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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

The Region 9 rally in Waco was a tremendous success and a fun way to kick off the beginning of the Airstreaming season for 2009. We can all be proud of our unit as it received another Superior Merit Award for 2008 (Vic Barrera - President/Jan Barrera 1st Lady et al!). The North Texas Unit has qualified for this honor every year since it's inception and we are already off to a great start this year. It takes the cooperation of every unit member to make this happen, so let's continue to attend luncheons and rallies and have fun, the ribbons will come.



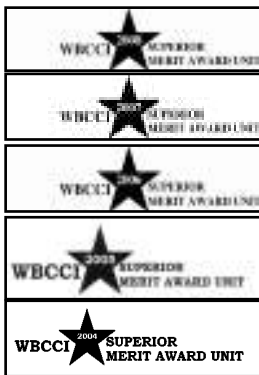
The NTU was assigned a number of tasks for the rally and in true fashion we met or exceeded our goals. The skit, organized by Donna Scott (like I needed to point that out!), was very entertaining and well received by the audience. I think we had the "Best in Show" but I'm biased. Many NTU members were involved with the rally's various committees and the breakfast service on Fri. morning was incredible. Over 16 NTU members showed up to serve breakfast including our International 1st V.P. & North

Texas Unit Member; Tom Collier. The caterer never knew what hit them as they accepted some of our members into the kitchen with them to help with the small crew they showed up with. This unit is always ready to rollup their sleeves and help 'get 'er done'!



Our April rally has finally taken shape and all of the details are in this newsletter. Please let June or myself know if you plan to attend ASAP so we can make the proper plans. Also, four weeks later, we will be having Willie May's Rally at NTAC. This is a great time of

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the year in Texas to get out and enjoy your Airstream and visit with like minded folks. These will be the last two rallies before the heat of summer sets in

and then it will be time for caravanning to the WBCCI International Rally in Madison, WI. Make sure to contact June Gravely if you want to be a part of the NTU caravan to International.

I'll see you "Down the Road", and remember; **"When we're having fun, the Airstreams do come!"**

Ed



FAMILY CONCERNS

Bill Lawler is gaining strength every day. He is walking as far as the club house for mail. Go Bill!

Nita Scott was at MD Anderson this week. We are hoping she received good results.

John Phillips passed away March 20th. He had been a member of NTU for a few years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Evan Evans is still recovering and he and Mary Ellen could use your well

wishes and prayers.

Vic Barrera is undergoing tests. He will probably be having surgery in July.



APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 2 Don Nunn
Apr. 3 Gayle Shonley
Apr. 5 Pat Moresco
Apr. 6 Bill Beckum
Apr. 10 John Phillips
Apr. 14 Fran Knight
Apr. 15 Barbara Nunn
Apr. 16 Tony McQueary
Apr. 18 Terry Clopper
Apr. 22 Bernice Jennings
Apr. 24 Joan Hicks
Apr. 26 Ray Holland

Apr. 27 Bee Ingalls
Apr. 27 Stephanie Meinhardt
Apr. 27 Bill Reed
Apr. 29 Charles McFarland
May 2 Norma Collier
May 5 Mary Nulty
May 7 Ester Cavanaugh
May 13 Betty Beckum
May 15 Mayoma Stout
May 18 Bobby Brooks

May 20 Faye Pappas
May 21 John David Smith-
May 21 Myra Wade
May 25 Mike Mack
May 28 Bill Lawler

"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time. **Jean Paul Richter**

APRIL & MAY ANNIVERSARIES

“Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”

Robert Heinlein

Apr. 6 Evan & Mary Ellen Evans

Apr. 6 John & Stephanie Hilty

May 9 Wendell & Fran Knight

May 15 Robert & Nita Scott

May 16 Terry & Gayle Clopper

May 25 Jake & Johnnie Brown



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Welcome to our New Members

Loren & Betty Davis have transferred their membership to NTU. Their e-mail is:

bettyloren60@yahoo.com

REGION 9 NEWS

Jerry Larson's newsletter is on the [Region 9 web-site](#). Click on the link or the box on the home page.

The website is up on a new and larger space, hosted by GoDaddy.com This change was approved by the board at the Region 9 rally. The combination of more space

and a faster server will allow many improvements to the site in the next few months. In the near future, a guestbook will be added to the home page. Those registering with the guestbook will be the new notification

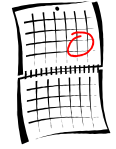
list
for

changes in the site.

John Irwin, webmaster



UPCOMING EVENTS



2nd Saturday of each month,
11:30 a.m. Spring Creek BBQ,
3608 S. Cooper St. , Arlington,
TX , 1 mile N of I-20,
W side of Cooper

Fellowship

April 30-May 2 Tax Stress Re-
lief Rally, Contact Joe or
June Gravley , see
page on it.

Fun

May 28-31 NTAC, Willie May

Kennedy, 254.582.2406 hm
254.205.9420 cell

June, NTU Cara-
van to Madison,
WI, International Rally,
Contact Joe & June Gravley,
817.280.9711

Adventure

Sept TBA Evan & Mary Ellen
Evans, 972.979.2668

Fun

Oct.22-25, Juke Box
Journey Rally, Hico,

Tx, Contact Vic & Jan
Barrera, 281.288.5094.

Fellowship

Nov. 13-15, In-
stallation Rally, NTAC, Contact
Debbie Landers,
214.213.4166



UPCOMING VOTING

There are issues which will
be voted on at the May
Rally. Please read the Blue
Beret, check out Region 9

and WBCCI websites and
maybe check out some of
the forums. This background
information will allow you to

cast an informed vote in
May. All mail in ballots must
be received BEFORE the May
Rally.

PHOTOS FROM REGION 9



Thanks Bobby Scott &
Donna Scott

Attention, Attention Tax Stress Relief!!

Mosey on over, relax and have fun at Ye Ole Calvary Fort Richardson State
Park in Jacksboro, TX

April 30, May 1 & 2

Thursday Evening will be a Pot Luck Get Together. Friday & Saturday's breakfast will be led by our own Cooking Chefs, Ray Payne and Calvin Winchester, "showing us the way." As willing participants in learning the art of Dutch Oven Cooking, our breakfasts promise to be of sharing ideas and good food.

Rally fee will cover breakfast and Friday & Saturday Dinner. Lunches will be on your own. The town of Jacksboro has a few remaining old shops. One is the corner drug store that Ray can fill us in on, and we will all want to visit. Relive history at the Old Fort, as it was in 1867, touring many of the original buildings and parade ground. During the post's ten year existence, it was home to more than 5000 U.S. Army soldiers.

The campground is along scenic Lost Creek which supplied water for the original fort. This natural habitat of woods, scrubs, grasslands and streams makes it an ideal habitat for excellent birding. The birding checklist has over 71 sightings in the park.

The park is a great place for riding your bike (if you have one) or just walking.

Now for the nitty gritty:

- 1) Rally fee is \$30.00 per person (4 meals)
- 2) Make your own reservations with the Texas Parks Reservation—512.389.8900
 - A. Fees for campsites are \$20 per day with water & electricity, or \$22 per day for full hookups.
 - B. If you do not have a State Park Pass, there is a \$3 per person per day entrance fee, TX residents 65+ \$2 per person each time you leave & reenter.
 - C. Call or e-mail one of the Rally hosts the dates you will be with us, as the Park Ranger is going to work with us to park together.

Please make your reservations quickly as the park fills up fast on the weekends.

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MAY POLE RALLY

May 27-June 1

NTAC

Rally Hosts: Willie May Kennedy, Leatrice Sellers, Dell Byrd, Dorothy Seals, Bernice Hott, Shirley Tucker, Sue Innerarity, and Melba Lawler

May 27 Dinner provided—bring set ups

May 28 Breakfast—Bring setups

Dinner is POTLUCK — Bring a dish and set ups

May 29 Breakfast—Bring setups

Dinner provided—bring set ups

June 1 Rolls & Coffee

Devotions

Plans are not finalized, but I am sure this will be a great time! Please plan to attend.

RSVP to Ed & Deb Landers
200 Walnut Hill Ave Unit 29
Hillsboro, TX 76645
254.580.0443



Willie May at beanball baseball



Fun

Mad About Madison Caravan

June 19-June 27

Fellow Airstreamers,

Looking for a fun trip in June? Need some excitement in your life? Thinking about "maybe" going to Madison? Well, as most of you know by now, Joe & I will be heading north to Madison with a Caravan of daring & adventuresome souls.

After a get acquainted evening in Texarkana, we will head for Hot Springs, Arkansas. We will check out the older section of town, with the early 1900's bath houses, the Old Hotel with Al Capone's heavy armor plated, 1 inch thick glass, Cadillac sedan sitting in the lobby, and so much more.

Then we will move on to Springfield, Illinois, home of President Lincoln. If you have been a visitor there before, we know you will want to revisit and walk where this great man walked. The post office where he practiced law upstairs, his home, where many of his original furniture pieces are still in place will be a real treat for everyone. And oh, the Lincoln Museum, where one can spend almost the entire afternoon. One must not forget Lincoln's tomb. We plan on spending two days here, for there is so much to see and do, we will need a little rest before resuming our trip north.

The cost is \$500.00. Deposit is \$50.00 with the balance due by May 15. I do hope you will mark your calendar now for "Mad About Madison Caravan" leaving June 18. (yes we have moved the date up, the last lap is just too far to travel in one day) Contact Joe or I that we may add your name to our list or should you have any questions.

Fellowship

Be safe, Joe & June Gravley #1731

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Adventure

WE'RE ON THE WEB

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