

# North Texas Airstream Club NTxAC

## Newsletter – JUNE 2022



*“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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### FROM THE EDITOR



We have two rallies to report on in this Issue, Eisenhower State Park in May and Pilot Knoll in June. It was such fun meeting new members at the rallies, and even recruiting new members at Eisenhower State Park. Now that school is out, I have been busy working on projects for our trip to the International Rally in Maine. I am creating the decorations for the Region 9 Lunch, and for the Region 9 table in the exhibit hall. Getting my creative juices flowing is one of my favorite things. Tom and I leave on July 5, after two weekends of gatherings. We planned a reunion with my family in Glen Rose. There will be 15 of us, hanging out at the pool at Oakdale Park. Ages will range from 5 to 88. It is that 88 that gets you thinking about taking time to be with the people you love, because time becomes more valuable every day. Our trip to Maine will include visiting with family and friends we haven't seen in a long time. Last year I wrote a newsletter on the road...no promises this year. We are so excited about this journey where we will join the NTxAC “caravan” for a few stops and venture out on our own at some exciting Harvest Host locations. We also plan to take the ferry, after the rally, from Bar Harbor to Nova Scotia. Wherever you are and wherever you plan to go, safe travels, and maybe we will see you in Maine.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Joined in May

*Bruce and Michelle Toney from Sagerton, TX*

*John and Johanna Nystrom from Dallas, TX*

*Sara Brown and Justin Erbskorn from Dallas, TX*

*\*\*Bryan Adams and Brenda Schroer Adams from Midland, TX*

*Karen and James Thomas from Van Alstyne, TX*

*\*\*Lisa Forsyth from Land O Lakes, FL*

*2022 Globetrotter 27'*

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*2022 Basecamp 20'*

*2022 Flying Cloud 25'*

*1972 Tradewind 25'*

*2019 Serenity 23'*

### Joined in June

*Diane Dunaway from Trinidad, TX*

*\*\*Jack Clyne from McKinney, TX*

*Barry Lambert and John Ebey from Wylie, TX*

*Lynn and Ann Clark from Coppell, TX*

*\*\* (affiliate)*

*2019 Bambi 16'*

*2013 Flying Cloud 20'*

*2022 Flying Cloud 25'*

*2022 Globetrotter 23'*

## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

### **Bruce and Michelle Toney**



In 2018 we retired and purchased a 5th wheel. We found that we loved RVing. We enjoyed our trailer but had always talked about getting an Airstream one day. In April of this year, our wait was over, and we picked up our new Airstream. We both went back to work part-time and while we aren't traveling as much as we did with the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, our new trailer really fits us. We've only been able to take it out once since purchase, but we really enjoyed our new Airstream. We have more trips planned over the next several months. We moved back home after retirement to take care of elderly parents.

A little about us:

Bruce retired from nearly 3 decades in state law enforcement, however, is working part-time as a DA investigator. Bruce has also had his ham radio license (W5BT) since 1988 and is looking forward to obtaining knowledge from hams in the group on installing radios in an Airstream. Michelle retired from the school district, however also decided she wasn't quite ready to give up working and returned to the school system. Michelle enjoys photography, cooking, and traveling. We are looking forward to meeting everyone in the group.

Thanks

Bruce & Michelle

BRN 10096

## **John Ebey and Barry Lambert**

Here's our story: I am Barry, and my partner of 38 years is John. We are both retired career funeral directors who met while working a funeral together in 1984. Yes, I was asked out for a date at a funeral!

John and I both worked for the same company for 30+ years when the company was acquired by another a few years ago. With us both in our mid-50's the acquiring company offered us early retirements, which we both took.

We owned and sailed a Catalina 32' sailboat for over 20 years on Ray Hubbard Reservoir near Dallas.

In 2019 I had an accident destroying my right femur & hip resulting in a hip replacement. Two years later in September 2021, it was replaced with a second total hip revision. One week post second surgery, when we realized I may be able to walk again, I happened to watch a YouTube video titled "ALL NEW Interior 2021 Airstream Flying Cloud 25 FB Twin". I shared it with John. Three-weeks later we ordered an Airstream Flying Cloud 25FB Twin, sold his car and bought a F250. We took delivery of our 2022 Airstream named "Toaster" in April 2022.

Barry Lambert / John Ebey



## **Diane Dunaway**

I bought my Airstream 3 months ago, basically on a whim. My brother suggested I buy one, sell my real estate, and become more flexible in my travels. I sold my condo in Crested Butte CO and did just that. (Still kept my lake house at Cedar Creek Lake, where I live primarily and my high-rise condo off Knox in Dallas). While I was amid making this transition, I mentioned it to my best friend, Kitty Kalil, in Houston. She said she had wanted a baby Bambi Airstream since she was 25 years old. So off we went to DFW Airstream, which I happened to know, had two matching 2019 Bambi 16s for sale. Honestly, we felt God had a hand in this. giving us an opportunity to travel and spend time together. (We happen to each have bright blue towing vehicles too 🚗). We have joined Sisters on the Fly and have met at several camping events and have even more planned. We want to make the trip down Route 66, and head to the mountains this summer. Luckily, Kitty has an agreeable husband, who seems ok with us going off together, just us girls and our dogs, Romeo (mine) and Bruiser (hers). I also plan to travel the south to visit my brother in Seaside Florida, when the weather turns cooler.



I am a native Dallas-ite. I have been single over 20 years and have three grown children. My oldest daughter, Michelle, lives in India with her husband and 1 1/2-year-old son, Kairav. They are hoping to return to the US soon, but alas, waiting on a green card for her husband, Sanal. My

middle daughter, Heather, lives in San Francisco, so ultimately, I'd like to make a trip there in the Airstream to visit her. My youngest son, Travis and his wife,

Sarah live in Fort Worth. They have a 3-month-old precious daughter, Alice Pearl, who I am grateful to be able to visit every week. My son's first sentence when he heard about me buying an Airstream was, "you are not parking that thing in front of my house and running an orange extension cord from the garage." I think he imagined me, with the awning up, sitting in a lounge chair in my PJs, flamingos out, in his front yard, having coffee and wishing him a happy day at work. I am looking forward to meeting you all and making many great new memories as this adventure begins.

Diane

## Lynn and Ann Clark

Hi! We've had warm welcomes already from a lot of NTxAC members, and we're eager to meet more of you and enjoy time together.

We live in Coppell and both grew up in the Dallas area. Lynn has a wealth management practice and Ann is a retired teacher. We've always enjoyed camping and seeing new places, first in a tent with our kids, then a Jayco pop-up trailer, and now for the very best - our 2022 Globetrotter! Since our son and daughter are grown and on their own, our Airstream is something special just for us. Looking forward to enjoying many Airstream adventures with many of you!

BRN 12279 (our wedding anniversary)



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### T-SHIRTS AND HATS:

- ✚ We have sold a lot of t-shirts and hats, but still have a lot more!! These will be sold at a reasonable price to club members at rallies or meetings. NEW members from November 2021 and after will be given a free t-shirt- **when they attend a rally/meeting**. If you would like to buy a t-shirt [send your order to Anna Brandon](#) and she will put them aside to give you at your next rally (including international). In the meantime, for those that want extra special clothing with our club logo embroidered- it can be ordered from Land's End.
- ✚ Flags came in and they look great by our trailers. If enough people still want them, there can be another order, contact [airstream099leadership@gmail.com](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com)
- ✚ An email has gone out requesting birthdays and anniversaries but ONLY 34 of our over 200 members have responded. PLEASE, check you emails from [airstream099leadership@gmail.com](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com) or send an email to airstream099leadership with your birthday (do not include year) and anniversary if you have one. We want you active in our club!

### VOTE

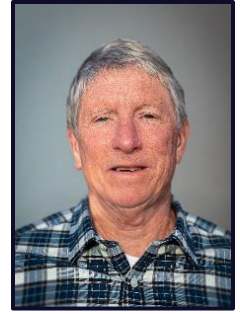
- ✚ ***You should have gotten the email asking you to vote on the proposed changes for the ACI leadership. Please vote. If the link does not work just copy and paste the address into your browser. If you do not do technology, you may request a paper ballot from David Brandon.***

### ✚ Need work on your airstream at your location:

***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.***

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT -David Brandon**

I hope all of you are staying cool in our early summer! I wanted to pass on that several times over the last few months folks from other clubs have remarked to me about how North Texas Airstream Club is flourishing this year despite the COVID doldrums. We've had five fun campouts in the last six months and have four others planned in the fall so if you haven't had a chance to camp with us yet please refer to the [website for information regarding locations and reservations](#).



Right now, Maribeth Pappas and the Rally Planning Committee are already identifying ideal places for 2023. If you have a favorite that is within an hour or so of the DFW metroplex, please pass the recommendations on to Maribeth ([mbethydeals@gmail.com](mailto:mbethydeals@gmail.com)). Our strategy this year to alternate our campouts on the four sides of the metroplex, and keep locations close to part of the membership, is making it easier for those of us who aren't retired yet to enjoy a full weekend of camping with friends.

On another note, I want to encourage all of you to vote using the ballot you received from the club Monday morning, June 13th. If you don't find the email in your inbox, junk, or spam folders, please let us know at [airstream099leadership@gmail.com](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com) so that we can resend. It's very important to me to ensure that everyone's voices are heard when I present the results at our International Rally in Fryeburg next month. In addition, we need a couple of volunteers to work with Maxi Millican on revising our bylaws this fall. Every five years clubs are required by International to review and revise (where necessary) their bylaws, and this is our year to do that. Thank you, Maxi, for being willing to take the lead in this effort! You can contact Maxi at [millican@swbell.net](mailto:millican@swbell.net).

That's all for now—safe travels!

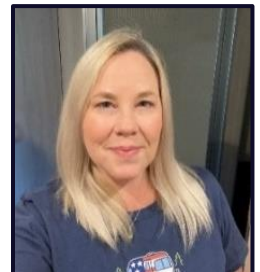
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**BRN 5157**

## **FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT- Jennifer Dice**

In February Dan retired, we sold our house, and officially became “sticks and bricks” homeless. It has been a good experience thus far, and I am drawn to the flexible lifestyle it affords us.

We spent our initial time in California, near San Diego. This was a great opportunity for us to visit my side of the family and enjoy some beautiful winter weather. I'm sure you have heard, maybe even expressed, the well-known Texan ambivalence about Californians moving to our great state (I know I have). I wonder how many Californians are aware of this prior to moving here. That viewpoint was on my mind when we entered the busy highways of SoCal in our shiny truck with Texas tags. I made a comment to Dan that we should remember our plates and represent our state in the best light through courteous driving. I told him this may be the only interaction someone had with a Texan, and we should be sure it was a positive one.



I've reflected on that conversation over our last month of camping across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Multiple times we were surrounded by non-Airstream rigs. Our common club inside joke is to call these “S.O.B.s” – “some other brand” or “same ole box.” While we say this in harmless jest, I'm not sure if any of those RV owners heard that outside of the context of a relationship, they would find it funny too. After all, they might be making comments in their groups wondering what the draw is to have a rig that looks like all the others! In the end though, it is all about the camaraderie we feel when we are with others who have like interests.

Which brings me to my point: When we are out camping, we are representatives of the Airstream brand and philosophy about camping. In a world where there is so much polarization, this is one place where we can embrace diversity of choice and act in a way representative of a brand that encourages inclusivity. Let's all be ambassadors that highlight all we are and welcome any adventurous camping family into our experiences!

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries (June and July)



- ✚ *Frank Nulty (June 2)*
- ✚ *Jeff Pappas (June 11)*
- ✚ *Max Millican (July 12)*
- ✚ *Dan Dice (July 23)*
- ✚ *Rick Louther (July 25)*

### Happy Anniversary to:

- ✚ *Frank and Mary Nulty (June 2)*
- ✚ *Ken & Kathy Mitchell (June 22)*

If you have a special date or event you want in the newsletter, please email [airstream099leadership@gmail.com](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com) with your dates for our news you can use

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



*We got our Flag!  
From Suzi Young*

# MEETING MINUTES

## May NTxAC Membership Meeting

Eisenhower State Park

May 14, 2022

9:00 AM

Conducted by David Brandon

**12:30 Welcome and Introductions.** Present were David and Anna Brandon, Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson, Jarred and Erica Rollins, Amy and Arnold Terkel, Scott and Christina Wayles, Jack Clyne, James and Shirl Wills, David and Kelly Rodriquez, Maribeth and Jeff Pappas

Allana Patterson, Parliamentarian, called the meeting to order.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report but our bank balance is \$2871.59

**New Business:** Discussion of upcoming vote on Airstream International's proposed reorganization. Everyone will be receiving e-ballots on two amendments.

One is to discontinue the delegate process for voting now that we each vote as members. Second amendment is to change the existing one-year terms for President, First VP, Second VP, Third VP configuration of the International Council.

This requires a five-year commitment. The proposed amendment Executive Council Pres, Vice-President secretary, treasurer, and six other members for a total of ten. The Executive Council then determines who will be the President, similar to the democratic process we have in the US Government.

Need to set up a committee to review our bylaws. Volunteers please email David.

Allana requested that at each of our campouts we nominate someone to write about the rally that was just held for the newsletter so that Allana is not always writing from her point of view.

Allana moved to adjourn the meeting and Christine Wayles seconded.

**Upcoming Rallies:** June campout will be at Pilot Knoll Campground in Highland Village June 9-11.

## June NTxAC Membership Meeting

Pilot Knoll Park

June 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Conducted by David Brandon

**10:00 Welcome and Introductions.** Present were David and Anna Brandon, Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson, Dan and Jennifer Dice, Jack Clyne, Jerry and Lynn Switzer, Pam and Dan Brockway, Henry and Carol Wilkins, Scotty Graves, Steve and Georgina Woodward, Maribeth and Jeff Pappas

**10:15- 11:00** Allana Patterson, Parliamentarian, called the meeting to order. Introductions: We welcomed Scotty Graves—he and his family (Rebecca and Andrew) are new members of NTxAC.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report but our bank balance is \$3441.42

**Newsletter Editor:** Allana asks as always, please send pictures from campouts and rallies.

**New Business:** Need to set up a committee to review our bylaws. Volunteers, please email David.

- ✚ Continued discussion of upcoming vote on Airstream International's proposed reorganization. Everyone has received directly from WBCCI the ballot for incoming slate of officers, and next week the club will send out e-ballots on two amendments.
- ✚ Amendment One is to discontinue the delegate process for voting now that we each vote as members.

- ✚ Amendment Two is to change the existing one-year terms of officers to two-year terms and reconfigure the Executive Council to President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Past President, all of whom would be appointed by the International Board of Trustees (those officers and the Region Presidents).
- ✚ Steve Woodward added some history to the conversation. David reminded members that this month's issue of the Blue Beret (June) has two editorials explaining the pros and cons— Eric McHenry, incoming President, outlined the rationale for changing the existing leadership structure and Ken Johannsen, President of Region 11, presented the disadvantages such a change would pose to the organization.

✚ **Upcoming Rallies:** Our next campout will be September 9-11th at Lake Tawakoni east of the DFW area. James and Shirly Wills are hosting. October rally (7-9) is at Hordes Creek Lake and doesn't have a host yet. The Installation Rally, November 18-20, will be hosted by David and Anna Brandon (outgoing President and Secretary).

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM**

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## **FEATURE ARTICLE**

### ***With so many new Airstream owners, today's feature from Airstream Life***

Anytime you buy a new RV—regardless of what brand—there are likely to be little bugs that need squashing after you take delivery.

For first-time owners, the disappointment of having to go back to the dealer with a new travel trailer or motorhome can be hard to handle. But when you consider that you bought something that's both a vehicle *and* a house with thousands of individual parts, and that it is largely hand-built, you can appreciate how hard it is to get everything perfect.

Therefore, some Airstream dealers try to get you to commit to a follow up service appointment on the day you take delivery. They're not just doing it to boost their service business, they're doing it because they want you to know that any problems you encounter will get dealt with.

Still, some people (like me) prefer to fix the small things at home rather than hauling the rig to a dealer. Whether you're inclined to DIY or take it to the service center, read on for my advice on how you can navigate the early months of ownership without pulling your hair out.

#### **DO A "SHAKEDOWN TRIP" (OR TWO OR THREE)**

Probably the most important thing you can do is to take a few short shakedown trips with your new baby before you embark on more ambitious trips. I've discussed this many times before, but it bears repeating. The "shakedown trip" is almost always going to bring to light various questions, packing needs, and problems.

For example, during the first three shakedown trips in our new 2020 Globetrotter, we had major (read: trip cancelling) issues with the brake controller and we had several screws and rivets come loose. But all of this was easily addressed because we weren't far from home and the trips were short.

The shakedown is great, but it won't be the end of the process. A new Airstream needs a certain amount of "breaking in" and it can take a few trips before you've got the bugs out and feel confident that you fully understand everything. Plan to keep your initial trips close to home, or close to services (like RV shops and hardware stores), so that if you have an issue, you can get it resolved easily.

#### **DO A 3-MONTH CHECKUP**

After a few trips, I recommend doing a thorough inspection of the Airstream and all the associated gear, to see what needs adjustment, repair, maintenance, or tweaking.

Here's what I would check:

#### **HITCH AND TIRES**

The trailer hitch is a critical piece of equipment, and it needs to be right, every time. If there are things you don't really understand about it, or you haven't weighed your rig to see if the hitch is adjusted correctly, take the time to learn about it now.

Take a moment also to walk around your trailer or motorhome and look at the tires carefully. Check the pressure in all the tires too, including the spare. If there's a problem with balance, alignment, inflation, or damage, you'll catch it early and save yourself from a much bigger problem.



Don't forget to check the torque on the lug nuts! [You should have a torque wrench](#) and verify the correct torque every time a wheel is removed. Read my Maintenance guide, your Owner's Manual, or the sticker that is just above the wheel well, for details.

## **ELECTRONICS**

If an electronic device is going to fail, it often fails early. This includes:

- **inverter**
- **circuit boards in the appliances (fridge, water heater, power awning, "smart" thermostats, and other control systems)**
- **LED lights (interior and exterior—don't forget the entry door light and taillights)**
- **DVD player, TV, stereo, and any other electric appliances**

Turn on all those items and make sure they are working exactly the way you'd expect.

## **BATTERY**

The important thing to check is whether it's holding a full charge. If you suspect it's not – if it seems to be draining faster than you think it should – you can get it tested at most automotive service centers.

The dealer is supposed to install a new battery before delivery but even then, it's possible that the battery was allowed to go dead a few times. The good news is that AGM and Lithium batteries are much less susceptible to damage from being run down.

## **RIVETS**

It's not uncommon for a few of the interior pop rivets to break, leaving a hole. Fortunately, these are easy to replace yourself.

## **LOOSE SCREWS, TRIM, AND MISSING PLASTIC BITS**

You probably found a few screws, rivet stems and wood dust on the floor after your first few trips. This is normal—usually it's detritus left over from manufacturing, which migrated out from under or behind the furniture during travel. But it's possible some screws have come loose. So, check furniture, interior window frames, screen door, dinette mounts, air-return ducts (in the ceiling), TV mount, hinges, etc., for loose or missing screws.

If you have a screw that keeps coming out and it's threaded into something else made of metal, try a little thread locker on it.

If a screw is in wood and the hole no longer holds the screw, you can use a little wood glue and a toothpick or matchstick to make the hole tight again. I keep a little of both on hand, [along with some butyl tape](#), because this is often a problem with hinge screws.

You might also find plastic pieces lying on the floor and wonder where they go. Don't throw them out! Save them, because eventually you'll figure out where they came from. For example, the plastic caps on the ends of roll up window shades sometimes come off during travel, as do the round flat caps that cover screws on the furniture, and white shelf clips in the refrigerator. Loose trim is not uncommon. Often the fix is just a matter of some appropriate glue and a clamp or two, to hold it overnight while the glue sets.

## **PLUMBING LEAKS**

Like electronics, plumbing weaknesses tend to show themselves early on. Fortunately, the problem is usually just a loose fitting, which you can fix yourself easily with a little Teflon tape. If you spot some wetness inside, [here's how to track it down](#) (and maybe fix it yourself!).

## **FINAL ADVICE: KEEP LEARNING**

The best thing you can do to improve your Airstream experience is to keep educating yourself about how everything works and how it's put together. Often the problems that new owners complain about are just the result of not understanding things fully, and everything always seems more daunting when you don't understand.

When real problems do manifest, having some knowledge (along with a few basic tools and supplies) will make you much more confident about solving the problem—usually without having to derail your trip and head to a service center.

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# **RALLIES AND EVENTS**

(Rally details will be in newsletter 1-2 months out)

## **JULY 23 – 29, 2022**

### **65<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL RALLY - FRYEBURG, MAINE**

By now you have received emails and your entry date from National - all we can add to that is: *There is nothing like the international rally- YOU MUST experience it- once you do, you will be hooked!* Think about Wyoming in late June of 2023. Those of you going to Maine, NTxAC and Region 9 will have special activities. Right now, the Region 9 lunch is on Sunday, July 24 in Fryeburg, ME and reservations can be made and paid for on the Region 9 website <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9>. It looks like the NTxAC lunch will be on Thursday, July 28, but a location has not been determined. Those of you going to Maine, will get an email and FB post. There is a FB International Rally page also.

**August 13:** Rally Afterparty! Location to be sent out on email.

**September 9-11:** Lake Tawakoni State Park, Wills Point. Hosted by James and Cheryl Wills. There are still a few spots left. We are on the White Deer Reach camping loop. A schedule will be released later, but count on a trip to Canton and maybe a repeat of Cornhole! <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-tawakoni>

**October 7-9:** Hords Creek Lake, Coleman, TX. This is a core of engineer park, so book soon. Lakeside campground is sites 63-76. **Ph: 325-625-2322** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/499>

**November 18-20:** Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court, Glen Rose, annual membership meeting and Installation Rally (indoor rally room). <https://oakdalepark.com> – The food is always fantastic at this rally!

**December 2-4:** 2022 Grapevine “Silver Bells” Holiday Rally: The Vineyards RV Park at Grapevine (will find indoor venue for meeting if necessary). Saturday, December 3 dinner will be the Grapevine Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre- *Grapevine Vineyards 817-329-8993 or [vineyardscampground.com](http://vineyardscampground.com)*. There are 4 spots left for the “Silver Bells” Holiday rally! We increased the number and only 4 available in the park, unless they have a cancellation. A reservation can always be cancelled.

\*The Holiday Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre is \$66.50 (includes tax) per person. We must have commitments to reserve for Saturday, Dec 3; 5:30 show- by August 1. **Here is the link to make your reservation and pay:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW7DQltWp-uh-o2S7v5P mphar4R1QsZj5Ou1o3Sq9003yVQ/viewform> The link will be in an email also. We will be registered as a group to get the discounted rate. If you register on your own the cost is \$71.50.

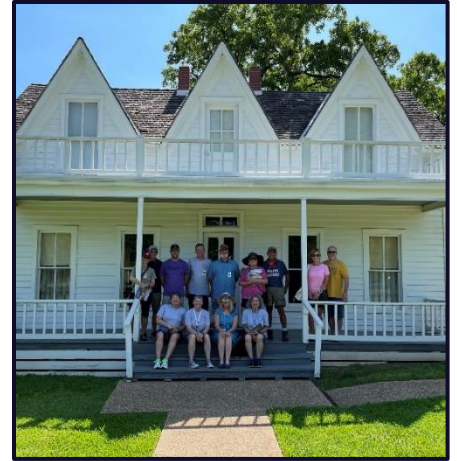
# RALLIES IN PICTURES

## Eisenhower State Park

Our May rally consisted of beautiful weather, great food, new members, historical tours, and a competitive tournament of cornhole! We had a productive meeting that helped members understand the new structure we will be voting on for the International Organization. We formed a committee to put together rallies for 2023. On our tour, we had a great guide to tell us the story of President Dwight Eisenhower. We stopped by a winery/brewery in charming downtown Denison and got an education in making beer! Dinner consisted of an amazing charcuterie tray from Jack Clyne, fabulous meats from our hosts Christine and Scott Wayles, and desserts from the dessert fest the night before. We had new members attend their first rally, and a riotous cornhole tournament, with two trophies handed out- the first place and the dead last!



**Always Food-attracts people and flies**



**A visit to the Eisenhower birthplace**



**And a visit to a brewery**



**Brewing Lesson**



**David Brandon leads the meeting**



**Kelly Rodriguez tosses with finesse**



**Eisenhower statue**



**Stop at the quilt shop**



**The Champions!  
James & Sheryl Wills**



**The biggest losers! Tom and Allana**



**Scott and Christine Wayles were great hosts**



**Jack Clyne's charcuterie board!**

## Pilot Knoll, Highland Village

It was hot, but hey, we had a lake! After Friday's evening gathering and Saturday morning breakfast, we learned a lesson and Saturday night we hung several fly traps! We topped the evening off with fireworks.



*The Park*



**VP Jen Dice speaks to members**



**A very relaxed meeting**



**A moonlit night, waiting for fireworks**



**Great fireworks across the water!**



Nothing better on a hot day, if you have sunscreen



Just hanging out



*The Good Life-picture from Jerry Switzer*

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Charcuterie Boards

(For the posh glampers)

The keys to a great charcuterie board

- A variety of cheese (include hard and soft cheese)
- Nuts (almonds, cashews, and pistachios)
- Fruits (Choose based on the season, but berries, oranges, figs, and kiwis all add a variety of color and flavor)
- Dried Fruits (Try apricots, dried lemons or oranges, freeze-dried strawberries)
- Vegetables (carrots, cucumbers, celery, snap peas)
- Crackers (pretzel sticks, gluten-free crackers)
- Meats
- Olives
- Hummus, honey, Dijon mustard, olive tapenade or other dips

### Steps

Step 1) Arrange the board: Start by placing any bowls or [ramekins](#) on the table. Plan to use them for nuts, olives, fruits, dips, etc. Avoid placing them all close together and space them out so that they are easily accessible from along the table.

Step 2) Add cheese and place crackers nearby

Step 3) Add meat

Step 4) Add fruits and vegetables

Step 5) Fill in gaps with nuts or dried berries

Keep toothpicks near the board

Use a variety of container heights and sizes to arrange items. Height adds dimension.



*Charcuterie Board- because Adult Lunchable doesn't sound cool!*

*Charcuterie – a French term for assembling cheese and other fancy crap*

