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2018 STARTS OFF WITH TWO GREAT EVENTS



Luncheon Hosts

*Tom Harris, Rae and Ronn Gilbert
Searcy & Fred Kracke*

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Luncheon at Christie's Seafood & Steak House
& February Rally in Sheridan, TX



Rally Hosts: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Jim & Barbara Mercer, Jill & Tom Kerschner, Helen & Don Teegarden

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*****BREAKING NEWS*****

**APRIL PRE-REGION RALLY HAS
BEEN MOVED FROM WACO TO
LEXINGTON, TX**

Sign up today for March Rally

**Brazos Bend State Park
21901 FM 762 RD
Needville, TX
March 8-11, 2018**
**Call or email Tom & Caren
Bundy**

**Tom-Caren@SBCglobal.net or
Call 281-250-7644
Deadline is March 3rd**

“THE REGAL BEAGLE BARKS”

Our Rally's are always a pleasure to attend. As you know, they are staffed by Volunteers from the Club. The Hosts and Co-Hosts plan the meals and activities for the weekend. On Page 6, you will find the 2018 Rally Schedule. I urge all members to look over this list and see where you can help. We need several Co-Hosts & one Host for the upcoming 2018 Rallies. Co-Hosting is a great way for new people to get to know Club Members and make new friends. You will also learn what it takes to run a Weekend Rally. It will be the most fun you have had yet at a Rally. And it is a way to give back to the Club and assure another successful Rally. I thank all that have already volunteered and urge all others to get involved.

I would also like to thank Arnold & Mary Etta Zander for making it possible for Sherry and me to have a rig that should allow us to have a complete and successful year.



Hub



GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The annual GHAC Luncheon 27,2018 at Christies Seafood and Steak Restaurant on Westheimer. Forty eight members attended. This was a great place for the luncheon. We thank Searcy Kracke for the recommendation.

Members were greeted by Ronn & Rae Gilbert, and Tom Harris. Bill Miller had prepared the new Directory inserts that were given out at the door. Christie Staff were busy getting drink orders and serving them during Social Hour from 11-11:45. They also handed out meal and dessert cards. The entire process was smooth and efficient. By noon everyone took their seats. Vern Goodwin gave the invocation. It was so great to have him with us. The delicious meals were served and enjoyed by all.

Following lunch we had a short business meeting.

Fred Walshburger led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Bundy presented a review of Team Red, White, and Blue. He discussed the purpose and mission of the organization.



The Club donated \$500.00 to this worthy cause.

President Hub Miller discussed his goals for the year and reviewed the upcoming Club events for the year.

Committee Chairpersons gave reports. Ronn Gilbert & Bill Miller are working on getting Flags with the new club logo. Ronn had samples of flags. There is a survey, and cost information in this newsletter asking members about their desire to purchase a new flag. We want to have the new flags for International Rally (page 5).



We were excited to have two new members: Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander and Rene & Doris Karel

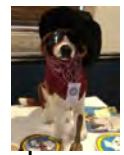


Rene & daughter Stephanie, the Honorable Vern Goodwin, Cheryl & Chuck



Doris was unable to attend so their lovely daughter, Stephanie accompanied her dad. They seemed equally excited to be with us and plan to attend rallies in the near future.

Another new member made his first appearance. R.B. Miller, aka Regal Beagle! After all, Hub said he wanted to be the Top Dog. The Club seemed delighted with this new Mascot. We heard from a reliable source that he was seat-belted in for the ride home.



Hub then presented longevity stars to:



Don & Helen Teegarden
25 years



Rae & Ron Gilbert
10 years



Barbara & Jim Mercer
accepting for
Scott & Sally Mercer
5 years

The luncheon concluded and all headed home. Steve and Ginger Zeringue had to leave early. Sadly, Steve learned of his father's death just as lunch was served. Our thoughts and prayers went with them.

See you down the road and Thanks for Coming

Hosts: Fred & Searcy Kracke, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, and Tom Harris

Mid-Winter Rally Splashway Park in Sheridan, TX

Hosts: Jim and Barbara Mercer, Ronn and Rae Gilbert, Don and Helen Teegarden, Tom and Jill Kershner

Our February Rally had to be relocated to Splashway Park in Sheridan just weeks before the rally. Splashway Park proved to be one of the most welcoming parks we have visited in quite a while. Not only was

the camp-ground first rate, but the staff was extremely helpful. In spite of not having a kitchen in the



meeting room, the park provided us with a cabin at no cost and access to their camp store kitchen where we washed our dishes. Laura, one of the owners, joined us at dinner on Friday night, and even provided us a gift certificate for a two night RV stay to add to our Red, White, and Blue raffle. If you missed this rally, you missed a great experience.

With the exception of Hub and Sherry Miller, who arrived on Friday, everyone arrived on Thursday. Those members included, Tom & Jill Kershner, Tom & Caren Bundy, Jim & Barbara Mercer, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Don & Helen Teegarden, Jack & Beverly Williams, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Rob & Nelda Tope, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill, Tom Harris, Clark Gardiner & Debbie Pfunder, and Jerry & Tracey Calvert.



On Thursday night everyone gathered in the decorated rally room. The awesome decorations of hearts, cherubs, pearls

and jewels were all provided by Jill Kershner. For dinner we were treated to chili with all the trimmings prepared by Chef Rae. It was the perfect meal for a chilly, damp evening!

Friday morning we all lined up in our vehicles to caravan to Shiner for our tour of the Spoetzl Brewery, home to Shiner Beer. This was a fascinating tour, complete with free beer! We were all amazed at the bottling operations. It was so interesting to watch the robots moving the kegs through the cleaning, filling, capping, and loading operations.



Then we moved on to the bottling line where we watched thousands of bottles speeding down the line to be filled, capped, labeled, and placed in boxes to be shipped. After the tour was finished, we drove into Hallettsville for a great Mexican lunch. Back at the RV park we gathered for dinner of ham with side dishes provided by everyone attending. Dessert was brownies and ice cream.

Saturday morning after our breakfast of egg and ham sandwiches, everyone prepared to car pool to Schulenburg where we met our guide for the Painted Churches Tour of Fayette County. There are 29 Painted Churches in Texas with most of them being Catholic Churches. The four Painted Churches in Fayette County are all Catholic. The first church



we toured was Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Dubina. Dubina, which means Oak Grove, was named because the first settlers found shelter

from a storm in an oak grove there. In 1856, Dubina became the first Czech settlement in Texas and they soon built a church. The present church was rebuilt after the 1909 hurricane destroyed the previous structure.



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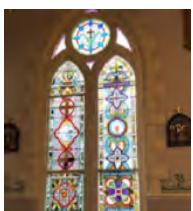
The beautiful interior with silver stars painted on the blue ceiling had been whitewashed over, but in 1983, parishioners stripped off the whitewash and repainted over the original painting by hand. There are 50 families in this beautiful church today.



The second church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, was located in nearby Ammannsville. The current church was built in 1919 after the previous structures were destroyed by first the 1909 hurricane, then a fire. This church had a mauve colored ceiling, Tiffany stained glass windows from New York, and many beautiful statues from Italy.



St. Mary's Catholic Church in High Hill was a brick structure with a beautifully painted white and turquoise ceiling. It was finished and dedicated in 1905. The ceiling is actually painted canvas wallpaper panels. It took a year to clean the ceiling panels in 2011 for a cost of \$600,000. This church also has beautiful stained glass windows and statues.



After the St. Mary's tour, we went to Schulenburg for lunch, then finished the tour in Praha with the final church, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. This was the largest of the four churches. It

was an impressive stone structure and has recently been completely renovated. The interior was colorfully painted with the front altar ceiling depicting the Assumption of Virgin Mary and the side panels, the Garden of Eden.



After a full day of touring, we headed back to the park for a dinner of Pasta a La Fagoli soup, salad, and bread. After dinner, the ladies decorated cupcakes for their "Sweeties" while the gentlemen crafted handmade Valentines for their Sweethearts.



Needless to say, there were some very creative Valentines.



Sunday morning we capped off a busy, fun weekend with a continental breakfast of home made breads, fruit, and left over breakfast sandwiches and ham.

Jim Mercer read a "Cowboy Poem" that reminded us that we all need to keep our prayer life active.

We bid each other farewell and plan to meet again at our next rally at Brazos Bend State Park. Be sure to contact Tom Bundy at (281) 250-7644 so you don't miss out on this fun rally!

NEW CLUB FLAG

We are getting close to putting in the order for our new club flag. As I explained at the January luncheon, the cost is affected by the number of flags that we order. If we can justify ordering 50 flags at one time, we will get the best price of approximately \$35 to \$40 each. If you plan on purchasing a new flag, drop me an email (rmgilb3673@aol.com) by the end of February. If we know that a reasonable number of flags will be purchased, we can better justify the expense to the club of buying a larger quantity. Thanks,

Ronn Gilbert rmgilb3673@aol.com

Anniversaries

**FEBRUARY**

- 2/3/83 Charlie & Cheryl Jacobs
- 2/3/99 Daniel & Lisa Schwarz
- 2/20/57 Red & Nancy Childers
- 2/26/82 Alan & Bernadine Billard

MARCH

- 3/3/85 Richard & Susan McLean
- 3/4/74 Rene & Doris Karel
- 3/10/04 Bob & Lisa Hansen
- 3/16/04 Lee & Christine Jordan
- 3/17/79 Tom & Caren Bundy
- 3/19/93 James & Lisa Feine

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Bill Nelson
- 2/2 K.D.Couch
- 2/7 Debbie Pfunder
- 2/12 Ilene Lyddon
- 2/13 Autumn Isbell
- 2/14 Bernadine Billard
- 2/15 Frances Robeson
- 2/17 Lee Jordan
- 2/23 Clark Gardner
- 2/25 Beverly Williams

**MARCH**

- 3/01 Stephen Couch
- 3/12 Russ Dionne
- 3/13 Jerry Lyddon
- 3/19 Jim Parry
- 3/21 Jerry Goodwin
- 3/22 Pat Martin
- 3/24 Ron Berrnucho
- 3/25 Gayla Haas
- 3/27 Red Childers
- 3/29 Jim Goodwin
- 3/31 Vern Goodwin III

2018 Rally Schedule

- Mar. 8-11, Gator Haven Rally**
Brazos Bend St Pk, Needville, TX
Hosts: Tom & Caren Bundy
Co-Hosts: Scott & Sally Mercer
Ron & Suzan Bernucho
Jack & Beverly Williams
Lee & Christine Jordan
- Apr. 5-8, Pre-Region Rally**
Sonny's RV Park, Lexington, TX
Hosts: Dave & Jan Rightmyer
Co-Hosts: Lyle & Peggy Snow
Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines
- Apr. 9-15, Region 9 Rally**
Abilene Fairgrounds, Abilene, TX
- May 24-28, Memorial Day Rally**
Magnolia Lake RV, Goodrich, TX
Host: Tom Harris
Co-Hosts: Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines
Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder
NEED ANOTHER CO-HOST
- Jun. 23-28, International Rally**
Salem, OR
- Aug 30-Sep 3, Summer's Last Rah-Hah**
Livingston State Park, Livingston, TX
Hosts: NEED HOST
Co-Hosts: Bob & Lisa Hansen
NEED 2 or 3 CO-HOSTS
- Sep 27-30, Tail-Gating at A&M**
Bryan College Station, TX
Hosts: Vern & Jo Goodwin
Co-Hosts: Jim & Tonia Goodwin
Jack & Beverly Williams
NEED ANOTHER CO-HOST
- Nov. 8-11, Ready-Set-Gobble**
Crockett Family Resort, Crockett, TX
Hosts: Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Co-Hosts: Don & Eloise Reeves
NEED 2 or 3 CO-HOSTS
- Dec. 6-9, Christmas Rally/Officer Installation**
Coushatta RV Ranch, Bellville, TX
HOSTS: Red & Nancy Childers
Co-Hosts: Jack & Autumn Isbel
Need 2 or 3 CO-HOSTS

Sunshine Corner

By Helen Teegarden



I am happy to report that the flu bug seems to have missed most of our members at this time.

Irene Lyddon continues to have problems with her feet as she was recently at the hospital due to a staph infection in one of her feet. She is currently being a lady of leisure as the doctor has told her to stay off her feet. Surgery may take place after the infection heals.

We were sorry to hear that Jerry Thomas, a former member, is in the hospital with a bad cough and other breathing problems. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. We

Our Furry Friends

Each Newsletter we would like to recognize some of our furry campers.

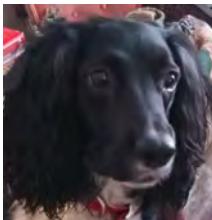
Petey (in red jacket) and Roscoe had a great time in the Doggie Park at Splash way RV. It's the best Doggie Park they have ever played in, and they have been to A LOT of great parks.



Bubba, 7 years ago, who left us in October and now resides in Doggie Heaven. Petey is lonely and really enjoyed hanging with his friend Roscoe.

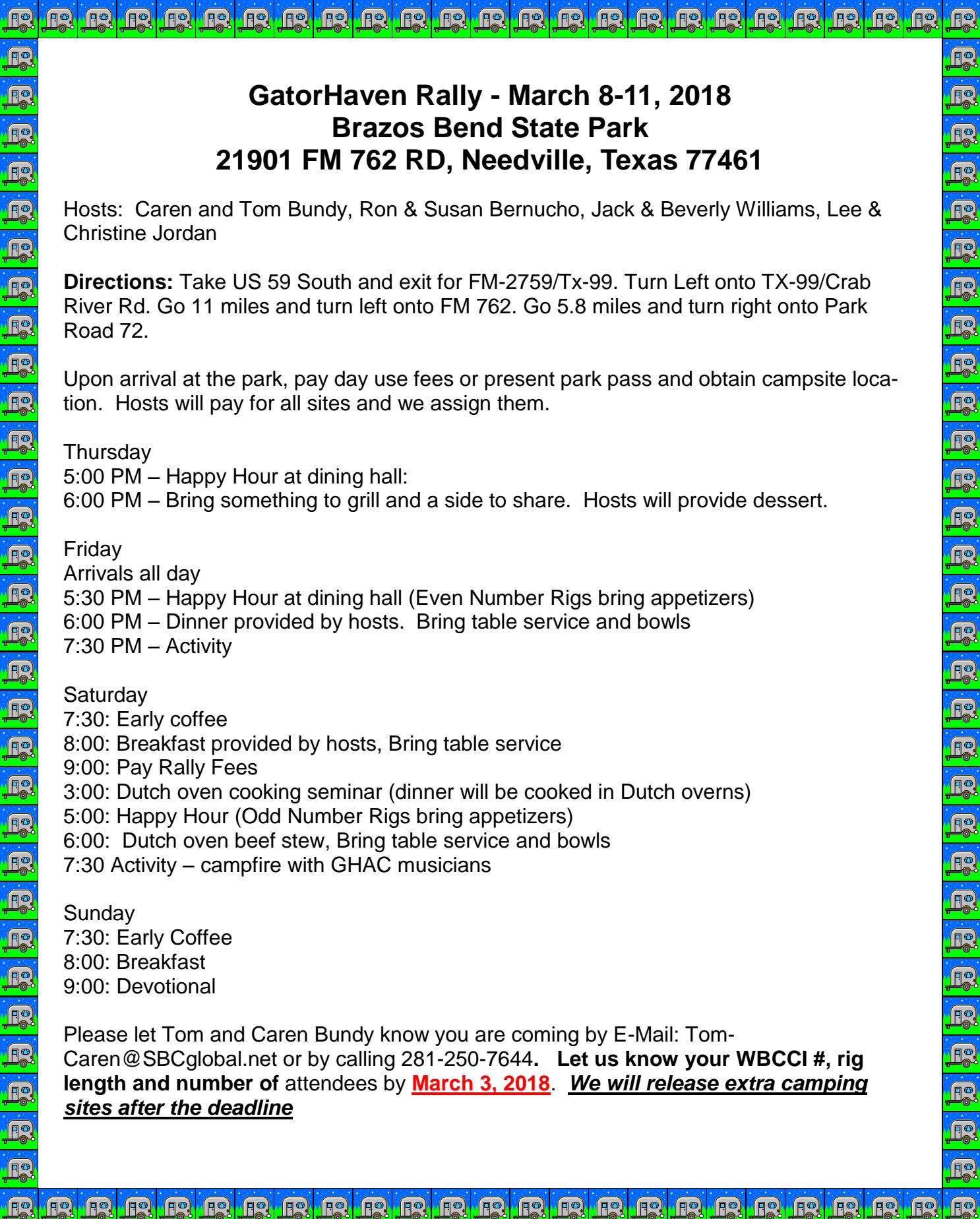
Roscoe is 10 years old .
 He was adopted by
 Rob & Nelda Tope.
 Roscoe lost one eye
 But that doesn't slow
 him down one bit.

Petey
zonked
out after
Playtime



You probably don't recognize this sweet face. This is C.J. (Cynthia Jane) Kracke. She was adopted by Fred & Searcy Kracke. C.J. is always in action. She never sits still. When we see her, she is chasing a ball, always in motion! She loves running and jumping. She loves everyone. A real Sweetie!





GatorHaven Rally - March 8-11, 2018 Brazos Bend State Park 21901 FM 762 RD, Needville, Texas 77461

Hosts: Caren and Tom Bundy, Ron & Susan Bernucho, Jack & Beverly Williams, Lee & Christine Jordan

Directions: Take US 59 South and exit for FM-2759/Tx-99. Turn Left onto TX-99/Crab River Rd. Go 11 miles and turn left onto FM 762. Go 5.8 miles and turn right onto Park Road 72.

Upon arrival at the park, pay day use fees or present park pass and obtain campsite location. Hosts will pay for all sites and we assign them.

Thursday

5:00 PM – Happy Hour at dining hall:

6:00 PM – Bring something to grill and a side to share. Hosts will provide dessert.

Friday

Arrivals all day

5:30 PM – Happy Hour at dining hall (Even Number Rigs bring appetizers)

6:00 PM – Dinner provided by hosts. Bring table service and bowls

7:30 PM – Activity

Saturday

7:30: Early coffee

8:00: Breakfast provided by hosts, Bring table service

9:00: Pay Rally Fees

3:00: Dutch oven cooking seminar (dinner will be cooked in Dutch ovens)

5:00: Happy Hour (Odd Number Rigs bring appetizers)

6:00: Dutch oven beef stew, Bring table service and bowls

7:30 Activity – campfire with GHAC musicians

Sunday

7:30: Early Coffee

8:00: Breakfast

9:00: Devotional

Please let Tom and Caren Bundy know you are coming by E-Mail: Tom-Caren@SBCglobal.net or by calling 281-250-7644. **Let us know your WBCCI #, rig length and number of attendees by March 3, 2018. We will release extra camping sites after the deadline**

NORTH TO ALASKA

I have been asked by several people if I would lead another unit caravan to Alaska. If there is enough rigs interested I will do this in 2019. International will be in Virginia and in late July so I will not be going to the International. The caravan will start June 17th and end Sept 6th. Let me know if you are interested. My guess it will be around a \$6500 kitty fee from Houston to Houston and will be 81 days(which includes some contingency which will be refunded at the end of the caravan). If you want to join later or leave earlier we can work out a reduction. If you have friends in SOBs we can make this a buddy caravan. **Lyle Snow, lyles51@comcast.net or 832-217-4508**



UNIT CARAVAN TO SALEM

We are firming up the plan for our trip to the International Rally in Salem, Oregon. I have made a couple of changes to the original itinerary in order to accommodate the desires of some of our participants. I have changed the departure date to 28 May in order to allow those attending the May rally in Goodrich to travel with the rest of us. We will still plan to arrive at the rally on 20 June which means that the caravan length will be reduced by four days. This will also save some cost. I will be sending out details of the revised itinerary and cost estimate soon to those that expressed an interest in going. I currently have nine rigs verbally committed to some or all of the caravan. I will be asking for a firmer commitment, in the form of a deposit, around the end of this month.

Regards,

**Ronn Gilbert, 281-244-7870,
rmgilb3673@aol.com**

Moment for Maintenance

Several good conversations developed at our Valentines Day Rally with fellow RVers concerning both past and present problems and repairs, and I thought they would make good fodder for an article this month. Each problem was solved with the owner participating in the troubleshooting and the repair - sort of the ultimate experience in on-the-job training.

The first problem was a showerhead that emitted no hot water. Hot water was available at both the bathroom and kitchen sinks. Taking apart the shower faucet revealed a tiny white thread sticking out of the faucet nozzle. We used tweezers to pull out the thread



and found it to be Teflon – the plumber's friend for sealing pipe threads. Reasoning that the thread probably came off the plastic plug in the hot water tank drain hole, we pulled the plug and discovered the sealing tape had been shredded during installation and strands had gotten into the tank. The strands then flowed into the faucet and lodged in the hot water side of the valve. We pulled out the valve and saw that it was full of tape pieces so we replaced it and it remains working today.

Coincidentally, the second problem which occurred more recently was somewhat similar but in the refrigerator gas jet nozzle. This time, the owner was complaining that his frig was not cooling well and never had since he bought it. He had checked his flame fed by the jet and thought it looked OK. A study of the flame placed it in the category of puny looking and a hand on the vent pipe said it wasn't hot enough. So we pulled out the jet to clean it and upon close examination saw a tiny metal shard sticking out of the orifice. Out came the tweezers and out came a needle like piece of metal about an eighth of an inch long. We cleaned the jet with alcohol, put it back together, and the fridge cooled just fine.

Moral of these stories is learn how the systems work so you can pursue a logical path of corrective action through careful observation, simple logical reasoning and testing. My suggestion to all is to drop some coin on A Repair Club (rvrepairclub.com) premium membership (\$49/year) and take advantage of their program of articles, videos and training materials.

Don



GHAC Pre-Region Rally
April 5- 8, 2018
Sonny's RV Park, 8816 N. Hwy 77
Lexington, Texas



DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 290 to Giddings, TX. Turn right ,go north on Hwy 77 for 17 miles to Lexington. Sonny's RV Park is on the right when you come into Lexington.

HOSTS: *Dave & Jan Rightmyer*

CO-HOSTS: *Lyle & Peggy Snow, Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines*

CHECK IN AND PAY AT OFFICE

FLYING CLOUD RALLY FEE: TBA

FLYING CLOUD Parking: \$23.00 per night

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

FLYING CLOUD 4:30 pm Happy Hour

FLYING CLOUD 6:00 pm Dinner Out - TBA

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

FLYING CLOUD Breakfast and Lunch on your own

FLYING CLOUD 4:30 pm Happy Hour, Even Number Rigs bring snacks

FLYING CLOUD 6:00 pm Dinner, Provided by Hosts

FLYING CLOUD 7:00 pm Crazy Cards

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

FLYING CLOUD 8:30 am Breakfast provided by Hosts

FLYING CLOUD 9:30 am Pay Rally Fees

ACTIVITY - ROUND TOP FLEA MARKET

FLYING CLOUD Lunch on your own

FLYING CLOUD 3:00 pm Craft Session / Maintenance Workshop

FLYING CLOUD 4:30 pm Happy Hour, Odd Number Rigs bring snacks

FLYING CLOUD 6:00 pm Dinner Provided by Hosts

FLYING CLOUD 7:00 pm Evening Activities

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

FLYING CLOUD 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

FLYING CLOUD 9:30 am Devotional

PLEASE EMAIL OR PHONE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR RALLY TO DAVE & JAN RIGHTMLYER BY *MARCH 28, 2018*.

janssvt@aol.com or 713-818-9021 or 281-358-0404

FLYING CLOUD NAME _____ ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

FLYING CLOUD NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ RIG LENGTH _____ 30 OR 50 AMP _____



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Schedule

Mar 8-11

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Needville, TX

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Lexington, TS

APR 9-15
REGION 9 RALLY
ABILENE, TX

May 24-28
MEMORIAL DAY RALLY
Magnolia Lake RV Park
791 FM 2665
Goodrich, TX

INTERNATIOAL RALLY
Oregon St. Fairgrounds
Salem, OR



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Previously Texas Coastal Plains Unit

Unit Website: WWW.GHAC155WBCCI.NET

A Message from Bob Jones RV

Hello to all our Texas Coastal Plains Unit members from the gang at BOB JONES RV.

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventive measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

Please contact Harry at 713-910-2949 for an appointment.

Bob Jones

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