



North Texas Roundup

June 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

"Only those who do nothing at all make no mistakes... but that could be the biggest mistake."

- Anonymous

As I type this, my skin is shedding on my shoulders and arms. Was the time with very little sunscreen in the pool at the Dinosaur Valley rally worth the pain of the sunburn? It sure was! We had a great pool party, met new members, gave away T-shirts, and encouraged them to join us this fall.

I sent an email out this past weekend to remind you all to vote. You should have received a link from ACI on June 20. If you haven't clicked and voted YES or NO, I am pleading one more time that you do so. As **Nancy Fitzgerald** reminded us in Bandera, there is a fun side of this club, providing opportunities to travel and camp, but there is also a business side. In order to participate in one, we must participate in the other.

We will all be on "Hiatus" for the rest of the summer. Tom and I are not traveling far, unless we help our daughter-in-law get moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as our son will be tied up in Salt Lake City with jet

training for Sky West. We now will have a place where we can get away from hot summers for the next three years. Let me know if you have experienced any RV parks near Edmonton! Whatever you do in the next two months-enjoy! Stay out of the heat, put your sunscreen on, enjoy the camping wherever you are, and of course, be safe. I hope to see many of you in September at NTAC and Caddo Lake, or in October in Sedalia, MO. After Sedalia, Tom and I will be joining the West of the Pecos Caravan, and somehow wind up at the Boulders at Lake Tyler on November 15. Have a great Fourth of July holiday!

See you down the road.



Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194

Reminders

VOTE!

WBCCI Constitutional Amendment;
Check your email

Wally's Workshop

September 13-15
NTAC in Hillsboro
Book appointments and register
<https://form.jotform.com/241556325574157>

Sashay to Sedalia

See info in our Rally Schedule

NTxAC Installation Rally

November 15-17
The Boulders at Lake Tyler
Registration is open!

NTxAC Holiday Rally

December 6-8
The Vineyards at Lake Grapevine
Registration is open!

Editors' Corner

And, they're off!! All those shiny Airstreams heading out for the Summer, searching for new destinations and much cooler temperatures. But, before you hook-up and go, give a read to our last newsletter before the Summer break.

I'm including our August and September birthdays in this edition. When I was teaching I always felt bad for the students who had Summer birthdays and never got to celebrate them with their schoolmates. Happy Birthday, all you Summer birthday members!

What a GREAT rally we had in Glen Rose this month. A small but terrific group of people made it so fun. Thank you, **Allana Patterson** and **Tom Jensen**, for hosting!

Be sure to check out our updated rally schedule and begin signing up for the events at Wally's Workshop in September, our first rally of the Fall. Spaces are already filling up.

Also, be sure to read up about our new members. We have new folks join us monthly, and they always have interesting stories and info to share about themselves. The bio on **Don** and **Marian Hetzler** is amazing, with this couple contributing many, many years to Airstream International, and have helped make the joy of Airstreaming better for all of us in some way. Kudos to people like them who contribute so much with giving hearts.

David and I are approaching the first year of being your editors of this newsletter. Thank you to all who continue to contribute

stories, information, and photos for us to enjoy. It's fun to see where others have been and what they've done. Think of us as your Airstream family who actually enjoys seeing your slideshow! Send your photos and info to aec2you@gmail.com. Safe travels, wear sunscreen, send photos, and, as the song goes, see you in September!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594

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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



June Birthdays

Frank Nulty	6/2	Mitch Ott	6/10	Patrick Arnold	6/16
Sherrie Beyer	6/3	Kelly Rodriguez	6/10	Bonnie Gibson	6/22
Shelley Tumino	6/4	Jeff Pappas	6/11	Amy Hanus	6/23
Chet Beyer	6/7	Jeff Gibson	6/14	Kimberly Hoffman	6/23
Bruce Toney	6/8	Sherwood Garcia	6/15	Melanie Matthews	6/28
Sue McLaughlin	6/9	Chris Matthews	6/15	Peggy Ott	6/30

June Anniversaries

Frank and Mary Nulty	6/2	John and Janet Calvin	6/18
Tom and Sandra Hargrove	6/8	Scott and Christine Wayles	6/18
Todd and Tanya Martchek	6/10	George and Colleen McDonald	6/20
Richard and Leda Roelke	6/14	Ken and Kathi Mitchell	6/22
Bruce and Gail Harrower	6/16	John and Rita Green	6/23
Patrick Arnold and Dora Palao	6/17	Chris and Melanie Matthews	6/24

July Birthdays

Robert Henson	7/1	Rick Weaver	7/14	Kathy Ward	7/24
Kathleen Mercer	7/2	Henry Wilkins	7/15	Rick Lowther	7/25
Skip Jenkins	7/4	Justin Erbskorn	7/16	Lynn Clark	7/27
Jerry Hissong	7/6	Tim Love	7/16	Scott Wayles	7/28
Kevin Johnson	7/6	Gretchen Price	7/16	David Baranski	7/30
Janet Calvin	7/10	Jeff Kohnle	7/18	Jill Fearing	7/31
Maxi Millican	7/12	LoriJean Reed	7/21	Lynn Smith	7/30
Ross Hamilton	7/14	Dan Dice	7/23		
Kim Turner	7/14	Tanya Martchek	7/24		

July Anniversaries

Michael and Camie Cross	7/2	Tim and Anita Clemente	7/29
George and DeDe Overly	7/4	Doug Malcult and Kim Hoffman	7/29
Jim Fluet and Cris Pimentel	7/6	Victor and Dawn Montaner	7/31
David and Roberta Hanson	7/7		



August Birthdays

Colleen McDonald	8/8	Charles Gustafson	8/17	Scott Oberle	8/24
Myra Speer	8/8	Tom Jensen	8/20	Samantha Bieghler	8/30
Sean Reed	8/9				

August Anniversaries

Rick and Debbie Weaver	8/6	Robert and Myra Speer	8/26
Tom Jensen & Allana Patterson	8/11	Jeff and Maribeth Pappas	8/29
Tim and Johanna Love	8/19	Steve and Sherwood Garcia	8/30
Brian and Tori Johnston	8/26		

September Birthdays

Becky Gray	9/5	David Smith	9/11	Tom Hargrove	9/17
Jill Jurenka	9/7	Ronda Horstman	9/15	Cindy Jeanes	9/23
David Brandon	9/10	David Majkowski	9/15	Abby Cooke	9/25
Tracy Elkins	9/10	John Marchbanks	9/15	John Green	9/26

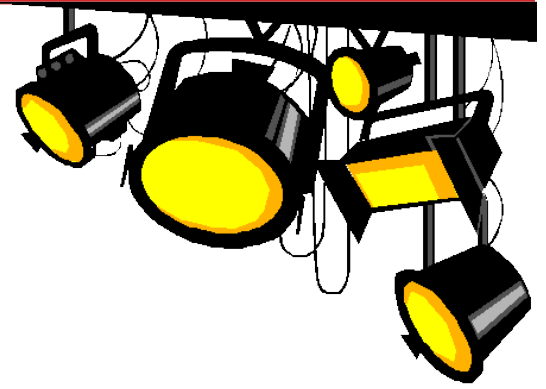
September Anniversaries

Tom and Norma Collier	9/1	Dale and Dianna Casper	9/20
Jeff and Caitlin Heaton	9/15	Kevin and Felicia Johnson	9/22
Sean and Lorijean Reed	9/18	Mike and Debbie Hooker	9/25

HEY, NEW MEMBERS!

You will receive a FREE NTxAC T-shirt when you attend a rally/meeting. If you did not get your free T-shirt because we were out of your size, we now have all sizes. Any members wanting to buy a T-shirt may purchase one for \$15 at a rally.

New Members Spotlight



New Members

Fred and Alice Barber
2020 Classic 30'
Copper Canyon, TX

Ron and Stephanie Rippe
2022 Flying Cloud 23'
Lancaster, TX

Jeff and Bonnie Gibson
2023 Basecamp 20X
Argyle, TX

Don and Marian Hetzler
2003 Classic SO 34'
Ft. Worth, TX

David and April Smith
2018 Classic 30'
Boyd, TX

New Affiliate Members

James Fluet and Cris Pimentel
2022 Caravel 19'
North Richland Hills, TX

Fred and Alice Barber, BRN 07085

Fred & Alice Barber are empty-nesters currently living in Copper Canyon, Texas, but hoping to downsize soon and spend more time on the road. Fred is the North American President of a European market research technology firm, and Alice manages the accounting department of a private school. Our 3 daughters all live out of the area, which is one reason we got into RVing. Our eldest is married and living in Chicago, daughter #2 is in law school, and #3 recently graduated from the University of Utah and is interning with InterVarsity Campus Ministries for the next year.

This is our first Airstream, the culmination of several years of thinking about the upgrade. We found a 2020 Classic RBQ stored in an aircraft hanger in

Western New York. We previously owned a 29' KZ Connect travel trailer, and travel with our Havenese, Edward. This past year included 2 trips to Utah,

Spring Break in Arizona, a weekend at the beach south of Galveston, and a few other trips to State Parks in Texas and Oklahoma.



Jeff and Bonnie Gibson, BRN 25021

We are Jeff, Bonnie, and our beautiful daughter, Miss Taylor, who has Down Syndrome. We grew up in Kansas, lived in Fort Collins, CO for a stint, and currently reside in Argyle, TX. Yes, we are proud KC Chiefs Football Fans! We have an incredible son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter in Tennessee. We purchased our first Air-

stream, a 2023 Basecamp 20X, in early 2023. We call her Fox Hollow, named after Bonnie and Taylor's published children's book series, The Fox Hollow Series. We camp with our two dogs, Bullseye and Moose, an average of 3 days a month. Bullseye is a Chocolate Lab and Moose is a German Shorthair Pointer.

Taylor and Bonnie's hobbies include writing, painting, cooking, laughing, hugging, and storytelling. Jeff's hobbies include hunting, biking, archery, and crafting dang good BBQ. Together, we love camping, dining, outdoor activities, wine, and good coffee!



Don and Marian Hetzler, BRN 00280

Don and Marian Hetzler, married 58 years, with three fantastic kids, six awesome grand children, and a great-granddaughter have been members of ACI since 2008. They pull a recently acquired 30ft Globetrotter with their RAM 3500. They retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1984 and now call Fort Worth, Texas home after living in Troy, Ohio until March 2024. Don's Information Technology career included Computer Sciences Corporation Program Management positions and a variety of challenging assignments supporting Air Force Logistics and commercial financial institutions. Marian worked for Chemsys Inc. for 28 years supporting the Air Force Research Labs where she was office manager and Den Mother to seven chemists.

They have lived and traveled extensively in Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea (Don), and France with short visits to Austria, Germany, Mexico and Canada. Since their full retirement in 2010 they have begun their quest to see our great country. They enjoy point-to-point travels, rallies, and attended the SW Adventure caravan in 2013 and supported all the International Rallies, except the last one, since they joined the club.

Marian and Don have supported the International Rally registration, WBCCI Choir, and the Sign Committee, driven the shuttle and a variety of other fun activities in particular the Ladies Tea Party Chairman

where Marian planned and hosted multiple tea parties with attendees reaching over 320 participants.

Don and Marian served as Presidents of the Miami Valley Airstream Club for several years and both served as Region President and First Lady for what seemed like forever. Our Region Rallies set the standard for recent International Rally entertainment and activities.

Don also served for two years on the International Rally Selection Board committee followed by two years on the Long Range Planning committee where he authored the first club Strategic

Planning Document.

Interests are diverse, ranging from kite flying, bocce, knife collecting, highland bagpipes, and photography to dutch-oven cooking, dart throwing, and pre-1830 camping and cornhole.

Marian likes flower gardening, reading, painting, and a variety of crafts, but meeting people and working with people of diverse backgrounds are her real loves.

Our age has slowed us down a bit and our minds don't work as fast as they used to, but we still enjoy the company of our Airstream family and are glad to be here.



Jim Fluet and Cris Pimentel, BRN 13232 (Affiliate Members)

We are first-time Airstream owners since March of this year. We moved from Houston to the DFW area two years ago where we built our new home. The kids are grown and living in Austin, so our camper travels are usually just us and Charlie,

our Golden Retriever. We are active outdoors people and love skiing, hiking, and mountain biking in the Southern Rockies of New Mexico. Having already visited four State Parks and National Wilderness area with our 2022

19CB Caravel, the comfort level with our camper grows with each excursion!

There are so many helpful folks on the Airstream sites who have such great insight, and we hope to be active within the group for years to come.



David and April Smith, BRN 11196

We picked up our Airstream on June 22nd, so we don't have a picture with it yet. It's a new-to-us 2018 Classic 30' and we are very excited! It's our first Airstream, been wanting to get one for several years and we're finally able to get it! We're moving up from a triple slide 5th wheel and can't wait for the elegant simplicity of our Airstream.

We're weird, I know...full-timing in our RV while our son, his wife and soon our first grandbaby assume our home and 15-acre property. This is freeing us to

travel more and live life to the fullest!

Current favorite camping spots are Crystal Beach and Northern Alabama. Crystal Beach for its relaxed feel and non-crowded drivable beaches, and Alabama for its beautiful foothills and amazing lakes!

We look forward to meeting everyone at a rally and a camp site as we continue to check off the lower 48 states on the map. We'll be the ones towing a Silver Airstream with our 4-legged pup named Pinky.



North Texas Roundup's **High Profile**

High Profile: Henry Wilkins



Name: Henry Wilkins

Current Hometown: Weatherford, Texas

I Grew Up In: Ankeny, Iowa

Fun Fact About Me: I have digitized every LP, tape cassette, and CD of music I've ever purchased from the late 1950s and on. I have a music library that is more than 17,000 tracks on computer/iPod.

Current and/or Former Occupation: Retired; Retired former Air Force pilot: B-52, EC-47, C-141; American Airlines Ground School Instructor (teaching aircraft systems and normal procedures to AA pilots)

Airstream Model/Year: 2020 Flying Cloud 25 RBT

Your Airstream's Name: BUFF; I flew B-52s, which are nicknamed BUFF (Big Ugly F----- Fellow) - use your imagination! The Airstream name stands for Beautiful Ultimate Fun Factory.

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: My feet do not hang over the end of the twin bed.

Hobbies: Photography, collecting music

I Drive A: Ford F-350 Powerstroke 4x4 Crewcab

Favorite TV Shows: Mysteries (Midsomer Murders, Brokenwood Mysteries, etc.), old Westerns

Favorite Music/Bands: Yanni, James Taylor, Fourplay, Moody Blues, Fleetwood Mac - too many to name them all

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Apollo 11 astronauts

My Last Meal Would Be: Red Snapper Pontchartrain

I'm Known For: my interest in computing technology

Behind My Back They Say: I hope I've not made that bad an impression on them!

Nobody Knows That I: am a native-born Texan. My family moved to Iowa to take over my mother's family farm when I was two years old

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Northern New Mexico (Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos, Chama)

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: anywhere it's cool in the summer, warm in the winter, and away from large crowds and traffic.

Best Travel Advice: Just get out there and do it. Time has a tendency to slip away from us. There will be a time in the future when we will not be physically/mentally able to go and do it.

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

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

Whether you're headed to the International Rally in Sedalia or not, this is the perfect opportunity to both learn about and service your Airstream trailer. Featured guests are **The Royal Flush** (*tank maintenance and cleaning*), **Cross Country RV Solutions** (*Micro-Air Easy Start Certified RV Tech*), **DFW RV Rescue** (*Washing, Waxing*), and Airstream Tech **Jerry Vanloon**. We'll also have a few experts from our Region: **Bill Poteet** of the Oklahoma Airstream Club (*solar power*), **John Green** (*safety checks*), **Channing Fell** (*ProPride and other hitches*), **Chris Hanus** (*tires*) from the North Texas Airstream Club, and **Andy Dunkinson** from the Heart of Texas Camping Unit (*hitch weights*).

You'll make appointments for the services in which you have an interest directly with the service provider and the work is done onsite Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. You'll receive an estimate of cost in advance. If you decide to take advantage of a service (or services) without an appointment, this will depend on the tech's availability.

Preliminary Agenda

Friday, September 13

7:00 pm Sue Rasmussen of The Royal Flush will talk dirty (Grey/Black Tanks)

Saturday, September 14

8:00 am Andy and Channing are the perfect couple to describe hitches, importance of knowing your accurate hitch weight, tire pressure, brakes, and the relationships between these systems.

10:00 am Tim Love with Cross Country RV Solutions will shoot the breeze about your air conditioning system, what the Easy Start is, and whether you need one.

12:00 pm John Green will help you decide if you can mark yourself safe.

2:00 pm Bill Poteet will enlighten you on solar and AC and DC power.

7:00 pm Panel of Experts will dispense wisdom as you ask any questions we failed to answer during the day.

Estimated Costs

Full hookups \$30 nightly, Food \$50 per person includes breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday, and dinner Friday and Saturday.

***Book your appointments NOW as this will be a popular weekend for advice/services.
Use the jotform link below to sign up!***

<https://form.jotform.com/241556325574157>

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

September 27 - October 17, 2024 Sashay to Sedalia (Kickoff to the 67th WBCCI Rally)

*Make reservations if you want to join the caravan. Sights are filling up fast!
7 stops / 1,219 miles / \$552 cost (estimated)*

Stop #1

September 27-29

Caddo Lake State Park
245 Park Road 2, Karnack, TX 75661
903-679-3351
2 nights (9/27-9/28), departing 9/29
\$25.00 nightly

While this is the first stop for the Sashay to Sedalia, it's also an individual buddy rally for NTxAC and ETLU. Join us just for the weekend at Texas' only natural lake. Sites are full as of May 10, but contact Shelly Tumino at shellytumino@gmail.com for space in the blocked group.

Stop #2

Sunday, September 29

Catherine's Landing
1700 Shady Grove Road, Hot Springs, AR
501-262-2550
2 nights (9/29-9/30), departing 10/1
\$89.17 nightly

You can reserve now online. "Peace of Mind" Rate for back-in is partially refundable. Put in comments that you are with David Brandon. Pontoon Boat Rental: 3 hours \$350; 6 hours \$600 includes gas. Contact David and Anna if you're interested in joining us on a pontoon ride. Kayak and canoe rentals are also available.

Stop #3

Tuesday, October 1

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. We selected Site 14, but we did not pay the \$15 lock fee. Be sure to check what date you're entering the International Rally and reserve at this spot accordingly.

Caravan Schedule contined on next page

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

Stop #4

Thursday, October 3

Missouri State Fair Campground
1865 Clarendon Road, Sedalia, MO 65301
660-530-5600
8 nights
\$0.00 These reservations were made when you registered for the International Rally.

Stop #5

Friday, October 11

Dam Site RV Park
10 Bull Shoals Dam Blvd, Bull Shoals, AR 72619
870-405-9619
3 nights (10/11-10/13), departing 10/14
One of the best places in the country for trout fishing! Near enough to lake for fishing and kayaking. Call 870-405-9619 for reservations, and say that you're with the Brandons (Site 9; Speers Site 10; Hayworth 11.) Water and electric with dump station. After you reserve, you'll pay on the city's website: <https://paywithcardx.com/bpl/bullsrv1>

Stop #6

Monday, October 14

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
\$ varies nightly
Reservation window of 6 months, so book on April 14; \$30 to \$45 a night depending on site amenities. Unable to book online until May 14 due to change in reservation systems.
<https://downtownriversidervpark.com>

Stop #7

Wednesday, October 16

Tyler Oaks RV Resort
10855 US Hwy 69 N, Tyler, TX 75706
430-235-2030
1 night, departing 10/17
\$49 nightly
This is the last scheduled stop, so you can stay as long as you want!

IMPORTANT: Contact Anna or David Brandon at 214-244-1258 or annabrandonphd@me.com if you are reserving for this caravan.

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

October 5-12, 2024

Airstream Club International Rally, Sedalia, MO

November 15-17, 2024 (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

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

16822 McElroy Rd, Whitehouse, TX 75791

<https://www.boulderslaketyler.com>

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

For reservations please call Venita Peacock with The Boulders at 903-520-9001 to schedule.

Do not call the main campground office number and do not book online. All our sites have beautiful water views!

Deadline to Book: All our Rally sites must be booked by October 16 or they will be released back into public inventory.

Cabins and Glamping Tents: Can be rented for family and friends. They have gorgeous lake views. Call Venita to book.

More questions: Call Maribeth Pappas, Rally Host, at 214-566-1210



A few photos to entice you to join us at The Boulders! These are photos from our 2023 rally.

December 6-8, 2024

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

1501 N. Dooley Street, Grapevine, TX 76051

888-329-8993 (Call to tell them you are with the North Texas Airstream group.)

thevineyards@grapevinetexas.gov

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

"OH WHAT FUN" is the theme of this year's Holiday Rally. Reservations can be made NOW until October 1, when all sites left are released to the general public. We are going to book the Christmas Murder Mystery dinner theatre this year, which must be reserved early, so please make your Vineyards reservations as soon as possible. We will send for bookings after July 31 for the dinner theatre.

Going to the International Rally This Year?

A Note From Co-Editor David:

Are you registered for this year's International Rally in Sedalia, MO? Would you like to join in the tradition of putting in a few volunteer hours? This year, I'll be chairing the Property Logistics Committee. "What's that?" you say. There are many committees and HQ office staff who ensure that the International Rally runs smoothly. Many of these have supplies, gear, and stuff that helps them do their jobs: flags, props, A/V equipment, that kind of thing. That stuff is stored in a shipping container that is delivered from WBCCI HQ in Jackson Center, OH to the site of International each year. Property Logistics is the committee which unloads and signs the stuff out to the other committees before and during the rally, then signs it back in and loads it back up for the following year.

I already have my core team that will do all the heavy lifting (mostly figuratively) during the busy days before the rally opens and closes. But, as you might imagine, once everybody is set up, our committee experiences a few quiet days. Nevertheless, we need to ensure that somebody is stationed at the container from 9-3 every day (split into 3-hour shifts) even during the slow times. What I'm looking for are a few people that will take a shift or two during these middle days of the rally. There are only 6 of us on the core team and there are a lot of shifts to cover since we arrive a week early. If we can get a few extra volunteers to supplement the core team during the slow days after the rally opens, they'll have a little more time to participate in daytime seminars and such.

If you're interested, drop me an email (majdiva@me.com) or a phone call (312-320-8275) or just come see me at the shipping container when you get there. It's never hard to find, there a big slogan—We Rally—on the side, and it's another tradition to take group photos in front of it.

Thanks,
David



Tim Love

Certified RV and Airstream Repair Expert

Retired U.S. Marine and NTxAC member

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Summer By The Pool Rally

Rally Review by Ann Clark

Lynn and I missed the rallies earlier this year, so we were eager to see our Airstream friends. What a great weekend to do that! Our gathering was small, but that provided us with more one-on-one time to get acquainted with new friends and catching up with old ones.

Friday afternoon we all met at the adult pool to enjoy adult beverages and cool off as we sipped margaritas in the pool.



Lynn Clark and David Brandon did the dinner grilling honors, with hot dogs and hamburgers and some amazing side dishes (**Stephanie Kreuser**, I want that avocado salad recipe!)



Sherrie and Chet Beyer



Plenty of delicious food for our Friday evening dinner!



Dawn Rauch and Carrie Terry

Our group had the adult pool area practically to ourselves for happy hour and dinner, so we were able to eat and enjoy our time together. The park itself is well-maintained and sits next to the Paluxy River, so we were able to walk down to the banks easily. Our shiny Airstreams stood out beautifully against the sea of SOBs in the park.

On Saturday morning we met at Tom and Allana's site for breakfast and a short meeting. Allana presented club T-shirts to new members **Tanner and Carrie Terry, Dawn Rauch, George and Sheryl Mayer, Tom and Stephanie Kreuser, Todd and Tanya Martchek.**



Allana presides over the meeting

Summer By The Pool Rally

Rally Review, continued

We were on our own for the afternoon on Saturday, with activities ranging from enjoying the cool waters of the Paluxy River (right next to our campground), shopping in the historic squares of Granbury and Glen Rose, to visiting Dinosaur Valley State Park next door to our campground.



It's a good thing these dinosaurs at Dinosaur Valley SP are fenced in. They could have walked next door and trampled our Airstreams!

Later, we gathered again at the pool for more margaritas and conversation. Dinner was at Mama Mia's in Glen Rose. Although they couldn't attend the weekend rally, **Don** and **Marian Hetzler** drove from Fort Worth to Glen Rose just to have dinner with the group. It was so nice to have them there as it was their first time meeting with us. Welcome!

After dinner there was a fierce women's Mexican Train tournament which was won by our President **Allana Patterson**.

Sunday morning we met for coffee and pastries one last time and said our goodbyes.

The weekend flew by, but Lynn and I were fortunate to make new friends and enjoy the ones we've grown close to. It was a great way to start our Summer!



Sheryl and George Mayer, Anna Brandon, and Carrie and Tanner Terry



Bruce and Michelle Toney



Sherrie and Chet Beyer



Carrie and Tanner Terry



David and Anna Brandon



Sheryl and George Mayer



Pam and Dan Brockway

Summer By The Pool Rally

Rally Review, continued



Tanya and Todd Martchek



Don and Marian Hetzler



Ann and Lynn Clark



Tom and Stephanie Kreuser



Percy Kreuser



Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson



Mama Mia, what a group! Dinner at Mama Mia's in Glen Rose

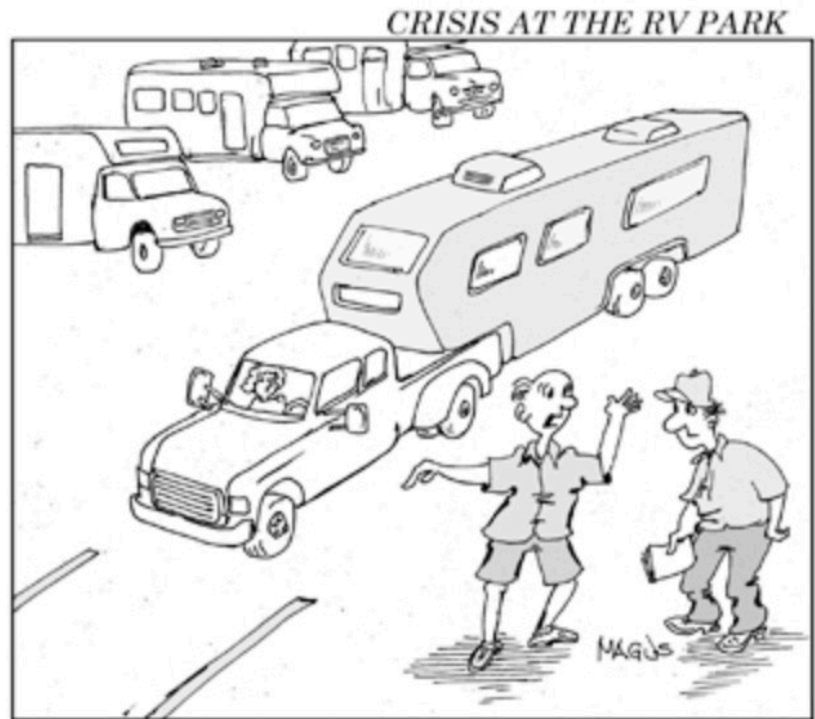
Backing Up Tips

by Devin Bowman BRN 17989

I've been towing a 30' Airstream since I was 18, or roughly 27 years. I've also been driving a tractor-trailer for Pepsi the past 19 years. I have driven cross-country multiple times and driven to Alaska and Nova Scotia twice each. Here are some basic backing up tips that may be helpful for you.

The most important thing to remember is to **take your time**. Don't worry if you are blocking the road or holding someone up. Make sure your rig is safely where it needs to be in your own timing. Trying to back up quickly out of someone's way in a campground or parking lot can lead to unnecessary damage.

Get comfortable driving your rig forward. Get to know how it turns, tail-swing, etc. Watch the trailer wheels in your mirror as you make turns. Longer trailers drive and back differently than shorter ones.



Back it into that space? You're kidding! I just bought this rig and can hardly drive it forward.

When preparing to back into a campsite always try and back from the driver's side so you can see your trailer out the driver's window as you back up. Pull up so your trailer wheels are at least 6 feet beyond the site. Longer trailers turn backwards at a slower angle. Short trailers turn backwards quickly and are easy to jack-knife. Remember to look out for overhangs and tree limbs.

Place one hand on the bottom center of your steering wheel. Which ever way you move your hand is the direction that the rear of the trailer will begin to move. **Go SLOWLY!** Quick movements of the steering wheel are not good. The slower you turn the wheel, the easier it is to watch your trailer and adjust for overcorrecting. If your tow angle gets too tight, pull up and straighten out. There is no shame in pulling up!

Having one person to help you spot is good. Multiple people telling you different things is never a good scenario. If you are alone get out and look. Check the site for obstacles. Make sure the rear overhang of your trailer has enough room past the end of the site. Be mindful of where your stabilizer jacks come down.

If you must back from your blind side or passenger side be very careful. Remember your tow vehicle swing radius must be greater. Again, pull 6 feet past the site. Watch your trailer wheels in the passenger mirror as you begin to back up. **Slowly!** Ask someone to spot you.

With time and practice you will be as comfortable backing up as going forward!

Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

June 2024: Whatever Gets You Through The Summer

I promised you that our survey of the ACI website would be a several-months affair. Last month, we concluded our traversal of the member's-only area (login required). This month's journal begins our exploration of the public area and will be our last before *The Roundup* takes its summer hiatus. While we're enjoying our summer travels, I encourage you to do some exploring on your own so you'll be ahead of the class when we return. (Question: were you one of those high school kids who dove into your summer reading list, or one of those who hated the ones that did?)

Where else to start but the Home Page—<https://airstreamclub.org/>? Like the members-only home page, the main page is something of a dashboard, with navigational aids, rotating content, and quick-links to useful or popular pages. At the very top are the navigational aids. From left to right: the ACI logo is a recurring quick-link to the home page; the "Login ->" button will get you to the member portal; the *Search* box will take you down the rabbit hole (I frequently end up there when researching this column!); and the *Menu* will take you to subject-defined areas of the site. We'll examine those in the Fall.

Next up (or down, as it were) is a scrolling whatchamacallit that presents current topics of interest. Below that is our club slogan, *We Rally Together*, and a call to join or to learn more about us. Scrolling on down, we can read more about the primary benefits of membership—Rallies, Caravans, and Courtesy Parking. There's also a link to discounts and secondary benefits. Further on down are some enticing pictures, dates, and links to upcoming events. As I write in mid-June, it appears that this is a dynamic, calendar-based feature that will update as the days pass. They follow this with *Member Quotes*, a testimonial from an actual member (today, it's from Terri Warren, the ACI's prior Membership Chair).

We're getting toward the bottom now—only 3 more sections—*Resources*; an additional exhortation to join, with a recap of the main benefits; and, finally, the footer. *Resources* grabbed my attention as I saw a link to an article entitled "Air-Conditioner - Introduction." Had I seen this about a week ago, I might have scaled my ladder with a little less trepidation as I investigated the clunking noise coming from the front AC unit the night before we landed in 100+ degree heat in Scottsdale, AZ. I see a couple more intriguing topics so I suspect I'll revisit this section often (assuming the content isn't static). Way down at the end, the footer reprises the logo link back to the home page, then provides links to the Leadership Portal, Contacts, News, and social media.

Well, that wraps it up for the summer. Did anyone get the John Lennon reference in the title? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whatever_Gets_You_thru_the_Night. Keep the shiny side up and we'll see you down the road.

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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?"

NTxAC Membership Assistance Program

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMz_4uBLDlzrrYVrT8oS1SXpH9mUuqJ1BGQ_Jvpl8Lbt-8npg/viewform

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>

Big Red Number and Airstream Club - What is it and why you want to Rally!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irfdq5boMD8>

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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