



North Texas Roundup

March 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

2025 is already a quarter of the way over! Time flies so quickly. As I write this, Debbie and I are preparing to go to "Wally's Workshop" in Hillsboro next week for four nights. Following that, we'll head to Lost Lagoon in El Campo for two nights to attend a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Our journey will conclude at the Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX.

I hope to see all of you at the Region 9 Rally, which starts on Wednesday, March 26th and runs through Sunday, March 30th. This year's rally schedule is packed with interesting and educational presentations, including tips on maintaining and enjoying your Airstream, cooking on the road, a winery tour, a Palmetto Dam tour, casino night, a shrimp boil, and much more. The Region 9 Rally is an excellent opportunity to meet new Airstream friends from the Texas and Oklahoma Clubs and Units. I encourage all of you to get involved and take part in the fun!

Looking ahead, the North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC) will be heading to Lake Murray State

Park in Oklahoma for a joint rally with the Oklahoma Airstream Club from April 11th to 13th. Additionally, a rally is planned at Gather Campground in Belton, TX from May 16th to 18th.

On the business side of things, The Airstream Club International (ACI) Executive Board elections are fast approaching. Deadline for submissions: April 1st, 11:59 PM ET. These elections are crucial as they determine the leadership that will guide our club's future. The Executive Board plays a vital role in shaping policies, driving initiatives, and ensuring that our club continues to thrive and fulfill its mission. I would like to encourage all members to consider applying for these positions, to bring the diverse talents and experiences of our members, that can greatly contribute to our club's success and have a meaningful impact on our community. We're excited to see who the potential new leaders will be that emerge from this process, and the fresh perspectives they will bring. Go to: <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate>.

In closing, I hope you can join us for these exciting events to enjoy the camaraderie and shared

experiences with your fellow Airstream enthusiasts. Safe travels and see you at the rallies!



Mike Hooker
BRN 05557

Register Now!

April 11-13
Buddy Rally at Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK

May 16-18
Come to Gather Rally Gather Campground, Belton, TX

June 5-8
Summer Vines Rally Lantern Oaks RV Resort, Fredericksburg, TX

Editors' Corner

Happy Spring to you all! It's time to get those shiny Airstreams out on the road and have some new adventures. Many of our members are preparing to head out for the Region 9 Rally in Edna. Wishing you all safe travels and much fun! This newsletter brings mixed emotions with the loss of two of our members, **Henry Wilkins** and **Marian Hetzler**. Please read about them in this issue. They will be missed. On a happier note, our own **Anna Brandon** gave us a great write-up on the Streamin' on the Strand Rally in Galveston last month. Be sure to read it as it will answer a lot of questions you may have about that popular event. Thank you, Anna!

Co-Editor David has the Airstream Primer on hiatus this month, so enjoy learning about Airstream's history with flamingos, instead. This ties in nicely with Anna's rally review (you'll see!)

Meanwhile, air up the tires, stock the coolers, pack up the grill and head out! Texas is at its best this month, both with the bluebonnets and the weather. And while you're at it, SEND PHOTOS AND STORIES FROM YOUR ADVENTURES!!! We love sharing experiences with all of you. Happy Trails!



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: **Mike Barr, Diane Dunaway**

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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

April Birthdays

Gary Kuhlman	4/2	Todd Martchek	4/8	John Calvin	4/15
Cris Pimentel	4/3	Lynda Davis	4/10	Denise Walker	4/15
Tim Dennis	4/4	Jeff Cason	4/10	Wendy Cason	4/22
Martha Henson	4/4	Jim Fluet	4/12	Brenda Taylor	4/22
Andy Dunkinson	4/5	Susan Fant	4/13	Claudia Eisenmann	4/25
Jason Romph	4/5	Richard Roelke	4/13	Matt Taylor	4/30
Mark Wright	4/6	Rob Turner	4/14		

April Anniversaries

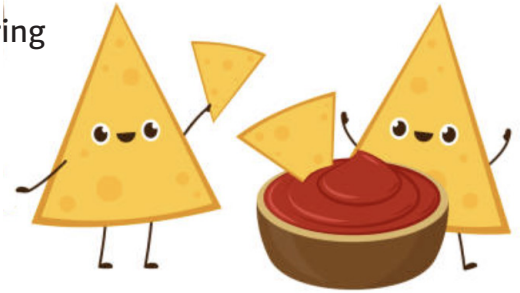
Jeff and Mary Kohnle	4/2	Miles and Janet Godbey	4/16
Sara Brown and Justin Erbskorn	4/12	Martin and Alicia Peacey	4/16
John and Kathy Ward	4/12	Rob and Kim Turner	4/21

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 in our monthly newsletter, *The North Texas Roundup*, 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.

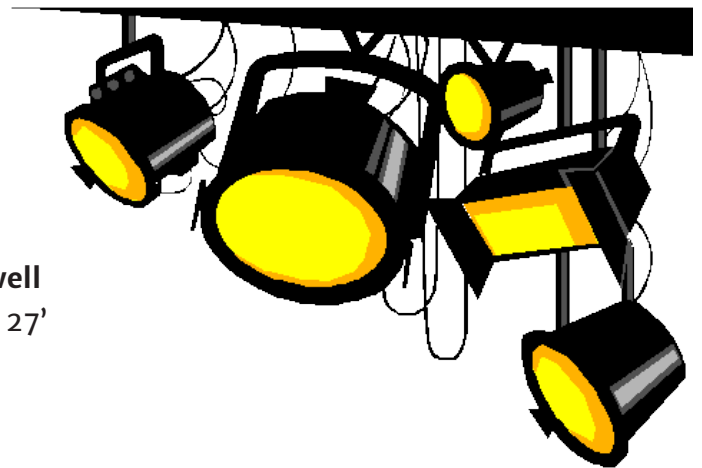
Any members wanting to buy a T-shirt may purchase one for \$15 at a rally.

New Members Spotlight

New Members

Bart and Sharon Hancock
2018 Bambi 22'
Plano, TX

Don and Lisa Rowell
2025 Globetrotter 27'
Hickory Creek, TX



New Affiliate Members

Vernon and Suzanne Neal
2023 Globetrotter 27'
Iola, TX

Peter and Judy Schwarz
2005 Skydeck 39' / 2013 Interstate 23'
Hillsboro, TX

Region 9 News

Hello, Airstream Friends,

Brrr – what a winter we’ve had! The past couple of months have thrown some serious chills our way, and I don’t know about you, but I’m ready to wave goodbye to the blustery days and roll straight into camping season. Here’s hoping your Airstreams weathered the storms like the champs they are!

• Streamin’ on the Strand Recap

Last week, Region 9 threw its fourth Streamin’ on the Strand Rally during the kickoff at Mardi Gras! Galveston – our third year as a National Event Rally! Despite the beach being a bit too frosty for flip-flops, over 90 Airstreamers parked along the historic Strand on Mechanic Row for a blast of a time. Beads flew, parades marched, bands played, and the food? Nonstop deliciousness. Mark your calendars for next year: February 5-8, 2026, with registration opening mid-September for about 48 adventurous rigs. You won’t want to miss it!

• Stitchin’ and Fishin’ – Year Two and Thriving!

Back for its second year and now a National Event Rally, Stitchin’ and Fishin’ at the North Texas Airstream Community was such a hit last year it’s now officially a must-do! April in Texas is pure magic – Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush line the roads, the weather’s just right, and the fishing is prime. Sewists can hit up stops on the “All Texas Shop Hop” and set up in a dedicated rally space for projects, while anglers get a fully guided fishing trip Monday, April 28th – a four-star day for reeling in Striped Bass, per the solar/lunar tables! It’s sold out, but join the waitlist here:

airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin

Volunteers Needed – Step Up!

Region 9 thrives because of YOU – our amazing volunteers. We’ve got two chair positions open (Membership and Caravan) and a call for candidates will be coming soon for 2nd VP elections. Whether it’s a leadership role or joining a standing committee, your time and talents keep our club rolling. Think about jumping in – we’d love to have you!

Here’s to warmer days, open roads, and Airstream adventures ahead. See you out there!



Happy Camping,

Tracy Elkins

Region 9 President

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In Memoriam



Henry Wilkins

July 15, 1946 – February 21, 2025

Major Henry Taylor Wilkins, Jr., U.S. Air Force (Ret.), age 78, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2025.

Henry was born on July 15, 1946, in Hearne, Texas, to Henry Wilkins and Irene (Hand) Wilkins. He grew up in Ankeny, Iowa, where he graduated from high school before pursuing his passion for aerospace. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University and later obtained his MBA from Central Michigan University.

A proud Vietnam veteran, Henry served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force, flying B-52s. He retired at the rank of Major after a dedicated career. Following his military service, he continued sharing his expertise as a ground school instructor for American Airlines.

In retirement, Henry embraced his love for travel, often exploring the country in his beloved Airstream. He was an active member of the North Texas Airstream Club and found community and faith as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Mark; and his daughters, Denise and Kelly.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol (Clay) Wilkins of Weatherford, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Erika and Tim Eckley; son, Joel Wilkins; grandsons, Zachary and Ian Wilkins; stepdaughters and their husbands, Susan and Mark Stockstill and Sara and Pachis De le Garza; stepgrandsons, Mark Alan Stockstill, Jr. and Clayton Maxwell; and his sister, Maureen Wilkins.

Henry's legacy of service, adventure, and love will be cherished by all who knew him.

In Memoriam

Our NTxAC Vice-President, **Edward Wilson**, gave us permission to publish his tribute to our friend, **Henry Wilkins**, along with some of his photos.

“Like many of you, I had the privilege of calling Henry a friend and traveling with him and Carol to numerous Airstream rallies – even all the way to the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. I’m grateful for the time I spent with him, learning about his incredible life and the experiences that shaped him. Henry was an inspiration to me and so many others, always ready to hitch up his Airstream and set off on another adventure. I can’t recall a time when he wasn’t smiling or offering a helping hand to anyone in need. His presence will be deeply missed.”



Henry was one of our NTxAC trustees. He’s in the back row, far right.



Henry at the 2023 Holiday Rally in Grapevine



David Brandon, Henry, and Edward at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day in Dublin Rally



Henry (left) with Edward and Pete Zlink at the 2024 Region 9 Rally in Bandera



Carol Wilkins, Edward, and Henry at the ACI International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming in 2023

In Memoriam

NTxAC members **Anna** and **David Brandon** also shared their tribute to **Henry Wilkins**:

“During the time that NTxAC was slowly waking up from the coma of COVID, we were hosting a rally in March 2022 at Lake Mineral Wells State Park. We were anxious because March weather is unpredictable and the lovely gathering space at this state park isn’t close to the camping sites. A few days before the rally weekend, there was the possibility of ice, so there were several cancellations. We set up our site though, and waited to see who who would end up joining us. Four rigs ended up joining us, and this is how we met Henry and Carol. Henry was a gentle giant and Carol was ever present to help out with food and clean-up. They became dear to our heart over the next couple of years as they joined in on the fun across the country, at NTxAC rallies, Region 9 rallies, and even joining us for part of the trip up to Rock Springs for the International Rally. Henry and Carol were game for any activity and always friendly and helpful. We will miss Henry dearly and hope to keep Carol in our lives.”

Here are a couple of pictures from that rally.



In Memoriam



Marian Hetzler

December 17, 1946 – February 26, 2025

Elizabeth “Marian” Hetzler passed away on February 26, 2025, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born on December 17, 1946 to Thomas and Elizabeth Little in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in Logansport, Indiana.

A funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, followed by burial at Bourland Cemetery.

Marian was a devoted Air Force wife who cherished the adventures of traveling alongside her husband and children. Marian loved her career with “her people.” She was a past President of the Miami Valley of Ohio Airstream Club and found joy in many hobbies: painting, ceramics, stained glass, cake decorating, and dancing. But, spending time with her family was most important. Marian was an open heart who let love guide. She truly loved her family and lit up every occasion with an unmatched warmth. Her genuine caring was truly magical and left a mark on everyone who witnessed it.

She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Hetzler; her children, Donald Hetzler II, Laura McInerney and husband P.J., and David Hetzler and wife Toni; her brother, Thomas Little and wife Sylvia; and her sister, Rona Isaacs. She a proud grandmother to Helena, Henry, Denis and wife Laura, Kevin and wife Emilee, Colin, and Gavin, and a cherished great-grandmother to Eleanor and Wallace.

She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

In Memoriam

We first met **Marian Hetzler** and her husband, **Don**, at the 2024 June rally in Glen Rose. They drove in from Fort Worth to meet their new club members at our Saturday evening dinner as they had moved from Ohio to be closer to family. They are veteran Airstreamers. Their most recent rally was the 2024 Installation Rally at The Boulders at Lake Tyler. Marian seemed to truly enjoy the friendly conversations and the games. As anyone could tell, Don doted on her and made sure the love of his life was always comfortable and part of the group. His devotion was a testament to their marriage. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Don and the family.

Ann and Lynn Clark



Marian and her husband, Don, at the 2024 Installation Rally at The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

The pink flamingo, a kitschy lawn ornament created in 1957 by Don Featherstone, has become an unofficial symbol and part of the Airstream community. It represents retro fun and a love for the open road. Airstreamers often display them at campsites and rallies, or have festive decor, jewelry, and housewares with pink flamingoes on them.

Many Airstream owners view the pink flamingo as a way to embrace the fun and quirky side of travel, using them to mark their campsites and connect with fellow Airstreamers.

Even though the flamingo isn't an officially sanctioned symbol of Airstream, the company does acknowledge and welcome the use of pink flamingoes in order to complement the promotion of Airstream.



FLAMINGO LINGO

For those who are new to Airstreaming, this may help you understand some of our terminology.

BRN (Big Red Number)

For over 60 years, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (Airstream Club International) has assigned members numbers. It all started in 1951 with the first Airstream Wally Byam Caravan.

Caravan

A gleaming convoy of adventure seekers rolling down the highway where the journey is as fun as the destination! It's a traveling parade of silver bullets, laughter, and good vibes – complete with pit stops, spontaneous detours, and plenty of campfire camaraderie.

Courtesy Parking

Parking in another member's driveway or yard, often as a friendly gesture among Airstreamers.

Flamingo'd/Flocked

An anonymous gift left at your trailer by fellow Airstreamers, always featuring a flamingo.

Rally

A celebration of adventure where Airstreamers gather to camp, connect, and create memories. It's a place where strangers become friends.

Setups

Your plate, cutlery, and beverage to bring to a meal.

High Profile: Bill Steddum

Current Hometown: Midlothian, Texas

I Grew Up In: Orcutt, California

Fun Fact About Me: I read at least one book a week. At times, it has been as much as one a day, and will be again once I retire.



Current and/or Former Occupation: District Sales Manager and Director of Training for CENTURY 21 Judge Fite Company since 1999. Previously, retired USAF.

Airstream Model/Year: 2018 Classic 30'

Your Airstream's Name: No Regrets. Named in honor of our CPA, who lost her husband to brain cancer. They had saved to travel all their life and were going to travel in retirement. Retirement never happened as he passed away in his mid-50s. We're going to live a life of No Regrets!

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: Everything. Enjoy the living room and being able to relax, drink wine, and read a good book.

Hobbies: Without a doubt, camping in my Airstream and when not camping, anything in my woodshop. I love working with wood (everyone who works for me gets a handcrafted pen on their birthday.) I also love to cook.

I Drive A: 2022 Chevy Silverado, my favorite vehicle to drive. But, with an 8' bed it's a beast to park. So, I also own an all-electric 2024 Chevy Blazer for day-to-day driving.

Favorite TV Shows: I don't watch TV.

Favorite Music/Bands: This one is easy: Meatloaf.

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: My dad, Ronald Reagan, and Donald Trump.

My Last Meal Would Be: smoked ribeye, mashed potatoes, and asparagus.

I'm Known For: my cooking and woodworking.

Behind My Back They Say: I don't know how he gets it all done.

Nobody Knows That I: would love to own and operate a high-end restaurant that would only be open one night a week and would only seat 20 people.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Columbia River in Oregon and Washington

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: When I retire I want to drive Highway 1 from the tip of Southern California, all the way north and then continue going all the way to Fairbanks, Alaska over a six month period of time.

Best Travel Advice: Relax, enjoy the ride. The best vacations and trips are the ones where you simply wander.

Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston

Rally in Review by Anna Brandon

Streamin' on the Strand, now a National Event Rally, began four years ago when COVID was still on everyone's mind, but the draw of the seashore and parades in the middle of winter won out over fear. **Philip Vasquez**, Member-at-Large in Region 9, conceptualized an urban rally where Airstreamers could be participant observers of the Mardi Gras! Galveston celebration opening weekend. After negotiations with the city of Galveston and their event planners, around 50 sites along Mechanic Street in the Entertainment District were carved out for Airstream parking, nose to tail, on both sides of the street. Each parade would pass through a gauntlet of silver en route to the Strand, where most of the partying occurs. That first year, the looks of surprise on the faces of those in the parades when they faced a street lined with trailers was really something to see! These days, they look forward to seeing us and meeting the challenge of aiming beads right through the open doorways of the Airstreamers. Yes, most of us also come away with a few stands of souvenir beads up on our roofs, but that just adds to the fun! Staging and parking within a few hours has always been the biggest challenge for the hosts of the rally, but we finally have it down pretty well. Our parking team, led by NTxAC's own

David Brandon, is pretty good at helping park and level the rigs quickly, then moving the tow vehicles away to a nearby gated parking lot. **Roy** and **Pam Bruner** of the Oklahoma Airstream Club made sure those waiting to be escorted to their parking place didn't go hungry by serving Queeney's Weenies, a tribute to **Marya** and **Bruce Barefoot** from the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club (THLAC). They were the hospitality hosts of the rally and their 34' Classic Slide-Out is named Queeney.

This year we had all rigs parked by around 7:30 PM, after which everyone gathered at the hospitality tent for pizza and snacks. Even though the official event doesn't open until later in the day, Airstreamers start Friday with King Cake and Mimosas. Mardi Gras! Galveston starts up at 5:00 PM in front of the historic Tremont Hotel with a formal procession and the George P. Mitchell Mardi Gras

Award Presentation. Airstreamers gathered in the hospitality tent for heavy snacks and bourbon tastings. As the evening went on, **Nancy Henderson** (Member-at-Large of Region 9) once again organized our team, The Flamboyant Flamingos, for the Funky Uptown Umbrella Parade. If you have never been in a parade, this is just under a mile, done to the beat of music playing in venues along the way. **Stacey Daniel** from NTxAC easily won the award for the tiniest umbrella ever!



Stacey Daniel and her umbrella



The Flamboyant Flamingos at the Mardi Gras! Galveston Parade

Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston

Rally in Review by Anna Brandon, continued



The main gate to Mardi Gras fun

The first Saturday of Mardi Gras! Galveston is always kicked off with the Jolly Jester Jaunt 5K race, and we even had a few Airstreamers who braved the chilly air to participate! Parades are every couple of hours on Saturdays, with time in between for socializing. Saturday evening, we had charcuterie boards and wine followed by giveaways and awards from our sponsors (Airboard Shop, American RV Restoration, Camp Margaritaville, Cross Country RV Solutions, NoLox Solutions and Modifications, North Texas Airstream Community, Torklift International, and You Customize It). **Linda Ward** and **Andy Dunkinson** (Heart of Texas Camping Unit) won for the trailer with the Most Mardi Gras Spirit. Linda had completely transformed the interior of their trailer into a cozy Mardi Gras hangout, opening

up the hatch for all to see as they went by. THLC's **Lisa** and **Mark Randolph** won the award for Best-Decorated trailer. The green and purple lights reflecting in the silver made them look like they belonged in a parade of their own.

Almost half of the attendees were first-timers, and, for a couple of these, it was their first Airstream rally ever. We also had a record number of attendees from out-of-state, joining us from Arizona, Ohio, Florida, Missouri, California, South Dakota, and Virginia. What did they say? In a follow-up survey, the attendees unanimously voted that their experience was worth the time and expense, and most of them indicated they would like to be repeaters. The one hitch we had this year was that Mother

Nature was not cooperating with our expectations of Winter in the South; instead, she served up wind and rain.

Here are answers to those frequently asked questions: **How safe is it to be parked around parades?** It's about as safe as parking anywhere, really. With more than 200 rigs in attendance over the last four years, we've only had two occurrences. Both were resolved quickly and with no financial loss to the parties involved. In addition, the rally is insured both by WBCCI and the city of Galveston.

How does the city of Galveston feel about the rally? They enthusiastically support Streamin' on the Strand, with families planning to visit on Saturday just to see the trailers. Frequently, people on the parade



THLC's Lisa and Mark Randolph won the award for Best-Decorated Trailer.

Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston

Rally in Review by Anna Brandon, continued

floats will call out, "Thank you for coming," "Love your trailer," and "See you again next year!" We have an agreement with the city to continue Streamin' on the Strand until 2030 when both parties can opt to continue if desired.

How do you get around if your tow vehicle is at a different location? We always manage to secure a parking lot a few blocks away from Mechanic St., and we have golf carts to transport our attendees back and forth. Actually, you really don't have to go anywhere with the number of eateries and convenience stores within walking distance.

Why is Streamin' more expensive than some other rallies? First, National Event Rallies are charged with pricing events close to cost. For this rally, most of the rally fee goes to the City of Galveston. We have added enough to cover the cost of the hospitality tent and food that's provided for the event.

What kind of hook-ups do you have? We have electricity (30 amp) but no water or sewer. Attendees need to come with full water tanks and empty gray/black tanks.

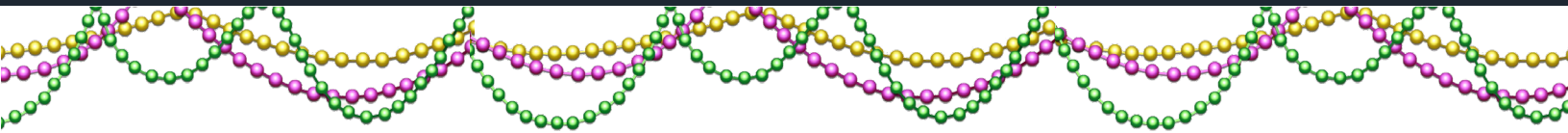
Is it noisy? Yes, it is. We have arranged most of the parking away from the stages, but

sometimes, that bass travels over the blocks! The Entertainment District shuts down at 2 AM with security enforcing evacuation of the area, and we find most celebrants are gone before midnight. For Streamin' on the Strand 2026, we plan to offer the option to park on a side street where there is less activity.

If this sounds like an experience you would like to have, mark your calendars. Next year's Streamin' on the Strand will be Thursday, February 5-8, with registration beginning in September. We can't promise sunshine, but we can promise fun!



MOST of the rally attendees at Streamin' on the Strand



Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston



Throw me some beads!



Beads! We want more beads!



Catch of the day



One of the Mardi Gras parades



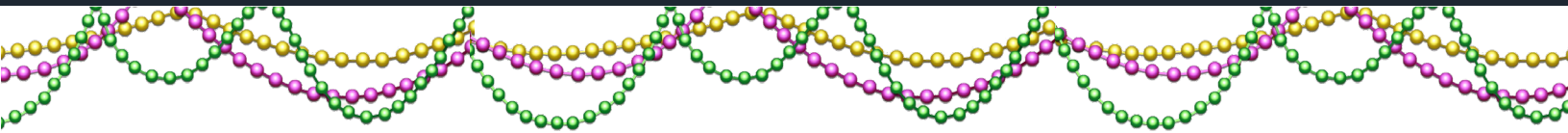
Flamingos on parade



*Our hospitality hosts **Bruce and Marya Barefoot** lead the Flamboyant Flamingos on parade*



Allison and Tim Ebbers



Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston



Festive lights



Now THAT'S a fancy umbrella!



Andy Dunkinson



Anna Brandon waves from her Airstream

Streamin' on the Strand/Galveston



These folks make it happen in Galveston: the parking crew



Just imagine parking these bumper to bumper. Thanks, parking crew!



**“Go ahead.
Send me something past the deadline.”**

In order to maintain our sanity, please send whatever you would like to post in the *North Texas Roundup* by the **20th of each month.**

We welcome all kinds of info for our newsletter! Send us photos and stories of your travels, your grandkids, your camping recipes, or anything Airstream-related that our readers will benefit from.

We appreciate **all** of you honoring this deadline.

Editors Ann and David



NTxAC 5-year members qualify for 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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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 colodas 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

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.

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



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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Airstream Owners (resource page for owner information and support)

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