

# Bluebonnet Times

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The Summer Breeze was blowing at the rally in Victoria, May 10-12. This rally was hosted by Bill Richmond, Harry & Susan Farley, and Tom & Ann Caywood. It was a very enjoyable time, as you will see by the photos of the event.

The gang consisted of 8 Bluebonnet Traveler rigs and 2 Alamo Winnie rigs. In addition, Alan and Alice Rochford attended as Honorary Members.

During the meeting, everyone agreed that the two chapters have a lot of fun together. So we plan to try to get together more often.

If you have not been to Victoria, you need to plan a trip. It was a pleasant surprise to see all of the things to do. On Friday, several members went to the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College Campus. Then some went to a local winery, it's hard to believe Texas has so many wineries.

Victoria also has the "Old Victoria Driving Tour" consisting of historical properties. Some of them are in the National Register of Historic Places and some are Texas Historical Markers. All of them are fantastic to look at and read about their history.

There is also the Texas Zoo and the Nave Art Museum.



With all the sites to visit, we still had time to eat. And man oh man, did we eat! There was a "Southern Style" Pot Luck Friday and a New York Strip and BBQ Chicken Dinner with Baked Potatoes on Saturday, with lots of salads and desserts.

The fun and eating continued - we had Breakfast Tacos, followed by a stretching & exercising class for learning "On The Road" tips. I.B. FiT Gym and Wellness Center did a wonderful job of getting us to think about new ways to stay limber and keep our bodies in shape.

Saturday night, we had a band performing pool side. It was awesome.

Yes, there was more! There were goodie bags and enough pastries to feed an army on Sunday morning before we left the campground.

If you missed it, please enjoy the pictures. It was phenomenal.

Safe travels and have a wonderful summer.

## Upcoming Campouts

June - No plans

July 23 - 28 - Grand National Rally -  
Forest City, Iowa

August - No definite plans, but looking  
to have a restaurant gathering

Sept 20 - 23 - Cypress Valley -  
Marshall / Jefferson hosted by the  
Hughes

Oct 19 - 21 - Texas W State Rally -  
Coushatta Recreation Ranch - Bellville,  
TX

Nov 15 - 18 - Lake Livingston KOA -  
hosted by the 4 Pearsons and  
Ellerbrocks



## CHECK IT OUT!

If you haven't checked out the <https://winnebagolife.com> website, you are missing some good information.

There are articles on things like "I'm a Big Rig Driver Now!". There are also links to Travel and Gear articles. It is a great source of information.

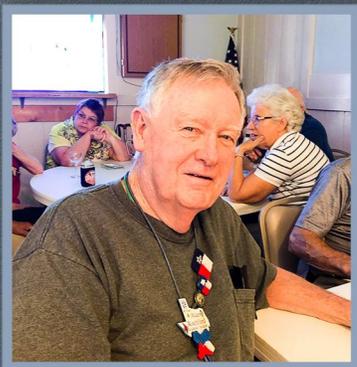
The Winnebago TV videos are very informative and entertaining if you want to look at what problems others are having and what they are doing with their Winnebagos.

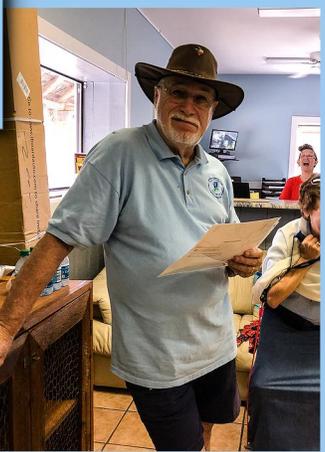
## SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS

1. In case of a storm:
  - Take some good photos of the interior and exterior of the RV in preparation for any damage that may occur.
  - Grab a waterproof container or document file to place any important documents in your RV.
  - Be sure to have an emergency kit in the RV. Water, food, other personal necessities are a plus.
  - Get a good feel for how to find the integral functions of your RV in the dark (Flashlight).
2. Protect Your Noodle with a Noodle:
  - Take a pool noodle and cut it on one edge then cut it to the length to fit the edges of your slide-out and they should slide right on and then right off for removal when necessary. It can help save your back, head and appendages from injury when walking or working about the slides.



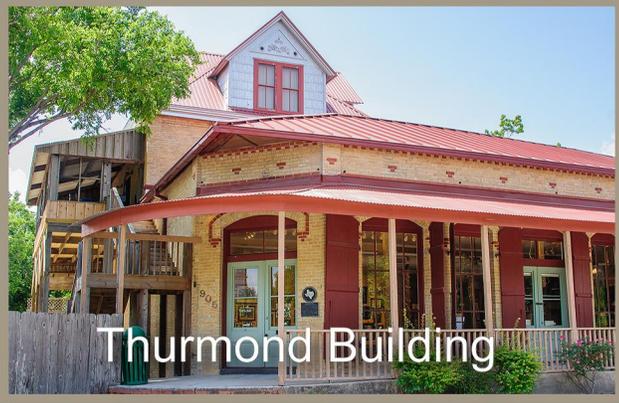
Bluebonnet and Winnies  
Victoria, TX - May 2018





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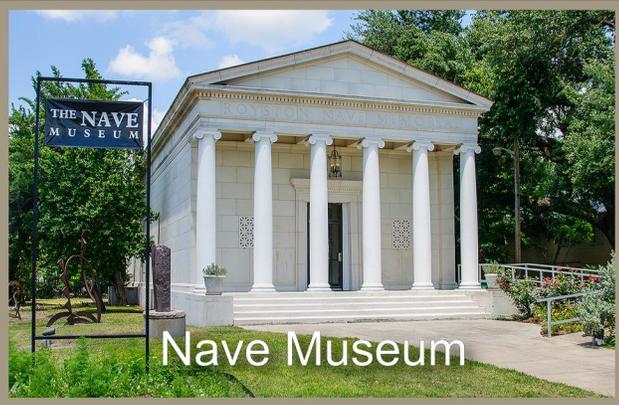
# Old Victoria Driving Tour



Thurmond Building



Burroughs-Daniel House



Nave Museum



Fossati's Delicatessen



J. D. Mitchell House

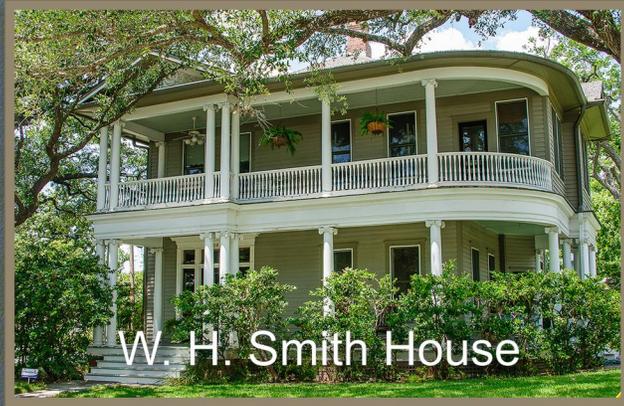


John Henry Clegg House



Leibold Building

# More of Victoria's History



W. H. Smith House



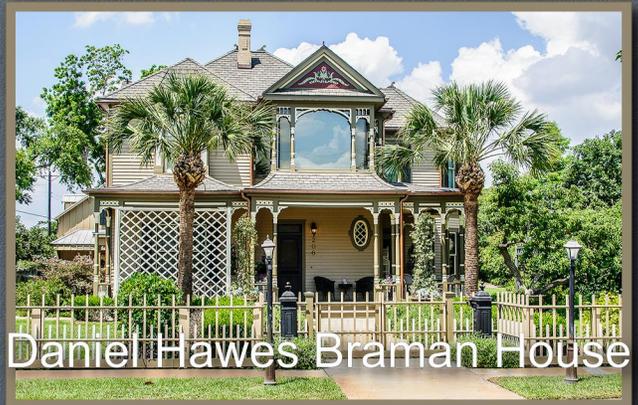
1892 Victoria County Courthouse



Murals of actual operation in early 20th century



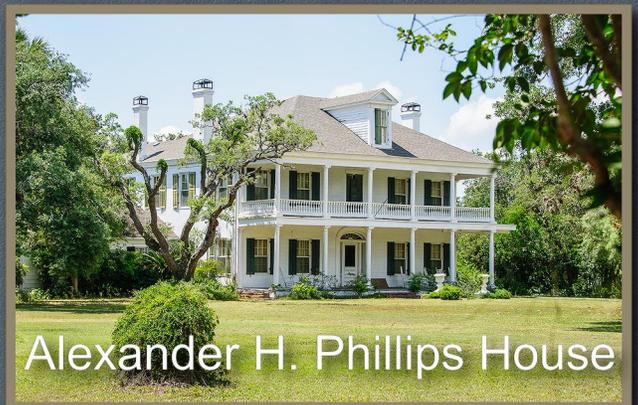
Theodore Buhler House



Daniel Hawes Braman House



William Larabee Callender House



Alexander H. Phillips House