

Texas Highland Lakes Unit

April, 2011



President's Message - Harvey Craig

April began with the conclusion of a great Region 9 Rally in Abilene. The month also began with the release of proposed WBCCI Constitutional changes that will be discussed at the Delegates Seminar on Thursday, June 30, 2011 which will be followed with the official Delegates Meeting where the proposed Constitutional changes will be amended and voted on by the Delegates in DuQuoin, Illinois. I e-mailed the entire packet of information that I received from Headquarters (some 83 pages) to all THLU members on April 4. At the Delegates Meeting, each section will be discussed, amended, and voted on. A Roll Call vote needing a 2/3 vote to approve will be taken on each section once there are no further amendments and a vote is called. Any Delegate may propose an amendment.

The proposed changes include many minor and editorial changes to improve the consistency of terminology. The proposed changes include many major changes as well. These include: (1) replacement of the Code of Ethics with a Standard of Conduct, (2) introduction to direct member voting for election of international officers and for future proposed amendments, (3) introduction of electronic means of communication for conducting Club business, (4) removal of the annual International Rally/Convention from the Constitution, (5) replacement of the annual Delegates Meeting with a Members' Caucus to discuss issues, (6) reduction in the number of positions on the Executive Committee with changes in terms of office, (7) refining of the current Regions into Areas that will be defined by the Bylaws, (8) changing the procedures of the Nominating Committee which will provide more openness and give members more information to use in casting votes, (9) overhaul of the amendment procedure and the Standard of Conduct giving direct member voting for proposed amendments to the Constitution and the Standard of Conduct, and (10) providing for the transition to the new Constitution and Standard of Conduct if adopted through the proposed Provisos.

These proposed changes may appear complicated and many in number; however, when taken in their entirety, the proposals provide increased flexibility for the Club, its administrators, and its members. It moves the Club into the future and helps the Club to be able to better evolve as times change in the future.

Each THLU member should carefully consider the proposed changes and communicate their thoughts to me so that I can better represent the Unit as your Delegate in DuQuoin. In addition, our next Unit Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at the Vintage Rally in Glen Rose. Time will be allowed for discussion on the proposed changes. Members who wish to propose any Unit Amendments for me to present, may do so at that meeting. Also, members

who wish to make any motion imposing my Delegate Vote on any of the proposed changes may present such motion/s at this meeting.

I request that if a member does have some type of motion dealing with any of the proposed changes or dealing with our unit delegate vote, the motion/s be sent to me by May 1 since I have many Vintage Rally preparations to be making prior to May 10 and need time to make copies of any motions.

Besides the proposed WBCCI Constitutional changes, our business meeting in Glen Rose will consist of electing international, regional, and most importantly, unit officers for next year.

The international slate of candidates include: Barry Heckenswiller, President; Don Clark, 1st VP; John Boutwell, 2nd VP; John Stumpf, 3rd VP; Jo Jugel, Secretary; June Ryan, Treasurer; Kerry Mattila, Nominating Committee; and William Johnjullio, Nominating Committee.

The Region 9 candidate is Linda Knezek, 2nd VP. If elected, she will be installed at the Region 9 Lunch at International this summer.

The THLU candidates include: Kathy Blanchard, President; Marque Mooney, 1st VP; Jimmy Mooney, 2nd VP; Jill Barnes, Corresponding Secretary; Janet Turner, Secretary; Jean Beebe, Treasurer; Robert (Bob) Brown, Trustee for 2 Years; and Richard Gallagher, Trustee for 2 Years.

Thanks go out to our THLU Nominating Committee consisting of: John Irwin, Chair; Marque Mooney, and Gary McClanahan for obtaining and approving our unit candidates.

The month of May is fast approaching with our 7th Texas Vintage Airstream Round-Up Rally at Tres Rios River Ranch RV Resort in Glen Rose, May 12-16.

In addition, **THLU will celebrate its 30th Anniversary soon.** THLU elected officers, adopted a constitution on April 29, 1981 and held its first official Rally in Granite Shoals, May 21-24. THLU received its official Charter from Headquarters on June 19, 1981.

Those who have not yet registered for the Vintage Rally should do so and join us in celebrating THLU's 30th Anniversary! Registration forms may be downloaded from our website: www.thlu.org and should be completed and mailed with rally check to Jean Beebe, 503 Chihuahua Trail, Austin, Texas 78745 by Friday, April 29.

Finally, especially at Easter, we often think of the many blessings that we have. I include in my thoughts the unit members and their families as well as fellow Airstreamers and friends that I have made all over the United States and Canada. I wish each of you a happy & joyous Easter.

Region 9 Rally in Abilene Was a Huge Success – Marque Mooney

While seeing almost every weather extreme, except rain, the Region 9 Rally was held March 28 through April 3. Seems like everywhere you looked, Texas Highland Lakes Unit members were helping Region 9 be the very best Region in WBCCI while at the Expo Center in Abilene, Texas. The week started out with everyone dragging out coats and sweaters and having to turn on heaters.

Our **Jim Haddaway**, not only was the Master of Ceremonies for the entire Rally but, pitched in at the last minute to present **Harvey Craig's** scheduled seminar on Caravanning and did a great job at both. And speaking of great seminars, **John Irwin** presented not one, not two, but three well-attended, informative and interesting seminars on Airstream gadgets, setting up a website, and researching and preparing family trees.

Our THLU members who serve as Region 9 Chairpersons, **Janie Haddaway**, Community Service, **Willard Fischer**, Treasurer, and **Myron Fischer**, Membership; each presented reports to the Region 9 Board of Directors and members in attendance at the Business Seminar on the first day of the Rally.

Region 9 donated over 200 pounds of food and \$240 to the Abilene Food Bank. After the Sunday offering, which was designated for Common Cents for Kids, Region 9 had \$508.65. **All eleven units contributed to the Wounded Warrior Project for a total of \$5,000.**

Jean Beebe decorated the Unit bulletin board and won a third place ribbon for her representation of this year's theme, "Under the Stars in the Big Country."

Rally attendees also appreciated THLU Affiliate Member, **Warner Hord**, and three of his Safety Committee members, **Willard** and **Myron Fischer** and **Jimmy Mooney**, for testing every Airstream trailer and motor home at the Expo center for propane leaks. Five or six trailers were tagged for follow-up maintenance.

On Thursday night, all THLU members and affiliate members in attendance - 28 of us in all - served the evening meal. The caterer was Joe Allen and the night we served the meal, everyone was treated to a feast of delicious barbeque sausage and brisket and all the trimmings. A big thank you to all who helped get everyone through the serving line in a timely manner.

Linda Fischer assisted Region 9 First Lady, Carla Gartman, with a seminar of cute and fun craft projects.

The THLU Bean Baseball Team, The Rangers, took a third place ribbon after having to go up against and defeating the team made up of International Officers and their spouses and before being eliminated by the Texas Unit. Our team members were made up of **Johnny** and **Earlene Shelley**, **Joan** and **Jerry Larson**, **Janie** and **Jim Haddaway**, **Myron Fischer**, **Willard Fischer**, **John Tetzlaff**, Team Captain **Jimmy Mooney** and scorekeepers, **Kay Fisher-Irwin** and **Linda Fischer**.

By Friday, the weather had turned uncomfortably hot and we were seeking any shade we could find to hold our Unit Happy Hour. Affiliate members, **John** and **Bobbi Tetzlaff**, pulled out the awning and laid down the carpet at their Airstream motor home to cast the longest shadow and relief from the heat, and hosted every one of our members present and 6 Affiliate members to an Easter themed feast of appetizers and drinks.

At noon on Saturday, all 14 of the THLU members present at the Rally and 7 THLU Affiliate Members gathered at the Towne Crier restaurant for the THLU Unit Luncheon.

And then, in true Region Rally fashion to keep all hopping from one event to the next, everyone had to hurry back to the Expo Center to set up for the Flea Market/Swap Meet. **Tom Beebe's** booth was by far the favorite of all shoppers with all of his recycled metal art. I saw someone carrying out a couple of flamingos, and he had some of his frogs, birds, dogs, metal insect stakes and some other items but everyone was stopping to admire the dragons. He had a blue and another styled green dragon that were just off the chart in the coolest factor. We are so fortunate to have such talented members like Tom and so many others.

Everyone in attendance would have been very proud of Region 9 President CC Gartman and his wife, Carla, in how they had kept the cost of the Rally in check. Much to the pleasure of those involved, time after time we witnessed and heard evidence of cost saving, budget slashing and recycling attempts they had made compared to years in the past. In the economic times that we are all currently facing, it was refreshing and appreciated to see our leadership taking such measures to ensure the future of our Club.

1st Vice President and THLU Affiliate Members, **Jim and Raisin Schwerdfeger**, had obtained and handed out over 190 Door Prizes! The first two days of the Rally everyone in attendance received at least one door prize to local attractions and restaurants. After that, all names were put back in the hopper and everyone received at least one more door prize.

If there was one recurring theme of this Rally, I would have to say that it is on the subject of Membership. Not only is recruitment and retention of Membership a priority of our President, **Harvey Craig**, but we saw and heard a great deal of evidence just how important it is on the Regional and National levels, too. **Myron Fischer** headed up a Seminar on the subject with International Membership Chairman and Canadian, Don McKelvey, International Publicity Chairman, Fred Richardson and Former International President, Tom Collier all as speakers. Though the seminar was scheduled for an hour, it took almost two hours to hear all the efforts, suggestions and encouragement coming from the audience, including International President Norm Beu.

Though **Harvey Craig** was unable to attend the Region Rally due to the injury of his leg that he suffered at the recent highly successful Big Bend Caravan, he was very much missed, and it was my pleasure to represent and carry the Texas Highland Lakes Unit flag during the week's events.

On Sunday morning, we gathered for the last Rally event for a church service, led by Regional Chaplain Fred Richardson, where we lifted up in prayer recently hospitalized THLU member **Gayland Stephens** and other Region 9 members and friends.

Then it was time to tell everyone good-bye and face the near tornado strength winds to head to our respective homes and prepare for next month's Vintage Rally in Glen Rose. Despite facing the weather extremes and trying out every mode in our heating and cooling units, the Region 9 Rally will go down in history and our memories as a huge success! I'm so glad I own an Airstream! And that I'm a member of Texas Highland Lakes Unit! ~ *Marque Mooney*

Editor's note: Marque has posted some great photos from Region 9 Rally on THLU's Facebook.

Thanks go out to all that Assisted with the Region 9 Rally – Harvey Craig

I want to once again extend a huge thank you to all members who attended the Region 9 Rally in Abilene. I wish to especially thank Marque Mooney, who basically took over for me since I could not attend due to my leg injury. Marque did an outstanding job and sent me daily Region 9 reports. In addition, I want to thank Myron Fischer for taking over my duties as Rig Count Chairman at the rally. Also, Jim Haddaway stepped right up with no reservation to conduct my Caravan seminar on Saturday morning at the rally. I also want to thank all for the e-mails and calls wishing me a speedy recovery.

I am pleased to report that my leg and knee are much better and I am almost to the point of walking without much of a limp. I still need to be very careful not to twist the leg again as it is still in a weakened condition.

A Call Goes out to all THLU Sewers and Quilters – Jean Beebe

THLU has quite a few sewers and quilters. I thought that it might be fun to prepare quilt blocks with an Airstream or flamingo theme to use to put together a quilt or throw to auction off at our Christmas Rally in San Antonio this year.

Those that want to make a block over the summer can send the block/s to me or bring them to the October Rock, Rattle, & Roll Rally in Perrin, Texas where we can sew them together. At the November Installation Rally in New Braunfels we can tie it rather than quilt it.

The blocks can be any size as we will sew them together with sashing between blocks. Please use cotton fabrics to appliqué, piece, embroider, etc. Have some fun! Any questions, please contact me at: tj-beebe@hotmail.com or call 512/444-7509 (Home) or 512/745-4201 (Cell).

Congratulations go out to Miranda Lambert – Harvey Craig

It was great to have Miranda attend our Boerne Rally in March. Congratulations go out to her for being the top winner with four awards at the recent 46th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards. Miranda received the Female Vocalist of the Year Award for the second consecutive time as well as: the Single Record of the Year Award, the Song of the Year Award, and the Video of the Year Award all for the song, “The House that Built Me.”

In addition to all of the congratulations on these awards, THLU sends out congratulations upon Miranda’s May wedding to Blake Shelton.

I told Miranda at the Boerne Rally that I bet she did not realize that she was getting another family when she joined the Texas Highland Lakes Unit and WBCCI. It took much effort on my part to stop some of the THLU members from throwing her an Airstream Bridal Shower that would have probably been full of Airstream towels and flamingos. All THLU members are very proud and happy for you!

Fred & Judy Hazen Return from Civil War Caravan Part 1 – Harvey Craig

The Hazens recently returned from the 30 day Part 1, “War Along the Mississippi” American Civil War Caravan N-40-1. They traveled with twenty-five other Airstreams from twelve different states.

Fred wrote, “I thought that I knew a lot about the Civil War until I met two or three other men on our caravan that have been studying the war for years. Part 1 of the American Civil War was a great learning experience for me.”

Judy enjoyed working on her Civil War quilt as well as touring the antebellum homes and plantations. We welcome Fred and Judy back and look forward to hearing more about their recent caravan.



Doug & Kyong Draves



Battlefield tour with park ranger

Welcome New Members Doug & Kyong Draves– Harvey Craig

Doug and Kyong are new members to our unit from San Antonio who were inducted at our Boerne Rally in March. They were married at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul Korea 38 years ago.

After finishing military duties in 1977, Doug returned to work as a Geologist in Oklahoma City with moves to the Texas panhandle town of Perryton and then to San Antonio where they have lived since 1982.

Kyong has owned and operated several small food service businesses, but now spends her time as a housewife and volunteering several days a week with various church activities.

Doug & Kyong are previous owners of a Westsail 32 foot cutter rigged full keel sailboat which they sailed across the Gulf of Mexico twice winning first place in one race to Progresso, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula. The sail boat was sold in 1998 and a 1960 Comanche aircraft was purchased after Doug earned his wings at the age of 50. The plane won best single engine Comanche at the 2007 International Comanche Convention held in Tacoma, WA.

Doug frequently flies the plane on business to oversee drilling oil wells in North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming and to manage forest lands the couple owns in Washington State.

The couple purchased a 20 foot Flying Cloud in January 2011 after a “dream” and hope to spend some rare free weekend time at local state parks and at Airstream rallies.

Doug is a cancer survivor since 2008, successfully treated at M.D. Anderson. He still works full time, but is having a lot of fun working as a geologist.

7th THLU Texas Airstream Vintage Round-Up Rally Nears

I am pleased to report that plans for our Vintage Rally have about all been completed. I have included our tentative rally schedule including seminars in this Newsletter. We still need volunteers for parking, and clean-up. The rally is shaping up to be a fun, educational one. In addition, THLU will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary at this rally and will have an important business meeting on the morning of Monday, May 16. **Please send registration forms to Jean Beebe by Friday, April 29.** A rally schedule including all of the seminars is included in this Newsletter.

THLU Gains Three New Members this Last Month

Marque Mooney, Membership Chair, as well as other THLU members have been working on getting new members into our unit. This last month, THLU gained three new members---all members extend a warm welcome to these three couples.

Charles & Skye Anderson live at 3805 Casa Blanca Ct. in Corpus Christi and have a 1984 Sovereign 27’ Airstream and hope to attend the Vintage Rally in Glen Rose in May.

Paul and Monica Erb live at 9901 Brodie Lane in Austin and have a 2005 Safari 28’ trailer. Paul visited our members who were at the March Luby lunch. In addition, they plan to attend the Vintage Rally this May.

Michael & Lynn Neu live at 1800 Johnson Way in Round Rock and have a 1963 Globe Trotter 19’ rig. They hope to attend the Vintage Rally as well.

SPECIAL UP COMING MAY BIRTHDAYS

Colin Melton	05/03	Art Kelley	05/14
Charles Anderson	05/04	Jim Haddox	05/19
R. Lee Steele	05/06	Annie Fisher	05/23
Jimmy Mooney	05/07	Pamela Luttig	05/23
Billy Walker	05/08	Phil Risher	05/31
Brad Hempel	05/09		

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary / Marilyn McClanahan	05/07	George / Sandy Loner	05/25
David / Cindy Skinner	05/11	Frank / Yvonne Rising	05/26
John / Susan Sheridan	05/14	Steve / Kathy Holland	05/30
Terry Clopper / Gayle Shonley	05/14		

Sunshine Report - Kathryn Fischer

Gayland Stephens has had pneumonia; however is at home taking antibiotics, and Ella Faye reports that he seems to be doing better. He has also been on an aspirin regiment to help with the clotting issue that he has had since he cannot take blood thinners due to stroke issues.

John Irwin will have hand surgery in Austin on Monday, April 25 for carpel tunnel syndrome.

Martha Rucker has been placed in a nursing home with her Alzheimer problems. Charlie Williams is living with his mother now at: 509 S. Hughes in Belton, Texas 76513 and his new phone number is 254/939-1177.

Our best wishes to all. If you know of any other THLU Members who could use our support and prayers, please let me know, Kathryn Fischer 512/784-0635 or e-mail fisch963@earthlink.net

Reminders (Contact Harvey Craig at eharv@msn.com or 512/633-0380 for more information or reservations):

Tue, **May 3**: Unit Lunch at South Luby's located at US 290 & Brodie Lane

Thu.-Mon., **May 12-16**: 7th Texas Vintage Airstream "Round-Up" National Rally at Tres Rios RV Resort in Glen Rose with THLU Business Meeting & Elections on Monday, May 16.

Tue, June 7: Last unit Lunch at South Luby's located at US 290 & Brodie Lane with July's lunch held at the North Luby's.

THLU Member Sale Items

Marvin & Annie Fisher have two side by side 40 x 80 ft. lots in Zavalla for sale. One has a 10 x 10 ft storage shed and a 12 x 14 ft cabana with a 12 x 12 ft. covered patio. The other lot has asphalt that is grassed over. Both lots have electricity, water, and sewer with a view of the lake. Their e-mail is: annie-marvin@hotmail.com or call: 810/728-5517.

Carlos & Rosemary Leach have a three year old 1000 Yamaha generator with less than 70 hours running time that is in great running shape for sale. Their e-mail is: cmleach3@comcast.net or call: 281/536-6185.



LEFT: Jean Beebe has a knack for winning bulletin board designs.

ABOVE: What a crew! THLU served up a great BBQ meal at Region 9 Rally.

7th Texas Vintage Airstream National “Round-Up” Rally Schedule as of 04/18/11
Tres Rios River Ranch Resort, Glen Rose, Texas
May 12-16, 2011

Wednesday, May 11

11:30-3:30 Arrival & Parking Day for THLU Vintage Committee
 3:30-5:30 Organizational Meeting for Vintage Chairs Tres Rios Palace #2

Thursday, May 12, 2011

7:30-5:45 Arrival Day---Registration & Parking Tres Rios Palace #2
 4:45-5:45 Happy Hour (**Last name A thru F bring hors d’oeuvres**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 6:00-7:45 Welcome, Announcements, & Pot Luck Dinner (**Meat Provided; Bring Set Ups**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:00-10:30 Campfire & Airstream Stories (**Outside; if not in a Burn Ban**) Fire Place near Pool Area

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30 Coffee Ready---Registration & Parking Continues until 5:30 Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:30-10:00 Holding Tank Odor Control with Gary & Linda Baecker Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:30-10:00 Airstream Woodworking with John Irwin & Luther Price Tres Rios Palace #1
 10:15-11:45 Gardening with Master Gardener Bonnah Boyd Tres Rios Palace #1
 10:15-11:45 Fantastic Fan Installation with Dennis Watermann (Outside) Outside Vintage Area
 11:45-1:00 Lunch on your own
 1:15-2:45 Preserving Your Photos with Fred Hazen Tres Rios Palace #1
 1:15-2:45 Airstream Rescue---Restoring old Airstreams with Pat McDowell Tres Rios Palace #2
 3:00-4:30 Salvaging an Interior with Paul Mayeux Tres Rios Palace #2
 4:45-5:45 Happy Hour (**Beer Keg & Wine Provided; G thru M bring hors d’oeuvres**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 6:00-7:45 Announcements, Door Prizes, & Mexican Catered Dinner (**Set Ups Provided**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:00-10:30 Door Prizes & Country/Western Dancing Tres Rios Palace #2

Saturday, May 14, 2011

7:30 Coffee Ready----Late Registration until Noon Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:00-8:30 Donuts & Sky Med Presentation with Gary & Linda Baecker Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:30-10:00 Cooking Outdoors with Tom Beebe
 (**Outside**) Outside Behind TX Hall
 8:30-10:00 Polishing with Pat McDowell (**Outside**) Outside Vintage Area
 10:15-11:45 Square Foot Gardening with Colin Melton Tres Rios Palace #1
 10:15-11:45 Solar Design & Installation with Paul Mayeux (**Outside**) Outside Palace #2
 11:45-1:00 Lunch On Your Own
 1:15-2:45 Great Ideas from Airstream Life with John Irwin Tres Rios Palace #2
 3:00-4:30 Open Forum/Discussion with John Irwin & Seminar Leaders Tres Rios Palace #2
 4:45-5:45 Happy Hour (**Beer Keg & Wine Provided; N thru Z bring hors d’oeuvres**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 6:00-7:45 Announcements, Door Prizes, & Barbeque Catered Dinner (**Set ups provided**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:00-10:30 Down Home Blue Grass Music Entertainment (**Outside**) Rio Pavilion

Sunday, May 15, 2011

7:30 Coffee Ready Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:30-9:00 Devotional Tres Rios Palace #1
 9:00-9:30 Swap & Sell Set-Up Tres Rios Palace #2
 9:30-11:30 Swap & Sell Meet Tres Rios Palace #2
 11:30-1:00 Lunch On Your Own
 1:00-4:30 Open House for the Public RV Parking Areas
 4:45-5:45 Happy Hour (**Bring any leftover hors d’oeuvre**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 6:00-7:45 Announcements, Door Prizes, & Pot Luck (**Desert Provided; Bring Set Ups**) Tres Rios Palace #2
 8:00-10:30 Campfire & “Happy Trails Until We Meet Again” in October, 2013 Fireplace near Pool Area

Monday, May 16, 2011

8:30-11:30 THLU Business Meeting & Elections Tres Rios Palace #2



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