North Texas Roundup

September 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

We had a fantastic rally at Oakdale RV Park this past weekend! I want to say a huge thank you to **Mike** and **Debbie Hooker** and **Liz Therezo** for hosting such a great rally as well as all the volunteers that pitched in!
It was wonderful to see everyone come together, enjoy some time hanging out in the pool, and just spending time with our Airstream family. We had quite a few first-time members attend and everyone had an absolute blast!
Friday evening there was a group outing to a fantastic burger place and to the Glen Rose Brewery for a night of fun! Saturday, we had a late breakfast followed by pool time, shopping, hangout time, and then a craft activity led by **Debbie Hooker**!
Shout out to new members and first-time rally goers, **Chris** and **Mike**; they designed and hosted an "Airstream Murder Mystery" Clue-style game that we all played after our potluck dinner on Saturday! There were twists and turns but one group finally narrowed it down for the win!
As always, the rally ended and as we all packed up, each Airstream pulled away one by one. It's always sad, but knowing that we'll see each other down the road sure helps bring a smile to my face! These rallies are what make our club special, but honestly, to see the friendships and bonds that turn into family is even better.
We're not slowing down! In just a few weeks we're looking forward to our rally in Hot Springs, Arkansas where we currently have close to 30 rigs heading out for another great weekend together. It's always exciting to see the interest and participation in our events, and I'm thankful for everyone who helps make these rallies happen. I'm crossing my fingers to have some crisp-cool weather after all the hot summer camping trips we've had. Stay tuned for the itinerary that we will be releasing soon!
As we head into the fall, I hope you'll find time to join us before the end of the year if you can. We know some rallies are close to or are sold out with a waiting list. We want you to know that our leadership and rally committees are working hard to find new places that fit more rigs for our club!
I look forward to catching up soon!



Edward Wilson
BRN 30813

Check Out This Jam-Packed Issue:

Meet Our New Members!

End of 2026 Rally Schedule

High Profile
First Lady Tiffany Wilson

Airstream Pet Tails
the Silken Windhounds

Editor David'sTravelogue

Summer Adventures
Jennifer and Dan Dice
The Brandons and friends

International Rally Photos

End of Summer Rally Photos

Editors' Corner

We're baaaack!! We have an action-packed newsletter for you this month, with special thanks to **Jennifer Dice** and **Anna Brandon** for sharing their Summer travels with us. We have *so* many new members, and several of them have shared their stories and photos with us. Just because the newsletter didn't show up in your inbox doesn't mean that the club was at a standstill. The Rigless Rally and the International Rally happened, while behind the scenes the officers and chairs have been working on future plans for the club.

Other demands are calling me, so I'll be leaving my co-editor position at the end of November. This newsletter will be in the good hands of the very talented **David Majkowski**, and now our new co-editor **Shawn Fannin**! Shawn will be assisting David after our November newsletter is sent out. David and I appreciate Shawn stepping up to help, and I know Shawn will enjoy the skills that David has brought to make this newsletter a success.

Discussions are in the works for a new vision for the newsletter, so stay tuned. It's in the best of hands.



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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Edward Wilson

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Greg King

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Mike Hooker

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Ann Weaver

Membership
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Ann Clark, David Majkowski

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October Birthdays

Dick Krull	10/3	Jarrid Rollins	10/10	Debbie Hooker	10/20
Cathy Hays	10/6	Toby Grist	10/11	Ashley Ellis	10/21
Fritz Stuneck	10/6	Gail Harrower	10/12	Bret Bieghler	10/22
David Smith	10/7	Paige Christian	10/13	Judy Smith	10/23
Marcie Sholkoff	10/9	Greg Nystrom	10/14	John Ward	10/29
Traci Battles	10/10	Robyn Ellerman	10/17		
Roberta Hanson	10/10	Dennis Walker	10/17		

October Anniversaries

Richard and Olivia Krull	10/3	Neal and Cathy Hays	10/20
Frank Brown and Lila Deakle	10/6	David and Marcie Sholkoff	10/20
Robert and Martha Henson	10/7	Don and Deanna Hinton	10/21
Kevin and Bonnie Pflug	10/7	Tim and Ashley Ellis	10/23
Tim and Vicki Dennis	10/12	Bryan and Nansii Downer	10/28
Lynda Humble and Travis Gilley	10/15	Dan and Jennifer Dice	10/30
Adam and Ginny Belofsky	10/19		

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**.

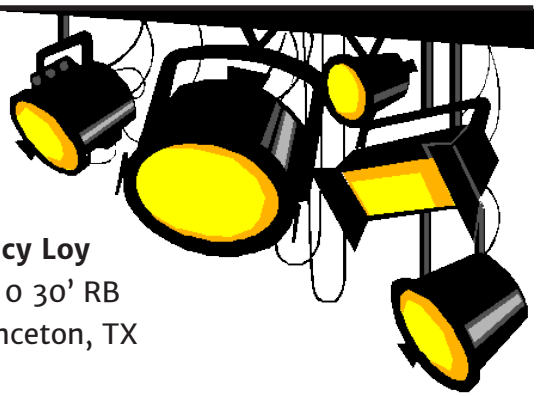
We welcome all kinds of info for our newsletter! Send us photos and stories of your travels, your grandkids, your camping recipes, or anything Airstream-related that our readers will benefit from.
We appreciate **all** of you honoring this deadline.

Editors Ann and David

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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.



New Members Spotlight

New Members

Donna Smith and Kim Christy
2021 Bambi 22'
Ennis, TX

Carlos Gomez
2018 Bambi 16'
Dallas, TX

Stacy Loy
2010 30' RB
Princeton, TX

Michael and Kathryn Hughes
2025 Classic 30'
Colleyville, TX

Michael Phipps
2016 Bambi Sport 22'
Friendswood, TX

Julie Bratvold
2023 Globetrotter 23'
Livingston, TX

Rodney and Teresa Kile
2009 Classic 34'
North Richland Hills, TX

Shane McCartney
2026 Flying Cloud 27'
Lantana, TX

Jason and Christie Priakos
2025 Globetrotter 27'
North Richland Hills, TX

Scott and Kim Toornburg
2023 Classic 33'
Wichita Falls, TX

Affiliate Members

Karen Holmes
2021 Bambi 16'
Round Rock, TX

Brad and Patty Nations
1984 Sovereign 27'
San Antonio, TX

Brad and Patty Nations, BRN 26711 (*Affiliate Members*)

We just celebrated our 30th anniversary. We have two kids, both are grown. One lives in Seattle and works in healthcare, the other lives near Fredericksburg and works at an elephant preserve. I have my own healthcare consulting firm and Patty is a longarm quilter.

We have two Basset Hounds that usually travel in the trailer with us.

Our favorite places we've taken the trailer: Big Sur, Malibu, Moab, Port Aransas, Destin, and Little Cottonwood Canyon in Salt Lake.

We are both big fans of the San Antonio Spurs and the Texas State Bobcats. I enjoy cycling and guitar, and Patty enjoys quilting and reading.







Donna Smith and Kim Christy, BRN 07593

We're Donna and Kim and this is our first Airstream. It's a 2022 Flying Cloud 23FB. We both love to travel and have been all over the US extensively and overseas. And, I have dreamed of an Airstream for at least five years. We decided to pull the trigger and started shopping. We found our new family member: The Chrome Ranger! I've always been a big Lone Ranger fan and took the opportunity to name her with a spin on the classic. The truck that pulls her is Scout and we upgraded to a big 2500 Chevrolet, so we are set and ready to take this baby on the road! We look forward to connecting with the group and doing some of the joint trips. Our first big trip however, is to Taos, New Mexico in September. We travel there every year to get out of the Texas heat.

We have two pets, a dog named Penny and a cat named Ollie

Hobbies: we love to travel, movies, working on the Airstream, finding good cowboy boots and good restaurants, Donna loves to paint by numbers, and Kim loves to read a good book.









Julie Bratvold, BRN 05773

Hello! My name is Julie, and I've been an Airstream owner for about five years. I was told that you should "buy your second Airstream first," so I bought a Globetrotter 23FBT ("Shiny"), and with a bit of luck (knock on aluminum!), I won't feel the need to replace him anytime soon! I am originally from Minnesota, went to school in Boston, lived for many years in San Diego, and now call Texas home. I have two adult daughters and two traveling kitty companions, Stinky and Princess.

Once upon a time, I worked as an electrical engineer, then I took a short (25-year!) break to raise my children, and now I work full-time as a technical editor for an aerospace company that analyzes everything from fatigue damage in roller coasters to structural stress in Mars rovers. When I'm not busy pulling Shiny or scooping the litter box, I relax and have fun by flipping through flash cards to try to keep in shape for trivia competitions ("boy, memory sure gets better as you get older," said no one ever). I've met a few NTxAC members already, as I have recently purchased a home at NTAC in Hillsboro, and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you at an upcoming rally or event!







Scott and Kim Toornburg, BRN 06751

Scott grew up in Waco, Texas, and I grew up in San Antonio, Texas. Scott is retired, after 25+ years with Goldman Sachs. I am a self-published author, currently working on my third book.

We have no kids, apart from a beloved almost 14-year-old Russian Blue cat. Right now he's back home in the loving care of his Aunt Madeleine, who has known him since he was a kitten.

We have a condominium in Dallas, which we're renting out while we travel in our 2023 Classic 33' Airstream. This is our second Airstream. Our first one was a 2017 International 28' Airstream. We loved it, but we needed a larger one to accommodate longer trips. And we love this one too!

As for hobbies, travel is our number one right now. However, Scott is an avid tennis player, and writing is my passion. We love to see new places and meet new people, so this two year trip (beginning in April, 2026) has already given us more than we could've imagined.

We love being a part of the Airstream community!





Michael Phipps, BRN 07826

My name is Michael Phipps and I'm originally from Texas, but spent 27 years in the Pacific Northwest as a law enforcement officer.

I am the proud father of three grown sons that all served in the military - two Marines and one Air Force.

My hobbies include restoring and selling classic cars, gardening, spending time at the beach, and traveling.

I have been a full-time Airstreamer since May 2024 and was introduced to your club by my girlfriend Lori Ernst. We'll be joining the International Rally this year in Minot, ND. I hope to meet all of you there.



Region 9 Update - March 2026

Howdy Airstream Friends!

Wishing for cooler weather seems to be the theme of the past few months and even more so as we entered what we hope is the final weeks of summer. It's been a hot one across Region 9 though some of us enjoyed a trip North to Minot where it was a bit cooler. It's been a busy Summer, so let me jump right in to catching you up on what we have going on in Region 9.

69th International Rally in Minot: We could not have felt more welcomed than we did in Minot. With 165 rigs registered, Region 9 had a fabulous turnout. Members enjoyed many activities, volunteered for everything from Committee Chairs to room monitors, and celebrated at the Region 9 Social, Mad Hatters Tea, Airstream Prom and the Mega Tasting. A big round of applause to our own, Scott Graham, who once again led a wildly successful Blood Drive and to Stacey Daniel for all her efforts coordinating the Pump Outs and water delivery. This year there was an impressive 181 Units of Blood collected across 3-days at the Blood Drive. Each unit could make a difference or save up to 3 lives, creating a very real opportunity to help up to 543 patients and an economic benefit of up to $70,000. This was the 5th year for the Blood Drive at International and donors have given almost 700 Units across these years.

Upcoming Rallies:
Region 9 is sponsor to several types of Rallies including two National Event Rallies. We hope you'll add one or two to your schedule for 2027.

Streamin' on the Strand: Now in its 6th year it's always during the first week of Mardi Gras! Galveston and will be January 28th – 31st, 2027; registration is open at https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand-region-9.

Stitchin' and Fishin': Can you believe it is the 4th year for this sell-out event? It will be April 1-6, 2027 in Hillsboro, TX; registration is open at https://airstreamclub.org/stitchin-fishin-region-9.

Wally's Workshop: This sought after Rally will be April 9 – 11 in Hillsboro, TX; registration will open in December.

Region 9 Rally: I know you're all excited for the first recent R9 Fall Rally. The 2027 Rally, will be September 22 -26 at Taylor County Event Center, Abilene, TX. Registration will be open in February 2027.

Officer Elections:
Region 9 Officer Elections (2027 & 2028 Term): The Ballot is in the hands of the local Unit/Chapter Presidents for the upcoming term of office for Region 9 President and 1st & 2nd VP. These leadership positions are an opportunity to be the voice of the members at the National Level, support local units/clubs, plan rallies, and represent Region 9.
Each Club/Unit President will submit one vote for their club for each Office. Please provide your input to your President. A huge thank you to Nancy Fitzgerald as the Nominations Chair and to each of the following candidates for stepping forward. Voting will conclude on 10/20 at 5 pm

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Region 9 Update – March 2026

and the results announced to membership on 11/1. The terms of the newly elected officers will begin 1/1/2027.

President: ***Anna Brandon*** *– BRN 5157 – North Texas Airstream Club*
1st VP: ***Tim Ebbers*** *– BRN 5337 – Texas Hill Country Unit*

Nominees for 2nd VP

Allana Patterson*, BRN 12194 – North Texas Airstream Club*
Gene Camargo *– BRN 22987 – Texas Highlands Lakes Airstream Club*
David Taylor *– BRN 2446 – Texas Highlands Lakes Airstream Club*

Volunteers Needed:
Join the Fun! Our Region 9 community thrives because of dedicated volunteers! We're always ready to accept anyone with an interest in serving. No matter what your skills or experience, there's a place for you. Reach out to me at region09wbcci@airstreamclub.org or via call or text to get involved and keep Region 9 rolling strong!

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NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule

October 9-11, 2026
Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, Arkansas



Hosts: David and Anna Brandon and *Edward and Tiffany Wilson*

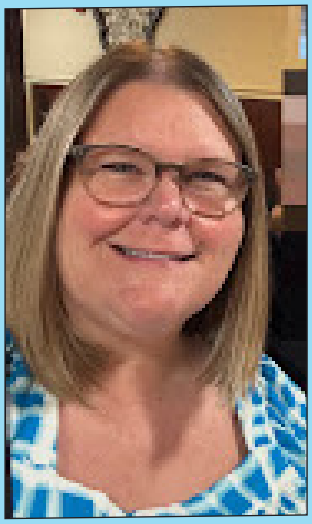
It's time to book for Hot Springs, Arkansas! We are officially taking over a block of sites at Catherine's Landing, and it should be the perfect time to see the fiery red and gold Arkansas fall foliage.
We have sites 28-37 which are back-in sites, and 7-15 which are pull-through sites. All sites are $80/Night.
The resort is letting us add days at a discounted rate for up to four additional consecutive nights if anyone's interested in arriving early or wish to extend their stay. Several members are already planning to arrive on Thursday.
You will need to call the resort directly to book your individual reservations. Call 501-262-2550 and select Option 2 and let them know your dates and that you're with the NTxAC, and they will get you squared away! The total cost of the reservation will be due upon booking. This is a non-refundable rate, and should you need to cancel your reservation, RVC Outdoors offers a guest credit that is good at any of their 9 locations for up to 12 months. All reservations need to be made by September 9. Any unused sites will be released back to the public after this date. In addition, after this date we'll continue to honor the rate for any late bookers, but won't be able to guarantee a site with our group.
This trip is the perfect blend of resort luxury and natural beauty. Spend your mornings hiking the lakeside trails or playing a round of disc golf, and your afternoons soaking in the famous Hot Springs thermal baths downtown.
Highlights:

- Pool, Disc Golf Course, Fire Pits, Fishing, Hiking Trails, Fitness Center, Kayak, Canoe and Pontoon Boat Rentals, Dog Park, Dog Wash Station, and more!
- Hot Springs (10 minutes away) We are just 10 minutes from downtown! Take a soak in the historic thermal waters on Bathhouse Row, do some shopping, or grab a flight at Bathhouse Brewery—The World's only beer brewed with thermal spring water & the only brewery located in a National Park!

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

High Profile: Tiffany Wilson



Name: Tiffany Wilson

Current Hometown: Grand Prairie, Texas

I Grew Up In: Irving, Texas

Fun Fact About Me: My maiden name and married name are the same – "Wilson Wilson"

Current and/or Former Occupation: Speech-Language Pathologist

Airstream Model/Year: 2022 International 25 FBT

Your Airstream's Name: Saved by Grace, "Gracie"

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: The natural light reflecting off the aluminum inside

Hobbies: People – no official hobby – I just enjoy hanging out with people

I Drive A: Honda

Favorite TV Shows: Heartland, The Middle, When Calls the Heart

Favorite Music/Bands: I like a variety of genres (just no screaming)

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: no one in particular – just my friends and family

My Last Meal Would Be: Probably Tex-Mex

I'm Known For: Saying, "It will all work out" or "It's going to be okay"

Behind My Back They Say: "How does she put up with Edward?"

Nobody Knows That I: Have an unnatural fear of walking over grates

Favorite Airstream Destinations: I love all of the places we've been able to visit

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Somewhere with a view of the mountains and a lake or river

Best Travel Advice: Breathe in and breathe out, take a moment to enjoy beauty in the small things

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 #12: Meet the Frey's Silken Windhounds!

Vicki and I purchased our first Airstream, a 2025 23FBT, in December 2025. We bought it to make traveling to dog conformation shows and performance events more enjoyable and comfortable, and it has quickly become an important part of our lives with our dogs.

Vicki has been showing Silken Windhounds since 2007, when she purchased her first Silken, Sylvi, (*Gryffyn Aeyrie Sylvan Song*.) In 2008, Silken Windhounds were recognized by the UKC, which opened the door to additional shows and also made the breed eligible to participate in performance events, including LGRA straight racing, NOTRA oval racing, and ASFA lure coursing. Later that year, we added Hunter and Enzo to our home. Both males not only showed well in the conformation ring but also excelled in performance events.



Vicki and Tim with Chip and Adele



Vicki with Best of Breed Chip

Earlier in the Spring, we took the Airstream to Limestone, Tennessee for a Silken Windhound Specialty Show. Our male, Legend *(JusRic's Empyrean All of Me*), won **Best in Specialty Show**.

June was also an exciting milestone for the breed as Silken Windhounds were recognized by the AKC and began the FSS provisional acceptance process. In late September we will travel to our first AKC open show, followed the next week by Silkenfest, the national specialty show.

Over the years we have bred many litters and have been fortunate to preserve and build upon the excellent traits of our early Silkens. Today, we are proud to have several dogs that rank among the top performers in the breed.

Our Airstream has already taken us on some memorable trips. In June, we traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan to attend the UKC Top 10 Invitational (Premier) Show with our male, Chip. Chip won Best of Breed and now holds the **#1 ranking for Silken Windhounds in the U.S.**



Tim relaxes in their Airstream with Star

Airstream Pet Tails, continued

The Airstream has completely changed how we travel to dog shows and performance events. Having a comfortable place to stay with our dogs, our own space between events, and the flexibility to travel on our own schedule has made the experience much more enjoyable.
We are looking forward to many more adventures with our Silkens and our Airstream. We plan to increase our travel significantly when we retire in about three years, and we are excited to see where the road – and our dogs – take us next.



Legend, Chip, and Bliss relaxing after a rough day of looking good!



The Freys with Chip

Tim and Vicki Frey
BRN 02334

Co-Editor David's Travelogue

September 2026: Airstream International Rally

For those of you who are new to this club—or this column—Airstream Club International (ACI) holds a once-yearly bash which we call the International Rally—informally known as International among those who have been.
The location changes from year to year. Past Internationals are referenced in conversation by their location. To wit: "Didn't I meet you at Salem/Lebanon/Fryeburg/Rock Springs?" It's generally held during the summer months and Airstreamers from all over the U.S. and Canada make their way to the gathering place. Last year, it was in York, PA. This year was Minot, ND. And next year we're going back to Rock Springs, WY (also site of the 2023 rally) for the 70th edition! Registration is open — https://airstreamclub.org/rally2027.

Reading the pages at that link will give you a nice flavor for the kinds of things that happen, and the experiences you can share at International. I believe that everyone in the club should attend at least one. The mere sight of 1,000 or more Airstreams in one place is worth the price of admission. You will always come away from International with your own stories. Here are mine from 2026.



Sunrise over the train on the morning bicycle excursion

My wife, Kim, and I have been attending International every year since our first one in Fryeburg, ME in 2022. At each of them, I've volunteered with two committees — Bicycle Excursions and Property Logistics. Since 2024 (Sedalia, MO), I've been chair of both. If you read through the registration pages linked above, you'll have learned that volunteering and giving back are integral parts of International. When you go (You *are* going, right?), be sure to sign up as a volunteer. It's cliche to say it, but I've gotten so much out of it, I'm positive you will too.

My first "job" is leading a daily 7 AM casual bike ride. I find a route that will accommodate riders of all experience levels and abilities, and all bike types, including e-bikes and recumbents. We ride anywhere from 12–15 miles along the same route at a social pace of 10–12 mph. I always have an experienced helper who trails the group and makes sure that nobody misses a turn or gets left behind. For me, there's no better way to start my rally day than on my bike with a great group of people. Over the years, we've had pelotons (cycling groups) as small as 5 and as large as 75. This year our biggest day saw 55 riders.

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Co-Editor David's Travelogue, continued



This is where the club stores its International Rally property.

Property Logistics is a bigger, more serious commitment—but that doesn't mean it also isn't its own whole bag of fun. The various committees, including the rally leadership and club HQ, who conduct the business of setting up, running, and tearing down the rally all have property and equipment that they use from year to year. That property is stored in a shipping container, which is delivered from ACI headquarters in Jackson Center, OH to the rally site a week before the official rally start. When members of other committees come looking for their stuff, it's our job to find it in the container, pull it down, and have them sign it out. Oftentimes we deliver. At the end of the rally, we have to make sure that everything's been returned, logged in, re-shelved, and strapped in for the ride back to Jackson Center.

It sounds like a straightforward process, but you'd be surprised at the twists and turns this can sometimes take. We work hard before the opening and harder at the closing, and during the many slow times in between we look for ways to help that are not necessarily in our job description. We help to orient people; we give directions and take special requests; we try to get creative in other ways we can help out. In Sedalia, we even provided shuttle service to the distant golf cart pickup area. My team always ends up spending far more time at the container than they have to sign up for because it's a great place to spend your in-between time when you're not participating in something else. The rewards of working Property Logistics keeps me coming back.



You can get the mistaken impression that we don't work all that hard.

See you down the road.

David Majkowski
BRN 5594

Summer Adventures: The Roads Less Traveled and Towns Rarely Seen

by Jennifer Dice

In the past, Dan and I have mostly traveled from place to place on the major interstates of this beautiful country so we could maximize the time at our destination, and honestly – so I could get set up for work. This year we have been traveling the smaller roads and staying in places we have never heard of. This month found us in Meeker, Colorado for a couple of days. We stopped here ahead of a rally with the Colorado Airstream Club and enjoyed a pre-rally atmosphere with both hosts (Ursula & Steve), another Airstream friend we're traveling with, and a couple of new friends who own some other brand. Meeker is a cute ranching town of about 2,200 folks sitting on the western edge of the Flat Tops Byway on the White River. (Yes, Jade had a good swim immediately upon arrival.) While there our pre-rally hosts recommended a tour of the White River Museum. The museum is free and had a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian called "Americans." The exhibit explores ideas of identity and examines the many ways Indigenous images, stories, and experiences have shaped concepts of what it means to be American. It was an educational exhibit. The museum itself is a traditional curio-style filled with collections of artifacts ranging from the 1880's to present. We were told it is the largest collection of social artifacts in the United States.



Antique typesetting equipment at the White River Museum

The next day we took a little drive to the Flat Tops Wilderness Area in the White River National Forest and hiked at Trappers Lake, which sits at an elevation of 9,633 feet. It's the second largest natural lake in Colorado and surrounded by beautiful flat-top mountains.



The lake serves as the headwaters of the North Fork of the White River. We enjoyed fields of wildflowers and found Little Trappers Trail to be well-defined and easy to navigate.

Jade enjoyed swimming in Coffin Lake and Trappers Lake while on the hike, but both sit at about 60 degrees, so they were short-lived swims.



Jade and Dan at Trappers Lake

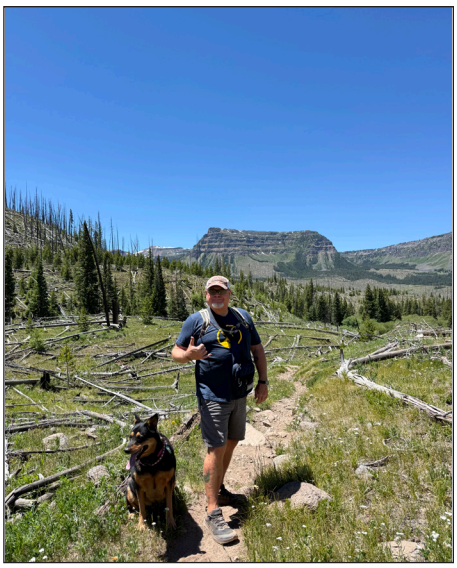
The scenery is beautiful and serene and you can't help but notice the significant number of snags in the area as you get into the National Forest. We learned that in 2002 the Big Fish Fire burned about 10% (about 17,000 acres) of the Flat Tops Wilderness thanks to a lightning strike. It was honestly shocking to still see such scarring and so many downed and dead trees.

We stayed at a River Bend RV Park, a quaint 10 jack and jill space park walking distance to everything in town. Meeker, Colorado and the surrounding area proved itself to be a great place to explore for a couple days.

Summer Adventures: The Roads Less Traveled and Towns Rarely Seen, continued



Type block for the town newspaper at the White River Museum



Jade and Dan on the trail



Summer Adventures: David and Anna Brandon's Road Trip to and from the International Rally

by Ann Clark

Although I haven't had the opportunity to join one of these road trips yet, I am certain that they're outrageously fun and unforgettable! How could they not be if they're planned and organized by none other than **David** and **Anna Brandon**? Each year they spend months planning routes to the ACI International Rally, finding the best campsites and fun sites to see. They find historic sites, great places to eat and drink, beautiful respites of nature, and quirky stops you never knew existed. They invite anyone who's on their way to the International Rally to join them, either for a night or two or the entire journey. So much time, effort, and thought go into these road trips, and those who choose to travel with them are duly rewarded.

This year's International Rally was in Minot, North Dakota, but the Brandons didn't draw a straight line to it on their map. As you'll see in the photos, they chose the fun route, traveling in their 2006 Classic Limited Edition 75th Anniversary 30' Slideout, the *Drag-N-Fly*.

On this year's Caravan, David and Anna were joined by affiliate **Lori Ernst**, **Greg** and **Jill Fearing**, **Dan** and **Pam Brockway**, and **Shanna** and **Gil Moll**. Their route took them up through Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and finally to North Dakota. And then... making their way back home!

These pictures will make you want to sign up for the next year's Road Trip to the International Rally in Wyoming. I hope to be among the travelers that enjoy being around the Brandons, two very kind people who have a great sense of adventure and hospitality.



Roadside lineup: the Brandons, Lori Ernst, and the Fearings



***David Brandon** at the Field of Dreams*



***Greg Fearing** playing third base on the Field of Dreams!*

Summer Adventures: David and Anna Brandon's Road Trip to and from the International Rally, continued



*The **Brandons** in Dubuque, Iowa*



Jill** and **Greg Fearing



Historic Millwork District, Dubuque



Overnight on the shores of the Mississippi River



"We couldn't just drive by!" Iconic Lambeau Field



Sunset on Lake Michigan



Minnesota: time for some disc golf!

Summer Adventures: David and Anna Brandon's Road Trip to and from the International Rally, continued



Viking Vines in Fargo, North Dakota



The Drag-N-Fly does a drive by of Mt. Rushmore



***Greg** and **Jill Fearing** at the Medora Musical*



*The **Brandons** and **Fearings** in the Badlands*



The Brandons and Fearings at the Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota



***David Brandon** and his new friend!*

Summer Adventures: David and Anna Brandon's Road Trip to and from the International Rally, continued



***Anna Brandon** soaks up the beauty of the Badlands in North Dakota*

Airstream Club International's 69th Rally in Minot, ND

*ACI's International Rally was held August 22-27 at the State Fair grounds in Minot, North Dakota. The North Texas Airstream Club was well represented! Thank you to **Anna Brandon** and **Debbie Hooker** for the photos.*



*Opening Ceremony: **Anna Brandon** and **Tracy Elkins***



Robert Brown** and **Ann Weaver



Region 9 ladies prep a charcuterie social. Wow!



*Easy Rider: **Mike Hooker***



Singer Emily Raff entertained ACI members

Airstream Club International's 69th Rally in Minot, ND



***Millie O'Donnell**, ACI President, and the hats and scarves created by members across the country for Minot kids*



***Karen King** and Ryder at the ACI Pet Parade*



*Mad Hatter Tea Party: **Tim Ebbers** (Region 9 1st VP), **Anna Brandon**, and **Allison Ebbers***



A gorgeous North Dakota sunset



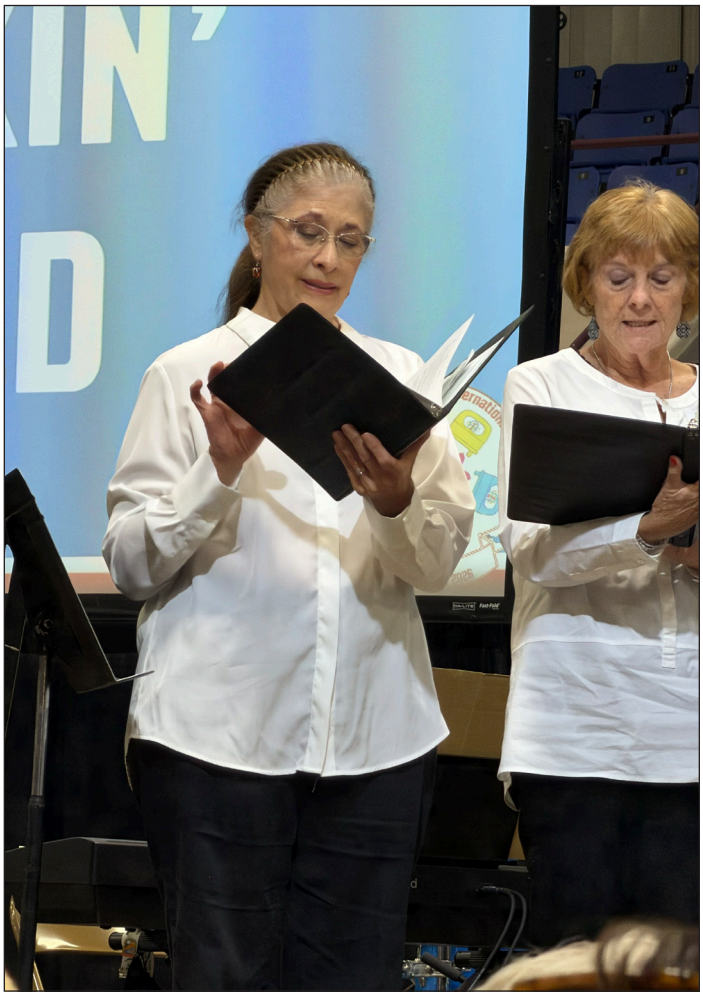
Kim** and **David Majkowski

Airstream Club International's 69th Rally in Minot, ND

The NTxAC is proud to have these talented members that performed in the band and choir!



ACI Choir Director ***Theresa Kile***



Soprano ***Kim Majkowski***



Greg King *on saxaphone*



Allana Patterson *on clarinet*

End of Summer Rally at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, TX

Yeah, it's still Summer and it's still hotter than all get-out, but what the heck - we celebrate the end of it every year in Glen Rose! Thanks to ***Edward Wilson*** *and* ***Chris Oldham*** *for the photos.*





Texas-sized swimming pools like Oakdale Park's bring out the kid in all of us!



Edward Wilson *and some of the gang cool off in Oakdale's huge swimming pool*



Edward Wilson, ***Ashley*** *and* ***Tim Ellis***, ***Kimberly*** *and* ***Kim Anger***, *and* ***Ronda*** *and* ***Shawn Fannin***

End of Summer Rally at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, TX







Dinner, brews, and fun at the Glen Rose Brewery on Friday night



Evening festivities at Mike and Debbie's trailer



Edward Wilson**, **Anna** and **David Brandon**, **Dan Brockway



***Mike Hooker** and the breakfast crew*



*Craft time led by **Debbie Hooker***



Working on the details

End of Summer Rally at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, TX





***Mike Hooker** says, "While the girls are away...the boys will play!"*



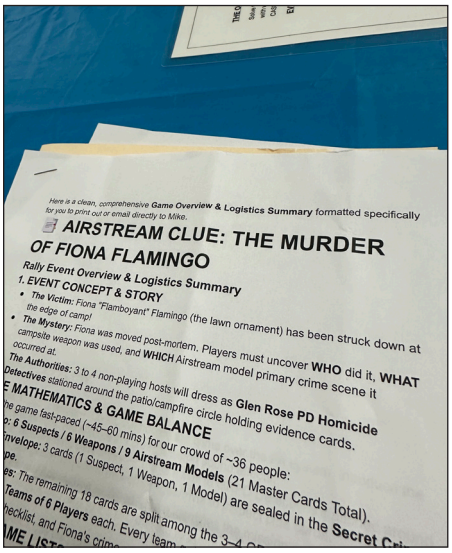
Burger Crew for dinner



***Anna Brandon** at the dinner buffet*



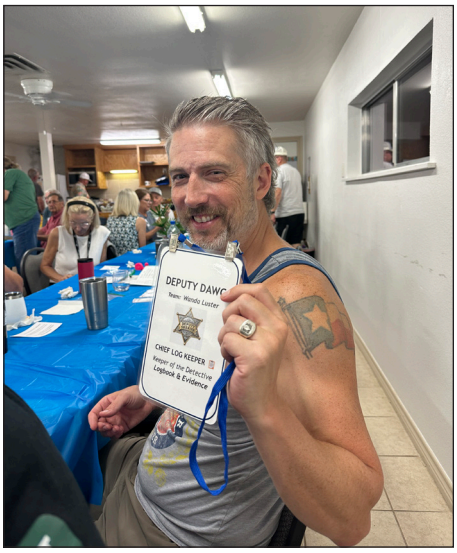
Cab Sav and burgers: excellent choice!



Airstream Clue game after dinner!



Poor Fiona! Whodunit?



Tim Ellis

End of Summer Rally at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, TX



Edward Wilson, David Fedorko, Jo Picken, Greg Fearing, Peg Ott, Chris Oldham, Chet Beyer, Mike K, Don Hetzler



Tim Ellis, Edward Wilson, and Mitch Ott



Jenny Hughes, Bill Mackey, Martha Kuhlman, Kim Anger, Tiffany Wilson, Debbie Hooker, Edward Wilson



Don Hetzler, Jo Picken, David Fedorko, Peg Ott, Chet Beyer, Greg Fearing

Book Now for the 2027 Joint Rally on Lake Murray!

Campsites are open now for the 3rd Annual Rally on Lake Murray, April 16-18, 2027



Hosts: Amy and Chris Hanus, BRN 5402

Location: Elephant Rock Campground at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, OK.

Dates: April 16-18, 2027
(Feel free to arrive early or extend your stay!)

You must book your own campsite **for this rally!**
Our gathering area will be site #1 at Elephant Rock Campground.

AFTER you book your campsite, please fill out this registration form.
While we don't have a rally fee, we do want to know you're coming.

Rally Details: Details will be emailed out a couple of weeks before the rally. There will be an optional catered meal Friday night (or bring your own) and we'll have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. We'll also have coffee and breakfast Saturday morning. Be sure to fill out the registration form once you've booked your site.

Want to attend but not sure of your schedule yet? Click here to review their cancellation policy. You can find out more information about the park's reservation guidelines here.

Stay in touch with fellow rally-goers or to catch a cancellation in the Rally on Lake Murray Facebook Group. We'll also keep the clubs updated via emails. https://www.facebook.com/groups/856979717202711

Tips for Booking Your Campsite

There's a total of 66 available campsites at Elephant Rock Campground. There are 47 with full hookups (water, electric, and sewer). The remaining sites have water and electricity only. Elephant Rock is in the yellow box on the left in the map image on the next page. Unfortunately, the reservation system DOES NOT pull ALL of the full hookup sites up when you select sewer, but it does pull up MOST, so here's a list of all the **full hookup campsites**: **1-25**, **27-39**, and **59-67**. Also, note that sites 42 and 43 are a little on the downhill slope.

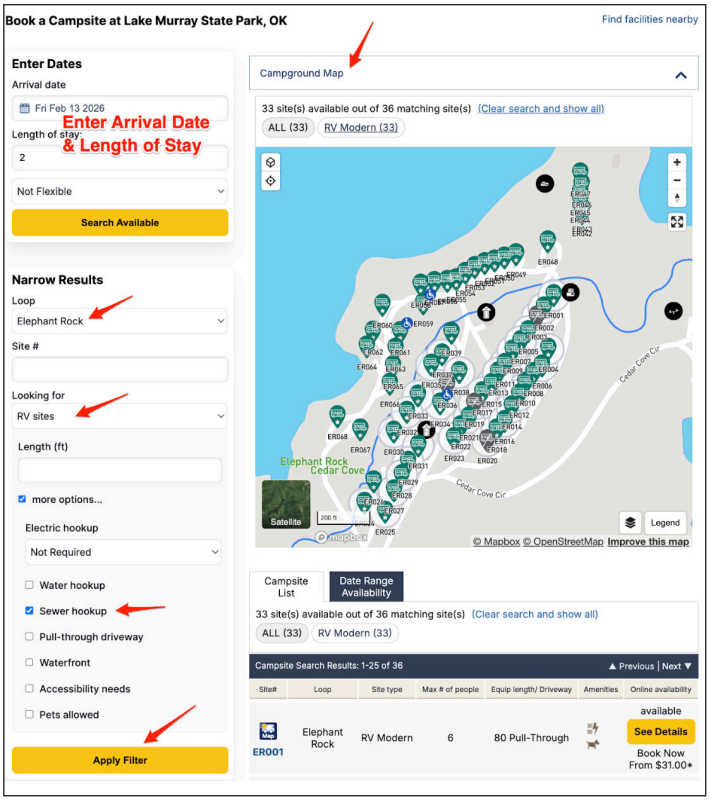
If Elephant Rock Campground is completely booked, Cedar Cove Campground is a short stroll away. These sites have water and electricity only. An orange box is around that campground on the image on the next page.

Please Note Handicap Campsites: There are few handicap campsites in Elephant Rock Campground (34, 59, and 61) and one in Cedar Cove (29). These are circled in blue on the map.
(You can book these sites without documentation, but they will kick you out of them if you don't have proper documentation when they arrive.)

Book Now for the 2027 Joint Rally on Lake Murray!

We're looking forward to another great rally!





New NTxAC Shirts and Hoodies Available!

We now have longsleeve 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:
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Small
Medium
Large
XL
2X
3X

$32.00

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Airstream Club International *(ACI, our club)*
https://airstreamclub.org

ACI Region 9 *(our region within the club)*
https://airstreamclub.org/region9

ACI North Texas Airstream Club *(NTxAC, our unit, #099, within the region)*
https://airstreamclub.org/north-texas

Big Red Number and Airstream Club - What is it and why you want to Rally!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irfdq5boMD8

Blue Beret Archive *(club magazine)*
https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine

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