



North Texas Roundup

December 2025

President's Letter

"More campfires, more community, more Airstream"

- Edward Wilson

What a way to wrap up the year together! Our December "Elf Rally" in Grapevine blended holiday spirit, community, and the kind of Airstream fun that reminds us why this club is so special. The slightly chilly weather only added to the Christmas spirit, and the whole weekend was filled with laughter and great memories!

A huge thank you to our hosts and volunteers who made everything run smoothly, to everyone who brought donations for GRACE, and to all the families who helped make the kids' activities such a hit. We were also excited to welcome several first-time rally guests. They jumped right in, had a blast, and said they felt instantly at home as part of our Airstream family. That generosity, warmth, and willingness to include others is what makes this club special. And of course, we had some spirited holiday competition. The Ugly Sweater contest brought out some bold choices, and the White Elephant gift exchange delivered what it always does - surprises, laughs,

and just the right amount of friendly chaos!

Our North Texas Airstream Club has a way of bringing out joy no matter the location or the event. Seeing our members all laughing, having fun, and lending a hand no matter the task, reminded me again just how special our club is. We don't just travel, we create memories and a place where all feel welcomed, support each other, and make room for new friendships.

The next rally scheduled is the annual Reason For Freezin' Rally, January 22-25, with the HOTC club, hosted at the North Texas Airstream Community. If you've never been to the NTAC, they have a huge meeting room equipped with plenty of heat or AC (this is Texas), restrooms, and more, so don't let the name scare you away, as we always have such a great time!

On behalf of Tiffany, Daisy, and me - Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and safe travels wherever the road takes you next. I can't wait to see

where 2026 leads us as a club. So stay tuned, we have a full calendar of fun in store!



Edward Wilson
BRN 30813



Editors' Corner

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Did you sing it as you read it? David and I are hoping that all of you have a peaceful and joyous holiday, whether it's by yourselves or with your family and friends.

The Holiday Rally at the Vineyards was a huge success thanks to all the hard-working hosts and those who pitched in to help. I wrote a rally review and there are lots of photos following it. I wish we could use all of the photos contributed, but we would still be working on this newsletter instead of you reading it if I did. By the way, I heard there was some dancing on the tables Friday night, but I wasn't there to verify it. Hey, what happens at the Pavillion stays at the Pavillion!

There are LOTS of great rallies coming up in 2026 - be sure to check our rally schedule and make plans to attend some. We would love to meet you! This club continues to grow because of the friendly and fun people we have. The more the merrier! We wish you all good health and nothing but joy in 2026. Happy New Year!



Ann Clark
BRN 12279



David
Majkowski
BRN 5594

Your 2026 NTxAC Officers & Committee Chairs



Front Row: *Johanna Love, Ann Clark, Edward Wilson, Patrick Scott;*
Back Row: *Dan Brockway, Christine Wayles, Mike Hooker,*
Greg King, Bill Steddum, and Nicole Scott.
Not pictured: *Mike and Rita Barr, David Majkowski*
Ann Weaver, Bret Bieghler

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HEY, NEW MEMBERS!

Get a FREE NTxAC T-shirt when you attend a rally. Not new but want a shirt? Purchase one for \$15 at a rally.



January Birthdays

Brenda Schroer		Dennis Price	1/13	John Van Artsdalen	1/19
Dan Brockway	1/3	Caitlin Heaton	1/14	Rick Smith	1/22
Hawley Towns	1/3	Peter Murray	1/14	Alicia Peacey	1/22
Linda Ward	1/10	Jennifer Dice	1/15	Carol Wilkins	1/22
Christine Wayles	1/10	Kevin Pflug	1/15	Michael Cross	1/26
Diana Tinlin	1/11	Anna Brandon	1/17	Jennifer Davis	1/27
Pam Brockway	1/12	David Blackmon	1/17	Millie O'Donnell	1/28
Martha Kuhlman	1/12	Phyllis Fell	1/17	Victor Montaner	1/29
Lisa Razmus	1/12	Rita Johnson	1/18	Leda Roelke	1/29
Taylor Gibson	1/13	Randy Truesdell	1/18		

January Anniversaries

Randy and Dawn Truesdell	1/1	Brad and Christa Fulton	1/15
Fred and Alice Barber	1/2	David and Anna Brandon	1/16
Chris and Cheryl Chambers	1/3	Greg and Robyn Ellerman	1/16
Scott and Connie Oberle	1/6	Bruce and Kim Mitchell	1/23
Stan and Karen Preece	1/7	Gary and Martha Kuhlman	1/25
Randal and Jennifer Davis	1/9	Peter Murray and Jeannie Likhite	1/27



Tim Love

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New Members Spotlight

New Members

Michael and Sandy Creasey

2020 Flying Cloud 27' FB
Greenville, TX

Joseph and Lori Jones

2015 Bambi Sport 22'
Ft. Worth, TX

Kenneth and Michelle Everill

2025 Pottery Barn SE 28'
McKinney, TX

Vic and Cinnamon Salvador

2018 Bambi Sport 22'
Lake Charles, LA

Tim and Ashley Ellis

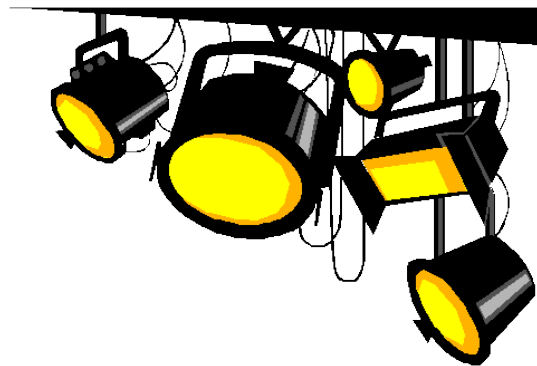
2022 Flying Cloud 25'
Dallas, TX

Shawn and Mohyon Franklin

2026 Tradewind 25'
The Colony, TX

Patrick Martin and Meagan Butler

2022 International 30'
Livingston, TX



Vic and Cinnamon Salvador, BRN 07182

We are veteran RV'ers but we are first time Airstreamers, upgrading from a Casita to a Bambi 22FB. We love the Casita and its ease of use, but a recent retirement means more time camping and we wanted just a little more space.

Our hobbies are probably pretty similar to other 'streamers: camping, traveling and the great outdoors. Cinnamon is a crafter with multiple skills and Vic is a NASCAR nut that enjoys mixing in a hunting or fishing trip into the schedule.

Our grown daughter and our son-in-law live in the state of Connecticut, leaving us to focus on 7 pounds of solid cuteness in the form of our pup named Daisey. We look forward to camping with you all.



Tim and Ashley Ellis, BRN 19901

Ashley and I have been married since 2010, and we live in Dallas with our 6-year old daughter Laney and our dogs Benn and Millie. I am a CPA in oil and gas, and Ashley is in financial planning and operations for New York Life.

Our hobbies are hosting get togethers, Disney and Canada trips, cooking, and of course, traveling in our Airstream.

This is our second Airstream, our first was a 2011 International Bambi, and our current rig is a 2022 25ft Flying Cloud. We have been Airstreamers for 5 and a half years.



Pat Martin and Meagan Butler, BRN 01679

We're Meg and Pat, long time RVers who are moving to Weatherford, TX, in February after spending the last four years in Arizona (and before that, Colorado). We've been RVing since 2014 and love exploring state and national parks, mixing boondocking and campgrounds, and traveling with our three Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and, occasionally, our Maine Coon cat.

Meg enjoys photography and hiking, while Pat spends his time riding his motorcycle and gardening. We love checking out breweries and distilleries and taking the scenic route whenever possible.



Ken and Michelle Everill, BRN 31000

I (Ken) retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010 after 26 years of service, primarily in the aviation component. I will be retiring this Spring from my business career as well, most recently serving as President of Triple/S Dynamics, the oldest manufacturer in the DFW area, established in 1888. Aviation has been a lifelong passion of mine, and I currently own and fly a Yak-55, a Russian single-seat aerobatic aircraft.

Michelle grew up in Fort Worth and currently serves as a real estate agent with OnDemand Realty in the DFW area. These days, her interests are focused on making our recently purchased (and first!) Airstream Pottery Barn a comfortable and welcoming second home—and on being a wonderful grandmother to our grandkids, who thankfully live close by here in McKinney.

Once retired, we plan to travel regularly to enjoy the beauty of our great country—spending time with family and friends, visiting aviation museums, and getting to know fellow travelers and local communities along the way. Our pooch, Merlyn, a Biewer/Yorkie terrier mix, will join us on our adventures. He loves to “go for a ride” and is excellent company on the road. Our anniversary is March 10, and

this date was selected as our Big Red Number that just arrived and will be placed on Abeona, named for the Roman goddess of adventures, this weekend. Adiona, the goddess of safe returns, is our trusty F-250.

We're excited to begin this next chapter and look forward to meeting everyone.



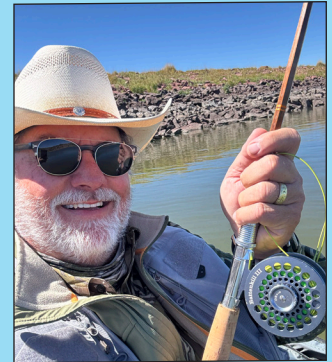
High Profile: Greg King

Name: Greg King

Current Hometown: Richardson, Texas

I Grew Up In: Many different states, including CO, KS, OK, TX, NJ, and CA before the age of 15. My Dad always took transfers.

Fun Fact About Me: I picked up the saxophone again after not playing for over 40 years and joined the Airstream International Rally Band.



Current and/or Former Occupation: I work for ExponentHR as the Chief Experience Officer.

Airstream Model/Year: 2019 International Serenity 30'

Your Airstream's Name: Bea (named after my grandmother who liked camping)

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: It's simple (no slides) and easy to tow anywhere.

Hobbies: Camping, upland hunting, fly fishing, classic cars, playing saxophone, grandchildren

I Drive A: 2024 GMC Denali HD Duramax.

Favorite TV Shows: Mad Men, Breaking Bad, Yellowstone, Landman, TV shows from the 60s/70s

Favorite Music/Bands: Classic Rock, Country, Jazz, including Journey, Eagles, Pink Floyd, Boston, Fleetwood Mac, Elton John

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: my great grandparents, grandparents, and parents.

My Last Meal Would Be: a mixed grill of a Porterhouse steak, brisket, and BBQ chicken thighs, shrimp macaroni salad, Caesar salad, and bread pudding with whiskey sauce.

I'm Known For: grilling and smoking meat.

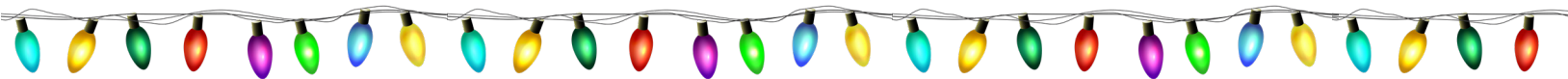
Behind My Back They Say: get Greg to fix it!

Nobody Knows That I: threw a large firecracker (M80) into the infield of the Oakland Coliseum at the end of the Eagles concert in 1978.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Durango, Colorado and Flaming Gorge, Utah, and any Airstream Rally

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Montana, Glacier National Park traveling via Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and the Oregon Trail.

Best Travel Advice: Do Not: drive at night, over 65 mph, or more than 300 miles or 6 hours a day.



What you can expect:

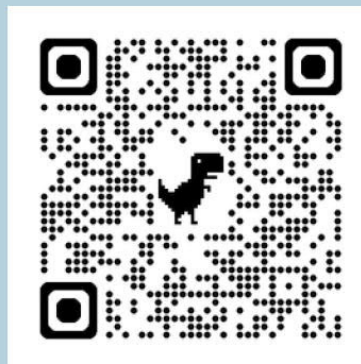
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>



Region 9 News

Howdy Airstream Friends!

It's beginning to look like we are almost done with this year and what a phenomenal year it has been! The Region is bustling with Airstream activities that the Club is involved in from local club rallies to National Event Rallies, RV Shows, Caravans, and Meet-ups. I'm very excited with the things we are doing as our robust community.

Upcoming Rallies

Region 9 is proud to sponsor several National Event Rallies or Region 9 Rallies:

- **Streamin' on the Strand**

When: February 5–8, 2026 Where: Galveston, TX

Details: Join us for the 5th year during the first week of Mardi Gras!

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>

- **Wally's Workshop**

When: March 20–23, 2026 Where: NTAC-Hillsboro

Details: It's a great time to get your rig in shape for Spring & Summer Rallies.

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/wallys-workshop-0>

- **Stitchin' & Fishin'**

When: April 16 – 21, 2026 Where: NTAC-Hillsboro

Details: This unique rally combines the hobbies of sewing and fishing during beautiful months in Texas. Registration is currently for the wait list.

Registration (Wait List): <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>

- **Region 9 Rally - Airstreams in Paradise**

When: March 25–29, 2026 Where: Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX

Registration (Wait List): <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2026-rally>

- **69th International Rally in Minot**

Registration is filling up for August 22–27, 2026, and it's sure to be an incredible time. Each year, Airstream Club members gather from all over the world to meet for 6 days of education, entertainment, shopping, socials, and fun at our International Rally! Register to experience the welcoming magic of Minot, North Dakota – and give back through community service initiatives, blood drives, and more.

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>

IBT Meetings

The International Board of Trustees meets quarterly to discuss, review and vote on Club business. These meetings ensure ACI continues to grow, evolve, and serve its members. All members are welcome to attend and observe the process. If you have issues or questions, please contact

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Region 9 News, continued

Tracy Elkins, your Region 9 President at 281.725.1672 or at Region9wbcci@gmail.com. If you would like to participate in the meeting, you can find instructions here: <https://airstreamclub.org/international-board-trustees>. The next meetings are Jan 22, 2026 and April 23, 2026.

Call for Candidates: Region 9 2nd Vice President (2026-2028 Term)

We're still seeking passionate members for the Region 9 2nd Vice President role, serving from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2028. This leadership position is a fantastic opportunity to plan rallies, support local clubs, and represent Region 9 at the national level.

Responsibilities Include:

- Coordinating regional events and rallies
- Preparing to advance to 1st VP and President
- Promoting the mission of fellowship and adventure
- Providing resources and support to local clubs

Who We're Looking For:

- Enthusiastic members with a passion for our community
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- A collaborative spirit and desire to lead
- Club leadership experience is a plus but not required

Interested or know someone who'd be a great fit? Contact **Nancy Fitzgerald**, Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair, at nefitzge6@gmail.com. Step up and help shape Region 9's future!

Airstreams in Paradise Rally Volunteers Needed – Join the Fun!

Our Region 9 community thrives because of dedicated volunteers! We are looking for help with these Rally Planning Committees:

- Registration (Full – Chair: **Roseann Young**)
- Programs
- Rally Bulletin & Signage (Members Only – Chair: **Nancy Fitzgerald**)
- Tours & Activities (Members Only – Chair: **Selina Shadd**)
- Sponsors & Vendors (Members Only – Chair: **Tim Ebbers**)
- Door Prizes & Hospitality
- Rally Bags, Ribbons & Plaques (Full – Chair: **Allana Patterson**)
- Logistics & Parking (Full – Chair: **David Brandon**)
- Food & Beverage (catered by the resort except for coffee)

We're currently looking for:

- Committee Members: Join teams for rally planning, membership, or communications to make a meaningful impact.
- Rally 2026 Planners: Chairs and Committee Members to plan and execute the 2026 Region 9 Rally at Camp Margaritaville.

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Region 9 News, continued

No matter your skills or experience, there's a place for you. Reach out to me at region9wbcci@gmail.com or call/text at 281-725-1672 to get involved and keep Region 9 rolling strong!



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



*Artie Martin of the Vintage Airstream Club wrote
this recently, and it's worth repeating.*

**If a club/unit has 25 actively participating members, and each member
volunteered to be President just once, it would keep the officer-ship
intact for 25 years!!!!**

**How is it possible to have so much fun and not take just one or two years
to guide your friends on new adventures?**

When you volunteer you get to choose where you'll be camping all year!

Take your friends to your favorite places.

Show them things in your hometown.

Take them to your favorite restaurant.

Or, take your friends on an adventure to someplace no one's ever been to.

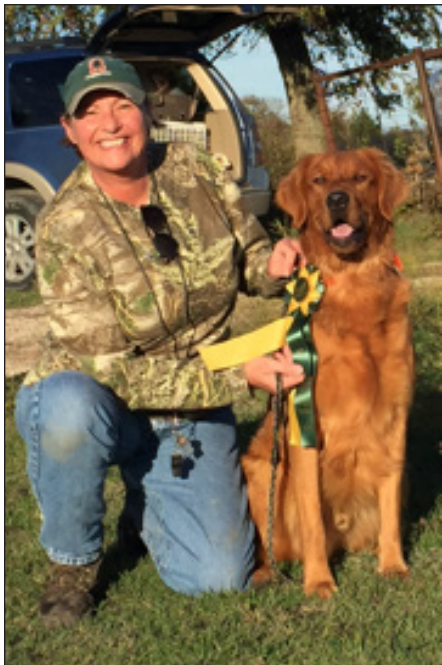
Then find out together what it's like around that next curve!

Airstream Pet Tails

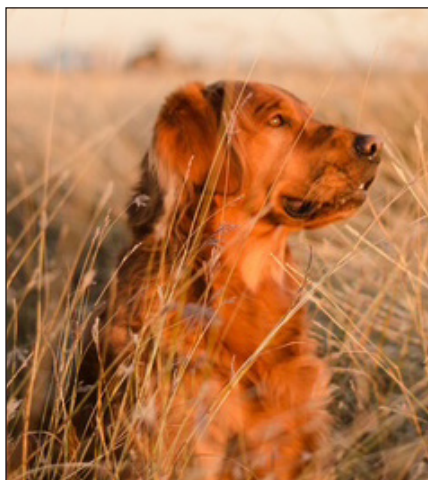
Many of us travel with our pets, and quite a number of Airstream owners chose to live the Airstream life because it gives them the option to travel with them. If you have a pet or pets and want to share their travel stories with us, send your info and photos to aec2you@gmail.com.



Pet Story #5: Meet Moose and Sassy



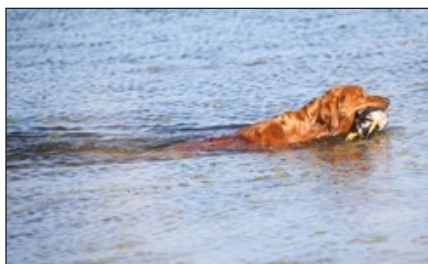
Moose is an 85-pound Field Golden bred specifically for hunting and hunting competitions. His full name is:
UJJ WC WCX Top Brass Big Man in Town SHR
He is 11 years old and like me, he is retired and living his BEST LIFE!



Sassy is a rescued Dachshund (low-rider with attitude) who is 14 years old. If you look up "full of piss and vinegar" in the dictionary, you'll see her picture. ;)

I started Airstreaming because of Moose!
Driving to competitions far away for the weekend required staying in a hotel. Neither dog could sleep through the night, hearing all kinds of strange noises, and they HAVE to wake up Mom and let her know. So, I bought a Bambi and that started my Airstream journey! They have been with me all 60K+ miles in my second Airstream, a Flying Cloud 26' U. I couldn't imagine two better travel companions! Sassy rides SHOTGUN and Moose rides on a platform in the back.
See you all down the road!

Elizabeth Therezo



Co-Editor David's Travelogue

December 2025: Second Annual Index of Articles

Last December, I initiated an annual index of my articles from the past year. It was intended to be an easy reference to topics I covered in the Airstream Club Primer I was writing at the time. Since I pivoted from writing an informational/instructional column to a travelogue in March, I don't see much point in continuing the index. After all, as forward-looking adventurers, you're as likely to revisit my travels as I am! So, here's what I'm going to do: first, I'll start by listing the two primer articles I did write this year, then I'll continue with this month's travelogue. Finally, I'll leave you with a tip from **Anna Brandon**.

The Index

- January 2025—Governance (Learn more about how the club is run.)
- February 2025—Help! (Where to go when you need help with your Airstream.)

Here's a link to our Newsletter Archive in case you want to look these up:

<https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas/north-texas-airstream-club-newsletters>

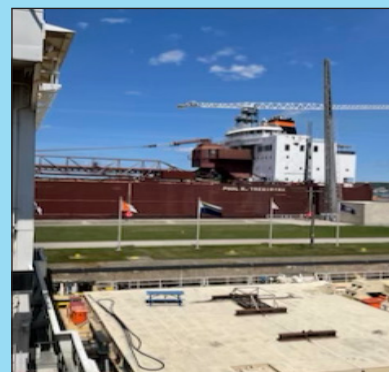
Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Mid-July brought us to Cedarville, Michigan, an unincorporated community in the Upper Peninsula where friends of ours have a summer house. We were fortunate to arrive on the same day they did, because not only did our friends prove to be knowledgeable guides, but their company amplified our fun.



Kim watching the Laker, Kaministiquia, lowered into Lake Huron from Lake Superior

We started off with a day trip to Sault Ste. Marie (pronounced *Soo San Marie*), a town that straddles the U.S.–Canadian border. I guess it's really two towns with the same name—one in Michigan, one in Ontario. First stop: the Soo Locks, where “Lakers” (Great Lakes freighters) are raised and lowered 40 feet between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. Our friend, Susan, insisted that it was worth a look



The Paul R. Tregurtha rises in the background as the Kaministiquia falls

even though they never seem to be there when ships pass through. I guess we were tokens of good fortune, though, as not one, but two Lakers passed while we were there—at the same time, no less!

Note in the two photos how the Kaministiquia (in the foreground) dominates the view when it enters at the Lake Superior level. Then see how the median strip of land magically appears as it drops and the Paul R. Tregurtha (largest on the lakes) rises in the background. This is stunning engineering on a grand scale.

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Co-Editor David's Travelogue, continued



Old Indian Burial Ground—Bay Mills Reservation, MI

Other notable sights were the lighthouse and Old Indian Burial Ground in Bay Mills, a number of old, red barns (which our friend Amelia likes to photograph), a stop at an Amish farm stand, and a boat tour around the islands off the Cedarville coast.



Sunset cruise around the lake islands off of Cedarville, MI

Amazon for RVers

I'll leave you this month with an article shared with us by our own Anna Brandon. It's a list of hot Amazon tips from RVTravel.com:

<https://www.rvtravel.com/amazons-secret-tips-rvers-1239/>

Happy shopping!

See you down the road.

David Majkowski,
BRN 5594

AIRSTREAM FOR SALE

After the loss of our club member **Henry Wilkins** this year, his wife Carol is selling their Airstream. This 2020 Flying Cloud 25' RBT is in excellent condition and has been in covered storage.

For information, please contact Carol at:
817-564-1520 or 817-564-1519
ccwilkins@me.com



2020 Flying Cloud 25' RBT floorplan

Congratulations, Edward!

Our NTxAC President, **Edward Wilson**, graduated from Abilene Christian University this month. At the graduation ceremony he was hooded by his wife, Tiffany, an ACU alum.

For Edward, this is a 20-year dream come true.

In addition to working full time, being active in his church, and serving our club as Vice-President and now President, Edward maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Well done!



**“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 2026 Rally Schedule

January 22-25, 2026

Reason for Freezin' Rally (Joint Rally w/HOTC)

North Texas Airstream Community, 200 Walnut Hill Avenue, Hillsboro, TX 76645

Hosts: Becky and Mark Montgomery and Michelle and Mark Wright of HOTC

Get those colorful shirts out and practice your Hula movements! Join us for a Hawaiian-themed rally at NTAC that includes Saturday evening with a roasted pig! Click the following site for details and to register: https://airstreamclub.org/2026-reason-freezin?check_logged_in=1

February 6-8, 2026

Streamin' on the Strand Rally, Galveston, TX (Region 9 Rally)

Hosts: Tim and Allison Ebbers

Registration is open! More info at <https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9>

February 12-15, 2026

Valentine's Rally with East Texas, Lone Oak, TX

<https://airstreamclub.org/ntxac-etl-valentine-rally>

March 20-23, 2026

Wally's Workshop, NTAC, Hillsboro, TX (Region 9 Event)

North Texas Airstream Community, 200 Walnut Hill Avenue, Hillsboro, TX 76645

Event Contacts: Anna and David Brandon (Queen and King of Airstream Fun) dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com

Whether you're headed to the Camp Margaritaville Region 9 Annual Rally or not, this is the perfect opportunity to learn new things and take care of your prized Airstream trailer. Featured guests include:

- Beckyann Hernandez of MASA (travel insurance)
- The Taylors of Kleen-Tank (tank maintenance and cleaning)
- DFW RV Rescue (Washing, Waxing)
- The Loves of Cross Country RV Solutions
- Airstream Tech Jerry Vanloon.

You'll make appointments for the services in which you have interest directly with the service provider and the work is done on site Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (you will receive an estimate of cost in advance). If you decide to take advantage of a service (or services) without an appointment, this will depend upon the tech's availability. There will also be an Airstream Swap Table and Book Exchange so bring anything you aren't using anymore! Following the rally on Monday morning you are invited to join the Camp Margaritaville Caravan to Crystal Beach.

Register here: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252275237935160>

March 23-24, 2026

Caravan to Region 9 Rally, Location TBD (Region 9 Caravan)

Details to follow!



NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule, continued

March 25-29, 2026

Region 9 Rally at Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX

This rally is sold out, but here's a link to the waitlist: <https://form.jotform.com/252965399837176>

April 10-12, 2026

NTxAC and Oklahoma Club Rally, Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma

Event Contacts: Amy and Chris Hanus

For information: <https://airstreamclub.org/2nd-annual-buddy-rally-lake-murray>

May 15-17, 2026

Tentative

June 12-14, 2026

Tentative

July, 2026

Rigless Rally (Tentative)

August 22-27, 2026

ACI International Rally, North Dakota State Fairgrounds, Minot, ND

Event Contact: rally@airstreamclub.org

Registration is now open! Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>

September 18-20, 2026

Tentative

October 9-11, 2026

Tentative

November 13-15, 2026

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

December 4-6, 2026

Holiday Rally at The Vineyards, Grapevine, TX

NTxAC Holiday Rally at The Vineyards

Rally Review by Ann Clark

The NTxAC Holiday Rally has long been one of the most festive and fun of our rallies, but this year's rally really topped them all. The inclusion of all the precious children and grandchildren of our members made it memorable. Their joy and enthusiasm was infectious, and this is certainly *their* time of year!

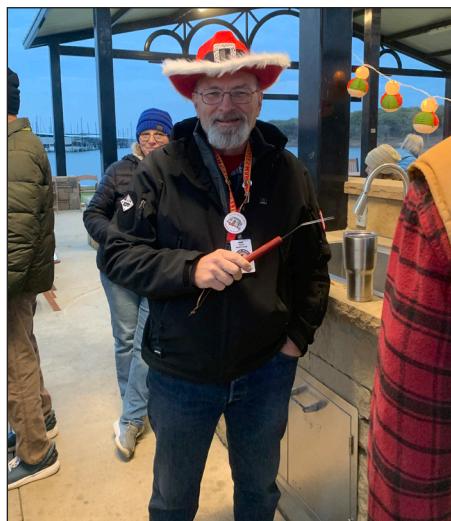
The team that hosted this amazing rally - **Jo Love, Karen King, Debbie Hooker, Elizabeth Therezo, and Rita Barr** - all worked so hard on planning, setups, making goodie bags, decorating, wrangling kiddos (and some adults), and to make this such a fun and festive weekend. Two helper "Elves", **Greg King and Allana Patterson**, also helped out with the little ones. Thank you!



Preparations began long before the rally!

Upon arrival Friday afternoon we were greeted at the Pavillion by our hosts, although a number of members pulled in earlier in the week and had dinner in Harvest Hall at the Hotel Vin in downtown Grapevine. We were greeted with welcome bags and schedules for the weekend. It

was a beautiful evening, and after Happy Hour we had a grill crew to grill our meats along with sides and desserts. Thanks go to Grillmasters **Greg King, Todd Martchek, and Mike Hooker**. Great job!



Grillmaster Todd Martchek

Saturday morning breakfast was a good one for a drizzly day: pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage patties to warm us up. Thanks to our Breakfast Brigade for our pancake feast: **David Hanson, Bill Steddum, Lynn Clark, Cliff Millican, and Craig Fegley**.

After breakfast we were on our own for the day - a sunny day perfect for shopping in downtown Grapevine or exploring the other holiday opportunities in the area. During the afternoon the kids were treated to a Christmas craft class with Debbie the Elf and a cookie decorating class with Allana the Elf. Kids gave both classes a big "Thumbs-Up."



Cookie decorating is tasty!

Saturday evening brought a beautiful sunset at Happy Hour. Then, on to pizza and PLENTY of desserts! As the children were gathered in their tent to watch ELF!, we had our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest followed by our White Elephant Gift Exchange. All I can say is that we really like flamingoes - and bourbon!



Christie Priakos' "ugly" sweater

Sunday's breakfast and good-byes were short and sweet (it was cold!), but the memories of this weekend will linger. Thanks to ALL of you who made this such a fun weekend!

NTxAC Holiday Rally at The Vineyards

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Jo Love and Karen King



These kiddos are ready for the rally!



Friday night at the grills



Lynn Clark, Edward Wilson, Anna Brandon, and Allana Patterson



Mike Hooker, Scott Wayles, David Brandon, Tanya Martchek, Lisa Rowell, Stacey Daniel, Christine Wayles, and Cliff Millican



Elizabeth Therezo, Steve Woodward, and Maxi Millican



The S'mores were a big hit!



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Nicole Scott, Anna Brandon, Tiffany Wilson, Jessica MacLean, Pamela Fedorko, Christa Fulton, and Carrie Terry



Late Night Ladies' Singalong



David Brandon and the Breakfast Brigade



Greg King and his special little elf



Allana Patterson and her grandson



M&Ms for breakfast!



Roberta and David Hanson

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Rachel and Bryan Ritchie



That there's Mike Hooker



Tim and Jo Love



Pancakes make all ages happy



***Hot Chocolate and Christmastime:
life is good!***



***Debbie Hooker, Stacey Daniel,
and Elizabeth Therezo***



***Did someone say M&Ms for
breakfast? Yes, please!***



Peggy and Mitch Ott



***David Brandon with grandsons Eli
and Alex and their mom Sarah Brandon***



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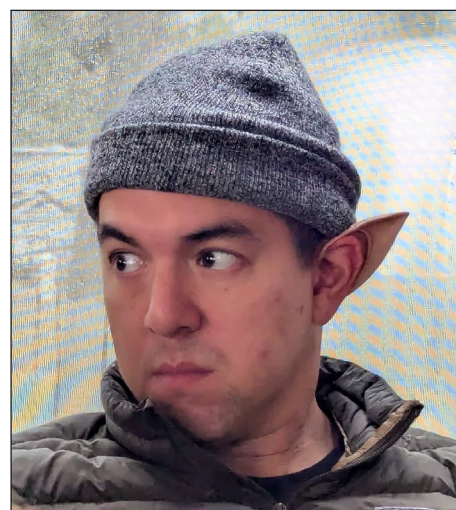
The kids had a great time decorating cookies with Allana the Elf and doing crafts with Debbie the Elf



**Christmas Elves
Greg and Karen King**



**The Spritzer Bar is open!
Ashley Ellis**



**Christmas Elf
Dylan Thomas**



Saturday Night Pizza Buffet



**Greg the Elf hands out presents
to the kids**



**Karen the Elf reads a story to the kids
before watching ELF!**



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Ugly Sweater Contest: **Mike Hooker**



Ugly Sweater Contest: **Tanner Terry**



Ugly Sweater Contest: **Mitch Ott**



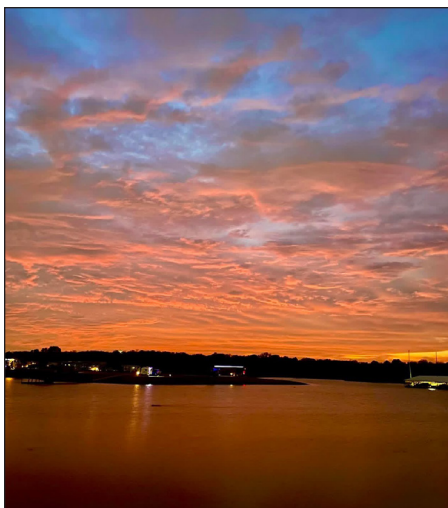
Anna Brandon struts her stuff



Lisa and John Razmus



Contest Winner **Carrie Terry**



A gorgeous sunset for Saturday



The first gift of the gift exchange



Justin Gannon models his gift



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Someone stole Allana's flamingo!



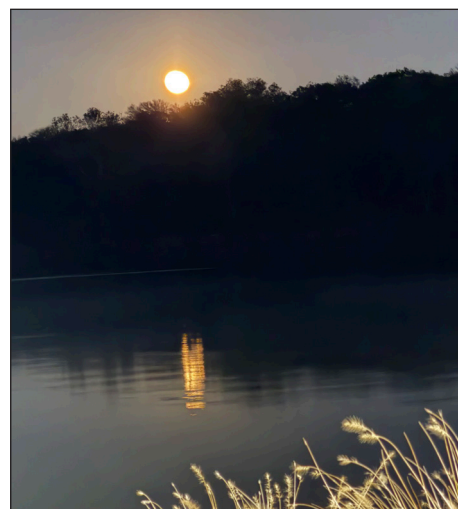
Erica Rollins and Poppi, Edward Wilson and Daisy, and Robert Brown and Frodo



A sailboat near our pavilion



Anna and David Brandon



Complementing our sunset: a moonrise



Our amazing rally hosts and helpers: Tim and Jo Love, Karen King, Greg King, Allana Patterson, Elizabeth Therezo, and Debbie Hooker



Happiness is Elizabeth Therezo!

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We all get flamingoed at one time or another!



Justin Gannon and Kate Mason



Karen King and Maxi Millican



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