



March 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

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Spring is in the air, and so too is Covid-19. What can I say? We have all had to adjust plans, travel, and expectations in the past few weeks. It doesn't look promising for any travel in April, May, or June.



The picture above is from the 2019 International Rally. Sadly, there won't be a 2020 rally. However, Tom and I are keeping our reservation at Glacier Ntl Park in July, for now. And this newsletter will have details on the October Caravan Rally. With very little to report, the newsletter will skip an April issue. Stay well, and hoping for great future travels.

If you are not getting updates, newsletters, and general e-mails from NTU, please let myself, Tom Jensen, or Lynne Mack know- so we can make sure you do.

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Welcome New Members to NTU

Our new member spotlight is on:

Greg and Barbara Hanson

from Southlake, TX have two kids Katie 21 and Brandon 19. They are just moving into the retirement phase of their life.



Greg's brother, **David (wife Roberta)** of Coppell, are also NTU members, and own a 2019 33ft Classic Trailer (#19231) Greg and Barbara own a 2020 Airstream Interstate Grand Tour Ext, purchased two months ago. WBCCI #19232, one number higher than Greg's brother David! They will do some camping in it (1-3 days at a time in remote areas), but plan mainly on using it to go from one hotel stay to another. However, they are looking forward to attending local, regional and international rallies, and caravans. They have attended the last two monthly meetings with daughter Katie and look forward to making a lot of new friends and helping out with our club activities.

An interesting note: Greg and David's grandparents were very active in the WBCCI back in the 70s and early 80s. Their grandmother was one of the first women unit Presidents. The brothers traveled with them for many years to WBCCI local, regional and international rallies. David's WBCCI number is the same one his grandparents had.

Joined in March:

- Victor and Paula Doss
from McKinney
- Eugene and Jody Satern
from Celina
- Dara Poole
from Hillsboro



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU WHEN WE CAN GATHER AGAIN!

From the President

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I hope all Unit members are safe and well in their place of choice during this time of self imposed quarantine. It has been very hard to keep the correct social distancing and group gatherings here at the Airstream Park. I am grateful for all those who give friendly reminders to myself and others.

I would like to be sure that all Unit members know that all Unit Luncheons have been canceled thru August. Hopefully the September Luncheon can be rescheduled at Ida Claire Restaurant. All Unit Rallies thru September, Region 9 Rally, and 2020 International Rally have been canceled. The Rally Caravan Scheduled for October 15-29 is still being held at this time.

Please be safe and look out for your family, friends, and fellow Airstreamers.

See you down the Road.

Steve Woodward #5787

North Texas Unit President #099

MARCH 14 MEETING OF NTU:

- We met Mar. 14 at the Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine. We had only 12 at the meeting, but considering recent national crisis, it was understandable. We had a great time.
- Steve opened the meeting after lively conversations and eating.
- He explained where we are on the new name, and that the final approval would come at the International board



- meeting in Loveland in June. Since that has been cancelled, approval will be done at remote virtual meetings of board.
- Information was shared about upcoming rallies which were all still happening as of that day, but have since been cancelled
- Treasurer report was given.
- A discussion about t-shirts ensued with the conclusion that we would poll the membership for sizes and who wants one, then the order would be placed after our new name is approved. So expect t-shirt questions in July.
- Our next meeting on May 9 has been cancelled

Picture of the Month



*Sheltered at home.
March 28, 2020*

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 14-19 - REGION 9 ROARING 20'S RALLY (CANCELLED)

MAY 9 ** MONTHLY MEETING (CANCELLED)**

MAY 20-24 JOINT RALLY W/TX PLAINS UNIT (CANCELLED)

JUNE 20-27 -INTERNATIONAL RALLY(CANCELLED)

AUGUST 8 **MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: SPRING CREEK BBQ -BURLESON

OCTOBER 15- 29 OKLAHOMA WATERFALLS

TWO WEEK CARAVAN (YOU MAY JOIN THE CARAVAN AT ANY TIME)

PLACE: BEGINS AT LAKE ARBUCKLE, OK ENDS AT CAPROCK, TX

DETAILS ON PG 3

**CHANGES

ONLY RALLY INFO:

The Waterfalls of Oklahoma/Caravan Rally is set for **October 15 thru October 29**. Plans are:

RV Campground Lake Arbuckle: STOP 1

Thurs 10-15: Arrive

Fri 10 16: Tour Chickasaw Nature Center

Sat 10-17: Travel to Turner falls, waterfalls, park tour
Bedre Fine Chocolate Company

Sun 10-18: Leave Chickasaw for Oklahoma City

RV Park OK City: TBD: STOP 2

Sun 10-18: Arrive

Mon 10-19: Tour Brick Town and Brick Falls, National Memorial and museums

Tues 10-20: Tour El Reno Oklahoma- Heritage Express Trolley, Fort Reno, museums

Wed 10-21: Leave for Fort Sill

RV Park: Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation: STOP 3

Wed 10-21: Arrive

Thurs 10-22: Tour Fort Sill Base sites, museums, cemeteries

Fri 10-23: Tour Lawton-historical sites, casinos, roller derby

Sat 10-24: Wichita Mountains Wildlife refuge, Nature center, waterfalls, herds, hiking

Sun 10-25: Medicine Park morning, waterfalls, shops, Buglin Elks Tour

Mon 10-26: Leave Fort Sill

RV Park Campground Honey Flat Area (Optional stop) STOP 4

Mon 10-26: Arrive Caprock

Tues-Wed 10/ 27-28: Tour Caprock, wildlife watching

Thurs 10-29: Leave for home



There were no Bright Ideas suggested this month, but this:

**If you need to quarantine, Airstream has been essential in quarantines since the 1969 Moon mission. You are safe in an Airstream!*

Need work on your airstream and don't want to take it in:

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!

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Jerry is a former technician with Airstream, and now works for Prevost.

From the 1st Vice President

Hello everyone!



As part of our Airstream community, I am interested in hearing your stories. I bet that we have a lot of similar experiences. How did you get started camping or RV'ing? What are some of your most memorable adventures? Where would you like to go if time was not an issue? What inspires you, in camping, traveling, and otherwise. Please share with us.

I'll start: My first memory of camping was an overnight with a church group. We went tent camping next to a small stream near Springfield MO. Being a bunch of boys, we had to jump into the stream and get everyone around us soaked, whether they wanted to be or not. Of course, we did the obligatory campfire. For me, the best part of the trip was laying in the tent that night and looking out of the door opening at all of the stars. I was in awe. (Side note, every time I hear the song *Some Other Time* by the Alan Parsons Project, I think of that night. I remember laying there, wondering if there was someone near one of those stars looking at their night sky and wondering if there was someone looking up and wondering if someone was thinking the same thing.)

Growing up, my family made many trips to Colorado and Wyoming over the years, which is probably why I am drawn to the mountains today. On one trip we rented a small canned ham shaped trailer and went to Yellowstone. That was an adventure I'll share another time.

As an adult, I met the perfect person, who loved the outdoors as much as I do. We tent camped for a few years. I always seemed to be the one in the tent without a cushion, and laying on a small tree stump, but we had a lot of great fun doing the tent camping. So much so that we decided to purchase a popup trailer. Our popup was HUGE! When fully opened, it was twenty-six feet long. More about that another time, if you're interested.

On one of our camping trips with an old friend, we discovered that we *NEEDED* to get an Airstream one day. His Airstream is a mid-to-late 1960's model. which made it around thirty years old at that time. He still has that trailer. It looked really good, for a trailer that old. It was solid, and everything worked. We were so impressed with the Airstream that we decided that when we grew up we had to get an Airstream for ourselves.

When we retired, we finally got our Airstream. We traveled with it full time for nearly three years. We did a lot and experienced a lot, in our travels. I will talk about those in future posts to this section of the newsletter.

The officers of the club are interested in what you want out of your club. What would you like to do? Where would you like to camp? Tell us now. Tell us when you see us. Just make sure that you let us know how we can make the North Texas Unit be part of your adventures.

See you around,

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