



North Texas Roundup

January 2026

"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

"More campfires, more community, more Airstream"

- Edward Wilson

Happy New Year! January is a great time to reset, plan, and start looking forward to a new year of adventures. While things tend to be a bit quieter this time of year, it's the perfect opportunity to catch up on maintenance, make travel plans, and begin marking your calendars for upcoming rallies and events.

Due to the weather forecast, the Reason for Freezin' Rally was unfortunately canceled. Many of us were really looking forward to what would have been a fantastic time together. Safety always comes first, and we appreciate everyone's understanding.

February has a national rally, Streamin on the Strand, held in Galveston, TX, and scheduled for February 5-8. There are just a few sites left!

Next is our Valentine's Day Weekend Rally at Wind Point. There are still a handful of sites available, so if you've been considering attending, be sure to register soon - 17 Airstreams signed up so far, and as always, it will be a great time!

We kick off March with Wally's Workshop, which will be held March 20-23 at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro followed by a one-day caravan to Crystal Beach to start the amazing 2026 Region 9 Airstream Rally!

We're excited about what's ahead for the North Texas Airstream Club in the coming months and truly appreciate everyone who continues to stay engaged, share ideas, and support the club, whether on the road or at home. Keep an eye out for details on future gatherings, and as always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, suggestions, or if you would like to get more

involved.

The team and I are also finalizing the last details of the 2026 rally schedule, and we're excited to share what's coming! The full lineup will be available very soon, so get ready to start planning your travels.

Stay Warm & Safe!



Edward Wilson
BRN 30813



Ahhhh, Winter!

Editors' Corner

Happy 2026!! How fortunate we all are to see another year and to look forward to travels to new places and with our friends and family.

For the first time in its seven year history, the Reason for Freezin' Rally has been cancelled due to a bit TOO much freezin'. Meanwhile, we have High Profile, Pet Tails, and Co-Editor David's Travelogue to keep you entertained.

Are any NTxAC members going to Streamin' on the Strand in February? If so, we would love to share your photos and stories here. Please send them to aec2you@gmail.com and we'll make them part of the rally review. At the risk of sounding like a broken record (I just realized that saying dates me) we are always waiting for YOU, our members, to send us stories and pictures of your travels on the road. Your adventures and destinations can inspire others. I'm already making plans to visit the Henry Ford Museum as described in David's article this month. I'd forgotten about it, but that rekindled our interest in going.

Stay warm, friends, stay safe, and see you down the road!



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.



February Birthdays

Jean Muncrief	2/1	Tom Collier	2/9	Fred Barber	2/20
Ruth Ann Walker	2/2	Olivia Krull	2/10	Jason Heller	2/20
Dianna Casper	2/3	Doug Towns	2/10	Cynthia Karkoska	2/20
Chris Haefner	2/3	Jennifer Bell	2/14	April Smith	2/21
Nansii Downer	2/4	Miles Godbey	2/14	Erica Rollins	2/23
Johanna Nystrom	2/5	Mike Van Buskirk	2/14	Jim Pete Flores	2/24
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Hilary Shipman	2/6	Greg Fearing	2/15	Keith Enstrom	2/29
Mike Gross	2/7	Dennis Howard	2/18		
Jeff Heaton	2/7	Beth Adams	2/19		

February Anniversaries

Dennis and Denise Walker	2/14	David and Kim Majkowski	2/20
Keith and Ellen Enstrom	2/15		

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Email Ann Clark at aec2you@gmail.com



**“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

AIRSTREAM TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW?



A 1960 Airstream Bambi travel trailer is part of the permanent collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) for excellence in style and design.

Source: www.airstreamblog.com

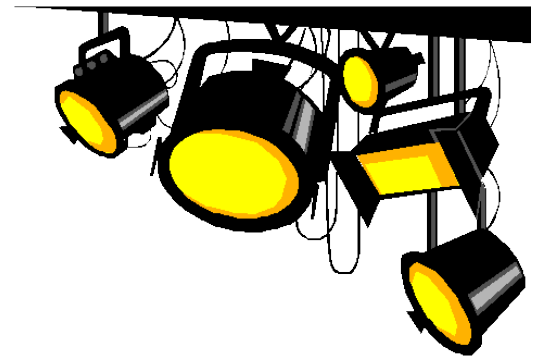
New Members Spotlight

New Members

Robin and Barbara Williams
2024 Pottery Barn 28'
Richardson, TX

New Affiliate Members

Steve and Becky McClellan
2015 International 25'
Quitman, TX



Steve and Becky McClellan, BRN 31393 (*Affiliate Members*)

This is our first Airstream. It has always been a dream. Steve is a mobile rv tech and I work for a large health insurance company. We had sold the house to travel the country but Covid hit and changed our lives. We now have our Airstream and plan on traveling as much as possible. We have a Standard Goldendoodle and a Boxer that love to travel with us. Steve loves to fly fish. I am a quilter and like to fish, also.



Robin and Barbara Williams, BRN 27017

We are Barbara and Robin Craig Williams. I use either name, Robin or Craig. Drives Barbara crazy! We have four children and eight grandchildren.

Barbara has been a member of a few women's camping groups including Sisters on the Fly and Girl Camper for 16 years. She started with a 1959 Shasta. We have two Airstreams, a 2024 International and a 2024 Pottery Barn, hers and ours. She will take the International on her group trips and I will take off with the Pottery Barn. We take the Pottery Barn when we are together.

Hobbies include painting, guitar

playing, and history for me; and, reading, puzzling, and camping for Barbara. We have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Polly that keeps us entertained and likes to camp with us.

Barbara is retired and I am almost retired, still working but reducing my hours. I am an attorney and architect and work as the former chief legal officer of a large international architecture firm, but am now handing that position over to another attorney as I transition to retirement. We look forward to camping with and getting to know fellow Airstreamers!



AIRSTREAM FOR SALE

North Texas Airstream Club and North Texas Airstream Community Members
John and Rita Green are retiring from the road and selling their Airstream.

2007 Airstream Classic LTD 34' with dinette slideout

Twin beds with newer innerspring mattresses from Cantwell Mattress in San Antonio and
Corpus Christi

Full leather interior including a Lambright comfort chair rocker recliner in maroon leather.

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Photos available upon request or call John at **309-657-3102** for appointment to view.



Tim Love

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Co-Editor David's Travelogue

January 2026: The Henry Ford

Happy New Year! Here's to another 12 months of fun and exciting travels. Let's begin our 2026 travelogue with more coverage of our trip through Michigan last summer.

You may have noted that Kim and I love to explore museums. While we always keep an eye out for (mostly) smaller institutions on our North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association map, this time we went big.

Almost to the day that we discovered a CBS Saturday morning TV program called Innovation Nation with Mo Rocca—before we were Airstreamers, or even Texans—we added The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, MI to our must-see list. So, after we visited friends in the Upper Peninsula, we decided it was time to tick this one off the list.

We booked 4 nights at a Sun Outdoors campground in nearby New Hudson so we could experience 3 full days at The Henry Ford and its companion Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Because the daily admissions would add up to a pricey sum, we bought an annual membership on day one. Not only did we save money, but we were also able to exploit a few perks, which museums always offer members. And, if we happen to find ourselves back in the neighborhood before next July, we could still drop in for another “free” visit.

Think of The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village as an indoor/outdoor experience. The former comprises a huge indoor collection which expresses the theme of American Innovation. Inside you'll find notable planes, trains, automobiles, machinery, furniture, timepieces, and much more. They even have an Airstream and a Buckminster Fuller Dymaxion House (which, with its riveted aluminum skin, made me think of an Airstream).

Greenfield Village is a full-scale model town, ringed by a 3-mile long standard gauge railroad, which presents Henry Ford's vision of an inspirational environment designed to foment the types of innovations found in the adjacent museum. Among the notable structures are Thomas Edison's Menlo Park, NJ lab, the Wright Brothers' Dayton, OH home and bicycle shop, and Henry Ford's boyhood home and first Ford factory. In the spirit of authenticity, these are the actual buildings, not recreations, transported from their original locations to their current sites! If you find the 80+ acre expanse daunting for exploration on foot, don't worry, you can ride the railroad or be shuttled around in a Model T.

Three days at The Henry Ford was not enough. I could wax on for pages and pages about the treasures to be found there—and I haven't even mentioned the auxiliary tour of Ford's modern Rouge Plant, where F150s are made. Instead, I'll just share a few photos, and urge you in the strongest possible terms to get thee to Dearborn, MI and The Henry Ford!

<https://www.thehenryford.org/>

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Co-Editor David's Travelogue, continued



*On The Road With Charles Kuralt
in a 1975 FMC motorhome*



*A bicycle built for 10?!
—1898 Blue Streak*



*Who can forget the
Oscar Mayer Wienermobile?*



*Look familiar? 1949
Airstream Trailwind*



*Ride a steam train around
Greenfield Village*

See you down the road.

David Majkowski,
BRN 5594



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:

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

***High Profile:* Tom Jensen**

Name: Tom Jensen

Current Hometown: Grapevine, Texas

I Grew Up In: Manning, Iowa (population 1,500)

Fun Fact About Me: I was supposed to become a physicist or brain surgeon, and tried aerospace engineering.

Current and/or Former Occupation: Retired. Career in lighting and control systems for the entertainment industry

Airstream Model/Year: 2015 Flying Cloud FBT 25'

Your Airstream's Name: 12194

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: It lets Allana and myself avoid hotel rooms!

Hobbies: (retired) competitive sailboat racer; Current Airstreamer

I Drive A: 2025 GMC Yukon XL Denali.

Favorite TV Shows: Jimmy Kimmel Live, Bill Maher Real Time, Stephen Colbert Late Show, Jeopardy!

Favorite Music/Bands: Chicago, Mannheim Steamroller

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Neil Degrasse Tyson and/with my mother.

My Last Meal Would Be: a Hot Pork Tenderloin Sandwich at Deb's Cafe in Manning, Iowa.

I'm Known For: having an eye for detail.

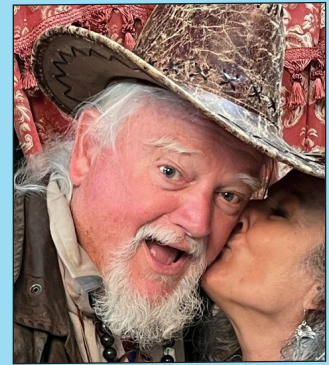
Behind My Back They Say: I talk too much.

Nobody Knows That I: am a shy, withdrawn wallflower.

Favorite Airstream Destinations: Prince Edward Island, Canada

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Australia/New Zealand

Best Travel Advice: Always check your tire pressures!



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 #6: Meet Bella and Ollie

Meet, Bella, our nine-year-old pure bred Yellow Lab, and Ollie, our four-year-old pure bred White Persian. Whenever we travel in our Airstream, they are with us, doing their best to shed on every surface in the trailer and be underfoot at every turn!

Bella joined us at eight weeks old in December 2016. In the short nine years since, Bella has yet to meet someone she doesn't like. She enjoys meeting new friends and walking around the campgrounds we visit. At first, she was a bit timid about jumping into the trailer. That took some coaxing, but once in, she became comfortable quickly. She has a dog bed between our twin beds and never misses a chance to beg for treats or go for a walk. Being in the trailer is one thing – traveling in the truck is another! She doesn't like riding in the truck/car, at all! She shakes and shivers the entire time we are moving, never relaxing or getting settled. We have tried numerous tricks to put her at ease, but we have yet to find the secret sauce to make her comfortable. While Bella



doesn't like the driving, she has adapted very well to the trailer itself. The only Airstream mishap we have had with her happened during our last trip to Iowa. After a twelve-hour day of driving and not staying properly hydrated due to her anxiety, she drank two bowls of water upon entering the trailer. Within minutes, she got sick and flooded half the trailer with all that water!



Ollie joined us at eleven weeks old in August 2021. He and Bella get along fabulously and can be found snuggling together on many occasions. Unlike Bella, Ollie has no issues traveling in the truck while Airstreaming. Although probably not the safest practice, his favorite place to ride is on the center armrest between Roberta and me. Sounds cute, until you figure out this is directly in front of the AC vents, and his hair flies everywhere. Combined with rubbing on you while in route, each gas stop includes ten minutes of lint brushing your clothes before you can be seen in public. While in the trailer, he has a knack for finding unique places to explore, like under the bed when you raise your head.

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Airstream Pet Tails, continued

Once we could not find him and figured out that he had crawled under the footrest of the sofa while we were watching TV. When we put the footrest down, he was trapped underneath until we extended the footrest again. Ollie's new favorite place to sleep in the trailer is in the window boxes. Again, sounds cute, until he sticks to the fuzzy fabric that covers the window treatments. Yikes!

Bella and Ollie have been with us to local rallies in Grapevine, the International Rally in Missouri, and trips to Colorado, Iowa, and North Dakota to visit family and friends. We look forward to many more adventures with them and meeting new Airstreamers (and their pets) along the way.

David and Roberta Hanson
BRN 19231



Jerry Vanloon

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Region 9 Update – January 2026

Happy New Year, Region 9!

Wow, we are off and running in 2026! So much has happened already, and the energy across our region is tremendous. A recent check of our membership database shows we are now 2,016 members strong in Region 9! It is an honor to see our community continue to grow!

Important Updates & Leadership

To provide increased security for our communications, we have transitioned to a new official email address: Region09@airstreamclub.org. Please update your contacts for Region 9.

As we settle into the new year, I hope the recent leadership transitions are falling into place smoothly. I want to encourage leaders & members alike to reach out to me directly if questions or concerns arise. I'm here to support and represent you.

Regarding the 2026 Printed Membership Directory: I recently attended a local club event where a question arose about pre-ordering a hard copy. HQ has informed me that ordering details are coming very soon, so stay tuned!

We are still seeking passionate members as candidates for the 2nd Vice President role (2027–2028 term). This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the club and help keep Region 9 rolling strong. If you have an interest in serving, please reach out to **Nancy Fitzgerald** at nefitzge6@gmail.com.

Upcoming Rallies

Streamin' on the Strand, February 5–8, 2026, Galveston, TX

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

Wally's Workshop, March 20–23, 2026, NTAC-Hillsboro

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

Stitchin' & Fishin', April 16–21, 2026, NTAC-Hillsboro

Waitlist Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-stitching-and-fishin>

Region 9 Rally, Airstreams in Paradise, March 25–29, 2026, Camp Margaritaville Resort, Crystal Beach, TX

Waitlist Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-9-2026-rally>

69th International Rally, August 22–27, 2026, Minot, ND

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

IBT Meetings

The International Board of Trustees conducts quarterly meetings. 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 **Tracy Elkins**, your Region 9 President at 281-725-1672 or at Region09@airstreamclub.org. If you would like to participate in our meetings, you can find instructions here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/international-board-trustees>.

Tracy Elkins, Region 9 President

NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule

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!

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>

NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule, continued

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

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
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2X
3X

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3X

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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>

Blue Beret Blog (club blog)

<https://blog.airstreamclub.org>

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