

# 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



The wedding is over, fun, beautiful and exhausting. Now for planning our long trip to Tennessee and beyond. At this writing, there are 19 trailers from NTU attending the Lebanon, TN International Rally. Tom and I are planning 2 months of travel, taking us to Glacier NP in August (we were supposed to go there after the Colorado rally last year.) and to Denver for Labor Day weekend to another family wedding, back home via New Mexico, then pack up for a trip to Canada (no airstream). We get back early October and planning on joining the Arkansas Rally. Whew, making up for lost travel in 2020.

Jerry Van Loon is coming to get the trailer in shape for the trip. We can't wait to get on the road and hope to see you in Lebanon at the Region 9 luncheon (more info on pg. 2)

I hope everyone has received their directory.

Meanwhile, summer has begun, 92 degrees today, and the lakes are all rising from so much rain. Adventure awaits!



## Welcome New Members to NTU

Joined in May 2021

Vearl and Mykah Durrington from Aledo.

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS



Vearl and Mykah (who goes by Schae) are soon to be empty nesters. Their main interests are our family, friends, community and travel.

They spent years pushing band equipment on and off performance fields, touring the national parks and raising kids and their rescue Danes and cats. They have been enjoying the RV life for most of their lives together and have recently had the opportunity to purchase one of the most iconic pieces of American art, the Airstream! Here is to many more years of exploring, family camping, and making new friends. We hope they will join us at a luncheon meeting or a rally, so we can get to know them. Their new Airstream is a 27' 2021 International!

Welcome to the club, Vearl and Schae!

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**May 1, 2021**  
**Oakdale Park, Glen Rose**  
**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The rain, or the downpour put a damper on the weekend, but it did not stop Phillip Vasquez's planning for a dedication to the 95 year old RV park and motor court. We learned a lot about the history of the park, ate fabulous food, toured vintage trailers, and even enjoyed a super star event with Ruth Buzzi. Phillip and his wife dressed up in roaring twenties outfits and hosted rides in the model T's, mermaids (without the swimming pool, unfortunately) and yes, "the Laugh-In" spectacular bag lady- Ruth Buzzi. She now lives in Glenrose and delighted the guests of the rally with her humor, and life story.



Despite the weather, everyone had a great time meeting new people and doing an open house of vintage trailers.



Back to the Roaring 20's



David and Anna Brandon enjoy the cover in the rain! The Brandon's invested in rain boots so nothing could stop them from enjoying the weekend. The Jensen's had grandchildren with them and explored the rocks and fossils. The Dices enjoyed food and their dogs, and everyone got to know other Airstreamers and vintage trailer owners. It did feel good to be able to gather again.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT: Gary Copeland**

**Small World, Big Travels, and Old Friends.**

Like many of you, we have finally been able to be fully vaccinated, and have found time in our busy lives to be able to safely travel. After many months of dealing with the dreaded coronavirus, and family health issues, our time had finally arrived.

On our first cross country trip, we set our destination as Mackinac Island. Obviously, we couldn't take the Airstream over there, so we left it at the lot provided by the ferry service.

Our trek included four stops on the way up and four stops on the journey back.

One of the most fun aspects of the trip was landing in a campground only to find our friends, and family through children's marriage, Helmut and Pauline Taschner (WBCCI 1528). Talk about an unexpected treat!

For our first big cross country travel adventure together, Kim and I had planned to make this trip in 2019, only to have everything and everyone locked down—Lost reservations. Lost deposits. Oh well, life goes on. So, we took the opportunity to book the trip again as soon as it looked like it would be possible to hit the road without risk of losing our reservations and deposits again.

With our fingers crossed, we started making reservations again. Weeks later, fingers crossed, we made sure that everyone had someone to care for them for a while, during the time we would be gone. Weeks after that, fingers still crossed, with the news of a major fuel pipeline being shut down, we hit the road. Ahh, but that's not all! As we reached our first overnight in Arkansas, we heard that the I-40 bridge on our planned route was shut down due to structural failure under the travel deck. This wasn't really a problem, as there were alternate routes we could take, and we are adventurers.

*Come on! We can handle this! We survived 2020 and COVID-19!*

At our stop in Nashville, we saw that many gas stations were out of gasoline. Covers or bags were hanging on almost every nozzle. Fortunately, they all had diesel. Phew!

Later, our journey, as we drove into the campground in Mackinaw City, I saw another Airstream. I thought to myself that I hope we would get a chance to say hello sometime during our stay. Later that evening, I saw that they had their WBCCI number hanging in a window and took note of it. Went back to our Airstream and opened the directory. WOW! I know them! I immediately sent them a text message to make sure it was them. It was! I reached out to my daughter-in-law and told her that we were in the same campground as her aunt and uncle. Small world. Old friends.

I hope that each and every one of you get a chance to do some exploring and take advantage of some adventures this summer season. Look out for your friends and hope to make new ones.

For us, our travels have rekindled our wanderlust. We will try to travel as much as possible when we can work it into our schedule of caring for family.



Regards, Gary

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

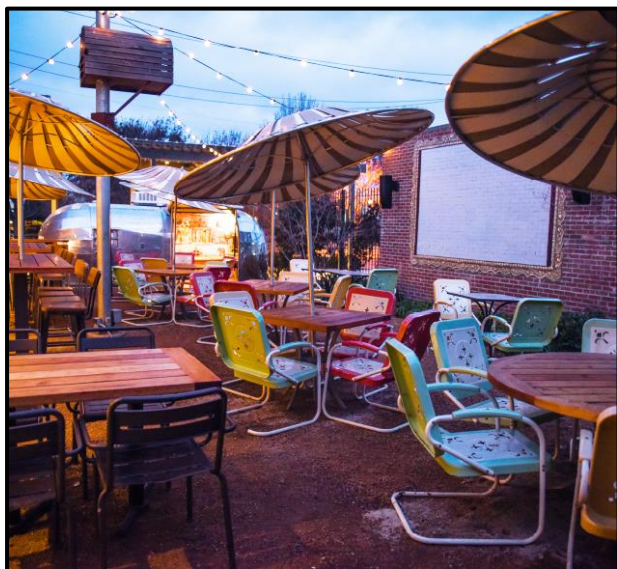
### WHAT HAPPENED AT JOE T GARCIAS!!

Many apologies for those that tried to attend a monthly meeting on May 8 at Joe T Garcia's. There was a combination of problems. Although we called the restaurant the day before and they assured us they would set something up if one person arrived at opening 11:00am. Here is what we found out: They opened at 10:30 because of the Cowtown Marathon, TCU had 4 commencements that day, and it was a beautiful spring day... something like the pic below with a 2 hour wait:



Again apologies.

We are going to try ADDISON on June 12- 11:30 on the patio. They do not take reservations. The plan is once again to get there early and ask for table for 15. If anyone is absolutely sure they want to come to the meeting/ lunch email [allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com), and we can get an accurate count.



Ida Claire Patio

## NTU CALENDAR OF EVENTS & RALLIES

**INTERNATIONAL RALLY- July 17-24- Lebanon, Tennessee!**

### **June 12: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Ida Claire in Addison-11:30 on the patio  
Ida Claire-5001 Beltline Rd (just west of N.Tollway and Beltline) Dallas.

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

### **Sept 11: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Willhoites in Grapevine-11:30

### **Sept 17-Sept 19- Hill Country Rally**

Johnson City Road Runner RV Park-more info will be sent to membership. Owner will not take reservations until June.

### **Oct 9: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

IN GRANBURY! Location TBD. 1130

### **Oct. 4- Oct 26: Arkansas Adventure Caravan**

Come and go- details on page 5

### **Oct 21-Oct 24: Buddy Rally with Texas Plains Unit**

Oct. 21-Oct. 24 NTAC-Hillsboro

Buddy Rally- Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

Note (General Outline)

Wednesday, October 20- Early Arrival Group

Thursday, October 21- Arrival, Explore Hillsboro and surrounding area. Dinner at Lone Star Restaurant

Friday, October 22- Spend the Day-Waco, Cook out on Pavilion (Bring your own steak or Hamburger to grill)

Saturday, October 23- Spend the Day in Waxahachie attending "Texas Country Reporter Festival". Dinner out

Sunday, October 24- Departure after Church Services

### **Nov 13: Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Spring Creek BBQ- Burleson 11:30

### **Nov 18-Nov 21- Installation Rally**

Glenrose: Oakdale RV Park

New officers inducted for 2022, start thinking about volunteering to serve!

### **December 3-5- Christmas Capital of Texas Rally**

Vineyards Campground-Grapevine

Will need 20 trailers to use pavilion and whole facility free. Christmas festivities on Main Street 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>.

### **Region 9 Brunch Sunday, July 18, 2021 International Rally Lebanon, Tennessee**

*You are cordially invited to attend the Region 9 Brunch to be held at the 2021 WBCCI International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. The Brunch will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at 10:30 A.M., in Buildings D/E, East/West Building. It will be a catered, Touchless Buffet. Due to COVID restrictions, the maximum number of attendees we may have has been limited. Please reserve your place as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out attending this fun Region event. **Tickets are \$16 per person. Please RSVP by Friday, July 9, 2021, to David Thompson, Region 9 Treasurer: david@highsiesta.com. Send your check payable to Region 9 to: David Thompson 2200 4th Ave. #305 Canyon, Texas 79015***

- **The Facebook group is here!** Click the link and JOIN. <https://www.facebook.com/North-Texas-Unit-of-WBAC-104098765204428> Post all of you questions, messages, pictures, and ideas. We are ready to rock and roll on FB.

- The long awaited survey will be sent out before the end of June!

- Need work on your airstream at your location:

- Several members have emailed that they have been happy with the work Jerry has done. Jvan4734@gmail.com

*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.*



- I am becoming desperate for info for the newsletter, PLEASE send travel experiences, pictures, ideas, advice, and recipes to [allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com) for our newsletter.

## PICTURES OF THE MONTH



The morning after the wedding! The occupants are still sleeping!

Sunset on Ouachita Lake



# 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

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

Treasure Isle RV Park

205 Treasure Isle Rd

Hot Springs, AR 71913

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

Ivy's Cove Retreat

321 Bradley cove Road

Russellville, AR 72802

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

Ozark RV Park

1022 Park Ave

Mountain View, AR 72560

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

Wanderlust RV Park

468 Passion Play Road

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

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

Hog Valley RV and Treehouse Resort

447 Campbell Loop

Fayetteville, AR 72701

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

[state-park](#)

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)

These are the sites to book if you want to join the rally at any stop, or do the whole thing. Wanda and Marty lead a great caravan and always plan plenty of things to see and enjoy. There will be more details and events as we get closer to the date, but you can reserve spots NOW.

## RECIPE

This is a great take on **King Ranch Chicken** and easy to use up the crumpled tortilla chips and leftover rotisserie chicken.

- Cooked chicken shredded or cut into bite size pieces. (you can boil boneless chicken breasts but I use rotisserie chicken from Sams)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 6-7 tablespoons of picante sauce (Pace, On the Border work great-your choice of spicy level. I use medium)
- 2 cups Cheddar/Jack cheese grated (or a package of grated Mexican mix cheese)
- Tortilla chips crushed. (I use left in the bottom of the bag)

Shred or cut chicken. Mix soup, sour cream, and picante sauce together. Mix the chicken into the sour cream mix. Use a greased casserole pan (pyrex 2 quart). Begin with a layer of chicken cream, then layer of grated cheese, then tortilla crumbs. Repeat layers. Bake uncovered in 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

***I sprinkle black olives and cilantro on top. Serve with guacamole and/or salad....and of course a margarita!***

**YUM**

Submitted by Allana Patterson