



North Texas Roundup

January 2024

"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

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work. I want to thank the leadership team of NTxAC for all of their individual commitments. In the last month Treasurer **Ed Wilson** has updated our bank account, ordered a debit card for the club, and will be setting up Zelle so that payments and reimbursements can be made electronically. VP **Mike Hooker** has set up an assistance program that I will send out to the membership on Google Docs next week to help newbies to the Airstream gain expertise and assistance from our experienced Airstreamers. Although we had a few glitches that will be corrected in this newsletter, **Anna Brandon**, 2nd VP of Region 9, has set up the road trips to Bandera and Sedalia. Trustee

Maxi Millican did a bang-up job along with **Steve Woodward** of hosting the rally at NTAC. It was truly freezing, but we had a great time making pies, eating pies, touring homes, and playing games. I love Mexican Train!

Jill Fearing is now our Secretary for 2024. Trustee **Henry Wilkins** and his wife, **Carol**, along with cohosts are working on making the Dublin rally an Irish extravaganza.

We also approved replenishing our stock of t-shirts, and now have XL, XXL, and 3XL. If you attended a rally and were supposed to get a t-shirt, please contact me at allanapat@msn.com and I will work out how to get it to you.

As for me, I'm trying to keep up with everything. I agreed to work in January and February, and I have a great respect for

those Airstreamers, especially our leadership team, that work full time!

We agreed that a Google form would help the hosts know who has booked a rally, so planning can be easier. I'll send out the document to gather names of the Dublin participants sometime in February.

I hope all of you are staying cozy and are winterized. With our Texas weather, it will probably be balmy in February, and we'll wish we'd scheduled a rally. Love to all for Valentine's Day and hope to see you down the road.



Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194

Buddy Rally with HOTC, October 2023



Editors' Corner

Hey! Remember last summer when we were all melting and dreaming of cold weather? Well, it's baaaack! And it was right on time for our January Reason for Freezin' Rally at NTAC. Pies, games, and fun were perfect foils for a freezing weekend. In addition to the Freezin' Rally this month's newsletter features **Edward** and **Tiffany Wilson's** story about their first trip to the Canopener Rally in Florida. Thanks to Edward for a great story and photos. Also, we have a new feature called *High Profile* that is a fun way to get to know some of your club members. Our first profile is current club President **Allana Patterson**. But, hey, you never know who we might feature next - maybe you!

Information about caravans to the Regional and International rallies (thanks, **Anna Brandon**), a Maintenance Assistance Program, and Editor David's Air-Club Primer are all included in this action-packed issue.

Please, please send us your travel stories and your photos of your adventures to share with us. We're all eager to see what's "down the road." Stay safe and warm!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594



January Birthdays

Christine Wayles	1/10	Carol Wilkins	1/22
Jennifer Dice	1/15	Michael Cross	1/26
Anna Brandon	1/17	Victor Montaner	1/29
Phyllis Fell	1/17		

January Anniversaries

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

February Birthdays

Ruth Ann Walker	2/2	Olivia Krull	2/10
Chris Haefner	2/3	Lila Deakle	2/15
Nansii Downer	2/4	Bryan Downer	2/15
Mike Gross	2/7	Dennis Howard	2/18
Tom Collier	2/9	Cynthia Karkoska	2/20

February Anniversaries

Dennis and Denise Walker	2/14
David and Kim Majkowski	2/20
Henry and Carol Wilkins	2/28

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

New Members Spotlight

New Members

Cliff and Becky Lewis
2023 Globetrotter 27'
Heath, TX

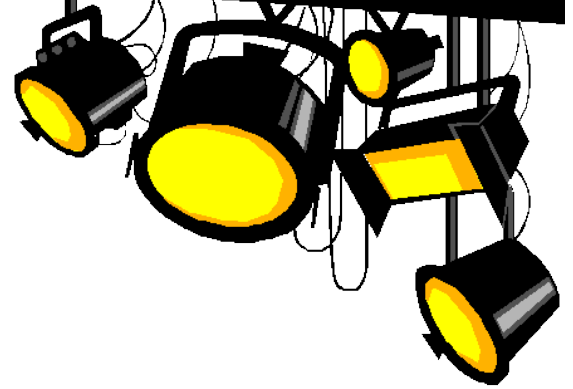
Brian and Tori Johnston
2024 REI Basecamp 20X
Frisco, TX

Larry and Amy Hastings
2021 International 27'
Garland, TX

New Affiliate Members

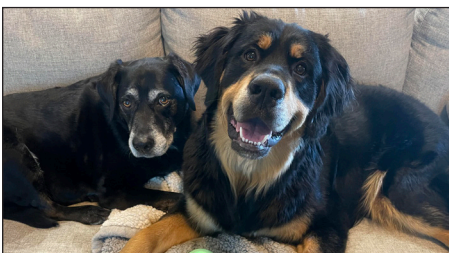
Tom and Sandra Hargrove
2022 Flying Cloud 25'
Tyler, TX

M J Wylie
2022 Globetrotter 25'
Windsor, CO



Brian and Tori Johnston, BRN 01201

Brian and I just celebrated 17 years of marriage with our two adorable dogs, Goose and Wilbur, who bring endless joy and warmth to our home. Together, we share a passion for exploration and adventure. Traveling has always been part of our story. Our newest adventure involves our first Airstream trailer. We hope to spend more time hiking and relaxing with a beautiful sunset. You'll also find us visiting new breweries, wineries, and seeking out the local food scene wherever we go. Cheers to more years of shared escapades, creating memories, and the open road that awaits!



MJ Wylie, BRN 14256 (Affiliate Member)

I'm MJ Wylie. I recently moved to Windsor, Colorado from the Denver area because...this small house has a garage for my Starz, a 2022 Globetrotter 25' FBT. Her name is Starz. My little guy Finley is my 9-pound co-pilot, and he's always ready to hitch up! I love my 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 diesel, but she does not yet have a name!

I have been obsessed with Air-streams for a long time, and learning to tow has been an adventure. It's always fun to see folks' faces when a woman pulls up towing!

I've been with the Colorado and 4CU clubs for a few years, and I'm looking forward to retiring very soon to spend more time towing, meeting new friends and seeing new places.



Cliff and Becky Lewis, BRN 21022

We are from Rockwall, TX and are high school sweethearts. We went to Texas Tech and have been married for 37 years. We have 3 sons, 2 grandsons, and 2 French Bulldogs. I (Cliff) like playing golf and we both like traveling in our Airstream with our two Frenchies. This is our first Airstream. I am a custom builder and we have an artificial turf business. I am really busy with work, but wanting to slow down and travel more.



Tom and Sandra Hargrove, BRN **01324** (Affiliate Members)

We love road trips, so we bought an Airstream, "Belle," and "The Beast" to pull it. After many years of attending RV shows and checking out all the brands, we were introduced to the Airstream Flying Cloud and immediately knew it was perfect for us.

Sandra enjoys crafting, cooking, gardening, and pickleball. Tom's hobbies are photography, tech gadgets, and hiking. We both enjoy spending time with and creating family memories with our children and grandchildren. We like to get outside and experience the beautiful scenery across North America.

In October 2022 we found our new to us Flying Cloud 25FBT. Nine months in we had spent nearly 30 nights in Belle. By late summer 2023, we had traveled through ten states (staying overnight in five of them).

After experiencing a major dip, our year came to a halt. Months into rehab and physical therapy we are itching to get back on the road. In 2024 we are looking forward to planning more road trips and attending rallies, meet-ups, and making new friends.



Your 2024 NTxAC Officers & Committee Chairs

President

Allana Patterson

1st Vice-President

Mike Hooker

Past President

Jennifer Dice

Treasurer

Edward Wilson

Secretary

Jill Fearing

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Ann Clark

David Majkowski

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Dan Brockway

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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

NTxAC Membership Assistance Program

An Assistance Request Form will be sent out in February.
You may choose to **provide** assistance, or choose that you **need** assistance.

Possible Assistance Items

- A/C, Heat Pump/Thermostat Operation
- Trip Planning
- Propane/Furnace
- Tire Pressure Monitoring/Maintenance
- Storage Ideas
- Hosting Rallies
- Rivets and Riveting
- Tow Hitch/Stabilizers
- Winterization
- Meal Planning and Prep

North Texas Roundup's **High Profile**

In order to get more of us acquainted with each other, The Roundup introduces a new monthly feature profiling our NTxAC members. We hope you enjoy getting to know each member a little better!

High Profile: Allana Patterson (Club President)

Name: Allana Lou Patterson

Current Hometown: Grapevine

I Grew Up In: Snyder, Texas

Current and/or Former Occupation: High School Counselor

Airstream Model/Year: 2015 Flying Cloud 25'

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: Twin beds

Hobbies: Sewing, baking, trying to be creative

I Drive A: Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid

Favorite TV Shows: Ted Lasso, Outlander, Seinfeld

Favorite Music/Bands: Music – either jazz or hard rock; I like classical music and Broadway music too! Bands – lots: The Eagles, Blood Sweat and Tears, Chicago, Moody Blues, Creedance Clearwater Revival...

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: William Shakespeare, Elizabeth I, Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama, and Susan B. Anthony

My Last Meal Would Be: Rare filet mignon, crisp salad

I'm Known For: Theatre background, winning State awards for acting and UIL One-Act play, bringing an unfiltered mouth

Behind My Back They Say: She has no filter

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Michigan and Minnesota, upstate New York

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Hawaii

Best Travel Advice: Be flexible; don't sweat the small stuff



NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

February
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
Bandera-Bound Kickoff Rally, Coffee Creek RV Resort & Cabins, Santo, TX

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

13429 U.S. 281, Santo, TX

Make your reservations at 940-769-2277

Hosts: Bruce and Michelle Toney

You do not have to be attending the Region 9 Rally in Bandera to attend the Rally at Coffee Creek.

You are most welcome to join us just for the weekend!

Region 9 Rally Caravan Schedule:

Sunday, April 28 (198 miles to Fredericksburg, TX)

Archray RV Park

4584 US 290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

830-304-2903

<https://archrayrvpark.com/>

Make your reservation BY TELEPHONE for rate reduction to \$62.

Identify yourself as being with the David Brandon group.

3 nights (4/28-4/30) depending on your planned arrival at Region 9 Rally

Monday, April 29

11:00 am Fredericksburg Fiasco Scavenger Hunt

Begins outside Caliche Coffee Bar, 228 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg

3:00 pm Things In A Room, 239 Main Street, Fredericksburg (no discount)

5:00 pm Becker Vineyards Wine Tasting

Dinner on your own

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 am One Quilt Place, 648 Post Oak Road, Fredericksburg (10% discount)

If you're joining us you MUST RSVP to Anna at annarbrandonphd@gmail.com in order to receive the goodie bags that we make ahead. The discounts at the quilt stores are applicable whether or not you have registered.

Fredericksburg sights: Pacific War Museum, wineries, shopping

Evening: Possible PotLuck dinner

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

Region 9 Rally Caravan Schedule, *continued*

Wednesday, May 1 (55 miles to Bandera, TX)

Region 9 Rally (5/1-5/5)

Rally schedule online: <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/Region%209%202024%20Rally%20schedule.pdf>

Skyline Ranch RV Park

2231 State Hwy 16N, Bandera, TX

Reservations for Bandera opened last November. If you are waitlisted, you will likely be notified of the alternate RV Park (Riverwalk RV Resort).

May 1-5, 2024

Region 9 Rally, Bandera, TX

https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally?fbclid=IwARoX86ttf_f-BIkkCKIsl-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

September 13-15, 2024

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

Hosts: Anna and David Brandon/Steve and Georgina Woodward

September 27-29, 2024

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

Hosts are needed

You do not have to be attending the International Rally in Sedalia to attend the Rally at Caddo Lake. You are most welcome to join us just for the weekend!

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International Rally Caravan Schedule:

Friday, September 27

Caddo Lake State Park

245 Park Road 2, Karnack, TX 75661

903-679-3351

2 nights (9/27-9/28), departing 9/29

\$25 nightly (full hookup) \$10 nightly (water only); reservation window 5 months; reserve 4/27

Sunday, September 29 (175 miles to Hot Springs, AR)

Catherine's Landing

1700 Shady Grove Road, Hot Springs, AR

501-262-2550

2 nights (9/29-9/30), departing 10/1

\$89 nightly

Many things to do: historic Hot Springs, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, pontoon boat tours

Tuesday, October 1 (202 miles to Eureka Springs, AR)

Kettle Campground Cabins & RV Park

4119 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

479-253-9100

2 nights (10/1-10/2), departing 10/3

\$52 nightly

Can reserve now. Put in "Requests" field that you are traveling with David Brandon. Be sure to check what date you're entering the International Rally and reserve at this spot accordingly.

Tuesday, October 3 (201 miles to Sedalia, MO)

Missouri State Fair Campground

1865 Clarendon Road, Sedalia, MO 65301

660-530-5600

Saturday, October 12 (229 miles to Bull Shoals, AR)

Dam Site RV Park

10 Bull Shoals Dam Blvd, Bull Shoals, AR 72619

870-405-9619

2 nights (10/12-10/13), departing 10/14

Around the Bull Shoals Dam is one of the best places in the country for trout fishing. The park is near enough to the lake for fishing and kayaking.

Monday, October 14 (146 miles to Little Rock, AR)

Downtown Riverside RV Park

250 S. Locust Street (GPS), North Little Rock, AR 72114

501-340-5312

2 nights (10/14-10/15), departing 10/16

\$30-\$45 nightly, depending on amenities; reservation window of 6 months, so book on 4/14

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

International Rally Caravan Schedule, *continued*

Wednesday, October 16 (267 miles to Tyler, TX)

Tyler Oaks RV Resort

10855 US Hwy 69 N, Tyler, TX 75706

430-235-2030

1 night (or as long as you want to stay) (10/16), departing 10/17

\$49 nightly

If you're joining us for all/part of the road trip email the Brandons at dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com so you can be put on our communications stream!

7 stops / 1, 219 miles / \$398 camping cost (estimated)

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

NTxAC Members' Winter Adventures

Edward Wilson's PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF!! CANOPENER

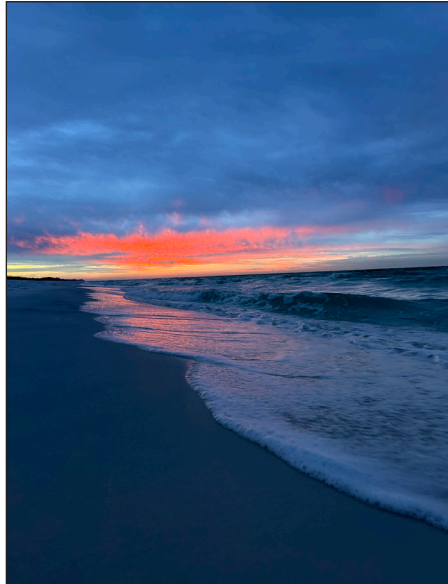
We were able to attend the 2024 Canopener Airstream Rally that takes place at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. The North Texas Airstream Club was represented by 8 rigs and 13 members, if I recall correctly! The State Park is fantastic, the roads that wind in and out throughout the park are excellent for taking a walk or bike ride while being surrounded by an abundance of beautiful greenery and trees. The park has quite a few sites, however, most of the areas still seem private and secluded.

Kith & Kin is a coffee house located within Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. They serve not only coffee and pastries, but also local beers, and provide live music on some nights! This was a great location to meet up to chat with friends for a mid-morning coffee break.



The Wilson's NYE Poker Parlor!

The park had a tram that ran hourly between 9 am-5:00 pm, taking you directly from the sites to the beach and back. If you want to catch the sunrises or sunsets, it's an easy bike ride or roughly a 15-minute walk to the beach.



Several mornings while we were there, we walked down to the beach to catch the breathtaking sunrise that did not fail to amaze us! There's just something about seeing the waves, hearing the sound of the ocean, sitting on the sand, and feeling the chilled breeze that brings such a feeling of relaxation and gratitude.

There are quite a few optional "Pre-Canopener" festivities for anyone that arrives prior to the rally. Arriving December 29th, we were able to participate in activities like brewery tours, a NYE Poker Run (we actually won!), a Flamingo Drop for the NYE party, a Polar Plunge New Year's Day, and an Axe Throwing event just to name a few! We spent our evenings dining with friends from our local club and/or new Airstream friends we met at the rally. The weather was chilly during the evenings when we had our potlucks at someone's site. At times we had

three fire pits going so everyone could stay toasty! If you ever get the opportunity to attend the Canopener Rally, if time allows, try to go early to be there for the "Pre-Canopener" activities.

The official Canopener Rally ran from January 4th-7th. Once the rally began the excitement and fun ramped up with a beer exchange, a chili cook-off, a spirited cornhole tournament, live music, an abundance of prizes, and the unforgettable Mardi Paw Dog Parade! Dogs (even a cat or two) and humans alike dressed in Mardi Gras attire, parading through the state park streets. It seemed like hundreds of people lined



Jade and Jen Dice

the roads cheering on the dogs as they pranced all around.

NTxAC's own **Jen and Jade Dice** took the first-place prize with their outstanding Mardi Gras attire! Wrapping up the rally was a special event Saturday evening called the "Long, Long

NTxAC Members' Winter Adventures

Edward Wilson's PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF! CANOPENER, *continued*

Table Dinner." Those that chose to participate brought their own table, along with decorations and place settings, and placed their table next to another to create a long, long line of tables. Sadly, we had to depart early on Saturday afternoon to head back to Texas for work. We're already looking forward to the 2025 Canopener Air-stream Rally and hope we are able to attend! This rally wasn't just an event; it was an experience that created cherished memories.



Amy Hanus and Tiffany Wilson
ready for New Year's Eve



NTxAC Get-Together Dinner at Louis Louis
Clockwise from lower left: Amy Hanus, Tiffany Wilson, Jen Dice, Sheryl Mayer,
Dan Dice, Millie O'Donnell, Stacey Daniel, Anna Brandon, Edward Wilson,
and Chris Hanus

NTxAC Members' Winter Adventures

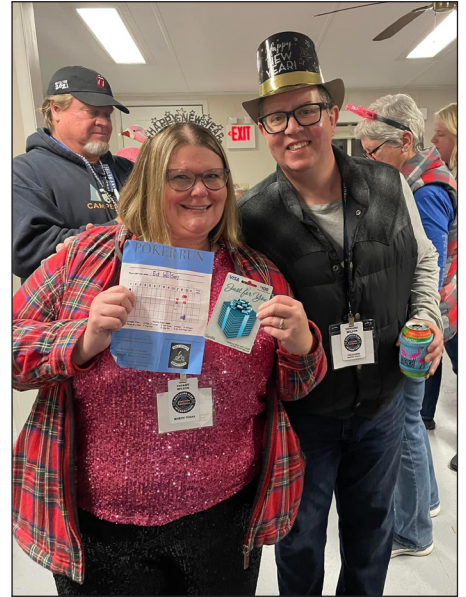
Edward Wilson's PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF! CANOPENER, *continued*



Sunrise on the beach:
Tiffany Wilson, Anna Brandon,
David Brandon, and Edward Wilson



Amy Hanus competes in the
Cornhole Tournament



NYE Poker Run Winners
Tiffany and Edward Wilson



Clockwise from lower left: Edward Wilson, Tiffany Wilson, Dan Dice, Amy Hanus,
three unidentified guests, David Brandon, and Chris Hanus

Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro

There's a good reason for naming this rally "Reason for Freezin'" as temperatures dipped below freezing all weekend. Ahhhh, January! Despite the cold outside the temperatures really heated up inside thanks to a very busy kitchen on Saturday! Games, football on TV, lots of food and fellowship was in abound at NTAC, but the main focus was on the bakeoff – sweet and savory pies. Both NTxAC and HOTC were well represented. Congratulations to **Allana Patterson** (Best Savory Pie/Chicken Pot Pie) and **Debbie Hooker** (Best Sweet Pie/Apple), both winners from our own NTxAC! Thanks to **Amy Van Artsdalen**, **Maxi Millican**, **Jennifer Dice**, **David Majkowski**, and **Edward Wilson** for these photos.



Michelle Wright confers with her Mom on her pie dough



Debbie Hooker at work



Allana Patterson brings her best Chicken Pot Pie recipe to the kitchen



The NTAC kitchen gets busy!



*After tasting all the pie samples, Judges **Nancy Fitzgerald** (Region 9 President) and Hillsboro's Special Events Coordinator **Allyson Cliett** confer*



Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro



Beautifully etched pie plates for the winners!



Congratulations, Allana!



Cliff Millican shows the proper Shagger stance



Jen Dice gives her best in Beanbag Baseball



Lynne Mack is up to bat



Lots of fun and fellowship on a COLD weekend



Cliff Millican and Randy Truesdell

Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro



It's all about the FOOD!



Edward Wilson and Maxi Millican



Jen Dice and Denise Morrow



Cheryl, Sue, and David enjoy a game of Joker



Stacey Daniel and David Brandon



It's all about the FOOD!



Steve Woodward, "the Tacomeister"



Amidst the fun, NTxAC business

Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

January 2024: Big Red Numbers

Big Red Numbers, or **BRNs**. What are they? Why do we have them?

I'm a little apprehensive writing about BRNs because it seems to me this is something every member of the club would already know—especially since you get them in your new member packet, and your BRN is essential for so many club events and interactions. But this is a primer, after all, so let's dispense with apprehensions and assumptions and hope this information is enlightening to someone.

At the very simplest level, your Big Red Number is your Airstream Club member identifier. So why not just call it your Member ID or Account Number? Well, how boring is that? This is a fun club and its members have much more flair than the folks you might find at...oh, I don't know...say an actuarial convention (sorry all you actuaries, I'm sure your conventions are a hoot!)

Not all BRNs are available to general membership. Numbers below 1000 are reserved for club officers (past and present), Airstream employees, and a few other special people. The Vintage Airstream intra-club website has a post about "Heritage Numbers" honoring the numbers from historically significant club events. Check it out—<https://vintageairstreamclub.com/heritage-numbers/>.

There's some history behind the BRN, too. Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn, son of WBCCI founder, Helen Schwamborn, has an interesting article about them on Airstream, Inc's Live Riveted blog—[From #1 to #29187: the Origin of Airstream Numbers](#). You will not only learn the back story of the BRN, but also meet some of the characters populating the early history of Wally Byam's caravans. Pee Wee is a club treasure. He knew all these people personally and traveled with them, and he's still around to share his stories.

Naturally, the New Member section of the ACI website talks about the BRN. It includes a few useful tips— https://airstreamclub.org/newmemberwelcome_homepage/brns. You can even find YouTube videos on how to apply your numbers to your Airstream.

So, get your Big Red Numbers out there. Display them proudly. I liken them to a "secret handshake" among WBCCI members. Have you ever been excited when you're towing and you see another Airstream on the road? Well, the excitement heightens if it has a BRN. Now you can use the club directory to find out who's towing it and make a friend you didn't know you had. It's happened to us and we're all the richer for it.

David Majkowski, Co-Editor

BRN 5594

Useful Links and Contacts

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

ACI/WBCCI (the Club)

Airstream Club International (*ACI, our club*)

<https://airstreamclub.org>

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

<https://airstreamclub.org/region9>

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

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

Blue Beret Archive (*club magazine*)

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

Blue Beret Blog (*club blog*)

<https://blog.airstreamclub.org>

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Airstream (the Company)

Airstream USA (*the Company*)

<https://www.airstream.com>

Live Riveted (*Airstream's blog*)

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

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

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

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