

# Bluebonnet Travelers

The Year in Review-2022



Athens, Texas

2022 marked the return to some semblance of normalcy after many of us had curtailed group get togethers and RV travels. The Bluebonnets kicked off the year with a rally at the Lake Athens Marina and RV Park. It was great to see old friends again and celebrate the RV lifestyle. The St. Patrick's theme was enjoyed by all. Most of us toured the Texas Freshwater Fisheries and learned a lot about how this precious resource is protected and managed.

In April, the Bluebonnets participated in the Texas W rally at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville. This is an interesting park in that it has a 55+ section as well as a very luxurious permanent resident section. Some beautiful homes parked right next to the Prevosts, Newells, and Foretravels. It does not hurt to window shop and dream. Met Tim and Linda Mappin from New Braunfels. They were on their maiden voyage in their new to them 2018 Winnebago Fuse. They have since joined the Bluebonnets.

## Highlights:

- RV Family and Friends back together!
- Texas W: GNR Best of Row
- Louisiana Adventure



Madam President? Caldwell



Best in Row (10<sup>th</sup> Award)



Brazos Valley RV Park in Caldwell was the site of our June Rally. The tour of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library gave all a fascinating insight into #41.

## Mineola

Bluebonnets attended the Texas W Rally in October at the Mineola Civic Center. Highlights included a “decorate your coach” competition. Congratulations to Vern and Sharon Koski on winning first place and to all those that participated. Everyone had fun making Pumpkins out of a roll of toilet paper. The Silent Auction and 50-50 ticket sales raised over \$1400 for the Intrepid Fund. A special shout out to Charles Skweres, a friend of the Kowalyks and the winner of the 50-50 drawing who graciously donated all his winnings back to the Intrepid Fund. Tim Bradbury got a break from performing magic so as not to embarrass the exceptionally talented Rick Morrill Comedy Magician who put on a very entertaining show.



Decorating Champs



## On to Louisiana

Several Bluebonnets continued from Mineola to the Grand Encore RV Park in Natchitoches, Louisiana on the way to the Louisiana State Rally in Rayne. Terry Hughes coordinated our stay at this very nice, clean, quiet, spacious and relaxing park.

Natchitoches, the oldest city in Louisiana, has a lot to offer history and cinema buffs.

The Louisiana State Rally was a tremendous success. The “Cajuns” certainly know how to party, eat, and have fun. Not sure if Tim has gotten out from under the spell of Madam Couscous but he seems to be back to his normal conservative self.

The tour of the Martin Accordion Factory was exception. A great lesson in the culture and music. The factory was interesting, but the musical performances were phenomenal.

Rayne is nicknamed the “Frog Capital of the World” and as the “Louisiana City of Murals”. Lots to see and do nearby. Thanks again to the Louisiana WIT Club for a wonderful experience.



November celebrated Native American Heritage Month with a Pow Wow at Trader's Village in Houston. This rally was special due to great hosting by the Hitts and Koskis and the number of Honorary Members that participated. Nathan Koski showed off his talents with a Lego display of what the ideal RV Park should be.



Natchitoches, LA



Nathan - Lego King



Native American Pow Wow



Martin Accordion Factory

Christmas was hosted by the Hitts and Pearsons at the Angel Wing Farm in Smithville. The very casual and comfortable atmosphere made this one of the most memorable gatherings. Festivities started early with coffee breakfast and lasted long into the evening. Neither rain nor dark of night could keep Tricia from going joy riding in that beautiful classic T-bird. Thank you Tommy and Shirley for sharing your incredible "Farm" with us.



Gotta Spell on Me



Tricia on the Run



Angel Wing Farm





## Up-Coming Events

- March 15-19: Crockett Family Resort, Crockett, TX
- April 20-23: Coffee Creek RV Resort and Cabins, Santos, TX
- July: GNR, Forest City, IA
- The other months are open. Please consider hosting a rally. The hardest part is coordinating the RV Park. The main thing is getting together and enjoying the time with our RV Family. Don't be afraid to ask questions and ask for help.



## BBT Changes and Updates

2022 also marked some changes for our Club.

Alan and Alice Rochford celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Dendra Hastey from Buda, Susan Thompson from Flower Mound, and Tim and Linda Mappin from New Braunfels became members.

The Caywoods, Farleys, Fredricksens, Pyles, Streeters, and Worleys no longer have their coaches and happily have transitioned to Honorary Status.

Joanne Hitt has taken over as Treasurer while Tim Bradbury (President), Tricia Bradbury (Secretary), and Ron Clyburn (VP) will stay on in their current roles.

Congratulations to Tim Bradbury on his promotion to Colonel (USAF).



Alan and Alice's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Dendra Hastey



Susan Thompson



Tim and Linda Mappin





John and Leslie Keener (Former Members) at GNR



Leslie Won an E-Bike at GNR



Rayne, LA Gets "Froggy"



Natchitoches



Native American Pow Wow



Three Troublemakers Up to ???



Good Food



Santa's New Sled



Where will we be in 2023?