

North Texas Airstream Club-NTxAC

Newsletter- December 2021



"to place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home."Wally Byam Creed

FROM THE EDITOR

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It really doesn't seem like Christmas is 2 weeks away! This newsletter will cover November and December. I survived the surgery AND hosting the December rally, which was a blast!



I will admit to two days of staying in bed and binge-watching Netflix Christmas movies after the rally. I was tired. I am really doing great though and looking forward to the holiday with my family. We will all gather in Liberty Hill, north of Austin. We will be parking our Airstream at our son's new home. We are going a day early so Tom can install 30amp circuit by the driveway!

I am also looking forward to all the plans for our club in 2022. We are on our way to involving more members, exciting rallies, and making memories. The Grapevine Holiday rally was a success, and we had so many new members attend. I encourage you all to check out the rallies on page 5 and join us. I believe, once you experience a rally, you are hooked. I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday, Happy New Year, and the peace and love of friends and family. Stay safe and God bless.

Allana Patterson #12194
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joined in October:

Douglas and Ash Robbins from Celina, TX

1976 Excella 500 31'

Joined in November:

Bret and Samantha Bieghler from Plano, TX

2019 Bambi 16'

Andre and Erica Cary from Dallas, TX

2021 International 27'

Tom and Sharon Riley from Eastland, TX

2021 Flying Cloud 28'

Melissa and Pete Livingston from McKinney, TX

Denise and Dennis Walker from Bluff Dale, TX

2022 Flying Cloud 27'

Michelle Draper from Dallas, TX

1970 Overlander 27'

Joined in December:

Jerry and Lynn Switzer from Gainesville, TX

(haven't gotten their trailer yet)



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Donald Wright



I am an S.O.B., and I am also called the Escapee Spy. I try to get people in the Aliner club and the Airstream club to join the Escapees. I own a 25' Airstream International that I use now, a 18' Aliner Ranger (for sale) and a 1980 Coleman Gettysburg (for free) as well as the Aircamper cartop tent built in 1975 in Indianapolis. Then there is the backpacking equipment I used at Philmont in 2011 and camping equipment from the Boy Scouts in the late sixties. Yes, I am a packrat. Member of Tall Clubs International...Tall women are easy to see, but hard to find.

I have been a fan of Airstreams for many years, suggested it to friends who bought one, and now that I have messed up my spine, they told me to buy one. I regret I am a single person in a club full of married people, so I travel everywhere alone. I want to learn how to make everything work on the Airstream, I have already made modifications to it, next to put a wing on my truck to help the airflow over the dead air space to improve gasoline mileage. Travel, I am up to a month away from my home, and will work to stay away longer, to go farther, to visit distant places and avoid rocking chairs.

Donald N Wright

"Curious" #2360

Pumpkins & Flamingoes

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS (cont'd)

Sharon & Tom Riley

Hi,
Sharon and Tom Riley here. Married 16 years and proud parents, grandparents, and great grandparents.
Owned a Dutch Star motorhome for 15 years and recently were lucky enough to buy a brand-new Flying Cloud.
We love traveling and would rather stay in our RV than a 5* hotel. 😊 Tom is a retired shop teacher, Cooper High School, Abilene Texas. Graduated from North Texas State University.
Sharon graduated from TCU with a degree in nursing. She got into the restaurant business in Abilene and 42 years later is mostly retired and letting her son run Lytle Land and Cattle and two Sharon's BBQs.

We are looking forward to meeting new friends and having more adventures.



Douglas & Ash Robbins

Douglas and Ash Robbins first joined the Airstream life in 2014 when they bought and performed a DIY resto-mod on a 1976 31' Excella 500 named "Aluminum Falcon." They've traveled quite a bit with their 3 boys and their rescues Husky but took a break until recently. They're very excited to be getting back in the groove and to be part of the NTxAC. Doug and Ash attended the Installation rally and were initiated into NTxAC. Doug also attended the Grapevine rally and was instrumental in some first-class fajita grilling. We look forward to seeing them at future rallies.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS (cont'd)

MICHELLE DRAPER



My name is Michelle, I'm a 54 yr old Dallas mom and have always dreamed of traveling with friends/family AND solo in an Airstream. I bought my 1970 Overlander, Helen, last March and have travelled from Dallas to Colorado this summer and have gone on several short trips to State Parks around Texas.

I recently took my first solo trip.

I would love to be paired with a member who has a vintage 'stream if possible as I have lots of questions and much to learn.

Helen has been completely remodeled, all systems are new and in great working order. She is towed behind a 2014 Dodge Eco Diesel 1500.

Michelle Draper

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Dennis and Denise Walker

We are Dennis and Denise Walker. We retired to North Texas in December 2019 from southeast TX. After the completion of our retirement home in 2020, we developed wanderlust and ordered the Queen Bee, a 2022 27' Flying Cloud. She finally arrived a couple of weeks ago. She's our third

Airstream. We have some awesome trips planned. Nothing like traveling the country in a silver bullet.



MEETING MINUTES

November NTU Business Meeting-November 20, 2021

Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court, 1099 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose, TX 76043

12:00

Welcome and Introductions: Gary opened the meeting and welcomed new members Doug and Ash Robbins, who have been Airstreaming for six years. Also present were Tom Jensen, Allana Patterson, Dan and Jennifer Dice, David and Anna Brandon, Pete and Liz Flores, Steve and Georgina Woodward, Jim and Vicki Courtney, Ken and Vicki Mitchell, Doug Wright, and affiliate member Philip Vasquez.

12:15

1. October minutes were accepted with a revised location; Tom Jensen made the motion to accept with the revision and Liz Flores seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report: No formal report but our current bank balance is \$5,584.05.
3. Kathi Rich made the motion to accept the proposed 2022 Slate of Officers with Doug Wright seconding the motion. NTxAC officers for 2022 are:
 - a. President: David Brandon
 - b. Second Vice-President: Jennifer Dice
 - c. Third Vice-President: Arnold Terkel
 - d. Corresponding and Recording Secretary: Anna Brandon
 - e. Treasurer: Lynn Mack will remain treasurer of record and mentor anyone who would like to step up and take the role over; Dara Poole volunteered, and the nominating committee (Steve Woodward and Kathi Mitchell) will interview Dara further about her interests and availability (formal vote for the replacement will be at a future meeting).
 - f. Director: Kathi Mitchell
 - g. Parliamentarian: Allana Patterson
4. Steve Woodward made the motion to accept the proposed 2022 Rally Schedule and Pete Flores seconded the motion.
5. Membership Chair, Tom Jensen, reported we now have 144 rigs in our membership, with an additional 15 affiliates. We have 264 members (including partner members) and 26 affiliate members. Tom also brought up the need for our records to be audited to find out who may have failed to renew or left the unit as there is a slight discrepancy between our records and the membership list as International has published online.
6. Allana Patterson, Newsletter Editor, plans to send the next newsletter after the December Holiday Rally in Grapevine. She also encourages members to submit pictures, stories, recipes or other information that would be interesting for our members to read.
7. Gary announced that Airstream Club International has approved the official change of name to "North Texas Airstream Club," # NTxAC, and the results of voting for a new logo indicated that Logo Design C won by a narrow but significant margin. Pete Lopez made the motion to accept Logo C and Jennifer Dice seconded the motion. Our next step will be to have the logo approved by International. Following approval, proposed were production of decals and T-shirts for the group; Allana moved to accept and Kathi seconded the motion. Dan Dice will facilitate design and production. Following logo approval by International, Steve Woodward accepted the responsibility of having our new flag designed and produced. Jennifer Dice asked that the club consider using some of our funds to provide a T-shirt and decal free of charge to new members at the time they join the club. This will be tabled until we have confident estimates of the costs incurred for the items.
8. The rally schedule for this evening was reviewed; Philip Vasquez, second vice-president of Region 9, will do the swearing in of officers this evening.

9. Allana Patterson pointed out that our December Holiday Rally, held at the Vineyards Campground in Grapevine, is only two weeks away and will be the largest attended rally we have had to date. Given that she will be less than two weeks out from back surgery, Allana requested that any members who would be able to help with the pavilion set-up, dinner on Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning, and pavilion clean-up on Sunday please let her know they are available.

12:45 – 1:00 New Business

Philip Vasquez, past president of the Texas Hill Country Unit, described a new Texas rally to be held in Galveston, TX, February 17-20, "Streamin' on the Strand," in conjunction with the 111th annual Mardi Gras! Galveston Celebration. Streamin' on the Strand will be hosted by the Texas Hill Country Unit and the Texas Gulf Coast Club. Rigs attending this first ever Rally will have front row spaces right on the parade route on each side of the historic Tremont Hotel; off-site parking will be required and provided for all tow vehicles (which must be moved from the street by the end of the day on Thursday the 17th). Two commemorative T-shirts, two sets of tickets to all events, and other swag items will be included in the Rally fee, which is estimated to be around \$460. Electricity will be provided, and water for filling tanks will be accessible. The rally will be limited to 47 rigs; after the two hosting units have had an opportunity to register the link for registration will be opened to all interested. All who are interested should email Philip Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com to be put on the list to be notified when the link for registration is made available on December 15th. See <https://www.mardigrasgalveston.com/> for more information on this annual event for the city of Galveston.

12:40 Meeting Adjourned: Jennifer Dice moved to adjourn the meeting and Steve Woodward seconded.

December NTxAC Business Meeting-December 4, 2021

The Vineyard Campground, Grapevine, TX 76051

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions: David Brandon opened the meeting. Introductions were done at dinner the evening before so these were skipped. Approx. 50 members in attendance.

9:15

Business

1. November minutes were approved with one minor revision; Gary Copeland moved to accept the minutes and Doug Robbins seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report: No formal report was made but our current bank balance remains unchanged from the November meeting (\$5,584.05).
3. ACI has approved our new logo so we can move forward on ordering personalized items. Dan Dice has sent the logo off for facsimiles and displayed sample stickers. Input was requested for T-shirt preferences—one consistent comment was the request that they not be white. Jennifer Dice proposed thinking about other inexpensive items, such as koozies, patches, etc. Steve Woodward proposed ballcaps, and several concurred this would be a desirable item. Kathi Mitchell reminded officers of A & W Embroidery in Tennessee, a company that retains logos from clubs so that individuals can order whatever they want (T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, button down shirts, etc) with their club logo embroidered wherever they wish. Jennifer Dice asks that anyone with additional ideas email her and Dan at dan.dice@gmail.com. David Brandon proposed that new members be provided a welcome packet that includes one or more swag items. Dan proposed that we set a price threshold that would allow us to identify what would be affordable. Matter was tabled for the January meeting pending Dan and others to get price quotes on the items.
4. Membership Chair Report: Tom Jensen reports that we have ten new members are up to 149 rigs now (not including our affiliate members).

5. Future meetings: Attendees were reminded by David Brandon of the January joint rally with HOTC at NTAC, "Reason for Freezin'". Anna Brandon provided details about an exciting new national rally prototype to be held in February as part of the "Mardi Gras Galveston!" annual celebration. Space will only accommodate 47 rigs for this first event; based upon feedback and success this is proposed to become an annual national Texas rally. Members of Texas clubs will be able to register for this event in advance on December 12th; if all sites are not filled it will be open to clubs in other states on December 15th. Until the need is filled, volunteers (4-5 hours over the course of the rally) can register now by contacting Philip Vasquez, one of the rally leaders, at pdvasquez@outlook.com. For information on the event itself, check the website <https://www.mardigrasgalveston.com/>. Registration for the event will also be on a website subpage <https://www.mardigrasgalveston.com/airstream-rally-2/>.
6. Road Trip to Maine: Anna Brandon also described a group who are traveling to the rally in Maine together, including a trip to Niagara Falls. Anyone interested in being part of the group should email her and David at dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com.
7. Newsletter Editor: Allana Patterson asked for new members to send in information about themselves to be included in upcoming newsletters. She also requested pictures from the rally so those could be included also.
8. Steve Woodward reminded the new members present at their first rally of the club's mentoring program, Allana Patterson detailed the benefits of the program, and two members, Sue McLaughlin and Amy Terkel volunteered to be mentors. Amy reported that her expertise is in making the most out of the space in our trailers (she is an Airstream Addict specialist on this).
9. David Brandon mentioned that we have several rallies over the next year that need co-hosts. If this is the first time you host, one of the experienced members will co-host with you. He also offered that our future rallies need not be as elaborate as this Holiday Rally in Grapevine—because our group has not held many rallies since the initiation of COVID, there were funds available to make this one special (food provided). Future rallies will usually be pot-lucks.

9:37 Meeting was adjourned: Arnold Terkel, second vice-president, moved to adjourn and Kathi Mitchell seconded.

FROM THE PRESIDENT-David Brandon

Since our last newsletter, we have had great attendance at both our Installation Rally in Glen Rose in November and the Holiday in Grapevine Rally last week.

It's been great to connect with old friends and make new ones!

We are all grateful for the new members who have chosen to be part of our club

and to the alums who have offered to mentor newbies in anything from tires

to organization in small spaces. Looking ahead, we have a great rally planned for

most every month next year. Be sure to look at the schedule and make reservations

as soon as you can since parks are booking up so fast these days. We could also use some help in hosting a

few of these—if one of the parks on the list interests you reach out and let me know so we can discuss the

details. Also, if you would like to host a rally in 2023, be sure to reach out to Jennifer Dice, our first Vice

President. I know 2023 sounds far off but, if we can stay ahead of the game, we can be sure to spend time in the places we like. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I hope you will join us next

month at the Reason for Freezin' Rally with the Heart of Texas Camping Club in Hillsboro, at the North Texas Airstream Community. It might be a little chilly, but we will be having chili in a nice warm rally room!

David Brandon

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



REGARDING THE 22 GRAPEVINE HOLIDAY RALLY: The Vineyards has already been reserved for December 2-4, 2022! Tom and Allana will be hosting again. You must have had a good time because 24 spots have already been reserved for next year! A reservation can always be cancelled; we had them hold 30 sites. Call and reserve now, so we know if we need to add more. Grapevine Vineyards 817-329-8993 or vineyardscampground.com.

- When exploring our club information-use this website link: <https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas>
- 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
- Check our unit out on Facebook, new member Maribeth Pappas is using her FB expertise to get more members on the FB group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpsairstreamclub.orgmembersnorthtexasunit>

- **Our new name and logo are approved by ACI.** →

We are North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC)-
Look for new shirts and swag soon!



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Jerry Vanloon, is an Airstream Mobile technician. He makes HOUSE CALLS! He is great site service for all components of your Airstream, from propane & electrical, to window replacement and inspections!

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 allanapat@msn.com for our newsletter.

Information on the Region Mardi Gras Rally in Galveston can be found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streamin-on-the-strand-tickets-211190304887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Moonlit night at
Oakdale Park in
GlenRose.

Submitted by
Dan Dice



RALLIES AND EVENTS (rally details will in newsletter 1-2 months out. For a complete list check the website <https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas>)

JANUARY 14-16

REASON FOR FREEZIN' RALLY- with HOTC unit.

North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) Hillsboro, TX

Friday: 1-14-22 Arrival and Set up, register in Rally room

5:30 Meet in the rally room for hors d'oeuvres, socializing and games.

Saturday: 1-15-22

7:30-9:00- Bring a breakfast item to share, or come cook in the rally room kitchen.

9:00-10:00- North Texas Airstream Club monthly Business meeting.

10:00 – 5:30- Hang around and visit or enjoy local attractions.

Backyard Silversmiths (www.backyardsilversmiths.com)

Czech Stop and Slovaks in West, TX (great sausages and kolaches)

Homestead Heritage- www.homesteadheritage.com

Craft based community south of Hillsboro-worth the trip if you have never been there.

Magnolia Market/Silos www.magnolia.com Waco, TX- food trucks, strolling, cupcakes and more!

5:30- Chili cook off and Potluck supper

3 categories- Vegetarian, Red, and "Not Red"

Prizes awarded for each category and best overall.

Sign up with reservation hosts if you want to compete

Games after dinner

Sunday: 1-16-22

7:30-9:00 am Shared Breakfast in Rally Room

Depart at your leisure...or stay another night.

Rally rate is \$25. Per night and includes full hook-ups. Cash or check only made out to NTAC) Give payment to Vickie or Anna upon arrival.

Contact for reservations: Anna Brandon 214-460-0420 or dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com

FEBRUARY 11-13

\$\$ DO YOU FEEL LUCKY \$\$ Choctaw Casino, Durant, OK.



NTxAC is hosting and HOTC is invited to join in the fun. (Other units are also welcome to join in). A block of sites are being held so reservations should be made with David Brandon (president)

dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com

Full hookups, \$35. Per night, no deposit required.

Friday-2-11: Happy Hour at 5:00 followed by "Gambling with Their Money" contest

Dinner on your own

Saturday-2-12: Saturday morning coffee, bring your own breakfast (or you can cook in the rally kitchen) Monthly business meeting for NTxAC at 10:00am in rally room.

Saturday afternoon: All Things Airstream Swap Meet

Visit Casino, enjoy the day, go to the The Spa at Choctaw, or the cinema, bowling, or arcade games.

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/durant>

Saturday Night: Pot-Luck Dinner and game night.

Rallies are the Reason for the Season!

Our installation rally was especially fun with beautiful weather, Oakdale Park, and a local catered dinner in the rally hall. Before dinner we had a wine tasting. Phillip Vasquez, as usual, served us well with a keg of beer, a Dutch oven cook off, bike rides, and installing our new officers by the fire pit. We had a few new members, and a few veterans. And we had a great time!



The Park welcomes us



The gathering place on a beautiful afternoon.



Waiting for dinner?



Dan Dice checks his award-winning King Ranch Chicken!



Can't miss Steve and Georgina Woodward's Vintage trailer.

Around the firepit for the Installation ceremony.



The winners of the Dutch Oven cook off took home great prizes. 3rd place: The Bieghler's for their brisket burnt ends beans, 2nd place: Allana Patterson for her cranberry pecan bread, and Dan Dice for his King Ranch Chicken.

THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY RALLY-GRAPEVINE -Dec 3-5

Friday began with Happy Hour and a Fajita Feast. All attendees introduced themselves and we were thrilled to have 28 members to attend their FIRST Rally! The Switzer's joined us for dinner even though they have not gotten delivery on their new trailer! We wore our ugly Christmas Sweaters and laughed a lot. We had young new members with their kids, their dogs, and their enthusiasm. Our collection of food for the Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange was overwhelmingly generous. Saturday morning breakfast and business meeting, then everyone went off to enjoy wine tours, breweries, shopping, and The Christmas Capital of Texas-Grapevine. Some hung around the pavilion, crafting Christmas ornaments, and relaxing.

We gathered again at 7:00 pm Saturday night, for hot drinks, pizza, and a white elephant gift exchange. Sunday morning donuts and coffee, then everyone rushed to book a spot for 2022 before leaving. The hosts and officers are thrilled at the attendance, and the support of the membership that attended. It feels like North Texas Airstream Club is alive and well! So much thanks go to Anna and David Brandon, Dan and Jennifer Dice, Tom Jensen, Kathi Mitchell, Georgina Woodward, and everyone that pitched in to help me (Allana) pull this rally off. Enjoy the pics.



Food makes everyone happy!



The fajita grill masters at sunset. Dan Dice and Doug Robbins.





It's all about the food, appetizers, fajitas, Airstream Christmas cookies, hot oatmeal, & sprinkle donuts.



It's all about the Airstreams.



Rudolph can't compete with Bambi!



It's all about helping the community, celebrating, and laughing.



What it's truly all about: the people, the fellowship, the fun.



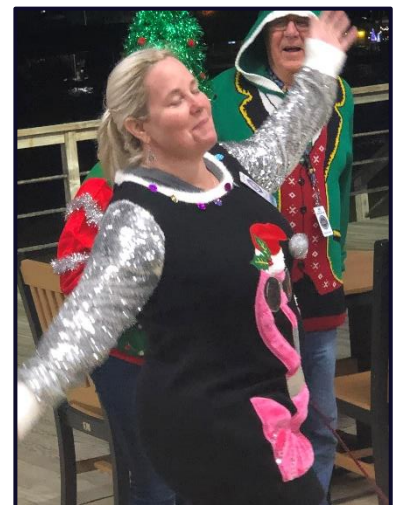
The crowd gathered for dinner. Steve and Georgina Woodward begin their mentoring of new members Jeff & Maribeth Pappas.



The wine tour group!



Jack Clyne walks his horse..sorry, dog Madison.



Jennifer Dice models her flamingo ugly sweater.



Anna Brandon trying to figure out what her gift is. No matter, it was stolen.



Dan models his flamingo blanket which was promptly stolen from him.



The view & the fire pit

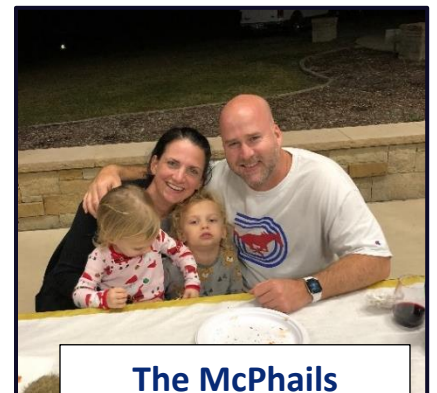
SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS FIRST RALLY



The Millicans



The Jeanes



The McPhails



The Hancocks



The Bieghlers



The Horstmans

**We will top it next year-Dec. 2-4, 2022!
Join us for a rally each month until then. See you down the road.**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Dutch Oven Contest Winner

KING RANCH CHICKEN CASSEROLE

2 rotisserie chickens	4tb unsalted butter	Kosher Salt and fresh ground pepper	¼ cup flour
Olive oil for chicken	1 Yellow onion-small	1 green pepper-small	1 ¼ cup chicken stock
1 red pepper-small	1 jalapeño	1.5 garlic cloves-minced	1 cup sour cream
1tsp chili powder	1tsp ground cumin	1tsp smoked paprika	1 7.5 ounce can green chilis
1 can Roi-tel tomatos	½ cup cilantro, chopped	2.66 cup cheddar-jack cheese	10 corn tortillas
1/3 cup veg oil	Cooking spray		

- *Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Remove skin from rotisserie chickens, remove meat and chop. Make the filling by melting butter over medium heat in a large skillet, add chopped onion, bell peppers, jalapeño. Cook for 10 minutes or starting to brown.*
- *Add garlic, chili powder, cumin, paprika and 1.5 tsp salt, 1/2tsp black pepper. Cook for two minutes.*
- *Sprinkle the flower over the vegetables and cook, stirring often, for 1 minute.*
- *Whisk in chicken stock and bring to a boil until thickened. Mix in tomatoes, green chilies, and sour cream. Remove from heat.*
- *Stir the chopped or shredded chicken with cilantro and at mixture.*
- *Heat skillet with oil and add a tortilla, cook until lightly brown on the bottom, flip and repeat. Cook each tortilla. (You can use tortilla chips as a substitute)*
- *Line the bottom of baking dis with tortillas, slightly overlapping, add chicken veggie mixture and a third of the cheese. Repeat. Top with remaining tortillas and cheese. Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 20 more minutes.*

Happy
Holiday

HAPPY
New
Year
2022

