

Texas Highland Lakes Unit

October, 2011



President's Message~ Harvey Craig

Time really flies---I cannot believe that it soon will be a year since I became President of THLU. It has been enjoyable and an honor to serve as THLU President. Members are the reason that my tenure has been so enjoyable and successful.

I began my term of office with several main goals. First and foremost, I wanted members to have fun, fellowship, and adventure. The rallies, camp-outs, and caravans provided these for those who had an opportunity to attend. Many thanks go to the outstanding rally hosts who did excellent jobs in organizing and providing fun and enjoyable rallies. Another goal of mine was to grow our unit not only in number of transfer and affiliate members but in the number of new WBCCI members. This year has been a banner year for THLU thanks not only to our outstanding membership chair, Marque Mooney, but also many regular members who encouraged new Airstreamers to become members. THLU broke the 100 mark of members this year. Another goal was for our unit to continue to be inclusive as well as diverse. We have one of the most diverse memberships in any unit in WBCCI--all working, traveling, socializing, and having fun together. Finally, I wanted our

unit to involve our younger and working members more and have them attend either more rallies or camp-outs. The camp-outs have proved to be a success in involving as well as providing opportunities for our younger members who still are employed with opportunities to escape their daily routines and enjoy a camping experience with fellow Airstreamers.

To achieve these goals took work from many of our THLU officers, committee chairmen, and members. I cannot thank them enough for helping to achieve these goals. We have made our unit stronger and better geared to meet the needs of new, future Airstreamers.

I depart my post as President in a couple of weeks confident that our unit is in good standing and in capable and outstanding hands with the incoming officers. The backbone of WBCCI is the individual unit, and THLU is one of its strongest---a leader in the organization----a moving force into the 21st Century. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to lead such a fine Unit!

Rock, Rattle, & Roll Perrin Rally Was a GREAT Success~ Marque Mooney

The Rock, Rattle and Roll Rally in Perrin,

Texas on October 6-9, 2011 was filled with lots of new members, informative presentations, wedding vows, food, fun and finally some much needed rain!



Don't you just love it when a brand new member, at their very first Rally, jumps right into Club activities and can be found in the kitchen flipping Beer Batter Pancakes for everyone for breakfast or making cakes for that night's supper? Thanks go to new members, Phil and Shirley, and everyone else for pitching in and helping this Rally's hosts: Fred and Judy Hazen and Jimmy and Marque Mooney!



Speaking of new members, our President, Harvey Craig, swore in new members Phillip and Peggy Spruell (Humble), Ernie and Doris Branch (Krum), Glen and Linda Lawson (and granddaughter, Katie, from Hamilton), Ed and Shirley Sherwood (Lago

Vista). He also welcomed new transfer members, C.C. and Carla Gartman (Bowie). C.C. and Carla are our current WBCCI Region 9 President and First Lady and are coming to us from the recently disbanded WBCCI Texas Unit. Welcome new THLU members!



Another first for THLU was the administering of the "Airstream Vows" to newlyweds Ardell and Pati Ramsey Mayton, by THLU Chaplain, Marilyn McClanahan. Ardell and Pati were asked, among a whole list of other clever things, to "Makes Memories, not Wishes" and "to keep their pantry full and prepared for rally potlucks" before they were pronounced "Aluminated" and asked to "Jump the Broom". Everyone in the audience was served wedding cake.



THLU is blessed with having plenty of talented and interesting members and we are so grateful when they step up and share those talents with us. John Irwin gave the Rally attendees an informative presentation on Friday morning about Digital Photography for Beginners. On Saturday morning, Fred and Judy Hazen gave a very interesting presentation about their recent participation on the national Civil War Caravan. Other activities included: lots of fun and games, train rides, and standing on the patio enjoying the first rain in the drought-stricken area in months. A great time was had by all - old members, new members, visiting kids and grandkids, and even newly-weds!



Last Business Meeting of the Year Was Held at the Perrin~ Harvey Craig

THLU last business meeting of the year was held during the Rock, Rattle, & Roll Rally in Perrin on Saturday, October 8. Kathy Blanchard's resignation as 1st VP was noted and John Irwin, Nominating Chair, announced that Marque and Jimmy Mooney were ready to advance in unit officer positions and that Marty Berdan had agreed to serve as 2nd VP. Those individuals were elected to these officer positions at the business meeting and will be sworn into office on Saturday, November 12, at our Installation Rally at Hill Country RV Resort in New Braunfels.

Our next year's officers will be: Marque Mooney, President; Jimmy Mooney, 1st VP; Marty Berdan, 2nd VP; Jean Beebe, Treasurer; Janet Turner, Recording Secretary; Jill Barnes, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Brown, Trustee 2 yr; Richard Gallagher, Trustee 2 yr; Myron Fischer, Trustee 1 yr; Jim Haddaway, Trustee 1 yr; and Harvey Craig, Past President.



Richard Turner, Treasurer, moved that the unit donate \$270.00 to the Bastrop State Park Fire Fund. Motion passed. A unit check in the amount of \$2,700.00 was sent

on behalf of THLU and its members to support Bastrop State Park Employees who lost property due to the devastating Bastrop Fire.

Kay Fisher-Irwin, Community Service Chair, moved that one half of the funds made off this year's Christmas auction go to the Wounded Warrior Project and the other half go to THLU general funds. The motion passed.

Janie Haddaway, Directory Chair and Directory Study Committee Chair, reported that the Directory Study Committee recommends that Marque Mooney, next year's President, consider going to an e-mailed based Unit Directory similar to the New Mexico Four Corners Unit's format and that members who did not have computer or printer access be mailed one copy of the Unit Directory next year. It was noted that Jean Beebe, as next year's treasurer, would work on the Unit Directory with the assistance of Paul Nevitt, a Directory Study Committee member.

Jim Haddaway, Constitution & Bylaws Chair, discussed the various pending WBCCI Constitutional Amendments----one of which (the Denver Colorado Unit has sent forward that gives the International Delegates power of review, audit, and repeal of the Club's policies and Bylaws instead of the International Board of Trustees---the Board of Trustees would still have the right to create Bylaws and policies; however, the Delegates would hold the power of review, interpretation, and repeal of the Club's Bylaws and policies) our Unit will have to vote on the DENCO Amendment before May 21, 2012.

Fred Hazen, Vintage Standing Committee Chair, reported that the THLU Vintage Rally was set for mid-October in 2013 at

Gonzalez and that he was working hard to make the rally a "Big Deal" and a very successful event.

Ruidoso/New Mexico Caravan October 9-19 Was Full of Fun~ Judy Hazen

As a grand finale to our October rally in Perrin, TX, Mother Nature sent a generous rain storm which continued throughout the night into Sunday morning. Thankful for a break in our Texas drought, it is doubtful that anyone complained as we hooked up and headed west to begin our 10 day trek around southeast New Mexico. Eleven couples (Berdans; Branches; Callahans; Gail Craig; Haddaways; Hazens; Maytons; Mooneys; Shellys; Turners & Wetterschneiders) led by Harvey Craig enjoyed nearly ideal weather the entire trip.



After an overnight in Brownfield, TX the first major stop was at Bottomless Lakes State Park just east of Roswell, NM. Many had never visited that unusual spot and might have tarried a while but Roswell beckoned to prove that it is noted for more than UFOs and aliens. We did visit the UFO Research Center but two fine art museums also held some interest for all.

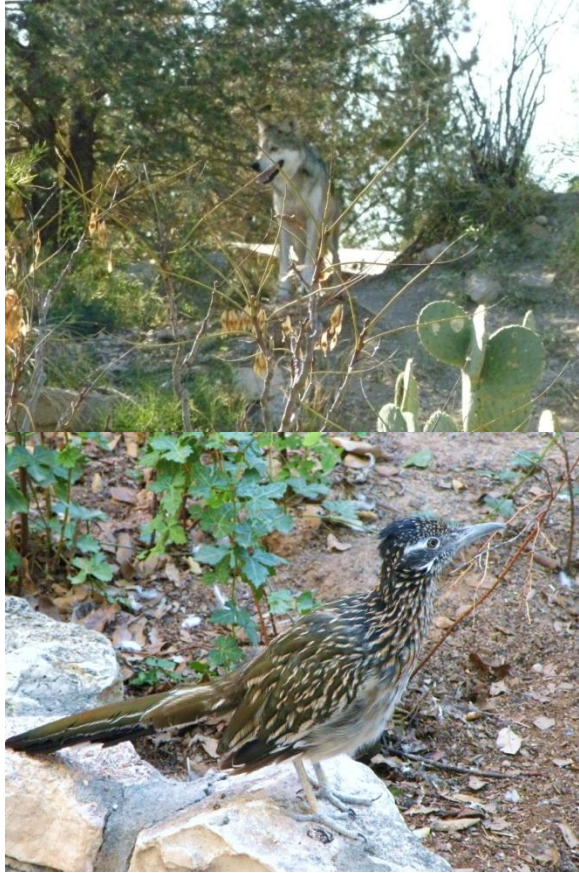


Five days in the Ruidoso area gave us time to only sample all that the area has to offer. We visited the Museum of the American West, an air show and classic auto show, Octoberfest, toured Spencer Theater, Lincoln Co. historical sites plus two all-day trips to Cloudcroft and Sun Spot Observatory and to White Sands Monument and the Space Museum in Alamogordo. All “duded out” in our western duds as we enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner for our caravan banquet in Ruidoso.



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But that was not the end...
Moving on to Artesia/Carlsbad, we tromped around the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens before heading down into Carlsbad Caverns. Plenty of tired bodies that night! Fort Stockton, TX was our last official campsite; some toured historical points in town and the old Fort.





This is the *second* caravan Harvey has led for our unit this year. He is to be commended as he “runs a tight ship” but shows patience in corralling us to keep scheduled tours along the way and getting us parked and settled at campsites. Our social hours and evening meals were prepared and hosted by assigned teams of two couples on most evenings. Therefore each couple only had to “work” one night the whole caravan – I liked that idea! I loved getting acquainted with some of our new members and renewing friendships with our long-time members. Caravans are fun – spread the word!



Blanco State Park Spooktacular Camp-Out is Full~ Harvey Craig

Our last camp-out for this year will be **October 28-30** at the Blanco State Park and is full currently with two stand-by rigs. In addition, the park is full for this weekend as well.

This camp-out is only two nights with pot-lucks and breakfasts. The first happy hour begins around 5:30 on Friday followed by a pot luck dinner around 7:00. We shall have a Halloween Costume contest on Saturday night and will be inducting two or three new members into our unit at the Camp-Out.

November Installation Rally Reservations Needed by October

28- Myron Fischer

Our Installation Rally will be held at the Hill Country RV Resort in New Braunfels, November 10-13. **Please RSVP for this rally to Myron Fischer at:**

fisch963@earthlink.net or call: 512/784-0635 by October 28. Please indicate when you RSVP the day of your arrival and departure. This will be the first time that THLU has had a rally in New Braunfels. Fun activities have been planned and **the rally schedule can be found in this Newsletter.**

Peppermint Rally Set for December 1-4 in San Antonio~ Harvey Craig

Our Peppermint Christmas Rally is set for December 1-4 at the Travelers World RV Resort in San Antonio. Carlos and Rosemary Leach are the lead hosts for this rally and have a fun time planned for all including our usual Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange, Christmas Auction, Wonderful meals, and even a Holiday Boat Ride along the San Antonio River Walk. Because of the time of the year and the popularity of our RV Park, space is limited; therefore, **please begin to RSVP for this rally to: Carlos & Rosemary Leach at:**

cmleach3@comcast.net or call: 281/536-6185.

2012 Membership Info Needed by October 30~ Richard Turner

If you have not renewed your membership and want your information in the WBCCI National Directory----you must contact me by October 30--- **janricht@hotmail.com**
Richard Turner at: 200 Walnut Hill Ave.

**# 92, Hillsboro, TX 76645; 512/422-3348
or 512/633-2006.**

Gayland Stephens Died on October 20~ Harvey Craig

Gayland Stephens died peacefully at the Hamilton Hospital on the evening of Thursday, October 20 after a heroic 2 ½ year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Visitation will be at Riley Funeral Home in Hamilton on Saturday, October 22 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral Services are at First Baptist Church at 200 South Bell Street in Hamilton on Sunday, October 23 at 3 p.m. Interment is in Toliver Cemetery in Lamkin, Texas.

The family wishes that memorials be sent to: Memorial Tress from Dig This!---620 S. Rice Street, Hamilton; Hamilton General Hospital ---400 N. Brown Street, Hamilton; Hamilton Co. Livestock Association Cattleman's Award, c/o Charlette Boyd, 101 CR 401, Hamilton; or to Stephens' Family Scholarship Fund, H.I.S.D., 400 S. College Street, Hamilton.

Gayland was instrumental in recruiting new members into our Unit and would make every effort to greet each new member and make them feel welcomed. He would often say that THLU and its members were like family to him.

Please keep Ella Faye and their daughter, Rena, in your thoughts and prayers.

SPECIAL UP- COMING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy & Treasea Morris	11/01	Glen Hieshima	11/02
Dave Sharebo	11/03	Ken Callahan	11/04
Johnny & Erlene Shelly	11/04	Gail Craig	11/06
Humberto & Mickey Reyes	11/06	Rosemary Leach	11/08
Marty Berdan	11/11	Miranda Lambert	11/11
Raisin Schwerdfeger	11/11	Michael Smith & Frank Saenz	11/15
Cynthia Hempel	11/16	Mary Herrold	11/17
Terry Clopper	11/18	Byron Wright	11/18
Howard Duff	11/19	Karen Sharbo	11/19
Michael & Lynn Neu	11/19	Jim Schwerdfeger	11/20
Kathy Blanchard	11/23	Billy & Lynn Walker	11/23
Don & Myrtle Bell	11/24	John Tetzlaff	11/25
Jim & Melinda Wasson	11/26	Ed Sherwood	11/27
Johnny Shelly	11/28	John Sheridan	11/28
Myrtle Bell	11/29	Patti Ramsey Mayton	11/30



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November 10-13, 2011
Installation Rally
Hill Country RV Resort, New Braunfels

Directions: Exit I-35 at Exit 184 at Ruekle Rd, middle lane of frontage Rd and turn left at light, .1 miles to 2nd entrance to Park. Watch for Parkers on left.

- Wednesday, Nov 9 - Hosts arriving, other early parkers welcome
Hosts: Haddaways, Wetterschneiders, M. & Vicki Fischer
- Thursday, Nov 10 Parking All Day
4:30 P.M. Happy Hour, bring your beverage **A thru L** Bring Snacks
Bring your Beverage and table setups to all Meals
6:00 P.M. Pot luck, desserts provided by hosts
7:00 P.M. Activities led by Frank and Mike
- Friday, Nov 11 7:30 A.M. Coffee Ready
8:00 A.M. Breakfast: Cereals, Toast, Fruit and Coffee
9:30 A.M. Depart for New Braunfels Heritage Village Tour
11:30 A.M. Caravan to Gruene for Lunch
5:00 P.M. Happy Hour, **M-Z** Bring Snacks
6:00 P.M. Lasagna, Salad & Garlic Bread, Desserts provide
7:00 P.M. Activities led by Frank and Mike
- Saturday, Nov 12 7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:30 A.M. Breakfast casserole, fruit and coffee
9:00 A.M. Pay Treasurer
9:30 A.M. THLU 30th Anniversary Presentation, Fred Hazen
10:30 A.M. Remainder of day, discover New Braunfels
6:00 P.M. Catered B, B, Q set-ups provided with drinks
7:00 P.M. Installation of Unit Officers, Jim Schwerdsfeger, 1st VP, Region 9 Officiating (Church attire suggested)
7:30 P.M. Presidents Reception
- Sunday, Nov 13 8:30 A.M. Devotions and farewells, Bring your own coffee, if Desired

Please RSVP to Myron Fischer by Oct. 28th at 512-784-0635 or e-mail fisch963@earthlink.net



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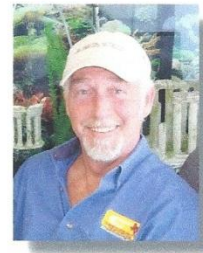
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