

# Texas Plains Journal



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### From the President's Desk



Betty Foley

Hugoton, Kansas is a small town set in the middle of wide-open farmland, but when it comes to rallies, the town and the surrounding areas are packed with dynamite. The events are explosive and the people are there to make sure that each guest enjoys himself. **Lee and Sherri Reynolds** were our hosts to this extravaganza, and they had us busy from dawn till midnight! The women decorated birdhouses that **Lee** had made while the men went to look at private collections of cars. One evening, we had a huge potluck dinner with thirty-something members and guests, and we enjoyed a Gospel band, **Heaven Bound**, in the **Reynolds** backyard! Wow!

Another check-off on my personal Bucket List was that we went to Dodge City and saw Boot Hill Cemetery. I love history, and this trip was full of historical facts. No, I did not see Matt Dillon or Miss Kitty.

Saturday, we went to Liberal, KS to see Dorothy's house (Wizard of Oz). We walked the Yellow Brick Road, but did not see ToTo, her dog. The rest of the group went to the air show at the airport in Liberal. Some went to Hooker, Oklahoma to see the car show

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there and the car museum. We all met for lunch at the Cattlemen's Café in Liberal. Yummy!

We returned to the Eagle RV Park to watch the kite show. Humongous kites were flown in a field across from the RV park. We saw an octopus, two bats, a horse, and a big, red dog. These kites were massive and took a lot of Kansas wind to get them in the sky.

Saturday evening, most of the group was shuttled across the road for the music festival. It started at 6:00 P.M. and ended with fireworks at 12:00 A.M. Lubbock's own, Josh Abbott, performed at 10:00 P.M. and was the main attraction for the evening.

We had several guests to join in some of our activities. They were: **Estie Grubbs, Randy Malin, Wayne & Eva Reynolds** (Lee's parents), **Mariette Gerber** and two of her children, **Lelonnie and Henco, Phyllis Williams**, and an Airstreamer from the Cape Cod Unit up North. The band that entertained us on Friday night was also our guests for the evening. The **Reynolds** have some wonderful family and friends!

Every day was packed with activities, and we all had a great time. Thank you, **Sherri and Lee**, for all your hard work and for such a memorable rally!

On Sunday morning as we all began to stir, we started saying our goodbyes and hugging before we hit the trail. Most went to their homes in Texas, and others like **Larry and Joan, Gene and Jeannie**, and **Ron and Betty** headed for other rallies up North and South.

Happy Trails to All!

Betty Jay Foley

## Life is Fleeting

by Susan Poff



I got up today to the news of a terrible wreck between a Greyhound bus and a commercial eighteen wheeler on Interstate 40 in New Mexico yesterday. This stretch of interstate highway is one which we have traveled often lately going to the International Rally last June and going to Sedona AZ in August and returning to our rally in Penderies, NM last week. This tragedy which claimed the lives of 8 people so far and critically injured 37, happened because the eighteen wheeler reportedly had a tire blowout which caused it to come across the median and hit the bus head-on.

When I think how we make sure we have expensive tire monitoring systems, special additional mirrors, take every safety precaution, I am sure the commercial large truck did the same and yet, it made little difference in this situation. I believe it is a reminder that our lives are fleeting and always in God's hands.

The person I used to be would have allowed this sort of tragedy to keep me at home, encourage me to be afraid to keep traveling these busy highways, but I have changed. My husband has lived through two bouts with cancer, but we were able to live in our Airstream while at MD Anderson during his treatment. And I have lived through a 10 year struggle with a deadly blood disorder. When we couldn't travel, we would just sit in our Airstream in the morning drinking our coffee and dreaming of traveling together. And thankfully now, we are able to see the many places we have wanted to see for many years. Life makes no promises to us about how long we get to be well enough to travel and live the adventures we have dreamed of. I can't allow my fears to stop my living and traveling.

I know that many of you have also experienced serious illness or other sorts of situations which make you have to decide to curtail your travels, but I think for us, the ability to travel even a little bit, helps us feel we are still doing what we want to do. It is so easy to let life get in the way of taking the

time to join with friends at rallies or to just explore on our own. I encourage you to not let being busy at work, or being busy at everything at home to keep you from taking just a few days often to get out and join us as we explore this beautiful country. None of us knows what tomorrow holds.

## How Can I Help You?

by Susan Poff



I was thinking this morning about the things that I most appreciate about our Texas Plains Airstream Club members. And I realized that one overriding thing we all have in common is that we truly care about each other. But even more than that, every one of us have asked each other "how can I help you?" in a variety of ways. Just think about that phrase, it is truly powerful. And we have witnessed it ourselves often during this past year.

It might mean stopping along the road to help each other when there is a problem with your rig. Or it might mean helping you when you are ill or have a broken bone and can't drive yourself. Or when you have volunteered to take on a difficult job at a rally and need more help. Or when you need stitches after hitting your head on a slide out, we will take you to the ER, or in the sadness of losing a beloved family member. We will gather around you and support you. We will ask you how we can help you. We will ask you what you need. We will lift you up.

Now it's true that you may have other people in your lives that will step up to help you when you are in need. But it is truly rare to have an entire group of people who care about your well being, who wish the best for you and your family and who will travel long distances down the hard and sometimes bumpy roads, of life with you. This group is not only about going on fun trips with our RVs, it is about being there for each other in times of trouble. Thank you to each of you for being such caring friends.

## Notice

### Texas Plains Airstream Club Badge Replacement

Members desiring to replace their unit badges to reflect the recent name changes should do one of the following depending on the type of badge required:

#### Present/Past Unit Officers:

Contact **Betty Jay Foley** and provide your name and office. The unit will contact Jackson Center and order our new badge. The cost will be approximately \$5.00 per badge. The unit will bill you for the exact cost when it becomes known.

(Betty's email: [bettyjayfoley@gmail.com](mailto:bettyjayfoley@gmail.com))

**Other Club Members:** Order your replacement badge directly from Jackson Center at:

<https://store.wbcc.org/membership-items.html>

[Click on this link.](#)

**Remember Dues for 2019 are now due. Please send them to Jan Thompson ASAP.**

## Our Officers for 2019

President	Johnny Poff
1st VP	Susan Poff
2nd VP	Ray Tillery
Correspondence Secretary	Betty Foley
Recording Secretary	Susan Poff
Treasure	Jan Thompson
Director 1 year	Dick Lanham
Director 1 year	Joan Luman
Director 2 year	Myrna Coffman
Director 2 year	Lillie Phillips
Past President	Betty Foley

## Texas Plains Unit Schedule of Events 2018

Monthly	11:30 AM Lubbock Luncheon	<u>Furrs Cafeteria</u>
	1st Saturday each month	<u>Slide Road</u> Contact: Betty Jay Foley 806-687-5921 or <a href="mailto:bettyjayfoley@gmail.com">bettyjayfoley@gmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:sdlanham@sbcglobal.net">sdlanham@sbcglobal.net</a>
December	December 8 "Christmas Luncheon & Officer Installation"	<u>Saltgrass Steak House</u> 8300- I 40, Amarillo, Texas Contact: <b>Jan Thompson 806-681-8270 by 12-1-18 for reservations.</b>

## Welcome New Members



**Larry and Jane Handlin** Larry and Jane have a new Interstate and live in Crane Texas.



**Gregory Allen and Pam Odom**  
Greg and Pam live in Amarillo, Texas and have a new Classic 33.

## Schedule of Events for 2019

**January 19, 2019** gather for lunch between Amarillo and Lubbock

Location: TBD

**February 9th Lunch , Business Meeting**

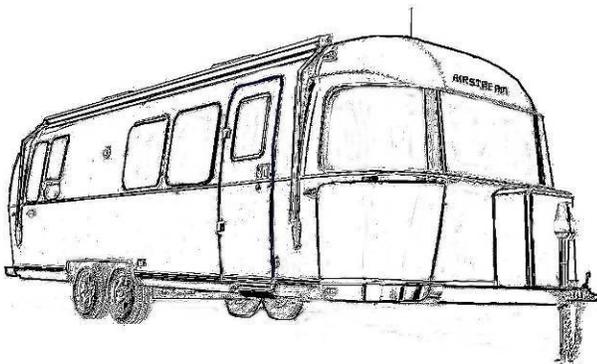
Location: Cotton Patch Restaurant  
3314 Olson Road, Plainview

**March 27-31st Joint Rally between TPAC and North Texas Unit**

Location: Oakdale RV Park  
1019 NE Barnard Street- Glen Rose, TX  
(254)897-2321  
Hosts: Larry and Joan Luman, Mike and Lynne Mack

**May 1-5th Fredericksburg Rally**

Location: Oakwood RV Resort  
78 Fm Rd 2093  
[\(830\) 997-9817](tel:8309979817)  
Hosts: Ron and Betty Foley



**May 6-11th Cowboy Up - 50 th annual Region 9 Rally**

Location: Bandera  
Skyline Ranch RV Park  
2231 Hwy 16 N.  
Register at :region9.wbcci.net

**June 12-16th Perryton, TX Rally**

Location: Wolf Creek County Park  
Hosts: Dick and Sherri Lanham, Lee and Sherry Reynolds

**July 20-28th International Rally**

Location: Doswell, Virginia

**August 21-25th Santa Fe, NM Rally**

Location: Santa Fe Skies RV Park  
14 Brown Castle Ranch Road  
[\(505\) 473-5946](tel:5054735946) Rally Coordinator, Kevin  
Hosts: Johnny and Susan Poff



**September 25-29 th Wellington, TX**

Location: Collingsworth County Pioneer Park  
4530 US Hwy 83  
Hosts: Johnny and Susan Poff



**October- 24-27 th Texas Country Air**

Brownwood, TX

**December 7 th Lunch, Installation of New Officers**

Location: Lubbock Women's Club, Lubbock.

# Texas Country Air

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# Brownwood, Texas

By Betty Foley

The Depot District of downtown Brownwood, Texas became Silver City during the days of October 25–28, 2018. Eighty-one Airstreams were parked on Thursday, October 25th, which opened the long awaited event. These were days filled with workshops and seminars, and the nights were filled with entertainment. This rally had it all!



On Friday there were at least 11 seminars that were informative, interactive, and full of ideas for the Airstreamer to implement. These speakers, artist, and authors gave there audiences great opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of many subjects. These subjects were: Arson dogs from the Brownwood Fire Department, history of Brownwood, the 3M Company, the Kennedy As-



signation, Yoga, Kohler Manufacturing, Elizabeth Jose, artist, and others. On Saturday, October 27, 2018 the day dawned bright and cheerful with more seminars to be attended. Those seminars were Bee Keeping/Mark Hedley, an introduction to Dulcimer music, Jeep show, Chocolate seminar, and painting with Elizabeth Jose. Again the day was full of fun activities.

Each night's entertainment was filled with music. Thursday night started off with Jody Nix and His



West Texas Cowboys. Friday night songs of the Original Sweet Songs String Band filled the air. Lastly, on Saturday, the Andrew Stonerock Jazz Band entertained the Airstreamers. This music made toes tap and couples danced the nights away.



This is a rally that is not to be missed next October 2019. Be sure to register after January 1st. It's going to be better than ever!!

# Women's Craft At Hugoton



Photos by Gary Shelton



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# Women's Craft At Hugoton



How lucky can a man get!  
**Neil Yant** won a rifle at the raffle.



**Lee Reynolds** made all the birdhouses for the women's craft.

# Eagle RV Park



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# Kansas Kites



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# Time for Supper



# What a Club!



# Car Show



# Boot Hill



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# Dodge City



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# Dinner and Music at the Reynolds



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# Looking forward to the Band's Music



