



North Texas Airstream Club February 2023 Newsletter



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

PRESIDENT’S LETTER



I'm excited to share that we have not only met but **exceeded** our Region 9 President's (Nancy Fitzgerald) goal of 100 Airstreams signed up for the **Come and Take It Region 9 Rally** in Gonzales, Texas! If you have not signed up, there is still time! Please use this [link](#) to access the registration form.

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to help NTxAC host on Friday, March 31st, and to Anna Brandon for organizing our volunteers. If you haven't signed up with her to help, please take a minute to do so by phone (214-460-0420) or [email](#). In the minutes below you will find that our club voted to support a donation to the **Region 9 Charity of Choice – Team Red White and Blue** by giving \$15 for each NTxAC Airstream signed up for the Rally.

During a call this week with Region 9 leadership, I learned a few other tidbits to share:

- Parking will be from 2 PM on Tuesday, March 28 on an arrival basis, and finish up at 4 PM. Parking will not be assigned by Club/Unit this year. There will be a caravan leaving from North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) Tuesday morning at 10:00 if you would like to arrive with other NTxAC members. If you would like to park at NTAC Monday evening, [email](#) us and we will reserve a terraport spot for you.
- There are only nine (9) mobility sites, please only request a site if justified.
- Don't forget your bikes and scooters!
- On Saturday, breakfast taco service starts at 8am and please plan to attend the membership meeting at 9am. Officer training will be held at 10am.
- 2024 Region 9 Rally will be at Skyline Ranch in Bandera, Texas from May 1-4!

NTxAC OFFICERS

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Arnold Terkel

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Membership Tom Jensen

Newsletter Allana Patterson

Rallies Maribeth Pappas

Webmaster Dan Brockway

For security purposes, we do not publish contact information. Please refer to your membership directory.

In 2023, I would love to see us be able to rotate our Executive Team, Directors, and Committee Chair roles with active members interested in a rewarding work that supports our Club. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of the nomination committee or would like to put your name in the hat for a role.

Jennifer Dice
BRN 30301

FROM THE EDITOR



I thought I would get this newsletter written while in Galveston “Streamin’ on the Strand” rally, but it was too much fun to sit in the trailer and format. I spent 7 days in Los Angeles end of January and February visiting my sister. She is a professional wind instrument musician, and she set me up to play the clarinet again, first time in 50 years. I wasn’t as bad as I thought, but still squawking when I move from low to high register. I have signed up to play with the Wyoming Winds in Rock Springs. We start Band Camp on June 15. I have lots of practicing to do. In this newsletter, I will include pictures of the Galveston *Streamin’ on The Strand* rally, review our January “Reason for Freezin” rally, introduce you to new members, and include an exciting opportunity that our President, Jennifer Dice, sent out last weekend. Hope I saw you in Galveston or will see you down the road soon. I am so disappointed that I cannot make the Region 9 rally in Gonzalez, but a paying job comes first, so I can afford our Airstreaming habit. With regards.

Allana Patterson
BRN 12194

2023 Upcoming Rallies at a Glance

<i>March 3-5</i>	<i>Wally’s Workshop Maintenance Weekend, Hillsboro, TX</i>
<i>March 28-April 2</i>	<i>Come and Stream It - Region 9, Gonzales, TX</i>
<i>April 21-23</i>	<i>The Boulders at Lake Tyler, Tyler, TX</i>
<i>May 19-21</i>	<i>Pilot Knoll, Highland Village, TX</i>
<i>June 24-30</i>	<i>66th International Rally, Rock Springs, WY</i>
<i>September 15-17</i>	<i>Twin Coves Park, Flower Mound, TX</i>
<i>October 26-29</i>	<i>LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX</i>
<i>November 17-19</i>	<i>The Range Vintage Trailer Resort, Bristol, TX</i>
<i>December 1-3</i>	<i>The Vineyards, Grapevine, TX</i>

Click <https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas> for information on future rallies

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NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Joined in January

Cindy and Kevin Curtis
2020 Flying Cloud 25'
Rowlett, TX

Mia Smith
2003 International Safari Bambi 22'
Dallas, TX

Karen and Greg King
2019 International 30'
Richardson, TX

Jim and Carol Gurnham
1976 Overlander 27'
Hurst, TX

Jessica and Michael MacLean
2006 International 28'
Highland Village, TX

New Affiliate members

Ben and Beth Woods
2006 Bambi 19'
Louisiana Airstream Club

Dana and Ben Hext
2019 Nest 16'
Texas Gulf Coast Unit

Kevin and Cindy Curtis BRN 26506



We are Kevin and Cindy Curtis from Rowlett, TX (#26506). We retired in February 2020 and we have been Airstreaming for the last three years. We travel about 5-6 months out of the year. We have met some great friends on the road that we continue to see annually. We enjoy riding our electric bikes and kayaking on our trips.

Jessica and Michael McLean BRN 01056

We are happy to be part of the group and are looking forward to joining some of the upcoming events. We live in Highland Village and are really excited about the event at Pilot Knoll in May. It is 5 minutes from our home, and we love the park! We've had our Airstream a little over a year. It is a well-loved 2006 International CCD 28. We hope to meet new friends and learn from others. We have enjoyed making updates to our older Airstream and I'm sure there is a wealth of knowledge in the club! A little about us... My husband and I are in our mid-late 40's with high school and college age children. We have 2 dogs who also love camping. We have been in the Dallas area for many years. We love the community and people! We look forward to meeting you and others.

Karen and Greg King BRN 01084

We are Karen and Greg King from Richardson, Texas, Air Stream Newbies, as of November 2022. Married for 38 years and three children, all in their 30's, along with two grandchildren and one on the way. We've camped and RV'd for many years as a family and couple. After renting many towable campers, we purchased our first couple's trailer in 2019 (not an Air Stream), just before Covid. We took advantage of remote working conditions and traveled the country. After many miles logged, we experienced severe safety issues with the trailer's suspension. After three years of dealing with problems, we finally decided to realize our dream of owning an Air Stream and upgraded. We took our 2019 30' Serenity on its maiden trip a few weeks ago and are now forever transformed and looking forward to extensive travel throughout our 60s and beyond. So happy to be a part of this wonderful Air Stream Community.

Carroll and Jim Gurnham BRN 08078



We have only been members for a few years and even though we are both retired seniors (age 82) we never seem to have any free time. I own a 1976 27 ft Overlander which I pull with a 2007 GMC Yukon Denali XL. I bought it 8 years ago for cheap, put in a new (big) motor, a new transmission and for less than 20k total I had a basically new vehicle which I love.

We have also been making several improvements on ""Scooter"" our Airstream. She is 46 years old but her previous owner (in South Dakota) had fixed her up a bit also. In the summer of 2017, I took the rig from North Dakota (where I retired from working the oil fields) to Alaska where I work a seasonal job for Holland America & Princess Cruise Lines



That Sept I took it to my little piece of land in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the town of Mountain Rest, SC in the NW corner of the state. I was preparing to build a cabin in 1917-18 when I made a short trip to the HEB area. I called a lady friend that I had worked with at American Airlines 40 years ago, we had dinner, and one year later we got married. Instead of building a cabin, I moved. Here in Hurst and we now live in the cute little house that has been home for Carrol for over 60 years. I am a Yankee (from CT) and Carrol's gracious family allowed me entrance into her amazing clan ... 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren & an even dozen great-grandchildren - all of them living within 50 miles of here. I have three Children and three grandchildren scattered around the east coast. Hurst is a perfect location for us with ""every service"" seniors want. And DFW is only 15 minutes away and as we are both AA retiree's, we have lifetime free travel throughout the world. A nice benefit that we earned & still enjoy. We took our first RV trip together in 2021 which included a test run for a few days down to NTAC in Hillsboro. Met some nice folks while there. A long and beautiful story for us, we took a clockwise tour departing early June, covered 12,000+ miles through 35 states & a dozen National Parks and arrived home here in Hurst at the end of October. PHEW!! We determined prior to leaving that we had to do that before we were too old. We did return to Alaska this past summer (2022) to work then spent a month in Europe ... a week in Ireland and 2 weeks cruising the Mediterranean, a perk from work. We both have a disease called ""Wanderlust"" and as we plan to begin curtailing our international traveling, we would like to get involved with local Airstream activities. I am eager to become friendly with other Airstreamers. I am not a savvy mechanical person so have a lot more to learn about RV'ing.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Birthdays and Anniversaries



<i>Keith Enstrom</i>	<i>2/1</i>	<i>Lynne Mack</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>David Rodriguez</i>	<i>2/5</i>	<i>Doug Robbins</i>	<i>2/17</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Walker</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>Tom Collier</i>	<i>2/9</i>
<i>Erica Rollins</i>	<i>2/23</i>		

Happy Anniversary

<i>Keith and Ellen Enstrom</i>	<i>2/15/97</i>
<i>Kim and David Majkowski</i>	<i>2/20/22</i>
<i>Carol and Henry Wilkins</i>	<i>2/28/04</i>

A spreadsheet will be at every rally trying to collect dates for our members. If you have a special date or event you want in the newsletter, please email airstream099leadership@gmail.com with your dates.

SWAG INFO



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- you may ordered from Land's End.

If you want a personalized garden flag, email Airstream099Leadership@gmail.com and when we get a large enough order, an order will be placed.

Arnold Turkel is looking into a storefront that will enable us to order on our own! More info soon!

MEETING MINUTES

January NTxAC Meeting
North Texas Airstream Community
Saturday, January 14, 2023
11:00 AM
Conducted by Jennifer Dice

11:00 Welcome: Present were Dan and Jennifer Dice, Isaac and Elaine Holmes, John and Rita Green, Georgina Woodward, David and Becky Johnson, Jeff and Maribeth Pappas, Pam and Dan Brockway, Tom and Allana Patterson, Barb Adamson, Steve Adamson, Cliff and Maxi Millican, David and Anna Brandon, Henry and Carol Wilkins, and Arnold and Amy Terkel.

11:15 Treasurer's Report: \$5,785.55 in our checking account.

Jennifer reminded everyone that Region 9 supports the non-profit organization "Team Red, White, and Blue" each year and solicits donations at the annual region rally that will be held this year March 28-April 2 in Gonzales, TX. Team Red, White, and Blue is a non-profit supporting lifestyle changes to benefit the mental and physical health of veterans. She proposed that our club donate \$15 for each rig that attends the rally along with any individual contributions (currently we have 15 rigs registered). Members can give her cash, check, or send money by Venmo. The Parliamentarian Allana Patterson called for the motion, John Green first moved, and Maxi Millican seconded the motion.

Constitution & Bylaws: Maxi Millican updated members regarding the ongoing revision of the club's Constitution & Bylaws. A paper copy of the revisions was made available for members to review and provide comments. Maxi summarized some of the changes: exchanging "club" for "unit" in the verbiage, removal of the Third Vice President position, simplification of guidelines for co-owners based upon International's 2005 change, and placing some items from the Bylaws into the Policies and Procedures document.

Membership Chair: Tom Jensen reports that after the December Rally in Grapevine we reserved 54 spots for the 2023 Holiday Rally. There are a few spots remaining that will be held until October 1st. He reminds us to be sure to identify as members of the North Texas Airstream Club to receive the discounted camping rate. In the last couple of months, we have had 32 new members. Meeting attendees David and Becky Johnson were recognized as among them.

Newsletter Editor: Allana Patterson requests information and pictures from the members including travel notes. Jennifer notes that the newsletter format has been altered to reflect the guidelines for newsletters by Airstream Club International. She also noted that many clubs name their newsletters, and she would like to invite comments and input on names for our newsletters. Allana reports, for example, that the Hill Country Unit calls their newsletter "The Bluebonnet." Jennifer would like to send out a Mailchimp request for potential names and then put this up for vote by the membership. Allana also conveyed that she is ready to give up the responsibility of the newsletter to another club member because she feels it has become "stale" for her.

Upcoming Rallies: Maribeth Pappas reminds members that two upcoming rallies are about to close windows for the held reservations so all need to make sure they have their reservations. The Boulders at Lake Tyler (weekend of April 21-23) will let any unreserved sites go to the public on March 1st. All sites are lakeside, and this is in the middle of Azalea season, so it promises to be a lovely time of year. Pilot Knoll, May 20-23rd, at Lake Lewisville, will also release any unreserved sites on April 1st. These sites are also mostly lakeside, and our club potentially has the whole peninsula side of the park. Maribeth also reminds everyone that the 2023 Rally Summary, included in the newsletter and on the Facebook site, is an easy way to know rally dates, reservation windows, and cancellation policies. Dan Brockway has improved our website on airstreamclub.org by placing links for each rally on the main page at the bottom that mimic the way WBCCI displays rallies around the country. Although all rallies for 2023 currently have a host, some would benefit from a second. Allana asks if there could be some type of perk to encourage people to host rallies. Maribeth points out that one club offers one free

camping night for a rally host. David Brandon moved to make this our policy and Allana seconded. The motion was accepted but tabled pending further discussion among the membership, therefore this will be reviewed by the membership and voted on later.

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. Our club had more rigs than any other club at the region rally last year, and so far, we currently hold 25% of the reservations for this year. This makes sense since we are one of the larger clubs in the region. Responsibilities for Friday include four golf cart drivers, people to setup coffee in the morning, empty trash, wipe down tables, introduce guest speakers (Friday morning Stan from SkyMed will be speaking and Amy Turkel volunteered to introduce him). We also need leaders for the painted church tour and brewery tour – this would just mean serving as a "sheep herder" to make sure all arrive at the right time, take in consideration travel time, facilitate carpooling, etc. The Spoetzel brewery tour is in afternoon so those who want to can participate in both tours. The brewery website says that on some days there is also food and live music. The rally schedule has "dinner on your own" but some might decide to stay at the brewery. There is a rodeo at the Fairgrounds that weekend with calf roping and there will be food trucks there also. We can arrange for members not going on any tours to be golf cart drivers during the day. We are not sure if there is Wifi there but will check. Sue Arneson stated that she had heard there would be no games at the rally and wanted to know if that's true. Because of the fading popularity of games, the region will not be formally scheduling or sponsoring games at the rally. Members are welcome to arrange their own games. Anna will ask if there are any rooms available in the facility that could be designated for games. Arnold Terkel asks if there might be a caravan of members going to Gonzales and the group discusses the convenience of meeting here at NTAC.

Closing Comments: Jennifer explained that one of her desires during her presidency is to align the club better with the bylaws. For example, one need is to have individuals in all the key positions outlined and she requests help from members. The first step will be forming a Nomination Committee to vet and present a slate of officers. Jennifer also has an idea for a new offering at our rallies, Wally's Workshop. This will be a session at each rally where a member presents or teaches something that is their strength or specialty. She would like to kick this off with a full "Wally's Weekend." This idea came from a conversation with Sue Rasmussen, a member of ours who is an expert on black and grey tanks (she even has a business of cleaning tanks on RVs). Another individual is Jerry VanLoon, a local Airstream mechanic, who works on a lot of member's rigs. She has spoken with both people and they are enthusiastic about helping out. Jennifer is currently looking for someone who could both speak and wash our rigs. Phil Enoch, another Airstreamer, is a lock/door expert and has a couple of products that are great safeguards. This weekend would be here at NTAC (full hook-ups are necessary for a few of these services). We can use the JotForm platform to allow members to sign up for the knowledge sessions they are interested in and pay for any services they are interested in. Allana moves that we pursue this idea. Other ideas are to invite A & P to talk about solar and renovation. If we don't fill up the Terraport we could open the rally to other clubs. One of the members describes this as a "spa" day for our trailers and Jennifer offers that it is also "Springerizing" your rig after being stored for the winter season. The weekend she is looking at is the first weekend in March and she will find out if NTAC is available that weekend. If this goes well we might schedule a couple of them a year.

Another idea of Jennifer's is to give tickets to all those attending rallies for a drawing at the end of the year. A potential gift could be covering one of the weekend rally fees for 2024, and Jennifer is open to more ideas from our membership. Tom Jensen moved to adjourn, and John Green seconded.

Adjourned at 12:23

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



UPCOMING

RALLIES

POP UP RALLY!!!

Wally's Workshop Maintenance Weekend

When: March 3-5

Where: North Texas Airstream Community

Cost: \$30/night on the terraport, payable via cash or check made out to NTAC, plus the cost of services you sign up for. (Donations suggested for services requiring water outside of your normal stay.)

The Lineup:

- Sue Rasmussen is the owner of Royal Flush RV Services and a Certified RV Technician. She specializes in deep cleaning black and grey tanks in RVs. Sue will be providing a presentation on best practices for maintaining your tanks Friday night and scheduling cleanings for Saturday and Sunday. The cost of tank cleaning pricing is straight-forward: \$175 for one tank, \$250 for two tanks. Sue will be offering a presentation on best practices for your black and grey tanks Friday night.
- Jerry Vanloon is RVIA/RVTI Certified, Airstream Factory Certified, and Airstream Metal Certified. He previously worked for Airstream of DFW from 2016-2019 before setting out on the path of self-employment. He has helped many of our club members. If you haven't had an opportunity to get a few of those maintenance things done, Jerry will be making himself available to meet with you to discuss and complete those repairs. The cost for services will be broken into 15-minute increments of \$35 per 15 min blocks with 15-30 minutes between each scheduled appointment. Jerry would like to know more about the topics you are interested in so he can prepare discussion points.
- Alex Bonilla RV Rescue. Alex joined the RV industry at a local Airstream dealership. It is there where he learned the ins and outs of RVs. After a few years he wanted to better serve the RV owners in his area and started a Mobile RV repair business. He quickly noticed many customers wanted their RVs detailed as well. That is when RV detailing-wash, wax, roof, etc. was added to their services. His crew now happily serves the DFW area without the customer

ever leaving their campsite. Alex is also a volunteer firefighter which is what inspired the theme of RV Rescue. Pricing now ranges between **\$2.50 - \$11.50** per foot.

Each of these vendors has been gracious enough to provide waived service fees or event pricing for our group.

- Here is the [link](#) to sign up for the services you would like to book, and provide maintenance topics you would like to know more about. After February 15, we will open the weekend to other clubs and members of North Texas Airstream Community.

So far, we have been unable to secure a food truck for the event and are planning a hamburger cookout Friday or Saturday evening instead. There will not be a business meeting held at this event.

Come and Stream It Region 9 Rally

When: March 28-April 2, 2023

Where: JB Wells Expo Center - Gonzales, TX

Tuesday- Parking 2-4pm- Hosted by GHAC, TPAC, TAU

Welcome Packet Pick-up/Registration
Margarita Welcome Party!
Welcome Ceremony
BBQ Bash
Boot Scootin' with DJ
Ice Cream Under the Stars

Wednesday- Hosted by TGCU, ETLAU, THCU

Blackstone Breakfast
Come and Take It Story-Gonzales Memorial Museum
Catered Lunch in Town
Explore Gonzales and Area
Chamber of Commerce social Hour
Dinner on Own
Ice Cream under the Stars

Thursday- Hosted by THLAC, HOTC

Breakfast-to-go
Golf Scramble
"Come and Quilt It" trip to La Grange
 ✚ Texas Quilt Museum
 ✚ Quilted Skein, a local yarn/fabric store
Biking, Walking, Kayaking, Games
Lunch on your own
Chili Cook Off competition
Ice Cream Social/Music Jam

Friday- Hosted by NTxAC

Sky Med Breakfast & Presentation
Airstream 101
Lunch On Your Own
Tour of Schulenberg's Painted Churches
Explore Spoetzl Brewery-Home of Shiner Beer



Each local club is asked to gather donations for the Region 9 Charity of Choice, Team **Red, White, & Blue**. The combined donations will be presented at the Rally on Saturday evening. Team Red, White, & Blue is America's leading health and wellness community for veterans.

TO REGISTER:

<https://airstreamclub.org/2023-region-9-rally>

Dinner on your Own
Return to Expo Center for Public Roping/Music Event

Saturday- Hosted by Region 9 leadership

Kolaches
Region Board Meeting/Membership
Club Leadership Training Meetings
Lunch on your own
Additional Clinics/Vendors
Presidents' Dinner/Grill Night
Presidents' & Club Closing Ceremony

Sunday- Hosted by Region 9 Executive Board

Coffee & donuts
Clean up, goodbyes, depart

The Boulders at Lake Tyler

When: April 21 – 23
Where: Whitehouse, TX
Rally with East TX AC

The Boulders at Lake Tyler's has fantastic amenities. You can fish at the fishing barge, grab food at the food truck, swim in the lake, or rent pontoon boats, bikes, kayaks and golf carts. Also, bring your boat and put it in one of their boat slips or in front of your waterfront RV site.

RESERVATIONS Please call Venita Peacock with The Boulders at (903)520-9001 to schedule.

Please do not call the main campground office number and do not book online. All our sites have beautiful water views! We have a section for NTxAC and a section for East Texas Lakes Unit. Venita is coordinating our Rally sites. Please tell her if you are with NTxAC or East Texas so she can put you in the correct section.

Deadline to Book: Rally sites will be released to the public March 1, 2023. Cancellation Policy: Prior to 72 hours it is a \$25 cancellation fee. Less than 72 hours there is no refund. If you must cancel, please call Venita at (903)520-9001 to cancel and then call Maribeth, Rally Host at 214-566-1210 so she can offer the spot to someone waitlisted.

Cabins: Four fabulous Cabins (each sleeping 4-6 people) can be rented for \$250 per night for family and friends! They have gorgeous lake views. There is a separate cancellation policy for Cabins. Website for campground info & photos- <https://www.boulderslaketyler.com> (do not book online)

Friday, April 21 will be a Taco Bar dinner. Meat will be provided by the club; a sign-up sheet for all things TACO will be sent out in March.



Reason for the Freezin' North Texas Airstream Community January

We all had a great time despite the cold that kept us in the rally room most of the time. The food was outstanding, including homemade pasta from the pasta class, a meat and meatless pasta sauce contest, games, great company and conversation.





STREAMIN' ON THE STRAND

There was something for everyone and so many helpful volunteers. It was especially fun to watch people's reactions to 70 Airstreams parked along Mechanic street, 20th street, and other side streets. We danced, we sang, we threw and collected beads, we drank, and we partied (well some did anyway). Some of our members participated in the notorious Umbrella Parade as "flamingos." We also met a lot of other people and shared stories...isn't that what it's all about!



Our Region 9 President and event coordinator: Nancy Fitzgerald



Grabbing for beads!
Mardi Gras
Crocodile comes calling.

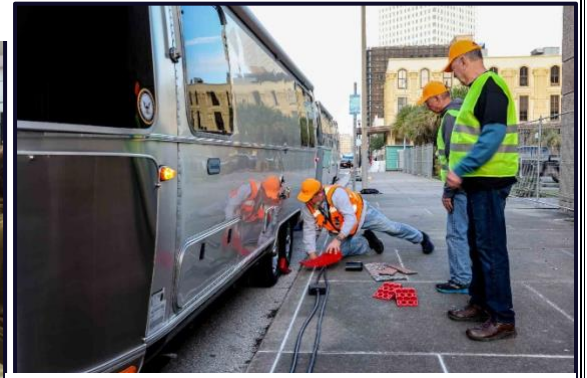


5K fun run!

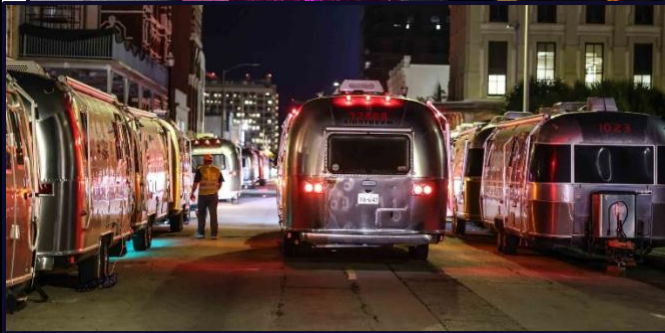




The Dolly Parton Float, then Tom met up with Dolly later.



Dan Dice and David Brandon - always lending a helping hand.



Highland Lakes serves up Mimosas and King Cake



We got most of the NTxAC attendees in a group photo.

It was a great time for Region 9.

Stories to share in Gonzales!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

From Allana Patterson

I whipped this up in my instant pot on a chilly night on the Strand in Galveston. Very easy, very yummy, and warm!
(Thanks, Maxi Millican, for loaning me a sealing ring that I forgot to bring!)

LOADED BAKED POTATO SOUP

- ½ medium onion diced
 - 2 tbsp. butter
 - 3-4 medium potatoes peeled and cut into 2" pieces
 - 1 ½ tsp salt
 - ½ tsp pepper
 - ½ tsp garlic powder
 - ½ tsp red pepper flakes (if you want)
 - 3-4 cups chicken broth (depending on fill line)
 - ¾ cup sour cream
 - ¼ cup half and half
 - 1 cup shredded cheese (cheddar or cheddar jack)
 - Fresh bacon bits and chives for serving.
1. Cook bacon or use real bacon bits (I use bacon bits when travelling) set aside.
 2. Sauté onions in 2 tbsp. of butter/cancel sauté, then add potatoes, salt, pepper, crushed red pepper flakes and chicken broth to instant pot pan. Stir well.
 3. Secure the lid (don't forget the sealing ring!), with valve turned to sealing position. Press the Pressure cook button and set the time to 5 minutes.
 4. Allow 10 minutes for pressure release once the cooking is complete. After 10 minutes, vent and release pressure.
 5. Carefully remove the lid, add cream and sour cream. Add about ½ of the cheese, small handfuls at a time, stirring until it is melted and fully incorporated.
 6. Serve in bowls with the rest of cheese, bacon and chives on top.

**Hope You Had a Great
Valentine's Day**

