



North Texas Roundup

April 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

Spring is in the air, my favorite time of the year. Full of hope, promise and camping!

While the Region 9 Rally in Edna last month was a little soggy (5-6 inches of rain) it was still a big success. We had 123 rigs and 225 people in attendance. Obviously, most of the activities were held indoors; however, I believe everyone who attended had a really good time. **Allana Patterson** did a great job heading up all the entertainment and coordinating fundraising baskets, etc.

The Rally on Lake Murray was held this past weekend and it was amazing. The weather was beautiful, and the temperature was ideal. **Amy** and **Chris Hanus** did a fantastic job of hosting. I think we had around 42 trailers and 85 or so people attended, with a whopping six of Region 9 Clubs represented! The rally was so successful in fact, plans are in the works to make it a co-hosted NTxAC and OASC annual event.

Coming up next is the Come To Gather Rally at Gather Campground in Belton, TX May 16-

18 followed by the Summer Vines Rally at Lantern Oaks RV Resort in Fredericksburg, TX June 5 - 8. Make sure to register today for these two exciting camping experiences.

Please note that the End of Summer - Hello Fall Rally at Glen Rose, TX is September 19 - 21 not September 26 - 28. Apparently somewhere along the line I got the date wrong. Opps - Sorry. Again, the date is September 19th through 21st.

See ya!



Mike Hooker
BRN 05557



Check Out This Action-Packed Issue!

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Editors' Corner

It's been said it takes a village, and that can also apply to the success of this newsletter. Without the contributions from my dedicated NTxAC friends we wouldn't have much to show our members what fun we can have together. I'm especially thankful for my frequent contributors, **Anna Brandon** and **Jennifer Dice**, who take the time to write rally reviews and detail their travels. I also want to thank **Amy Hanus**, **Anna Brandon**, **Mike Hooker**, **Maxi Millican**, **Stacey Daniel**, and **David Majkowski** for all of the great rally photos!

Co-Editor David's new series, *Travelogue*, debuts this month. Take some time to read about the yearlong journey he and his wife, Kim, are taking in their Airstream. Safe travels, David! Although I've been immersed in "grandma duties" these past couple of months, Lynn and I are hoping to catch a couple of the rallies planned for May and June to catch up with our friends. We hope to meet some new friends as well, so please join us. I promise you will have a great time! See you down the road, friends!



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**

President

Mike Hooker

1st Vice-President

Edward Wilson

Past President

Allana Patterson

Secretary

Nicole Scott

Treasurer

Bill Steddum

Social Media

Maribeth Pappas

Parliamentarian

Diane Dunaway

Membership

Patrick Scott

Webmaster

Dan Brockway

Newsletter

Ann Clark
David Majkowski

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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

May Birthdays

Dana Hext	5/1	Janet Hancock	5/10	Ben Hext	5/23
Norma Collier	5/2	Tammy VanBuskirk	5/11	Martin Peacey	5/24
Steve Hancock	5/2	Chris Hanus	5/13	Mike Mack	5/25
Patricia Bulgarelli	5/4	Johanna Love	5/14	Kim Majkowski	5/25
Mary Nulty	5/5	Ann Clark	5/15	Tim Clemente	5/27
Tanner Terry	5/6	Richard Johnson	5/16	Amy VanArtsdalen	5/28
Maribeth Pappas	5/8	Rita Green	5/18	Dawn Truesdell	5/29
Sara Brown	5/9	Ann Swanson	5/18	Channing Fell	5/30
Ken Mitchell	5/9	Monte Mercer	5/19		

May Anniversaries

Andy Selking and Kathy Karl	5/1	Patrick and Nicole Scott	5/22
Ron and Traci Battles	5/2	Dennis and Jerri Howard	5/23
Rich and Angie Kazura	5/3	Allen Harrison and Jean Muncrief	5/24
Michael and Roxanne Gross	5/4	Steve and Ronda Horstman	5/25
Bret and Sam Bieghler	5/11	Lynn and Judy Smith	5/25
David and Kelly Rodriguez	5/13	George and Sheryl Mayer	5/28
Skip and Toni Jenkins	5/17	Doug and Hawley Towns	5/28
Jerry and Beth Adams	5/20	Rick and Cindy Jeanes	5/30
Jeff and Bonnie Gibson	5/21	Tanner and Carrie Terry	5/31
Steve and Janet Hancock	5/21	Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver	5/31

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?

*Thank you to **Anna Brandon** for sharing this wonderful statement from our original North Texas Airstream Club members that was shared at the Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX last month. Notice they were called a Unit, not a Club. Next year the North Texas Airstream Club will be celebrating its 55th anniversary!*

The North Texas Unit was formed in 1971 in Lewisville, Texas, at May Trailer Sales. It was formed from two supper clubs, the "Big D" in Dallas, and the "Cowtown" in Fort Worth. These members had joined WBCCI (Wally Byam Caravan Club International) through the Texas Unit in San Marcos, Texas. The first President was Horace Barker. Many wonderful memories remain from those first days, where we nearly always had to go self-contained. We have shared losses and blessings in the first twenty-five years since our Unit was organized. Many of the members now reside full time at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro, Texas.



Our motto: "Practicing Texas Friendly."

New Members Spotlight

New Members

William and Lily Mackey
1999 Safari 25'
Dallas, TX

Jonathan and Laura Penn
2023 Flying Cloud 30'
Roanoke, TX

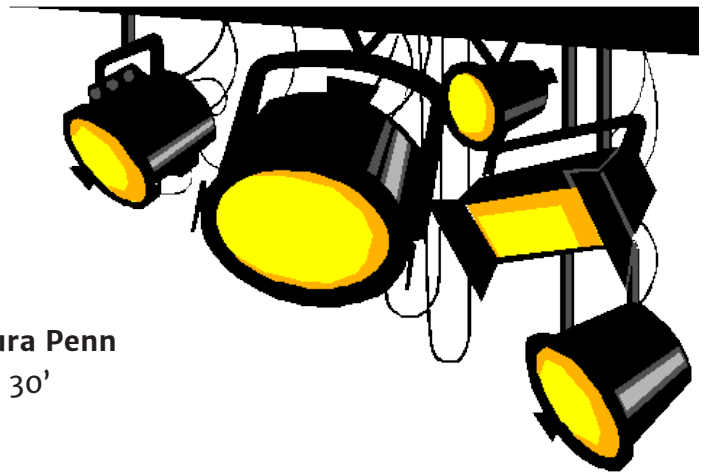
Timothy Crosby
2022 Caravel 16'
Frisco, TX

Bryan and Rachel Ritchie
2019 Flying Cloud 27'
Dallas, TX

Darla Coburn
2020 Atlas 24'
Farmersville, TX

New Affiliate Members

Roo and Barbara Jorge
2017 Flying Cloud 28'
Cooperstown, NY



Jonathan and Laura Penn, BRN 22628

Laura and I have been married for almost 11 years and have two sons, Merrick (7) and Decklan (4), and our Maltipoo Betty "Draper." We love traveling in our 2023 Flying Cloud 30FB every chance we get! We are typically weekend warriors when the boys are in school and hit the road for longer trips during the summer.

Laura is a full-time mom and pediatric sleep consultant. I recently came out of the corporate world after running a mechanical and electrical engineering design firm in Westlake, TX. We have owned our Airstream since 2022 and have loved it so much that we'll be opening an Airstream repair/renovation shop in the fall of 2025 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, so stay tuned! I personally love the iconic Airstream legacy and community. We love helping others on their Airstream journey and look forward to opening our shop to provide quality support and craftsmanship to the community!



YIPPEE, THEY'RE FREE!!

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

If you would like to buy a T-shirt, order through the link below and you may pick them up at the next rally you attend.

airstream099leadership@gmail.com

Region 9 News

Howdy Airstream Friends!

Last week we wrapped up an unforgettable **54th Region 9 Rally - Escape to the Country** at Brackenridge Recreation Complex near Edna, TX. With 123 rigs and 225 attendees, it was our biggest rally in 12 years! Top-notch entertainment, great clinics, and delicious food were on tap as always, but this year we hit some serious milestones:

- \$3,700 raised for Team Red, White & Blue
- 34 units of blood donated
- \$300 collected for Edna Animal Control
- David Brandon volunteered to serve as the Region 9 Membership Chair
- And, dubbed “rainmakers” by locals, we brought enough rain Thursday and Friday to boost Lake Texana nearly three feet - breaking a drought in style!

Coming up: **Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally** - Year Two and Thriving!

Later this month the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) hosts a full Terraport for Stitchin' and Fishin', now a National Event Rally in its second year. April in Texas is unbeatable - Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush in bloom, perfect weather, and prime fishing. Sewists can join the “All Texas Shop Hop” and work in a dedicated rally space, while anglers score a guided fishing trip on Monday, April 28th - a four-star day for striped bass per solar lunar tables. It's sold out, but hop on the waitlist: airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin.

Meet Our New Region Historian: Linda Shelton

We're thrilled to introduce Linda Shelton as our new Region 9 Historian! Linda brings a wealth of experience and passion for preserving our Airstream legacy. She is sharing her personal history with us later in this newsletter. Please take a read to get to know her and see why she's the perfect fit for this role.

Election Season is Underway for Executive Council

Voting for the Executive Council opens June 1. Check out the new Electioneering Webpage for all the details: airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/electioneering?check_logged_in=1.

Volunteers Needed - Step Up!

Region 9 runs on the energy of our incredible volunteers. We've got an opening for Caravan Chair, a call for 2nd VP candidates, and we can always use committee members. Whether you're ready to lead or join a committee, we'd love to use your talents to keep the wheels turning. Reach out and get involved!



Happy Camping,

Tracy Elkins

Region 9 President

region9wbcci@gmail.com

281-725-1672

Region 9 News, continued

Airstream Club International – Region 9

Blood Drive Results from Texana Park & campground

March 27, 2025



Goal: 30 Units
30 people signed up!
33 Heroes showed up!
29 Successful donations!
Deferrals: 4 (lower than average!)
Units collected: 34!!! (113% of goal!)
Potential local patients helped: 102!!!

Thank you all for your generosity and support!
Safe travels and much appreciation!!!

Thank you

 **South Texas
Blood & Tissue**

Jacob and Olivia Lozano are siblings living with sickle cell. They need blood transfusions every four weeks. With blood donors like you, Jacob and Olivia can continue living their best lives.

Dear Region 9 Airstream Club,

On behalf of the Jackson County community, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for choosing our area as your destination for your rally, "Escape to the Country". It was a true pleasure to welcome you and your members, and we are honored that you selected our town as the place to explore and enjoy.


Your visit not only brought vibrancy to our local economy but also introduced our community to a wonderful group of travelers who appreciate the beauty of the outdoors and the unique charm our area offers. We hope you found our local attractions, restaurants, and hospitality as inviting as we do.

We are excited about the positive impact your presence has had, and we look forward to Region 9 Airstream Club visiting us again. Please feel free to reach out if there is anything we can do to support your club in the future.

Once again, thank you for choosing Jackson County. We hope your stay was enjoyable and memorable.

Thank You

Warm regards,
Carolina Jalufka, JCCCA ED
& JCCCA Board of
Directors


JACKSON COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE

Meet Region 9's New Historian Linda Shelton

Hello Region 9!

I wanted to share a little about myself for those who don't know me. I'm a second generation Airstreamer. My parents, Johnny and Wilda Wadle, bought their first Airstream in 1976 and they became members of the West Texas Unit of WBCCI in 1977. They traveled all over the good ol' USA and Canada until they were no longer able to due to health reasons in 2009. My brother, Lonny Wadle, joined the club in 2004. My parents' BRN was 1308, mine was 13081, and my brother's was 13082.

My late husband Harvey Knezek and I bought a 1976 Airstream from my aunt and uncle in July of 1998 and joined the Texas Tropical Trail Unit in August. I served as 1st VP in 1999 and then President in 2000. Unfortunately, the TTTU lost members and disbanded in 2007 when we joined the Texas Alamo Unit. I served as 2nd VP in 2008, 1st VP in 2009, and then President in 2010. Harvey passed away in October 2010, and this club got me through some very dark days.

I served as Region 9 2nd VP in 2011, 1st VP for 5 days in 2012, President from 2012-2014, and Membership Chair in 2018. I also served as the International Recording Secretary for President Tye Mott in 2022.

I married Gary Shelton on April 4, 2015, and we loaded the Airstream to spend our honeymoon traveling Route 66! We spent 50 days on the road from Chicago to L.A., ending up in Quanah at the first Texas for Texas Country Air Rally for the last seven days. We have attended seven International Rallies, beginning in 2016.

I am honored that Tracy Elkins, Anna Brandon, and Tim Ebbers have asked me to be the Region 9 Historian! I love this club and want to make sure that its wonderful history isn't lost. I am looking forward to gathering some really great stories and paraphernalia you may be willing to share.

Linda Wadle Knezek Shelton
BRN 208



Linda Shelton



*Linda's parents
Johnny and Wilda*



*Linda's brother
Lonny*

Meet ACI Executive Council Candidate Bill Hamblin



Hello fellow ACI members. I'm Bill Hamblin and I'm running for Executive Council.

I'm a semi-retired 45-year-old traveling full-time in a 25' Globetrotter with my wife, Frances, and our two dogs, Sutton and Rhett. We enjoy traveling and learning about our country through local history and local cuisine.

From the moment we joined the club we felt like part of a community.

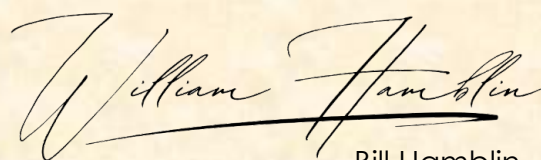
Traveling full-time in our RV gives me a unique perspective on the Club as we meet members from across the country.

I feel the best way to give back is to volunteer. From holding local office to leading the Tables & Chairs committee and being a part of the photography committee at International, I enjoy serving the Club.

I encourage you all to check out each candidate's Statement of Candidacy and video. And be on the lookout for the upcoming mini-interviews and webinar to better understand each candidate and their platform.

I think the Club is a great resource for all its members and I look forward to helping it grow in the years to come.

Thanks for your consideration and I'll see you down the road.



Bill Hamblin
BRN 21813

***High Profile:* Anna Brandon, PhD**

Current Hometown: Hillsboro, Texas

I Grew Up In: Brownwood, Texas

Fun Fact About Me: I gave birth to my second daughter in the front seat of a Toyota Corolla!



Current and/or Former Occupation: Retired Clinical Psychologist; currently help David out with DB Textiles

Airstream Model/Year: 2007 Classic 30' RBQ Slide-Out and a little 1977 Argosy Minuet

Your Airstream's Name: Drag-N-Fly and Puddlejumper

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: With Drag-N-Fly, it's definitely the slide-out; with Puddlejumper it's her cuteness!

Hobbies: Reading, Sewing/Quilting, Knitting, Diving, Texas 42

I Drive A: Subara Ascent named Bluebell. She can tow Puddlejumper!

Favorite TV Shows: Yellowstone and its prequels

Favorite Music/Bands: Kenny Loggins, Bob Seger, Bonnie Raitt

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Larry McMurtry, Pat Conroy, Laura Esquivel, and Elena Ferrante, all at the table together!

My Last Meal Would Be: homemade spaghetti sauce, salad, and homemade bread.

I'm Known For: being real busy.

Behind My Back They Say: "She talks to much" I guess?

Nobody Knows That I: worry that no one likes me.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Mountains and lakes anywhere

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Hovenweep National Monument in Utah.

Best Travel Advice: Be here now and there later.

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events

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

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

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| 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

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| 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. |
| 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

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

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NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events, cont.

Come to Gather Right Now Rally, *continued*

June 5-8, 2025

Summer Vines – Lantern Oaks RV Resort, Fredericksburg, TX

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

<https://lanternoaks.com>

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 19-21, 2025

End of Summer – Hello Fall Rally in Glen Rose, TX

1019 NE Barnard Street, Glen Rose, TX

Phone: 254-897-2321

<https://oakdalepark.com/>

Hosts: Mike and Debbie Hooker

Historic Oakdale Family Campground opened in 1925. It's one of the only private RV parks in the country listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When you hear someone say that everything is bigger in Texas, you'll believe it when you see the Oakdale swimming pool. If the weather is still warm and you feel like taking a plunge in the HUGE pool it will be open!

We have 20 sites blocked at this time, so please don't hesitate to make your reservations. When you call, indicate that you are with the North Texas Airstream Club.

We hope you'll consider coming to Glen Rose – there's so much to do. Bring your kids, your grand-kids, and dogs as we welcome in Fall. Debbie is offering to teach a "Paint Your Pumpkin" class. Paint and brushes will be provided – just bring a pumpkin to paint (real or fake). A medium-sized pumpkin works best, and white pumpkins will get you lots of WOWs!

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events, cont.

What's Nearby

Search for dinosaur tracks and hike the trails at Dinosaur Valley State Park.
Go on a safari and see exotic animals at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center.
Into rocks? Right across the road from Oakdale RV Park is an enormous rock.
Want to see a replica of Noah's Ark? Visit the Glen Rose's Creation Museum.
Want to go shopping? Granbury is a short drive away.

Schedule

Friday, September 26

1:00 pm Check-in
5:30 pm Happy Hour. Bring drinks and an appetizer.
6:30 pm Baked Potato Bar

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am Blackstone Breakfast
11:00 am "Paint Your Pumpkin" Class
Lunch and afternoon activities on your own
3:00 Dutch Oven Cookoff begins
6:00 Dutch Oven judging/Potluck Dinner
If you don't compete, please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

Sunday, May 18

8:30 am Coffee and donuts
11:00 am Checkout deadline

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

Hosts: Jeff and Maribeth Pappas, Greg and Jill Fearing, and Tanner and Carrie Terry

Since we had SO MUCH FUN last year, we're doing our Buddy Rally with the East Texas Lakes Unit again! Please note: reservations are NOT open yet, and we'll notify you in this newsletter when you can begin booking. We have blocked the entire campground, so there will be plenty of room for everyone. We sold it out last time! It will be a fantastic Installation Rally again. Look forward to seeing everyone!

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

More info to follow.

Hosts: Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson

Co-Editor David's Travelogue

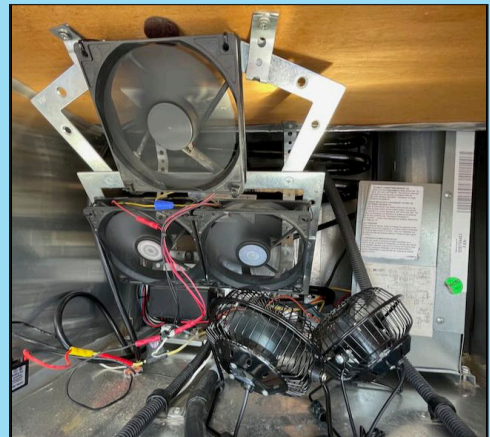
April 2025 : Preparations

Welcome back to my regular column. I hope you noticed the title change. Last month I took a little hiatus, partly because I was unusually busy, but partly because I was having difficulty coming up with new ideas for my Airstream Club Primer series. This month I'm going to try something new. On April 10, Kim and I set out on an Airstream adventure that will take us from Texas...to our niece's wedding in Southern California...to our friend's music conservatory in northern Idaho...to the International Rally in York, PA... to my brother's backyard in Mystic, CT...and back again. In between, there will be a plethora of yet-to-be-determined waypoints. We'll be gone for the better part of a year, so I hope you enjoy the format change. And I hope you learn about some new places you'd like to check out yourself.

But before we go anywhere, let's talk about preparations. In our first 3 years of retirement Airstreaming, we've been averaging about 6 out of every 12 months on the road, with our longest trip being 9 months in our very first year! You'd think we might deserve the title of seasoned travelers by now. But there's something about a full year that's daunting. A year encompasses 4 seasons, so you need to do some all-weather packing. And our Airstream was practically new when we started in 2022, so we need to be ready for more on-the-fly surprises. No, this is not just another, longer trip; it's the culmination of everything we've learned so far.

Fortunately, we had plenty of time to get ready. Kim, who's mostly responsible for keeping the inside of the trailer provisioned and organized (for us AND the cats) started by emptying it completely. She gave it a thorough cleaning (pulled out all the drawers and everything!) and evaluated what old stuff didn't need to go back in, and what new stuff we should have on hand this time around. I, on the other hand, am mostly responsible for making sure that nothing's broken and everything works. This was my late winter Mr. Fix-It list: replace popped rivets; clean the window screens; replace the malfunctioning inverter; replace a bad GFCI breaker; get new tires (for truck AND trailer); fix the trailer brakes (I discovered when I changed the tires they weren't working at all); prop up the sagging shower door; change the dripping shower valve; replace the shower head and toilet flush valve (which both froze and split due to my not-diligent-enough winterizing job); bolster the back-of-the-refrigerator cooling capability; reaffix some loose cabinet trim; give the waste tanks a good flushing; tighten a bunch of screws; treat all the rubber gaskets with silicone spray (truck AND trailer); tune up the bicycle; unpack, sweep, and repack the truck bed, including a few new tools; and detail the inside of the truck. I never did get to washing the outside of our vehicles, so we're hitting the road dirty. I guess they both would have been windy-desert-dust-covered again by now anyway. Next month, I'll tell you about some stops on our route out of Texas and into New Mexico. Until then ... See you down the road!

David Majkowski,
BRN 5594



When it's really hot, you can never move too much air over the coils of your absorption refrigerator!



Wally's Workshop at North Texas Airstream Community

Rally in Review by Co-Editor David Majkowski

The weekend of March 21–23 marked the return of Wally's Workshop: The Third One's a Charm to the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. A joint rally with the Texas Plains Club, this one has been keeping our Airstreams in shape for the third year running. Our hosts this year were **David and Anna Brandon** (NTxAC), and **Ron and Betty Foley** (Texas Plains).

The theme was all about Airstream care and maintenance. If you're a do-it-yourselfer there was plenty to learn from the presenters as well as from social interactions. But if you prefer to have professionals do the work, there was onsite help too. This year's guest pros included DFW Rescue (washing and waxing), Cross Country RV Solutions (repair and maintenance), The Royal Flush (tank cleaning and maintenance), Airstream Tech **Jerry Vanloon**, and Airstream of DFW.

Activities included food (Friday night's dinner was provided by Tony's Backyard BBQ, Saturday breakfast tacos, a sandwich bar



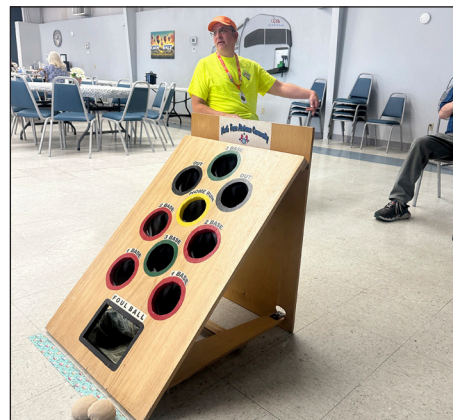
Mmmm... breakfast tacos!



Tim Love of Cross Country RV Solutions gave members a riveting presentation

for lunch, and BranDan burgers for dinner, and Sunday morning coffee and breakfast bar); games Friday and Saturday night; a fundraising raffle for Team Red White and Blue (teamrwb.org); and, of course, the workshop presentations. **Tim Love** told us everything you need to know about Airstream rivets... and much, much more ("Rivets Schmivets"); **Dan Dice** regaled us with "My Favorite Hacks;" **Shelley Tumino** spoke "All About Awnings;" and Chris from Airstream of DFW revealed "What's This Button For?" For the administrative-minded members, there was also a business meeting on Saturday morning, conducted by Club President **Mike Hooker**. For those who were joining the Monday caravan

down to the Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX, the fun continued, as the NTAC community invited caravaners to join them for their weekly Sunday Ice Cream Social and Beanbag Baseball game. If you haven't been to a Wally's Workshop Rally yet, watch out for the return of this popular event in 2026.



*David Majkowski:
Beanbag Baseball pro*



Wally's Workshop at North Texas Airstream Community



Jennifer Dice, Debbie Hooker, Maxi Millican, and Allana Patterson



NTxAC Officers Meeting on Saturday morning



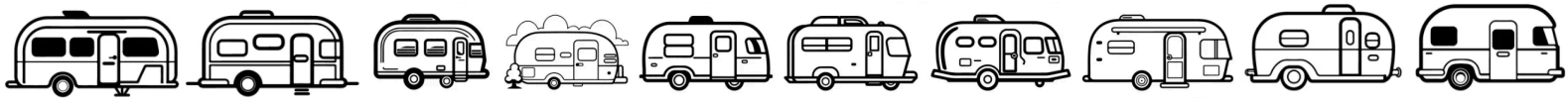
Wally's Workshop host Anna Brandon addresses the group



Members enjoyed the welcoming NTAC community



Edward Wilson asks, "Where's the beef?"



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Debbie Hooker and Dan Dice



Elvis made an appearance!



Sunday Ice Cream Social



The Dan of BranDan Burgers



Saturday night game night: Joker



Saturday night game night: Euchre



"Git yer raffle tickets here!"

Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX

Many thanks to **Anna Brandon**, **Stacey Daniel**, and **Mike Hooker** the great rally photos!



Region 9 Rally Parking Team: **Tim Ebbers**, **Brian Walker**, **Rich Espinosa**, **David Brandon**, **Tim Love**, **Cliff Millican**, and **Stacey Daniel** (not pictured)



Parking at Brackenridge Campground



New member **Matt Taylor**



Quinn O'Donnell loves rallies!



The Pet Stroll

Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX



J Welch Ranch Winery Tour: Tim and Johanna Love



Tanner and Carrie Terry, Patrick and Nicole Scott



Greg and Jill Fearing



*The Blackstone Breakfast Brigade:
Rich Espinosa, Tom Jensen, Cliff Millican, unidentified, Roy Bruner, Tim Love, David Brandon, and Bob Waggoner*



David and Anna Brandon relax at their beautiful campsite

Region 9 Rally in Edna, TX



NTxAC's luncheon at the Pinto Bean in Edna



Holy charcuterie boards, Batman!



David Brandon jammin' with the Zydeco band



Allana Patterson looks like a pro with the band

Rally on Lake Murray in Oklahoma

Rally in Review by Rally Host Amy Hanus

Wow! As first-time rally hosts, we're blown away by the turnout at our first joint Rally on Lake Murray. We welcomed 46 Airstreams with 88 campers. Six Region 9 clubs were represented. We had happy Airstreamers and absolutely perfect Spring weather while camping at Elephant Rock on Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, OK. We enjoyed a beautiful nature walk, breakfast each morning, cozy campfires, fun-filled games, and a truly delicious potluck - our clubs have some amazing cooks!

The overwhelming feedback? The rally needed to be longer! The event was such a success that many were immediately asking about next year. We are thrilled to announce that the North Texas and Oklahoma Airstream Clubs have agreed to make this an annual event. Mark your calendars for the **2nd Annual Rally on Lake Murray**, April 10-12, 2026.



Viking Bowling



Amy Hanus, Dan and Pam Brockway



Apple Pie Oatmeal - yum!

Rally on Lake Murray in Oklahoma



Soooo many beautiful Airstreams lined up at scenic Lake Murray – 46 in all!



The rally had a wonderful turnout from both the Oklahoma and NTxAC clubs



Beautiful scenery, lots of activities and outstanding food!

Rally on Lake Murray in Oklahoma



Ahhh, the Airstream life!



A full moon rising created a stunning view over Lake Murray

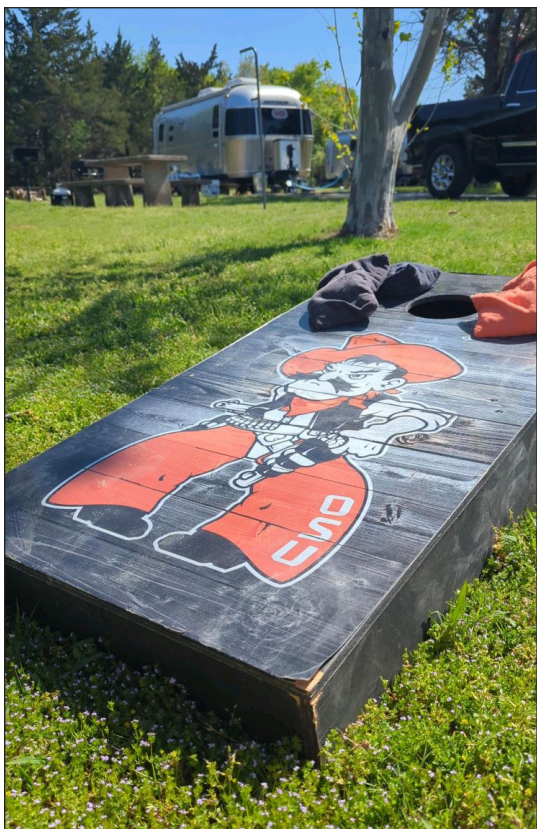
Rally on Lake Murray in Oklahoma



Bigfoot got flamingo'd



*Rally Host **Amy Hanus** with a few NTxAC friends*



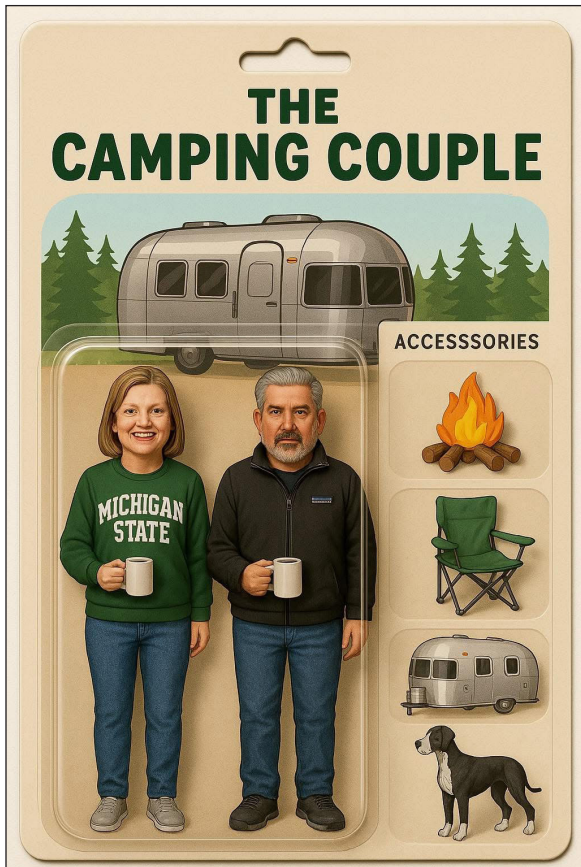
Cornhole, Cowboy style



*What a beautiful weekend. Thank you, **Chris and Amy Hanus**!*

CELEBRATING THE AIRSTREAM LIFE

Our “forever affiliate” member, **Jack Clyne**, has moved to Michigan. He’s still loving the Airstream life with his girlfriend, **Karla**, and his new pup. He recently shared their love of Airstreaming together with a couple of posts of them on our NTxAC Facebook page. Miss you, Jack!



**“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

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



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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

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Most pages require a login. Your username is the email that you have on file with the club headquarters. If you are signing in for the first time, enter your email and click "Forgot Password?"

NTxAC Membership Assistance Program

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMz_4uBLDlZrrYVrT8oS1SXpH9mUuqJ1BGQ_Jvpl8LBt-8npg/viewform

ACI/WBCCI (the Club)

Airstream Club International (ACI, our club)

<https://airstreamclub.org>

ACI Region 9 (our region within the club)

<https://airstreamclub.org/region9>

ACI North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC, our unit, #099, within the region)

<https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas>

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

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

Blue Beret Archive (club magazine)

<https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>

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