"TRIPLE R" NEWS

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2026

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Host Team L to R: Raymon & Nickie Gardner and Linda & Luke Nicodemus

RRR Rally
Lake Athens Marina & RV Park

Athens, TX

The Lake Athens Marina and RV Park was a new Rally location. Everyone loved the restaurant, Rally Room and Lake Athens! Members in attendance included: Bob & Lana Blackstock; Ben DePuew; Pat & Kathy Duvall; Raymon & Nickie Gardner; Dale & Cindy Gentry; Randy & Terri Lane; Ernie & LuAnn Marchisin; Luke & Linda Nicodemus; Gene & Marsha Pyeatt and Tom & Sandy Woodling.

The Rally officially began with a group dinner at the Athens Boathouse Bar and Grill on Thursday, October



2026

Rally Schedule

Mar 5 - 8: The Vineyards at Fredericksburg RV Park | Fredericksburg, TX

Apr 16 - 19: Loyd Park | Grand Prairie, TX

May 14 - 17: Northside RV Resort | Waxahachie, TX

Jun 9 - 11 (Mon.-Thurs.): 25th Anniversary Rally Choctaw RV Park | Durant, OK

Sep 10 - 13: Rusk KOA Holiday | Rusk, TX

Sep 14 - 17: FMCA South Central Area Rally "Six State" | Camp Margaritaville Crystal Beach, TX

Oct 8 - 11: Lake Athens Marina & RV Park | Athens, TX

Nov 5 - 8: **Change!** Legacy Longhorn Ranch & RV Resort | Weatherford, TX

Dec 5: Christmas Luncheon

8th at 5 pm. Many members arrived on Wednesday, October 7th and had already sampled the delicious Chef prepared meals. We all sat on the patio and enjoyed the beautiful lake setting. Card games and visiting followed in the Rally Room. Deer were seen around the lake and some enjoyed the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center located in close proximity.

On Friday, October 9th, Randy and Terri Lane hosted an Open Coach of their 2023 Newmar Essex. Even though it was hot, everyone toured the motorhome and visited outside. Pam and Dean Settlemyer surprised everyone by visiting on their way to a cruise out of Galveston. Many moved to the Rally Room for card games and visiting to escape the heat. Happy Hour began at 4 pm and a delicious dinner was served by Linda & Luke Nicodemus and Nickie & Raymon Gardner at 5 pm. The Athens Boathouse Bar and Grill catered chicken fried chicken and French fries. The Host Team added mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans followed by cookies and Blue Bell ice cream. Gene Pyeatt provided after dinner entertainment with his fiddle and guitar. Nickie Gardner added a singalong and everyone enjoyed the classic selections. Card games and visiting followed in the Rally Room.

On Saturday, October 10th, our Breakfast Chefs of Randy Lane, Patrick Duvall, Luke and Linda Nicodemus served scrumptious sausage patties, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, fruit, yogurt, juice and coffee at 9 am. Following breakfast, some of us visited the Farmers Market in downtown Athens, explored the area or enjoyed the beautiful view of Lake Athens. At 1 pm, Randy Lane led a Tech Session and Roundtable discussion on Leveling your RV and Jack System Maintenance. At 2 pm, Nickie Gardner hosted a Craft Session and a variety of Fall pumpkins were decorated. At 4 pm, Happy Hour opened in the Rally Room. At 5 pm, the Host Team served a delicious dinner of Chicken Alfredo, salad, fruit and garlic bread followed by apple or pumpkin pie. Afterwards, Tom Woodling called three games of Card Bingo. The lucky winners were Luke Nicodemus, Sandy Woodling and the final round resulted in a tie between Dale Gentry and Gene Pyeatt. Poker and Skip Bo followed in the Rally Room.

Special Events

Anniversaries:

November



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Birthdays:

November

Judy Burroughs
Kathy Duvall
Patrick Duvall
Sharon Gregory



"Triple R" News

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President's Message

Unfortunately, Pam and I were not able to attend the last rally in Athens. However, we did make a surprise stop on our way to Galveston for our cruise. We are so glad we did as we were able to see how nice is the Lake Athens Marina & RV Park. As a bonus we were able to tour the beautiful new coach belonging to the Lanes.

We also enjoyed the few hours we were there sitting around and talking to most everyone in attendance. I hear it was a nice event.

We are looking forward to next month's rally at the Legacy Longhorn Ranch & RV Resort in Weatherford, Texas. Please sign up as soon as possible!

Dean Settlemyer, President

November Rally:

Dates: Thursday, November 5th - Sunday, November 8th

Location: Legacy Longhorn Ranch & RV Resort
764 Jones Road
Weatherford, TX 76088

Phone: (817) 523-1157

Hosts: Randy & Terri Lane
Dean & Pam Settlemyer

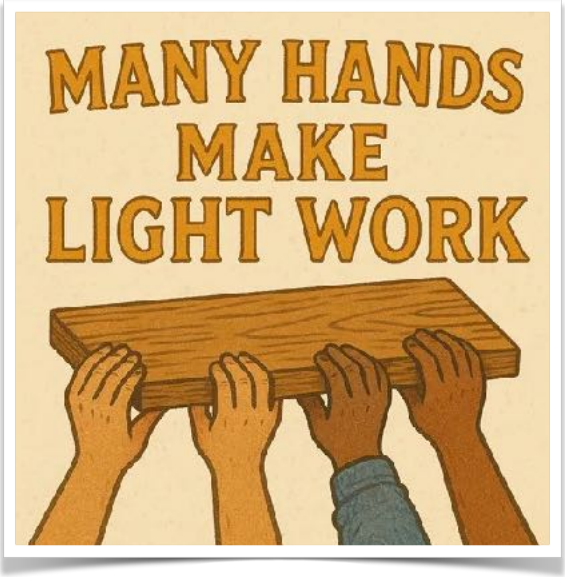
Tech Session - Saturday @ 1:00 PM:
Surge Protection Presented by Bob Blackstock

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On Sunday, October 11th, the Host Team served muffins, yogurt, fruit, biscuits, sausage, juice and coffee. Terri Lane gave the Devotional followed by a prayer for Safe Travels and Good Health.

It was a great Rally and we hope to see many of you at the November 5-8th Rally and the Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange on December 5th!

Terri Lane, Wagon Master



Rally Host Sign-Ups

We are now accepting Rally Host volunteers for our 2027 Red River Rovers Rallies. The last page of this Newsletter has the listing of our 2027 Rally dates and locations. Please contact Randy Lane, Rally Master, at (214) 882-6900 and claim your preferred Rally to Host!

October Tech Talk Notes

RV Leveling Do's:

- Do park as level as possible: Find the flattest part of your campsite before setting up to minimize the amount of lifting or blocking required.
- Do level side-to-side first: Place stackable plastic blocks, rubber HOS pads, or wooden boards under the low-side tires while the trailer is still hitched to your tow vehicle.
- Do use wheel chocks: Firmly chock your wheels before unhitching a towable RV or operating auto-leveling systems to keep the rig from rolling.
- Do use jack pads or blocks under jacks: Place supportive wooden blocks, plywood sheets, or plastic pads under stabilizer and hydraulic jacks to distribute weight and prevent sinking into soft soil, mud, or hot asphalt.
- Do level before extending slides: Always complete your leveling and stabilization process before opening slide-outs, doors, or running gravity-dependent appliances like propane refrigerators.
- Do follow manufacturers recommended procedures and process for leveling based upon your specific RV (Year, Make and Model). These often change over time.

RV Leveling Don'ts:

- Don't lift your tires off the ground: Keep all tires in contact with the ground or solid cribbing. Suspending wheels in the air stresses the suspension and creates a major rollover hazard if hydraulic pressure fails.
- Don't use stabilizer jacks to lift the RV: Stabilizer jacks (like standard scissor jacks) are only meant to cut down on bounce and sway when walking inside; using them to lift the frame can bend or collapse them.
- Don't stack more than three blocks high: If you need more than three layers of leveling blocks under a tire, your site is too steep—move the RV or find a more level orientation.
- Don't unhitch before chocking: Never disconnect your truck or drop the tongue jack until the wheels are securely locked with chocks.
- Don't ignore soft ground: Avoid parking or placing jacks directly on ice, slick mud, or unpaved hot pavement without a wide base plate, as jacks can slip or punch through the surface.

RED RIVER ROVER "MEMORIES"





















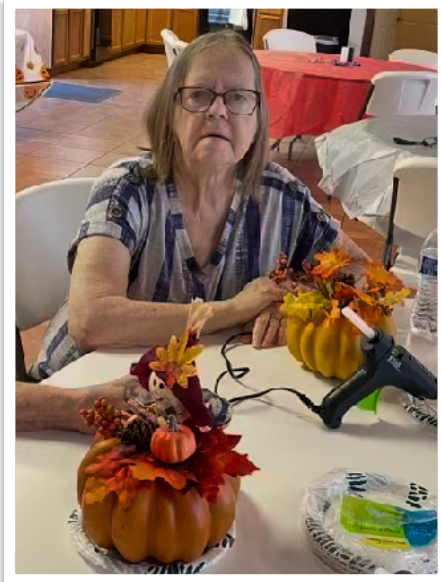















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2026
RED RIVER ROVER RALLY SITES

March 5 - 8
The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park
2647 N. US-87
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
(830) 992-1237
Hosts: Pyeatt and Underwood

April 16 - 19
Loyd Park
3401 Ragland Road
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052
Call Dean Settlemyer at (972) 742-7511
to reserve your spot!
Hosts: Settlemyer

May 14 - 17
Northside RV Resort
200 E. Butcher Road
Waxahachie, TX 75165
(972) 908-0040
Hosts: Lane and Gardner

June 8 - 11 (Mon. - Thurs.)
26th Anniversary Rally
Choctaw Casino & Resort RV Park
3650 Enterprise Blvd.
Durant, Oklahoma 74701
(580) 642-9600
Hosts: Parish and Lackey

September 10 - 13
Rusk KOA Holiday
745 FM 343 East
Rusk, Texas 75785
(903) 683-6641
Hosts: Woodling and Settlemyer

September 14 - 17, 2026 (Mon. - Thurs.)
FRVA South Central Area (Six State) Rally
Cancelled

October 8 - 11
Lake Athens Marina & RV Park
5401 Marina Drive
Athens, TX 75752
(903) 675-7275
Hosts: Nicodemus and Gardner

November 5 - 8 - Change!
Legacy Longhorn Ranch & RV Resort
764 Jones Road
Weatherford, TX 76088
(817) 523-1157
Hosts: Lane and Settlemyer

December 5 at 11:30 am
Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange
Italian Bistro
501 East Byron Nelson Blvd.
Roanoke, TX 76262
(817) 491-9000
Hosts: Settlemyer and Duvall

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RED RIVER ROVER RALLY SITES

March 11 - 14
Northside RV Resort
200 East Butcher Road
Waxahachie, Texas 75165
(972) 908-0040
Hosts: Underwood and ?

March 17 - 20
FRVA 114th International Convention
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Perry, Georgia 31069

April 1 - 4
RV 64 Resort
30388 State Highway 64
Wills Point, Texas 75169
(903) 484-6994
Hosts:

May 13 - 16
Texas Ranch RV Resort
9101 US-67 S
Alvarado, Texas 76009
(817) 754-8430
Hosts:

June 7 - 10 (Mon. - Thurs.)
26th Anniversary Rally
Choctaw Casino & Resort RV Park
3650 Enterprise Blvd.
Durant, Oklahoma 74701
(580) 642-9600
Hosts:

August 19 - 22
FRVA 115th International Convention
Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

August 23 - 25
FRVA South Central Area Rally
Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

September 9 - 12
Canopy RV Resort
1160 Lakeside Pass
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
(830) 310-8511
Hosts:

October 7 - 10
Riverfront RV Resort
1701 Riverfront Drive
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901
(479) 300-8100
Hosts:

November 4 - 7 - Pending
Crossroads Luxury RV Park
2400 Northwest Freeway
Wichita Falls, Texas 76306
(940) 239-3664
Hosts:

December 4 at 11:30 am
Hosts: Gene and Marsha Pyeatt