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From the Editor

We made it home on Sept 10 from our 63-day, 8047-mile trip. We visited Tom's sister in St. Paul, MN-recommend Lake Elmo Reserve for a great city stay, Jennifer Hicks (NTU member) at her summer home in Nisswa, MN-really



recommend because she is the hostess with the mostess and visited my family at the last Patterson wedding in Denver, CO-recommend Cherry Creek State Park for in Denver stay. We also met lots of Airstreamers on the way, including new members David and Debra Normington in Lewiston, MT. We went to 6 national parks, 2 national monuments, 3 national forests...and about every 10 miles, I said "WOW". We also experienced our first Harvest Host stays and learned a lot about farming, ranching, and wines. By the time we got home...Tennessee seemed like ages ago!

Our membership continues to grow, and with 3 spectacular fall rallies on the horizon, and new and vibrant members and

officers. Expect great things from North Texas Airstreamers!

Allana Patterson #12194 allanapat@msn.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joined in August:

Sherrie and Chet Beyer from Sunnyvale, TX 2020 International 30'

Renee Galitis and Glen Williams from Coppell, TX 2021 Interstate 19'

Nathan and Pamela Seery from Cleburne, TX 1987 Excella 31'

Joined in September:

Debra and David Normington from McKinney, TX 2021 Atlas 24'

Cindy and Rick Jeanes from Lipan, TX 2019 Classic 33'

Kevin and Bonnie Pflug from Clearlake, MN (soon to be Hillsboro, TX) 2016 Pendleton 27'

Steve and Janet Hancock from Kemp, TX 2021 Flying Cloud 25'

Dan and Pam Brockway from Dallas, TX 2022 Caravel 22'

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Steve and Janet Hancock #6470



Steve and I are both retired and love to camp/ travel. We purchased our 2021 25ft Flying Cloud RB as an upgrade from the 2016 19ft International Signature CB. We started looking at Airstreams trying to find a quality RV that would hold its value. Prior to purchasing our AS we had another RV that was in the service department more than in our driveway or at a campsite.

We just completed a 3-week trip traveling 4400 miles to visit Grand Teton, Glacier, Mt Rushmore and Rocky Mountains National Parks. Plans for next August include visiting the various National Parks in Utah and Arizona. We look forward to meeting other AS owners.

I'm a retired RN and Steve owned a Vending Company for over 25 years. Thank you for including us as newbies in the group newsletter.

Kevin and Bonnie Pflug #04927



Kevin and I are moving from the "North Star State" (Minnesota) to the "Lone Star State". We plan to split our time between the Northern Texas Airstream Community and The Minnesota Airstream Park. We've decided that six months of winter just isn't as fun as it used to be. We have been married for 15 years; and have a blended family of 5 children and 4 grandchildren (with another due to arrive in December). We travel with our MinPin /Terrier mix dog named Cleo. We met through a "biker website" and enjoyed many great road trips together. We rode portions of old Route 66 out of Kingman AZ, as well as Monument Valley, Yellowstone and of course the Grand Canyon. Experiencing places like these on a bike is incredible. Prior to meeting Kevin, I took some solo trips to Badlands NP, Memphis & Nashville. I rode to Alaska and back three friends: 8,813 miles door to door in 3 weeks. We both enjoy photography, camping and 4-wheelin'. As the years flew by, we realized we were camping much more than we were riding our bikes. So, we made the decision to sell our beloved Harleys. We bought our first Airstream in 2012. We bought a new 22' Safari. What an amazing little trailer. We took that little Airstream on a great southwest adventure. In 2016 Airstream announced the 27FB Pendleton trailer. Only 100 units were manufactured by Airstream in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. We felt like AS made a travel trailer exclusively for us. The interior looks like an old wood cabin, and the back hatch opens, allowing even more of the outside into the camper. We were lucky enough to get our hands on one. We are number 64 of 100. We ironically purchased the Pendleton from a couple from the Hillsboro. Why NTAC? After spending six months of fun and camaraderie at the Minnesota Airstream (Land Yacht) Park, we really wanted to find another Airstream community with a spot for us for the winter months. We browsed many websites, but none had what we were looking for. Then, Kevin found the NTAC website, and we knew this would be ideal for us.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS (cont'd)

Debra and David Normington #04960



Dave and I first got into RVing around 2004 and that started our Goldie Locks adventure! Our first experience was via a 42 Foot Class A. We ended up not using the RV much due to a misadventure on our very first outing. Going into a parking lot we got stuck in sand and ended up with the RV half in the lot and our toad hanging across the two-lane road! Talk about stress! A cop came by to help and told me to go to the back of the RV and pour myself a scotch! He also told us not to allow the tow company we could see from our van to help us. NOR to eat in the diner whose parking lot we were semi in! He was a good guy.

After that, we were gun shy and decided Class A and toads weren't our thing. We bought a 17-foot Roadtrek, then we went to a 25' Coachman. It was a piece of junk! Now, with a few more years of experience and confidence, back to a big one. We bought a 36' Tiffin Phaeton and drove to Alaska towing a smart car, but the Smart Car was too low to the ground. This all worked out for a while, but with Dave's vision getting worse, I was doing all the navigating and driving, AGAIN, TOO BIG. We then went all the way down to a 22' Leisure Travel Van Freespirit SS. All was great except the bed......TOO SMALL! I think you get the picture. so, we eventually sold that and ended up with an Airstream Atlas. AND EVERYTHING IS JUST RIGHT!!!!!!

I know I've gone way too long on this but think I should also let you know that we really enjoy RVing. Each summer we go on the road for 3-4 months and have traveled MOST of the US.

In February 2022 we will go with Adventure Travel to do circumnavigation of Florida. Then in the summer we hope to go to Maine and with some Covid luck up into the Canadian Maritimes.

We also love to cruise, so will go to France in the fall of 22 to Burgundy wine country for a River Cruise.

We moved to Texas March 2018 to be close to our daughter's family. Our son and his family live in California, and we try to get there often too.

We joined the Airstream Club to meet people who share our love of RVing and travel adventures!

My husband and I just picked up our Interstate Nineteen in July after a long 10 months wait. We live in Coppell Tx and have been here for 2 years. Originally from Colorado.

We travel around with our bestie "Stanley" who is a 13-month-old Goldendoodle. He is full size at 13 pounds. We are so excited to be part of the Airstream family. One of the reasons we purchased an Airstream is because of the amazing connection between owners. We are both still working so our trips have been mostly weekend travel. We fell in love with RV life last year when we rented an RV and went to Mt Rainer and Yellowstone. We just needed to get a more comfortable vehicle- and we found that with airstream.









Renee Galitis and Glen Williams #4725 (& Stanley)

MEETING MINUTES -This is a good account of how important you are to our membership!

September NTU Business Meeting

Wilhoite's, Grapevine, TX September 11, 2021

NTU does not have a recording secretary, Anna Brandon is currently serving in that position. A full account of the meeting on 9-11 can be found at the website:

https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas

Welcome and Introductions; present were Gary Copeland, David and Anna Brandon, Barbara Hansen, Donald Wright, Kathi and Ken Mitchell, David and Debbie Normington, Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson, Dan and Jennifer Dice. Special welcome to new members David and Debbie Normington.

Gary Copeland read the Treasurer's Report; currently the checking account of NTU has a balance of \$4633.48. The treasurer, Lynn Mack, also noted that membership renewals are currently being processed so there will be additional deposits over the next couple of months. Gary reminded everyone to be sure and renew online at https://airstreamclub.org/. Any members who renew after January 1st will not be included in the 2022 WBACI Directory.

65 members completed the survey regarding renaming the unit: North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC): (23); North Central Texas Airstream Club (NCTAC) (18); North Texas Unit (17); DFW Airstream Club (DFWAC) (7). Anna Brandon reported that using the MailChimp software for sending emails has allowed us to ensure that all members who want to receive NTU communications are identified. Kathi Mitchell voiced the ongoing concern that naming our unit "North Texas Airstream Club" would confuse individuals surfing the internet who landed upon the "North Texas Airstream Community" website and thought that one must live at the North Texas Airstream Community to belong to the North Texas Airstream Club. This is the second year for this discussion, relevant history was reviewed:

• At the request for an additional member to serve on the nominating committee led by Steve Woodward, Kathi Mitchell agreed to participate as the third member.

Offices open to nomination for 2022 (to be installed at November Installation Rally) were listed as:

- 1. First Vice-President
- 2. Second Vice-President
- 3. Third Vice-President
- 4. Corresponding and Recording Secretary (Anna Brandon is serving in this position as interim)
- 5. Two Directors
- 6. These committees need leadership also: Budget & Finance, Constitution and Bylaws, Directory and Printing, Historian, Legislative, and Parliamentarian (Allana Patterson is serving in this position as interim).

Nominations (or self-nominations) can be e-mailed to airstream099leadership@gmail.com

Because we did not have quorum at this meeting, the proposal to revise our constitution Article III, Sec.8 and Article VI, Sec. 2 to mirror that of the WBACI, namely that co-members (partners or spouses) also have voting privileges, could not be fully voted upon. Barbara Hansen made the motion that we change our by-laws to read that both member and partner members each have one vote and Dan Dice seconded the motion. According to NTU and WBACI by-laws, voting may occur in person, by email, or by US mail. Anna Brandon agreed to send out an explanation of the need to change our by-laws with a ballot for the membership to voice "yea or nay." It was agreed that our existing membership should first vote in favor of changing our by-laws (only one vote per rig) to match those of the WBACI (members and spouses/partners each have a vote) before the final voting on name.

David Brandon proposed a 2022 Rally schedule for members to look over and comment upon before voting at the November rally in Glen Rose at Oakdale RV Resort. Although it would be ideal for members themselves

to propose rally locations and offer to host, this would be unrealistic given the toll that COVID-19 has had upon most social gatherings and rallies to date. The proposal aims to

- (1) combine monthly membership meetings with weekend getaways close to much of the membership,
- (2) identify state parks and RV resorts that have venues for months likely to be affected by inclement weather,
- (3) address anecdotal comments that "all NTU does is have monthly luncheons," and
- (4) provide rallies that both retired and still working members can support.

It will be important for members to vote upon this proposal for the NTU leadership to recognize the rallies; WBACI liability insurance will only cover rallies sanctioned by their respective clubs. Please be sure to vote when this ballot goes out (after our October meeting). Members are asked to provide input to David Brandon prior to our October meeting (October 9th, Spring Creek BBQ in Granbury, TX) so that the final ballots can go out prior to the November meeting and Installation Rally.

Allana Patterson reminded us that she is putting together a September newsletter and would like to have any relevant material ASAP: allanapat@msn.com.

Next NTU meeting occurs Saturday, October 9th, at Spring Creek Barbeque in Granbury, Texas. https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas-unit-october-monthly-meeting.

Meeting was concluded at 1:10.

FROM THE PRESIDENT- Gary Copeland

Hello Everyone,

We had a very good meeting at Willhoite's in Grapevine. A small, but engaged group was

in attendance. We discussed changes to the club bylaws, activities, and ways for people to participate, as well as a name change for the club.

Thank you to everyone that has participated in the interactive surveys. It has allowed us to move the club forward, while so many activities were restricted due to the pandemic issues.



As we draw near the end of the year, let's not forget the remaining rallies, and club activities. If you can attend any of them, please make sure that you make your reservations as soon as possible.

My term as President is soon coming to an end, as difficult as things have been this year, I want to say a big thank you to everyone that stepped up to help the club remain as active as possible. Thank you to Anna and David Brandon, Allana Paterson, Steve Woodward, and

Tom Jensen. You all made such a difference to make this year a success!

I want to ask all the members to consider participating as an officer, and/or co-hosting a rally or caravan, in the coming years. It is only through active membership commitment and action that we can keep this North Texas club viable.

See you all at the next meeting!

Cheers Gary

FROM THE 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT-David Brandon

It is beginning to look a lot like summer has broken! Anna and I are on a three-week road trip; working in Oklahoma this week, next week we head to the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival with the Heart of Texas Club (HOTC), stopping along the way at the Abilene State Park, Bottomless Lakes State Park (Roswell NM), Eagle Creek RV Park (Alto NM), Rancheros Santa Fe, and ending up at Enchanted Trails Park in Albuquerque. Then we finish with a business trip back



through Lubbock. We've had a lot of fun with the HOTC folks over the last year and used what we've learned in our proposal for the 2022 Rallies and Meetings. This plan was proposed at the September Meeting, and we'll send out a ballot for voting a little later. And if, when you look it over, you have suggestions for substitutions we are all ears. We would also really appreciate any offers to be the "host" at any of the weekends that don't already have hosts. There are two consistent comments we hear from folks: NTU only does lunch meetings, not rallies, and most meetings happen in the southern area of our membership. We plotted out the membership on a software mapping system, then we chose locations rotating around our membership area based on seasons, local attractions, and indoor rally rooms during inclement weather. Each of these locations are close enough for a drive even if you only come to the Saturday meeting. Here is the line-up and except for April, all business meetings will be held at rallies:

January 14-16: (South) Join HOTC for a New Year's rally at NTAC (indoor rally room and outdoor pavilion)

February 11-13: (North) Choctaw Casino (indoor rally room); buddy with other units. https://koa.com/campgrounds/durant/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlsImo3syS8wIV-m5vBB0QXg1EEAAYASAAEgIVh D BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

March 11-13: (West) Mineral Wells State Park (indoor rally room), hosted by Dan and Jen Dice, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-mineral-wells
APRIL will have two functions:

April 9th, Spring membership meeting at the Brandon's, Grapevine-lunch and beverages provided, **April 26-May 1**: (*East*) **Region 9 Rally** at Mineola Civic Center, Mineola,

TX https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2022-rally

May 13-15: (*North*) Eisenhower State Park, Dennison, TX, hosted by Scott and Christine Wayles, https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/eisenhower

June 10-12: (Central) Hidden Cove (Little Elm) or Pilot Knoll (Highland Village) http://www.hiddencovepark.net/ https://www.highlandvillage.org/facilities/Facility/Details/1

No meeting in July because of International Rally https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg

August 13: (*Central*) TBD-Rally afterparty—find an indoor venue central to membership **September 9-11th:** (*East*) Lake Tawakoni State Park, Wills Point, TX https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-tawakoni

October 7-9th: (Southeast) The Range Vintage RV Resort, Bristol, TX. https://therangevtr.com/ November 18-20th: (Southwest) Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court, Glen Rose (indoor rally room) https://oakdalepark.com/

December 2-4th: (Central) Second annual NTU Holiday rally at The Vineyard at Grapevine (will find indoor venue for meeting if necessary). https://www.vineyardscampground.com/

We look forward to the coming year with the NTU members!

David Brandon
First Vice President
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TRAVEL FEATURE

(What you can find on your way home from an The International Rally!)

Ten Sleep, Wyoming

(Courtesy of Tom Jensen)

Small towns are one of the best parts of travelling. Check out Ten Sleep, population 206- a great destination for horse riders, rodeo fans, rock climbers. The Ten Sleep Canyon is an amazing site, as well as a brewery, and Native American petroglyphs.









Big Things-Small Town (Courtesy of Jennifer Hicks)

Casey is a small community (2,635) located in East Central Illinois. Its location on Interstate 70 mid-way between St. Louis, Missouri and Indianapolis, Indiana makes it a great stop for travelers! Most of the attractions can be found close the intersection of Main Street & Central Avenue. This is the only stop light in town, so it is hard to miss! Marshall, just east of Casey, is the home of the Gavel. Find it on the courthouse steps! Marshall has several Wall Dog Murals that make it worth the trip!

The man behind the idea of <u>Big Things Small Town</u> is Jim Bolin. Bolin is a local business owner. Born and raised in Casey, he felt like he owed something to the community that has given him the opportunity to build a life, home, and business. All but two of the items were constructed by him and his crew from Bolin Enterprises, Inc.







NEWS YOU CAN USE

 When exploring our club information-use this website link: https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas (the old website will soon be taken down)



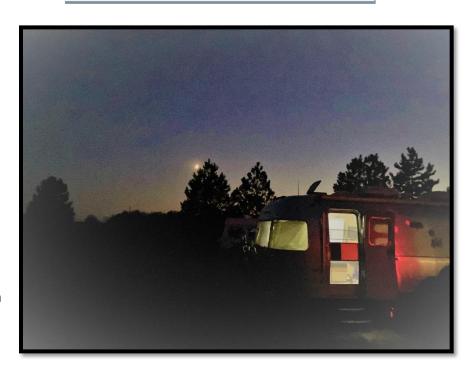
• ALL GROUP COMMUNICATION FROM OUR CLUB will now be sent through *Mail Chimp*. Check your spam folders and allow it as "not junk". The *MailChimp* emails come from airstream099leadership@gmail.com

This will allow you to communicate with anonymity and privacy, allow our leadership to see how many members are opening e-mail, check and correct members email addresses, and get info to you in a private and expedient manner. This does not mean that one of our members or leaders will not email you directly with specific questions.

- Need work on your airstream at your location: Jerry Vanloon, is an Airstream Mobile technician. He makes HOUSE CALLS! He is great for onsite 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.
 - Anyone who has discovered new ideas, products, RECIPES, travel stories, pictures, or anything you want to share, please send to <u>allanapat@msn.com</u> for our newsletter.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Nighttime on a Montana Wheat Farm.



Submitted by A.Patterson

RALLIES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER:

October 4 – 26: Come and Go Arkansas Adventure Caravan: Explore natural wonders, local attractions, fall foliage, and regional food in this tour of Arkansas, "The Natural State." In this come and go rally, you can choose where and when to join us! For complete information: contact Wanda and Marty Whitehill -whitemar53@gmail.com or 940-391-3400. Reservations on your own. link to schedule: Arkansas Adventure

Begins at Crater of Diamonds Park 209 State Park Rd. Murfreesboro, AR, 71958

- October 9: Saturday, October 9, 2021, 11:30-1:00: Luncheon Meeting; Spring Creek Barbeque at 317 Hwy 377, Granbury, TX 76049.
- > October 21-24 Buddy Rally with the Texas Plains Unit.

Buddy Rally with the Texas Plains Unit at the North Texas Airstream Community, October 21-24, NTU/NTAC contact is Sue Essary, (806) 340-1811. Rally details can also be viewed at: https://airstreamclub.org/joint-rally-ntac. Call the NTAC rally host, Sue Essary to book on the terraport: \$25 a night or Jennifer at-254-582-5566 or ntac@ntaci.com

New members encouraged to attend and find a buddy/mentor with seasoned Airstreamers!

Thursday evening arrivals: dinner on your own-games and social time in the pavilion or meeting hall Friday 10-22: Breakfast in the pavilion. (rally room if inclement weather). Meet and greet to join the new and the veteran, share ideas and knowledge.

Friday 11:00 to 5:00- On your own: Visit Waco -Magnolia Market/Silos, or Brazos Valley Cheese, Backyard Silversmiths, or Homestead Heritage Place north of Waco (list/locations will available & be posted on website) 5:00-Pavillion Happy Hour to meet and greet-BYOB

6:00-Dinner: Bring your own meat for the grill, **sides provided**. Bring set ups. Mingle with "Buddies"

<u>Saturday 10-23:</u> Carpool Trip to the <u>Texas Country Reporter Festival in Waxahachie</u>. (Dinner plans still under discussion) **Evening:** *Joker tournament in the Rally Room.*

Sunday 10-24: Continental Breakfast in pavilion, Devotional, and head out

NOVEMBER

- November 20- Luncheon Business meeting will be held at the Installation Rally
- **November 19 − 21** Installation Rally

Location: Oakdale RV Park, Glen Rose, TX Call for reservations to: Oakdale RV Park (254) 897-2321 (group rates) New members attending will formally be installed. New Officers nominated and installed. Details of this rally will be in the October Newsletter along with nominated officers. If you are interested in serving the club as an officer, please contact David Brandon, Kathi Mitchell, Anna Brandon, or Gary Copeland. Office positions are listed on page 4 in the meeting minutes.



DECEMBER

- > Dec 4 Business meeting will be held at the December Rally
- > <u>December 3-5 Rally at the Christmas Capital of Texas- Grapevine</u>

Vineyards Campground -Lake Grapevine, TX



15% Group Discount being offered to NTU. 14 rigs signed up so far. The deadline is Oct.2 before spots are released. Please call the main number (817-329-8993) and ask for the "NTU Airstream Group" December Rally folder. Jeanine and/or Lisa are familiar with our event, as is Pam. To gain additional information, you may log onto the website wineyardscampground.com. They do have cabins and equipment for rent if your Airstream is out of commission.

Sunset at the Vineyards campground

Preliminary Itinerary

Friday, Dec. 3- Arrival and set up. (If you arrive early, or Thursday night many things to enjoy in Grapevine-see below)

4:30 Happy hour (BYOB)at the pavilion, followed by dinner (provided) at **6:00**. Cost will be one (or more) items for the Grapevine Relief And Community Exchange (GRACE) for Holiday food drive.

Saturday, Dec. 4-8:00-9:30am- Coffee and breakfast at the pavilion.

10:00am- Monthly Business Meeting (1 hour)- Lunch on your own.



Spend the afternoon enjoying Grapevine- the Christmas capital of Texas:

♣ Grapevine Wine Tours- a unique experience- visit 3 wineries in Grapevine (out of 9) with lunch.

Mention our rally and all the group will be on the same tour. Tours pick up at The Vineyards Campground (11:00am). https://www.grapevinewinetours.com/ or call 817-259-9463 and speak to Patrick.

- ★ The Gaylord Texan- almost walking distance from the campground! Each year the Gaylord provides a wealth of holiday activities https://christmasatgaylordtexan.marriott.com/
- ➡ Main Street Grapevine- shopping and Christmas everywhere! Grapevine Shuttle will take you to all the hot spots (we are working on a pickup at the Campground)- https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/grapevine-main-street-program/
- Grapevine Railroad- North Pole Express- https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/grapevine-vintage-railroad/events/
- Vetro Glass Blowing Studio (Create your own wine glass, Christmas ornament) www.VetroArtGlass.com
- The new Vin hotel, rail station, and Harvest Hall- Experience a European-style food hall, event, and entertainment destination in downtown Grapevine, Texas. https://www.harvesthall.com/
- Restaurants galore! Many local restaurants all along Main Street from \$\$\$\$ to \$\$. Grab a group and dinner on your own. https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/shop-wine-dine/restaurants/

9:30 PM- Around the Campfire for after dinner drinks at the Vineyards Campground. Egg Nog, Mulled Wine, Bailey's Hot Chocolate? Possible "White Elephant Gift Exchange" (wrap something you want to get rid of). **Sunday, Dec. 5**- **8:00-9:30am**- Coffee and continental breakfast at the pavilion. **Wish everyone a Happy Holiday and on our way by 12:00.**