

NTU AIRSTREAM CLUB, INC

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

"to place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home."
Wally Byam Creed

Allana Patterson Editor



Hope everyone had a nice safe Thanksgiving. Tom and I managed to go to Glen Rose, College Station, and Lake Jackson, staying and eating in our Airstream, except for Thanksgiving day with our son in Lake Jackson. On to Christmas, and all the adjustments that will be made because of Covid 19.

Because I spend most of December every year baking cookies, this one will be no exception, but there will be no social gathering to share cookies. They will be boxed up and delivered to friends and family.

We are also going to have to Zoom our December meeting, as it is still quite risky to gather.

I want to thank Steve Woodward for making our installation rally a success, in spite of few attendees and no formal installation. The pie sure was good!

This is the last newsletter of 2020. I hope I will have lots of exciting rallies to cover in 2021! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. Be safe, be tolerant, be kind.

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Welcome New Members to NTU

We are still adding new members:

Joined in November:

Celia and Steven Drews from Woodway, TX (Waco) (2016 International 25')

Glen and Michelle Kitto from Dallas, TX (2019 Flying Cloud 25')

Richard Vasquez from Hico, TX

Joined in December:

Carter and Karen Pettit from Graham, TX (2013 Interstate)

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS:

From New Members Celia and Steven Drews:

I have attached a picture of us with our Fuzzy Boys Elvis (the Tri) and Brady (the Blue Merle), both Australian Shepherds. We have two grown children, 3 current grandkids with 2 more due in the spring. Stephen and I have always loved to travel. We did a lot of tent camping when we were younger, still do some in remote off road places the camper can't go. We have always loved Airstreams. So 3 years ago, we jumped in and haven't looked back. We've loved being able to take our fuzzy boys with us when we travel. We live in Waco and hope to retire in the next few years. We look forward to meeting you all in the near future. Safe travels -



EVENTS AND RALLIES

December 12: MEETING VIA ZOOM

11:30: bring your own lunch!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470595041>

an email invite will be sent out on Friday evening.

Future Monthly Meeting dates:

January 8, 2021

TBD

February 13, 2021

TBD

March 13, 2021

TBD

Friday – Sunday, February 19-21, 2020
First Timer/Maintenance Rally in Durant, OK
at Choctaw Casino

Full info will be available in the January newsletter.
As with everything...one day at a time.

Friday – Sunday, March 19-21, 2021:
Jazz Wine Train Rally in Grapevine, TX
(see article on Grapevine from DMN pg5)



Picture of the Month

*Steve Woodard's trailer in Glenrose.
A final tribute to our Past-President.*

From Steve Woodward



NOTICES

- **The International Airstream Rally for 2021 is scheduled for July 17-24 at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Tennessee. You can find registration information at <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>.**
- **Anyone who has discovered new ideas, products, or anything you want to share, please send to allanapat@msn.com for our newsletter.**
- **Need work on your airstream at your location:**
Jerry Vanloon, is an Airstream Mobile technician. He makes HOUSE CALLS! He is great for on-site service for all components of your Airstream, from propane & electrical, to window replacement! **Phone # 682-556-1141** Jerry is a former technician with Airstream, and now works for Prevost and himself.
- **Among our new Officers: Anna Brandon is going to take over a Facebook group for North Texas Airstream Club. Hopefully many will join and participate in sharing, when she gets it updated. More info in the January newsletter.**

Many have asked to put recipes in the newsletter. So, I am starting with my chocolate chip health nut cookies. Please feel free to send me your favorites, especially for Airstream Trips.

Allana's "Health Nut" cookies.

- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp ground flax
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 6 cups of oats
- 2 cups (4 sticks) real butter softened
- 2 cups organic or unrefined sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs (free range, or egglands best)
- 1.5 tsp real vanilla & 1 tsp cinnamon fire whisky
- 2 packages semi sweet chocolate chips (24 oz)
- 2 cups dried cranberries
- 2 cups chopped pecans

Beat butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla with electric mixer until fluffy. Add the flour mixture and oats in small batches until mixed in. Stir in cranberries, chocolate chips, and pecans. Chill dough overnight, or at least 2 hours. Place rolled 1 to 1.5 inch balls on a cookie sheet and bake at 375 for about 10 -12 minutes. Makes 5-6 dozen.

GLANCE AT GLENROSE RALLY NOVEMBER 20-22

We had 10 people in Glenrose, and it was enough to enjoy a beautiful fall weekend. Some visited Granbury, the Dinosaur Valley Park, the Fossil Rim Wildlife Park, and downtown Glenrose.

In the evenings we sat 6 ft apart around a campfire, provided by the owner of Oakdale RV Park, Mr. Phillip Vasquez. Phillip is a long time airstreamer, and he recently bought Oakdale from the city of Glenrose. He has big plans, and he wants to encourage all airstream owners to visit. He is hoping to host a large rally in the future. Phillip is the new president of the Texas Hill Country Airstream Club, but on November 20, he became an adjunct member of NTU, paying his membership dues to Steve Woodward. Phillip was a great host. Not only did he entertain us with stories, but he provided free beer and firewood.

Without any people present to actually install as new officers, we conducted our installation around the campfire virtually naming the new officers. Wanda and Marty provided a slideshow of the Oklahoma trip. The pies from a Glenrose bakery were a highlight.

GLENROSE: DINOSAUR CAPITAL OF TEXAS



Fossil Rim Wildlife Park



Dinosaur Valley State Park



From the President Gary Copeland



Hello All,

I want to begin my first newsletter article as Unit President, by thanking Steve Woodward and all of the other officers for everything that they did to keep the unit going through 2020.

We were very fortunate to have Steve as the unit President, as this was his third time in that position, so he knew so many necessary things that were needed to keep everyone involved as much as possible. I am looking forward to his insight, to help me through my year as the Unit President.

I also want to thank all of my friends, who have held officer positions throughout the years, for offering to help our Unit continue to be a viable and strong Unit, and their offers to guide me this coming season.

As I write this, we have all seen that more restrictions have been put in place at the state and local levels, due to the increasing number of people who are being treated for COVID-19, filling the hospitals and making the medical staff work so many long hours, while risking their health, and obviously, in some cases, their lives.

That being said, we must continue to take all precautions to protect ourselves and our Airstream friends. The Airstream unit activities are completely voluntary. Please use your best judgement when participation in the unit functions.

Throughout all of this pandemic, I know that Allana Patterson has been key in keeping us all connected, and for that, I want to say; Thank you Allana.

We still have several officer positions open for this coming year. I ask you all to please consider stepping up to help. I understand that Greg Walker is helping to fill many positions. Please reach out to Greg, whose number is in the unit directory, to see where you can help. The paperwork has been sent to the National Office and our new officers reported.

There are several activities that are planned, but tentative at this time, because of the issues that we are all facing.

I truly hope that we can all be together in person, safely, sooner than later. Until then, best wishes, stay healthy, and let's have a great year in 2021!

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As of this moment the 2020-2021 Unit Officers are:

President- **Gary Copeland**

1st VP – **David Brandon**

2nd VP - Vacant

3rd VP - **Jason Duncan**

Secretary - **Georgina Woodward** (will stay until someone steps up)

Treasurer - **Lynne Mack**

Director - **Sue Arnesen**

Director - **Mike Mack**

Past President - **Steve Woodward**

2020-2021 Standing Committees Budget & Finance - Treasurer & Executive Officers

Benevolence- **Donna Scott**

Constitution & Bylaws - **Andy Selking**

International Parade -

Legislative- **Andy Selking**

Membership Chair - **Tom Jensen**

New Member Mentor - **Tom Jensen**

Newsletter Editor - **Allana Patterson**

Nominating - **Greg Walker**

Parliamentarian-

Web Site - **Marty/ Wanda Whitehill**

Caravans - **Marty/ Wanda Whitehill**

Social Media – **Anna Brandon**

FEATURE ON GRAPEVINE, TX

As we enter the yuletide season, and have to cancel our Grapevine luncheon meeting, I wanted to plug Grapevine for the March, 21 rally.

Hopefully by then we can feel safe joining a weekend rally.

The following article was in the Dallas Morning News:

Grapevine campground ranked among the best in the county

Craving a trip outside or just anywhere that's away from home? Consider camping in Grapevine at it's nationally-ranked campground.

Grapevine's The Vineyards Campground & Cabins is one of the best places to go camping or take an RV in the United States, [according to USA Today](#). The team at USA Today consulted experts around the country and then had readers vote on their favorites.

The outlet ranked ten spots across the country and Grapevine squeaked in at tenth place. Rounding out the list were locations near the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.

The Vineyards Campground & Cabins sits on the shores of Grapevine Lake with the opportunity to camp, stay in on-site cabins, or pull up an RV for a getaway. There's a playground onsite, fishing station, a beach and swimming area (probably best used in warmer weather).

Cabins range from \$143 to \$180 per night, according to [the website](#). The site has Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, a camp store, pavilions, a campfire, and the option to rent a kayak or paddle boards.

GRAPEVINE, is also the Christmas Capital of Texas, so if you need an outdoor walk to get you in the Christmas Spirit, come on over to Grapevine!

<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/things-to-do/>

When we get the March Rally set up, verify the Jazz Train will be running, and all have a Covid vaccine...it will be a fun and exciting time for North Texas Airstream Club!

