



North Texas Roundup

February 2025

"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

"All I wanna do is go camping!"

- Mike Hooker

February is a very unpredictable month here in North Texas. It can be clear, hot, and 80 degrees one day and then 30 degrees (or colder) with a wintery mix the next day. But, on a positive note, it's the shortest month of the year and getting closer to the camping weather we all love!

The "Reason for Freezin" rally last month in Hillsboro was a big hit and the weather wasn't that cold. Again, thank you **Channing Fell** for being the NTxAC host at the joint rally, and working with HOTC hosts for a very smoothly run event. Don't forget "Wally's Workshop" which will be held March 21-23 at North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. This is a great event to prepare your rig for the upcoming camping season. Immediately following Wally's Workshop we will be doing a caravan on the way to Region 9 Rally with a two night (March 24-25) stop at Lost Lagoon RV Park in El Campo. The Greater Houston Club will join us there. I really hope you will consider tagging along.

Then, off to the Region 9 Rally at the Brackenridge Recreation

Complex in Edna, TX. This rally is March 26-30, and I highly recommend attending. There will be lots of fun events.

April 11-13 we have a rally at Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma. This is a joint rally with the Oklahoma Club. Make your reservations now!

As our club continues to evolve, we are constantly looking for new ideas to promote camping. We started working on the concept of Pop-Up Rallies recently and **Jennifer Dice** came across this information from one of our sister clubs. I want to share this information and see if any members might have suggestions they would like to promote as their own fun "Pop-Up Rally."

What is a Pop-Up Rally?

A Pop-Up Rally is defined as a rally that is not included in the original schedule, as reported previously to club membership, and may be sponsored by any regular club member(s) by submitting the rally information including place, dates, and sponsor(s) with contact information. Basic rally information must be submitted to the Club President for approval at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed rally start date.

It is understood that the rally will not have a rally fee, and that any fees are to be paid by the individual rally members and not by the rally sponsor(s).

If you would like to propose a Pop-Up Rally and it meets the criteria above, please let me know and we will see if we can move forward with it.

In closing, don't forget to check out our calendar in this newsletter and online for future planned events, rallies and caravans this year. Be careful out there, and I look forward to seeing you all down the road!



Mike Hooker
BRN 05557

Editors' Corner

We hope your February has been full of love – for your special ones in life as well as the love of the lifestyle we get to enjoy with our Airstreams. Life is good!

From the rally reviews, it appears that the Reason for Freezin' rally was a great success! Thanks to **Anna Brandon, Debi Smith Rich, and David Majkowski** for the photos at the Freezin Rally. And, to my team of friends who always help identify members in the photos – thank you!

We're preparing this newsletter for you while the Streamin' on the Strand Rally is in full swing in Galveston. Full details of all the craziness will be available in our March newsletter.

Every month we put out a call for members to send us your photos and stories of your travels. Is no one going anywhere? C'mon, y'all, share your experiences with us! Send your photos and stories to aec2you@gmail.com and we'll make sure we include your stories of the road. Share your family with us as well. We're all one big North Texas Airstream Club family!

Also, after the Rally Schedule in this month's newsletter there's a call for appetizer recipes. We hope you will participate.

See you down the road!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David Majkowski
BRN 5594

Your 2025 NTxAC Officers & Committee Chairs

All of these folks work very hard to give all of our members a great club experience. In addition to meeting monthly they plan our rallies, secure sites and rally hosts, handle all financial matters, welcome new members, create monthly newsletters, post on social media, send out emails, and a million other duties that keep this club running well and creating an atmosphere of "family." Please join in on the fun at our 2025 rallies and activities!



Front Row: **Edward Wilson, Mike Hooker, Ann Clark, Lynn Clark, Maribeth Pappas, Dan Brockway;**

Back Row: **David Majkowski, Anna Brandon (Region 9 1st VP), Bill Steddum, Nicole Scott, and Patrick Scott.**

Not pictured: **Henry Wilkins, Mike Barr, Diane Dunaway**

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February Birthdays

Jean Muncrief	2/1	Tom Collier	2/9	Beth Adams	2/19
Ruth Ann Walker	2/2	Olivia Krull	2/10	Fred Barber	2/20
Dianna Casper	2/3	Doug Towns	2/10	Cynthia Karkoska	2/20
Chris Haefner	2/3	Miles Godbey	2/14	April Smith	2/21
Nansii Downer	2/4	Mike Van Buskirk	2/14	Jim Pete Flores	2/24
Johanna Nystrom	2/5	Bryan Downer	2/15	Keith Enstrom	2/29
Mike Gross	2/7	Greg Fearing	2/15		
Jeff Heaton	2/7	Dennis Howard	2/18		

February Anniversaries

Dennis and Denise Walker	2/14	David and Kim Majkowski	2/20
Keith and Ellen Enstrom	2/15	Henry and Carol Wilkins	2/28

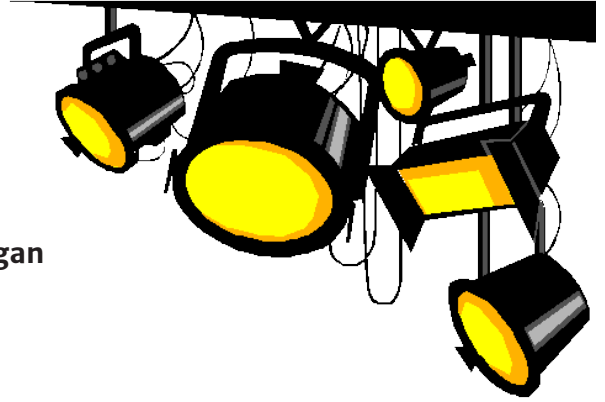
March Birthdays

Amy Terkel	3/2	Rich Kazura	3/11	Robert Speer	3/22
Elaine Holmes	3/3	Pete Zelink	3/12	Steve Garcia	3/24
Emily Romph	3/5	David Hanson	3/13	Lori Smith	3/24
Felicia Johnson	3/7	Steve Horstman	3/15	Debi Normington	3/26
Tori Johnston	3/7	Kris Hill	3/16	Jerry Adams	3/27
Connie Carrington	3/8	Ron Battles	3/18	Dara Poole	3/29
Andy Carl	3/9	Lori Ernst	3/20	Bruce Harrower	3/30

March Anniversaries

Stephen and Kris Hill	3/5	Ben and Dana Hext	3/15
Channing and Phyllis Fell	3/6	Rick and Carol Lowther	3/15
Scott and Ann Swanson	3/11	Ross and Phyllis Hamilton	3/19
Jerry Hissong and Abby Cooke	3/12	Chris and Ruth Haefner	3/25
David and Amarylis Fain	3/12	Jim and Susan Fant	3/29

New Members Spotlight



New Members

Erica Condori

2022 Globetrotter 25'
Irving, TX

Seamus and Cristina Regan

2020 Flying Cloud 30'
Burleson, TX

John and Barbara Johnson

2019 Globetrotter 27'
Ft. Worth, TX

Kirk and Jane Rimer

2025 Classic 30'
Dallas, TX

Thomas Kachmar

2019 Globetrotter 27'
Keller, TX

Brenda and Matthew Taylor

2022 Bambi 22'
Georgetown, TX

New Affiliate Members

Neal and Cathy Hays

2025 Globetrotter 30'
Texarkana, TX

Neal and Cathy Hays, BRN 07752 (Affiliate Members)

We are a retired couple. Neal was a critical care nurse and Cathy was a middle school teacher. We are originally from Webster Parish, LA, but we've lived all over the country with various job changes. We have lived in Texarkana for a few years now, but recently sold our home and bought our first Airstream. We have two grown daughters and eight grandchildren. Neal is a real handyman and loves to camp and hike. Cathy is a quilter and a knitter.



Seamus and Cristina Regan, BRN 01363

My wife and I are both working professionals. Cristina is a beautiful 47 year-old bilingual high school language educator (English and Spanish teacher), a current law school student (third year), and about to start a new job at TCU (Texas Christian University). As for me, I'm a 51 year-old "crusty old veteran" of the United States Army, with three combat tours in Iraq, a year in South Korea, three years in U.S. Army Europe (Germany) and a variety of other places across the U.S. and overseas. Today, I am a technology leader with a Global Financial company where I have served as a technology officer for the past fourteen years and going.

Cristina and I are a blended family, happily married for three years. We have five daughters between us ranging in age from 7 to 27. We reside together with our three minor daughters and two Irish Terriers in our home in Burlleson, Texas, in Johnson County.

Cristina and I love to travel when we can, but life gets in the way more than we would like. We are new to RV life. In May of 2020 we became the proud owners of a 30' Flying Cloud RB Twin. We have spent the last 9 months trying to get out on the road with some success and have a planned (booked) RV trip to Galveston KOA coming this March over Spring Break.

My most recent hobby has been subscribing to YouTube channels to soak up as much as I can about RV-ing in general, Airstreams, and the mainte-

nance/improvements thereof. I've been busy trying to learn and been doing lots of little improvements to our rig. So many improvement goals and much too little time to implement them. I have comprehensive solar/lithium/Victron implementation on my radar, but I

am saving it as a major project when time and money are more plentiful. I did pick up some AirKrafter erPods, LOVE 'EM! Looking forward to meeting new people and forming bonds with our new Airstream family. See you out there!



Matt and Brenda Taylor, BRN 22911

We are excited to be Airstream owners! We didn't always feel that way; however, when we cleaned Marc and Tricia Leach's Airstream from KYD Airstream, we quickly realized the quality of them. A little research told us Airstreams are made to last 50 years, while all others are designed to last 5-15 years. I was interested in no slides! As we cleaned more Airstreams, the many stories from owners hooked us. For example, the speed that one pulls the Airstream, - Airstreams are just that way - made to resist the wind going down the road. The construction reminded us of a cross between a tank and an airplane.

We feel like newbies again. For seven years we've pulled a Fifth Wheel. This is our first bumper pull.

We've been going to RV shows for over 30 years and knew one day we would own an RV and somehow work from it. Little did we know that odors would cause us to call a tank cleaning company. When we saw what was coming out of the tanks and the education we received, a light bulb was lit in our minds. We could become Kleen Tank dealers and leave our brick-and-mortar jobs. Kleen Tank of Austin has taken us on a wonderful journey of helping people mixed with traveling throughout Texas. Brenda's last day at work is February 16, and

Matt's last day will come soon. We purchased our adorable Bambi 22 FB to quickly hook up and attend rallies. We still live in our Redwood Fifth Wheel for now.

Brenda is from Cleveland, TN and Matt is from Tampa, FL. We met at our Home Depot jobs in Nashville, TN. Our bonus daughter lives in Florida, and our two children live here in Texas. Between the two girls we have ten grandchildren. We are pet-less. When our beloved dog died we did not replace him. We love to explore and learn new things, hence why Kleen Tank works for us. We help people and learn new things daily which satisfies our souls. We are excited about this new chapter of our lives.



Editor David's Airstream Club Primer

February 2025: Help!

With the Wally's Workshop rally coming up this month, I thought I'd write a little something about getting help with your Airstream. This is kind of a dual-edged topic since looking for help often entails getting educated about how things work, how to diagnose problems, and, if you're enterprising, how to fix them.

It's also a MASSIVE topic. There are different types of Airstreams (travel trailers and motor homes), different models with their own unique features, not to mention a range of model years extending from brand spanking new to vintages older than me. On top of that, each Airstream has its different systems: electricity (both AC and DC); plumbing; HVAC; running gear; appliances; cabinetry; doodads—just to name a few.

So where do you start? I'm wondering that myself as I grapple with this month's column. I think the only thing I can do, within the confines of this column, is to hand you a list of pointers and links. Ready? Here we go!

MANUALS — Manuals are frustrating when they don't tell you what you need to know. But I never cease to be surprised at what I learn there. There are a bunch of them in the Airstream bag that comes with every Airstream. At the very least, you can find details, such as model numbers, that you can use in online searches. Too often, I have regrets that I didn't check there first.

MECHANICS — If you're not a do-it-yourselfer (DIY-er), this is your first call. There's always the local Airstream dealer (ours is Airstream DFW), but I've called in on others when on the road. Then there are mobile mechanics who come to you. Look elsewhere in this issue for two popular ones (one is even a member of NTxAC).

AIRSTREAM SUPPORT (<https://support.airstream.com>) — I've used this site a few times. You can open tickets for specific issues or learn from their Education Center articles.

AIR FORUMS (<https://www.airforums.com/>) — This one comes from secondhand knowledge. I haven't used this resource, but I can't tell you how many times I've heard, "Did you post it on Air Forums?" Or "I saw it on Air Forums."

OTHER AIRSTREAMERS — Airstreamers LOVE to share what they know, and they LOVE to help other Airstreamers. Next time you're at a rally, pull out a few tools and start fiddling with something. See how many people stop by to see what you're up to and whether you need help.

ALMOST NOT WORTH MENTIONING — YouTube, Facebook Groups, blah, blah, blah. Everybody already knows about these, but I said almost. I'm going to introduce you

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February 2025: Help!, continued

to a person you might not know about—Mike Sokol, the RV Electricity guy. As an aspiring DIY-er, I've saved myself a sackful of woes and money from what I've learned from Sokol's Substack (free account required). Though not strictly for Airstreams, his focus on RVs and safety are a huge boon. If you don't want to sign up for Substack, check out the articles on Mike's web archive at <https://rvelectricity.com/>. Honorable mention: Airstream YouTubers. They've made the mistakes and had the problems you hope you never have, so learn vicariously from them.

I sometimes feel like I'm cheating when I hand you lists and links because I'm relying on what other people know rather than my own knowledge. But with this topic, the only thing I can do is point to the rabbit holes I've found and wish you luck. I hope there are one or two resources in this list that you didn't know about. See you down the road!

David Majkowski, *Co-Editor*
BRN 5594

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

In the winter of 1955, Wally Byam led a Caravan of 487 trailers 3,000 miles starting from Nogales, Arizona and journeying to Acapulco, Mexico. Nicknamed the "Caravan 500", the trip was featured in the February 21, 1955 issue of Life Magazine.

This photo shows the Caravan 500 parked in Airstream's iconic "Wagon Wheel" formation.

Source: www.airstreamblog.com



NTxAC's Newest "Future Member"

Welcome **Henry Christian Ray**,
Lynn and Ann Clark's first grandbaby!

Little Henry made his entrance into the world three weeks early in Baltimore, Maryland on February 7. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 16 ounces and about 18 inches long. He is the son of daughter Cassie Clark and her husband Matt Ray.

Small but mighty, Henry will be introduced to the Airstream life early, and "Pops" Lynn will make sure he learns how to cast a rod and become his fishing buddy. See you down the road, Henry!



NTxAC 5-year members have already received a red star to celebrate 5 years of membership.

When you reach 5 years of membership, contact Jackson Center through the link below.

A star will be mailed to you.

<https://airstreamclub.org>



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High Profile: Peggy Ott

Current Hometown: Grapevine, Texas

I Grew Up In: San Joaquin Valley, CA. Also, kind of an army brat.

Fun Fact About Me: Before my career as an RN, I spent 20 years in the airline industry.

Current and/or Former Occupation: Registered Nurse

Airstream Model/Year: 2016 International Serenity 27' FB

Your Airstream's Name: Gypsy Soul (license plate GYPSOL) BRN 2545

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: She came with a dishwasher! Also, it gives us countless adventures with the ability to meet such cool people.

Hobbies: Reading fantasy novels, puzzles, playing video games, gardening

I Drive A: Lexus

Favorite TV Shows: How I Met Your Mother, Big Bang Theory, Game of Thrones, and nearly all Christmas movies

Favorite Music/Bands: Zac Brown, Jimmy Buffet, Michael Buble

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Mitch's grandparents or Harrison Ford

My Last Meal Would Be: for my husband to cook sea scallops and lobster over homemade Pasta Alfredo

I'm Known For: a friendly smile and forgetting your name! I'm working on the name part.

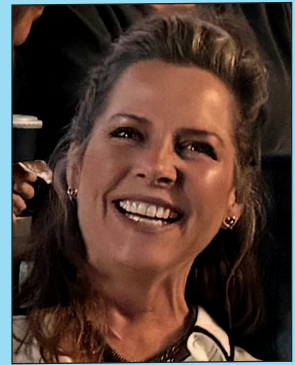
Behind My Back They Say: I'm too much of a homebody.

Nobody Knows That I: have a sugar intolerance.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: The Range (of course), Gulf Shores AL, Bridges of Madison County IA, Door County WI. Honestly, I love all the places!

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: on a beach in the Hawaiian Islands (Kauai if I'm dreaming as we were married there.)

Best Travel Advice: Remember it's about the journey, meet as many people as you can and enjoy them. Also, do not overpack. There are washing machines and grocery stores everywhere!



Love Is In The Airstream

February - the month of love!
Thanks to these NTxAC members who answered the call on our Facebook page to showcase someone special in their lives.



Rita and Mike Barr
married 44 years!



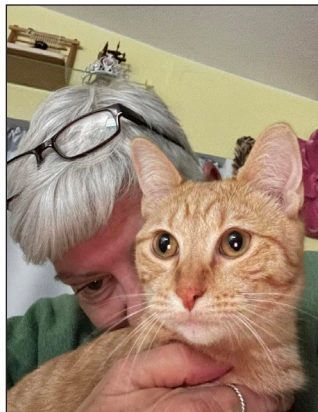
Robyn and Greg Ellerman
married 44 years!



John and Rita Green
married 58 years!



David and Kim Majkowski
married 32 years!



Millie O'Donnell and Quinn
Fur-ever friends



Maxi and Cliff Millican
married 29 years!



Allana Patterson and Tom Jensen
married 35 years!



Lynn and Ann Clark
married 46 years!



Dan and Jennifer Dice
married 25 years!

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events

March 21-23, 2025

Wally's Workshop, North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro

Learn new things about your Airstream and pamper your rig just before the Region 9 Rally in Edna.

For more info contact David or Anna Brandon 214-460-0420

Registration is now open: <https://form.jotform.com/242894112761155>

Whether you are headed to the Escape to the Country Region 9 Annual Rally or not, this is the perfect opportunity to learn new things and take care of your prized Airstream trailer. Featured guests are The Royal Flush (tank maintenance and cleaning), Cross Country RV Solutions, DFW RV Rescue (washing, waxing), DFW Airstream, and Airstream Tech Jerry Vanloon. You will make appointments for the services in which you have interest directly with the service provider and the work is done on site Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. You will receive an estimate of cost in advance. If you decide to take advantage of a service (or services) without an appointment, this will depend upon the tech's availability.

There will also be an Airstream Swap Table and Book Exchange, so bring anything you aren't using anymore!

March 24-26, 2025

Caravan for the Region 9 Escape to the Country Rally

Lost Lagoon RV Park

El Campo, TX

Phone: 979-275-1600

Hosts: *Mike and Debbie Hooker*

This is a pop-up joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club, on the way to the Region 9 Escape to the Country Rally. There are 16 spots reserved for NTxAC members, so if you're interested you must reserve your spot NOW. Call the Lost Lagoon RV Park directly to make reservations and tell them this is for the Airstream Rally on March 24-26. Rates are \$69.00 nightly + 3% service fee. Any extra nights are \$95.00 + tax.

Sites have been reserved along the same lane across from each other. Make sure you tell them you're

with NTxAC. All sites are pull-through, full hookups with 30/50 amp.

Bring your own food, although surely there will be arrangements made to go out to eat or gather for coffee or a potluck dinner for socializing. Additional details will be released as time draws nearer.

PLEASE call Mike Hooker (817-343-1536) or email (airstream099leadership@gmail.com) to let Mike know if you will be attending so we have an accurate rig count.

March 26-30, 2025

Region 9 Escape to the Country Rally, Edna, TX

This rally will be on the banks of Lake Texana, known for kayaking and fishing.

Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2025-rally>

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events,

April 11-13, 2025

Buddy Rally at Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK

This is a joint rally with the North Texas and Oklahoma Airstream Clubs! It will be at Elephant Rock Campground at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Feel free to arrive early or extend your stay. YOU MUST BOOK YOUR OWN CAMPSITE FOR THIS RALLY!

Click here for details: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally-lake-murray>

Hosts: Chris and Amy Hanus

April 24-29, 2025

National Event Rally: Stitchin' and Fishin'

Sewists and fisherpersons can 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 info and registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/242383388821160>

May 16-18, 2025

Come to Gather Right Now Rally, Gather Campground, Belton, TX

Gather Campground

3360 S IH-35 Service Road, Belton, TX 76513

Phone: 254-236-2866

<https://gathercampgroundbellcounty.com/>

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

Book your site two ways: Call 254-236-2866 and identify yourself with the North Texas Airstream Club OR go online: <https://gathercampgroundbellcounty.com>

We have 20 sites: F2-F9, G3-G8, and G14-G19 held until April 15.

If you choose one of these online, put in the notes that you are with NTxAC.

Reserve before April 15 and we will get updated info out in April about the schedule.

Schedule

Friday, May 16

2:00 pm

Check in anytime after 2:00

5:00 pm

Meet on clubhouse patio for Happy Hour. Bring drinks and appetizers.

6:00 pm

Food truck on property or bring your own. Eat on clubhouse patio or pool patio.

7:30-10 pm

S'mores by the fire (ingredients provided.) Bring a chair for campfire chat.

Saturday, May 17

8:30 am

Coffee and bagels at the clubhouse

9:30 am

NTxAC brief meeting; excursions follow

Carpool excursion to Chalk Ridge Falls for hiking and nature

OR

Carpool excursion to Salado for antiquing, shopping, breweries, and lunch at many of Salado's unique restaurants.

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events, cont.

Come to Gather Right Now Rally, *continued*

Saturday, May 17

3:00 pm Poolside gathering with pina coladas and margaritas provided. Bring snacks.
6:00 pm Hamburgers by the pool, potluck with sides (meat and buns provided.)
Evening of games in the clubhouse

Sunday, May 18

8:30 am Coffee and donuts in the clubhouse
Down the road again

June 5-8, 2025

Summer Vines - Lantern Oaks RV Resort, Fredericksburg, TX

<https://lanternoaks.com>

121 E. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624-4227

Make your reservations at 726-213-3689; \$72 per night

Full refund if cancelled 60 days out; 50% refund 30 days out

Hosts: Edward and Tiffany Wilson

Join us for a relaxing time in Fredericksburg! More details to come, but think wineries, pool time, and fun! Lantern Oaks is a brand-new resort with a ton of amenities. We have 25 Luxe Reserve Pull-Through sites reserved for the next 30 days, so if you want to go, now is the time to book! When calling to reserve, mention you are with the North Texas Airstream Club to be included in the group rate and sites together.

August, 2025

Caravan to the International Rally, York, PA

Locations and dates are yet to be confirmed.

August 23-28, 2025

ACI International Rally, York, PA

Registration is now open:

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-international-rally>

September 26-28, 2025

Rally in Glen Rose, TX

More info to follow.

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NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events, cont.

**October 17-19, 2025
Rally in Ennis, TX**

More info to follow.

**November 14-16, 2025
Installation Rally, The Boulders at Lake Tyler, Whitehouse, TX**

More info to follow.

Hosts: Jeff and Maribeth Pappas

**December 5-7, 2025
Holiday Rally, The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine, Grapevine, TX**

More info to follow.

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

Bring An Appetizer!

You see this request in almost every rally schedule, right?

Do you ever scratch your head, wondering what you could bring besides the usual chips and dip? Well, here's a chance to get some great recipes from members who know how to create some real crowd-pleasing appetizers.

If you would like to share your favorite appetizer please send your recipe along with your name to aec2you@gmail.com.

If we get a good response, look for opportunities in the Roundup to send recipes for sides, desserts, and the all-important Happy Hour cocktail!



YIPPEE, THEY'RE FREE!!

Hey, new members, you will receive a FREE NTxAC T-shirt when you attend a rally/meeting.

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

Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro

Rally Review by Co-Editor David Majkowski

Quite a few Airstreamers attended the Reason for Freezin' joint rally with Heart of Texas Camping (HOTC) in January. There must have been 75 or more at the Soup Competition Potluck. Not only were the host clubs represented, but some friends from other units, who happen to live at NTAC, joined in on the fun, too.

You'll be reading more about the rally from other contributors in this issue. For my part, I want to follow up my January



Mike "This Ain't Cornhole" Hooker (NTxAC) at the plate

preview article with some photos from the Beanbag Baseball game. For those of you who've never played, Beanbag Baseball is an NTAC staple which looks and feels like Cornhole, but with bases and runners and dugouts.

Two teams line up in their "dugouts," forming a corridor. A "batter" gets 3 beanbags to toss at the board. The board



Myra "I've Never Played Before" Speer (HOTC) about to drive in some runs

has holes for singles, doubles, triples, home run, outs, and foul ball. If you "strike out" with your 3 tosses (miss everything) or toss an "out," your "at bat" is over. If your bag falls in one of the "on base" holes, you get to run the bases, which are 3 chairs arranged in a diamond behind the board. The game lasts 7 innings of 3 outs per inning for each side.



"Home Run" Sue Arnesen (NTxAC) swinging for the fences with the bases loaded

We had a great turnout of 14 players. **Sue McLaughlin**, our scorekeeper, recommended a boys against the girls, 7 on 7 game. The ladies got off to a quick start with 3 runs. When the gents were able to claw back 3 in the middle innings, the gals quickly forged ahead with another 3 runs. It wasn't until the 6th inning that the men, led by their 95-year-old lead-off batter, **Ardell Mayton** of the Texas Highland Lakes Unit, put together a big score with



Isaac "I've Never Gotten This Far" Holmes (NTxAC) scores!

6 runs. The ladies managed 2 more, but ultimately fell short. Final score: 9-8, men. Maybe we can get another big game together at Wally's Workshop in March?

Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro

Rally Review by Jennifer Dice, former NTxAC President

In its third season as a buddy rally with the Heart of Texas Camping Unit (HOTC), The "Reason for Freezin' Rally" has proven itself as a wonderful way to start the new year. Hosted annually at the North Texas Airstream Community here in Hillsboro, TX, this rally allows you to test your mettle with cold-weather camping while enjoying the warmth of community provided by members of HOTC, NTxAC, and the rally room at the host site.

Friday night's potluck and "Bright Ideas" session was a wonderful start to the weekend. The rally room was full and the food was plenty. I really enjoyed the "Bright Ideas" session which is where members share a solution or discovery about their Airstream, tow vehicle, or any general travel that may help others. I got the biggest kick out of **Steve Woodward** saying he's a pretty dirty guy, so he puts his clothes in a 5-gallon bucket filled with water and suds and suspends it in the shower while driving down the road. He explained it serves as the agitation part of the wash cycle. *LOL*

It was great to meet two of our newest members, the **Schulze's**, who have been with NTxAC for a week and popped in to meet everyone at dinner. I can't wait to see them again at an upcoming rally - maybe Wally's

Workshop - and get to know both better.

Saturday provided something great for everyone starting with breakfast and then free time to explore the Hillsboro Arts League in downtown Hillsboro, participate in the group flea market in the rally room, or join several ladies for a trip to the Heritage Quilt Barn.

Each year the highlight of the rally is the Saturday night cooking competition. In years past, culinary prowess has been displayed in categories such as pasta and pie (savory like pizza and sweet like apple). This year's theme called on a great comfort food for cold weather: soup! In all, there were over 20 soups in the competition this year, including some memorable ones like lobster bisque, green chili stew, wild rice, butternut squash bisque, Russian borscht, loaded potato, Mississippi beef stew,



cheese tortellini, creamy zuppa toscana, meatball and kale, and lasagna soup just to name a few. To add to the soup, other

members brought a whole array of sides, breads, and desserts. There were SO many delicious entries that it was hard to pick just one. The winner was the Wildest Rice Soup from HOTC member, **Karen Jones Preece**.



While each part of this weekend brought something great, playing 42 and Mexican Train dominoes with friends after dinner each night was by far my favorite. There were so many laughs and good conversation around the table. This sense of community and fun are two big reasons I love to Airstream!

Lastly, this rally used GroupMe to communicate throughout the weekend. This is a great way to post reminders, have fun polls, and get ideas out for fun meet-ups quickly during the day. I hope to see our club use this app for communication at our upcoming rallies.

A big thank you to **Channing Fell** for being the NTxAC point of contact for this rally. I really appreciate you taking the time to support our club in this way.

Reason for Freezin' Rally in Hillsboro



Rita and John Green and Don and Marian Hetzler



Robert Speer, Debbie and Mike Hooker, Kevin Short



David Brandon, Olivia and Dick Krull



Rachel Brown, Myra Speer, and Anna Brandon



Beanbag Baseball in the Rally Room



Fellowship is what our club is all about!



David Blackmon, Daryl and Kathy Chambers, Bill Steddum, Millie O'Donnell, Ann Weaver, Dan and Jennifer Dice, and Lori Ernst

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Tasting strategy for the group to taste and vote for their favorite



Soup cookoff winner
Karen Preece Jones



A big pot of yum!
Wildest Rice Soup



Karen Jones Preece's winning soup

Wildest Rice Soup

★★★★★

Cook Time: 23 min Servings: 10 Source:

mrfood.com

INGREDIENTS

1 (6.2-ounce) package long-grain and wild rice mix
1 pound bacon, diced
2 cups chopped fresh mushrooms
1 large onion, diced
3 3/4 cups half-and-half
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
2 (10-3/4-ounce) cans cream of potato soup, undiluted
1 (8-ounce) loaf pasteurized prepared cheese product, cubed

DIRECTIONS

Cook wild rice mix according to package directions, omitting seasoning packet; set rice aside.

Cook bacon in a Dutch oven until crisp. Remove bacon, and drain on paper towels, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in Dutch oven.

Sauté mushrooms and onion in drippings until tender; stir in rice, bacon, half-and-half, and remaining ingredients. Cook over medium-low heat until soup is thoroughly heated and cheese melts, stirring constantly.

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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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