



Newsletter

October 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

As I write my last President's Message I find myself reflecting on the growth I have seen at the Local, Regional, and International level of our Club. Looking forward I see us continuing to grow locally through a full and engaged leadership team and membership (woo-hoo!) This could not have happened without each of you and I appreciate your participation as rally hosts and co-hosts, involvement in the annual rally planning, welcoming new members, sharing

your experiences and knowledge around the campfire, and being actively engaged at monthly meetings. At the Regional level, I see how Nancy, Tracy, and Anna are supporting the new Explorer membership, which will introduce new members to the amazing clubs we have in R9. I see a greater emphasis on knowledge sharing through newbie and maintenance rallies and making sure all of our members FEEL the value of belonging to this rich and inclusive community. At the International level I am most excited to see continued focus on the five strategic priorities which will strengthen internal and external communication, welcome and retain members, address infrastructure, and train at all levels. I already see some of these initiatives trickling down to the Regional and Local levels, and I hope you will not hesitate to get involved.

I want to thank you for your participation in the recent email regarding changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. We actually have a quorum of those who stated they agree with the initial changes and did not have anything to add. In addition, we had a great suggestion which I

will send out with the final request to vote on the changes overall. After you have voted and we reach quorum, the documents will go to International for review and approval.

Speaking of review and approval I cannot wait to see the collated list of suggested names for our local newsletter. Please don't forget to submit your ideas on the Facebook page (if you are not on Facebook get a hold of me or our editors). It is not just bragging rights on the line... there is a prize involved too!!

Lastly - thank you for a memorable year and the opportunity to serve in this role. We have many incredible members and affiliates in NTxAC and it has been wonderful to get to know you better through this role.



*Jennifer proudly carries the North Texas Airstream Club flag at the 2023 International Rally in Wyoming.
Photo: Edward Wilson*



Jennifer Dice
BRN 30301

Editors' Corner

Change is in the air!

Cooler temperatures, shorter days, and a new slate of NTxAC officers are all signs that fall is upon us. Many, many thanks go to **Jennifer Dice**, **Arnold Terkel**, **David Brandon**, **Lynne Mack**, **Amy Terkel**, and **David Brandon** for their service as our officers this past year. Their behind-the-scenes work is what has made this club so fun and successful, and continually growing.

Speaking of changes, we're looking for a new name for our newsletter. Details are in this month's edition about how you can enter your suggestions and win some cool Airstream swag! The winner will be announced at the Installation Rally next month at The Range, so please consider entering your most creative suggestion.

With wonderfully cool evenings, meeting your new club officers, amazing meals, campfires, s'mores, and the fellowship of our club members all together at that spectacular venue, hosted by none other than **Jack Clyne**, what could be better? See you down the road!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594



October Birthdays

Dennis Walker 10/17

October Anniversaries

Frank Brown and Lila Deakle 10/6

Dan and Jennifer Dice 10/30

November Birthdays

Dawn Rauch	11/03	Carrie Terry	11/21
Frank Brown	11/08	Arnold Terkel	11/25
Patrick Gentry	11/20	Leslie Gentry	11/27

November Anniversaries

Jeff and Wendy Cason 11/20

We want to celebrate you! Send your birthday and anniversary dates to Ann at aec2you@gmail.com.

NTxAC Officers & 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

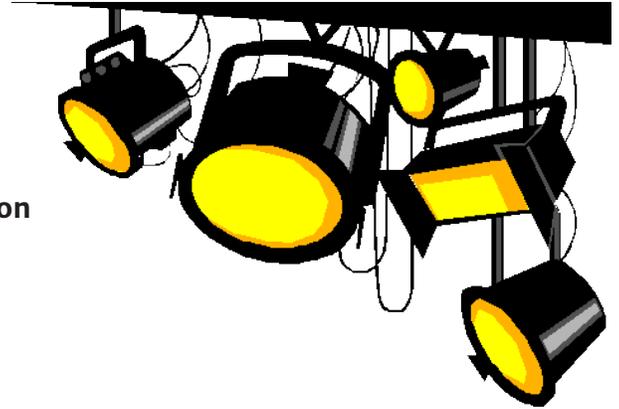
Tom Jensen

Secretary

Amy Terkel

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

New Members Spotlight



Joined This Fall

Jeff and Wendy Cason
2017 Flying Cloud 25'
Bedford, TX

Kevin and Amelia Hinson
2018 Classic 30'
Paradise, TX

Dennis and Jerri Howard
2021 Classic 30'
Southlake, TX

New Affiliate Members

Bruce and Cynthia Nutt
2018 Classic 30'
Hillsboro, TX

Guy Gamba and Lisa Brackett
2023 Globetrotter 30'
Trophy Club, TX

Felicia and Kevin Johnson
2018 Classic 30'
Eastland, TX

Tammi Terry and Janet Ply
2021 Classic 30'
Bentonville, AR

Jeff and Wendy Cason, BRN 10224

Wendy is a retired lifelong school teacher, and Jeff is a retired corporate businessman and recovering politician. Their pets are long gone, and their interests these days are traveling in their first Airstream, which they bought new back in 2017.

Until recently, they've only had it out a half dozen times or so, but it has seen NM, CA, AZ, CO, WY, NE, MO, OK and, of course, TX. Wendy is a world-class scrapbooker, and Jeff is a jack of all hobbies and master of none.

They look forward to being a part of the North Texas Airstream Club.



Dennis and Jerri Howard, BRN 05379

Hi y'all! We are Dennis and Jerri Howard. We've spent most of our lives in North Texas. Our love of travel came from the few years we spent outside of Texas in Southern California and Arizona.

Our traveling companions are our fur boys, Commander and Scout. Commander is a 9-year-old Basenji. Scout is an 8-year-old mix.

We have one son that is 37, and a 2-1/2-year-old grandson to whom we are known as Mema and Papa.

This is our second Airstream. Our first was a 2017 Flying Cloud 28' affectionately known as Amy. We explored much of Arizona and Colorado with

Amy. Our new Airstream is a 2021 Classic 30', and we're still deciding on a name for our girl. Currently we live in Southlake, moving back to North Texas from New Braunfels when we learned we would be grandparents. We were lucky enough to find a house with a garage perfect for an Airstream.

Dennis works for an equipment dealer and can work from home when he isn't traveling to their various locations throughout the country. He enjoys the outdoors, trying new foods, and has recently switched from hunting to photography. He also enjoys a good laugh.

I, Jerri, recently became a certified pilates instructor and

teach 2 nights a week in Keller. I enjoy being active on social media with multiple accounts, newly experimenting with an account that's about our travels. Like Dennis, I'm a bit of a foodie, and I love nature's wonders. One of my favorite things is a strongly-brewed cuppa English tea!



Kevin and Felicia Johnson, BRN 22229 (Affiliate Members)

We were married on 9/22/2022 of last year, and went on our honeymoon to Colorado with a borrowed Airstream Bambi. We fell in love with Airstream so much that we sold both of our fifth wheels and bought our first 1994 Classic Airstream. In August we decided to go bigger with our second Airstream, a 2018 Classic 30-foot. Our 1994 has now been completely renovated and is on the market. We have six children and seven grandchildren between the two of us. Our lives revolve around our two fur babies, an English Cocker named Benelli and an American Cocker named Duke. We like to hang out in our

Airstream among fellow Airstreamers and love to fly fish. We are also members of the

Texas Hill Country Unit and can't wait to be affiliated with the North Texas Airstream Club!



NAME THAT NEWSLETTER!

With its new look and new editors, The North Texas Airstream Club Newsletter needs a new name! With so many creative minds in this club, we thought we'd make it a contest and put your entries to a vote.

So, put on your creative caps and send us your ideas!

How to play:

Click on the link below and then scroll to find **Kim Majkowski's** post about the contest. Be sure to include your BRN.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428292991802506>

Deadline for submissions:

Tuesday, October 31st;

The winning entry (judged online) will be announced at November's Installation Rally.

The Prize:

A new car! (Just kidding - we don't know yet. We'll find something!)

A Message From Our Incoming President

I want you to know I am truly honored and excited to be the President of the North Texas Airstream Club. Even though I was the only one on the ballot, I do appreciate the votes from those of you that voted. I believe I'll be working with a creative and open-minded group of people, and hope that I can live up to the work that Presidents before me have done.

Many of the new executive council met on Zoom a couple of weeks ago and hammered out a rally schedule for 2024,

which is included in this newsletter. We wanted to do a few different things and tie our monthly rallies in with other clubs and with the Regional and National rallies. I welcome any suggestions if you think our schedule is in any way inconvenient or biased. Some things will be different because the International Rally is happening in October.

I hope to see a lot of you at The Range for the Installation Rally. If you do not have a spot there, don't worry - come for the day

on Saturday. Tom and I do not have a spot, and we are Harvest Hosting at the Galaxy Drive-In in Ennis on Saturday night. If we get back to the trailer by 8:00 we can take in a movie! Thanks so much for being a part of our club. We look forward to fun times and travels in 2024.



Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

In 1963 President John F. Kennedy used an Airstream as a mobile office during weapons testing at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Additional Airstreams were also used at the site as mobile health units.



Source: www.airstreamblog.com



Camping Favorite:

Ann Clark's Mexican Mix

1 lb. ground beef
1 can diced Mexican-style tomatoes
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 can Bush's chili beans
Garlic powder
Salt and Pepper
Shredded cheddar cheese
Chopped green onions
Tortilla chips

Brown ground beef; drain.
Mix in tomatoes, corn, chili beans, garlic powder, onion salt, and pepper.
Simmer 15 minutes.
Sprinkle with cheese and green onions. Serve with tortilla chips.

*Have a favorite camping recipe?
Share it with us! Send it to:
aec2you@gmail.com*



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 2024!

Maribeth Pappas, NTxAC Rally Committee Chair

BRN **16034**

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!

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.

NTxAC Rally Updates



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

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!

NTxAC Rally Updates

The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine/NTxAC Holiday Rally

Saturday, December 2, continued

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!



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.

airstream099leadership@gmail.com

NTxAC PROPOSED 2024 Rally Schedule

Final Rally Schedule will be in November's Newsletter

January 19-21, 2024

Reason for Freezin' Rally with HOTC, NTAC, Hillsboro, TX

Hosts are needed from NTAC

February 16-18, 2024

TBD

March 15-17, 2024

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dublin!

Moore RV Park or Sewell Creek State Park, Dublin, TX

<https://moorervpark.com/>

Hosts are needed

April 26-28, 2024

Pre-Caravan to Region 9 Rally, Coffee Creek RV Resort & Cabins, Santo, TX

<https://coffeecreek-rvresort.com/>

15 sites will be held until January 15

Caravan afterward to Region 9 Rally for those that want to go

Hosts: Bruce and Michelle Toney

May 1-5, 2024

Region 9 Rally, Bandera, TX

June 7-9, 2024

Summer by the Pools Rally, Dinosaur Valley RV Park, Glen Rose, TX

<https://www.dinosaurvalleyrvpark.com/rv-sites>

20 sites will be held until March 1

Hosts are needed

July 12-14, 2024 (tentative)

Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK

Hosts: Amy and Chris Hanus

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NTxAC PROPOSED 2024 Rally Schedule

August, 2024

No Rally: Surprise Gathering

Host: Allana Patterson

September 13-15, 2024

Wally's Workshop Maintenance Rally & Hawaiian Luau, NTAC, Hillsboro TX

Hosts: Anna and David Brandon/Steve and Georgina Woodward

September 20-22, 2024

Kickoff to Sedalia (International Rally), Caddo Lake, TX

Hosts are needed

October 5-12, 2024

Airstream Club International Rally, Sedalia, MO

November 8-10, 2024

Installation Rally, The Boulders at Lake Tyler, Tyler, TX

Hosts: Maribeth Pappas and Jill Fearing

December 6-8, 2024

NTxAC Holiday Rally, The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine, Grapevine, TX

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

Host and Co-Host Duties for Rallies

If you attend our rallies, we would like you to help host them. While hosting or co-hosting takes some effort, it's the best way to get to know members of the club. If you have never hosted or co-hosted, sign up with an experienced host. These duty suggestions are dependent on what type of rally you want to host, and not all of them are mandatory!

1. When the rally schedule for the next year is announced, sign up for a location that interests you and either recruit co-hosts or see who else signs up. Try to invite some new members to co-host with you.
2. Talk with the President-elect, **Allana Patterson**, (allanapat@msn.com) to see if she picked up info when she selected the site or if she had something specific in mind for that month. Get a copy of the confirmation, if possible.
3. Two months prior to the rally, call all agencies with whom reservations were made to assure all is still well. Stay in touch with them. RV parks change ownership and things get lost. Make sure you communicate how reservations are to be made and dates for cancellation credit. Get clear directions to the park and the phone number.
4. If possible, visit the location for amenities, area attractions, and area restaurants, etc. If you schedule a trip to a restaurant, ask members to contact you if they do not plan to attend that meal.
5. With co-hosts, select the rally theme. If there is not an obvious theme, check the internet, Chamber of Commerce, and travel guides for ideas.
6. Plan activities for the rally. If events or activities are limited in the area, schedule activities for members. Make tentative reservations as required. Leave time for members to do their own thing.
7. You may want to have a gimmick to get people out into the community. We've used "poker runs," scavenger hunts, and guided tours in the past, or think of something to keep people entertained at the RV park. This can take whatever form you want. In the past we've had crafts, played games (inside or out), shown home movies or slideshows of caravans, had talent programs, or just gossiped and entertained ourselves. Participation may involve an expense. Include the cost on the rally schedule.
8. Rallies formally start on Friday, but early arrivals come on Thursday. Most people just want to visit on Thursday evening after dinner.
9. With co-hosts, plan the menu. It's your decision what meals will be group meals and when people are on their own. Usually hosts plan suppers and breakfasts with lunches on their own. However, we have had brunches, lunches, heavy hors d'oeuvres, potlucks, potlucks with everyone bringing their own meat to grill and a side dish to share, potlucks with different parts of the alphabet assigned to food, and meals where everyone brought something for the communal pot. You may choose to have a meal catered or go to a restaurant. You may charge extra for special occasion meals. It's your rally, so you decide how much you do or do not want to do.

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Host and Co-Host Duties for Rallies

10. By the time of the rally prior to yours, provide the webmaster & newsletter editor with a flyer describing the rally. It should include: the name of the RV park, the address and phone number of the park, directions to the park, the theme of the rally, how much slots will cost, a schedule of activities, and a list of anything that will be needed. Set a date by which attendees must make reservations, your contact address, phone number, and email address.
11. Arrange to pick up needed items of club equipment from the President. You'll probably need signs, coffee pots, and utensils unless the keeper of the supplies is not attending the next rally.
12. Inventory the supplies and equipment with hosts of prior rally. Let the President know what supplies need to be replenished.
13. Tell people what to bring to meals, their own set ups, coffee cups, bowls, etc.
14. The coffee pot needs to be cleaned after every rally. Follow directions included with the coffee pot.
15. On the day before the rally or the first day of the rally, plan a gathering spot and put out any signs, if applicable.
16. Also, submit receipts and receive reimbursement from the treasurer if you have spent approved monies on food or supplies.
17. Assure the facility is clean and that all campers leave without any problems. Check with the park to see how the rally room should be arranged, if applicable.
18. The more you can do before you get to the rally site, the more you will enjoy the rally!

Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

October 2023 : Origins

History is an integral part of our club and is, to this day, very much celebrated by the ACI and its membership. This month's primer will introduce you to the place of its origin.

In July 2022, right after the 65th International Rally in Fryeburg, ME, Kim and I joined our first caravan. This one was sponsored by the Charter Oak (CT) Club in Region 1 (more about clubs and regions in a future article) and its destination was the Maritime provinces of Northeastern Canada: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. We were delighted to learn that the caravan would be passing near to the site of our club's founding in Kentville, NS, and that we would be able to make a side trip there on a free day.

The event is commemorated by a plaque. It reads, in part...

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB

FOUNDED 1955

The first meeting of the Wally Byam Caravan Club was held on this estate in the summer of 1955.

Members of the Airstream Company's 1955 "Eastern Canada Caravan" decided they would form a recreational vehicle club to continue the caravanning they so much enjoyed.

During their trip they formed a committee and by the time they reached Halifax had a new constitution and bylaws drafted. It was during their visit to Kentville that the new club held its first official meeting. They elected officers and adopted a new constitution and by laws (*sic*) on August 3, 1955. Dues were established at \$1.00 per year. The Wally Byam Caravan Club's first president was F.E. (Pop) Riley.

This historic marker dedicated on August 17, 2005

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Airstream, Inc.

Jackson Center, Ohio USA

I would encourage you all to visit the estate if you are ever nearby. It is a serene and pretty place. A nursing home now occupies the campground.

I believe everyone can build their enthusiasm for our club by learning more about its storied history. Three excellent resources are the search box on the ACI home page (I typed in "WBCCI history"), the HISTORY section of the *Blue Beret Blog*, and the *Historically Speaking* column in every issue of the [Blue Beret](#) magazine.

David Majkowski, Co-Editor

BRN 5594



Historical Marker on the site of the first WBCCI meeting in 1955, Kentville, Nova Scotia
Photo: David Majkowski

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 USA (*the Company*)

<https://www.airstream.com>

Live Riveted (*Airstream's blog*)

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

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

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