

# NTU AIRSTREAM CLUB, INC

NEWSLETTER

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"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



Spring has sprung! The world is coming to life with green trees, flowers, and VACCINES! Tom and I have both been fully vaccinated and are ready to rock and roll. We spent last weekend in Ennis at The Range, and will join The Oakdale grand opening May 1 in Glen Rose...then we are taking the Airstream to the Austin area before our younger son's wedding in May. I am already overwhelmed with Rehearsal dinner and wedding plans.

We have lots to report from the past two meetings with future plans to get the club on the road and rallying! Tom and I are looking forward to a long cross-country trip to International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee and beyond! So here is hoping all your dead plants from the freeze come back, safe travels, and see you down the road, or at least see you at Joe T Garcia's on May 8 for the Luncheon meeting.

If you see an umbrella:  It's an old fart joke!  
 Allana ([allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com))



## Welcome New Members to NTU

Joined in March 21:

Henry and Carol Wilkins from Weatherford

Brad and Corey Johnson from McKinney

Transferred to NTU in March :

Buddy and Carol Fichera from Angel Fire, NM

Joined in April 21:

Cassidy and Mason MacPhail from Dallas

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

I did not receive a response from our new members this month. I believe Spring weather and more activities happening has people off their computers and outside...as it should be. I do want to introduce you to some New Owners, both have upgraded from their original Airstreams:




Trae and Anna Hill sold their house, and their Basecamp, purchased a Caravel, and are currently living in an apartment and planning to fulltime Airstream next year with their two dogs. They are empty nesters, and this is their dream.



Jennifer and Dan Dice sold their Bambi and bought a 27' Globetrotter They are looking forward to lots of space, and many trips with their two dogs.

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 It's good to be here, but at my age, it's good to be anywhere!



## Who Knew? From Jennifer Hicks

Poverty Point Heritage Sight is a story 3400 years in the making. A trading hub, an engineering marvel, monument to ingenuity—there are many ways to describe Poverty Point. In 2014, a new label was added: UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark with us on a journey of historical proportions to this ancient city.

Centuries ago, when Stonehenge was built and Queen Nefertiti ruled Egypt, American Indians were building earthen monuments in north Louisiana. Hand by hand and basketful by basketful, men and women shaped nearly 2 million cubic yards of soil into stunning landscapes. The result was a massive 72-foot-tall mound, enormous concentric half-circles and related earthworks that dwarfed every other earthen monument site for 2,200 years.

The amount of forethought and organization needed to build Poverty Point without the aid of modern instruments, domesticated animals or even wheeled carts must have been staggering. And for what reason? We still do not know, but clues are constantly being revealed. Archaeologists have much to work with, as millions of artifacts were found at the site. Domestic tools, human figurines and tons of stones from up to 800 miles away have led to speculation that Poverty Point was an ancient residential, trade and ceremonial center. In 2014, the site achieved perhaps the highest honor of all: UNESCO named Poverty Point a World Heritage Site.



There are only three other archaeological sites in the U.S. with that distinction. Poverty Point is located in Pioneer, LA, about a 5- hour drive from DFW. There is an RV Park and a state park near. The question of why Poverty Point was abandoned remains unanswered. A subsequent American Indian group came along around 700 A.D. and reused a small part of the site, but otherwise, it remained abandoned until its rediscovery in the 1800s.

## A Deluxe Weekend Getaway at The Range

<https://therangevtr.com/>

Several of our members gathered for a deluxe fun filled Bluebonnet weekend at the vintage Airstream park: The Range.

We enjoyed a drive through the bluebonnet trails, attended the meeting in not so far Hillsboro, biked, hiked, and ate great food.

The Range hosts a marvelous dinner in the barn on Saturday nights, with top of the chart service, haute cuisine, and drinks.

The sites are VERY private and quiet. I will let pictures tell the story...but for an hour drive from DFW, it is one of the best weekend getaways we have had: The Brandon's, Dices, Hills, and Jensen's enjoyed it enormously.



The Brandon's at dinner in the barn.



Peach-Blackberry Cobbler in the big campfire.



All gathered at the Brandon's site for a fabulous steak dinner!



*Done it all. Seen it all. Can't remember any of it!*

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The club met on March 13 at Spring Creek BBQ in McKinney. We had 13 people attend.

- Dan & Jennifer Dice
- Greg & Barbara Hanson
- Gordon Hay- first time attending a meeting
- Wanda & Marty Whitehill
- Pauline and Helmut Taschner
- Steve Woodard
- Allana Patterson.

-Steve conducted the meeting. There was some discussion about getting the name change back to Region and approved. You should be getting a survey for the name change soon.

-Unit lunch at International rally was discussed as a possible picnic. The schedule has not been received.

-Members would like to go back to Joe T Garcia's for a meeting.

-Steve agreed to get rolling on a rally schedule for fall. Introductions and chatting, then meeting was adjourned

The club met at North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro on April 10, BYOB lunch. There were 22 members in attendance. Introductions were made at each table. Gary Copeland, president, turned the meeting over to Steve Woodward for discussion of future rallies and meetings. Steve included the invitation by Oakdale RV in Glenrose for their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on May 1. Rally information is on page 3. Lynn Mack gave the treasurer report. With no rallies we are in good financial shape. Directories were handed out to members present, and the rest will be mailed to the membership.

There was discussion about who would represent the unit at the international rally. David Brandon, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, will carry the flag. Delegates for voting will be assigned to those attending International. Several members will be camping at Cedars of Lebanon State Park the evening before caravanning to the Fair grounds for the International Rally.

May and June luncheons were set (see event schedule). There will be no monthly meetings July and August as most will be traveling. Meeting was adjourned at 1:15.



## NTU CALENDAR OF EVENTS & RALLIES

### April 29-May 2 Oakdale 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary vintage Trailer and Airstream Rally:

Thursday: goody bags distributed, Dinner Taco Bar-BYOB

Friday- Dinosaur Valley State Park or Fossil Rim Wildlife Safari, Lunch on your own, 1:00 Private tour of Barnard Mill and Art Museum, Somervell History Museum, and Historic Glenrose

6:00 pm Chuck Wagon Texas BBQ and Country Western Concert

Saturday: Pancake Breakfast 8-10am

11:00 am Grand Re-Opening of Oakdale RV Resort , Open House and Swap Meet, 6 pm Swim Party and Hamburger cookout for Rally participants and guests.

Sunday: Farewell Pancake Breakfast

**May 8: Monthly Luncheon Meeting** at Joe T Garcia's in Ft. Worth, (They only take cash, so go to the ATM before you come!) 11:30

**June 12: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
Ida Claire in Addison-11:30 on the patio

**NO MEETINGS OF ACTIVITIES FOR JULY OR AUGUST...HAPPY TRAVELS-GO SOME PLACE COOL!**

**Sept 11: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine-11:30

**Sept 17-Sept 19- Hill Country Rally**  
Johnson City Road Runner RV Park-more info to come

**Oct 9: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
TBD

**October 4- Oct 26: Arkansas Adventure Caravan**  
Come and go- details on page 4

**Oct 21-Oct 24- Newcomer Maintenance Rally**  
North Texas Airstream Community-Hillsboro  
(with DFW Airstream) *more info later*

**Nov 13: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**  
TBD

**Nov 18-Nov 21- Installation Rally**  
Glenrose Oakdale RV Park

**December 3-5- Christmas Capital of Texas Rally**  
Vineyards Campground-Grapevine  
December luncheon meeting during rally, Dec-4

## 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>.
- **The Facebook group is coming!** Expect an email invite soon.
  - Anyone who has discovered new ideas, products, or anything you want to share, please send to [allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com) for our newsletter.
  - OAKDALE RV in Glenrose hosts its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary grand opening on May 1. An email was sent out to all of our members. Rally fee is \$50 includes entertainment, pool, breakfasts and dinners. Site fees are ½ price if you pay for the rally. April 29-May2.
- **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.*

*The question isn't at what age I want to retire, it's at what income.*

## COME AND GO ARKANSAS ADVENTURE



ARKANSAS- "the Natural State" -explore with us to see natural wonders, awesome attractions, fall foliage and delicious food. You can pick and choose which parts you want to attend if you cannot make the entire trip.

Stop 1: Arrive: 10/4/21 Depart: 10/6/21

Crater of Diamonds State Park

209 State Park Rd

Murfreesboro, AR 71958

POI: Diamond Field, Hawkins General Store, Ka Do Ha Indian Village

Stop 2: Arrive: 10/6/21 Depart: 10/9/21

Treasure Isle RV Park

205 Treasure Isle Rd

Hot Springs, AR 71913

POI: Garvan Woodland Gardens, Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs Mountain Tower, Bathhouse Row, Mountain Valley Spring Water Visitor Center, Waterfall at Lake Catherine State Park, Lake tour, Gangster Museum

Stop 3: Arrive: 10/9/21 Depart: 10/12/21

Ivy's Cove Retreat

321 Bradley cove Road

Russellville, AR 72802

POI: Petit Jean State Park, Cedar Falls, Museum of automobiles, Potts Inn Museum, Pedestal Rock Scenic Area

Stop 4: Arrive: 10/12/21 Depart: 10/16/21

Ozark RV Park

1022 Park Ave

Mountain View, AR 72560

POI: Caverns, Mirror Lake, Swinging Bridge, The Old Mill, Quilt Trail, The Old Dulcimer shoppe, Dewey Canyon Waterfall, Yellville Ghost Town

Stop 5: Arrive: 10/16/21 Depart: 10/20/21

Wanderlust RV Park

468 Passion Play Road

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

POI: Christ of the Ozarks, Historical downtown, The Passion Play, Basin Spring Park, Intrigue Theatre, Pivot Rock & Natural Bridge, & more

Stop 6: Arrive: 10/20/21 Depart: 10/24/21

Hog Valley RV and Treehouse Resort

447 Campbell Loop

Fayetteville, AR 72701

POI: Christ of the Ozarks, Historical downtown, The Passion Play, Basin Spring Park, Intrigue Theatre, Pivot Rock and Natural Bridge, & more

Stop 7(optional): Arrive: 10/24/21 Depart: 10/26/21

Robbers Cave State Park

4628 NW 127<sup>th</sup> Ave

Wilburton, OK 74578

POI: Cave exploration, hiking trails, Robbers Cave stables

Rate: \$36. (discounts available)

Full Hook ups

870-285-3113

Website: [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

Rate: \$35/48. (Good Sam discount available)

Full Hook ups

479-280-1662

Email: [treasureislervpark@gmail.com](mailto:treasureislervpark@gmail.com)

Rate: \$36. (Good Sam discount available)

Full Hook ups/ Laundry

479-280-1662

Website: [www.jvyscove.com](http://www.jvyscove.com)

Rate: \$32/34. (Good Sam discount available)

Full Hook ups/ Laundry

870-269-2542

Website: <https://ozarkrvpark.com>

Rate: \$41-65. (Good Sam discount available)

Full Hook ups/ Laundry

479-253-7385

Website: [www.wanderlstrvpark.com](http://www.wanderlstrvpark.com)

Rate: \$45-55.

Full Hook ups/ Laundry

476-466-0696

Email: [hogvalleyrv@gmail.com](mailto:hogvalleyrv@gmail.com)

Rate: \$33 (senior discount).

Full Hook ups

918-465-2562

Website: [www.traveloak.com/state-parks/robbers-cave-state-park](http://www.traveloak.com/state-parks/robbers-cave-state-park)



You know you are getting old when you buy a sexy sheer nightgown and don't know anyone who can see through it.

**President Gary Copeland is occupied this month with family. Word from him next newsletter.**

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



The Texas Bluebonnet is everywhere right now. Take a drive, they bring hope, optimism, and pride. See you down the Road.

### RECIPE

*If you travel with an instant pot: this makes for a healthy, easy evening meal.*

#### **Instant Pot Stuffed Peppers**

***Before you leave on a trip Mix and freeze or refrigerate:***

- 1 cup cooked rice
- ½ pound ground beef or ground turkey
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 tsp garlic powder; 1 tsp salt, 2 tsp Italian seasoning, 2 tsp paprika
- ½ small onion diced (or ½ tsp onion powder)
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella

***When you are ready to make dinner***

- 1 small can tomato sauce                      ½ cup shredded mozzarella
- 4 medium-large bell peppers-any color

- Put cup of water into instant pot liner. Place the trivet in the pot.
- Rinse peppers and cut the tops off-deseed and remove membranes
- Fill each pepper with meat mixture to come a little above top of pepper, don't pack too tight
- Place stuffed peppers on the trivet in the pot above the water
- Pour tomato sauce on top of peppers
- Close instant pot, press pressure cook for 9 minutes high pressure/ Quick release when pin lid drops
- Sprinkle rest of mozzarella on top of peppers, put lid on to melt
- Serve with salad for a healthy, fast, satisfying dinner