



North Texas Roundup

December 2023

President's Letter

What a wonderful rally we had in Grapevine! The weather cooperated and all went smoothly. It took me a couple of days to recuperate. I can't thank the attendees enough for all of their help and the food contributions. We took over 10 sacks/boxes of food/supplies to the Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (GRACE). I want to especially thank **Bret** and **Sam Bieghler** for the pizza preparation. We all made fabulous pizzas to our liking. A big shout-out goes to **Mike** and **Debbie Hooker** for their contributions and for arranging the Catfish fry on Saturday. The rally was a true testament to the phrase, "Many hands make light work."

This month's mantra: "Good things come from change, embrace the unknown." Your officers are busy working on changing some of our operational methods by updating our banking and finances for 2024, looking at using forms for registering for rallies, and establishing an easier way to host rallies. We want to bring us into the 21st century where it will be easier for the membership to use electronic payment methods, obtain electronic reimbursements for

moneys spent, reserve sites at rallies with greater ease, and be able to purchase swag online. **Ed Wilson** is doing a fantastic job of sorting everything out with finances, and we hope to report on it at the January rally. Believe me, we are embracing the unknown as we navigate this leadership journey. We are grateful for your support.

I know that everyone, including me, is busy with holiday preparations, family gatherings, and all the stress that comes with this season, along with the crazy situations all over the world. With all that said, I wish you all the most peaceful and joyous holiday season. Many of

us celebrate different days, in different ways, and in different places...but we all embrace love of family and love of the life we have as Americans, seeking our Airstream adventures.

Our next adventure is in Hillsboro, Texas at the North Texas Airstream Community, January 19-21. Details are in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.



Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194



December Rally Hosts Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

Editors' Corner

Happy Holidays! Although some think of that greeting as missing the meaning of Christmas, it's actually a way of including ALL OF US. Some Airstreamers celebrate Hanukkah, Festivus, or Kwanzaa this month, so we want to recognize ALL in our great community of Airstream friends!

Although many of us are busy at home preparing for our celebrations, others are heading out for adventures or to be with family elsewhere. Co-editor **David Majkowski** and his wife, **Kim**, are among those. Safe travels, David, and to all of you on the road this month.

After you've completed those travels, please consider sharing them with us. We get many compliments on our stories of members' travels to places that inspire us to get out a map and make new plans. Your stories and photos inspire travel ideas! Send them to us at this email: aec2you@gmail.com (Ann's email) and I'll get your story in an upcoming newsletter.

Meanwhile, Happy Holidays to ALL OF YOU, our wonderful NTxAC friends. See you down the road - next year!



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BRN 12279



David
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December Birthdays

Jack Clyne	12/07	Angie Kazura	12/17
Kathy Gustafson	12/08	Allana Patterson	12/19
Kenzie Cross	12/09	Carol Lowther	12/20
Greg Walker	12/12	Cliff Millican	12/26
Ruth Haefner	12/15	Kathi Mitchell	12/31

December Anniversaries

Lynn and Ann Clark	12/02
Rick and Tracy Elkins	12/8
Cliff and Maxi Millican	12/16
Charles and Kathy Gustafson	12/27/59 - 64 years!!!!

January Birthdays

Jennifer Dice	1/15	Carol Wilkins	1/22
Anna Brandon	1/17	Michael Cross	1/26
Phyllis Fell	1/17		

January Anniversaries

Scott and Connie Oberle	1/6
David and Anna Brandon	1/16

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



New Members Spotlight

Michael and Jessica MacLean

2006 International CCD 28'
Highland Village, TX

Neil Yant

2016 Flying Cloud 30'
Odessa, TX

William and Patricia Rector

2017 Flying Cloud 27'
Fort Worth, TX

Stacy Daniel

2021 Globetrotter 25'
Dallas, TX

Tim and Johanna Love

2018 Classic FB 33'
Burleson, TX

New Affiliate Members

Michael and Camie Cross

2024 Flying Cloud 25'
Lorena, TX

Chris and Ruth Haefner

2023 Globetrotter 25'
Harker Heights, TX

Scott and Connie Oberle

2023 International 27'
Sherman, TX

Tom and Sandra Hargrove

2022 Flying Cloud 25'
Tyler, TX

Malinda Buratti and Cynthia Karkoska

2021 Globetrotter 27'
Round Rock, TX

Neil Yant, BRN 04488

Hi, I'm Neil Yant. Although I'm not new to the Airstream community I've transferred my home membership from the Texas Plains club to the NTxAC. I have been an Airstream owner since the 1970s and am a Life member of the Airstream Club. I'm currently traveling with my fifth Airstream.

My hobbies are designing items for Airstreams as well as doing mechanical repairs in my shop. I enjoy Region, club, and International Rallies, and hope many club members will attend the Sedalia Rally this year. I spent 36 years in Missouri and hope all of you will enjoy their friendly hospitality.



Tim and Johanna Love, BRN 08541

Greetings!

We are Tim and Johanna (Jo) Love. This is our first Airstream and we are thrilled to join this community. Previously, we traveled in a Grand Design Momentum Toy Hauler, but found it a bit too imposing. We decided to downsize and instantly connected with the charm of the Airstreams!

Tim, a Marine, and the owner of a scissor lift service and repair business, also works as a registered RV tech. Feel free to give him a call! Meanwhile, Jo serves as a supply chain manager for an aerospace hardware distributor.

Our passion for RV travel provides a welcome escape from our hectic schedules. While we dream of exploring all 50 states in the RV, our work commitments limit our trips to shorter distances, mainly within Texas

and the surrounding states.

We have four grown kids, seven grands, and a Chiweenie named Chloe. Occasionally, the grands join us on adventures with Paw-Paw and Mamie, and we never leave home without Chloe.

Anticipating exciting journeys ahead in “The Love Stream,” we are eager to forge some new connections and create lasting memories with fellow streamers.



Chris and Ruth Haefner, BRN 01667 (Affiliate Members)

Hello, Airstream Group! My name is Chris Haefner and my wife, Ruth, and I are proud owners of a 2023 25-foot FBT Globetrotter. This is our first Airstream, purchased this past February 2023. Already, we have put over 10k miles on it with more to come. We love traveling with our 2 1/2-year-old, 60-pound Australian Shepherd named Hawkeye. He loves the outdoors as much as we do.

Several of our hobbies include hiking, biking, kayaking, boating, and just about any outdoor activity. I enjoy golf and fly-fishing as well. We have two wonderful adult children, Drew and Lauren, and one grandson,

Westin, born this year in July. We are both retired and want to travel and see this great country of ours.

Several caravans and rallies are

in the plans for 2024. We look forward to meeting everyone. Come by and say "Hi"! Cheers!



Michael and Camie Cross, BRN **02955** (*Affiliate Members*)

Hello, fellow Airstream enthusiasts! We are the Cross family: Michael, Camie, our delightful daughter, Kenzie, and our loyal Australian Shepherd, Logan.

Our journey to Texas began in 2017, with our roots firmly planted in Illinois. I, Michael, have a passion for coaching and endurance sports, specializing in long-distance triathlons with NVDM Coaching in Austin. This love for endurance dovetails perfectly with our family's love for the great outdoors. Before embracing the world of triathlon coaching, I was immersed in the dynamic world of college football coaching, an adventure that led us to the Lone Star State.

Camie, the entrepreneurial spirit in our family, is a dedi-

cated real estate agent based in Waco. She's the proud owner of Logan Capital Real Estate, a company named affectionately after our Australian Shepherd, who's not just a pet, but a core member of our family. Logan's presence was a big inspiration behind our decision to join the Airstream community, ensuring she's part of our adventures.

Our shared passion for travel and exploring the outdoors has been a cornerstone of our family life. Camie's childhood was filled with boating and camping adventures, while I enjoyed traversing the country. We aim to instill this love for exploration in Kenzie, hoping to expose her to new places and the wonderful people we meet along the way. We've recently embarked on a

new journey with our first Airstream - a 2024 25-foot Flying Cloud with a rear hatch and twin beds with a bunk. It's an exciting addition to our family, symbolizing our commitment to adventure, exploration, and community. We joined the North Texas Airstream Club in hopes of creating shared experiences and forging new friendships.

We're excited to be part of this community and look forward to the incredible experiences and connections it will bring.

See you on the road!

Warm regards,
The Cross Family



Malinda Buratti and Cynthia Karkoska BRN 08025 (Affiliate Members)

We have been Airstreaming since early 2020. Prior to that we had a small Escape fiberglass trailer we used to explore Central Texas. We love to travel not only in Moxie, our 2021 Globetrotter, but anywhere we've not been before and a few of our favorite places like St. John, USVI. We also rediscovered cruising this past year with Virgin Voyages.

We have three dogs, two elderly Goldendoodles and one mutt adopted from Mexico (Tino), long story.

We both love to cook. Cynthia used to own a restaurant (and a transportation company that was sold right before Covid - whew, great timing on that.) We are foodies and love craft cocktails.

Malinda is from Austin and Cynthia is from Taylor. We love meeting people and have the best time getting to know fellow Airstreamers. These are photos from this year's Alumalina Rally and our decorated rig.



Scott and Connie Oberle, BRN 22107 (*Affiliate Members*)

Connie and I have been tent campers since the 80s, but we are new to Airstream camping. We have both recently retired from demanding careers, so we are now delighted to take the

roads less traveled and to stay out of the fast lane. Our big trip this year was 25 days on the road, spending time at Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce Canyon National Parks. We look

forward to many adventures in the coming years and we are excited to be a part of the North Texas Airstream Club.





NTxAC Rally Updates

January 19–21, 2024

The Reason for Freezin' Rally with HOTC (Heart of Texas Club)

North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro, TX

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. Rally rate is \$30 per night and includes full hookups. Cash, credit card (with a service fee), or a check made out to NTAC. Give payment to Michelle Wright upon arrival.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 18 (*for early arrivals*)

5:30 Come meet in the Rally Room for heavy hors d'oeuvres/potluck, socializing and games. Please bring your own beverage and set-ups.

Friday, January 19

5:30 Come meet in the Rally Room for heavy hors d'oeuvres/potluck, socializing and games. Please bring your own beverage and set-ups.

Saturday, January 20

8:00 Breakfast: pancakes, casseroles, oatmeal, sausage, fruit, and coffee.

9:30 Pie Workshop: bring ingredients, bowl, pastry blender, pie plate, and rolling pin.

TBD Texas Heritage Museum Tour – Hill College

TBD Texas Ranger Museum Tour – Waco

3:00 NTAC Open House Tour: tour a house, a villa, and a shop

4:00 Happy Hour and Bean Bag Baseball

5:30 Pie Extravaganza and Potluck Supper. Bring your own beverage and set-ups. Prizes awarded: Best Savory Pie and Best Sweet Pie. Sign up with Reservation Hosts if you want to compete! Those not competing, please bring salads or a side to share.

7:00 Games

Sunday, January 21

7:30 El Sobrante (Leftovers!) Breakfast in the Rally Room

9:00 Devotional; Departure at your leisure or stay another night



Alma Joyce's Pie Crust

1 egg and 3 T. water, beaten together

1 T. vinegar

3 cups flour

1 1/4 cups Crisco

Pinch salt

For sweet pies add 2 T. sugar and vanilla flavoring



NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

Making Reservations for Upcoming Rallies:

The reason for calling for reservations is to let them know you're with NTxAC.

Online reservations do not have the ability to put you with a group.

January 19-21, 2024

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

Hosts: Steve Woodward/Maxi Millican. Call or email either and pay onsite.

Steve: (972-896-4592) or swood24078@aol.com; Maxi: (817-988-1409) or maxitoo@swbell.net.

February 16-18, 2024

No Rally

March 15-17, 2024

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dublin!

Moore RV Park, Dublin, TX

Call Sharon at Moore RV Park (254-979-3967).

They are undergoing a transition to KOA, so online reservations are not available.

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/> (940-769-2277) or email: coffeecreekrvresort@yahoo.com

One night's deposit required upon reservations. Fifteen 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

Reserve online at Region 9 website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally>

June 7-9, 2024

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

<https://www.dinosaurvalleyrvpark.com/> 888-996-3466 Twenty site held until March 1.

We're hoping that this can be a family weekend by the pools, and hiking in the state park.

Hosts are needed



NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

July/August, 2024

No Rally: Surprise Gathering

Host: Allana Patterson

September 13-15, 2024

NTAC Region 9 Maintenance Rally, NTAC, Hillsboro TX

Get maintenance on your Airstream before heading to Sedalia! Workshop for new owners, washing, cleaning, and maintenance on your rig. Signups will begin soon.

Hosts: Anna and David Brandon/Steve and Georgina Woodward

September 20-22, 2024

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

Pre-rally caravan to Sedalia.

Reservations will be made by the club in January. You will sign up and pay *t*he club.

Hosts are needed

October 5-9, 2024

International Rally in Sedalia, MO.

Sign up at <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

November 15-17, 2024

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

<https://www.boulderslaketyler.com/>

The contract for this rally is still in the works.

We need a big group in order to reduce costs, so put this on your calendar!

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

Reservations can be made now for the Vineyards. Spots will be held until October 1.

Call so you can be identified with the NTxAC Rally. (888-329-8993)

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson



Merry and Bright Christmas Rally

Well, they've done it again: **Tom Jensen** and **Allana Patterson**, with help from **Mike** and **Debbie Hooker** rolled up their sleeves and gave the club a fabulous weekend! The weekend began with Italian Night Potluck - a carb lover's dream with pasta, lasagna and a crowd-favorite make-your-own pizza bar courtesy of **Bret** and **Sam Bieghler**. The Pet Parade followed, and how can you have a loser in a dog contest? They were ALL winners! Saturday was filled with a meeting, fellowship, a White Elephant gift exchange, and a catfish fry for dinner. It was great to see so many new members attending! Thanks to **Ann Clark**, **Lynn Clark**, **Amy Hanus**, **Angie Kazura**, **Rick McIntire**, **Edward Wilson**, **Maribeth Pappas**, and anyone else I missed for these photos.



Jen Dice tosses like a pro!



Amy Hanus shows off her creation



Doug Robbins creates his masterpiece



Cindy and Kevin Curtis, Tammy VanBuskirk, and Tiffany and Edward Wilson



*Your humble newsletter editors
Ann Clark and David Majkowski*

Merry and Bright Christmas Rally



Italian Night buffet line – deeeelish!



Edward Wilson and Jeff Pappas battle for pizza supremacy



Steve Woodward enjoys pizza with his Christmas angels



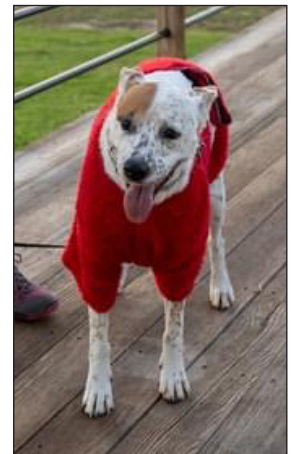
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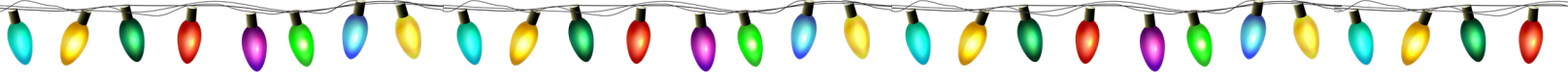
Willie Nelson is in the house!



Mitch and Peggy Ott and Richard and Angie Kazura



Precious Maggie



Merry and Bright Christmas Rally



*Barbie meets a flamingo:
Jeff Pappas and Ash Robbins*



*Allana Patterson hands out the
prizes for the pet parade winners*



*Erica Rollins, Lynda Davis,
and Ash Robbins*



Ruth and Chris Haefner



Bret Bieghler enjoying the weekend!



Prescott Pappas, Airstream Patrol



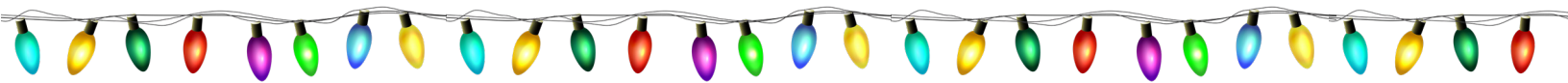
Chris Hanus at the gift exchange



*The weekend summed up in
Rick McIntire's photo*



Dennis and Jerri Howard



Merry and Bright Christmas Rally



Game night! Edward Wilson, Tammy and Mike VanBuskirk, Bret Bieghler, Jessica MacLean, Maribeth Pappas, Tiffany Wilson, Doug Robbins, Sam Bieghler, and Jeff Pappas



Hostesses Extraordinaire:
Allana Patterson and Debbie Hooker



The Gang's all here; well, we miss you, Jack Clyne. NTxAC rules! Happy Holidays!



Editor David's **Airstream Club Primer**

November 2023 : Where on Earth is Region 9? (redux)

Grab another cup of coffee while I finish up this topic. Last month I introduced the geographical and hierarchical organization of the Airstream club: International > Regional > Local. But there's more to it than that. There are two more concepts to cover: International and Intra-Club.

I'm going to start with Intra-Club because it's more straightforward. Here's what the website has to say about Intra-Clubs on the [Heritage](#) page directed at future members:

By the early 1960s, club members with special interests began forming theme-specific sub-clubs within WBCCI. We now call these Intra-Clubs. The first Intra-Clubs allowed members to share their interests in square dancing, amateur radios, and CB radios. Eventually, Intra-Clubs were formed with a variety of other focuses, ranging from single Airstreamers, "Teen-Streamers", [sic] and "Full Timers" to Gems & Minerals, Personal Computers, Geneology, [sic] and Vintage Airstreams. Several Intra-Clubs remain active today.

Intra-Clubs span our geographical hierarchy as they are organized around themes rather than localities. Anyone can join regardless of their region. Of course, Intra-Clubs have their own section on the ACI website, so that's a good place to learn more about the currently active ones: <https://airstreamclub.org/explore/intra-clubs>.

Now for the part that's less well-defined: the "I" in both **ACI** and WBCCI - which stands for International. The most obvious international component is our friends up in Canada. Their local units are distributed by province across Regions 1, 2, 7 & 10. There are more mysterious bits, though. If you look at the color-coded region map in the *Blue Beret*, which I mentioned last month, you'll see that Mexico is shaded in the same color as Region 11, yet there are no local clubs listed. Do we have designs on southerly expansion? Maybe a good question for Region 11 or International Leadership. And then there's Europe. As late as April, 2022, the *Blue Beret* published a link for airstreamclub.org/europe. If you navigate there now, you'll get an "access denied" message. Where did they go? Maybe the [Find a Club](#) page implies the answer. There is a selector for North America or Europe. If you click Europe, it comes up as 0 clubs. And yet there is still an International Relations Committee whose chairman has European connections. I think the answer can be found here: <https://www.airstreamclubeurope.org/about-us-en>. I'll leave it to you to enlighten yourselves.

David Majkowski, Co-Editor
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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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