

North Texas Airstream Club NTxAC

Newsletter – NOVEMBER 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 are back home from the Installation Rally and Thanksgiving with the grandchildren. The weather was cold and dismal, but in spite of it, we had a wonderful time at both events.

As our membership grows, we have met interesting, generous, and fascinating people. Now, my task is to get this Newsletter out and get it together for our rally at the Grapevine Vineyards!

I am panicking because the expectations seem higher than what I can deliver, and I don't think weather is going to cooperate!

Ce' la vie!

Hope to see you there and have a riotous time!

Tom and I are leaving for a week in Hawaii on December 15, so do not expect a December Newsletter until after Christmas.

With that I wish you all Happy Holidays, Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, safe travels, and God's grace.

Allana Patterson BRN **12194**

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Joined in late October and November

Kim Roulias fom Gun Barrel City, TX

Fran Summers from Gilmer, TX

David and Pamela Fedorko from Dallas, TX

**Mary Johansson-Evans from Murphy, TX*

**Wanda Sumner from Hillsboro, TX*

**Sue Brown from Hillsboro, TX*

**Leslie and Pat Bond from Hillsboro, TX*

2017 International Serenity 19'

2023 Bambi 19'

2019 Globetrotter 27'

1992 Classic 34'

**Nelda Allison from Hillsboro, TX*

**Richard Redding from Hillsboro, TX*

New Affiliate members

Douglas and Hawley Towns from East Texas Lakes Unit

Robert and Sally DeVol from East Texas Lakes Unit

Ray and Eglina Schmitt from Montana Airstream Club

Becky Gray and David Smith from Texas Hill Country Unit

2019 International Serenity 25'

1967 Overlander 26'

2015 Interstate 24'

1965 Globetrotter 20'

**Membership transferred to NTxAC*

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Robert and Sally DeVol

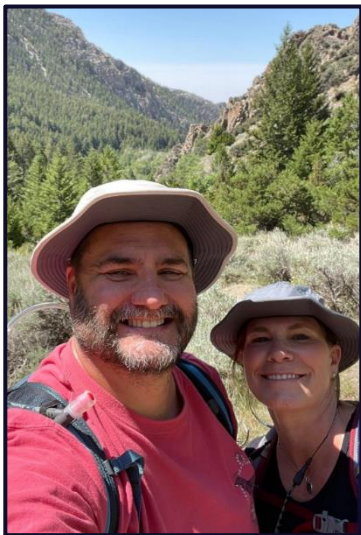
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We recently arrived in Frankston from Michigan. We have children in Dallas and Houston that started families. The lure of grandchildren was too strong for us!

We are excited to get to know the Texas Airstream Community You are an active group, and we look forward to plugging in (and likely after we get a few more boxes unpacked!).

Douglas and Hawley Towns

BRN 01355



Hawley and Doug have been Airstreamers since April of 2021 and on our second rig. They have two grown kids and two spoiled dogs. While not retired yet, they try to get out once a month and are trying to hit all the State Parks in Texas. Doug is currently the Treasurer of the East Texas Lake Unit and Hawley does the newsletter and communications. While not Airstreaming, Doug is the Sr. Vice President of Martin Midstream and Hawley is a private yoga instructor. Hawley and Doug both enjoy hiking and being outdoors. In addition, Hawley likes to knit and read, and Doug likes to wing shoot and work in the yard. Both are originally from Kansas (the Wildcats, not the funny looking bird) but have lived off and on in Texas for about 20 years now.

Kim Roulias

BRN: 07176

Hi! My name is Kim Roulias, and I am a seventh-generation Texan. I make my home at Cedar Creek Lake. I'm single and enjoy traveling in the Airstream with my two wonderful dogs, Chocolate and Sissy. We do not live in the Airstream full-time. (I get this question a lot, haha)

When Covid first came along, I was afraid to fly and be in large groups of people, but I also didn't want to stay home all the time. Owning an RV was not on my radar of things to do, ever in my life, but I realized it was an opportunity to explore a bit more.

I had never towed anything before. But I decided to put my big girl pants on and buy a pickup truck, and learn to drive it, and then in June 2021, a brand-new Basecamp 16X, something small. I was terrified. I went with the Airstream brand, because of their reputation and style. So, my very first outing, at the encouragement of my brother, was 500 miles away, in south Louisiana, to join his non-profit in doing some volunteer debris removal after Hurricane Ida. My confidence level at towing grew after making that drive, and then I took it to 2 music festivals and a business conference in Oklahoma, and four months later I felt ready to tow a little bit bigger one! And that's how I ended up with my 2017 International Serenity 19 CB. I am not yet retired — I still love my work, but everything in moderation! I have been in the real estate industry since 1988, and I started my own independent brokerage 15 years ago. I have found that I can get a lot of paperwork done in my travel trailer, too.

My hobbies include playing bluegrass music, the guitar and mandolin. I do a lot of volunteer work at hospitals and nursing homes, playing music for the residents.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you down the road, and I'm always excited to learn more about the wonderful world of Airstreaming. I have already registered for the international rally in Wyoming, and I'm planning to be gone from Texas during the entire miserably hot summer. Open to recommendations on where to go.

Ross and Phyllis Hamilton (from October newsletter)

BRN 6564



Hello fellow Airstreamers! We are so excited about joining the NTxAC. We grew up in West Texas, are high school sweethearts and have been married 45 years. We moved to Missouri for 5 years and South Dakota for 12, before returning to Texas for a career change. We have lived in flower Mound for 27 years. Travel is something that we have enjoyed for a while. We have been to 42 countries and will finish all 50 states this year. Covid changed our lives drastically as for most people. While we were restricted, we discovered camping again, but not in a tent! We have never owned an RV, but family and friends shared experiences with us. We rented a class B

van and discovered that was not for us. We looked at many other RV options, but the moment we set foot inside an Airstream, we just knew. We ordered a 25' Flying Cloud 2022 and it arrived last September. We needed a tow vehicle at the worst time but found "Ruby" our F150 Hybrid boost with the 7200-watt generator built in the bed. Love this truck! She is perfect for our "Circle H CABN (family brand and our four grandkids Canon, Abby, Bonnie, Noelle). We have been out seven times so far this year. We are enjoying Texas State Parks for now, but plan to make rallies and longer adventures in the future. Retirement this year will allow that! We can't wait to meet the group and learn more about the wonderful life in an Airstream.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Birthdays and Anniversaries (November-December)



Arnold Terkel (11/25)
Kathy Gustafson (12/8)
Greg Walker (12/12)
Allana Patterson (12/19)
Carol Lowther (12/20)
Cliff Millican (12/26)
Kathi Mitchell (12/31)

Happy Anniversary to:

- ✚ *Cliff and Maxi Millican December 16*
- ✚ *Charles and Kathy Gustafsen- December 27*

There will be a spreadsheet at the Grapevine Vineyards rally to collect birthdays and anniversaries for our newsletter.

- ✚ If you have a special date or event you want in the newsletter, please email airstream099leadership@gmail.com with your dates for our news you can use

✚ 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.

T-SHIRTS, HATS and FLAGS:

- ✚ We still have a lot more t-shirts!!. 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. If you want a personalized flag, notify Anna Brandon, and when she gets a large enough order, she will order them.

**A Region 9 Update –
Newsletter for November 2022
Nancy Fitzgerald, #223 - Region 9 President
Nefitzge6@gmail.com**

Change. That's the topic for this communication. Change in local club leadership is happening. Congratulations and thank you to the outgoing leaders and welcome to the new leadership stepping forward across our Region 9. We are still waiting for our 2nd VP to step forward and serve on the Region leadership team! And Tracy Elkins would love to talk to you about serving as a Special or Standing Committee member. What is your skill? Organizing? Technical? Social Media? Photography? Fund Raising?

Why not be a part of the changes that are sweeping across our Airstream Clubs at all levels? Change is happening with the way we secure future leadership potential at the International level. We all know about the changes from this summer and moving from Executive Committee to Executive Council and increasing the years of service from one to two.

The IBT voted November 17 to develop a Recruitment Oversight Standing Committee In partnership with Club Headquarters to develop an ongoing leadership recruitment process for Executive Council candidates. The process should be an engaging, repeatable, and consistent multi-media marketing plan inviting any WBCCI member to become a candidate for potential election to the Council. What this means is we will have many candidates to choose from for leadership roles and not a slate of officers presented via a Nominating Committee. The priority is on skills and talents and not necessarily length of service at local then regional levels before being considered viable candidates at the International level.

Think of all our Region 9 leaders of caravans, rallies, and events who have not served at the Region leadership level or possibly even the local level, yet their wealth of work experience more than qualifies them to serve on the Executive Council. That is a shift in thinking about the leadership skills needed for WBCCI. Executive Council is a two-year commitment. Many members may want to share talents and skills for shorter periods of time as well.

How do you feel about the change for 2024 International Rally dates? We have long suffered in summer heat, and the IBT voted to host the 2024 Rally in Sedalia MO in early October instead of traditional summer months. But the 66th Airstream Rally, Rolling to Rock Springs WY will be in the summer. It is June 24-30, 2023 and will be separated from the IBT meetings. This means no business and more fun. That's another change for WBCCI. Quarterly Zoom meetings have taken the place of the annual IBT meetings held during the International Rally.

Have you taken advantage of the Campfire Chats that President Eric McHenry and Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer are hosting quarterly? These series of informal Zoom-based chats offer all members updates about Club activities and initiatives, questions, and answers to inquiries from members, and a forum for suggestions and ideas for the Club. It is easy to access via the airstreamclub.org site under Events link. The next Campfire Chat is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 7 pm EST.**

Finally, as of November, headquarters tells us there are 9,218 memberships - a 21-year high. We are maintaining an average of almost 50 new members per week. New members bring change and a rapidly spreading age range of Airstreamers will demand change. Perhaps that why our Intra-Clubs have expanded, and new Interest Clubs are popping up as we look for what brings us together and not what separates us. It is an exciting time to be an Airstreamer, especially in Region 9. Don't forget to save the date – **Region Rally in Gonzales TX March 28-April 2, 2023, at JB Wells Expo Center – “Come and Stream It”**

MEETING MINUTES

November NTxAC Annual Membership Business Meeting
Oakdale RV Resort and Motor Court
November 19, 2022

9:30 AM

Conducted by David Brandon

8:45- Welcome and Introductions: Present were David Brandon, David Blackmon, Ed and Tiffany Wilson, Bruce and Michelle Toney, Samantha and Brett Biegler, Jeff and Marybeth Pappas, Erica Rollins, Doug Robbins, Georgina and Steve Woodward, Dan and Pam Brockway, Arnold and Amy Terkel, Chet and Sherrie Beyer, Channing and Phyllis Fell, Allana Patterson, Tom Jensen, Maxi Millican, Henry and Carol Wilkins, David and Kelly Rodriguez, Lynn and Ann Clark, Jack Clyne, Mark and Michelle Wright, Jerry and Lynn Switzer, Mike and Debbie Hooker, Victor Blood, Jennifer and Dan Dice, and Philip Vasquez.

9:00-Treasurer's Report: Everyone was provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report (attached).

Membership Chair: Tom Jensen reported that we are growing by around two members a week. He reports that there is one spot open for the Grapevine Holiday Rally, but it will only accommodate a 19' to 20' rig (it is right next to the pavilion). We have 48 rigs signed up this year and Tom has asked the park to set aside 50 sites for us next year.

Newsletter Editor: Allana Patterson relays that the hardest thing about the newsletter is that she has difficulty getting enough pictures. She asks that all give her information so that she can try to get the next newsletter out before the first weekend of December. There are two open spots for the Texas Star Mystery Dinner Theater evening (5:00 PM Saturday, December 3rd).

Bylaws Report and Request for Membership Feedback: Maxi Millican and Victor Blood have begun the process of revising the NTxAC Constitution and Bylaws but are waiting on a template that is being developed by the WBCCI. Up for discussion are two major topics: simplifying the current leadership structure (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President) to one resembling the WBCCI structure (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President). Also, up for thought are whether or not to extend the terms from 12 months to 24 months. Maxi reports that many of the necessary changes are simple updates to language.

Upcoming Rallies: Jennifer Dice introduced the committee who has planned the rallies for 2023, Maribeth Pappas, Jack Clyne, Jill Fearing, and Allana Patterson. Jennifer summarized the goals for the 2022 rallies—have them monthly, locate them geographically around the metroplex so that members who are still working can manage the distance and those not camping could still join for the Saturday meeting and activities. One constraint is using State Parks; with no group reservation capacity, it is hard to place members close to one another or even guarantee the spaces. This year our committee has tried to address this constraint along with paying attention to weather. Maribeth presented the Rally Committee's schedule for 2023 campouts and distributed handouts listing the proposed rally schedule (attached).

Region 9 Rally in Gonzales: Anna Brandon reported that NTxAC is the sponsor for Friday's activities at the Region 9 Rally "Come and Stream It" in Gonzales, TX. We are asking for volunteers to help lead the Shiner Bock Brewery Tour in Shiner and the Painted Church tour in Schulenberg. Open for discussion is how to plan dinner for that evening. There will be a Public Rodeo Event at the Expo Center (high school calf-roping) that might be interesting for some, or we could come up with another activity.

WBCCI International Rally in Rock Springs, WY: Anna described plans for "Come and Go to Wyoming," a road trip for some who would like to travel along with friends. This "road trip" differs from a "caravan" by its flexibility; travelers can meet up at some locations but not others, all make their own reservations, and travelers can leave as they choose between parks. She agreed to email everyone the itinerary in case they want to join us.

Adjourn: David Brandon

NORTH Tx AIRSTREAM CLUB
WBAC
Treasurer Report
October 31, 2022

Beginning Balance \$5584.05

October 31, 2021

Receipts:

WBCCI	\$825.00
NTxAC	\$2640.00
T Shirts & Hats	\$1188.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4653.50
FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>\$10,237.55</u>

Expenses:

Paid to WBCCI	\$825.00
Rally Expense	\$483.96
Misc (flag embroidery & past pres flag)	\$ 172.90
Treasurer	\$190.34
Memorials	\$50.00
Shirts & Hats	\$2802.51
Flags 436.82 Directories (Never cashed)	\$374.77
TOTAL DISBURSED \$	\$5336.30
	+\$374.77

BALANCE October 31,2022 \$ 5276.02

2023 Rally Schedule Dates Location * Rallies will open reservations Dec 1st

January 13th – 15th: NTAC – Hillsboro, TX - Rally with HOTC

March 28th – April 2nd: Region 9 Rally - Gonzales, TX

April 21st – 23rd: The Boulders at Lake Tyler - Whitehouse, TX – Rally with East TX AC

*** May 19th – 21st: Pilot Knoll at Lake Dallas - Argyle, TX**

*** September 15th – 17th: Twin Coves Park at Lake Grapevine - Flower Mound, TX - during GrapeFest**

*** October 26th – 29th: LBJ National Grasslands - Decatur, TX - Wagon Wheel Rally with HOTC**

November 17th – 19th: The Range - Bristol, TX

*** December 1st – 3rd: The Vineyards - Grapevine, TX**

FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT- Jennifer Dice

This past weekend was a blast and it had everything to do with **YOU** - the number of you who attended the Installation Rally and participated in our planned activities was outstanding.

We started Saturday with a well-attended breakfast and business meeting. **Maribeth Pappas** presented a brief PowerPoint and videos outlining the 2023 Rally Schedule. This year we had a committee (**Maribeth, Jack Clyne, Allana Patterson, and Jill Fearing**) who graciously volunteered to create our schedule and line out all the logistics. I am excited about the three new venues and three rallies planned with other local clubs this year. Each rally will have its own Facebook event site where you can find all of the information you need for the rally. This will include venue, dates, who to contact, and where our group is staying within the park. This is a step forward in our communications and I also realize there are some not on Facebook so we will work to get the schedule out using other formats too.



The afternoon brought fun by way of 10 entries into the Putt-Putt Golf Tourney. The creativity was off the charts, and we even had a disc golf stop thanks to **Dan Brockway**. Not only was it fun to walk around to all the holes and test your skills, but it really enhanced the engagement between all our members and created further fun and camaraderie in the group. Congratulations to **Maribeth and Jeff Pappas** for their first-place win of a bottle of Buffalo Trace bourbon for most creative hole. A special thanks to **Jim and Shirl Wills** for submitting this idea! It was a hit!

A record number (16) of you took part in our second annual Dutch Oven Cookoff and boy did you make it tough to vote on a winner! A hearty congratulations to our top three winners:
We had a tie for 1st Place - **Dan Dice** with jalapeño popper cheese dip and **Bret & Sam Bieghler** with Thai green curry chicken.
2nd Place - **Jack Clyne** with a clam boil complete with lobster, shrimp, mussels, clams, fingerling potatoes, corn and baguette.
3rd Place - **David Blackmon** with chili containing a secret ingredient.
Between the submissions into the contest and everyone that brought delicious sides and desserts, we had quite the feast!

Dinner was followed by our installation ceremony where we welcomed **Arnold Terkel** as our new Vice President, and I was handed the gavel and presented a mantle as President of NTxAC. I am quite aware of the very, very large shoes David Brandon has left me to fill. Thanks to David and Anna Brandon, 2022 was a revival year for our Club. We went from a club that was known for only meeting for lunch to a club that was renewed by monthly rallies within proximity to the DFW Metroplex. We acknowledged our working members by planning and holding rallies the same weekend of each month, from Friday to Sunday and included our business meeting. David and Anna worked to improve communication and transparency, ensured we knew where to find unbiased information on the motions set forth for vote at International, engaged with you on our new logo and name change, graciously hosted numerous rallies, and ensured everyone felt welcome and included in the weekend. The work they did this past year brought increased participation at each rally and built excitement within the membership.
I am excited to continue the momentum and honored to serve you in this position. Cheers to 2023.

Jennifer Dice

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



The Oakdale attendees of North Texas Airstream Club November 20, 2022
From Edward Wilson

RALLIES AND EVENTS

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

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

- There have been a couple of cancellations so call Tom Jensen at 817-329-3090 if you want to find out if a spot is available.

Schedule will be sent out by email. Get out your ugly Christmas sweaters, collect some food to donate, and wrap a white elephant gift!

JANUARY 13-15, 2023- North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro

“Another Reason for Freezin” Campout at NTAC. Our jointly hosted HOTC and NTxAC gatherings have been so successful, and Vickie and Scott Graham, along with Jen and Dan Dice will serve as this year’s hosts. We are planning another cook off, featuring Spaghetti Sauce and lots of fun.

2023 Rally schedule is on page 7 with minutes.

INSTALLATION RALLY-OAKDALE PARK, GLENROSE, TX

Friday night- Pizza and a concert



Saturday Breakfast and a meeting



Saturday Putt-Putt golf game





Disc golf hole



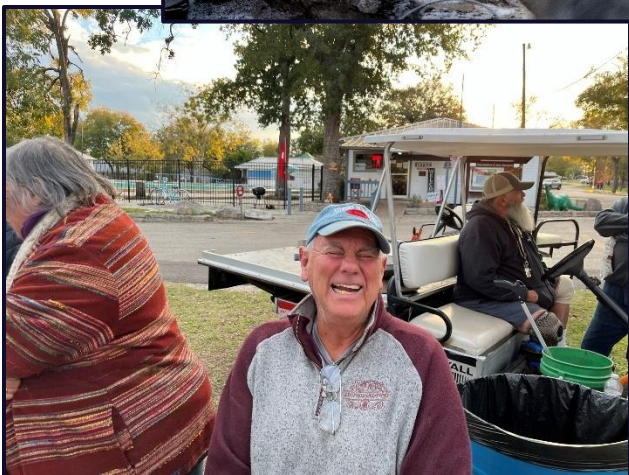
Most creative of 10 holes from the Pappas's



Winner Edward Wilson



Dutch Oven Cook-Off Saturday Afternoon





**Eating the fruits of our labor
and inducting new Officers and
members**



Cookoff winners



Jack Clyne



Samantha Biegler



David Blackmon

And for the 2nd year in a row:



Dan Dice

New Officers

President: Jennifer Dice



David Brandon passes the presidency to Jennifer Dice



As new president, Jennifer inducts new members



Mary Beth Pappas Presents David with appreciation for his service as President



A beautiful day of Airstreaming

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

These are the 2 winning recipes from the Oakdale Dutch Oven Cook-off

Thai Green Chicken Curry-

1ST Place(TIE) from Samantha and Brett Bieghler

Serves 6 (or 3 Bieghlers👩🍳)

2 lbs of chicken breast sliced in bite sized pieces, against the grain

1 tsp neutral oil

1/2 c Mae Ploy Green Curry paste

2 cans coconut milk

1/2 can coconut cream

1 can sliced bamboo shoots

4 quartered Thai eggplant

1 red bell pepper sliced in small strips

1 heaping tbsp grated fresh ginger

1 heaping tbsp grated fresh galangal

1 heaping tbsp grated garlic

1 heaping tbsp grated palm sugar

1 tsp fish sauce (or more to taste)

3 large kaffir lime leaves

2 tbsp chopped lemongrass stalks

1c Thai basil leaves

3 Thai chilies whole

Juice from 1/2 large lime

3 cups cooked jasmine rice

Cilantro for garnish

Heat oil in a large pot or dutch oven and add paste until warmed through. Add chicken and mix in with paste until thoroughly incorporated. Do not cook the chicken, the chicken needs to cook in the coconut milk. Add all ingredients except bell pepper, cilantro and rice and simmer for 20 minutes. Add bell pepper and simmer 10 minutes.

Serve on 1/2 cup cooked rice, garnish with cilantro leaves.

Mouthwatering Bacon Jalapeno Dutch Oven Cheese Dip

Ingredients :

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 8 oz mozzarella shredded
- 8 oz smoked gouda (cut into small pieces)
- Half of large jalapeno (no seeds) sliced thin 4 pieces of cooked
- crisped bacon (cut into small pieces)
- Roasted Garlic (roast in foil on fire)
- ½ can beer (non light)

Instructions

1. Mix all the ingredients in the dutch oven together except for the bacon
2. Prepare dutch oven for 350 degrees (5 coals on the bottom, 11 coals on lid) - Double the size of your oven to find the amount of coals you need, and put roughly ⅓ under it for 350 degree temps
3. Bake for approximately 20 minutes (or until melted). Rotate lid and whole dutch oven every 5 minutes for even cooking
4. Once cooked (it's all melted and hot) sprinkle bacon on top
5. Done! Enjoy with pretzels or crackers (and invite some friends... this is ALOT of cheese dip!)

Note from editor: the ALOT of cheese dip was gone before I got any!

