

# North Texas Airstream Club

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*“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



There is an enormous amount of work and catching up to do when you are gone from home for 2 months. Between cleaning and washing the trailer, washing all the clothes, spending the weekend at Lake Tawakoni, catching up on doctor visits and trying to get the yard back in shape...I can't believe it is already time for a newsletter!

I haven't seen my grandchildren since June and my 50<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion is this month...so I am heading out on the highway of Texas for the next two weeks. (can't wait to spend time away from Tom after 2 months in 175 sq feet!).

In this issue, as with all- we hope to update you on upcoming rallies, hear what's going on and most important- get you involved in our leadership. We will install new officers (some we do not have yet) at the November rally in Glen Rose. PLEASE consider using your talents to take on a larger role in our club.

With that...I'm off to see if I can win the least changed person in my high school class after 50 years! (I was known as the weird drama queen with a big mouth)

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Joined in August

*Terry and Lauris Higgins from Colleyville, TX*  
*Rich and Angie Kazura from Keller, TX*  
*Calvin and Phyllis Hamilton from Flower Mound, TX*  
*Kirby and Brenda Anderson from Southlake, TX*  
*John and Brenda Gilbert from Southlake, TX*

2018 Flying Cloud 26'  
 2022 Globe Trotter 28'  
 2022 Flying Cloud 25'  
 2022 Caravel 20'  
 2021 Globe Trotter 27'

### Joined in September

*Amy Jo and William Plummer from Carrollton, TX*  
*Phillip and Debra Ward from Flower Mound, TX*

1966 Overlander 27'  
 2022 Globe Trotter 27'

### New Affiliate Members:

*Bruce and Denise Morrow from Livingston, TX (HC: Greater Los Angeles AC)*  
*Edmon and Gail Craig from Hillsboro, TX (HC: Texas Highland Lakes AC)*  
*Jim and Shelby Trimble from Avinger, TX (HC: Texas Gulf Coast Unit)*  
*Brendon and Amy McCaulley from Frisco, TX (HC Texas Hill Country Unit)*

## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

### **Rich and Andy Kazura**

#### **BRN 06791**

Rich and I have been married 15 years. He has two kids and 3 grandkids. We have two dogs. One is Charlie that does travel with us most of the time. The other hates car rides and is too old for the stress. We've been married over 15 years. Rich is retired and I am almost there! We originally had a Grand Design 41-foot Solitude! At that time, we were considering living in it part time. But as life adjusts so do, we. We sold it during Covid. We still wanted to RV and investigated AS for the quality, value, and size. We wanted to feel more at ease driving and handling the RV. The AS was perfect for us, and we got our 2022



Globetrotter twin front bed 28 feet in February. We did our shakedown at Canyon Lake, Texas. Then a trip to Gulf Shores and Florida this Summer and just got back from two weeks in Colorado. We are still very happy with the AS and know it's the right choice for us. We will be taking it back to DFW Airstream for some tweaks in "repairs" while still under warranty. We are excited about

joining the group to meet new people and share stories and experiences of all kinds.

## **Kirby and Brenda Anderson**

**BRN 06694**



We are excited to begin a new phase of our retirement life with our new Airstream Caravel 20FB. Both of us are retired airline employees and love to travel, but now we will be exploring on the ground some of those “flyover” territories. We are new to the RV scene and still figuring out the most efficient and convenient routines that work for us and are looking forward to meeting new friends to share experiences and good times with. Kirby is a Ft Worth native and Brenda hails from Wisconsin. We are longtime active Harley riders and love being on or around the water, especially the beach. We will be seeking new beach-oriented experiences with the Airstream.

## **Phillip and Debra Ward**

**BRN 13010**

Phil is originally from Boulder, CO and a CSU grad. Deb is from Oak Brook, IL and graduated from Univ. of Colorado. We both love to spend time up in the mountains and enjoy hiking. We were married in 1988 and have two grown children, our daughter Lindsay, and son Weston. Presently we make our home in Flower Mound, TX. Having worked for American Airlines for 73 years combined, we’ve seen a lot of our world from above. Nearing retirement, we are now ready and excited to hit the ground running. We are new to the Airstream RV experience and excited to explore with our new 2022 27’ FBT Globetrotter we named “Gear Up”! This picture was from our first RV trip a few weeks ago to Santa Fe, NM. We are in Bandolier National Park. Looking forward to our new adventures with the NTxAC!





## Jim and Shelby Trimble

**BRN 08811**

Jim and I enjoy traveling to new places in our 2000 Safari. Our home is in Avinger, Texas, but we spend quite a bit of time in Houston where our two girls and our four grandchildren live. We were fortunate enough to have attended the inaugural Galveston Mardi Gras rally this year and will be helping with the inaugural Airstreams at the Price in Oklahoma this month. We went on the Cajun Country Caravan and had a great time. Our next caravan is the Old National Road Caravan next May. We purchased our Airstream in 2014 and have traveled 26 of our 50 states. We enjoy making new friends along our way.



## Terry and Lauris Higgins

**BRN 06506**



This picture was taken above Red River in August. We started tent camping in Europe while stationed in the USAF. After returning home to Texas and starting our family, we continued tent camping until 1990 when we bought a new Winnebago class C. Since then, we have had pop-ups, 5th wheels, and diesel pushers. We downsized from our 40 ft 5th wheel to the 26ft flying cloud to simplify, fit in smaller sites, and reduce our TV. We just took our shake-down trip to NM meeting some fellow AS folks and look forward to meeting more of you.

## **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

- **We need leadership.** There are open spots on our leadership team and we would love to have volunteers step up and get involved. We need webmaster skills, camping skills, accounting skills, secretarial skills...we need you. Contact Jennifer Dice if you want to get involved.

✚ **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.*

- ✦ So, Allana Patterson got behind. Next month she will be going to a new format for the NTxAC Newsletter. If you are an officer or new member, or love writing about your Airstream adventures, please send information to [allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com) for the October newsletter which will go out after the October Rally at Hords Creek Lake, Coleman, TX.

### T-SHIRTS AND HATS:

- ✦ Shirts and hats 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. In the meantime, for those that want extra special clothing with our club logo embroidered, you can order from Land's End by telephone.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries (September)



- ✦ *David Brandon- Sept 10*
- ✦ *David Majkowski- Sept 15*
- ✦ *Ronda Horstman- Sept 15*
- ✦ *Cindy Jeanes – Sept 23*
- ✦ *John Green- Sept 26*

### Happy Anniversary to:

- ✦ *Tom and Norma Collier-September 1, 1962- 60 YEARS!!! **Congratulations!***

Only about 10% of our membership have given their special dates to the leadership. 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 newsletter.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT -David Brandon

As the pictures in the newsletter show, we had a great time at Lake Tawakoni last weekend. The weather was good, the park is beautiful, our potluck dinner was outstanding, and being in your company after a couple of months on the road felt so good. As it gets cooler, fall isn't the only thing around the corner. Our Installation Rally happens in November (the weekend before Thanksgiving) at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose. Anna and I will be hosting as I pass the torch to Jennifer Dice, whose mind is always rolling with ideas of ways to enrich our club experience. If you've joined us this year, I hope you'll be able to attend because our informal fireside ceremony recognizes you too! Our Rally Committee has put together a fun year of camping for 2023 and there will be a special



presentation of all the locations chosen to give you a peek at what adventures we can have ahead. We also plan on talking about opportunities for contribution to club leadership. Our club is steadily growing and many of you have talents that would really help us shine. Are you good at social media? Jennifer has been helping Anna with Instagram and Maribeth Pappas has been helping with Facebook, but they are both helping the club in other ways and Anna would love a professional to take that task over. Are there features you think would improve our club that you would like to take the lead on? Let Jennifer and I know, and we'll help get the ball rolling. 2022 has been a good year for us, go 2023!

David Brandon

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BRN 5157

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

Leadership of our Club has been on my mind a lot as we approach the November Installation Rally. As your incoming President, I am excited to continue building off the work David and Anna Brandon started. The momentum they created this year has moved our Club from stale to thriving! Together with you, 2022 has been a banner year of consistent camping trips, exploration of our local area, community building among our members, and having fun together.



It has put a smile on my face to see our members leading up different initiatives in our Club. Dan Brockway is our new webmaster, and I am thrilled that he volunteered and is assisting us with some of the things we have struggled with this past year. Mary Beth Pappas gathered a small team to review options and make a recommendation for camping in 2023. To say I'm excited is an understatement! Her team is working on some teaser videos for our social media and a presentation at the November Installation Rally. This year we need to edit the NTxAC bylaws and Maggie Millican has graciously agreed to head this effort. I invite you to be involved as well. This is a great way to know more of the inner workings and details of the Club.

Our most desperate need right now is for camp hosts. I know it sounds like a big job, but it really isn't. As camp host you get to name the weekend rally, plan fun activities for the group, set a theme for the meal, provide ideas of things to do in the area, and set the schedule for the weekend. It's an excellent opportunity serve the club and get to know more of our members. There are a lot of ways for you to be involved and I am looking forward to your participation in 2023. Please reach out to me to express your interest.

Jennifer Dice

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BRN 30301

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Never know what kind of museum you will find.

How about Dr. Seuss! (Springfield, PA)

*Submitted by Anna Brandon*

## MEETING MINUTES

### **September NTxAC Membership Meeting**

Lake Tawakoni State Park

September 10, 2022

8:45 AM

Conducted by David Brandon

**8:45 Welcome and Introductions:** Allana Patterson, Parliamentarian, called the meeting to order.

Present were David and Anna Brandon, Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson, Debbie and Mike Hooker, Maribeth and Jeff Pappas, Pam and Dan Brockway, Don Wright, Tim and Roslyn Gaunt, Doug and Hawley Townes, Megan Seal and Emily, Jared and Rollins, Steve Wyatt and Debbie Lightel, Dan and Jennifer Dice,



Jack Clyne, Pam and Dan Brockway, Maribeth and Jeff Pappas, Kelly Rodriguez, Lynn and Ann Clark, Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver

9:00

**Introductions:** We welcomed new members Ann and Lynn Clark, Debbie and Mike Hooker as well as members of the East Texas Lakes Unit joining us for the weekend (Doug, Hawley, Megan, Emily, Steve, and Debbie).

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report but our bank balance is \$4320.92

**Membership Chair:** Eight new members; we now have 163 member rigs and 28 affiliate member rigs (303 members and 47 affiliate members)

**Newsletter Editor:** Allana will be putting the newsletter together next week and would like pictures, articles, contributions

**Old Business:**

1. Maxi Millican has agreed to chair a committee to review and update our bylaws. They aren't with us today because they are finishing up the Newfoundland caravan they joined this summer. Updates we have discussed in previous meetings are to mirror International and Regional structures such as:
  - a. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President, dropping Second and Third Vice President positions—rationale is that it is too hard for members to commit to serving four years in a row.
  - b. Extending terms to two years—this is how Region 9 operates and it allows the President more time to continue momentum. It does mean that the office of President will be four years (two as President and two as Past President) but the other offices will just involve a two-year commitment.
  - c. Make other minor changes to mirror international's deletion of the delegate process
2. As you know, the proposal to restructure ACI's organization passed by a significant margin. To those of you who voted, thank you. Some members had strong feelings about the proposal and, if this didn't go the way you wished, please be assured it doesn't change much for us on the local level.

**New Business:**

1. Jennifer Dice, our First Vice-President, will move to President at the Installation Rally in Glen Rose in November. Anyone wanting to assume any of the positions in the club (Secretary, Webmaster, Treasurer, Social Media) please approach Jen as these are not elected positions.
2. Maribeth Pappas has chaired a committee planning next year's campouts. On the list for next year are some of the tried-and-true favorites but several exciting new places will be "unveiled" at the Installation Rally.

**Upcoming Rallies:** Our next campout will be October 7-9<sup>th</sup> at Hordes Creek Lake COE Park in Coleman, Texas. This is a beautiful park, and a quiet time of year to camp. We don't yet have a host for this rally. The Installation Rally, November 18-20, will be hosted by David and Anna Brandon (outgoing President and Secretary) at Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose, TX. We'll have a schedule out soon but count on our continuing the Dutch Oven Cook-Off and the Putt-Putt at your site rescheduled from September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM



## **RALLIES AND EVENTS**

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

**October 7-9:** Hords Creek Lake, Coleman, TX. This is an Army Core of Engineers park so book soon. Lakeside campground includes Sites 63-76.

**Ph: 325-625-2322** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/499>

### **Campout Schedule:**

When we all check in, we'll find the best site for gathering. The Brandons are in Site 76. Please confirm with **David and Anna** by email/text/phone that you are coming to enable better food planning.  
David: 214-244-1258, Anna: 214-460-0420



### **Friday:**

**4:00 pm** - Trip to [Owl Drug](#) in Coleman for a step back in time to an old-fashioned soda fountain and grill.

**7:00 PM**- Bring your beverage and a snack/dessert to share after you're settled in your site.

### **Saturday:**

**9:00am – 10:30** Coffee and donuts with a short NTxAC meeting to follow.

**10:30 am**- Enjoy the lake, fish, hike, swim (this park is a favorite of a lot of Airstreamers). Or take a side trip to [Cross Plains to Woody's Classic Cars and Baseball Museum](#).

**3:30 pm**: Experience downtown Coleman: Group visit to [Rancho Loma Vineyards](#) followed by dinner at [Rancho Pizza](#) (be sure to RSVP to [Anna](#) so that she can make reservations).

**7:30pm**: return for evening campfire and s'mores if campfires are allowed.

### **Sunday:**

**8:00 am**: Coffee and "See you down the road" at the Brandons (Site 76)

### **November 18-20:** [Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court](#), Glen Rose, Annual Membership

Meeting and Installation Rally

The food is always fantastic at this rally!

We will be installing new officers. If you cannot camp with us, please consider spending Saturday in Glen Rose for the following events:

**8:30 - 10:30** Breakfast and coffee (provided). Annual business meeting to follow.

**10:30 - 2:00** Explore Glen Rose or hang out with friends and build your golf hole

**2:00 - 4:00** Putt-Putt Tournament (each site creates a putt-putt hole to make a course- if you have one, bring a putter and ball)

**4:00-6:30** Dutch Oven Cook-Off (Dan Dice and Allana Patterson were the winners last year).

**7:00** Installation Ceremony by the Campfire (indoor rally room if weather prevents campfire location).

## **December 2-4: 2022 Grapevine “Silver Bells” Holiday Rally:**

The Vineyards RV Park at Grapevine : **THIS RALLY IS FULL, if you must cancel, please notify Tom Jensen 817-329-3090 before calling the Vineyards. WE HAVE A WAITING LIST!**

Tentative schedule: *If you reserved for Thursday Dec. 1- The Grapevine Christmas Parade is that evening.*

### **FRIDAY: December 2, 2022 \*\***

4:30 Happy hour in pavilion BYOB - and appetizers

5:30 Grills will be hot, bring you own meat to grill and a side to share. BRN#'s that are even numbers bring salads, dessert, or bread, BRN#'s that are odd bring warm sides (potatoes, pasta, vegetables etc.). There is plenty of electricity at pavilion.

Evening events: Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest (prizes)/ Fireside chat and games

**\*\* We will collect goods for Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (GRACE)**

### **SATURDAY, December 3**

Coffee and pastries at pavilion with brief membership meeting

Things to do in Grapevine for the day: \*\*

<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas-capital-of-texas/>

<https://christmasatgaylordtexan.marriott.com/>

**\*\*You may plan ahead for things like the Northpole Express or Gaylord ICE- There will be planned activities at the park**

**4:00pm: Meet at the Grapevine Texas Star Theatre (carpool from Vineyards or own your own) Reservations have been made and purchased for 47 people. Dinner and show at 4:30 and over by 7:00 pm. (Those not attending- dinner on your own-lots of great places to eat in Grapevine)**

If you want to go and didn't sign up, go online **\*<https://www.texasstardinnertheater.com/> price is \$72.00 per person**

**7:45 pm: Hot toddy, hot chocolate, in the pavilion with s'mores and the White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift.** Gifts can be gag or useful but should relate to Airstreaming some way. Gift prices should be limited to \$0-\$25. Perhaps a visit from Santa.

### **SUNDAY, December 4**

8:00am: Coffee and donuts at pavilion and Happy Holidays

## Lake Tawakoni Rally

We saw new faces and familiar faces at Lake Tawakoni. The weather was beautiful and so was the lake. We enjoyed visiting and telling of our travels for the summer. Everyone seemed excited to say goodbye to summer and on to enjoying one of Texas' best seasons- Fall!



Kelly Rodriguez enjoying the camaraderie



The Brockways win Best Lighted Trailer!



Planning for 2023 at our meeting,  
not as serious as we look!





**Amy- Park Ranger, ready to take us on a hike. We learned a lot from her.**



**Shopping at the local Farmer's Market**



**An unexpected guest found Don Wright's trailer—harmless but who likes snakes!**



## Ready for Viking Bowling!



David Rodriguez and Dan Dice may have had the head gear...

But Tom won the game!



Happy Birthday to David Brandon





**Toasting a Twinkie?**



**Dan is ready to take her down! Thank you, Jack Clyne, for donating the shelter to the club!**



**Nothing like homemade peach ice cream to end the summer!**



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



If you like Instant Pot cooking (recipe is for the mini Duo) in your trailer-it is squash season...and almost time for soup!

### **Cream of Butternut Squash and Ginger Soup**

- 2 butternut squash peeled and seeded, then cube
- 1 sprig of fresh sage
- 1 onion-chopped
- ½ in piece of fresh ginger, peeled (ground ginger can sub)
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- Olive oil
- 4 Tbl heavy cream

*Salt and pepper to taste and roasted pumpkin seeds for garnish.*

1. Pressure cooker on sauté with 1 Tbl of olive oil- heat the onions with the sage, salt and pepper until onions are soft. Scoot the onions aside and cover the base with some squash cubes, let brown, stir occasionally (about 10 min). Turn off Sauté function.
2. Add the rest of the squash along with ginger, nutmeg, and stock.
3. Close and lock the lid, set for 15 minutes on high pressure cook.
4. When time is up, release the pressure on quick release.
5. Fish out the woody sage stem and discard.
6. Now blend the soup and cream, with a stick immersion blender, or potato masher/whisk by hand.

\*Garnish with salty toasted pumpkin seeds, or parsley.

