

# Region Niner



WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
*The Airstream RV Association*  
***FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND ADVENTURE***

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Region 9 President & First Lady,  
Andy & Barb Selking, represent Region 9  
at the International Rally 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

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## Report from Region 9 President Andy Selking

Airstreamers are the best people in the world! We had all ten Region 9 units represented in Farmington! That is very exciting! I'm sure Region 9 had the biggest attendance at International once again this year. Region 9 members volunteered in many areas including welcome and verification committee, bull pen, band, choir, water and sewer committees, safety inspection, newsletter editor, office help, usherettes, security, flea market, hobby show, wifi, program editor, installation dance/reception coordinator, jam sessions, master of ceremonies, seminar presenters as well as many other areas. It was great to see so many of you and have the opportunity to attend all of your unit luncheons and dinners. Barb and I thoroughly enjoy visiting with all of you!

We had about 100 attendees at the Region 9 luncheon. Jim Schwerdfeger was able to install Grady Ferry as Region 9 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jim Haddaway presented a Superior Merit Award to 7 of our units and Jo Goodwin was presented with the Founder's Award by International Membership Chairman, Helen Bourgeois. Thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to attend.

Our very own Jim & Raisin Schwerdfeger from the Texas Hill Country Unit were installed as International President and First Lady. I know he will do a fabulous job. Please make plans to support Jim and Raisin and attend their International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia next summer.

Plans are underway for next year's Region Rally, "Airstream PowWow", in Shawnee, OK on March 14-19, 2016. The information about the rally can be found on the Region 9 website. The table decorations this year were amazing, so we will again be making table decorations for "Airstream PowWow". Please make a totem pole for your table decoration in Shawnee. They do not have to include an Airstream, but can be whatever you want them to be. I can't wait to see what the creative members of Region 9 will make.

Barb and I are now in the process of making preparations for unit installations. We are very excited to have Grady Ferry on board this year to help out. Many of the unit installations take place on the same weekend, so a big thanks goes out to other past and current International and Region 9 officers who have also helped out with these unit installations.

It is an honor to serve as your Region 9 President. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I thoroughly enjoy everything about it!

See you down the road!



**Report from  
Region 9  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Grady Ferry**

Summer has certainly come in like a lion in Region 9. Summer reared its head while we were at the 58<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Farmington, NM where temperatures hovered around the 95+ degrees mark for most of the rally. I know I was hoping the higher elevation of Farmington was going to foster cooler temperatures but it did not work out that way, at least not while I was there. Summer temperatures notwithstanding, Region 9 attendance at International was good this year. I believe that overall rally attendance was nearly 450 rigs which was an increase versus the 57<sup>th</sup> International Rally. The Farmington Rally was my third rally and I can truly say each successive rally has been more fun than the last. It has been really good to get to know the Airstream community better each year and to see all of our “new” old Airstream friends. I know many folks are looking forward to heading to Lewisburg, WV next year for the 59<sup>th</sup> International Rally. I know I will be there.

This is my first attempt at writing an article for the Region Niner. So, here goes; my wife and I have been campers for many years, mainly in successively larger and larger pop-up campers. As I approached retirement, I decided I did not want to have to set up and then take down a pop-up on a daily basis as we travelled. Thank goodness, I saw an older Airstream at one of our outings and decided that would be the camper of choice for our retirement years. About a year later, we purchased our first Airstream; a 1990 25 foot Safari. We knew essentially nothing about the Airstream community at that time but thanks to Willard Fischer who had his Airstream stored behind ours at the storage lot, we learned about WCCCI, the Texas Highland Lakes Unit, and the Airstream community in general. We learned “Airstreamers” are a fun, giving, active group of people who love their rigs, but more importantly love the comradery and fellowship of the Airstream community.

I see that great fellowship as I meet more of you in the Airstream community and, in particular, meet the folks of Region 9. My wife and I look forward to visiting Region 9 units, to attending rallies, and to getting to know as many of you in Region 9 as possible over the next year of my First Vice-President’s term. I also look forward to your help and constructive advice when I move up to the Region President position in 2016.

See you down the road!

Grady Ferry  
Region 9 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



Report from  
Region 9  
Community Service  
Chairman  
Janie Haddaway

## Region 9 Community Service Project Shriners Children's Hospital in Houston and Galveston

I recently received an email from Jennifer, our contact person with the hospitals. She sent an updated list of items the children have requested or could use. If your unit or individuals would like to donate some of the items below, get them to Andy and Barb Selking or bring them to NTAC. I will make a trip to Houston in the late fall and deliver what we have collected. If you want to send checks call me at 254-266-2214 and I will give you an address. I will continue to keep track of which Region 9 units have donated and how much we have collected. If you have questions don't hesitate to call me.

- √ Tactile toys for toddlers & infants
- √ Music & sound toys for toddlers in Spanish & English
- √ Remote control cars
- √ Hot wheel cars
- √ Dolls-popular themes, Dora the explorer, Frozen, Princess Sofia, the little Mermaid, Cinderella, Baby Alive dolls, Barbie
- √ Action figures - Spiderman, Batman, Iron Man, etc.
- √ Teen gifts for boys & girls - mp3 player, nail polish, make-up sets, Spanish books, body wash sets for boys & girls
- √ iTunes gift cards - music helps so much
- √ Art sets, charcoal pencils, acrylic paints
- √ Nice art kits for our older patients who enjoy drawing & painting at a serious level
- √ Batteries - Double A
- √ Diapers - size 4
- √ Hygiene products

**\*\*\*\*\*Tote bags are really needed\*\*\*\*\***

At this time they do not need any knitted items.

Thank you in advance! I know all of you care and want to help.

Janie Haddaway  
Region 9 Community Service Chairman

## Region 9 Contest Winners

Ron Foley - TPU - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Photo Print  
Sherri Lanham - TPU - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Rayburn Clark - TPU - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Betty Foley - TPU - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Judy Bagby - TGPU - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Sherry Miller - TCPU - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Raisin Schwerdfeger - THCU - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Raisin Schwerdfeger - THCU - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Keith Ferry - THLU - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hobby Show  
Donna Scott - NTU - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Joker  
Jim Cribbs - NTU - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Joker  
Jim Cribbs - NTU - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Mexican Train  
Diane Bailey - HOTCU - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Pet Show  
Diane Bailey - HOTCU - People's Choice - Pet Show

## Region 9 Parade Winners

Texas Plains Unit - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Floats Theme  
Texas Coastal Plains Unit - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Walking Theme

## Region 9 Merit Award Recipients

Greg Walker - NTU - Superior Merit Award  
Roseann Wood - TAU - Superior Merit Award  
Marilyn Thomas - TCPU - Superior Merit Award  
Larry Rowell - TGPU - Superior Merit Award  
Marty Berdan - THLU - Superior Merit Award  
Sheryl Wylie - THCU - Superior Merit Award  
Dick Lanham - TPU - Superior Merit Award

## Region 9 Membership Award Recipient

Jo Goodwin - TCPU - Founder's Award



Jo Goodwin receiving the  
Founder's Award from  
International Membership  
Chairman, Helen Bourgeois.

## Region 9 Members in Farmington



International President,  
Jim Schwerdfeger and  
First Lady, Raisin at  
their Installation  
Ceremony.



The Phillips celebrated  
their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary and their  
30<sup>th</sup> consecutive  
WBCCI International  
Rally!



“King of the Nile” David  
Thompson and wife, Jan!



Ewart & Miss Lillie  
ready for the TPU  
parade entry!



Jim Schwerdfeger  
installing Grady  
Ferry as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President of Region 9!



Tracey Calvert holding  
TCPU blue ribbon for  
their parade entry!

Thanks to Jerry Calvert, Bruce Fried, Marque Mooney, Barb Selking & Shannon Wylie for the pictures in this newsletter!