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# September NTU Business Meeting

Wilhoite’s, Grapevine, TX

September 11, 2021

12:00 PM

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| **12:00** | 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 and Donald Wright. |
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| **12:15** | Business |
|  | 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.  Sixty-five members completed the survey regarding renaming the unit: North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC): 35.4% (23); North Central Texas Airstream Club (NCTAC) 27.7% (18); North Texas Unit 26.2% (17); DFW Airstream Club (DFWAC) 10.8% (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. Approximately 95 members opened the request to complete the survey. Part of the reason for only 65 votes may be that there is confusion regarding whether it is “one vote per rig” or one vote for each member and partner member. 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 in order to belong to the North Texas Airstream Club. This is the second year for this discussion, relevant history was reviewed:   1. WBACI has encouraged groups to rename themselves as “clubs” rather than units because of the lack of clarity regarding what a “unit” is compared to the transparency of a “club.” 2. North Texas Unit first proposed the name “Airstream Club of North Texas” which was rejected by the WBACI because no club may have a name that leads with “Airstream,” mostly to protect RV dealerships whose names often lead with “Airstream.” 3. The next name proposed was “North Texas Airstream Club” which was tabled after Region 9’s acceptance because of the objection that the club would be confused with the North Texas Airstream Community. 4. Survey #1 was sent out earlier this summer, with these results: Thirty-three members responded: North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC) 36%; North Central Texas Airstream Club (18%); DFW Airstream Club (18%). 5. Survey #2 was sent out August 11, 2021 (results above).   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](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com)  Because we did not have quorum at this meeting (10% of our membership), 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 the majority of the membership, (2) identify state parks and RV resorts that have indoor 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. The tentative schedule is:  South: January 14-16: Join HOTC for a New Year’s rally at NTAC (indoor rally room and outdoor pavilion); potentially include a “chili cook-off”  North: February 11-13: Choctaw Casino (indoor rally room); buddy with other clubs  West: March 11-13: Mineral Wells State Park (indoor rally room)  April will have two functions: April 9th, Spring membership meeting at the Brandon’s, lunch and beverages provided, and  East: April 26-May 1: Region 9 Rally at Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX  North: May 13-15: Eisenhower State Park, Dennison, TX  Central: June 10-12: Hidden Cove (Little Elm) or Pilot Knoll (Highland Village)  No meeting in July because of International Rally  Central: August 13: Rally afterparty—find an indoor venue central to membership  East: September 9-11th: Lake Tawakoni State Park, Wills Point, TX  Southeast: October 7-9th: The Range Vintage RV Resort, Bristol, TX  Southwest: November 18-20th: Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court, Glen Rose (indoor rally room)  Central: December 2-4th: Second annual NTU Christmas rally at The Vineyard at Grapevine (will find indoor venue for meeting if necessary).  It will be important for members to vote upon this proposal in order for the NTU leadership to recognize the rallies; WBACI 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 an October newsletter and would like to have any relevant material ASAP: [**allanapat@msn.com**](mailto:allanapat@msn.com)**.**  Finally, upcoming rallies were reviewed: 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>.    Arkansas “Come and Go” Adventure, October 4-26, contacts are Wanda and Marty Whitehill, [whitemar53@gmail.com](mailto:whitemar53@gmail.com), and rally details can be found at <https://airstreamclub.org/come-and-go-arkansas-adventure>. |
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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.