



North Texas Roundup

September 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

"To me, adventure has always been the connections and bonds you create with people when you're there. And you can have that anywhere."

- Bear Grylls

"I remind myself that I'm always more satisfied by human interaction than by a digital connection."

- Bear Grylls

Today's quotes are all about connection. I feel so connected to our Airstream group - they bring out the best in me. What a wonderful rally at Wally's Workshop in Hillsboro last weekend. Once again North Texas Airstream Club really shined! And so did the trailers after so many got washed, tanks cleaned, and things fixed. The sessions were very informative...and the Luau was outstanding. I also gave away eight t-shirts to new members at their first rally. That is my favorite thing to do. Keep joining us, new members! Much thanks to **Anna and David Brandon, Debbie Hooker, Sherrie Beyer, Sue McLaughlin**, the **NTAC residents**, and especially, **Georgina and Steve Woodward** for all their hard work!

September has arrived and

those slow, hot summer days are behind us. We have the big one from Caddo Lake to Sedalia in less than two weeks, and after that Tom and I are joining the West of the Pecos Caravan, then our Installation Rally, then Holiday Rally. I better start doing some Christmas shopping because before you know it...it will be here! I will be in Sedalia for those that are going (North Texas Airstream Club has the largest group of attendees in Region 9). If you don't see me, I'm with the band. I hope to visit with many of you, old and new members, down the road. We have lots of information for these upcoming three months in this Newsletter. Members, please be sure to cast your vote for our 2025 slate of officers. Thank you to **Jennifer Dice** for encouraging these people to step up to the leadership team. September 29, 2024, is the voting deadline. Leadership is working diligently on the 2025 schedule of rallies, which will begin with our traditional *Reason' for Freezin'* buddy rally with HOTC in Hillsboro, January 17-19, 2025. So, see you down the road...real soon!



Allana
Patterson
BRN 12194

Reminders

Vote!

Cast your vote for our 2025 NTxAC officer nominees ASAP.

Register Now:

NTxAC Installation Rally at The Boulders in Tyler November 15-17
Sites are still available!
Call Jessica Dunnam at 430-280-6571

NTxAC Holiday Rally at the Vineyards in Grapevine
December 6-8
Call 888-329-8993

Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally at NTAC, Hillsboro
April 24-29, 2025

Editors' Corner

Happy Fall, y'all! After a busy Summer apart it's time for us to gather as a group again. David and I hope you had a fun and adventurous Summer. We want to hear about your travels! If you have photos to share about your Summer trips (and stories to add to them) send them to us at aec2you@gmail.com.

A special welcome to our new members that joined over our break. Look at our Rally schedule for the remainder of the year and make plans to join us for a rally. So many great people are ready to meet you and make you feel right at home. Look for a new rally schedule for 2025 in next month's newsletter.

For readers who never quite make it to the last page of our newsletter I have moved Editor David's Airstream Primer to the forefront. David is an excellent writer and has great advice to offer us each month, and you shouldn't miss it.

C'mon, friends, put down your remote, hook up that shiny silver home-on-wheels, and join us for a fall rally. The best ones of the year are still coming up. If you can't join us, get out and enjoy that Airstream somewhere!



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September Birthdays

Bryan Adams	9/?	Jill Jurenka	9/7	John Marchbanks	9/15
Jerri Howard	9/2	David Brandon	9/10	Tom Hargrove	9/17
Carl Hergesell	9/3	Tracy Elkins	9/10	Cindy Jeanes	9/23
Stephen Hill	9/4	David Smith	9/11	Abby Cooke	9/25
Becky Gray	9/5	Ronda Horstman	9/15	John Green	9/26
Ernie Burkett	9/7	David Majkowski	9/15		

September Anniversaries

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

October Birthdays

Dick Krull	10/3	Gail Harrower	10/12	Bret Bieghler	10/22
David Smith	10/7	Greg Nystrom	10/14	Judy Smith	10/23
Marcie Sholkoff	10/9	Dennis Walker	10/17	John Ward	10/29
Roberta Hanson	10/10	Debbie Hooker	10/20		

October Anniversaries

Richard and Olivia Krull	10/3	David and Marcie Sholkoff	10/20
Frank Brown and Lila Deakle	10/6	Bryan and Nansii Downer	10/28
Robert and Martha Henson	10/7	Dan and Jennifer Dice	10/30



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New Members Spotlight

New Members

Shannon and Paige Christian
2024 International 28'
Plano, TX

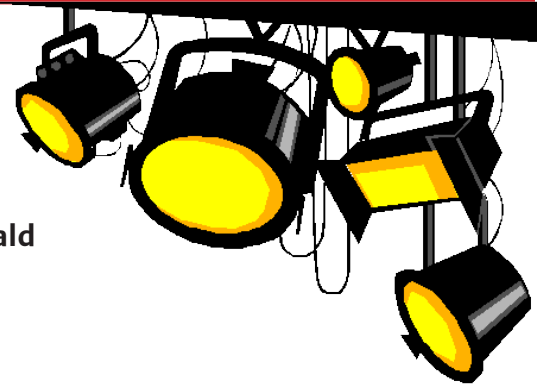
Carl and Kathy Hergesell
2024 Globetrotter 28'
Arlington, TX

Robert and Jill Chouffot
2022 Flying Cloud RBQ 25'
Granbury, TX

Coleman and Kristen McDonald
2024 Globetrotter 27'
Ft. Worth, TX

Jerry and Patti Sanders
2023 Flying Cloud 23'
McKinney, TX

Kate Mason
1965 Globetrotter 20'
McKinney, TX



Jason and Emily Romph
2012 Flying Cloud 28'
Dallas, TX

Trey and Kelley Stoermer
2024 Globetrotter 27'
Trophy Club, TX

Jason and Emily Romph, BRN 10750

We are new to the Airstream family and we love to travel! We live in Dallas and work full time. A trip to Colorado for the summer was such a very nice reprieve from the heat! We enjoyed camping in Durango, traveling the Alpine Loop, and hanging in Pagosa for the

environment, the local dives, and the scenery! We have a Black Lab named Boss who is our big, friendly travel buddy. We like reading, watching football and baseball, skiing, hunting, hiking, hanging outside, family time, and out-door activities.

This is our first Airstream, a Flying Cloud 28RB, and we love the extra space of the side couch and separate table for double work space. We love our Starlink! And, we love to meet other Airstream devotees.



Stan and Karen Preece, BRN 13519

We are a newly retired couple married 41 years this coming January. Stan was a pediatric dentist and I was a business manager. We have two grown children: the first is David, 35, a special needs young man living independently in Waxahachie. He likes to stay with us in the Airstream, especially if we are parked in the RV spots at a casino! Bethany is our daughter, married to a wonderful guy. They are parents to our only grandchild, Oliver, (20 months) and they live in gorgeous Colorado. One of the reasons we got the Airstream is to stay near to each of our children/grandchild regularly, as well as near our aging parents.

We travel with our little Chiweenie, Dobby, fierce protector of her silver realm! We enjoy ballroom dance and have competed at amateur competitions throughout the years. Our Airstream doesn't give us much room to practice, but where there's a will there's a way!

As far as destinations go, we love to visit museums, farmer's markets, national and state parks, as well as local restaurants, wineries and breweries, and whatever is around the next bend. We are signed up for the September workshop, and I'm sure we will want to participate in a rally or caravan soon. We have loved the iconic Airstream for decades, and upon retirement were finally able to realize our dream. Our Classic 30RBT is our first Airstream (although not our first RV) and we jumped right into the

deep end, selling our home and business so we can fulltime as long as the adventure lasts. We have found we have minimalist tendencies, as we are just as comfortable in our new, shiny tiny home as we were in our much larger house.

Stan and I are excited to boldly go anywhere. "Enterprise" is towed by "Captain Kirk", our Dodge Ram 2500 diesel. We are

looking very forward to trekking around the country, meeting new people, and enjoying new destinations and experiences.



Carl and Kathy Hergesell, BRN 26261

Our adventure began in 2020 during lockdown Covid. We hadn't found a dog in several years, so after researching the best one for grandkids, Kathy found a mini Goldendoodle named Bella. Well, we soon realized travel with Bella would be much easier in an RV. Alas, the adventure began! We've recently traded our Class C for a 27FB Globetrotter and are really loving the quality, size, and traveling experience of an Airstream.

Although we've only been RV-ing for four years, we have many years of crisscrossing the country with the Air Force. I'm a retired Air Force navigator and Kathy is a retired high school art teacher. Career two is construction - so our day-to-day lives center around our business.

RV trips have become a way to explore new places and rekindle the excitement and possibilities

of travel we loved in our military lives.

As an artist, Kathy has many interests and hobbies. She loves "all things creative" from painting to cooking. I enjoy reading, keeping up with sports, and hanging out with Kathy.

We enjoy square dancing, bike

riding, hiking, and traveling.

We have three children and five grandchildren, so many of our weekends are spent on a baseball field, a softball field, a basketball court, or a cheer-leading competition.

Looking forward to meeting everyone!



YIPPEE, THEY'RE FREE!

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 who want to buy a T-shirt may purchase one for \$15 at a rally.

Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

September 2024: We Interrupt This Program...

Now wait a minute. What business do I have entitling this month's article, "We Interrupt This Program" when this program has already been interrupted by Summer since the last issue of the *North Texas Roundup* in June? I'll tell you.

When last we met, I was building a site map of the ACI website to give you a better idea of the resources at your fingertips (literally). We'd completed our visit to the members-only section and the home page of the public, no-login-required side. And before that, I covered our unit's website within the master club site. That's a lot of months of "internetty" stuff for a social club whose purpose is to go outside, travel, and experience things IRL (In Real Life, as the kids say ... Or maybe they don't. What do I know? I don't have kids.)

Why don't we put all that digital stuff aside and skip ahead a little this month. You have your Airstream. You're a WBCCI member. What do you do now? Well you can attend rallies and caravans of course (see my February 2024 column). But sometimes you're just on the road on your own, like Kim and I are this summer. And that's where I got the idea for this column—themed trips.

A theme will help you generate ideas about where to go next. You can apply one or more themes to a long trip, or you can pick a theme and spread it across many trips. The latter method is easily illustrated by goal-oriented themes, such as camping in all 48 contiguous states, visiting all of the Texas State Parks, or maybe even something more esoteric like visiting all AAA minor league baseball stadiums. This will set you up with ideas over a long span of time.

The former strategy is more open-ended and will tap into your creativity and imagination. I'm going to use our summer trip as an example. Nominally, we had two objectives when we left home in June: 1) be in Santa Barbara, CA in time for our friend's special, round-numbered, July birthday, and 2) be in Sedalia, MO for the International Rally. That left a lot of time and distance to fill. So we chose some themes that would direct where we stayed and what we did when we got there.

We started with three—it was a long trip after all—friends and family, museums, and trains. During the trip, we added National Parks, Monuments, and other sites run by the National Park Service because we stayed near Yosemite on our way out of California and couldn't pass it up. We bought an annual National Parks pass so we could use it as we headed east. The friends and family part was easy because we have several on the route into and out of California. Museums came about when I bought Kim a membership to the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, adding a family upgrade that came with membership in the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM). That gives us free access to over 1000 museums throughout

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September 2024: We Interrupt This Program..., continued

the U.S. and Canada. It quickly paid for itself. The trains theme indulged my lifelong love for railroads. We used 2 resources to find excursions, museums, depots, model railroads and other attractions. First was the *Tourist Trains Guidebook*, published by Kalmbach Books. Second was a series of three regional maps entitled *Railroad U.S.A.: Museums and Trips* (Eastern, Central, and Western editions). We picked those up at a fabulous model railroad in Greeley, CO last year.

What are your hobbies and interests? Fishing? Quilting? Civil War battlefields? Consider planning some thematic trips around them. It will add some fun to the sometimes tedious task of route planning.

See you down the road!

David Majkowski, *Co-Editor*

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We Don't Need No Stinkin' Trucks!

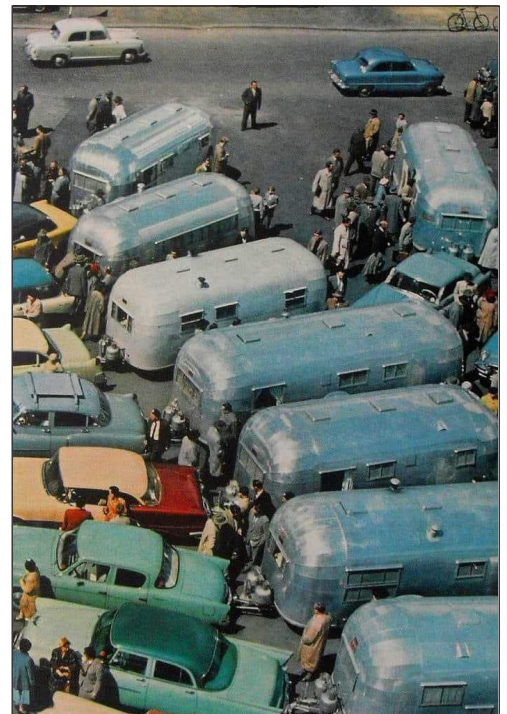
Ahhh, yesteryear, when there were no battles for towing vehicle supremacy. Everyone just towed their Airstream with the family car, which was a power machine itself. Perhaps there were debates about the tv's color or if it had roll-and-tuck upholstery or air conditioning.

Imagine an Airstream world where no one is judged by the brand they tow with or if it's diesel or not.

Ahhh, yesteryear!

Region 9 News

Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President, has announced that WBCCI/ACI annual dues will be increasing. Of the 16% of members who responded regarding the possible increase 85% were in favor of the increase while 12% were opposed. Dues will increase to \$99 annually effective in 2025.



New NTxAC Shirts and Hoodies Available!

We now have long-sleeve T-shirts and hoodies available. Please email Ed Wilson at fenderltd@yahoo.com if you want one. Include how many and size.

If you want them for Sedalia, order ASAP and Ed can bring them to Missouri.

Bella & Canvas Long Sleeve Shirt
Tear-away label
Side-seamed
Ribbed cuffs
3.8-ounce, 50/25/25 poly/Airlume combed and ring spun cotton/rayon

Sizes:
Small
Medium
Large
XL
2X
3X

\$20.00



Port & Company Fan Favorite Fleece Full-Zip Hooded Sweatsh

Removable tag for comfort
75/25 ring spun cotton/poly
Dyed-to-match YKK zipper
Removable tag for comfort and relabeling
Dyed-to-match YKK zipper

Sizes:
Xtra-Small
Small
Medium
Large
XL
2X
3X

\$32.00



North Texas Roundup's *High Profile*

High Profile: Maxi Millican



Name: Max Helen Harrison Millican (I go by Maxi. It's long for Max.)

Current Hometown: Burleson, Texas

I Grew Up In: TCU area of Fort Worth

Fun Fact About Me: In high school I took wood shop and metal shop.

Current and/or Former Occupation: Paralegal specialized in International Trademark portfolio management (retired)

Airstream Model/Year: 27 FBQ International Signature 2010

Your Airstream's Name: We are still waiting for her to reveal her name. We've tried a few, but she didn't take to them.

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: It has wheels! When the weather is bad or we don't like where we are, we can relocate.

Hobbies: Too many. Here are the highlights: reading Golden Age of Detection mystery novels, learning to quilt (I really like working out the patterns), travel, hiking, and biking.

I Drive A: 2015 Lexus GX; we tow with a 2019 Ford 250.

Favorite TV Shows: currently Chelsea Detective on Acorn

Favorite Music/Bands: Classic Rock (favorite band Fleetwood Mac), classical guitar, classical chamber music

My Last Meal Would Be: a green chile black bean stuffed poblano pepper with quinoa and guacamole.

I'm Known For: carrying a packed meal with me.

Behind My Back They Say: How can she not eat meat and dairy?

Nobody Knows That I: Apparently I don't know, either!

Favorite Airstream Destinations: The unexpected great camping spots we find when traveling without planned stops.

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: For 2025 it's Alaska and all points between North Texas and Alaska.

NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

October 5-12, 2024

Airstream Club International Rally, Sedalia, MO

November 15-17, 2024

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

There are still sites available for this rally. DO NOT BOOK ONLINE.

For reservations please call Jessica Dunnam at 430-280-6571.

All our sites have beautiful water views!

Deadline to Book: All our Rally sites must be booked by October 1 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.

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

thevineyards@grapevinetexas.gov

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

If you have NOT made a reservation for this Rally, it is almost full. Phone calls must be made before October 5. To secure a site call Angie at 817-329-8993. You must identify yourself with the NTxAC Rally. If she can't get you a spot, call Tom Jensen at 817-329-3090 to be put on the wait list. We always have cancellations. IF YOU MUST CANCEL PLEASE CALL TOM FIRST BEFORE NOTIFYING THE VINEYARDS.

"OH WHAT FUN" is the theme of this year's Holiday Rally. We're booking the Christmas Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre again this year. To attend the Murder Mystery Dinner call Alex Swanson at Texas Star Dinner Theatre at 817-310-5588. Identify yourself as the Airstream group, and he will put you on a waiting list as there should be cancellations.

Second Annual Wally's Workshop and Luau

Rally Review by Ann Clark

WOW!! What a great weekend we had at the Second Annual Wally's Workshop at NTAC in Hillsboro. We had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to meet some of our new members, some of whom were attending their first rally with us. Welcome!

Lynn and I arrived on Friday along with the Summer heat, but the majority of the weekend was spent inside the rally room where **Steve** and **Georgina Woodward** and **David** and **Anna Brandon** hosted an amazing weekend. It was a full house on Friday evening as Tony's Backyard Barbecue pulled up with their truck and handed out generously-filled trays of barbecue brisket, sausage, Mexican street corn, and beans, followed by homemade peach cobbler. YES!

After dinner (thankfully) **Sue Rasmussen** of The Royal Flush talked about the surprises you can find in your gray and black



Sue Rasmussen of The Royal Flush gets down and dirty.

tanks. Not wanting to deal with that, we (and quite a few others) signed up for her services! Saturday morning's speakers included **Andy Dunkinson** (hitch weights), **Channing Fell** (hitches), and **Tim Love** (Cross Country Solutions). The afternoon featured safety with **John Green** and solar power with **Bill Poteet**. All weekend Airstream tech **Jerry Vanloon** offered help and advice to members, and **DFW RV Rescue** washed and waxed our beautiful silver beans.



Andy Dunkinson demonstrates how to change a tire.

After a day of learning, our hosts turned the rally room into a tropical paradise and served a luau dinner of roast pig, teriyaki chicken, rice, poi, and tropical fruits. Oh, and the desserts! My two favorites had to be **Allana Patterson's** kahlua cake and **Debbie Hooker's** key lime cheesecake.

Georgina Woodward had one more treat in store: a Hawaiian hula dancer came to entertain us and teach us how to dance (well, some of us!) Kudos to the members brave enough to dance for the rest of us, including **Amy Hanus**, **Edward Wilson**,



Part of our Hawaiian feast table

Anna Brandon, **Sue Arneson**, **Allana Patterson**, and Region 9 President **Tracy Elkins**.

Sunday morning breakfast was kolaches from the renowned Slovacek's in the nearby town of West. After coffee and good conversation, we packed up and headed home, full of wonderful food and new knowledge acquired from the weekend. Lynn and I learned so much about the systems on our Airstream and how to take better care of them. We made some new friends and enjoyed being with our longtime friends. The value of this club is in the friendships that have grown from it, and for that we couldn't be more grateful.



We really enjoyed the show!

Second Annual Wally's Workshop and Luau



The terraport at NTAC was full of our beautiful Airstreams.



Allana Patterson, Steve Woodward, and Lynn Clark



Visiting after dinner Friday evening



DFW RV Rescue washing and waxing our AirBear



Two Sues! Sue Arnesen and Sue Rasmussen



Welcome new NTxAC members Larry and Cheryl Hicks, Karen and Stan Preece, and Carl Hergesell.

Second Annual Wally's Workshop and Luau



*Keeping things safe:
Jim Eaton and John Green*



Chris Hanus knows tires!



*Linda Ward welcomed everyone
with a lei.*



Georgina Woodward, Amy Hanus, and Anna Brandon



Gina Poteet



Jim and Vickie Courtney



Dawn Rauch



Edward Wilson and Chris Hanus

Second Annual Wally's Workshop and Luau



Tiffany Wilson and Lynn Clark



Preparing the luau buffet table



Dinnertime!



Blue Hawaiians, anyone? Tiny umbrella included.



Anna Brandon, Edward Wilson, and Amy Hanus

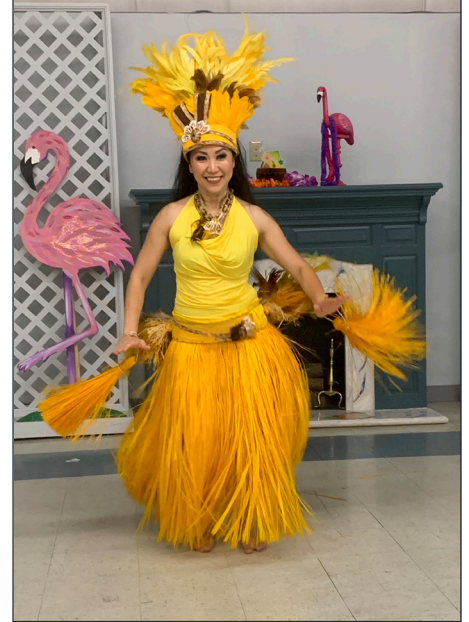


Vickie Courtney, Diane Bailey, and Denise and Bruce Morrow



Mike and Debbie Hooker

Second Annual Wally's Workshop and Luau



Our lovely dancer graced us with performances to the music of Georgina Woodward's favorite Hawaiian songs.



Dance lesson! Brave souls Allana Patterson (not pictured), Anna Brandon, Edward Wilson, Sue Arneson, Amy Hanus, and Region 9 President Tracy Elkins volunteered to entertain us.

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>

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<https://blog.airstreamclub.org>

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