled with restored antique cars. These collections could easily be in museums. We saw many rare cars that were restored to perfection and then, there were some cars in the rusty state of embarrassment – down to the bare metal. Collectors who can take a rusted car from a field with missing parts and bring the car back to its glory days are magicians! Many of



these cars rolled back the years with their shiny new paint and white sidewalls.

Our meals were delicious. We enjoyed oatmeal a la mode, breakfast burritos on Friday and Saturday morning respectively. In the evening we had buffets consisting of grilled pork chops and all the sides. The desserts were out-



standing. Consider it said that we did not go hungry.

On Friday, some visited the Cadillac Ranch and brought back souvenirs they found on the ground...chipped paint from all the spray painting. Others chose to go shopping on Saturday in Canyon, Texas. Whatever activity was chosen it made for a fun-filled day!



A shout-out goes to the **Shawn and Michelle Wagner** for taking time out of their busy schedules to come join us for a couple of meals. Another shout-out goes to the **Alan and Evelyn Sbar** who took time off from their demanding jobs to boon dock in their trailer. We enjoyed each of our clubs newest members. Thank you for coming to the rally.

Neil Yant from the Odessa-Midland area came to the rally. He had a great time riding in Ray's plane and winning at Joker. He had to leave on Sunday before some of us were up, as he wanted an early start for the trip back home. Thank you for coming, **Neil**.



The couple who came from two states away was the **Reynolds, Lee and Sherri**. Needless to say they came from the farthest place on the map. A big shout-out goes to **Lee and Sherri** for joining us at the hangar.

Thank you **Ray and Kandy Tillery** and **Dick and Sherri Lanham** for hosting this unique event. They are the best activity directors ever!!! We all had a memorable time and are looking forward to doing it again!

What I want everyone to understand is that we had a great time Hanging Out At The Hangar!!!! If you did not attend, we hope to see you down the road!

An Agent for Change

By Betty Foley

Occasionally, good works come to light. This was the case with **Lynda Calcote**, a member of the Texas Plains Unit. In March she called to tell me that she and **Bart** would not be able to attend our unit luncheon at the Region 9 Rally. She gave an excellent reason, one that made me so proud to call her a friend and fellow Air-streamer.



Linda was being honored by Neomia's Creative Touch in the African-American community of Abilene as a community member who has led the way in restoring wholeness to the city of Abilene through her community involvement. The theme was "Women, Agents of Change" which honored the lives of five women who have inspired and promoted change in Abilene's community and beyond.

One of the many projects that Lynda led was creating the Diversity Garden at the Abilene Zoo with **Roberta Thompson**, former director of Abilene Public Housing. The garden contains a monument highlighting the words her church custodian told her when she was twelve:

"Have you ever wondered how dull our gardens would be if all the flowers in them were the same color?"

"I think that's a wonderful message," **Lynda** said, then and now.

Lynda served on a committee, chaired by the Reverend **Leo Scott**, to symbolically rename the bridge on East Hwy 80 for **Martin Luther King**, participated in an effort to catalog the history of black churches in Abilene, and was involved early on in the MLK Luncheon, even speaking as an honored guest one year.

She was the recipient of the first MLK Services Award, and **Lynda** also recommended the first African-American member of Abilene's Junior League.

These are just a few of the jewels in her crown, and we are so very fortunate and blessed to call her our own. **"Well done, Lynda!"**



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Texas Plains Unit-WBCCI

Treasurer's Report

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance at April 30, 2018:

Assets:

Petty Cash		\$100.00	
Checking Account		<u>2,096.81</u>	
	Total Assets		<u>\$2,196.81</u>

Liabilities:

Common Cents for Kids		\$30.50	
Activity Fund		<u>18.29</u>	
	Total Liabilities		\$48.79

Fund Balance:

Beginning Balance		\$2,326.04	
Net Revenue(-Expenditures)		<u>-178.02</u>	
	Total Fund Balance		<u>2,148.02</u>
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		<u>\$2,196.81</u>

Revenue and Expenditures for the Four Months ended April 30, 2018:

Revenue:

Dues		\$60.00	
	Total Revenue		\$60.00

Expenditures:

Region 9 Presidents Reception		\$238.02	
	Total Expenditures		<u>238.02</u>
	Net Revenue(-Expenditures)		<u>\$-178.02</u>

Statement of Cash Flows for the Four Months ended April 30, 2018:

Net Revenue			\$-178.02
Adjustments:			
Shriner's Hospital for Children		\$-405.50	
Common Cents for Kids		11.00	
Activity Receipts	\$496.00		
<u>Less Activity Disbursements</u>	<u>477.71</u>	<u>18.29</u>	
	Total Adjustments		<u>-376.21</u>
Net cash Provided by Operating Activities			<u>\$-554.23</u>
Beginning cash balance			<u>2,751.04</u>
Ending cash balance			<u>\$2,196.81</u>

Motor Homes for Sale

Do you know someone looking for a motor home? I am sad to report that **Keith Collier** called me this week and told me that he had to stop his cancer treatments because it was making him too sick. His motor home was being used to stay in while he was taking his treatments in Lubbock. Now that he has stopped the treatments and not using his motor home. It is time to sell it. If you want a spare motor home, or know someone who would like to have a motor home, Please contact **Keith Collier** at **325-436-9900**, in Snyder. Those of you who know **Keith** know that his motor home is in tiptop shape.

Also, **Ewart Phillips** motor home is also for sale. **Ewart** has also kept his motor home in tiptop shape too. Give him a call at **719-332-6495** in Lubbock.

Birthdays for June, July, & August

Brantley	Louise	June 16
Luman	Larry	June 18
Thompson	Jan	June 18
Moore	Bob	July 2
Thompson	David	July 3
Poff	Johnny	July 4
Reynolds	Sherri	July 11
Smith	Brady	July 16
Stamps	Leona	July 24
Cook	Shane	August 13
Grabowski	Ted	August 14
Essary	Sue	August 26
Byars	Bambi	August 30
Lanham	Dick	August 30
Shelton	Linda	August 31



Anniversaries for June, July, & August

Poff	Johnny & Susan	June 3
Brantley	Pat & Louise	June 6
Price	Bill & Debra	June 11
Tillery	Bernard Ray & Kandys	June 25
Essary	Marvin & Sue	August 16
Jury	John & Rhonda	August 16
Hallmark	Lorren & Charlotte	August 17
Luman	Larry & Joan	August 20
Phillips	Ewart & Lillie	August 27

Texas Plains Unit Schedule of Events 2018

Monthly	11:30 AM Lubbock Luncheon	<u>Bigham's Smokehouse</u> 82nd and Indiana. Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921 or bettyjayfoley@gmail.com
	1st Saturday each month	
Monthly	6:00 PM Amarillo Supper	<u>El Patron Restaurant</u>
	1st Saturday each month	3401-I 40 West, Amarillo, Tx Dick Lanham 806-674-9849 sdlanham@sbcglobal.net
June	June 23-30 61st International Rally "Living the Dream" Salem, OR	<u>Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center</u> 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	<u>53 East Lakeshore Drive</u> 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	<u>Pendaries RV Resort</u> *****This is a Buddy Rally***** 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	<u>Eagle RV Park (20 spaces reserved)</u> 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	<u>Downtown Brownwood, Texas</u> Bill Price 940-839-8567 wa5nbp@sbcglobal.net Contact: David Thompson, Region 9 Treasurer 806-679-8337
December	December 8 "Christmas Luncheon & Officer Installation"	<u>Saltgrass Steak House</u> 8300- I 40, Amarillo, Texas Contact: Jan Thompson 806-681-8270 by 12-1-18 for reservations.

Visiting Sizmore Museum in Amarillo



Airstreams and Planes



Kandy's Road Signs

Hanging Out At The Hanger



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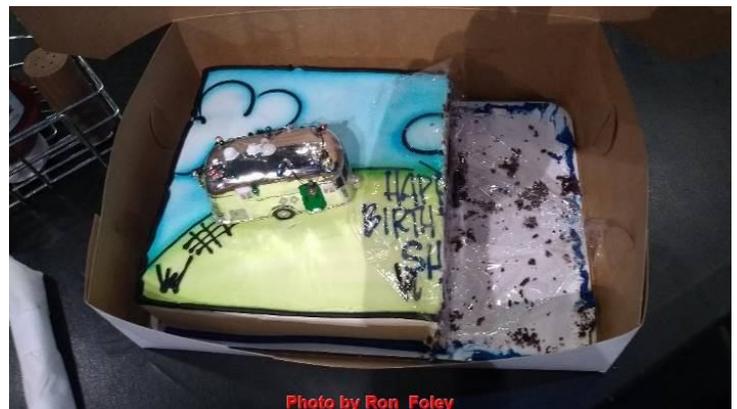


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Happy Birthday, Shawn Wagner

Cadillac Ranch



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Flamingo Toss