

Bluebonnet Travelers

2024 The Year in Review



A Look Back at 2024

2024 was filled with memorable events and brought in changes that should make next year even more fun. Key events included the total eclipse in Waxahachie, a return to Blue Sky Lake Livingston, Disco Fever at Camp Winnebago, and a revision of our bylaws.

The revised bylaws extend membership to all current or prior owners of RVs. Another change recognized that our coach-less "Honoraries" wanted to be more involved, vote, and hold office so we expanded the definition of "Actives" to be all dues paying members. "Honoraries" are now non-dues paying members that want to remain connected but may not vote or hold office.

Bill Hitt assumed the duties of Treasurer. All other officers retained their positions.

Many thanks to Shirley and Tommy for welcoming us to their wonderful ranch, and to all the co-hosts and helpers that made this Christmas celebration at Angel Wings so special.

Congratulations to Tim Bradbury on getting his age waiver approved. No, it does not mean he won't age, only that he may continue to serve in the Air National Guard until he is really old.

Up-Coming Events

- March 10-14: BBT Rally at The Woods RV and Cabin Resort, Corsicana, TX
- April 10-13: Texas W Rally at the Oakdale RV Park, Glen Rose, TX
- May 19-23: BBT Rally at Blue Sky Lake Livingston
- July: 20-23, Camp Winnebago "Cowboys & Aliens", Forest City, IA
- September: BBT Rally in the planning stages.
- October 16-19: Texas W Rally at Mineola Civic Center
- The other months are open. Please consider hosting a rally. The hardest part is finding a great park with a clubhouse and with cabins on site or nearby. Simple or Event themed, we just want to get together and have fun. Don't be afraid to ask questions and ask for help.



A Total Eclipse of the Sun



In April, the Bluebonnets joined the Texas W Club at the Northside RV Resort in Waxahachie to celebrate the total eclipse of the sun.

While it looked like a heavy cloud cover would spoil the event but at the last minute the clouds parted, and we watched in awe as the sun disappeared.

We also enjoyed touring the Ellis County Courthouse, the Meat Church BBQ store, and let's not forget those great ice cream sundaes.



Almost Gone



A Star is Born



Camp Winnebago

Several Bluebonnets relived "disco fever" at Camp Winnebago in July at Forest City, Iowa. Next year's theme is Cowboys and Aliens. Bluebonnets have both so it should be fun.

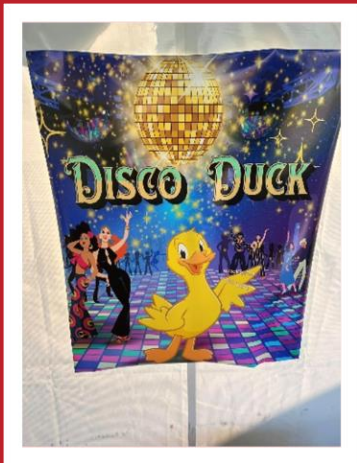


Branson, Missouri

In June several of our members attended the Freightliner rally in Branson. If you have never seen Bat Bennett perform, you have missed something special. He played guitar and sang for three hours non-stop. All genres, took requests, simply amazing.



Where is Bat?



Camp Winnebago – Disco Fever

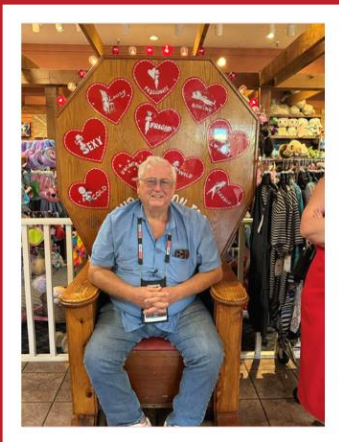


The Jesters

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Ladies



King Terry on His Throne in Branson



New Braunfels



New Zealand and Australia

Debbie and Tim Sak experienced an epic Fantasy RV 55-day trip to New Zealand and Australia. The trip included hotels, rental RVs, regional flights, some meals and activities for 3 weeks in New Zealand, 3 weeks in Australia and a week in the Outback. They flew in early to get adjusted to the time change and do some sightseeing around the city of Christchurch. The Hop On, Hop Off guided bus was the best way to get your bearings quickly.

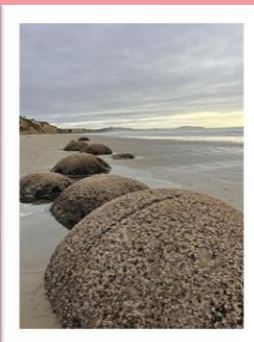
Saks Downunder



International Antarctic Center



Botanic Gardens



Moeraki Boulders



There were 19 RVs in their group, and they met wonderful folks from all around the US. Their RV was very different from their Winnebago, no slides, steering wheel on the right, and they drove on the left side of the road.



We got us a Caravan of Vans