



Newsletter

September 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

Greetings everyone!

It's been a very busy summer and there is a lot going on as we wrap up this year.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to see we will have a full leadership team in 2024. This element of our club is so important and I am beyond appreciative to those who reached out as they considered a position, as well as those who volunteered to do so. It looks like we will have a strong and balanced leadership team in 2024, and I am confident they will keep the momentum going. A big thank you goes to **David Brandon** for leading the Nomination Committee.

Volunteerism is a cornerstone in our club and many hands make the work light and manageable. As we go into 2024 please reach out to the leadership team

and committee chairs to learn about the numerous opportunities to get involved. We are always seeking out people to host or co-host a rally, lead a fun activity during the rally, be on a committee, and provide an article for the newsletter, among others. What can you bring to the Club?

Switching topics, another important aspect of the club is our Constitution and Bylaws. These govern how we do business and align with the WBCCI/ACI. Each member received an email asking you to review the changes and provides an opportunity to comment. (Note: Affiliates did not receive this email.) Please take a moment to look over the changes and respond. The next step will be to gather recommendations made and ask

members to vote on those and the overall changes. From there the updated Constitution and Bylaws will go to International for review and approval.

In the upcoming months we have three fun rallies planned to finish out the year, and will be asking you to put on your creative caps to name this newsletter. I'm sure some fun swag and prizes, beyond bragging rights, will be involved. Stay tuned for more to come and I look forward to reconnecting with each of you as the year draws to a close.



Jennifer Dice
BRN 30301

Twin Coves Rally
Photo: Amy Hanus



Editors' Corner

Helloooo, Autumn!!

After a brutal summer it's time to put on your sweaters and your party hats - let's rally! Cooler temperatures will be welcomed for the HOTC Rally in October, the Installation Rally at The Range in November, and the Holiday Rally in December. Our September Rally at Twin Coves on Lake Grapevine was a blast - the perfect combination of good food, good fellowship, and good weather.

Many of you were on the road this summer and several of you answered the call to share your summer adventures. Special thanks go to **Anna Brandon, Jack Clyne, Amy Terkel, and Allana Patterson** for sharing their adventures with us in this newsletter.

Additional thanks go to all of you who voted for club officers. Please remember to review the proposed changes to the bylaws as well. We may be a good-timin' club, but we also have business to do.

One more thing: if you haven't attended a rally yet, please consider joining us for one of the remaining rallies this year. You will meet an amazing group of people!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594



September Birthdays

David Brandon	9/10	Cindy Jeanes	9/23
Ronda Horstman	9/15	John Green	9/26
David Majkowski	9/15		

Anniversaries

Tom and Norma Collier 9/1/1962
Yes, you read that right - 61 years!!!

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 with your dates.

NTxAC Officers and Committee Chairs

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Jennifer Dice

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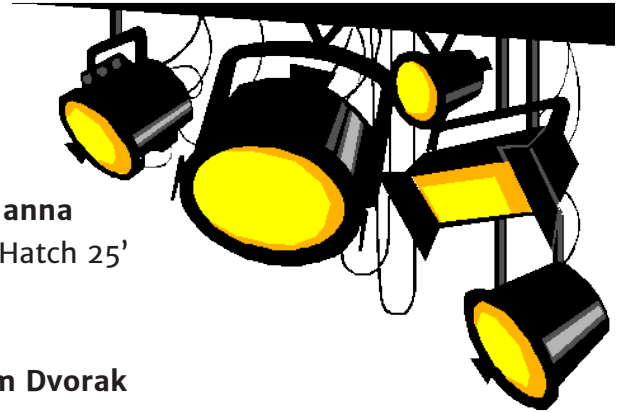
Tom Jensen

Secretary

Amy Terkel

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

New Members Spotlight



Joined This Summer

Ernie and Becky Burkett
2022 Caravel 22'
Heath, TX

Shayla and Paul Kolker
2003 Bambi 19'
Lewisville, TX

Timothy and Lisa Putt
2023 Bambi 22'
Argyle, TX

Bobbie and Bruce Jackson
1967 Caravel 17'
Carrollton, TX

Howard and Rebecca Hanna
2021 Flying Cloud Twin Hatch 25'
Arlington, TX

Kimberly VanBuren/Tim Dvorak
2022 Classic 33'
Lewisville, TX

Frank and Beverly Wilson
2022 Flying Cloud 23'
Dalworthington Gardens, TX

Jo Ann and John Haug
2022 Globetrotter 23'
Weatherford, TX

New Affiliate Members

Tanner and Carrie Terry
2022 Pottery Barn 28'
Longview, TX

Tanner and Carrie Terry, BRN **04105** (Affiliate Members)



Meet Tanner and Carrie Terry, a Longview, TX couple who have transformed their love for adventure from tent camping with their two kids to the cozy confines of a Pottery Barn Air-



stream. Since their kids are grown their journey has evolved with their two pug dogs, Bailey and Luna, in tow. Carrie is a Kindergarten teacher, shaping young minds with care, while

Tanner's real estate expertise helps dreams find a home. Their shared passion for travel fuels a vibrant life, embracing new cultures and connections.

Shayla and Paul Kolker, BRN 19622

Paul and Shayla have lived most of their lives in North Texas but, until recently, haven't been able to take their home with them wherever they go. That all changed in 2022 when they purchased a 2003 Bambi (garage kept!) and began venturing out to parks across the state. Like a turtle abandoning its young on the beach, they have set out on a couple of adventures, and look forward to many more. They have two Australian Shepherds, Arwen and Silvie, both of whom contain more energy than their size should allow. When they're not on the road, Paul performs improv comedy with a group called Four Day Weekend, and

Shayla finds new plants to graft into their ever-expanding gardenscape (what they used to call "the backyard"). They look forward to more adventures in

what Shayla has affectionately dubbed "Little Bambino", and they hope to survive them all with their Airstream...wait for it...NTxAC!



Tim and Lisa Putt, BRN 04336

Tim grew up in Southern CA, but spent a lot of time as a kid in North TX visiting and briefly living with family. He retired from CA state law enforcement. Lisa grew up in Iowa and is a Southern CA Registered Nurse. She will retire at the end of the year.

We've been married for 35 years and have three kids, ages 34, 33, and 32. We also have two grandkids, ages six and four, that live in Fort Worth. Tim enjoys family, friends, golf, and attending baseball games. Lisa enjoys family, friends, and pickle ball. We both enjoy the

outdoors, long walks, bike rides, etc.

This is our first Airstream and our first camper or RV. We're planning many long trips over the next year.

We are relocating to the DFW area within the next 6-9 months to be with family.



NTxAC Rally Updates



Hello Airstream Family!

We have a great fall rally schedule planned with three more events to finish the year strong. We hope to see you at an event soon. If you have any questions or need more information, please call/text me, **Maribeth Pappas**, at **214-566-1210** and I will connect you to the Rally Hosts. If you need to cancel your reservation, let me know right away since we have waitlists. Here's to more fun in 2023!

Maribeth Pappas, *NTxAC Rally Committee Chair*

BRN **16034**

Twin Coves on Lake Grapevine - Rally Recap

Thank you to everyone who came to our September Rally at Twin Coves. What beautiful weather and great fun with outstanding friends! Everyone loved the RV park and their waterfront sites. The Mexican buffet was delicious with **Allana Patterson's** tasty fajitas, **Phyllis Hamilton's** powerful margaritas, plus a treat of Tommy Tamale, a local Grapevine favorite. There was a hard-fought Viking Bowling playoff between **Dan Brockway** and the winner, **David Brandon**. **Jill Fearing** led members on a lovely nature walk through the trails and surrounding the lake.

Thank you to my fellow Rally Hosts, **Jill Fearing** and **Phyllis Hamilton** for the great teamwork on this fun event.

October 26-29, 2023

Buddy Rally with HOTC (Heart of Texas Club) at LBJ National Grasslands

NTxAC is invited to the HOTC's Halloween Campout.

Please let them know if you plan to attend: HeartOfTexasCampingUnit@gmail.com

The information below was provided by the HOTC Rally Hosts:

The wonderful gathering of campers is a HOTC signature event; a gathering on the mesa of the LBJ National Grasslands, parking in a "Wagon Wheel" around the campfire.

Activities include sitting around the campfire, hiking, games, and Halloween-themed fun. We are sure many will enjoy Viking Bowling or venture off on hikes and trail riding. Come prepared for trailer decorating, pumpkin carving, and costume contests. Remember: this is a boondocking event. Food is Halloween-themed and always interesting. The HOTC grill will be available for all to use.

We do recommend you follow these directions to find us due to road construction or closures:

From 730 & 380 (north edge of Decatur):

Go north on FM730

From railroad tracks go 9.1 miles

Turn LEFT on County Rd 2461 (small sign for Black Creek Lake, Cottonwood Lake)

Stay LEFT at the fork to stay on 2461

At 1.8 miles (from FM730) turn RIGHT at Tadra Point onto FS904 (dirt road)

Cross cattleguard, go 0.8 miles

Stay LEFT on FS904

Go 0.3 miles, campsite will be on your RIGHT!

NTxAC Rally Updates

November 17-19, 2023

The Range Vintage Trailer Resort in Bristol, TX

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

The Installation Rally will be held at The Range, a favorite spot for our club members. Rally Host **Jack Clyne** has a great weekend planned. All the open sites and boondock sites are sold out, but there may be one vintage trailer site 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 at a special discounted rate.

Please call/text **Kerry Miller** at **972-210-2900** or info@therangevtr.com with any questions, or to discuss being added to the waitlist. More details will be sent out by Jack soon.



December 1-3, 2023

The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine/NTxAC Holiday Rally

13 sites still available, and will be held until October 1st

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

Please call The Vineyards office now at **888-329-8993** and be sure to identify yourself as a North Texas Airstream Club member so you can reserve a site in our group block.

We will continue the tradition of collecting food items for GRACE (Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange) Food Pantry.

A list of needs can be found here: <https://www.gracegrapevine.org/current-needs/>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 30 (for early arrivals)

5:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Grilling at the Pavilion

NTxAC Rally Updates

The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine/NTxAC Holiday Rally

Friday, December 1 *Italian Night*

2:00 Check-in

4:00 **Jack Clyne** will demonstrate how to make charcuterie trays for appetizers; Christmas garland crafts

5:00 In honor of Grapevine, there will be a wine tasting. Bring your favorite bottle of wine **in a sack to disguise it**. We will have a red and a white category, but another category can be arranged. There will be a tasting, voting, winners, then drinking!

6:00 Dinner: Italian-themed sauces, pastas, pizza, salads, breads. Everyone will contribute. Evening activities: Pet Costume Contest (any pet will do – even a spouse!); fireside chats, crafts, and games

Saturday, December 2

8:30 Coffee in pavilion, potluck any breakfast items

9:30 Monthly membership meeting – first meeting for the new leadership team!

10:00 Enjoy Grapevine for the day. Website for everything Grapevine:

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

Ideas: Grapevine now has Meow Wolf, an art experience. The Great Wolf Lodge and The Gaylord Texan are filled with holiday activities. Find a winery experience to your liking or stroll the decorations and shops on Main Street. Plenty of places to enjoy lunch!

4:00 Happy Hour (bring appetizers if you like) and gift exchange

5:30 Catered dinner plus dessert all by the lake at the Pavilion

7:00 We are working on a shuttle to carry everyone to Main Street Grapevine that wants to go. A few Main Street options:

Palace Theatre: A Merry Little Christmas Show with Ricki Derek (8:00 pm)

Ricki Derek and his swinging Ho, Ho, Ho Orchestra return to the historically swanky Palace Theatre for one great night. In its 13th year, this show is one of the best holiday traditions in DFW. Drawing inspiration from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Bing Crosby's TV specials, this show is like a time capsule with a wink and a nod. Derek's performances have been heralded by Esquire Magazine and The Dallas Morning News. Join us for a swinging good time!

We need a list of those wanting to attend by October 31. The cost is \$30 per person for the group rate and a deposit must be made. Please email allanapat@msn.com if you want to attend this show. For this rate we're obligated to 30 tickets.

<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/event/a-merry-little-christmas-show-with-ricki-derek/38187/>

Merry and Bright Drone Show at Peace Plaza, Grapevine Main Station (8:00 pm)

Pictures with Santa (make reservations and choose package online; open until 9:30 pm)

<https://www.mainstreetsanta.com/hoursandevents>

10:00 Late night around the campfire for those that aren't in bed

Sunday, December 3

8:30 Coffee and donuts at the Pavilion, collect your souvenir ornament – Happy Holidays!

NTxAC Twin Coves on Grapevine Lake

Thank you to those who submitted photos:

Maribeth Pappas • Kim Hanus • Ann Clark • Club Photographer Edward Wilson



Happy Hour: Maribeth Pappas, Phyllis Hamilton, and Kim Hanus



Friday dinner:
Fajitas and Tommy Tamale!
Phyllis Hamilton and Cathy Duran



Lynn Clark



David and Anna Brandon, Greg and Jill Fearing at Saturday's rally meeting



Greg and Jill Fearing



NTxAC Twin Coves on Grapevine Lake



Morning Walk:
Front: **Chris and Amy Hanus**
Back: **David and Anna Brandon, Greg Fearing, Allana Patterson, Ann Clark**



Tom Jensen, Allana Peterson, Anna Brandon, Edward Wilson



Phyllis Hamilton takes her turn in Viking Bowling



David Brandon for the win in Viking Bowling!



Dan Brockway celebrates his score

NTxAC Twin Coves on Grapevine Lake



Sunset at the Wilson's



NTxAC Canine Squad:
Elvis Wilson



NTxAC Canine Squad:
Maverick Hanus



Phyllis and Ross Hamilton



Sunday morning breakfast



Maribeth and Jeff Pappas



Bret Bieghler



We all got flamingo'd!

NTxAC Members' Summer Adventures

Anna Brandon's POST-WYOMING CODDIWOMPLING

For the last three years David and I have followed up the WBCCI Annual Rally with adventures of our own, always more fun with friends. This year, about twelve of us journeyed up to Fishing Bridge Campground in Yellowstone National Park from Rock Springs. After 30 minutes of fooling around with our electrical cables and breakers like dancing monkeys, we all finally realized that the power was out over the entire campground. Not the best way to start your visit to Yellowstone! The intermittent power outages were just a nuisance while we took beautiful hikes, marveled at the geysers and fumaroles, and gasped at the stunning views.



Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

David and I left Yellowstone on our own to head up to Glacier National Park, staying on the west side in the St. Mary's West Glacier KOA park. This was the most expensive park we have



David and Anna Brandon at the East Glacier Waterfall

stayed in since we bought *Drag-N-Fly the First* back in 2019, but we had a beautiful campsite just outside the west entrance to the Going to the Sun Road, and smack dab between the Many Glacier and Two Medicine Valley entrances. We were able to get an entrance ticket into Two Medicine but not Many Glacier or Highway to the Sun. No problem! We entered Many Glacier right at 3 and had plenty of time to explore before dark. For the Going to the Sun Road, we booked one of the Red Bus tours, giving us entrance to the scenic road anytime that day. The Red Bus tour is worth the money. They have reserved spaces at each stop so can drop you at each point and you don't have to worry about parking. All this nature can be overstimulating though, so we took one day and went

into Browning, Montana to the North American Indian Days celebration. From the morning parade to the afternoon rodeo we were mesmerized with the Native American culture and, in particular, Indian Relay races. Four color-coded teams composed of three young Native American men and three horses take their places in front of the stands. The designated rider of each team jumps on bareback, tries to subdue the ready-to-run



Blackfoot Parade Rider

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POST-WYOMING CODDIWOMPLING, *continued*

stallion, then takes off around the racetrack. While slightly slowing down as they come back around, each rider jumps off and onto another prancing horse for the second round of the racetrack, then repeats the feat for a third and final run. Talk about exciting!

We left Montana and headed up to Alberta, Canada where we met **Mark and Michelle Wright** (Affiliate NTxAC Members) to spend a few days touring Banff, Lake Louise, and Moraine Lake. Our first day was rainy, so we used it driving up the Icefields Parkway (between Banff and Jasper). The website for the parkway proclaims, "Prepare to be Amazed," and we were. We stopped at the Columbia Icefield and sprung for the Ice Explorer tour that takes you out on the icefield then, afterward, to the Glacier



Glacier Sky Walk



The Wrights and the Brandons

Sky Walk (a glass-floored observation platform 900 feet over the Sunwapta Valley). It was hard to look down but, when you did, it was "awe-full." The next day we toured both Lake Louise and Moraine Lake—so breathtaking that the pictures look like they are taken in a studio! While we were up there, we heard from **Tom Jensen** and **Allana Patterson**, who were staying in Banff. We all met for dinner in Banff one night at a brewery/distillery and caught up on all our adventures before we all scattered again.

The four of us left reluctantly and headed over to Calgary, Alberta for the "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth," the Calgary Stampede. In your imagination, take the Texas State Fair and multiply it by 10 and you'll have an idea of the Stampede. The afternoon rodeo features cowboys and cowgirls from all over Canada and the US making roping and wrestling

bulls look like a piece of cake. The evening show brings on the famous Chuck Wagon races, bareback First Nation relay races (just as fun as the Indian Relay races we watched in Montana), a light show, a musical, and fireworks all rolled up into one three-hour experience. We adventurously tried some of the Stampede food, but none of us was up to the catsup or mustard ice cream.

The time had come for us to head south but we took our time about it, knowing what temperatures we would face back home. We stopped in Cranbrook, British Columbia, for our for our last two nights in Canada. This KOA sits out of town next to the St. Eugene Resort, home to a golf course, casino, three restaurants, a pool, and a spa. Unfortunately, they are still suffering from COVID-related business challenges, so not much was open. Sometimes, though, the best entertainment is free, and this took the form of an ongoing forest fire just on the other side of the valley we were in. By the next morning, there was just a little puff of smoke going and we turned our sights south again.

Just like Texas, Montana takes about two days to get from one end to the other. We had one night on the edge of Flathead Lake and the next just outside of Livingston, where, without thinking, I turned on my rice cooker while the AC was running

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POST-WYOMING CODDIWOMPLING, *continued*

(we have one of the older 30-AMP rigs). No matter how many times we switched the breaker plugged and unplugged, we could not get the AC to come back on. *Drag-N-Fly the Second* is wired so that all plugs run either on solar or shore power, and this was our first long trip with her, so we were still unfamiliar with how she operates. Mark and David tore her apart looking for another fuse box. We were cool enough in Montana that not having the AC wouldn't be a problem. It never dawned on us that the whole trailer was running on solar until the fridge started beeping at 3 AM because we had no power. Now we've learned that our lithium battery and 600 watts of solar are good for a couple of pots of rice, a few cups of coffee, a couple hours of TV, and about 8 hours of the Max-Air fan. It sure felt lonesome to be alone again after such a fun week camping with friends, (Mark and Michelle were drawing out their return a little longer by skipping over to South Dakota) but we were eager to find out what was wrong with the AC before we got back to Texas. We pulled into our campground in Buffalo, WY (where Longmire was filmed) about 4, and, while setting up heard, "Yoo-hoo, what are you guys doing here?" We were parked right next to **Kevin and Mary Short**, neighbors of ours from the North Texas Airstream Community. It was

sure nice to have someone to visit with while we waited for the mechanic! He pulled up an hour later in a dilapidated pick-up with a sign on the side that read, "Yardwork, Carpentry, Plumbing, RV Repair, Marriages, and Pet-Sitting." I figured we must be in good hands if he could do all that. He scratched his head, called a friend over to look at it with him, and all of a sudden spotted a new breaker box in the back storage compartment of the rig that we didn't know anything about. Upon opening, there are two switches—one said "Main" and the other said "AC." Sure made him look like a hero! Now we know where to go when the AC blows the breaker again... After a quick night at a Harvest Host close to the borders of Nebraska and Colorado, we landed at Spruce Lake RV Resort in Estes Park, CO for a few last

days of cool evenings. Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park is David's all-time favorite ride; the drive was uncrowded and beautiful. We had dinner at our favorite Estes Park restaurant, Bird & Jim, then turned our noses to Texas after six wonderful weeks of travel. We made it to Raton, NM that first day and intended to break up the trip back to Hillsboro with an overnight in Childress. We stepped out of the truck around noon for a pit stop and faced 106 degrees for the first time this year. A couple of miles down the road afterward, David turned to me and said as only he can, "Darlin', we are skipping Childress and heading home. No point in dragging this out any longer." And so we did. If all this sounds fun, you are cordially invited to head out with us anytime!



David enjoying the view of Lake Louise

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Amy Terkel's POTLACH

Hi y'all. We have been on the road since June first. We saw a bunch of you at International. From there we headed to Lacey, Washington Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Community for the Potlatch Reunion National Event Rally.

"What the heck is a Potlatch?", you may be asking. A potlatch is a gift-giving feast for Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest. A gifted native leader gave a detailed talk about the history of the Potlatch tradition. Our fearless leader, **Eric McHenry** and his wife, **LaVerne** were there as well as some folks from our very own North Texas Airstream Club.

In the spirit of honoring this tradition we were treated to fabulous meals including a traditional salmon bake, music and prizes. Participants were encouraged to sign up for a docent-led tour of the beautiful and historic Washington State Capitol. In addition, our adventurous group took a magnificent gondola ride up to view Mt. Rainier. It was a beautiful, clear day and we were able to view the mountain in all its stunning majesty. I think my favorite

activity was dressing up in old-timey western wear and having our photo taken.

The Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Community is located in beautiful Lacey, Washington. I'm told the weather is delightful year-round and that was cer-

tainly the case during our visit. Full hook-ups are available at their spacious and well-kept teleport. If you find yourself out that way be sure to make arrangements to visit this beautiful and friendly airstream community.



"Old-timey" photo session



Amy with Allana Patterson



Eric and LaVerne McHenry



The Terkels at Mount Rainier

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POTLACH, *continued*



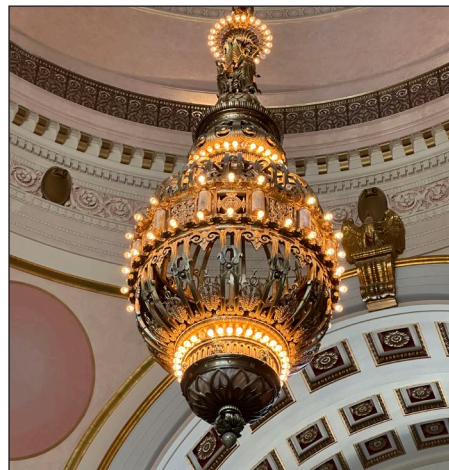
NTAC members at Potlach



Streamin' at Mount Rainier



Washington State Capitol



Inside the Capitol

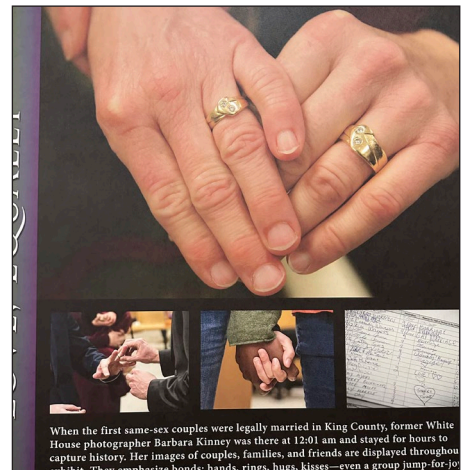


Exhibit on marriage equality



Glow-up

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Allana Patterson's AND THEN, JUST LIKE THAT!

Tom and I are not "planners" when we travel in the Air-stream. Until this year, winging it always worked out, but it was a very busy summer for RV'ers. We had made reservations for a few stops and relied on Harvest Host, and of course we were reserved for band camp and the rally, but all other plans were made a few days before we ended up wherever.

We started our trip to Rock Springs, WY on May 30. We pulled out (me in the passenger seat trying to figure out all the things I forgot). It was smooth sailing through West Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. We ate well, as I had stuffed the freezer and refrigerator with planned meals. We were headed for Grand Canyon National Park, *and just like that*, I saw a sign for Petrified Forest NP. "Never been there, let's stop." Wow, it was a surprisingly amazing sight. Of course, so was the Grand Canyon, but that was expected.



Petrified Forest National Park

I continued to practice my clarinet in the trailer on the drive. We biked on any occasion we could, through Zion and Bryce

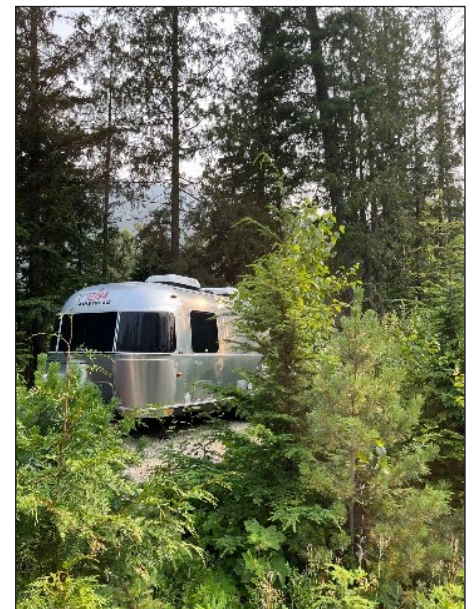


Allana practicing on her clarinet

Canyon. We Harvest Hosted at a steak house for free of course, except the \$100 dinner that night! Then on to Salt Lake City. Just as we got on I-15 a car passed, honked, and pointed to the back of the trailer. We pulled over *and just like that*, my Lectric Bicycle was hanging by its tires on the rack with no seat or handlebars on the ground. After so much fun on the bikes, I declared, "I am not doing the rest of this 3-month trip without my bicycle!". *And just like that*, solution: Amazon. After a few fixes on the bike rack in Salt Lake City, we were off to band camp in Boulder, WY and then a caravan to Rock Springs. *And just like that*, we are parked in the East Sahara, dust, wind, and all. Unhooked and setting up, we discovered the electrical pole didn't work. So, we hooked up and moved the trailer to another sight across the way. Thank goodness for the bikes, as the main hall was quite a distance away. Quickly we went in search of my

new bicycle! Sure enough, it had been delivered way ahead of schedule. I went to band practice and Tom put it together. At the rehearsal, I dropped my mouthpiece and chipped the tip off. *And just like that*, my clarinet would not make a sound. Solution: Amazon. (As it turned out we found a mouthpiece at Rock Springs' Picken Palace after the Amazon order).

Rally over, we headed north. Our July consisted of small towns with rich histories in mining, brothels, vaudeville, and more. We made so many discoveries in small towns as well as Teton, Banff, Yoho, Vancouver, Cascadian NP, and Columbia Valley.



Yoho National Park

And just like that, July was over, and we arrived at the Potlatch Rally at Olympia Land Yacht Harbor. It was such fun, and I learned so much about running a rally that in a future newsletter

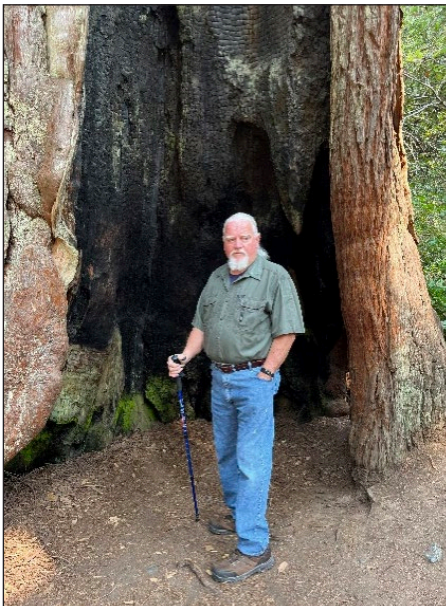
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AND JUST LIKE THAT, *continued*



Tom and Allana play dress-up

I may write an article - the top ingredients of a successful Rally. After this rally, we had not made one plan for returning home. We got out an atlas and plotted a course. We met several Airstreamers along the



Tom in Redwood National Park



Allana biking to Lake Louise, Canada

way, some were club members, some not. Many of them had been to Rock Springs.

We spent family time in Oregon. Tom's sister has an incredible view from her home in Lincoln City, OR. We discovered a very nice city RV park south of Portland to visit with his nephew. It was there I decided we needed to hit as many National Parks on our way home as possible.

We had already done 7, so Crater Lake was next. *And just like that*, we were on a National Park whirlwind tour, making reservations only a few days before we arrived. We visited Redwood NP, Lassen Volcanic NP, Great Basin NP, Arches NP, Canyonlands NP, and Mesa Verde NP all in about 12 days. En route we spent a night in Delta, Utah. We arrived early and decided to check out the small town. We saw a building called Topaz Museum, thinking we would be looking at more rocks, *and just like that*, we discovered an incredible story of the Topaz Japanese Internment Camp outside of Delta during WWII. We were the only ones there. It was an amazing museum and story with an exceptional docent, and an emotional story of one of the dark mistakes in US history.



Allana with Amy Terkel

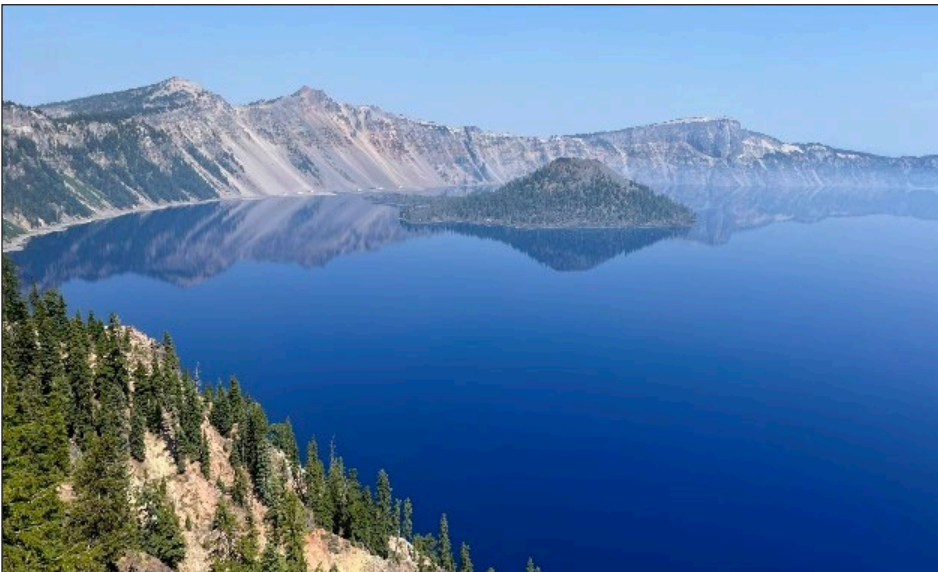
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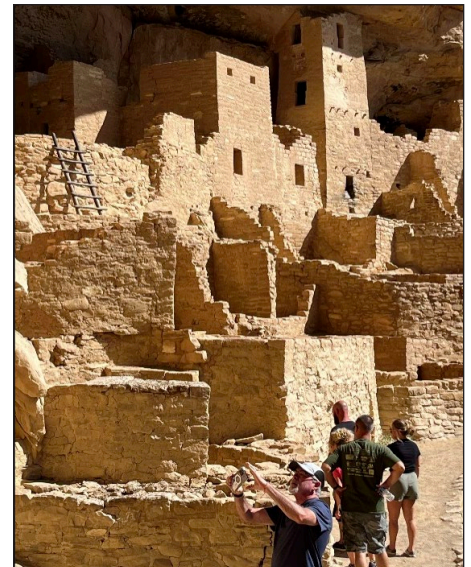
Heading through New Mexico after an exhilarating experience in Mesa Verde (what an amazing evidence of a civilization), a car passed us, honked, and pointed down to the trailer. *And just like that*, we pulled over and had lost almost all of one of the tires. It was impossible to get the lug nuts off without rubber to hold the wheel, so we limped into the next town and had the spare put on. Solution: \$\$\$ and patience. We arrived home on September 1. Of all the trips we have taken, this one brought all the biggest surprises, wonders of nature, and human connections we have experienced. We also had about 85 of the 96 days in less than 80-degree temperatures. 10,000 miles *and just like that*, the unplanned trip!



Tom and Allana in Olympia, Washington for the Potlach Rally



Crater Lake



Mesa Verde National Park

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Jack Clyne's HOME ON THE RANGE

HOME /hom/ - noun

"The place where one lives, especially as a member of a family or household." The word HOME can mean many things to many people. A place or building, a memory or feeling, a sense of comfort and safety, or a yearning of peace."

In May of 2020 as the pandemic and lockdowns were in full swing, I was scrolling through Airstream Addicts on Facebook, yearning for an adventure, wanting to get out from the house I'd been quarantining in. I was still pretty new to Texas, not knowing really anyone and dad to a new Great Dane puppy named Madison. While scrolling I saw a post for a new Airstream/Vintage only campground being built just south of Dallas, and it really caught my interest.

I dug a bit deeper and found some amazing videos from the owner, Sarah Beauregard, showing all the progress that she and her husband, Paul, were making on the property. She would drive from site to future site, giddy on how "this one is my favorite," and would repeat those words at the next stop. Her passion for what they were building showed through so much in her big smile and excited voice as she drove. I emailed, asking when they would be opening and if they would allow dogs - and had to clarify - BIG DOGS, to which an exuberant response of "YES, we love dogs" arrived in my inbox. My first trip down was to Site #7 for the soft-opening weekend. I was met by Sarah and her daughter at the gate as I arrived, and she escorted me to my site



in her golf cart. She had a welcome bag for me that had a Range sticker, a dog treat for Madison, and a flyer for the property. Never have I had this type of interaction with a campground before. The property was brand-new, the barn still smelled like fresh-cut timbers, and sprinklers were watering the fresh sod. Nevertheless, I had an amazing weekend exploring the property and the local towns of Waxahachie and Ennis. I was hooked, so much that I booked again for the following weekend and thus laid the foundation to my numerous returns to The Range.

I had found my new HOME and all the meanings that come with it, but little did I know that it would also be the beginnings of having a new family, too.

My most recent visit back HOME was to join up with **Anna and David Brandon** who had reached out to a group of us who are members of the NTxAC to see if anyone would be interested in meeting up. It was a bit of a last-minute decision trip and I obliged, looking forward to seeing the Brandons since their return from their summer adventures. These meetups have become more common for members of

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HOME ON THE RANGE, *continued*

the club and nonmembers alike as we all have met either at the pool or at dinner. Creating our own groups on social media or text groups are always asking, "Who's going to The Range this weekend?"

Of course it wouldn't be Texas if it wasn't the hottest day of the year while we were there, but luckily since my first visit in 2020 a chilled pool had been added, making this guy (and I'm sure many more) the happiest person in North Texas. The pool was the local watering hole, pun intended! Stories were shared, new guests were introduced, and future dinner plans were made each day we were all there. I missed the Friday dinner, but heard it was stellar as always, but I for sure didn't miss the gourmet pizza night on Saturday. The great thing

about dinners at the barn are that they're always family-style where everyone can sit where they want, but you always tend to sit by the people you'd met earlier in the day around the property, at the bar, or in the pool. Stories of adventures of the day, DIY Airstream fixes, fish caught in the pond, or the slight burn from being in the pool a bit too long are always shared. It makes me feel like I'm HOME again, the place and feeling I so yearn for.

Sarah and Paul are a power couple who bring it all together, the perfect pairing of Ying and Yang, quietness and exuberance, grit and charm. They play the roles of groundskeeper, captain, entertainer, chef, caregiver, and friend with such ease and grace, welcoming a ragtag group of strangers, vagabonds, and fellow

wanderers into their HOME every week. It brings me so much peace every time I cross through the gates to the property, knowing I'm back HOME, or as close to it as I can be. To be welcomed back to a large, adopted family of people I know, and some I don't, but sure I will see them again at The Range.



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YIPPEE, THEY'RE FREE!!

Hey, new members, you will receive a FREE NTxAC T-shirt when you 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.

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Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

August–September 2023 : The ABCs of WBCCI

One creeping trend I've noticed over the last several years is organizations discarding their names in favor of acronyms. Of course, this is not an innovation; it's been going on for decades. Classic examples are IBM, GE, GM, and AT&T. But it seems to be accelerating. I can't remember the last time I ate at a Dairy Queen, a Burger King, or a Kentucky Fried Chicken. They have changed all their branding to DQ, BK, and KFC. And that's not even accounting for newer businesses and stores that are less familiar to me. The same is true for our own Airstream club. This month, I'd like to demystify some of the abbreviations you might encounter.

Let's start with the main organization itself. Current usage favors **ACI**. This stands for **Airstream Club International**. Legally, however, this is just a *dba*, or *doing business as*, name. More formally, we are known as **WBCCI**, or the **Wally Byam Caravan Club International**. This is the name under which the club is registered as a 501(c)(7) organization—501(c)(7) being the section of IRS code dealing with social clubs. Another popular acronym is **WBAC**, the **Wally Byam Airstream Club**, also a *dba* name. I learned on the airstreamclub.org website that there are 6 more *dba* names. I couldn't find the others on the website, though, nor could I tell you what they are. **WBCCI**, **ACI**, and **WBAC** are all the same entity.

One more acronym I'd like to introduce is **NTxAC**, which stands for our club, the **North Texas Airstream Club**. Geographically, **NTxAC** is the Dallas-area chapter of **ACI**. This one can be a bit confusing as you might have also come across the acronym **NTAC**. **NTAC** (pronounced "EN-tack"), or the **North Texas Airstream Community**, is an Airstream-only member community located in Hillsboro. **NTAC** is its own 501(c)(7) social club; you must own an Airstream to become a member there; and you must maintain membership in **ACI** to live there. However, **NTAC** is not affiliated with **ACI**, and **NTAC** and **NTxAC** are not the same thing. Several members of **NTxAC**, including me, live at **NTAC**. This was less confusing when local chapters of **WBCCI** were known as units instead of clubs. During this era, **NTxAC** was known as the **North Texas Unit** of **WBCCI**. But time marches on and new conventions take hold.

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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*)

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