



North Texas Roundup

November 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

It seems I have more to say than I thought I would when sitting down to write this. I owe a lot of thanks to the people in this position before me: **Steve Woodward** and his first lady **Georgina**, **David Brandon** and his first lady **Anna**, **Jennifer Dice** and her first gentleman **Dan**. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I'll be using a mantra for each of my newsletter comments, and after the induction this weekend I'm using "Many Hands Make Light Work." I am so looking forward to working with the leadership group, with their expertise, enthusiasm, and wealth of ideas and knowledge. Thank you. By many hands, we need every one of you to not just join, but contribute to making this club the most exciting club. Our passion is our rigs and the experiences we can have "exploring the great wide world." How much more meaningful that is when we can share it with a sense of community and family. With that said, jump in and take the plunge.

A shout out goes to **Jack Clyne**, a fine example of my previous statements. Jack has taken a new job requiring him to move

to Seattle. This past weekend, he was the rally host with the most, and how lucky we were to have him host his last rally with us. What a great rally, Jack, and we are going to miss you very much. We wish you all the best.

Speaking of rally hosts, we need hosts for the June 7-9 rally at Dinosaur Valley in Glen Rose and the September 20-22 rally at Caddo Lake. Our Caddo Lake rally can stand on its own, or you can join those that are going to Sedalia from there for the road trip to the International Rally.

Among the topics discussed by the new NTxAC leadership team at the Installation Rally was how to attract more rally hosts and co-hosts. First and foremost, we want you to understand **there is no personal financial commitment required of hosts**. It's true we've had some generous individuals in the past who contributed their own money toward the cost of meals, prizes, or token gifts. While this is very much appreciated by attendees, it's not expected. Rallies can run the gamut from a shoestring budget, boondocking campouts, to more extravagant affairs at

resort-style RV parks, and everything in between. You can have just as much fun at any one of them. An exciting part of hosting is deciding which type showcases your personality and camping style and sharing that with others.

To help alleviate any apprehensions you may have about hosting, we've come up with several ways in which the club is eager to support you. If you've never hosted (or maybe never even attended a rally), you may want to test the waters by co-hosting. Or, you may want to ask the leadership to connect you with an experienced mentor to guide you (Airstreamers love sharing their experience!) If you want to plan something that would require a financial outlay, we can help with that too. For instance, for the next 6 months we'll be testing a program to allocate \$150 per rally from the club treasury to support any incidental expenses. We can also consider a rally fee or an optional excursion fee if you have something special in mind, or if there's a unique event or attraction around the date and location of your rally. Talk to us! We'd love to hear from you!

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President's Letter, cont.

Your executive council did meet at the Range after the installation ceremony and their decisions, projects, and goals will be presented at the December "Merry and Bright" holiday rally in Grapevine, December 1-3. More about that is in this newsletter.

I'm currently up to my Christmas Decorations in preparation for that rally and the family coming for Thanksgiving. A very happy holiday to you all.



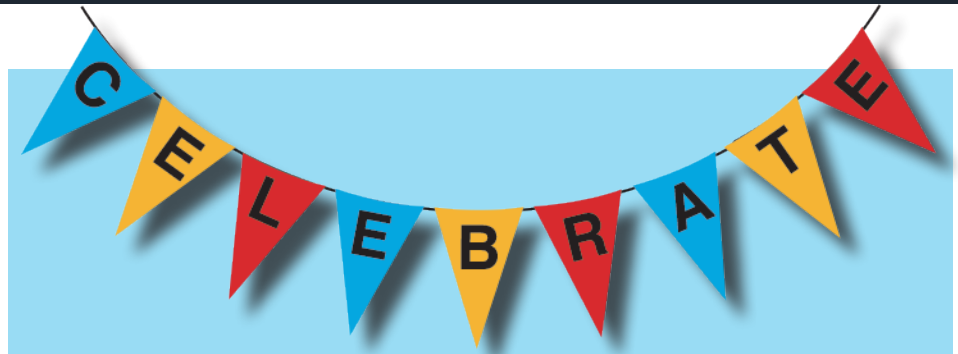
Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194

Editors' Corner

What a busy time for NTxAC! We've had two great rallies and one to go before the year's end. We hope you had - or will have - an opportunity to be a part of the fun.

I must extend congratulations to co-editor **David Majkowski** for winning the *Name That Newsletter!* contest. If you didn't notice it on the front page, scroll back and check out the new banner with "North Texas Roundup" added. We had a lot of great submissions. Thank you to those who participated. Way to go, David!

The "Merry and Bright" Rally in Grapevine is sold out, but there are many chances next year to attend a rally. Check out the 2024 rally schedule in this newsletter, and consider signing



November Birthdays

Dawn Rauch	11/03	Arnold Terkel	11/25
Frank Brown	11/08	Dawn Montaner	11/26
Patrick Gentry	11/20	Leslie Gentry	11/27
Carrie Terry	11/21		

November Anniversaries

Jeff and Wendy Cason 11/20

December Birthdays

Kathy Gustafson	12/08	Carol Lowther	12/20
Greg Walker	12/12	Cliff Millican	12/26
Allana Patterson	12/19	Kathi Mitchell	12/31

December Anniversaries

Lynn and Ann Clark 12/02

Cliff and Maxi Millican 12/16

Charles and Kathy Gustafson 12/27/59 - 64 years!!!!

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

up to host or co-host a rally still in need of hosts.

One more shout-out goes to **Millie O'Donnell** for presiding over the Induction Ceremony at the Installation Rally. It was so nice of her to give her time and talent during the ceremony as well as during the weekend. Thank you, Millie!

Happy Holidays to all of you from us and hope to see you down the road!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

In the late 1960s, fearing that astronauts might bring back an unknown pathogen from the surface of the moon, it was decided that they should be quarantined upon their return. In response, Airstream was selected to build a Mobile Quarantine Facility that would provide comfort and safety to the astronauts. Later on, in the 1980s, Airstream would once again find its place in space when a modified Airstream Excella Motorhome, nicknamed the Astrovan, was selected to transport Shuttle Era astronauts out to the launch pad.

Source: www.airstreamblog.com



New Members Spotlight

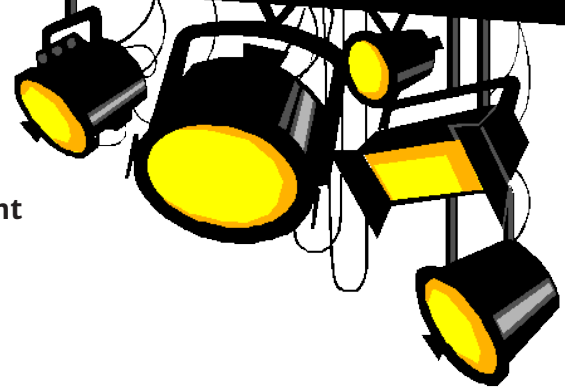
Joined This Fall

Lynn and Judy Smith
2015 Flying Cloud 25'
Wichita Falls, TX

John Marchbanks
2006 Safari 28'
Belton, TX

New Affiliate Members

Donald and Deborah Wright
2020 International 25'
Garland, TX



John Marchbanks, BRN 01754

I am John Marchbanks, and this is my first Airstream trailer. I am a retired Ear, Nose, and Throat physician. My hobbies are reading, watching TV, and collecting guns and

target shooting. I lost my best friend and wife 8 months ago after 51 years of marriage. I have two children, a son and a daughter, and four grandsons. I also have a 12-year-old Minia-

ture Schnauzer who is now my constant companion. I am looking forward to getting involved in Airstream activities.

Lynn and Judy Smith, BRN 05049

Lynn's occupation is as an Oil and Gas Producer. He has been in the business for approximately 40 years, and is semi-retired. He still loves going to the office and out into the field occasionally. Golf, gardening, and refinishing furniture are his spare time activities. He is also an avid Texas Rangers fan. Lynn has served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, the North Texas Oil & Gas Association, and the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union.

I, Judy, am a retired elementary teacher. I taught fourth and second grade. My spare time is spent quilting, oil painting, and keeping our two-year-old granddaughter every chance that I can. Recently I have discovered wool rug hooking.

At night I pull out my rug frame and work on a rug while I watch the Rangers. I am currently volunteering as an election clerk in the current election of Texas Amendments.

We will celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary this coming May. We have three grown children and have been blessed with three grandchildren, and another one due in February.

Our home would not be complete without our furry friends. Toby is a two-year-old English Bulldog. She loves to GO anywhere. The word GO sends her straight to the back door. We affectionately call her our Velcro dog - anywhere we are is where she wants to be.

Coco is a four-year-old brown Miniature Schnauzer. Sweet, patient, and obedient are defi-

nitely words that describe her. But I have to admit, only the word sweet describes Toby. Patient and obedient are not Bulldog attributes.

We have a 25-foot Flying Cloud Airstream. This is our first Airstream, and we are constantly discovering new features and

items. Several trips to Colorado to visit our oldest son, and one longer trip to Yellowstone National Park are the mere existence of our RV'ing. We would love to expand our wings, meeting new friends and traveling the USA. Happy Travels!



Lynn and Judy Smith with Toby and Coco

Your 2024 NTxAC Officers & Committee Chairs

President
Allana Patterson

1st Vice-President
Mike Hooker

Past President
Jennifer Dice

Treasurer
Edward Wilson

Interim Secretary
Jill Fearing

Newsletter
Ann Clark
David Majkowski

Webmaster
Dan Brockway

Membership
Tom Jensen

Social Media
Maribeth Pappas

Trustees
Lynn Clark
Ann Clark
Maxi Millican
Henry Wilkins



Front Row: **Tom Jensen, Allana Patterson, Jill Fearing;**
Back Row: **Ed Wilson, Maxi Millican, Mike Hooker, Debbie Hooker,**
Ann Clark, Lynn Clark, and Henry Wilkins



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 Rally Updates

December 1-3, 2023

The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine/NTxAC Holiday Rally

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 30 (for early arrivals)

5:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Grilling at the Pavilion weather permitted; if not, out for dinner.

Friday, December 1 *Italian Night*

2:00 Check-in. You must **pick up rally bag**, get your competition number, and sign up for competitions.

4:00 Set up for evening.

Drop off food items for GRACE Holiday Food Bank in designated containers. A list of needs can be found here: <https://www.gracegrapevine.org/current-needs/>

5:00 **Wine Tasting Contest**/Happy Hour

Bring your favorite bottle of wine, **in a sack to disguise it or with the label covered**.

Tabulation and prizes given for wine winners. BYOB other drinks and appetizers welcome.

6:00 Dinner: Italian-themed sauces, pastas, pizza, salads, breads. [Click here](#) to sign up for your contribution food.

Evening event: Pet Parade Costume Contest (any pet will do - even a spouse!) Pet costume judges will be those that do not enter. Ballots provided.

Fireside chat, crafts, and games

Saturday, December 2

8:30 Coffee in the Pavilion. Please potluck any breakfast items (or feel free to enjoy Main Street Bistro, Snooty Pig, or Old West Cafe.)

9:30 Monthly membership meeting - first meeting for the new leadership team at the Pavilion!

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!

11:00 If weather keeps us from hanging out (for those not out and about): walking, chatting, and lunch if you want at The Gaylord Texan to enjoy the holiday decorations.

4:30 Happy Hour (bring appetizers if you like) and **gift exchange**. Gift prices should be limited to \$0-\$25 and neutral-Airstream unique is always appropriate. The gifts will be randomly numbered as they are put on the table under the tree. "Santa" will call out a number and you will receive your gift! Once everyone has a gift, there will be an option for trading or stealing.

5:15 Catered catfish-fry dinner (chicken strips for those who don't eat fish) plus dessert, all by the lake at the Pavilion. **\$20 per person; pay on site**.

6:45 Head to Main Street Grapevine for the evening. Carpooling and drop-off vehicles will be available.

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NTxAC Rally Updates

Saturday, December 2, continued

Some things you can do Saturday night:

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, Derek's A Merry Little Christmas Show is one of the best holiday traditions in DFW. Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.grapevintexasusa.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)

You may have to pay for parking if you don't shuttle with one of our volunteer drivers.

<https://gograpevine.com/event/droneshow/>

Pictures with Santa (Open until 9:30 pm)

You must make reservations and choose a package online.

<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 and Happy Holidays!

January 19-21, 2024

The Reason for Freezin' Rally with HOTC

Our first rally is a buddy rally with HOTC at North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. Our two hosts are **Steve Woodward** (972-896-4592 or swood24078@aol.com) and **Maxi Millican** (817-988-1409 or maxitoo@swbell.net.)

Contact the hosts to reserve a site. The hosts will keep a list of people coming. When you arrive, the hosts will collect your payment (cash, check or credit card; credit cards will incur a service charge.) Guests will be assigned a space as they arrive. There are 24 full hookup sites on the terraport.

A more specific schedule will be available in the next newsletter. There will be contests, games, and lots of indoor fun while it's freezin' outside!

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

January 19-21, 2024

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

Hosts: Steve Woodward/Maxi Millican

February 16-18, 2024

No Rally

March 15-17, 2024

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dublin!

Moore RV Park, Dublin, TX

<https://moorervpark.com/>

Hosts: Henry and Carol Wilkins/Jared and Erica Rollins

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

https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally?fbclid=IwARoX86ttf_f-BlkkCKIsl-SoJj2bkMD5U7P8YltsdjQxvhcoDNTgnBN14-q4

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/August, 2024

No Rally: Surprise Gathering

Host: Allana Patterson

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

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: Jeff and Maribeth Pappas/Greg and Jill Fearing/Bret and Sam Bieghler

December 6-8, 2024

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

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

LBJ National Grasslands Rally



The weekend before Halloween, members of NTxAC joined Heart of Texas Camping (HOTC) for their traditional Halloween boondocking rally at LBJ National Grasslands in Decatur. Twenty-three rigs came this year, and in attendance from our club were **Jack Clyne**, **Dan and Pam Brockway**, **Channing and Phyllis Fell**, and **David and Kim Majkowski**.

This is a fun rally, even when the weather isn't cooperative—just ask outgoing HOTC President **Scott Graham**. We saw temperatures from the 40s to the 80s, sun to clouds to rain, and dry(ish) ground to pretty darn mucky. There was an entertaining slate of events along with a healthy dose of good food and conversation. Most impressive (to me) was the group who kept the campfire burning right through the weekend despite some adverse conditions (hat tip to HOTC's **John Coppedge** for spurring things on with his propane flamethrower!)

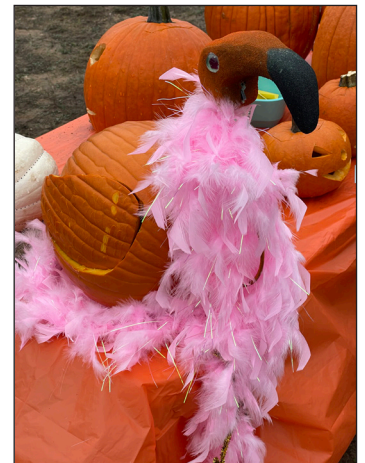
-David Majkowski



***Dan Brockway and John Coppedge**
(HOTC) keeping the grill smokin'*



***Nina Estabrook** of NJ was awarded
Best Pumpkin*



*2nd place pumpkin courtesy
of **Susan Coppedge** (HOTC)*



LBJ National Grasslands Rally



Pam and Dan Brockway
(Ken & Barbie) win Best Costume



Kim and David Majkowski
take 2nd for Laurel & Hardy



Spencer and Nina Estabrook
in amazing costumes!



Pam and Dan Brockway (Ken & Barbie) also won for Best Trailer Exterior



Above: **Pam** conducted a class in "finger crochet";
Right: **Nicole Scott and Spenser Estabrook** show off their craft.



LBJ National Grasslands Rally



I give this campfire my "postman" award:
Neither rain, nor snow, nor dark of night ...



Richard Knutson and Kent Hanson



I wonder what the GVWR is on Susan
Coppedge's 2nd place broomstick?



Dan recreates the classic Wally Byam image with
some clever background editing.



The Brockways swept the awards, winning
Best-Dressed Trailer, Best Costume (National
Park Barbie & Ken), and Best Pet Costume.

Thank you to Dan Brockway, Scott Graham, David Majkowski, and Jack Clyne who submitted photos.

Installation Rally at The Range

This club knows how to party! The Installation Rally was a huge success, with many thanks to our host, **Jack Clyne**. The weather was Texas Fall perfect. Wagyu burgers on Friday night, a hearty Saturday breakfast of Dutch Oven delights, Saturday night pizza and Happy Hours beginning at breakfast! We also had to bid an emotional goodbye to our **Jack Clyne**, but he's promised to stay in touch. Thanks to all who helped make this weekend memorable, and thanks to **Edward Wilson, Maribeth Pappas, Millie O'Donnell, Jen Dice, Tammy VanBuskirk, and Ann Clark** for these photos.



Happy Hour under the Magical Tree



Keep Your Daydream's Marc and Tricia and Jill and Greg Fearing



Karen and Greg King

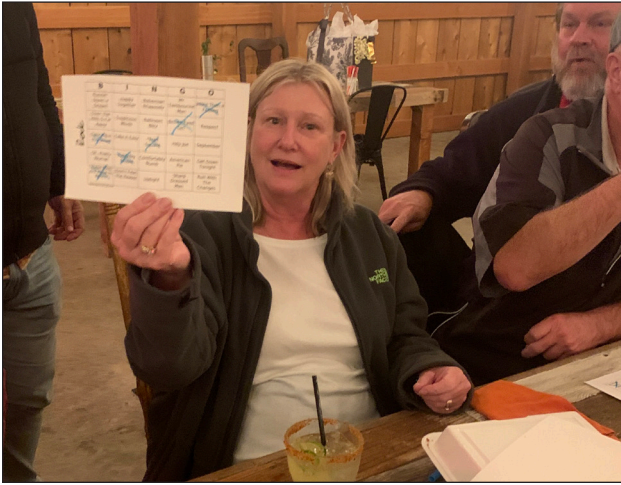


Anna Brandon and Maxi Millican



Leigh Brown, Tammy VanBuskirk, Samantha Bieghler, and Maribeth Pappas

Installation Rally at The Range



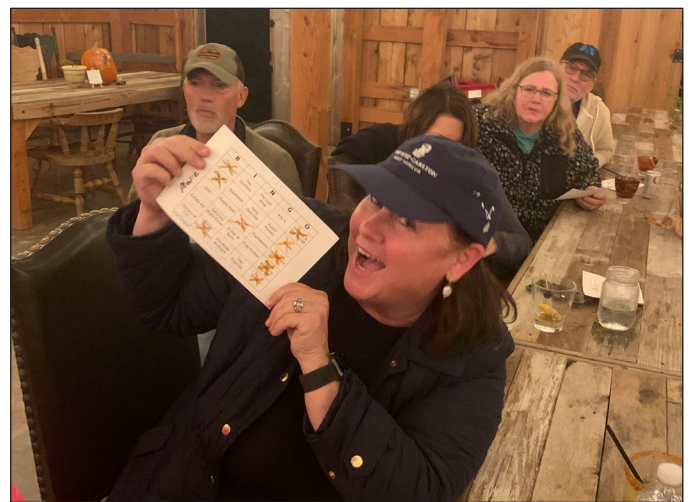
Music BINGO!!!!



Keep Your Daydream's Tricia was a Bingo winner!



David and Anna Brandon



Maribeth Pappas for the win in Music Bingo!



Our gracious host Sarah



Dan Dice opts for a selfie!

Installation Rally at The Range



Members gather around the firepit Saturday morning for the Dutch Oven Cookoff.



Dan Dice stokes the fire.



Bret Bieghler



Jen Dice treated us to homemade sourdough bread.



Allana Patterson and Georgina Woodward

Installation Rally at The Range



Saturday's Dutch Oven breakfast.



Maxi Millican swears in the officers.



Jeff Pappas has the right idea!



International Vice-President Millie O'Donnell swears in Allana Patterson as husband Tom Jensen looks on.



One of Jack Clyne's hidden ducks waiting to be found.

Installation Rally at The Range



Sirius, the Range's mascot, enjoyed our company.



Texas Hold 'Em!



While the men strategize...



Hosting a rally is exhausting. Jack Clyne



...Millie O'Donnell dominates - and wins - the game!

Installation Rally at The Range



*Mike VanBuskirk, Jeff Pappas, Bret Bieghler,
Cathy Coker, Leigh Brown, and
Tammy VanBuskirk*



Late night campfire



Ladies and Gentlemen: Your fabulous November Installation Rally Gang!

NTxAC Members' Fall Adventures

Anna Brandon's WE LOST THE LOTTERY BUT WON THE JACKPOT!

Although about five rigs from NTAC were selected for the Balloon Fiesta Airstream Rally lottery, the **Brandons** and the **Wrights** were not among them. So, at the ninth hour when there was no hope for us on the wait list, we reserved spots on a mesa just north of the field in a private industrial section that **Dan Dice** found last year. We knew it would be a little longer walk (from our trailers, it was .75 mile to the middle of the balloon field and 1.5 miles to where the Airstream trailers park), but we figured it would just give us a good workout every day. Parking on Friday was a breeze in this open lot and, as long as we stayed in our marked site, we could pull in from either direction. Parking in a Jack and Jill fashion, with both our awnings out, gave us a lovely shady patio area for hanging out between balloon events (and gave us a bird's eye



view of the fireworks at night!) Just like the rally parking, this is full-out boondocking; one important difference, though, is that rally attendees have the option to pay for a pump-out or water refill in case they need it. Without that in our back pocket, we had to make sure we were really efficient with our water and waste tanks Friday through Monday.

The weather was stunning and the balloons flew every morning of our long weekend there. We had arranged ahead of time to be crew for one of the balloons, the Déjà Blu, owned by veteran balloonists Gary and Cindy. Crewing a balloon gives you the participant/observer role in a whole new world of sport, and it was fairly easy to learn their routine setting up and folding up at the end. The hardest part of the job is actually keeping

the crowd off the balloon when it's on the ground and out of the way when you're preparing for take-off. I guess there is one other hard part: getting up at 5:00 AM so you can be down on the field before 6:30!

I must confess that I did have an ulterior motive for offering free labor: I wanted a free ride! Sure enough, Sunday morning Cindy took me aside and said that one of us could go up with Gary and she didn't want to be the one to choose the rider. It was easy—David, Mark, and Michelle had already said they weren't good candidates for going up, so it got to be me.

Wow! The minutes spent up in the sky give you a whole different perspective than looking out of an airplane window. As the balloon goes up, the landscape below you gradually gets smaller and smaller, but

NTxAC Members' Fall Adventures

Anna Brandon's WE LOST THE LOTTERY BUT WON THE JACKPOT! *continued*

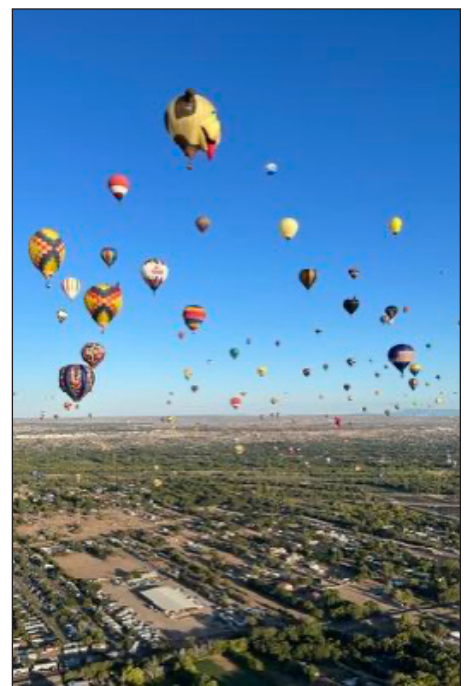
never disappears. The air gradually gets cooler, the sun seems closer, and most sounds just fade away. As we started to descend, I looked at Gary and said, "We have to land already?" He laughed and pointed in the direction the wind was blowing and asked, "Would you like to set down in this nice open flat gravel area or do you want to take a chance on getting hung up over there in one of those fenced yards?" One of the life lessons of a balloonist: Stay in the present but think about the future.

Cindy, David, Mark, and Michelle were in a truck "chasing" us, but it took them a bit to get to us because of traffic. A father and his six children were all helping balloonists land and stay put until their chase vehicles arrived, so we had a little company to keep us amused. When the truck reached the lot, it took all of us to get Déjà Blu folded up and back in her bag, but even that was fun. We had to head back to the balloon field for Gary to refill the propane tanks, but then we were done for the day. Before we left though, we were treated to the fabled history of balloon flight followed by the Balloonist's Prayer and our "christening" as balloonists. We can't go next year due to the conflict with the International Rally in Sedalia, but we are already making

plans for 2025. Let us know if you want to join us!



*May the winds welcome you with softness.
May the sun bless you with its warm hands.
May you fly so high and so well that God
Joins you in laughter and sets you gently
Back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.*



Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

November 2023 : Where on Earth is Region 9?

ACI¹ is a large, international organization with over 18,000 members. Each year we have an annual International Rally, plus a number of National Rallies and Caravans throughout the year, all of which are supported at the national level. In addition, there are many more regional and local events. These are supported and organized, as you may rightly guess, at regional and local levels. So what exactly does that mean? I'm glad you asked.

Our club's main headquarters is located in Jackson Center, OH, just down the road from the Airstream company's HQ and factory (*Useful Links and Contacts* in every issue of this newsletter gives the addresses for both; visitors encouraged). National events are coordinated out of this office. But the larger part of our club is geographically subdivided in a multi-level fashion so we can get together more often in progressively smaller groups at more convenient localities closer to home—wherever that is. That's where regions and clubs come in.

There are 12 regions within the ACI², cleverly numbered 1–12. Look toward the back of your *Blue Beret* magazine on the first page of the section headed *Event Schedule*. There you will find an excellent, color-coded map defining the boundaries of each of them. The numbers progress from Region 1, covering the northeastern corners of the U.S. and Canada, from north to south and east to west, all the way to Region 12, consisting of Nevada and California. We are in Region 9, which includes all of Oklahoma and Texas, except for the few square miles of Texas around El Paso that are in the Mountain time zone (that bit is in Region 11). The ACI website has a *Region Directory* where you can explore more:

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/regions>.

Closer to home, each region is further made up of *clubs*, originally known as *units*. Some organizations might term their local bodies *chapters*; it's essentially the same thing. Clubs are identified by both a name and a number. Our club name is North Texas Airstream Club, and its number is 099. I suppose you could just say 99, but club numbers are traditionally typed using three digits, as in the *Welcome New Members* feature of the *Blue Beret*. I don't know what the highest assigned club number is, but the numbering scheme can accommodate up to 999. The ACI website also has a Club Directory:

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/club-and-intraclub-directory>.

I have a bit more to say on this topic, but I try to keep these articles short enough to be consumed along with a cup of coffee. Since I wouldn't want any of you setting this aside to fetch another cup, I'll finish up next month.

¹If you're unfamiliar with this acronym, please see my September newsletter article entitled, *The ABCs of WBCCI*.

²If you click on the *Region Directory* link provided you will see a 13th, *Region 0*. I can only speculate about this one. When you join ACI, you have the option not to align yourself with any local club. Such members are called *Members At Large*, which, incidentally, has its own "club" number 000. My guess is that *Region 0* is for these folks.

NTxAC November Business Meeting Minutes

Rally Host Report

Jack Clyne reviewed the plan for today, games this afternoon in the barn, Viking bowling, and other sports. Dinner tonight at the barn is at 7:00, followed by S'mores outside. Still have some ducks around the park to be found.

Treasurer's Report

No report this month because we are having the account audited by an external CPA and the December meeting will have a full report.

Constitution & Bylaws

Jennifer thanked everyone who gave input and voted on the Constitution & Bylaws. The next step is for them to be accepted by ACI.

Newsletter Winner

David Majkowski's suggested new name won the survey: The North Texas Roundup. The prize that was ordered for his prize was shipped wrong, so this has been reordered.

Membership Chair

We have about six new members from the last month, which has been fairly standard for each month. December Rally is now sold out so if anyone needs to cancel, please let Tom know so he can call those on the waitlist. Tom also requests that the club order new name tags for all of the new officers.

Social Media

Maribeth Pappas thanks everyone for the great attendance at all of our rallies this year, and those who hosted, including this weekend's host Jack Clyne. She asks what members would like to see when they use social media that is NTxAC or Airstream-related topics. We have a wealth of knowledge in our club that could be shared with others. Examples for Facebook that she has in mind are permanent threads such as awesome camping spots, Airstream mechanics, best Airstream-related products, and repair questions. We could also create temporary threads for time-limited topics like great Black Friday buys.

Next Year's Rallies

Next year's events are all planned out:

January: Reason for Freezin' at NTAC will be hosted by Steve Woodward and Maxi Millican. The food contest this year will be pies, any type of pie. She has been unsuccessful finding a nice place with an indoor rally room for the month of February so there will not be a local club rally that month.

March: We will be in Dublin on St Patrick's Day weekend at Moore's RV Park. On Saturday, Dublin has a parade and many St. Patrick's Day related activities.

April: We will meet the 27-29th at Coffee Creek RV Park, where there is an indoor rally room we can use for free, hosted by Bruce and Michelle Toney. All quilters are invited to bring a quilt for a quilt show, and then Sunday the Brandon's will lead a caravan to Bandera through Fredericksburg for the Region 9 Rally.

May: Our May rally will be the Region 9 rally May 1-5 in Bandera.

June: We need a host for the rally, but we are reserved at the Dinosaur Valley RV Park in Glen Rose, a lovely welcoming park with a nice rally room and two swimming pools. Because it will be warm this

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time of year, this event will be themed as a family pool party. Allana requests someone to step up to host. No rally in July.

August: There will be a planned gathering, but it will not be a camp-out.

September: We will have two rallies. The first is a repeat of Wally's Workshop September 13-15th accompanied by a Luau; this rally is hosted by the Brandons and the Woodwards. The next week we will begin a road trip to Sedalia at Caddo Lake State Park September 21st through 23rd.

October: ACI Rally in Sedalia October 4-11th.

November: Our Installation Rally will be at the Boulders in Tyler November 15-17th, hosted by Maribeth Pappas.

December: The Holiday Rally will be again at the Vineyards December 6-8th hosted by Tom and Allana Patterson. Maribeth brought up that we will be creating an Event page on Facebook that will have all of these rally dates easy to find. The schedule will also go out to everyone via email for any who do not use Facebook. These emails all come from airstream99@gmail.com.

Useful Links and Contacts

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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*)

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

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