

OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAM

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

Your Journey Awaits

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Rallies and Events

February Winter Campout

Windstar Casino

February 26-27 2016

2016 Region 9 Rally,

Shawnee OK,

March 14-19 2016

Oklahoma Unit Spring Rally

Grove OK

April 28-30 2016



Camp Doris, Wichita Mountains, OK

Photo by Wes Anderson

Need Pictures!

Please consider sharing some of your special pictures for our newsletter. "The Journey Awaits" picture should include part, or all of your Airstream and a special view that stirs and tugs on our wandering spirit. Please include the name of the member that took the picture and the picture location. Send to me at wandjok@gmail.com

Contributing to our Newsletter

Have you attended an Airstream rally or event recently? Did you take pictures? Why not share some of those memories with our members. How about the vacation you took in your Airstream where you found a hidden gem to camp. Take pictures? We'd love to see them! Just pick out a few of your best pictures and submit them to me with a paragraph or two of the event and I will do my best to get it in the following newsletter.

February Winter Campout, 26-27 February

It's time for us to test our winter camping skills! The Heart of Texas Camping Unit (HOTCU) has invited our Unit to join them at Winstar Casino (gambling not required) for a winter rally, 26-27 February. Winstar has a first-class RV park and facilities. All spots are paved and have water, electric and septic hookups. The onsite shower facilities are excellent and there is a clubhouse available for get-to-gathers since the outside temps will surely be chilly. Winstar Casino is right off I-35 about 1-2 miles from the OK/TX state lines. Easy on/off ramps and access to the RV park.

Don't want to de-winterize until spring? No problem. Your propane heater, electric heat pump or electric heater will keep you warm. Jugs of water can be used for flushing toilets and black tank (reference the article; "I've Winterized – No more Camping till Spring" in the December newsletter). So come join us for some winter wonderland fun!

The following information is from HOTCU unit president, Janie Wagenor:

FEBRUARY, 02/26 - 02/27

Winstar World Casino and Resort, 777 Casino Ave., Thackerville OK 73459

We have reserved sites in the PR section for the HOTC rigs.

RV sites are \$31.90 per night with full hook up

We have access to the clubhouse pavilion which may come in handy due to weather conditions
Entertainment:

02/26 Diana Ross General Admission \$45, Premium \$65.00, VIP 75.00

02/27 Gary Allan General Admission \$40, Premium \$55.00, VIP 65.00

You will need to reserve your RV site & obtain Show tickets ASAP.

Call to make your reservations by phone at [1 \(580\) 276-4229](tel:15802764229) or online

at <http://www.winstarworldcasino.com/> For RV Reservations Contact Wayne at [580 276-8900](tel:5802768900)

(Note: According to Wayne, if you've never had a player's card from Winstar, by signing up for one you will get one night free stay at the RV Park.)

If you are interested, please e-mail me of your intentions and make your reservations now! Hope to see you there!

2016 Region 9 Rally, 14-19 March

Can you believe it? The Region 9 rally is just two months away! Have you made your reservations to attend? Average temperature in Shawnee during March is a balmy 63 degrees. There will be plenty of indoor space for activities, seminars and entertainment. Jackie and I attended last year's rally in Montgomery TX. We had a great time and met lots of wonderful Airstreamers, many who have become great friends. I hope everyone will consider signing up for this year's rally, especially since it's in our back yard. Meet new friends, enjoy the comradery, and share in the experience! Plan your attendance today!

Registration Form: <http://region9.wbcci.net/files/2013/02/Shawnee-Brochure.pdf>

A Message from our Region 9 President, Andy Selking

Unit Presidents,

Please remind all of your members to sign up for "Airstream PowWow", the Region 9 rally in Shawnee, OK on March 14-19, 2016. Information and the registration form can be found on the Region 9 website. (www.region9.wbcci.net then click on the header "ABOUT REGION 9 RALLY")

Also remind everyone that there is a table decoration contest again this year. **The theme is totem poles! Use your imaginations!**

Andy Selking, Region 9 President

(Note: the totem pole mentioned is a table-top decoration that you make and display on the tables in the dining area. They will be judged and the best will receive an award)

Oklahoma 2016 Spring Rally, April 28 - 30

Cedar Oaks RV Park in Grove OK (Grand Lake O' the Cherokees) has been selected as the site for our Unit's spring rally. Pull-thru sites have been requested and a club room will be available. Ten sites have been reserved for April 28-30 with more available if needed. If there are some that would like to arrive early or leave late, that can be scheduled with the RV Park Office prior to arrival. No need to call to reserve a site unless you intend to come early or stay late.

Cedar Oaks RV Park
1550 83rd Street NW
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-4303, (800)880-8884
Group discount is \$24.95 when paying with cash or check and \$26.95 when using a credit card.

Can't make it Thursday because of work or school schedules? No problem. Come Friday; or even Saturday. The main thing is to come. Just contact me and let me know your plans so I can notify the RV Park as to our numbers.

The rally agenda is still being developed so if you have suggestions as to things you'd like to see or do at Grove, please send me or Jackie an e-mail. Any and all suggestions are welcome!

Preliminary agenda:

Thursday Meet-and-Greet Social Thursday evening in the club house

Friday day: Self guided tours of the surrounding area in Grove and Grand Lake

Friday evening: Pot luck dinner in the club house with social gathering and games following

Saturday day: Self guided tours of the surrounding area in Grove and Grand Lake

Sat evening: Pot luck dinner in the club house with social gathering and games following

Other possibilities:

Depending where we are parked we may be able to have a bonfire, including the roasting of marsh mellows for the kiddos (both big and small - lol).

The club house has kitchen facilities so a club provided breakfast might be a possibility if cooking volunteers come forward (hint, hint!).

Try your luck fishing off the shore and get bragging rights for the largest fish caught!

There are a lot of attractions in and around Grove. We will include some suggestions in our upcoming newsletters. You can also visit the Grove Chamber of Commerce website to get a more complete list of activities: www.groveok.org. If someone wants to put together a guided tour or activity, we will happy to include it in our agenda.

Our ultimate goal is to bring members together to socialize, to meet fellow Airstream enthusiast and to share Airstream experiences and lifestyle....and to have fun and make new friends doing it! Everything else is icing on the cake! Jackie and I hope you will join us and be a part of this effort.

Help Wanted!

Interested in helping plan or organize a rally for our Unit? Do you have suggestions on how our rallies can be improved? The more input and participation we have from our members, the stronger our rallies and Unit will be. Whether it's finding a good rally location, planning activities or volunteering to help with the small details to ensure everyone has a good time, all is greatly needed. So, please consider volunteering when possible.

With that said, the most important thing you can do to help our rallies be successful is to attend! Without you, there is no rally!

Overnight Stays

Whether you're out for a short weekend getaway or taking a long journey to faraway places, we are always looking for good, clean, safe and economical places to stay at night. Jackie and I enjoy getting off the beaten path and looking for hidden gems to stay. Last Nov we were heading to the Ozarks and stopped at the Indigo Sky Casino RV park. Indigo Sky Casino is located on Hwy 60 about a mile from the MO state line. It has plenty of RV spots with water and electric hookups and dump station available. Restroom/shower facilities were well maintained. Our cost was \$15 a night.



Indigo Sky Casino, OK

Photo by Wes Anderson



Indigo Sky Casino, OK

Photo by Jackie Anderson

Whether you're a fan of Casinos or not, many of them offer nice RV overnight parking with well maintained facilities at a very reasonable rate. Most also have good security so you can sleep easy at night. Even those that don't have RV facilities will usually have large parking areas where you can boondock for a night.

Some small towns off the beaten path also offer great overnight RV stops at their city parks. On a trip to Black Hills in SD, we stayed the night at Concordia KS. It has a great city park that offers free overnight stays (contributions accepted) with water and electric hookups. A dump station was also available. The spots were paved and level with several pull thru spots. If you find yourself heading north on hwy 81 north of Salina this coming year, check it out.

The following night we stayed at a city park in Stapleton NE. Although the pads weren't paved, they had water and electric hookups. Cost was also free with donations accepted.



Concordia KS

Photo by Wes Anderson



Stapleton NE

Photo by Wes Anderson

Do you have any examples of good overnight stops you'd like to share with your fellow members? We'd love to hear about them! Even if you don't have pictures you can still provide comments which will allow others to check out the spots during their travels.

Oklahoma Unit 88 Website

Don't forget to check out our Unit's website at www.oklahoma.wbcci.net All of our past newsletters can be found on it as well as upcoming events and contact information. During our regional rally I will be getting with the WBCCI website gurus to see how to add pictures set up the calendar and make other improvements. So keep checking it out to see the changes!

Quanah Texas Air Country Rally, 18-23 Oct 2016

In last month's newsletter I told you about the Texas Country Air "Urban Downtown Camping" rally put on by the Texas Plains Unit in Quanah TX. Quanah is about a 4 hour drive from OKC. The rally was great fun with lots of entertainment to keep everyone busy. The Texas Plains Unit and Quanah are again putting on the rally in 2016. The rally is free and well worth attending. This is one of those rallies you need to put on your "must attend" list!

This year's rally theme is "Texas Country Air Salutes our Veterans". The rally event has been expanded to 6 nights to accommodate those that would like to stay longer.

Provisions have been made for pump-outs and there's a free dump station.

Registration begins January 15th and will be limited to 150 rigs. Additional information can be found on the Texas Plains Unit website. <http://texasplains.wbcci.net/>

Going Forward

Jackie and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. Now it's time for us to look forward to 2016 and make new friends and exciting memories in our Airstreams. Jackie and I will do our best to provide our Unit members a variety of Airstream experiences so all can participate throughout the year. We hope you will attend as many rallies and campouts as possible. We look forward to the opportunity to serve the Unit and meet all of you as the year progresses!

Thanks, -Wes & Jackie-