



# Newsletter

North Texas Airstream Club • Summer 2023

*“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

WOW! is all I can say about this year’s International Rally in Rock Springs, WY. Last year we attended the IR in Maine and while it was a good time, there were some lessons learned that we made sure to put in place this year.

Lesson One: Review the rally schedule beforehand and calendar your seminars of interest. I took advantage of all the backing-up sessions, and I feel much more confident about trying this out next time we pull into a campsite before dark.

Lesson Two: Participate in everything! We took the opportunity this year to wander the grounds and get to know others. We went to several of the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) events and if you ever need tips on throwing a party, those are the people to ask! We had a wonderful time dancing and laughing with friends. Oh - and be prepared for dressing up. This club knows how to bring it when it comes to being “in theme” for these events, and it makes it all the more fun.

Lesson Three: Get involved and volunteer. This year, Dan and I were involved in parking and registration, the Club Store, the Grapes & Grains mega-tasting

event, and the blood drive. Our very own **David** and **Anna Brandon** were on-the-ground coordinators in support of Scott Graham’s (HOTC President) second annual blood drive, at which ACI members donated 126 pints of blood over 3 days. Check out the photos linked on the ACI Rolling to Rock Springs Facebook page to see the contributions **Edward Wilson** made as an Official Rally Photographer. Many members and affiliates were part of the 400 volunteers that made a difference in this year’s rally and I thank you!

Speaking of volunteers, I am so pleased with the momentum and engagement of our club members! This month we welcome **Ann Clark** and **David Majkowski** as editors of our newsletter. Ann and David are collaborating on format and content, but we still need YOU to submit items each month. A quick thank you to all who voted for our new format. Up next will be naming the newsletter, and I can’t wait to see what everyone comes up with.

In our May newsletter, I invited everyone to weigh in on the annual fee and rally fees. Unfortunately we only had 13 submissions on the survey

during the two months it was open. This isn’t enough participation to move forward with any changes to our existing structure. Out of curiosity, I did research and found that our annual fee (\$15) is very much in alignment with the majority of the 103 Airstream clubs. Here is a table with the annual fees:

Annual Dues	Total Clubs	Percentage
\$0	1	0.97%
\$1	5	4.85%
\$5	7	6.80%
\$10	30	29.13%
\$12	4	3.88%
\$15	37	35.92%
\$20	10	9.71%
\$25	1	0.97%
\$49	1	0.97%
\$50+	0	0.00%
Not Specified	7	6.80%
<b>Total Clubs</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

I’m sure this is a conversation that will continue under the careful consideration of our next president.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer travels!



Jennifer Dice  
BRN 30301

## Editors' Corner

Hi all and welcome to the new NTxAC newsletter! As your editors we are excited to give you a fresh perspective on what's happening in our Airstream community and bring you new, useful information to enhance your Airstream life.

Many, many thanks go to **Allana Patterson** for her time and energy as our previous editor. We have big shoes to fill. Perhaps that's why it takes two of us!

David is going to research and provide more content that is related to owning and enjoying your Airstream, with links to helpful sites and information that will benefit all of us in our 'streaming experience. We welcome stories, photos, and information from ALL OF YOU - our NTxAC members - to contribute to the knowledge and enjoyment of all. Ann will try to make it all look good, but the content is more important than looks. ;)

Please send photos, trips, tips, recipes, and anything else you feel would be fun to share with our community.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.

See you down the road!



Ann Clark  
BRN 12279



David  
Majkowski  
BRN 05594



## Birthdays

Maxi Millican	7/12	David Baranski	7/30
Kim Turner	7/14	Rick Jeanes	8/4
Henry Wilkins	7/15	Colleen McDonald	8/8
Dan Dice	7/23	Charles Gustafson	8/17
Rick Lowther	7/25	Tom Jensen	8/20
Lynn Clark	7/27		

## Anniversaries

Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson 8/11  
Jeff and Maribeth Pappas 8/29

*A spreadsheet will be at rallies to collect dates for our members.  
If you have a special date or event you want in the newsletter,  
please email Ann at [aec2you@gmail.com](mailto:aec2you@gmail.com) with your dates.*

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## NTxAC Officers and Committee Chairs

### President

Jennifer Dice

### Past President

David Brandon

### Treasurer

Lynne Mack

### 1st Vice-President

Arnold Terkel

### Webmaster

Dan Brockway

### Rallies

Maribeth Pappas

### Newsletter

Ann Clark  
David Majkowski

### Membership

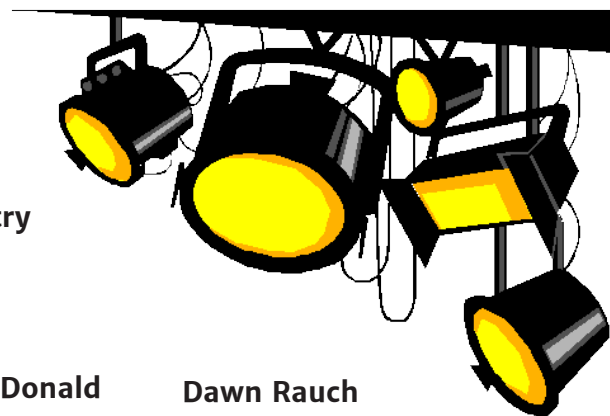
Tom Jensen

### Secretary

Amy Terkel

*For security purposes, we don't publish contact information.  
Please refer to your membership directory.*

## *New Members Spotlight*



### *Joined This Summer*

**Frank Brown and Lila Deakle**  
2021 Globetrotter 23'  
Weatherford, TX

**Patrick and Leslie Gentry**  
2023 Flying Cloud 25'  
Euless, TX

**Dale and Dianna Casper**  
2023 Caravel 20'  
Mansfield, TX

**George and Colleen McDonald**  
Basecamp 20X  
Greenville, TX

**Dawn Rauch**  
2020 Flying Cloud 23'  
Azle, TX

**Kim and Rob Turner**  
2018 Bambi Sport 22'  
Argyle, TX

**Tim Taylor**  
2021 Globetrotter 30'  
Rockwall, TX

**David Baranski**  
2021 Flying Cloud 28'  
Heath, TX

### *New Affiliate Members*

**Ron and Rene Lester**  
2021 Globetrotter 25'  
Gulfport, MS

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## **Dawn Rauch, BRN 3146**

My name is Dawn Rauch and this is my first Airstream. I bought her in March 2020. I love to travel and fly. And, I have an over-active Dutch Shepherd named Mischa.

I lived in Della (named after the classy Della Street of Perry Mason fame) for the first two years of ownership during the pandemic. I am currently traveling the southwestern U.S., visiting the National Parks. I have been on the road since December 30, 2022 and will return at the end of August (I hope to attend a NTxAC meeting/rally and meet fellow Airstreamers when I get back).



I'm a consultant and work from my 'office' (dual monitors are attached to my dining table top) in my 2020 23' Flying Cloud. I only have a picture of Della, but none of us together.

She's better-looking anyway!

## David Baranski, BRN 19607

I'm David Baranski from Heath, TX. I'm currently single and an empty-nester now. Looking to start my long-awaited Airstream quest to see the vast and beautiful sites of North America. With a career as a global executive in the high-tech industry, I'm semi-retired and can now walk away from

airports, hotels, and time zone changes. I'm looking forward to meeting fellow enthusiasts with camaraderie along the way. I'm an avid outdoorsman. I enjoy mountain biking, fly-fishing, hiking, campfires, and anything unique. Love Harvest Host sites.

This isn't my first Airstream. I

have a 1978 Ambassador that I've owned for 20 years now that needs a facelift. It's going to a great new home where it will be completely renovated. Looking forward to meeting everyone in the NTxAC! My first few trips will be out of this hot weather!



## Frank Brown and Lila Deakle, BRN 03554

I'm Frank Brown and my wife is Lila Deakle. I'm retired and Lila is a county clerk for Parker County, TX. We have been married five years and live in Weatherford, TX. We are both retired from the U.S. Navy. We previously had a 2019 Flying Cloud 19CB. We sold it to buy a 2021 Globetrotter 23FBT, which we've had since July 2021. We have a four-year-old Corgi

named Furgie. She has been on every camping trip we've ever taken and is a real joy to travel with.

Later this month we will be traveling to Arkansas to celebrate the first birthdays of our twin great-grandchildren.

In September, we plan to visit New Mexico and Colorado. We're glad to be part of the group.



## George and Colleen McDonald, BRN 11831

On June 20th we celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary! We have four children (35-17) and two grandchildren, ages 10 and 21 months.

Colleen has been working in special education for 37 years, and George retired after working 30 years for the Texas prison system. He currently works in security for a defense contractor but we plan to retire in a few years.

We've enjoyed camping most of our married life, but purchased our first Airstream, a Basecamp 20X, to enjoy into retirement.

Our Basecamp is named Albert after George's uncle who was an avid RVer before he passed away. Our BRN represents his birthday.

We love Texas state parks and we have had some great experiences using Harvest Host, especially the wineries and a family farm. We also enjoy riding our e-bikes and look forward to meeting new people.



## Patrick and Leslie Gentry, BRN 3171



This is our first Airstream and we absolutely love it! We pull it with a 2015 Ram 3500 Diesel which is a tad overkill, but I've only put 26,000 miles on it since we bought it. We just took our first trip to Destin, FL a couple of weeks ago and it's fantastic!

All our kids are grown and gone, but not too far from home, so we see them often.

We have a little calico rescue

cat named MOO MOO (Leslie's idea lol!)

We love to literally live in our kitchen trying new things and travel when we can.

I'm a jack-of-all-trades, so I like woodworking and so forth. I'm a field technician for stand-by power generation.

Leslie and I both work at the same company, so I get to see her when I'm at the shop.

## Kim and Rob Turner, BRN 3435

Five years ago if anyone would have told us we would be traveling across the country in an Airstream, we would've said they were crazy. COVID changed that and we're on our second Airstream, currently on a three week 4,500 mile trip to Washington state. We purchased our first one, a NEST, sight unseen. We traveled over 1,000 miles to purchase it and really had no idea what we were doing other than we had to get away.

We love to travel and Rob's job had him gone almost 40 weeks a year. The walls were closing in. The experiences we had in

the NEST were an adventure like we never had experienced before. We went to the Texas Hill Country several times, Big Bend, Arkansas, and one of our favorite stops, The Range RV Resort, several times.

Rob even wrote two articles for the national Porsche magazine about towing with our Cayenne. The only problem with the NEST was the size when trying to work remotely. We decided it was time for a slightly larger trailer, never considering any other option than an Airstream. We traded in our beloved NEST for a pre-owned Bambi Sport

22FB. It's the perfect size for us and our tow vehicle.

When we're not on the road we can usually be found at a local Porsche Club event. Rob serves on the board as the Tech Session Co-Chair. We do many events, tours, and rallies with this club and look forward to expanding our club life with the Airstream as well.

We have two grown sons, one married. Our big, sweet dog, Bowie, is too old to travel and we miss him when we are gone. I think that is the drawback from being gone more!



# NTxAC Rally Updates



Hello Airstream Family!

We have outstanding rallies planned for the rest of the year. The details are below, with October Rally details coming soon. If you have any questions or need more info, please call or text me, **Maribeth Pappas**, at **214-566-1210**. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all our hardworking rally hosts and volunteers! I hope to see you at a rally soon!

Maribeth Pappas, *NTxAC Rally Committee Chair*

BRN **16034**

## September 15-17, 2023

### Twin Coves on Lake Grapevine - *only 3 sites still available*

RV Campground Website: <https://www.flower-mound.com/1696/Park-Amenities>

This is our first rally at Twin Coves on the beautiful north shore of Lake Grapevine. It is GrapeFest weekend in downtown Grapevine (just 20 minutes away), so a perfect weekend to have fun! We have reserved the sites along the lake in the RV park.

All sites are full hookups with water views and range in price from \$45 to \$55 per night with our group discount. There are only 3 available sites left that I have paid for in advance. Call me at **214-566-1210** and I can transfer the site into your name.

Twin Coves is owned by the city of Flower Mound. It underwent a very extensive remodel a few years ago and has fantastic amenities, plus kayak rental, fishing pier, boat launch, and the natural surface 22.5-mile Northshore Trail ([www.trailforks.com/region/northshore/](http://www.trailforks.com/region/northshore/)) and 13.1-mile Knob Hill Trail ([www.trailforks.com/region/knob-hills-22005/](http://www.trailforks.com/region/knob-hills-22005/)) running along its lake shore.

Our rally hosts, **Jill Fearing** and **Phyllis Hamilton**, have lived in Flower Mound for years and love this campground. More details and the rally schedule will be emailed out soon.

## November 17-19, 2023

### The Range Vintage Trailer Resort in Bristol, TX *only 3 vintage trailer sites still available*

RV Campground Website: <https://therangevtr.com/>

The Installation Rally will be held at The Range, a favorite spot for our club members. Our illustrious rally host, **Jack Clyne**, has a fantastic weekend planned. All the open sites and boondock sites are sold out, but there are 3 vintage trailer sites still available. We made special arrangements with The Range that you may park your Airstream in the site's driveway and have a friend or family member stay in the vintage trailer.

Please call **Kerry Miller** at **972-210-2900** or [info@therangevtr.com](mailto:info@therangevtr.com) to discuss our special discounted rental rate. More details coming soon!

December 1-3, 2023

## The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine

*only 6 sites still available - book before October 1st*

RV Campground Website: <https://www.vineyardscampground.com/>

The Holiday Rally will be held again at The Vineyards Campground on Grapevine Lake. This rally is now a treasured NTxAC tradition and will definitely sell out. There are only a few sites left in our secured group block, and these sites will be released to the public on October 1st.

Please call The Vineyards office now at **817-329-8993** and be sure to identify yourself as a North Texas Airstream Club member so you can reserve a site in our group block. The Vineyards is one of the most popular campgrounds in DFW and we have reserved the waterfront pavilion for our event. We are thrilled that **Tom Jensen** and **Allana Patterson** are the rally hosts again. They always plan a very fun event! More details coming soon!

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## YOU NEED THIS



NEW members will receive a free t-shirt **when they attend a rally/meeting**. If you would like to buy a t-shirt, order through the link below and you may pick them up at the next rally you attend.

For those of you that want extra special clothing with our club logo embroidered on it, you may order from Land's End.

If you want a personalized garden flag, order through the link below and we will place an order when we have a large enough quantity.

[airstream099leadership@gmail.com](mailto:airstream099leadership@gmail.com)

## *Editor David's* **Airstream Club Primer**

In this issue, you'll see a feature about NTxAC member reactions and experiences from the International Rally in Rock Springs, WY. While some of us are very familiar with what that means, our club has been growing so quickly, adding many people who are new to Airstreaming. Some may be wondering, "What is the International Rally?" In fact, you may have many questions about the club. What is this organization I joined? What does it do? How is it structured? How can I benefit from being a member?

Speaking with our new co-editor, Ann, about what content we could include in the newsletter, it became clear that a regular feature which answers questions such as these could be very useful for the new members, or perhaps those who have joined but not yet discovered the joys of membership. And so, here it is. Think of it as an Airstream Club Primer. Each month, I hope to bring you another bit of information about what this club is, what we do, and different ways you can enjoy your membership. I may even throw in a bit of storied history as that is an important aspect of who we are. This month, we'll just leave it at introducing the column; next month, we'll get down to business. I hope you find it informative.

David Majkowski  
Co-Editor





## Memories from the International Rally Rock Springs, Wyoming



Thank you to those who submitted photos and stories:

**Anna Brandon • Jennifer Dice • Maxi Millican  
Vic Montaner • Robert and Kathleen Salazar  
Club Photographer Edward Wilson**



*The RAT team: Dan Dice, David Smith (affiliate), Rod Sly (Arizona club), Rich Espinosa (TX Hill Country Unit), David Brandon, Tom, and Mother Ducker (Jack Clyne's duck!) All were parking the Vintage Airstream Club folks as they arrived*



*President Jennifer Dice carries our club flag*



*David and Anna Brandon representing Region 9!*



*Dawn Montaner and ACI President Eric McHenry*



*Diaper drive benefiting United Way of Wyoming*



*Robert and Kathleen Salazar and Susan and Craig Fegley  
at Country Western Night*



*David and Anna Brandon with Edward Wilson*



*Jen Dice and Tiffany and Edward Wilson at the VAC 80's Dance*

“It was all volunteer. There were five professional musicians, the rest amateurs. Region 9 had four members in the band: me, Frank Steed, Bruce Morrow, and Gene Cribbs. I was one of five new members. The other 42 have been in the band before. There’s a band every year at the International Rally. We arrived 10 days before the rally for band camp and rehearsals. We played at the opening and closing ceremonies of the rally and gave a concert in the park in downtown Rock Springs. The concert was for Airstreamers and the community. There were over 800 people at the concert.”

-Allana Patterson



At rehearsal



Allana Patterson playing with the Wyoming Winds



NTxAC President Jennifer Dice with ACI President Eric McHenry



Wyoming sunset over NTxAC Airstreams

*The Vintage Airstream Parade – a regular and very popular feature at International Rallies!*





*NTxAC members and other residents of the North Texas Airstream Community and Eric McHenry present a check to the United Way*



*Randy and Dawn Truesdell and David and Anna Brandon at the rally's blood drive*

“WBCCI International Rallies give you a wonderful chance to embed yourself in a new community for a short period of time. At Rock Springs it felt like our money spent locally and the opportunities we had for philanthropy (United Way Diaper Drive and the Blood Drive) were greatly appreciated. Although this is a small community and we came into their restaurants and businesses in hordes, each merchant patiently and cheerfully took care of us. I will always remember the terrific lunch NTxAC had at Jack’s Crepes and how they scrambled to put the 25 of us together in one section of their small venue.”

**-Anna Brandon**



*Dan Dice livin' the good life*



*NTxAC folks at Jack's Crepes for lunch on the last day of the rally*



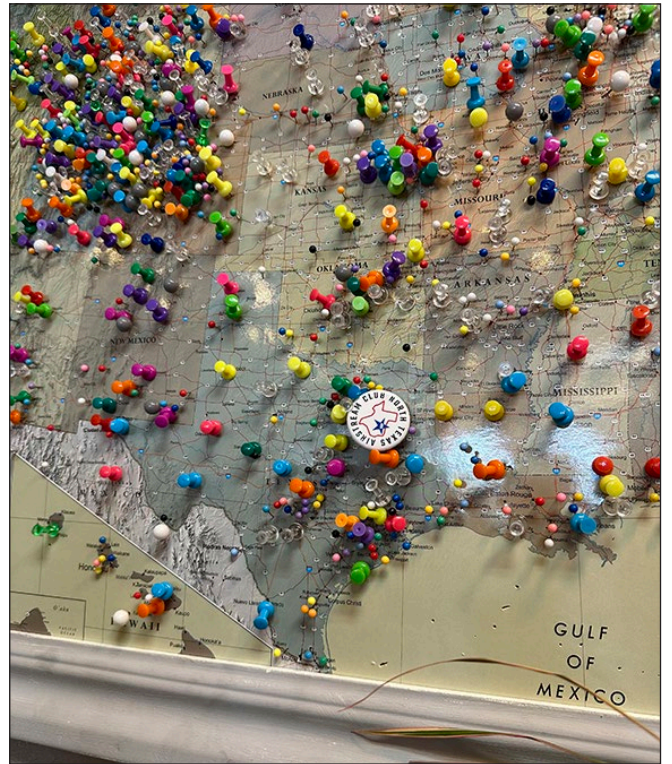
*NTxAC Pride!*



*Golf tournament fun!  
Robert and Kathleen Salazar and Susan and Craig Fegley*



*Julie Cook and Dawn Montaner*



*North Texas Airstream Club is ON THE MAP!*



*Pete Zilink, Lori Ernst, Robert and Myra Speers,  
David and Anna Brandon, Dan and Jennifer Dice,  
and Edward and Tiffany Wilson*

“My wife, Kim, and I attended our second International Rally this year. Of all the many wonderful experiences that such a rally brings, there are two things that struck me at Rock Springs which also made an impression at our first International Rally in Fryeburg last year. The first was the pageantry of the parade of flags during the opening ceremony. There’s something uplifting about seeing the various region and club officers, not to mention the representatives of each branch of the military, proudly displaying their colors as they are announced by the emcee or accompanied by the club band. Second, the sheer magnificence of seeing hundreds upon hundreds of shiny silver bullets and Airstreams and Argosys of every conceivable type and era assembled all in one place. If a smile has ever crossed your lips when you pull into a campground and see another Airstream or two, or pass one out on the road, you will have the faintest inkling of what it’s like to see a vast multitude of them, not on a sales lot, but being occupied and enjoyed by their proud and friendly owners.

I must also give honorable mention to a third event which I thoroughly enjoyed. This one speaks to the spontaneity of what can happen at International. On consecutive nights, rally owners promoted “Airstreams Aglow” in each of the two camping areas. At dusk, each attendee was invited to turn on their interior lights, running lights, and any other festive lighting displays they may have had. The idea was to flood the campground with inviting warmth. This, in itself, was rather spectacular, but I experienced something a little extra. Our site was in the upper campground and the first night of “Airstreams Aglow” took place in the lower campground. I decided to ride my bike down to experience it up close. I soon fell in behind 3 or 4 golf cart shuttles, also on their way down. Soon we arrived at the lower campground and began snaking up and down the rows. As we made our way, another buggy, then a few bicycles, then more carts and bicycles tagged along. Before long I glanced back and discovered that I was in a parade! Waves and smiles and laughs and cheers were exchanged along the route for a good 20 minutes. The ‘Streamers gathering outside their rigs were enjoying our procession as much as we were appreciating their lights and enthusiasm. It was definitely a highlight of my rally experience.”

**-David Majkowski**



The IBT meeting on July 13, 2023 resulted in the following:

Election of Executive Officers for 2023-2025

**Eric McHenry**, *President*; **Millie O'Donnell**, *Vice-President*; **Terri Warren**, *Secretary*  
**Per Hamnqvist**, *Treasurer*; **Tye Mott** will continue as *Past President*  
**Lori Grassi** will assume *Parliamentarian* duties in August

Motions were approved that result in the following bylaw/policy changes in the way publications are provided:

1. Publication of a monthly electronic edition of the Blue Beret
2. Publication of 4 editions of the Blue Beret annually, which may be received as electronic or print editions
3. Creation of an updated, downloadable pdf version of the Club Directory
4. Continued use of the online Club Directory, and
5. Availability for a printed copy of the Club Directory (Special Committee will decide with member input what information will be included in this printed directory)

The following is Matt Hackney's letter to the Board and his summation of his balanced budget which was submitted and approved by the IBT:

*Treasurer's Report - July Special IBT*

*I want to thank the members of the IBT for working through this budget. It has been a real challenge to incorporate all the initiatives from the Strategic Planning Meeting in Jackson Center, couple those with the pending acquisition, and align those with the necessary consensus on changes to the Blue Beret. I appreciate the input from the Region Officers, especially Brad Briggs and Christine Baum, and our Historical Standing Committee, including Chair Joe Peplinski.*

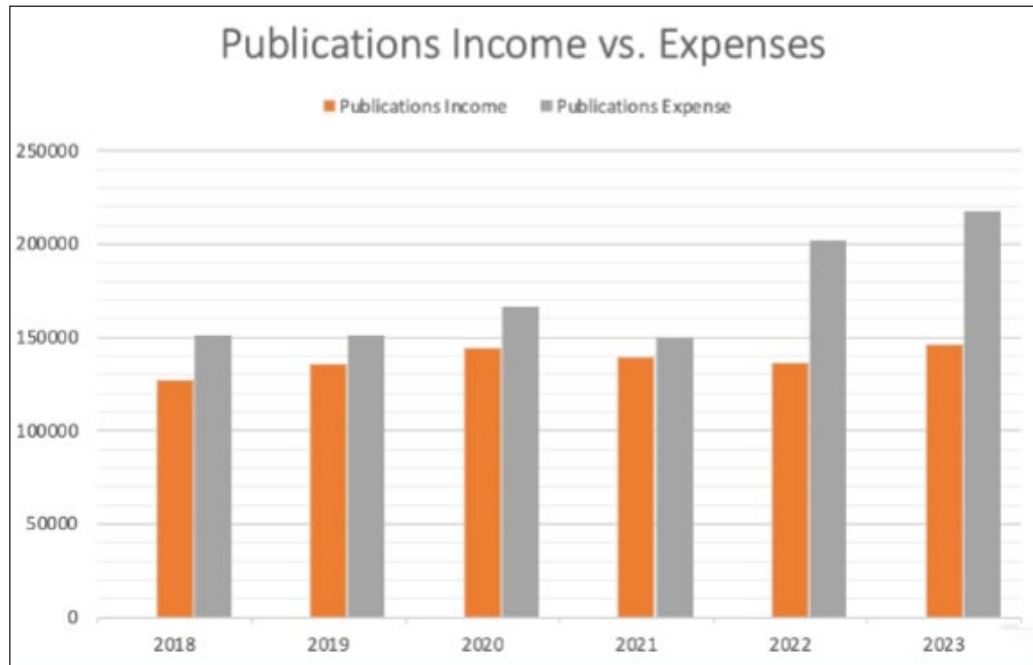
*Today I bring forward three separate motions. One revising Bylaws, one revising Policy, and the last bringing forward the operating budget for the coming year. These reflect the consensus position reached after two months of discussions. The major changes brought forward in these motions are:*

- *Changes to our club publications, the Blue Beret and Club Directory*
- *Continuation of the ability for members to obtain a printed copy of the Club Directory*
- *Elimination of the Abinity Benefit Program, started last year*
- *A balanced budget with an allocation to begin building a designated reserve fund*
- *Full funding for Region Officer Travel to their local clubs, at an increased reimbursement rate*
- *An absence of funding for International Officer/Executive Council Travel*
- *Inclusion of the income and expenses associated with the pending acquisition of 707 E. Pike St.*

*Of these changes, those related to printed publications have brought the most interest, discussion, and concern. I want to reiterate that costs have and will continue to increase rapidly for print publications. The graph (next page) demonstrates that:*



## Region 9 News



*It is important to note that all costs are going up, but the costs of printing and postage were significantly higher this year than in the past. Additional postage rate increases are scheduled for the coming year. It is also important to note that advertising income for the period has been essentially flat. Some advertisers are exiting print media entirely, as they can better track effectiveness and target their message with digital publications. We are excited by the opportunity to increase our advertising income in the coming years as a result of these changes. Some on the IBT pointed out that the Blue Beret used to be self-supporting. With these changes, we expect that to again be the case.*

*I also want to thank Eric McHenry and Joe Peplinski for developing a proposal to fill a void in our current Digital Directory. During our discussions it was noted that historical information, including past offices held and numbered caravans taken, did not port over when we implemented the new system. Work is planned to fill that gap, to ensure the Club Directory, in the future, will again have all the information we have had over the years. It has been my pleasure to serve this club and this Board over the past year.*

*Respectfully,*

*Matt Hackney, WBCCI International Treasurer*

As always, let me know if you need/want additional information. The approved budget is available for viewing on the ACI website home page [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) Scroll to About and choose International Board of Trustees to find full budget there.

Sincerely,

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President

## ***Useful Links and Contacts***

Most pages require a login. Your username is the email that you have on file with the club headquarters. If you are signing in for the first time, enter your email and click "Forgot Password?"

### ***ACI/WBCCI (the Club)***

**Airstream Club International** (*ACI, our club*)

<https://airstreamclub.org>

**ACI Region 9** (*our region within the club*)

<https://airstreamclub.org/region9>

**ACI North Texas Airstream Club** (*NTxAC, our unit, #099, within the region*)

<https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas>

**Blue Beret Archive** (*club magazine*)

<https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>

**Blue Beret Blog** (*club blog*)

<https://blog.airstreamclub.org>

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### ***Airstream (the Company)***

**Airstream USA** (*the Company*)

<https://www.airstream.com>

**Live Riveted** (*Airstream's blog*)

<https://www.airstream.com/blog>

**Airstream Owners** (*resource page for owner information and support*)

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