



North Texas Roundup

September 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

Summer is almost over, and it's gone by so fast! NTxAC's first "Rigless Rally" was held in August at the home of **Bill Steddum**, our club treasurer (who can grill some tasty steaks) and his wife, **Ann Weaver**. It was an opportunity for several new members to attend a rally without their rig in tow and meet fellow Airstreamers. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the music and pool. A big thank you to our host and hostess, Bill and Ann.

Several NTxAC members traveled to York, Pennsylvania in August for the 68th International Airstream Rally. For those that have never attended an international Rally, I highly recommend doing so. These rallies are all things Airstream: fun, entertaining, and educational. The International Rally for next year will be held August 22-27 in Minot, North Dakota.

At the time I am writing this, Debbie and I are preparing to host the End of Summer, Hello Fall Rally at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, TX. We have several activities planned, and I do hope you join us.

The remaining two rallies for the year are the Installation Rally will be held at The Boulders on Lake Tyler, November 14-16, and the Holiday Rally at The Vineyards Campground on Grapevine Lake is Dec 5-7.

Reservations for the Holiday Rally should be made prior to October 1 as our block of 50 sites will be released on that date. Reservations to be made directly with the park management.

See ya down the road!



Mike Hooker
BRN 05557

In Case You Missed It:

*As Mike stated above, make your reservations for the Holiday Rally **before October 1**. Our sites will be released to the public on that day. Contact The Vineyards at Grapevine directly to make reservations.*

What's In This Month's Newsletter?

Meet Our New Members!

Meet Our 2026 Leadership Candidates

ACI National Event Rally
Silver on the River

A Loss in the Airstream Family

2025 Rally Schedule

Airstream Pet Tails
The Rodriguez Dogs

High Profile
Patrick Scott

Travelogue
Co-Editor David continues his series

Summer's Rigless Rally Review

International Rally Review

End of Summer Rally Review

Editors' Corner

Hello, Fall!!

Cool weather coming up, folks – time for campfires, S'mores, and cozy blankets. I'm ready, and I believe most of you are ready as well. Hit the road and enjoy the fall colors. Better yet, join us for the remaining rallies we have scheduled for 2025.

Our officers and chairs will be planning our 2026 activities soon. Speaking of officers and chairs, you'll be receiving a ballot soon to vote on next year's officers and chairs. Please vote! Even if the candidates are uncontested, it shows you have an interest in the process and in who works hard for you during the year. These members who step up and volunteer their time and talent do so to make sure our club provides a lot of fun experiences for you.

As always, we welcome your photos and stories of your adventures on the road. And, as we continue our Pet Tails series, we welcome your stories of traveling with your beloved pets. Email photos and stories to aec2you@gmail.com and I'll make sure they get shared with all of us.

Happy Fall, y'all!



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

Trustees

Lynn Clark / Ann Clark
Mike Barr / Rita Barr



October Birthdays

Dick Krull	10/3	Roberta Hanson	10/10	Dennis Walker	10/17
Cathy Hays	10/6	Gail Harrower	10/12	Debbie Hooker	10/20
David Smith	10/7	Paige Christian	10/13	Bret Bieghler	10/22
Marcie Sholkoff	10/9	Greg Nystrom	10/14	Judy Smith	10/23
Traci Battles	10/10	Robyn Ellerman	10/17	John Ward	10/29

October Anniversaries

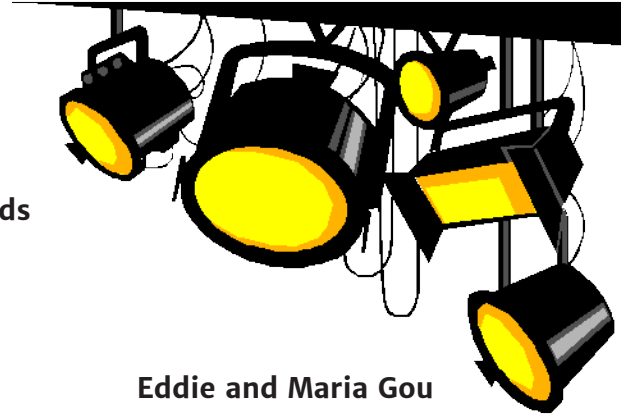
Richard and Olivia Krull	10/3	Adam and Ginny Belofsky	10/19
Frank Brown and Lila Deakle	10/6	Neal and Cathy Hays	10/20
Robert and Martha Henson	10/7	David and Marcie Sholkoff	10/20
Kevin and Bonnie Pflug	10/7	Don and Deanna Hinton	10/21
Tim and Vicki Dennis	10/12	Bryan and Nansii Downer	10/28
Linda Humble and Travis Gilley	10/15	Dan and Jennifer Dice	10/30

Passages

Condolences go out to **Edward and Tiffany Wilson** in the loss of their special friend, **Elvis**. Many of you know the story of his travels and health issues as he was featured in our first Pet Tails in the June issue. He was a favorite club “member” and will be missed.



New Members Spotlight



New Members

Matt and Ashley Garrison

2023 Flying Cloud 30'
Flower Mound, TX

Todd and Wendy Pounds

2021 Classic 33'
Mansfield, TX

Robert and Anna McCrummen

1962 Trade Wind Land Yacht 24'
Carrollton, TX

Stewart Hunt

2024 Flying Cloud 27'
Richardson, TX

Eddie and Maria Gou

2025 FB 27'
Southlake, TX

Jason and Teena Heller

2004 Classic 28'
Granbury, TX

John and Lisa Razmus

1984 345 Classic 34.50'
McKinney, TX

Peter Murray and Jeannie Likhite

2017 Globetrotter 28'
Plano, TX

Todd and Emily Gottel

2025 International 30'
Allen, TX

Brian and Julie Keitzer

2023 Flying Cloud 23'
Grapevine, TX

New Affiliate Members

Todd and Jennifer Flippo

1970 Overlander 27'
Saginaw, TX

Pat and Debbie Harrigan

2025 Trade Wind 25'
Austin, TX

David and Nancy Holsted

2022 Classic RBT 30'
North Little Rock, AR

Jeffrey and Jennifer Bell

2025 Basecamp 20'
Royse City, TX



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 pick them up at the next rally you attend.

airstream099leadership@gmail.com

Peter Murray and Jeannie Likhite, BRN 21962

I am getting ready to retire after 35 years in the Pharmaceutical industry. I grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and went to South Dakota State University (Go Jackrabbits) and then to graduate school at Nebraska (Go Big Red), and moved to Texas in 2001. I am one of eight children, so I have a large extended family (Irish Catholic) with lots of weddings coming up. My daughter got married in April and settled in Allen, Texas and my son just purchased a home in Farmersville.

Jeannie is a first generation immigrant as her father grew

up in India. He came to the States at 18 & was a professor and founded his own cancer immunology foundation. Her mom grew up in Wisconsin. She was valedictorian of her medical school class and was the first female doctor in Jeannie's hometown of Plattsburgh, NY. Jeannie graduated with a BA and a MSW (Master of Social Work) from Aurora University (in the Chicago area). Jeannie has been a social worker for 36 years. She works for one of the big hospitals in the Dallas/Ft Worth area as a medical social worker full time and is a Hospice social worker part time.

Jeannie has three adult children, two who live close by and one living at home and is in college. I enjoy hiking, biking, and I am a huge Rangers fan. I go to several Major and Minor League games (around 30 per year). Jeannie is an avid Yankees fan, active in a ladies club, Bunko, pickleball, pilates, and loves to have fun.

We enjoy pickleball, hiking, biking and traveling together and love getting together with friends.

We also have a Petite Australian Labradoodle named Boo.



Todd and Emily Gottel, BRN 16203

Hi everyone! We are Todd and Emily Gottel from Allen, TX. We are new members to the Airstream Club but not totally new to the Airstream Community. This is our third and largest Airstream. Our last Airstream got totalled by hail in February 2024 and we upgraded to a 2025 30' International. We are excited to join the Airstream Club and proudly display our Big Red Numbers - 16203. From the day we purchased our first Airstream (in 2022),

we fell in love with the people in the Airstream Community. Having never owned an RV before, we had many questions from towing to parking, to which accessories to buy. I have to say...what an AMAZING group of people willing to help out, even answering the simplest of questions for us newbies!! I own a financial advisory company, and my wife is an adjuster for an insurance company. Our children are grown and we have

one 4-year-old grandson. We travel a lot but bought an Airstream so we can explore many other areas across this beautiful country we live in! We have three French Bulldogs that cannot wait to join us on our adventures!

To the Airstream Community: Thank you for your kindness and patience. You all have been great and we look forward to meeting you as we travel!



Todd and Jennifer Flippo, BRN 12969 (Affiliate Members)

Hi!

We have been members of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club, but recently joined the North Texas Airstream Club too, as we live near Fort Worth! This is our first Airstream. Her name is Hazel, and after a five year COVID-tainted renovation, we finally have our dream! She is a 1970 Overlander.

Todd is a recently retired medical device engineer from Alcon Laboratories, and I am a Professor of Nursing at UT in Austin. We have been married 31 years, and have two grown sons. We live on my husband's family farm, and he's the Mayor of Saginaw, the town we live in! We have two dogs, two cats, and a herd of Longhorns that roam on our property.

We love to travel and are we're typically planning our next trip (RV or otherwise) before we're back from one! Looking forward to being able to attend rallies and meet some great folks.



John and Lisa Razmus, BRN 17077

John & Lisa met in 1997 at a country dance lesson at Stampedes Dance Hall in Dallas. We married on 07/07/07 and have been going strong ever since. We have three kids between us, living in Houston, Poland, and Denver. Lisa works in commercial lending for a regional bank. John's career was focused on technology consulting and sales. He retired last year after having travelled the world selling aircraft as Director of Fleet Sales for Cirrus Aircraft. We enjoy dancing, golf, travelling and going on cruises where we occupy seats at the blackjack table. When camping, we relish a nighttime campfire, playing cards, drinking wine, and laughing.

Our Airstream has quite the interesting story. She came out of the Specialty Vehicle Division of Airstream in 1984. A company John worked for back then had three of them custom made to serve as travelling trade show vehicles. After 7 years, the company decided to sell them. I bought "Babygirl" sight-unseen from an Airstream dealer in Trachoma, WA. It had two generators, was lined with cabinets, no windows, holding tanks or water tank. I'm the second owner and have had it since 1992. It's been recently reimaged and mechanically like new. It draws a crowd everywhere we take it.

Looking forward to meeting club members at upcoming rallies.



Brian and Julie Keitzer, BRN 20923

We are Brian and Julie Keitzer and are excited to become new members of North Texas Airstream Club. We live in Grapevine, TX and have a 2023 Flying Cloud 23 FB Twin. This is our second Airstream. We traded our 2021 Bambi 22 FB for the Flying Cloud at DFW Airstream in September of 2023. I pull with our Ford F150. We like to take at least two weeklong trips a year. We have been to the Tetons, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and the Smokies. We have been to several Florida, Louisiana, and Arkansas State Parks. We try to camp at least one weekend a month. Most of the time we go to Texas State parks. We also like The Range Vintage Trailer resort. Our dog Bear loves to go camping. He is a Great Pyrenees Husky mix and sheds fur all over our camper but that's okay. I like photography so you might see me looking for wildlife with my camera on the hiking trails. We would like to learn more about rallies and caravans..



Jeffrey and Jennifer Bell, BRN 10962 (Affiliate Members)

After trying two other RVs from other manufacturers, my spouse and I decided Airstream would be the way to go after doing extensive research on the quality, durability, and the community. We look forward to spending many years camping and meeting members of the Airstream community along the way.

I currently work for the State of Texas as a court coordinator for a child protection court. This comes after spending 15 years in various roles of law enforcement as a Sergeant and a State Trooper. My hobbies are reading, woodworking, running 5k and 10k races, bicycling, and hiking. I have three grown children and three grandchildren. Jennifer is a quality assurance director for a finance services company. She also has a pharmacy background. Her hobbies are reading, working out, and watching several television series. She has one adult child and one grandchild.

We have one 6-year-old Rottweiler (Dagny) who travels with us.

We look forward to meeting other members down the road someday.



Jason and Teena Heller, BRN 05403

Jason and I recently sold our business in 2023, allowing us to retire early. We moved from Midland, TX to an airpark community in Granbury, TX this year and love it! We have four grown children and two “four-legged” children.

We are new “Airstreamers” and are looking forward to getting ours on the road soon! A few years ago we got the “Airstream bug” and bought a 34-foot Excella, with the intent on working on a full remodel. We quickly learned we were way in over our heads with that project and decided to wait until we had more free time to take on another. We recently came across a 2004 Classic that we could not pass up. Currently, we are making a few changes and getting it ready to roll! We look forward to meeting everyone and making new memories.

Happy camping!



Tim Love

Certified RV and Airstream Repair Expert

crosscountryrvsolutions.com

817-917-0092

2026 NTxAC Leadership Team and Candidate Biographies

Leadership Positions and Candidates

The following is a list of leadership positions and respective officeholders for the upcoming year within our organization. Ballots will be sent out in late September. The nominated candidates are:

- **President:** Edward Wilson
- **Vice-President:** Greg King
- **Recording Secretary:** Nicole Scott
- **Treasurer:** Bill Steddum
- **Trustees:** Christine Wayles and Johanna Love

President - *Edward Wilson*

I have been a proud member of the North Texas Airstream Club for several years and have enjoyed connecting with so many of you at rallies and events. My wife Tiffany and I love exploring new places in our Airstream, from the Texas Hill Country to Chattanooga, Florida to Wyoming and beyond. Some of our favorite memories have been made sitting around the campfire with fellow members here in our NTxAC club. Over the years, we've discovered that the best part of owning an Airstream isn't just the travel — it's the friendships and community we've built along the way. I am honored to be nominated as President and look forward to working with our officers and members to plan fun, meaningful gatherings where everyone feels welcome and valued. Together, we can continue building a club that reflects the spirit of adventure that brought us all here in the first place.

Vice-President - *Greg King*

Greg King, along with his wife, Karen, has been a member of the North Texas Airstream Club for the past two years. The couple considers club members as their extended family and eagerly attend rallies whenever possible. Last year, Greg and Karen traveled to Sedalia, MO for the International Rally, where Greg had the privilege of playing in the band. This year, they are embarking on their first caravan, "Sipping Across California," offered through Grapes and Grains. Greg looks forward to serving as Vice-President and working with a dedicated team.

Recording Secretary - *Nicole Scott*

Nicole Scott has served as a rally host in 2024, and as the Recording Secretary in 2025. Her husband, Patrick, has been the Membership Chair for 2025 and will continue in the role for 2026.

Treasurer - *Bill Steddum*

Bill Steddum resides in Midlothian, TX with his wife, Ann Weaver. Both are active in the real estate business. Bill served as Treasurer in 2025 and will continue the position for 2026. Outside of traveling in their Airstream, Bill enjoys cooking and woodworking.

Continued on next page

2026 NTxAC Leadership Team and Candidate Biographies

Trustee – *Christine Wayles*

Christine Wayles has been married to her husband Scott for 37 years. They have been Airstreaming for seven years in their 1997 Excella Classic, affectionately named *Rita Mae* after a favorite band's song. Christine and Scott enjoy traveling with friends, attending live music events, and participating in music festivals with their rig. They have lived in the Denton, TX area for the last 28 years and raised two daughters there.

Trustee – *Johanna Love*

Johanna Love and her husband, Tim, have been members of the North Texas Airstream Club for almost two years, with their club anniversary approaching in November. They travel in their 33' Classic, *The Love Stream*, accompanied by their two Chiweenies, Chloe and Maggie. The Airstream Club has been a highlight of their Airstream experience, providing wonderful friendships and cherished gatherings. Despite busy work schedules, they make an effort to attend as many rallies as possible. Johanna will host her first rally this Winter and is excited to serve as a Trustee, contributing to the club's continued success.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks to extended and current officers who have volunteered to continue in their roles, and to **Mike Hooker** for his leadership as President, along with First Lady **Debbie Hooker**. Appreciation is also given to **Lynn** and **Ann Clark** as Trustees, and to **Mike** and **Rita Barr** who will be serving the second year of their term as Trustees.

Call for Volunteers

The success of our club relies on the dedication of the leadership team. To ensure continued smooth operation, we encourage more members to volunteer and assist in club functions.

Jerry Vanloon

**RVIA Certified
Mobile RV Technician**

682-556-1141

jvan4734@gmail.com

Your business is valued. Labor guaranteed

ACI National Event Rally: Silver on the River

July 15-22, 2026 Airstream River Cruise in France!

Registration is open now for Silver on the River!

Join us for a river cruise (minus our Airstreams) next July departing from Lyon, France. More details about this cruise are at <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>

Our travel agent, Leave It To Mel Travel, will also be arranging pre- and post-cruise touring opportunities in France. There are no details on this yet, but consider it already in your travel plans that getting to France or staying later by a few days will have fun things to do, potentially with fellow Airstreamers.

For any questions about the event, contact jasongrendahl@gmail.com.

Your link to reserve: https://app.tern.travel/trips/Ai5yRdjyfi_Hq7MoGWqzOA/landing_page



RIVERSIDE LUXURY CRUISES DAILY ACTIVITIES		
CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE TUESDAY, 29 JULY 2025 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE ARRIVAL: 3:00AM DEPARTURE: 3:30PM LYON ARRIVAL: 7:00AM (30. JULY)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:30-7:30am	Early Danish Corner	SEAHORSE DECK 2 Reception
7:00-7:30am	What a wonderful way to kickstart the day Morning Yoga Class! with our Yoga Instructor Aleksandra in the Palm Court	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Forward
7:30-9:30am	Breakfast in the Waterside Restaurant Open Seating	SEAHORSE DECK 2 Forward
9:00am-12:30pm	A Taste of Chalon-sur-Saône Kindly bring your Quiet Vox devices and earpieces.	MEETING POINT: Palm Court
9:00am-1:15pm	Beaune & the Burgundy Wine Road Kindly bring your Quiet Vox devices and earpieces.	MEETING POINT: Palm Court
9:30-11:30am	Late Riser's Breakfast at the Atelier	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Midship
12:00-5:00pm	Vista Bar Weather Permitted	VISTA DECK 4 Midship
12:00-5:00pm	Small Delicacies in the Atelier	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Midship
12:00-6:00pm	Enjoy RIVERSIDE BITES in the Atelier A la carte on the Vista Deck until 5:00pm	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Atelier VISTA DECK 4 Midship
12:00pm-Midnight	Botanist Bar	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Forward
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch in the Waterside Restaurant Open seating	SEAHORSE DECK 2 Forward
3:00PM All Aboard! Riverside Ravel Will Set Sail from Chalon-Sur-Saône at 3:30PM.		
4:00-4:30pm	Galley Tour Please, sign up at reception until 2:30PM.	MEETING POINT: Palm Court
6:00pm	Lounge Music with our Pianist Yordan in the Palm Court	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Forward
6:45-7:00pm	Port Talk in the Palm Court	RIVERSIDE DECK 3 Forward
PHONE NUMBER RIVERSIDE RAVEL: +33 6 59 67 68 98 DOCKING LOCATION IN CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE: QUAI DES MESSAGERIES DOCKING LOCATION IN LYON: QUAI RAMBAUD		

This is an activity page for the current 2025 Lyon cruise to give you an idea of some of the activities. The photos and activity sheet have been provided by our travel agent who is also an Airstreamer.

A Loss in the Airstream Family

On July 4 this past Summer the Texas Hill Country suffered devastating floods that took the lives of over 100 people. Among those lost were fellow Airstreamers **Jeff** and **Tanya Ramsey** of Lewisville, TX.

The Ramseys warned family members to evacuate the HTR campground where they were staying and left heartfelt voice-mails to their children in the few moments before their Airstream trailer was swept away around 4:30 a.m.

"He left us a message saying he was not going to make it and that he loved us so much, telling us goodbye," the couple's son, Jake, told the *New York Post*. "He said, 'Buddy. I love you so much. It doesn't look like we are going to make it. Tell Rachel I love her.'"

Tanya's body was found by rescuers days after the flood. The couple's dog, Chloe, was found at an animal shelter a few days later and returned to family.

Tanya was described as "deeply loved" and "perfect." She had recently beaten breast cancer. At the date of this writing, Jeff's body is still missing.

Jeff called Tanya's brother and mother to warn them of the impending danger. The two, who were camping nearby, survived the floods. "He rescued them because they would have slept in and they would have washed away. That cabin was destroyed, completely underwater. He saved their lives," Jake Ramsey said.

Jeff worked with the Adaptive



Tanya and Jeff Ramsey with their dog, Chloe in front of their Airstream

Training Foundation, which helps train amputees or people in wheelchairs, while Tanya managed a wig shop in Dallas. While the Ramseys weren't members of the North Texas Airstream Club, they were members of our larger family, the Airstream community. They enjoyed the same love of adventure and travel as us, and valued friendships made with other fellow Airstreamers.

Please take a moment and send a thought or prayer toward the families of this couple.

This is a tragic reminder that ALL of us need to be prepared for emergencies when traveling. LISTEN to the forecast and take it seriously. Keep a weather radio in your Airstream. If the forecast doesn't sound good but you're enjoying a beautiful evening the day before, keep your weather radio near you. Have an evacuation plan or know how and where to exit, with or without your trailer, as you arrive

Let's honor the Ramseys and be good camping neighbors as well. If danger is near take the time to alert your fellow campers, if possible. After all, WE ARE FAMILY.

NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events

November 14-16, 2025

Installation Rally, The Boulders at Lake Tyler, Whitehouse, TX

16822 McElroy Rd, Whitehouse, TX 75791

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

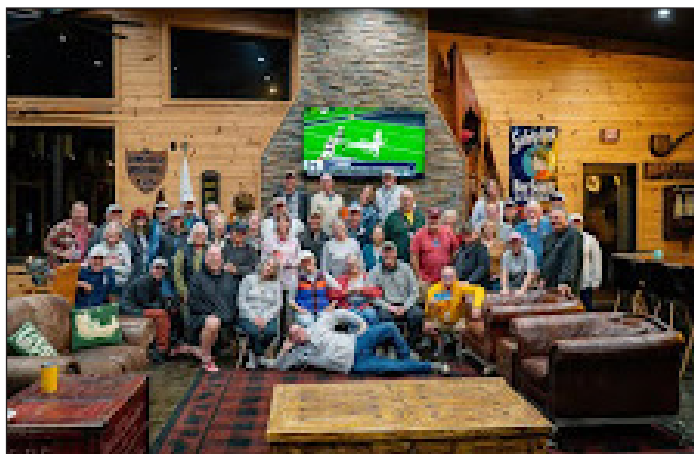
This is our 3rd Annual Joint Rally with the North Texas Airstream Club and the East Texas Lakes Unit.

DO NOT call the main campground office number and do not book online. To schedule, call or email Jessica Dunnam with The Boulders 430-280-6571 / eventsatboulderslaketyler@gmail.com
RESERVATIONS OPEN on Thursday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. Please do not call or email before this date. Please note: Many members will arrive early on Thursday, November 13, so feel free to come early for pre-rally fun.

All our rally sites MUST BE BOOKED by September 15, 2025 or they will be released back into public inventory.

We have the entire campground reserved, so plenty of room for everyone and all sites have beautiful water views! We have the fantastic event center booked for our rally weekend, so plan on lots of fun and fellowship. The schedule will be sent out closer to the date.

Questions? Call or text Maribeth Pappas, Rally Host at 214-566-1210



NTxAC 2025 Rally Schedule and Upcoming Events

December 5-7, 2025

Holiday Rally, The Vineyards on Lake Grapevine, Grapevine, TX

1501 N. Dooley Street, Grapevine, TX 76051

thevineyards@grapevinetexas.gov

Hosts: Jo Love, Rita Barr, Karen King, and Debbie Hooker

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear” –Buddy the Elf

Join us for an Elf-themed Christmas Rally at the Vineyards Campground in Grapevine. Perfect for families!

The weekend includes:

Friday, December 5

Join us for a “Meat and Greet” and then gather around the campfire for a beverage of your choice and S’mores.

Saturday, December 6

Start the day with coffee, hot chocolate, Mimosas, and breakfast. Our grilling elves will be cooking pancakes, sausage, and eggs on the Blackstones.

The rest of the day is “Play Your Way” in Grapevine!

Grapevine, the Christmas Capital of Texas, offers festive events at www.grapevinetexasusa.com. Relax at the campground while the kids enjoy the playground, board games, or arts and crafts.

Later, we’ll have a Happy Hour to enjoy while we await pizza. Get ready to channel your inner elf. Prizes will be given for the best Buddy the Elf costume!

After dinner, the kids get a gift exchange and an outdoor showing of ELF! Adult elves will have their own “Silly Santa Exchange.” To cap off the night, we’ll gather by the campfire with our favorite Christmas toddies.

Sunday, December 7

We’ll send you off with a convenient breakfast to-go.

More details to follow, but plan on bringing a protein and side to share for Friday’s dinner, drinks for Happy Hour, a wrapped gift for your child/children to open, a gift for the adult exchange, and a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies to share at Saturday’s dinner. We will also ask for contributions for meals.



Airstream Pet Tails



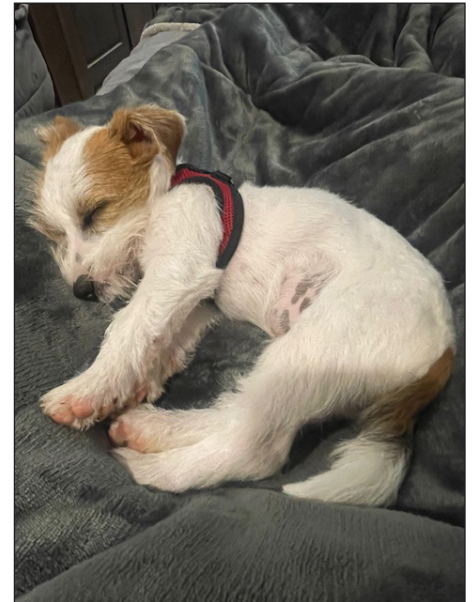
Inspired by Co-Editor David's Airstream Primer about traveling with his cats (November 2024 edition), I felt we needed to include a page that focuses on our pets. Many of us travel with our pets, and quite a number of Airstream owners chose to live the Airstream life because it gives them the option to travel with them. If you have a pet or pets and want to share their travel stories with us, send your info and photos to aec2you@gmail.com

Pet Story #2: Rolling With the Pack: Airstream Life with Piper, Lollie, and Mr. Stockings

One of the greatest joys of our Airstream travel is sharing our adventures with our furry companions. For us, that means life on the road with our three dogs: Piper, our wise and loyal 11-year-old mixed breed; Lollie, a spunky 1-year-old Russell Terrier; and, our newest co-pilot, a 4-month-old bundle of energy named Mr. Stockings.

To say they love traveling is an understatement. The moment we start loading the Airstream, they stick to us like Velcro – tails wagging, eyes gleaming – because they know adventure is on the horizon, and there's no way they're getting left behind!

One of our favorite parts of traveling with our dogs is watching them explore new campgrounds. They live for sniffing new trails, greeting fellow campers, and making fast friends with other dogs. The socialization has been especially great for Mr. Stockings, who's learning the ropes from his older siblings.



We always prioritize pet-friendly campgrounds and appreciate when sites include walking trails or off-leash areas. Many fellow Airstreamers are dog lovers, too which often leads to shared stories, laughs, and travel tips around the campfire.

One of our favorite activities while camping is hitting the trails. Our dogs love to hike, and it's a great way for us to get exercise and fresh air. When we're inside the Airstream, we often turn the long center aisle into a play zone. It's surprisingly perfect for recall training – or in the puppy's case, a full-on Zoomie racetrack!



And where there's water nearby? Game on! Whether it's a lake, pond, or puddle, our crew doesn't hesitate to splash around and cool off.

Years of pet travel have taught us the value of being prepared. We carry a folder with each dog's up-to-date rabies certificate and health records, which can be lifesavers during an unexpected emergency vet visit in a new town.

A vital part of our setup is our pet temperature monitor inside the Airstream. It connects via Starlink Wi-Fi and sends us alerts if the

Airstream Pet Tails, continued

interior temperature goes outside our preset thresholds. That peace of mind – knowing the pups are safe even when we're steps away – is priceless.

The most challenging part of traveling with three dogs, especially in the hot southern Summer, is managing the heat during check-in. Many campgrounds don't allow check-in until after 1:00 or even 3:00 pm, and by then, the temps can easily be over 100 degrees. During setup we leave the dogs crated in the truck with the engine running and A/C blasting until the trailer cools down enough for them to come inside comfortably.

As for sleeping arrangements, well... it's a bit of a circus! We have twin beds in our Airstream, and each of the little ones claims their own human bed – usually with us. Piper, our senior girl, is a bit more independent and alternates between snoozing on the sofa or stretching out on the shared dog bed we keep between our twins.



And if you're wondering who needs the most attention on the road? No surprise – it's the puppy. Mr. Stockings is the only male in the crew, and he's hands down the most needy. Typical... right?

Traveling with our dogs requires a bit more planning, but the rewards are endless. We've learned to book ahead at pet-friendly parks, scout emergency vet options just in case, and always carry extra poop bags, wipes, and dog food since some brands can be hard to find in smaller towns. But above all, we've learned that the best travel companions are the ones who are just happy to be by your side, no matter the destination. Whether it's hiking along a lakeshore, greeting neighbors at the campground, or napping under the awning while we sip morning coffee, Piper, Lollie, and Mr. Stockings remind us that life is simply better when it's shared with wagging tails and muddy paws.



Safe travels and happy tails,
David and Kelly Rodriguez BRN 4379
Airstreamers, Dog Mom/Dad, and Full-Time Herd Wranglers

High Profile: Patrick Scott

Current Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

I Grew Up In: Cleburne, Texas

Fun Fact About Me: I am originally from Athens, AL.

Current and/or Former Occupation: Director of Business Development for an aerospace distributor; spent 14 years at Lockheed as a Buyer.



Airstream Model/Year: 2018 Classic

Your Airstream's Name: Liberty

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: The upgrades I did for boondocking

Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, fishing

I Drive A: GMC Sierra

Favorite TV Shows: I don't watch much TV.

Favorite Music/Bands: I listen to a lot different music from Country to 80s/90s hair bands.

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Elvis Presley! I'm a big fan!

My Last Meal Would Be: Cheeseburger, preferably from Herds in Jacksboro

I'm Known For: Being a big fan of Elvis Presley

Behind My Back They Say: Nothing, I hope

Nobody Knows That I: I am part of The International Thespian Society.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: I do love State Parks, but anywhere spending time with Nicole and our puppies!

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Key West

Best Travel Advice: Slow is Pro an listen to your wife!

Co-Editor David's Travelogue

September 2025: National Parks

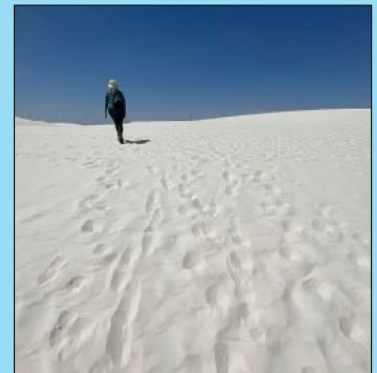
Almost without fail, whenever we talk about our travels with non-Airstreaming, non-RVing family, friends, and acquaintances, we are asked which national parks we've been to. They inevitably inquire about the best-known, most visited ones—Arches, Bryce Canyon, Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Glacier, Zion, sometimes Acadia.

Although we've had our chances to visit some of these biggies, quite frankly, I've always felt that they are not good places for opportunistic travelers to go. You need to have a plan if you hope to avoid large, often oblivious crowds, inconsiderate and ignorant checklist-tickers, inexperienced RV renters, and crawling traffic. We have never had a plan. We always seem to be passing near these smack in the middle of the high season—just the wrong time to linger and enjoy.

Despite that, our list of National Parks, though small, is growing. Since we started Airstreaming, we've seen Yosemite (from the quieter, lesser-known, eastern entrance), Wind Cave, and Big Bend. And now, since I've debuted this travelogue, we've doubled that list. Here are some photos and comments from our latest three.

White Sands

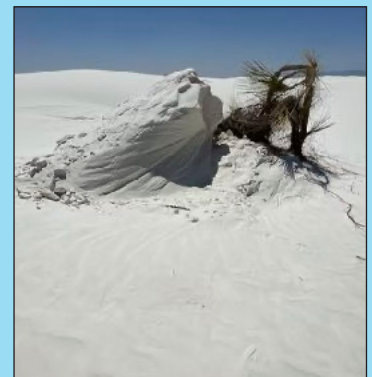
This is a fascinating desert of powdered gypsum in Alamogordo, NM. There is a lollipop-shaped loop you can drive, but there are some "trails" you can hike which give you a better sense of the size and uniqueness of the place. Given the shifting sands, there are stakes pounded into the dunes and you walk from stake to stake. You could easily become disoriented if you lose sight of the stakes.



*Hiking to the next stake at
White Sands*

Great Basin

Did you know that there's a 13,000 foot mountain (Wheeler Peak) in southeastern Nevada? We didn't ... until we went to Great Basin National Park in Baker, NV. We were able to camp inside the park in our 30-ft Classic, but it was a slow and punishing journey up 3 miles of washboard dirt roads. What's more, the site was difficult to negotiate and very uneven. Not being enthusiastic spelunkers, we skipped the Lehman Caves and opted instead for the 10,000 foot elevation Alpine Lakes hike (yes, alpine lakes in Nevada; it's not just Vegas, baby). We were richly rewarded with two lakes, ancient bristlecone pines, and nice views of Wheeler Peak. The drive up to the trailhead was pretty spectacular, too.



*Doesn't get much whiter -
White Sands*

Continued on next page

Co-Editor David's Travelogue, continued



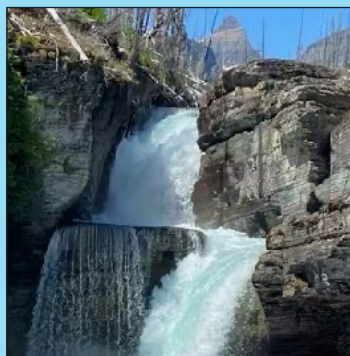
*Ancient bristlecone pine –
Great Basin*



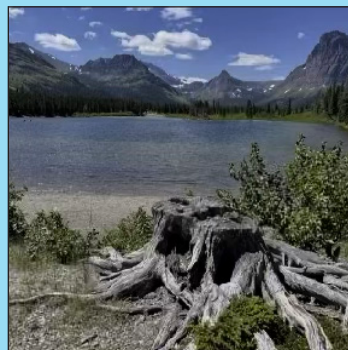
*Alpine Lake –
Great Basin*

Glacier

Finally, a big-name park. Set in northwestern Montana, Glacier offers several entrances, a spectacular drive (Going-to-the-Sun Road), miles and miles of rugged trails, numerous waterfalls and other natural, mountainous features, plus abundant wild-life. The bear warnings are as ever-present as the rattlesnake warnings in Texas state parks. Glacier abuts Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park. Together, they make up the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a World Heritage Site. We camped at an RV park near the Two Medicine entrance at the southeastern edge of the park and completed a counter-clockwise navigation of the park.



*One of many waterfalls –
Glacier*



*Spectacular lake and mountains –
Glacier*

See you down the road.

David Majkowski,
BRN 5594

Summer's Rigless Rally in Midlothian

Thanks to hosts **Bill Steddum** and **Ann Weaver**, a great time was had by NTxAC members at Bill and Ann's home in Midlothian on July 26. Steaks, wine, and a refreshingly cool pool made Summer more bearable for an evening.



*Our young Airstreamers!
Nathaniel Peters and
Noelle Crosby*



Bill Steddum and his friend Daisy



*Edward Wilson (Vice-President), Chris, Roscell, and Nathaniel Peters,
Barbara and John Johnson, Sunny Kelly, Steve and Dana Blankinship,
Noelle, Jane, and Tim Crosby, and Mike Hooker (President).*

Airstream International Rally in York, PA



***NTxAC President Mike Hooker
at the Opening Ceremony***



***Mike with fellow Texas Club Presidents from
East Texas Lakes Unit and Heart of Texas Club***



***Allana Patterson performs with the
band for the Opening Ceremony***



***Stacey Daniel
was in charge of pump outs***



***Co-Editor David Majkowski and
President Mike Hooker***



Tom Jensen and Todd Martchek share some conversation



***Mike and Debbie Hooker
with Stacy Daniel***

Airstream International Rally in York, PA



Mike Barr, David Majkowski, Tanya and Todd Martchek, Mike Hooker, Anna Brandon, Rita Barr, Debbie Hooker, Tom Jensen, Allana Patterson, unidentified couple (sorry!), and Tim Ebbers, 2nd VP of Region 9



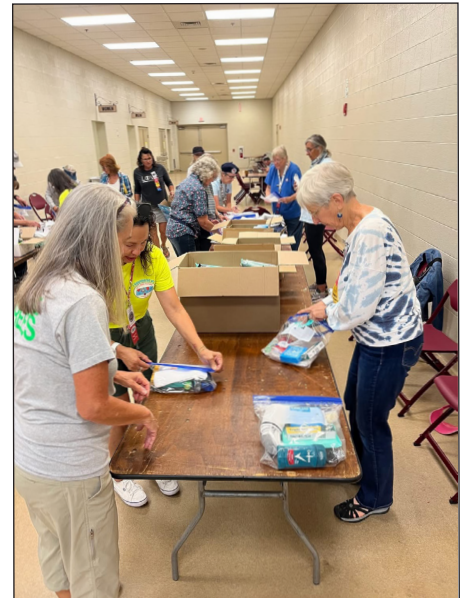
*What to do with leftover coffee?
Give it away!*



Our Cancer Warrior: The indomitable Tanya Martchek

Airstream International Rally in York, PA

Airstreamers are a generous, caring community. Because of the Airstream members' generosity during the Airstream Club International Rally, York's Friends & Neighbors received \$7,728.06 in cash donations, 277 personal care kits, and an amazing 1,015 pairs of socks and various items to be distributed at the Beacon Resource Center. These items represent warmth, dignity, and hope for the unsheltered in York County.



Airstream International Rally in York, PA

Co-Editor David's Cool Rig Winners:



Cybertruck towing a Basecamp – one of two that David saw.



39' Land Yacht towing a 28' utility trailer. Inside the trailer is, among other things, a golf cart, a freezer, a motorcycle, 2 e-bikes, and a car!



An Atlas towing an original Basecamp, which was a concept toy hauler co-developed with Nissan. Presumably, the owner transported the motorcycle in the Basecamp.



Airstreams aglow at night in York, PA.

Hope to see lots of NTxAC members at the Airstream International Rally next year in Minot, ND!

End of Summer – Hello Fall Rally

Mike and Debbie Hooker worked hard to make the Fall Rally in Glen Rose a success! Nights of Left, Right, Center, amazing breakfasts, time by the pool, a Dutch Oven Cookoff, The “Not-So-Newlywed” Game, and making new friends made it a weekend to remember. Thanks to our great hosts!



Thursday night: Left, Right, Center



And the winner is... Tom Jensen!



Dan Brockway for another win!



Members applaud for Debbie Hooker, our host, on Baked Potato Night.



And yes, we did!



Lynn Clark and Debbie Hooker



Our Airstreams light up the evening

End of Summer – Hello Fall Rally



Ann Clark and Elizabeth Therezo



Dana and Steven Blankinship



Ken and Lynda Davis



Edward and Tiffany Wilson



***Allana Patterson, Debbie Hooker,
Pam Brockway, Tiffany Wilson,
Anna Brandon, Jenny Hughes, and
Tanya Martchek***



***Left, Right, Center:
Anna Brandon rolls the dice while
Edward Wilson watches***



Blackstone Breakfast Crew: Lynn Clark, Mike Hooker, and Bill Steddum



Jill Fearing in the breakfast line

End of Summer – Hello Fall Rally



Debbie Hooker gives instructions on pumpkin painting in the Hangout



Tanya Martchek helps her granddaughter with painting



Susanna Neal and Deanna Hinton



Saturday evening's Dutch Oven Cookoff Dinner



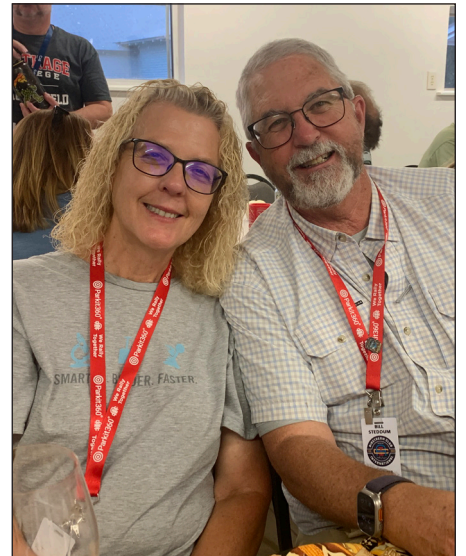
Dan Brockway checks out the entries



Anna Brandon shows off the winner



Erica and Jarrod Rollins



Ann Weaver and Bill Steddum

End of Summer – Hello Fall Rally



Tom Jensen and Allana Patterson



Anna and David Brandon



Georgina and Steve Woodward



John and Jenny Hughes



Pam and Dan Brockway



Todd and Tanya Martchek



Thank you to the Wilsons and the Woodward for playing along with the "Not-So-Newlywed Game." Wilsons won!

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

FRONT



BACK



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>

Airstream Club International Headquarters

707 E. Pike Street P.O. Box 612

Jackson Center, OH 45334

Phone 937-596-5211; Fax 937-596-5542

General Questions/Comments: assist@airstreamclub.org

Airstream (the Company)

Airstream USA (the Company)

<https://www.airstream.com>

Live Riveted (Airstream's blog)

<https://www.airstream.com/blog>

Airstream Owners (resource page for owner information and support)

<https://www.airstream.com/owners>

Airstream, Inc. • 1001 West Pike Street • Jackson Center, OH 45334