

# Nonth Jexas Roundup

"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

This will be my last President's message, since Mike Hooker will be installed as President on November 15. I can say it is bittersweet. I feel so close and appreciative of many of our members that have contributed so much to this club this year. We had the most attendance of Region 9 at the International Rally, and a big portion of the volunteers at the rally came from Region 9. Our club made a smash entrance as a flock of flamingos at the VAC Halloween Party, and our Region ran an extremely successful blood drive. The collection of over 200 pounds of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house is run by Texas Gulf Coast, another Region 9 club. Our club members parked rigs, ran logistics, led bicycle sojourns every morning at 7:00 am, gave blood, played in the band, won a ribbon at the art and craft show, gave to Hurricane victims, gave to the Sedalia hospital, sold their creations at the flea market, monitored at the Region 9 table, danced, partied, and drank on every occasion available. We FLOCK and we ROCK!

Over this past year, I have attended every rally that North Texas Airstream Club held. We

had various members at each one, and I believe all had a great time, even in the rain in Dublin. I met new members at each one, gave away t-shirts, and made new long-lasting friends. We have increased membership, but most important we've increased the INVOLVEMENT of new members, many who attended their first International Rally. The state of the Club is in fine hands moving forward. I owe a debt of gratitude for the commitment of all our officers and trustees, and the Region 9 support. Thank you to **Ann** and **Lynn** Clark, Henry Wilkins, Maxi Millican, Maribeth Pappas, Dan Brockway, Jill Fearing, Ed Wilson, Anna and David Brandon, Jennifer Dice, and Mike Hooker, and of course our dedicated membership chair for the past six years, my first mate, Tom Jensen.

We have 38 trailers so far for the installation rally. We need 4 more of you to sign up. Look at the info on Facebook and this newsletter. Let's fill the park! Our Holiday Rally in Grapevine "Oh What Fun" will end 2024 with a bang, as we have 50 rigs and a waiting list as well. Remember to contact **Tom Jensen**  tomjensen@msn.com, if you must cancel or want on the waiting list.

Thank you all for your passion for adventure, fun, and travel around this great country of ours. I am so happy to share it with you all.

A final reminder: Please VOTE! It doesn't matter who you support. We are one country, indivisible. Exercise the greatest right our democracy gives us, free and fair elections. VOTE!



Allana Patterson **BRN 12194** 

#### Reminders

NTxAC Installation Rally at The Boulders in Tyler November 15-17 Four sites left! Call Iessica Dunnam at 430-280-6571

NTxAC Holiday Rally at the Vineyards in Grapevine December 6-8

#### **Editors' Corner**

Wooohooo! Cooler temperatures are back, baby! Fall is truly here and a lot of you are on the road enjoying this great fall season. Many of our members traveled to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO recently, so read on to hear about their experiences. Looks like a great time was had. Next month our club will induct new officers, committe chairs. and trustees, but our current team has worked hard on the 2025 rally schedule. Thank you, President Allana Patterson, and all of the team for the work vou've done to make this club so fun.

More thanks go to Fred and Alice Barber and Skip and Toni Jenkins, whose summer travels are chronicled in this month's newsletter, and to Anna Brandon and Jennifer Dice who gave us their personal accounts of traveling to and enjoying the International Rally. We are always eager to hear about our members and their travels. Let us highlight yours!

We hope you can make it to either rally that's left on our 2024 schedule. Check out the upcoming events for 2025, too. Happy Halloween and wishing you all pleasant Fall days!



Ann Clark BRN 12279



David Majkowski BRN 5594

## Your 2024 NTxAC Officers & Committee Chairs

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#### **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
Robert and Martha Henson	10/7	Bryan and Nansii Downer	10/28
Kevin and Bonnie Pflug	10/7	Dan and Jennifer Dice	10/30

#### **November Birthdays**

Anita Clemente	11/1	Alice Barber	11/13	Malinda Buratti	11/25
Doug Malcult	11/1	Brian Johnston	11/17	Diane Dunaway	11/25
Roxy Gross	11/2	Pat Gentry	11/20	Arnold Terkel	11/25
Annette Milliken	11/2	Debbie Weaver	11/20	Dawn Montaner	11/26
George Overly	11/2	Connie Oberle	11/21	Leslie Gentry	11/27
Dawn Rauch	11/3	Carrie Terry	11/21	Rick Elkins	11/28
Camie Cross	11/5	Dale Casper	11/22	Dave Normington	11/29
David Sholkoff	11/8	Michelle Wright	11/22	Scott Swanson	11/29
Mary Kohnle	11/12				

#### **November Anniversaries**

David and April Smith 11/1 Jeff and Wendy Cason 11/20 Dave and Debi Normington 11/14 Rick and Lori Smith 11/27



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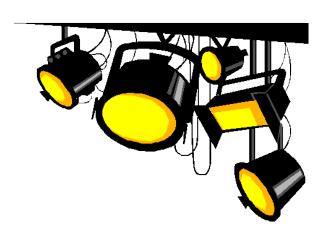
#### **New Members Spotlight**

**New Members** 

**Bradley Bryan** 2021 Basecamp 16x Graham, TX **New Affiliate Members** 

**Kevin and Deborah Rogers** 2005 International CCD Panama City Beach, FL

Alan and Jill Rabb 2020 Classic 30' Greensboro, GA



#### Region 9 News

We've just completed the **67th Annual Airstream International Rally** in Sedalia, MO. With 200 rigs registered (376 members), Region 9 offered several events at the Rally. These included the Region 9 Breakfast and continuation of the recent tradition of coordinating the Blood Drive for all International attendees. This year we partnered with Kansas City's Community Blood Center with a goal of collecting 120 units of blood. The event went exceptionally well – we collected **164 units of blood** which exceeded the goal. We came in at **136% of goal** and potentially saved **492 lives. Scott Graham** is the coordinator with **Anna & David Brandon**, **Tim & Allison Ebbers**, and **Nancy Fitzgerald** coordinating the onsite event. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that worked the drive and those that donated. Your support is very much appreciated.

If you're looking for the best Mardi Gras in Texas, it's time to register for **Streamin'** on the **Strand!** This one-of-a-kind Airstream Rally is centered around the 114th Galvestion Mardi Gras. Airstreams will line either side of the parade route in the Entertainment District during the firt weekend of Mardi Gras! Galveston. In its fourth year, the dates for this National Event Rally are February 20-23, 2025, and registration is open at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-2025">https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-2025</a>

The dates of March 26-30, 2025 are set for the **Region 9 Rally** and I am actively looking for committees to plan and execute this annual rally. The rally location is Brackenridge Recreational Complex in Edna, Texas. Eemail me at <a href="mailto:region9wbcci@gmail.com">region9wbcci@gmail.com</a> or call me at 281-725-1672 if you can assist either as a committee chair or member.

Check out our Region 9 website at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-9">https://airstreamclub.org/region-9</a> for details on other upcoming Region 9 events. I am looking forward to staying in touch!



All the best,

Tracy Elkins
Region 9 President
region9wbcci@gmail.com
281-725-1672

#### North Texas Roundup's High Profile

## High Profile: Dan Brockway (Our NTxAC Webmaster)

Name: Dan Brockway

**Current Hometown:** Far North Dallas

I Grew Up In: Silver Spring, Maryland; College Station, Texas; Dallas...

I'm still growing up!

Fun Fact About Me: I love to play disc golf.

Current and/or Former Occupation: marketing for a small software company in Boston

Airstream Model/Year: 2023 Globetrotter 25FBT

Your Airstream's Name: DoubleWood (our second distillation!)

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: the little shelf around the lounge to put drink cups on

**Hobbies:** disc golf, photography, tinkering with my Airstream

I Drive A: F-150 Powerboost

Favorite TV Shows: Fire Fly, Jeopardy, SNL, CBS Sunday Morning

Favorite Music/Bands: Fleetwood Mac, Jewel, Grateful Dead, Sinatra, Pink

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests Living or Deceased Would Be: Jon Stewart (The Daily Show), Carlos

Santana (musician), Frank Lloyd Wright (architect), Pam Brockway (my wife), Ray and

Nancy (friends to enjoy the celebrities with).

My Last Meal Would Be: No time for eating. I'd kiss my wife.

I'm Known For: saying "yes" when asked to join a friend's adventure.

**Behind My Back They Say:** Enough Dad jokes already!

Nobody Knows That I: If I told you then someone would know!

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Dispersed camping on the Kern River in the Sequoia National Forest

**My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be:** Wow, I feel like I just got back from my dream trip: Santa Fe, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Salt Flats, Sip of Oregon, Oregon coast, Redwood

Forest, Ant Canyon (dispersed camping), Yosemite, Joshua Tree, Balloon Fiesta!

**Best Travel Advice:** Bring tools!



Dan and granddaughter Zoey

#### NTxAC Members' Summer Adventures

#### Fred and Alice Barber's Summer Escapes

We bought our "new to us" 2020 Classic 30RBQ in June. Bought it from a guy in Niagra County, New York who had it stored in an aircraft hanger and had only used it four times. I drove my truck up there with my wife, Alice, who flew into Buffalo to pull it back to Texas with me.

Our first real outing was over Labor Day at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. This is only 200 miles from Dallas and it's another world, with granite hills, wandering longhorns in the campsites, and a herd of bison! We had 50 amps and water in a huge site for only \$28 per night.

This was also the first time we passed another Airstream coming our way (on I-44 north of Wichita Falls), and did the reciprocal headlight flash. It's nice to be in the cult!

Tim Love did a few upgrades for us this summer - changed the fridge from propane to a 12-volt, added a Victron Smart-Shunt, put in A/C soft starts and adjusted the door. He's a great resource we found through the club.

After a Big Bend trip with friends, we will be at Texas Country Air in Quanah and then both the Tyler and Grapevine rallies. We are looking forward to getting to know more local Airstreamers.



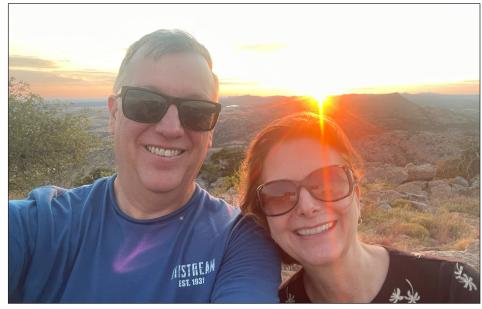
Alice kayaking at Quanah Parker Lake



The Barber's AS at Doris Campground



A bison at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge



Fred and Alice enjoy sunset atop Mt Scott, the highest point in the NWR.

#### **NTxAC Members' Summer Adventures**

#### Skip and Toni Jenkins's Summer Escape

Skip and Toni Jenkins of Frisco spent the month of August at the Angel Fire RV Resort in Angel Fire, New Mexico.

Even the occasional afternoon storms were nice, and we loved escaping the Texas heat!



Skip and Toni Jenkins



Balloon festival in Eagle Nest, NM



The Jenkins's Airstream under the rainbow in Angel Fire, NM

## Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

#### October 2024: What Happens at International?

This is for all of you who have not yet attended ACI's annual International Rally—the club's signature event. I hope to give you a sense of what you've been missing. International, as it's colloquially known, is unlike any other Airstreaming event you've ever attended. The size and scope is beyond anything else sanctioned by ACI. Sites are chosen 3 years in advance and planning for next year's rally begins as soon as this year's rally ends. The scale is such that we have to repeat the location every several years because there are only so many venues which can accommodate us. There are dozens of Committee Chairs and hundreds of volunteers who help bring off a successful event. You could be one of them.

Have you ever seen 1000+ roadworthy Airstreams of all configurations, sizes and vintages gather in one place? That's International. It's a sight to behold, especially during the evening of Airstreams Aglow, when everyone turns on their running lights at dusk. I hope you enjoy the pictorial features our fellow North Texas members contributed to this issue, but that's just scratching the surface.

You need something for your Airstream? Parts? Upgrades? Service? A new interior? A whole new Airstream? This year we had two exhibit halls packed with dozens of vendors. The local Airstream dealer, Dexter Axles, and ZipDee Awnings are regular attendees, providing on-site advice, education, and service. The Airstream Store is there too. I finally found those little caps that cover the outside screws on the window-opening hardware (11 cents!). If that's not enough, go to the swap meet.

Did you know the Airstream Club has a concert band and choir? International is their moment to shine. The concert is one of my favorite events. Last year they performed offsite at the downtown bandshell and invited the local community to attend. This year they invited members of the local orchestra to join them. There's always great enthusiasm for the concert. The band and choir heartily welcome new members of any ability, so dig out your old high school horn or bring your singing voice.

Another of my favorites is the Opening Ceremony with its national anthems (U.S. and Canadian), parade of flags, salute to the military (including branch anthems played by the band), officers roll call, and more. You just don't see pomp and circumstances like this anymore.

But look! I'm already running out of room in this month's column and there's still so much more to say. I think I'll just list a bunch of random activities from this year's program to give you a taste of what's in store for you when you finally do make it to International. Some are daily activities; some are one-off sessions.

Morning Bicycle Ride; Morning ARC Net (HAM radio); Morning Devotions; Daily Quilting and Fiber Arts; Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Parade (always a crowd

#### October 2024: What Happens at International?, continued

favorite; Region Breakfasts or Lunches; Jam Sessions; E-bike Fit and Maintenance; Jotform/Quickbooks Integration for Rally Reservations; Pickleball; Art Fundraiser and Hobby Show; Snapshot and Photo Print Contest; VAC Dance (Halloween theme this year); Line Dancing; Historian Chat with Wally Byam's Cousin; Airstream Today (presentation by Airstream, Inc.); Making Pillows for Neonatal Preemies (Airstreamers are big on charity); Traveling in Mexico—A Solo Woman's Story. It's nuts how expansive the variety is. I'm just scratching the surface. And I haven't touched the impromptu socializing.

Do yourself a favor and come at least once. 2025 we're gathering in York, PA; 2026 in Minot, ND; and 2027 back to Rock Springs, WY. You won't regret it. See you down the road!

David Majkowski, *Co-Editor* **BRN 5594** 

#### **NTxAC's Newest "Future Members"**

Welcome Alex and Eli Brandon,
David and Anna Brandon's twin grandsons!

It certainly appears that Alex and Eli already fit in with NTxAC's laid-back atmosphere and know how to just hang out and have a good time. Needless to say, Alex and Eli are ready to rally! Well coached, Brandons!





#### YIPPEE, THEY'RE FREE!

You will receive a FREE NTxAC T-shirt when you attend a rally/ meeting. We now have all sizes.

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

#### Sashay to Sedalia

#### by Anna Brandon

We started our Sashay to Sedalia at Caddo Lake State Park in East Texas. If you've never been here, it is a true fairy tale lake with moss heavily draping the Cypress trees lining the banks. The state park itself is a delight with fairly level sites, wooded hikes, and covered screened shelters at some sites.



The Brandon's campsite

Shelly Tumino, President of the East Texas Lakes Unit, hosted the event from her site. Saturday afternoon some of us took pontoon boat tours of the lake, and that evening we all feasted on catfish at the Big Pines Lodge, a historic restaurant featuring beautiful sunset displays.



Sunset from the fishing pier on Caddo Lake



Chris and Scott Wayles, Rita and Mike Barr, David and Anna Brandon, Teri and Rich Haworth, Jared and Erica Rollins, Tanner Terry, Jill and Greg Fearing, and Shelley Tumino

Next stop, Hot Springs! Hot Springs National Park is a unique (and free) park with both outdoor wonders and a historic town. For our first night in Hot Springs, we joined the Texas Hill Country Unit for a potluck in the pavilion at Catherine's Landing, a well-appointed campground right on the banks of Lake Catherine. It was a nice show of silver that day. The food was great and the company fun as we shared rally tales from the past.

Hot Springs has a lot to offer between the Bathhouse District, the Gardens, and the National Park. A few of us struck out for the Gardens, including the unusual wooden Anthony Chapel. This is a beautiful and peaceful experience where you can feel at one with nature. The architecture blends perfectly into the environment, creating a fantastic marriage of indoor and outdoor spaces.



Dinner at Catherine's Landing



**Rita** and **Mike Barr** at the Anthony Chapel

#### Sashay to Sedalia

Those of you who know **Mike Barr** love him, but so do those who just met him! These two pups went right up to greet him as though he was a long-lost friend, and even invited him to be a part of the family picture!





That evening, we went to the famous pizza place, Grateful Head. And yes, there were a few Deadheads among us who felt right at home.

After a couple of great evenings in Hot Springs, we headed up to Eureka Springs on one of the most beautiful roads in Arkansas. **Scott** and **Chris Wayles** and Rita Mae



navigated the switchbacks of the Ouachita National Forest like the pros they are.

The Brandons now, that was a different story. After telling everyone over the campfire that Drag-N-Fly had never had a flat tire, she proceeded to do just that on I-40. The Wayles came to the rescue with their tools, and David has a new wishlist on Amazon.

That little delay meant that the two rigs caught up with **Greg** and **Jill Fearing**, handling the curves just fine!

Eureka Springs was a great

holding place for everyone until their day to enter the Sedalia Rally. This charming little town with its narrow streets looks like what you would imagine on the edge of the Ozarks. Kettle Campground is a unique park where the sites are built right around the trees. They let us use a pavilion looking over the river and the changing leaves. And, just like that, the trip to Sedalia was finished and the fun of the 67th International



Rally began.

The pavilion in Eureka Springs



Pizza party at the Grateful Head:

Tanner and Carrie Terry, Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver, Jill and Greg Fearing,
David and Anna Brandon, Mike and Rita Barr, Chris and Scott Wayles

#### My Experience at the 67th Annual Rally in Sedalia, MO

#### by Jennifer Dice

Dan and I just got back from the 67th Annual Airstream Rally in Sedalia, Missouri, and it was everything I hoped it would be - and more! This was my third rally, and honestly, it felt like coming home. There's something special about arriving at the Missouri State Fairgrounds and finding myself surrounded by hundreds of shiny Airstreams - especially after being on a plane, in an Uber, then a train to Dan awaiting my arrival with the truck. (Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, anyone?) Even more exciting than all those shiny hineys was knowing I was about to spend a few days with some of the best people you could meet on the road.

One of the highlights for me was the Vintage Airstream Club Halloween Dance Party. Let me tell you, the creativity people put into their costumes was incredible! Fourteen of us showed up as the Buc-ee Beaver! The turnout was huge, the music was rockin', and everyone was in such great spirits. We danced all night, surrounded by set design-sized paintings by James Schaal of classic Jackson Center haunts. It was a blast!

The evenings were just as magical. After a full day of activities, I'd meet up with friends for casual dinners or drinks. There's something about being outside and sharing stories of adventures with old friends and new ones. I even got to witness the Northern Lights one evening – a surprise

treat that lit up the sky with eerie, beautiful colors in pink, red, and green. It was a surreal experience that made the trip forever memorable.



During the day, Dan and I did some volunteer work as well as attended seminars, which made it a great mix of fun and practical. He and I enjoyed a couple of hours talking with people and helping them understand the newest club benefit at the Courtesy Parking powered by the Harvest Host booth. We sat in on a seminar about Volunteering Across America, which gave us a lot of inspiration for future travels. We supported the Blood Drive, both by giving blood and volunteering time. The Blood Drive is a Region 9 initiative that Scott Graham (HOTC) has coordinated and promoted each year along with the help of **Anna** and **David Brandon** and a host of R9 volunteers on the ground at the rally. My favorite seminar was with Kristy Halvorsen called Intro to Coddlewomping: The Art of Intuitive Living and Traveling. It was a good reminder that being present and "following the tickles of your soul" is where life is really lived. There was a little something for

everyone, from first-timers to veteran Airstreamers.

Of course, I couldn't miss the Vintage Airstream Parade. Seeing those beautifully restored trailers roll by, each with its own unique history and character, was a true celebration of Airstream heritage. It's always amazing to see how much love and care people put into maintaining these timeless pieces of travel history.

This rally wasn't just about the activities or the trailers – it was about the people. Every conversation, every laugh, every shared moment felt like a reminder of why I love this lifestyle so much. The rally was a perfect mix of adventure, learning, and connection, and it made me appreciate even more the Airstream community I'm lucky to be a part of.

I'm already counting down the days until next year!



Dan and Jennifer Dice



## Memories from the International Rally Sedalia, Missouri



Thank you to those who submitted these great photos:

Anna Brandon
Jennifer and Dan Dice
Mike Hooker
Millie O'Donnell
Allana Patterson and
Tom Jensen
Club Photographer
Edward Wilson



**Elvis Wilson** is ready for his second rally.



Karen King and Ryder out for a spin



Your friendly parking team: Millie O'Donnell, David Brandon, Stacey Daniel, Rich Espinosa, and Lindsay Shropshire



Airstreams Aglow!



Region 9 President **Tracy Elkins** at the opening ceremonies



**Anna Brandon** participates in the opening ceremony



Fun at the Grapes & Grains MegaTasting



The North Texas crew



Nicole and Patrick Scott, Kathryn and Clinton Gauthier, Tiffany and Edward Wilson, Doug and Amber Lewis



NTxAC Happy Hour

#### The Halloween Dance sponsored by the Vintage Airstream Club



Tiffany and Edward Wilson



Roberta and David Hanson



**Chris** and **Amy Hanus** 



Jo and Tim Love



Jill and Greg Fearing



Mac and Janie Gracia



David and Anna Brandon



Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson



Nicole and Patrick Scott

#### The Halloween Dance sponsored by the Vintage Airstream Club



**Greg** and **Karen King** 



Rita and SuperMike Barr



Mike and Debbie Hooker



Tracy and Rick Elkins



Tanya and Todd Martchek



Stacey Daniel



The whole NTxAC flock!



The Wilsons and the Scotts



Allana Patterson gets her groove on



Anna Brandon, Chris Hanus, David Brandon, and Amy Hanus



Michelle Toney



**Allana** played in the band again this year



**David Brandon** broke in his new grill at the International Rally



Millie O'Donnell captured a comet speeding through the sky



**Anna Brandon's** photo of the Northern Lights

#### International Rally Day Trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, MO

Fifty-three North Texas Airstream Club members took a two-hour bus trip from Sedalia to Hamilton, Missouri to spend the day at Missouri Star Quilt Company's anchor store.

This family "saved the town" with their idea of a "quilt city."

Hamilton has 11 specialty fabric, craft, and yarn shops, plus a few cool eating venues. This is definitely a place for creatives to get the juices flowing!





Denise Morrow, Amy VanArtsdalen, Anna Brandon, Ann Weaver, Becky Johnson, and Felicia Johnson



The North Texas Airstream Club really helped out on the blood drive. Because of them and the many other volunteers over three days, over 177 registered donors provided 164 units of blood, more than a 25% increase in our collection efforts at Rock Springs and Fryeburg. In 2019, hospitals paid, on average, \$215 per unit, making the value of our efforts well over \$35,000. Most importantly, most of the blood stays in the local community. Our blood drives try to focus on agencies who intend to keep collected blood in the local region. While not always possible, especially with the more rare blood type, we were notified our efforts have the potential of saving nearly 500 lives in the local communities.))

-Anna Brandon



Blood Drive (left to right):

Allison Ebbers (THCU), Lisa Schwarz (unknown club), Tim Ebbers (THCU), Nancy Fitzgerald (TGCU), Allana Patterson (NTXAC), Rita Barr (NTXAC), Make Barr (NTXAC), Debbie Hooker (NTXAC), Anna Brandon (NTXAC), Judy Fike (unknown club)

#### NTxAC 2024 Rally Schedule

#### 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/Greq and Jill Fearing/Bret and Sam Bieghler

There are only two sites available for this rally. Call Jessica Dunnam at 430-280-6571.

#### 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

Call Tom Jensen at 817–329–3090 to get 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.

#### NTxAC 2025 Upcoming Events

#### January 24-26, 2025

#### Reason for Freezin' at the North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro

Call the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) to reserve: 254-582-5566 This will be our fourth year of joining Heart of Texas Club (HOTC) for this rally. Look out for the cookoff challenge!

#### February 20-23, 2025

#### Streamin' on the Strand, Mardi Gras Galveston!

Be a participating bystander close-up at Mardi Gras parades over the weekend. Register here: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/24205051618146">https://form.jotform.com/24205051618146</a>

#### March 21-23, 2025

#### Wally's Workshop, North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro

Learn new things and pamper your rig just before the Region 9 Rally in Edna. Registration to open November 1.

#### March 24-26, 2025

#### "Edna Bound" for the Region 9 Gone Wild Rally

After Wally's Workshop, we'll caravan down to Edna via the historic painted churches area of Texas. More information to follow.

#### March 26-30, 2025

#### Region 9 Gone Wild Rally, Edna, TX

This park highlights the wildlife of the area. Registration to open in mid-November.

#### April 24-29, 2025

#### National Event Rally: Stitchin' and Fishin'

This is where sewists and fisherpersons both have fun! Four days of sewing/quilting classes side by side with fishing classes and a guided fishing tour of one of the lakes near Hillsboro famous for striped bass fishing. Monday night wraps up the event with a fish fry. More information and registration open now: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/24238338821160">https://form.jotform.com/24238338821160</a>

#### May 16-19, 2025 Region 9 sponsored HAM Rally

If you already have a registered Amateur Radio license, enjoy visiting with others and sharing stories at the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC). If you are interested in becoming an operator, more training and testing will be offered during this rally. Learn more and register now: https://form.jotform.com/242385802111145

#### **New NTxAC Shirts and Hoodies Available!**

We now have longsleeve T-shirts and hoodies available. Please email Ed Wilson at <a href="mailto:fenderltd@yahoo.com">fenderltd@yahoo.com</a> if you want one. Include how many and size.





#### **Useful Links and Contacts**

Most pages require a login. Your username is the email that you have on file with the club head-quarters. 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) <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region9">https://airstreamclub.org/region9</a>

**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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**Live Riveted** (Airstream's blog) https://www.airstream.com/blog

**Airstream Owners** (resource page for owner information and support) <a href="https://www.airstream.com/owners">https://www.airstream.com/owners</a>

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