# Region Niner

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND ADVENTURE
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Our Region 9 Rally, Airstream Aloha, has come and gone and we are moving quickly into the spring and summer travel seasons. I hope those who attended Airstream Aloha had as much fun as Keith and I did organizing it and making it happen. None of it could have happened without the help of many, many, many folks. I cannot begin to name everyone who helped to set up tables, coordinate food, planned receptions, helped with registrations, got everyone parked, handed out door prizes, provided door prizes and bingo prizes, set up decorations, chaired the various games and competitions, and most importantly be of good cheer during the entire event. Thank you all for the help and support of Airstream Aloha. Now the planning for 2018's "Peace, Love, and Airstream" begins. We look forward to seeing you in Abilene in April, 2018.

I hope to see many of you in Escanaba for the International Rally in July. Make sure your delegates for the business meetings are available and properly registered for that meeting. Most importantly, I pray for safe travel for everyone who takes to the highways and by-ways this summer. Travel safely and enjoy the sights and sounds!!

*Grady*

Congratulations to the following six (6) units which received a 2016 Merit Award. They were recognized at the Region 9 Rally for the excellent recreational program they provided their members.

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| Texas Alamo Unit - Superior | Warren Wundt, President |
| Texas Coastal Plains Unit - Superior | Jim Mercer, President |
| Texas Gulf Coast Unit - Merit | Gene Bagby, President |
| Texas Highland Lakes Unit - Superior | Rick Trimble, President |
| Texas Hill Country Unit - Superior | Joan Ermis, President |
| Texas Plains Unit - Superior | Dick Lanhan, President |

# 5th Annual Doc Cain Memorial Fishing Tournament

Saturday May 13, 2017

Texas Gulf Coast / Heart of Texas Camping & Texas Hill Country Units Joint Rally

Texas Airstream Harbor-Zavalla, TX

You're invited to participate in the 5th Annual Doc Cain Memorial Fishing Tournament to be held during the May Rally of the Texas Gulf Coast Unit at Texas Airstream Harbor on Sam Rayburn Lake just outside of Zavalla, TX. Joining us this year is the Heart of Texas Camping Unit and the Texas Hill County Unit as a joint rally. This is also our Buddy Rally so invite your non-Airstream friends and expose them to the Airstream way of life. Doc was an avid fisherman and was the last charter member (WBCCI #18230) of Texas Gulf Coast Unit-103.

The tournament is a fisherman's choice, meaning fish for Bass, Crappie or Catfish. This is a fun fishing tournament, however prizes and ribbons will be awarded for the largest fish caught in each species as well as the most caught in each category.

Bring your boat if you can but if you can't or don't have a boat...no problem. Several TGCU members who live at TAHI have boats and will be glad to take guests out.

For information email: Fred Richardson radv1@earthlink.net

**Come Early -- Have Fun**

**Rally Fee is $10 per person -- Parking $15.00 per night. Full Hookups**

## UPPER PENINSULA & SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKE SHORE

***Unnumbered Unit Caravan***

***July 30-August 8, 2017***

***Sponsored by Texas Highland Lakes Unit***

- Upper Peninsula: We will travel to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Keewanau Peninsula, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, St Ignace and Mackinaw Island.
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: Voted by Good Morning America as "one of the most beautiful places in America: We will spend 7 days visiting Historic Glen Haven, attending the Port Oneida Fair, do some easy hikes, enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan, visit Glen Arbor, Traverse City, and the Leelanau Peninsula.

Currently, you will be on a standby list or will need to make your own reservations for camping. If you would like more information and the itinerary, please email Debbie Trimble at rdtrimble10@gmail.com

Texas Gulf Coast Unit Easter Parade Rally

Top: Ella Faye Stephens models her 1950's Airstream trailer and poodle skirt at the 10th Anniversary Texas Vintage Airstream Roundup Rally sponsored by Texas Highland Lakes Unit.

Right: Harvey Craig, Rally Chairman, awards "Best Western Dressed Female" award to first time rally attendee, Lori Bush. The rally was held at the Coushatte Recreation Ranch in Belleville.

## 49th ANNUAL REGION 9 RALLY

# PEACE LOVE AIRSTREAM

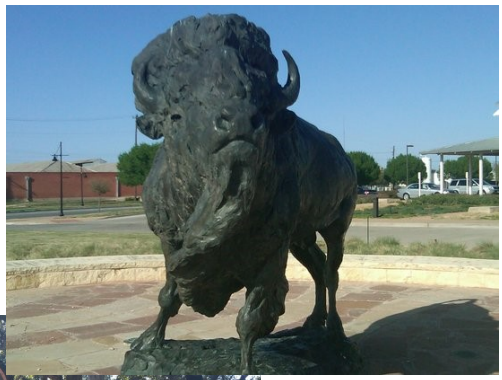
## April 9 - 15, 2018

Channel your inner flower child with our 60's themed rally, "Peace, Love, Airstream." We will be gathering for our 49th Annual Region 9 Rally at the Expo Center of Taylor County located in Abilene, TX. There will be opportunities to network with your fellow Airstreamers to talk about places to visit, rig maintenance, travel safety tips, and much more.

So amp up the flower power, throw up a peace sign and meet us in Abilene for the "Peace, Love, Airstream" Rally.

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Tie Dying T-shirts
- Talent Show
- Diner Food Cook Off
- Flea Market
- Seminars & Workshops



### ABILENE ATTRACTIONS

"A place where western heritage is both a birthright and a pastime" *Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau.*

Life-size holographic figures tell the story of the Old West at Frontier Texas!. Grace Museum exhibits the best of Texas art, past and present. Other places of interest include the zoo, the historic Paramount Theatre, Fort Phantom Hill and the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum. Folks can enjoy the best chuck wagon style food in America at Perini Ranch Steakhouse Restaurant located only 18 miles away.

**Registration Form Available on Page 10**

# Community Service Project

## Janie Haddaway, Chairman

Greetings, from your Region 9 Community Service Chairman:

Last year at our Region 9 Rally each Unit received a plastic gallon jar with a green lid. During the year the Unit was to fill (hopefully) the jar with that green stuff $$$$. Then bring it to this year's Region 9 Rally in Perrin. This will go toward our Community Service Project. Remember, these children are treated and none are turned away because they can't pay. Bring those jars in!!!

This is from the Director of Donor Development at the Shriners Hospitals for Children: "Thank you and the Wally Byam Airstream Caravan Club for your support of Shriners Hospitals in Houston and Galveston. I was able to canvass our development officers and specific nursing units in both hospitals to get a list of those items that would be of greatest value to our young patients, no matter what time of year.

From our Surgical Nursing Director and her Child-Life activities staff in Houston - The preteen and teenager kids are difficult to entertain. Everyone said a great thing to get would be Kindle's. They are $59.00. If that is too much, gift cards for Walmart of increments of $10 or $20 would be great. The totebag idea was also noted as being a good fit.

From our Development office in Galveston: Our most used toys and games are: remote control cars, Legos for boys and girls, over-the-ear headphones, backpacks, tote bags and items for teenagers like wallets, hats, watches, jewelry making sets and make-up sets. We also have a need for cd/radio players and portable DVD players right now. Items that can be made that we frequently use are hats and scarves."

The Director is not sure how much of this information will relate to what our Club can do, but wanted you to see exactly what their nursing and patient-activity people noted. He also said, "Thank you again for the generosity of the Club and its members."

If you wish to make a monetary donation please send checks to Janie Haddaway at 200 Walnut Hill Ave., #90, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Checks are to be made out to: Shiners Hospitals for Children. These will be forwarded to Shriners Hospital with a letter letting them know it is from our region. Janie will also keep a tally of the donations and will report this through the region president. If you have any questions send Janie an email: jhaddaway@juno.com or call 254-266-2214.

Children belong to all of us, let's help where we can.

Thank you for all you do which is one reason we are the best region in WBCCI!!!

# Region 9 Unit Rally Calendar

**MAY 2017**

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| **5/11-14** | **Let's Go Fishin' Rally, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc. 5th Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament Zavalla TX (Joint Rally TGCU/HOTC/THCU) (See article for more information)** |
| **5/18-21** | **Life's A Beach / Buddy Rally, Lagoons RV Resort Rockport, TX (TAU)** |
| **5/18-21** | **Where the Cool Waters Flow Rally & Business Meeting, Parkview, Riverside RV Park on the Frio River, Concan, TX (THLU)** |
| **5/24-28** | **What the Heck HICO Rallly, Bosque River RV Park Hico, TX (TPU)** |
| **5/25-29** | **Memorial Day Rally, Oakwood RV Park Fredericksburg, TX (TGCU)** |
| **5/26-29** | **Kids and Grandkids Rally, North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro, TX (NTU)** |

**JUNE 2017**

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| **6/2-4** | **McKinney Falls State Park Rally, Austin, TX (HOTC)** |
| **6/22-24** | **Exploring Lubbock Rally, Loop 289 RV Park Lubbock, TX (TPU)** |

**JULY 2017**

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| **7/22-29** | **60th WBCCI International Rally, "Ya, You Betcha" Upper Peninsula Fairgrounds, Escanaba, MI** |
| **7/26** | **Region 9 Luncheon 11:30 AM Upper Peninsula Fairgrounds, Escanaba MI** |
| **7/30-8/8** | **THLU Unnumbered Unit Caravan to Upper Peninsula of Michigan & Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park (See Article for more information)** |

**Visit www.wbcci.org/region-9/regions-a-units/region-9 for additional information and connection to Unit websites**

**To Post Unit News, Photos & Calendar Information Contact: Keith Ferry at ferry_keith@hotmail.com**

**60th WBCCI International Rally**

**July 22-29, 2017**

**Escanaba, Michigan**

**Mark your calendars for the Region 9 Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 11:30 AM in the Fairgrounds Building #3. The cost is $15 per person. Make checks payable to Region 9 and forward them to:**

**David Thompson, Treasurer**
**2200 4th Avenue #305**
**Canyon, TX 79015**

**Tickets will also be available for sale during the rally registration.**

## POP TABS AT ESCANABA

Jan Girard, International First Lady, would like to remind you to bring your pop tabs to International or give them to someone who is going. All the money from the pop tabs goes to support the Ronald McDonald House.

Please bring your pop tabs to Escanaba!

# Region 9 Rally Opening Ceremony

Shown Above: Jim Haddaway, Past International President; Gail Harrower, International Treasurer; and C.C. Gartman, Past Region 9 President

Top Right: Region 9 1st Vice President, Bill Kindle, and spouse, Dorma

Lower Right: Region 9 2nd Vice President, Bill Miller, and spouse, Joanne

# Airstream Aloha!

Region 9 Rally Pet Show Winners: Lisa Hansen with Bear and Sydney, Mike Mack with Harley who won “Best of Show” and Cinda Brooks with Buddy.

Elvis, aka Terry Edwards, serenades Myrtle Bell

Betty Foley (TPU) First Prize for Crazy Hat Contest

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER SAJOVICH (THLU). TO VIEW SLIDE SHOW http://thlu.phanfare.com/14441509_15643925

# SPAM COOK OFF WINNERS

## FIRST PLACE

### SPAM CUPS

Peter Sajovich #13349 THLU

1/4 c. red onion, chopped
1/2 c. tomato, chopped
1/2 c. avocado, chopped
1/4 t. salt
1/4 t. cumin
1/4 t. chipotle chili pepper
2 flour tortillas
2 T. butter melted
Refried beans
Bacon SPAM, chopped and sautéed
Sour cream

Mix together onion, tomato, avocado, spices and chipotle chili pepper and chill. Brush flour tortillas with melted butter. Cut each tortilla into 4 sections (+). Put one pie shape into a cup-cake pan to form a cup. Repeat with other pieces. Bake at 190 degrees for 10 minutes.

Assemble cups with refried beans on bottom, then with toma-to mixture , and with Bacon SPAM sprinkled on top of mixture. Top with a little sour cream.

Serves 4.

## THIRD PLACE

### EGG ROLLS

Rae Gilbert # 1450 TCPU

20 Egg roll wraps
4 Eggs + 1 egg yolk
1 Medium head of Chinese (Nappa) Cabbage
1 Can bamboo shoots
1 Can water chestnuts
1 (12 oz. ) can of turkey SPAM (Or substitute 1 # ground Meat)
2T. Soy Sauce
1/2T Cornstarch
1/2 t. Sugar
1/2 t. Salt
4T oil—divided

- Mix SPAM with soy sauce, corn starch, sugar and salt. Heat 1T. oil in pan and stir fry meat until browned. Drain away grease and set aside.
- Beat eggs and scramble in pan. Add chopped cabbage, bamboo shoots and water chestnuts. Salt to taste and add squirt of soy sauce.
- Mix all ingredients in a bowl. If not using immediately you can cool and then freeze in a zip lock bag to thaw and use later.
- Put the egg yolk in a small dish. Place a rounded table-spoon of filling onto egg roll wrap. Using a finger, dab some egg yolk onto four corners and then fold wrap first from bottom, then each side, then the top. Tuck neatly.
- Fry in small amount of oil until golden brown on all sides. Egg rolls can be made ahead of time and frozen. To re-heat, place under broiler. Enjoy.

# SECOND PLACE

## SPAM COCKTAIL AND GINGER GLAZED PINEAPPLE SPAM SKEWERS

**SPAM DIPPERS WITH PINEAPPLE HORSERADISH COCKTAIL SAUCE IN PINEAPPLE BOWL**

(Similar to shrimp cocktail with SPAM replacing shrimp)

- **Cocktail Sauce**: Chop pineapple scraps from making bowl into very small pieces and mix with horseradish cocktail sauce.
- **SPAM Dippers**: Cut SPAM into 1/4" thick slabs and grill until nicely done with grill marks. Cut each slab in half in a even S curve along the diagonal making one end larger than the other.
- **Bowl:** Hollow out the bottom of the pineapple to make a bowl and place Cocktail Sauce in bowl.
- **Serve:** Fill bowl with cocktail sauce, arrange SPAM Dippers around side of bowl and serve.

Victor Blood #7291 NTU

**GINGER GLAZED SPAM AND PINEAPPLE SKEWERS**

- **Glaze:** Mix 1/4 c. brown sugar with 1t. water. Add 3t. low sodium soy sauce, a couple of cranks of fresh cracked pepper, 1T. Garlic powder, 1T. olive oil and juice from pineapple bowl (see below). Stir to even consistency.
- **SPAM:** Cut SPAM into 1/2" slabs
- **Pineapple:** Cut top off pineapple. Cut bottom 2" off of pineapple and hollow out to make bowl for cocktail sauce. Reserve scooped out pineapple for cocktail sauce. Cut center portion of pineapple into 1/2" thick slabs. Trim the outside rind but leave the core.
- **Pre-Grill:** SPAM and pineapple slabs until nicely done with grill marks.
- **Skewers:** Shorten bamboo skewers to 7", place in zip lock bag with water and soak for 20 minutes.
- **Assemble Skewers:** Cut grilled SPAM slabs into 1/2" cubes. Cut center out of each pineapple slab and cut into 1/2" wedges. Alternate SPAM and pineapple cubes on skewers and drizzle with glaze. Place skewers back on hot grill and cook briefly on each side.
- **Serve:** Remove and serve hot.

  (Optional: Serve over bed of rice)

Region 9 President, Grady Ferry, with Grace Evangelista Hawaiian Dance Company

# Peace, Love, Airstream

## Region 9 Rally Registration
## April 9-15, 2018
## Expo Center of Taylor County 1700 State Hwy 36 Abilene, TX 79602

Name (s) _____

Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip_____ Phone #_____

E-mail_____

WBCCI #_____ Unit _____

Handicap Parking: Yes _____ No _____

**PARKING FEES:**

Parking Per Night #_____ x $30 $_____

**RALLY FEES:**

Monday-Saturday $100/person

Friday-Saturday $ 70/person

Saturday Arrival $ 60/person

$_____/adult x _____ $_____

Teen (Age 13-16) $40/person $_____

Youth (12 & under) Free

**If registering after March 1, 2018**

Late registration Fee**: $25** $_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** **$_____**

**Parking Fee includes two-point hook up and one (1) pump out**

**Rally Fee includes Reception, 2 breakfasts, 3 dinners, seminars, workshops, flea market, games, entertainment, door prizes, and ice cream.**

**Make checks payable to:**
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