



North Texas Roundup

April 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

Our recent joint rally at Lake Murray with the Oklahoma Airstream Club was truly an amazing time! For the second year in a row, we had over 50 rigs in attendance, bringing together a great mix of new faces and familiar friends. It's always special to see our community continue to grow while maintaining the camaraderie that makes these gatherings so memorable. We had an absolute blast, and it's safe to say this rally has quickly become a favorite on the calendar. Be sure to save the date for April 16-18, 2027, as this rally is officially on the books once again! We'll be sending out a reminder email when it's time to reserve your site, so keep an eye out for that! While I wasn't able to attend the Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally at NTAC, I have spoken to some attendees and it sounds like they had a fantastic time! It's always encouraging to hear about the fun and connection happening across all of our events.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our sold out Fredericksburg

rally in May where we will have 25+ rigs exploring the beautiful Hill Country! If you're attending this rally, be sure to look for updates which will be posted in the Facebook Event page and via email. If you are attending and have not heard from me at all, please let me know by emailing me at

club099@airstreamclub.org

After that, the next event will be an evening event at Airstream of DFW. Sips & Sunsets: Island Edition event at Airstream of DFW on June 13. This event will be similar to the Stetson gathering and promises to be another great opportunity to connect, relax, and enjoy time together all while checking out tons of Airstreams! See the details in this newsletter for more information!

Lastly, **Bill Steddum** and **Ann Weaver** are hosting the 2nd annual "Rigless Rally"! This event was a huge success last year! Once again, they are providing steaks for us, a place to gather, a pool, and an amazing time! This is an excellent time to come eat and mingle with fellow members without the commitment of a weekend camping trip. More details to follow in this newsletter!



Edward Wilson
BRN 30813



**Here's Another
Action-Packed
Issue!**

Meet Our New Members!

Region 9 Update!

High Profile!

Airstream Pet Tails!

Three Rally Reviews!

Travelogue!

Rally Schedule!

Editors' Corner

Hey, y'all!

Hope your Spring is as good as ours has been. My husband Lynn and I took the Airstream down to Inks Lake State Park a few weeks ago, and the weather couldn't have been better. The bluebonnets were blooming and the hiking trails were dotted with Indian Paintbrush and Evening Primrose. I highly recommend a visit to that state park!

Our club has been B-U-S-Y. Region 9 at Margaritaville, the Oklahoma-Texas Rally at Lake Murray, and the Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally at NTAC have kept many of us on the road to friends and fun. The reviews are all in this month's edition. Co-Editor David and his wife Kim are now home from their yearlong travels around the country, so after this month's Travelogue it will be interesting to see what he comes up with next! Welcome home, travelers. For those of you going to the sold out Fredericksburg rally, you will certainly have a blast. Even if many of us can't attend we all look forward to the stories and pictures you share. Safe travels, everyone!



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.



May Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

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

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



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The Second Annual “Rigless Rally” is Coming!

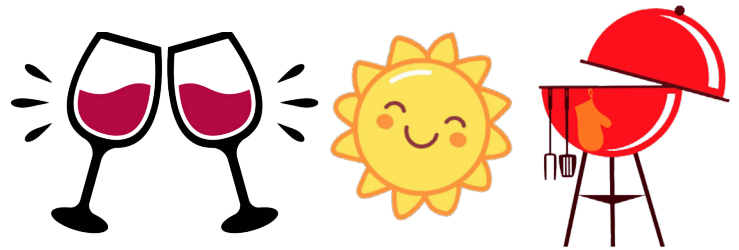
July 11, 2026

You're Invited to the “Rigless Rally”!

5081 Hidden Lake Trail, Midlothian, TX 76065

Phone: 469-285-3308

Hosts: Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver



Join us for an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and friends at Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver's home. The fun starts at 5:00 pm and goes on “until the cows come home!”

What's In Store?

- Juicy steaks grilled to perfection (provided by Bill and Ann)
- A refreshing pool to cool off
- A relaxing, beautiful setting to unwind and connect

What To Bring

- Chair
- Side dish that pairs well with steak
- Your favorite drink
- Your appetite for fun!

Let us know you're coming and how you like your steak cooked by clicking here:

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We can't wait to see you there!

New Members Spotlight

New Members

Shawn and Ronda Fannan

2025 Flying Cloud 25FB

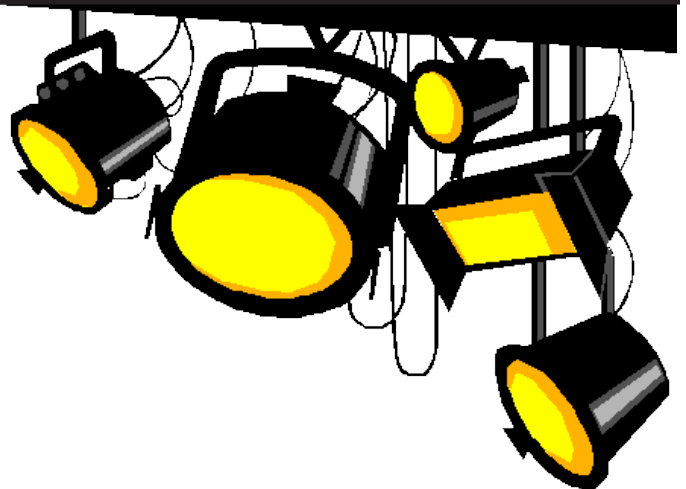
Ft. Worth, TX

Affiliate Members

Kim and Kimberly Anger

2024 Globetrotter 27'

Aubrey, TX



Shawn and Ronda Fannan, BRN 03540

We're Shawn and Ronda Fannan, and we live in the Fort Worth area. We're looking forward to this new adventure together. Shawn recently retired after a 35-year career in the fire service, serving as Fire Chief with the Watauga Fire Department. Ronda is a retired teacher, and we're both enjoying this next chapter—trading schedules and alarms for travel plans and campfires! We've been camping for over 25

years and have owned a variety of campers—different brands, styles, and setups—but this is our first Airstream, and we're loving the experience so far. We enjoy staying active and spending time outdoors. Our favorite hobbies include hiking, swimming, camping, and golf, along with spending time at the lake. We also love traveling and exploring new places. We have two adult children and two grandchildren who keep life fun

and give us even more reasons to get out and make memories. We're proud owners of a 2025 Airstream Flying Cloud 25FBT, and we're excited to continue learning, exploring, and enjoying everything the Airstream lifestyle has to offer. Looking ahead, we're excited to start checking off destinations on our Airstream bucket list and to attend rallies and events where we can meet others and be part of the community.



Region 9 Update – March 2026

Happy Spring, Region 9!

What an incredible start to our rally season! The momentum across our region is at an all-time high, especially after seeing over 310 Airstreamers converge on the Texas Gulf coast for our first-ever resort rally. From the gleam of silver crossing on the Bolivar Ferry to fabulous food, activities, entertainment, and the community spirit shown through our record-breaking blood drive and cash donation to the Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation, it's clear that our community—now over 2,082 members strong—is more vibrant than ever.

Rally Recap: Airstreams in Paradise

Our 55th Region 9 Rally at Camp Margaritaville Resort in Crystal Beach was truly exceptional. We enjoyed beachside auras at the License to Chill Pool, shared meals in the Paradise Pavilion, and celebrated our community with “Pawaradise Found” pet pics and nightly entertainment.

We also gave back to the coastline that hosted us:

- **Generosity in Action:** To assist in the restoration of the storied 1872 Lighthouse Crown, we donated **\$5,050** to the **Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation**.
- **Life-Saving Results:** Under the coordination of **Scott Graham**, we had our best turnout to date, collecting **37 units of whole blood, 3 Double Reds, and 1 plasma** for the **Gulf Coast Blood Bank**.

A massive thank you to our Rally Planning Committee Chairs for their tireless work: **David Brandon, Rick Elkins, Nancy Fitzgerald, Scott Graham, Tracie Holub, Allana Patterson, Jim Pfeil, Fred Richardson, Selina Shadd, and RoseAnne Young**. We also thank the Region 9 Leadership Team of **Tracy Elkins, Anna Brandon, and Tim Ebbers** and our countless volunteers!

Member Business Meeting & Governance

During the rally, we conducted our annual Members' Business Meeting. Several key updates were approved to ensure the continued success of our region:

- **Governance Update:** Revisions were approved to the Region 9 Governance Document to extend current Region Officer terms through 12/31/2026. This aligns our leadership cycle with the International Executive Council (EC) terms.
- **Financial Planning:** The 2026 and 2027 Region 9 Operational Budget Forecast was officially approved.
- **Looking Ahead to 2027:** We discussed the potential of moving the **2027 Region 9 Rally** from Spring to **Fall**. We truly need your input! Please email us at: Region09@airstreamclub.org with your thoughts on a Fall 2027 rally.

Spring Rally Season Opportunities (part 1)

The season is just heating up! On the heels of Wally's Workshop and the Region Rally, we still have Rallies aplenty. While some events are at capacity, keep these dates on your calendar:

- **69th International Rally** August 22–27, 2026 Minot, ND
<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>. Watch for Jotform Registration to open soon for the Region 9 Social – August 23rd at 3 pm in the Theatre.

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Region 9 Update – March 2026

Leadership Opportunities

We are still seeking enthusiastic members to step up as candidates for the 2nd Vice President role (2027–2029 term). If you are interested in helping guide the future of Region 9, please reach out to **Nancy Fitzgerald** at nefitzge6@gmail.com.

Happy Camping & Safe Travels—let's make this spring one for the books!



Happy Camping,

Tracy Elkins
Region 9 President
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Sips & Sunsets: Island Edition

Saturday, June 13, 6–8 pm

Airstream of DFW
109 N. Chandler Drive • Ft. Worth

Join us for a relaxed evening with fellow Airstream enthusiasts as we bring a touch of island-inspired atmosphere to Airstream of DFW's showroom.

Enjoy light bites and a food truck, curated cocktails and drinks, and an easygoing setting to connect, explore, and unwind. We'll also have select motorized Airstreams on display, along with special event offerings.



Island attire is encouraged!

Gentlemen, break out your boldest Hawaiian shirts; Ladies, wear your favorite tropical look.

High Profile: Steve Garcia

Name: Steve Garcia Jr.

Current Hometown: Denton, Texas

I Grew Up In: Santa Clara, CA

Fun Fact About Me: Sherwood and I traveled throughout the West including Canada on a Harley-Davidson.



Current and/or Former Occupation: retired I/T Professional at IBM, 36 years

Airstream Model/Year: 2021 Flying Cloud 28RBT

Your Airstream's Name: Slim

Favorite Thing About My Airstream: onboard generator

Hobbies: golf, camping, and house projects

I Drive A: 2020 GMC Sierra Denali HD

Favorite TV Shows: golf, baseball, football

Favorite Music/Bands: Santana, Fleetwood Mac, Van Morrison, Tom Petty, Eagles, Eric Clapton, and more

My Fantasy Dinner Party Guests (Living or Deceased) Would Be: Margaret Thatcher, JFK, Dwight Eisenhower, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Robin Williams (you need some levity!)

My Last Meal Would Be: a really good Italian dinner or the same with a Mexican dinner.

I'm Known For: hopefully being nice, honest, and a dear friend.

Behind My Back They Say: good question

Nobody Knows That I: have friends that I've known since second grade (they pretty much know everything about me).

Favorite Airstream Destinations: to be taken this year: Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia

My Dream Destination In My Airstream Would Be: Travel now while you can. Tomorrow is not guaranteed.

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 #9: Meet Kevin and Oliver!



Kevin at Mardi Gras Galveston this year

The Ritchie Family has been blessed with several dogs over many years: some wonderful mini-Daschunds, a few mutts, and a very hyper Labradoodle. We realized we wanted to see about getting a small-ish dog that would be a good camping buddy. We welcomed a tiny Yorkie into our family in August of 2024. We tried for several days to figure out what to name our new puppy, when our daughter mentioned we should give him just a regular person name, you know, like Kevin! Kevin it is!

Kevin instantly fit the camping bill! First of all, he is a natural travel dog. He loves to ride in the car, enjoys lying his head on the door with the window down, and takes long naps in his console puppy bed. When at the house and we walk near our truck, he stops near the door, hoping to hop in and go somewhere! When at the campground, Kevin loves taking walks, napping along with us, and chewing on his favorite bully sticks.

Coming from a family that tent-camped during my childhood, camping was in my blood. When Bryan and I vacationed with our own family of 6, we took our family camping in various travel trailers, then eventually in a C-class RV. As our kids got older and stopped traveling with us, Bryan and I downsized to a smaller bumper-pull trailer again. Frustrated with being trapped in our white box when the weather was not amazing, we decided to buy our first Airstream. We named our new-to-us 2019 Flying Cloud 27 FBT... Lucky, after the albino squirrel legend at the University of North Texas, where we met before getting married over 30 years ago. With our family of 6, we never brought our previous dogs camping, as there was already not enough room or patience to deal with the dogs AND the kids. Now that it was just Bryan and me, we had more space and energy to bring a pet!



Kevin looking very fashionable!

After a year and a half of Kevin being the solo camping dog, we decided to get him a friend. We welcomed Oliver the Yorkie to our family in January 2026. At only 9 weeks old, Oliver's first camping adventure was attending the Mardi Gras rally in Galveston. Oliver did great on the road, just like his big

Airstream Pet Tails, continued

brother Kevin, who, at this time, has not figured out why we thought he needed a friend! With Oliver in full puppy mode, he and Kevin continue to grow into brothers and friends. Oliver is getting better on the leash as we take walks around parks and campgrounds. The best part about Oliver is that he wants to meet EVERYBODY! He is the most curious, friendly puppy ever!



Naptime



Oliver and Kevin



Kevin at the 2025 Installation Rally

Bryan and I have really enjoyed the welcoming Airstream community so far! After our first rally at Lake Tyler last Fall, we are hooked! We are looking forward to many more rallies in our future. When you see the Ritchies pulling up with Lucky, keep an eye out for our tiny camping companions, Kevin and Oliver, too!

See you down the road!

Bryan and Rachel Ritchie
BRN 08149



**“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



What you can expect:

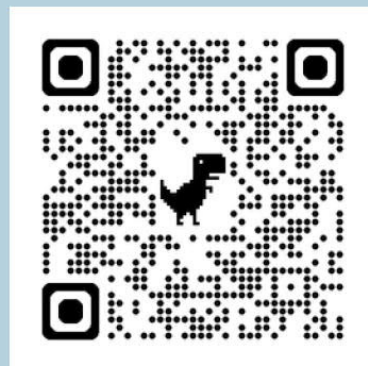
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and 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 Rally at Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, Texas



Let's just say this rally was well attended!



Welcome to Margaritaville!



Nicole and Patrick Scott



Party on the beach all day...



...party at the trailer all night!

Region 9 Rally at Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, Texas



Meeting of the Presidents



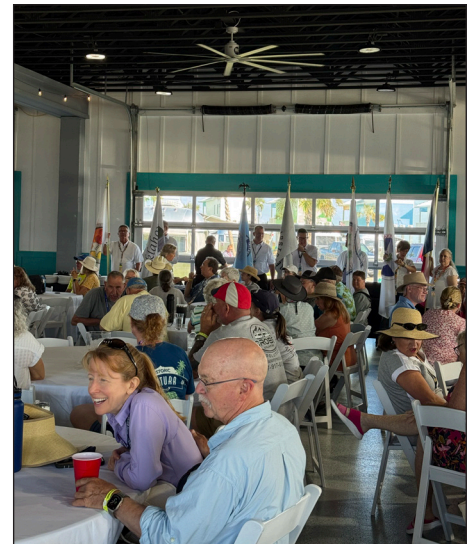
Edward carries our flag and participates in the business meeting



Maxi and Cliff Millican



Happy Raffle Winner David Brandon



Members attend the meeting



Our beautiful Airstreams at night in Margaritaville

Region 9 Rally at Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, Texas



Lunch for NTxAC members at the Nauti Beaver Hut



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Edward Wilson, Maxi and Cliff Millican, Patrick Scott, Millie O'Donnell, Nicole Scott, Stacey Daniel, Tiffany Wilson

Region 9 Rally at Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, Texas



***Sherrie and Chet Beyer, John and Barbara Johnson,
Brenda and Kirby Anderson***



***Tom and Sandra Hargrove, Jill and Greg Fearing,
Martin and Alicia Peacey***



***Laura Penn, Ronda Fannan, Nicole Scott, Susan and Rick Newell,
Edward Wilson, Peter Murray, Jean Likhite, Patrick Scott,
Shawn Fannan, and Jonathan Penn***



***Tom Jensen, Cliff and Maxi Millican, Millie
O'Donnell, Stacey Daniel, Anna and David
Brandon, and Allana Patterson***

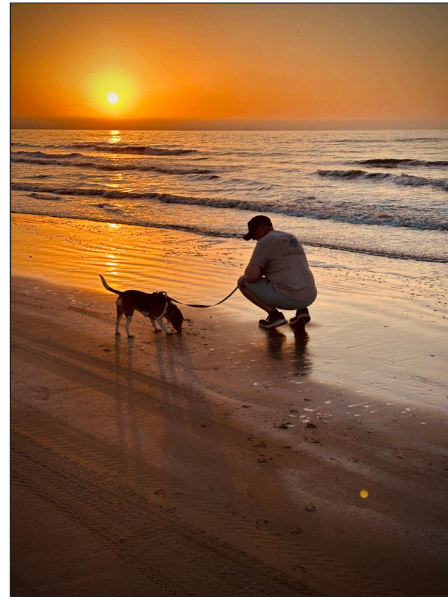


***David and Amarylis Fain, Tiffany and Edward Wilson,
Dan and Jennifer Dice, and Jo and Tim Love***

Region 9 Rally at Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, Texas



*Edward, Daisy, and
Tiffany Wilson*



*Daisy and Edward
enjoyed the beach*



Our North Texas Airstream Club members who attended the Region 9 Rally

Oklahoma/Texas Rally at Lake Murray



Host Amy Hanus and Maverick



Mitch and Peggy Ott



Edward Wilson and Jessica MacLean



Carrie and Tanner Terry



Lots of relaxing and good food!



Michael MacLean



Anna and David Brandon



Pup time!

Oklahoma/Texas Rally at Lake Murray



Airstream time is flamingo time!



Mitch Ott, Patrick Scott, Edward Wilson and Michael MacLean



Daisy Wilson relaxes at the rally



Anna Brandon, Michael MacLean, and Edward Wilson



Just fishin'



Evening perfection: friends, fire, and a sunset on Lake Murray



Amy Hanus with our NTxAC group

Oklahoma/Texas Rally at Lake Murray



Chris Hanus and Edward Wilson



Lots of socializing and more good food – such a nice weekend!



Cheers!



Amy Hanus, Patty Eaton, Sue Strathmann, Jennifer Dice, David and Anna Brandon, Pamela and David Fedorko, Kaci Jackson, and Chris Hanus



Our Airstreams – always a beautiful sight!

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro

Rally in Review by Ann Clark

I must say this up front: I'm not a stitcher, but my husband **Lynn** is an avid fisherman, so when I contacted **Anna Brandon** to see if I could hang out with the quilters while he fished, she gave me an enthusiastic "yes!" How glad I am that we came, for this was an incredible rally. I brought along a Christmas stocking that I'm needlepointing for my grandson so I could have something to do while I soaked up knowledge about quilting, and I never felt left out of what the ladies were doing. When we arrived Thursday evening the first order of business was dinner at R&K Cafe in downtown Hillsboro. We had a party room to ourselves and we all enjoyed a great meal. Friday morning began with activities for both the stitchers and fishers. The men visited Homestead Heritage's woodshop in Waco in preparation for their woodworking class at NTAC. The stitchers went to Loretta's Stitch 'N Stuff in Whitney to gather materials for their weekend projects.



Welcome to Loretta's Stitch 'N Stuff!

Both parties got to enjoy lunch afterward at the Homestead Heritage's Cafe, and what a treat that was! Our dinner that evening was homemade lasagna from Hillsboro's Mason Jar Farms.

On Saturday Valerie from Loretta's was at NTAC to walk through the stitchers' first project: a throw pillow for their Airstreams. She taught the stitchers how to applique, and the creativity began to flow. The men met at NTAC's woodshop and under the direction of **Bill Steddum** and **Greg King** learned how to shape wood and create their own ballpoint pen.



Bill Steddum talks shop

They also toured other woodshops owned by residents at NTAC. Dinner that evening was BBQ brisket and ribs prepared by **Kevin and Felicia Johnson** who live at NTAC. DELICIOUS! Sunday morning was the Men in the Kitchen Breakfast - a feast of pancakes, bacon, and fruit. Great job, guys! Afterward, the stitchers began their second project: a "Blue Onion" quilt - a challenging quilt arranged in all



Lynette Walters and her quilt

curved pieces of fabric. The goal was for each project to introduce the stitchers to something they hadn't done before. As someone who has never sewn a quilt I was amazed at how quickly most of them caught on to the task.

The men continued to work in the woodshop and they really seemed to enjoy it. Many of the men made additional pens which were requested by their wives.

Sunday dinner was another men's task: they were to make pizzas for their ladies and bake them in the pizza ovens out on the front porch of the rally room. I think the men enjoyed it, but at this point they were itchin' to go fishin'!

The men left very early Monday morning to fish with guides on Lake Richland Chambers. After an early breakfast the men loaded into three fishing boats. They did themselves proud! All together they caught a total of 60 Striper Bass, all good-sized. Well done, fishers! Their catch was cleaned and brought back for a fish fry that evening along with hush puppies, coleslaw,

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro

Rally in Review, continued

and some amazing potatoes prepared by **Scott Graham**.

The ladies continued working on their projects all day Monday, with the sound of friendly conversations, sewing machines whirring, irons steaming fabric, and stitchers giving each other encouragement and praise.

During the day on Sunday and Monday I was joined at my table by **Jennifer Dice**. She worked on an embroidery project while I continued to needlepoint. It was one of the best parts for me and I'm sure for many others - the opportunity to visit and catch up with Airstream friends whom we never see often enough. I also enjoyed sitting near **Millie O'Donnell** and **Jennifer Nutt** who continually made me laugh with their stories. I came home with a full heart.



Jennifer Dice shows off her handiwork

While most all of us departed on a rainy Tuesday morning, as we pulled out we noticed quite a few Airstreams still on the terraport. That meant some stitchers were still finishing their projects before they hit the road. If you're reading this



Anna Brandon, the Queen of Fun!

and were at this rally, please know I enjoyed meeting every one of you. Stitchers, I am in awe of your talent and hard work.

I couldn't end this review without giving much praise to **Anna and David Brandon**, who worked so hard to make *Stitchin' and Fishin'* another great success. Preparation for this began months in advance, with every detail planned, from our activities, food, lining up expert help with quilting and woodworking, crafts, raffle gifts, and charming goodie bags. Even though I wasn't an

official stitcher I received a bag of goodies that I felt were hand-picked for me. Thank you, Anna! I also need to acknowledge the work of **Scott and Vickie Graham**, who helped immensely in the kitchen and with setting up and taking down all of the meal prep as well as cleaning up in the kitchen after each meal.

If you've not attended this rally I highly recommend it. It's already such a popular rally and is waitlisted every year, so when the announcement is made that registration is open, grab your spot.

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro



Part of the fun group at R & K Cafe on Thursday evening



Jennifer Cary and her beautiful quilt



Fun at Loretta's with Pam Beckwith



Tanya Martchek chooses her fabrics



Vickie Graham, Karen King, and Loretta



Meanwhile, the men toured the Homestead Heritage's woodshop and met with a blacksmith there

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro



The quilt making begins



Deb Heen



Sewists enjoy the little details



Bill Steddum helps with the lathe



The men made beautiful wood pens



Scott Graham preps a meal



BBQ from the Johnsons – yes!



After dinner, more raffle drawings



Todd Martchek does kitchen duty

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro



Steve Zeringue with Sunday's pancakes



Work begins on the quilts: arranging the squares is challenging



Deb Heen



Jennifer Nutt



Lynette Walters



Elizabeth Therezo



Pam Beckwith makes ironing fun!



Many hours of work...

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro



Men in the kitchen: making pizza for their ladies



Man-made pizza!



David Brandon, Bill Steddum, and Lynn Clark



Proud fishermen show off their catch



Sunrise fishing

Fishin' and Stitchin' Rally, NTAC in Hillsboro



Scott and Vickie Graham and David Brandon prep fish for dinner



George Watson and Mark Wright



Dinner is served!



The creative and talented sewists at the 2026 Stitchin' and Fishin' Rally

Co-Editor David's Travelogue

April 2026: The Eagles: The Bird, Not The Band

If you were to take a trip to see American Bald Eagles, where would you go? Alaska? Montana, maybe? How about Connecticut?

Connecticut? I certainly wouldn't have thought of that—especially since I spent the first 20 years or so of my life there and I never saw one. Imagine my surprise, then, when I noticed an item in the calendar section of the shoreline newspaper advertising an Eagle Watch. And it wasn't in some remote corner of the state I'd never been. It started about 10 miles upriver and ended just down the street from where we were staying at my mother's house!

Sure, we'd seen ospreys and large, dark "hawks" (or so we thought) flying up and down the Connecticut River. But how could we have missed the majestic national bird, with its distinctive white head and tail, and prominent yellow beak? Well, I'll tell you in a moment.

The watch began, fittingly enough, at Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam. It was sponsored by The Audobon Shop in Madison. We were guided by two avid bird watchers who worked there. They brought along a couple spotting scopes so we could all get a closer look, but we carry a nice pair of binoculars in the truck too. Wouldn't you know, we saw a nesting pair across the river and down a bit almost right away. How exciting!

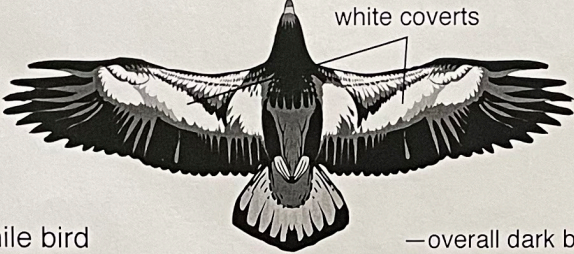

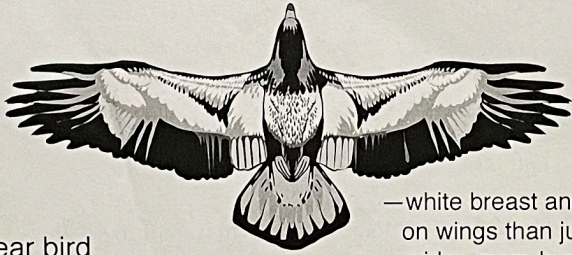

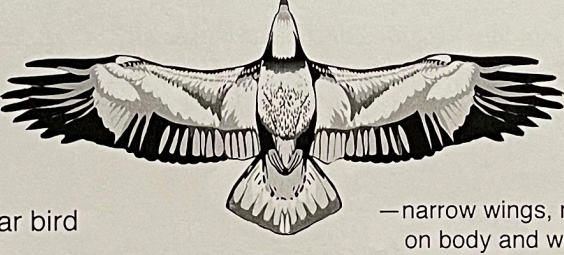

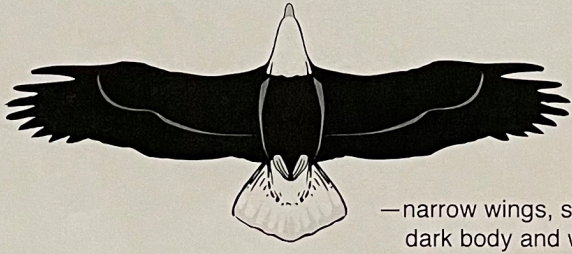

From there, we headed downriver, stopping at Chester Town Dock, the Chester-Hadlyme ferry, Riverview Cemetery in Essex (where my father is buried, no less), and Essex Corinthian Yacht Club. By the time we gathered for lunch at Otter Cove Restaurant in Old Saybrook, my rough count was around 15 bald eagles, not to mention at least a half-dozen other species (including the colorful, crow-sized, but elusive pileated woodpecker—the inspiration for the Woody Woodpecker cartoon character). As a lunchtime bonus, one of our guides encouraged us to drive 15 minutes east some morning, to the Black Hall River bridge on Shore Road in Old Lyme, where we could find a number of nesting families.

Now, I'm not the most observant guy, but it turns out there were good reasons why I'd been missing all those eagles. Back in the eighties, when I moved away, there was nothing to see. The Connecticut River was too dirty for fish, so the valley was no place to raise a raptor family. It wasn't until the nineties, when cleanup efforts began, that they started returning. Secondly, it's not until their fourth or fifth year that eagles gain the distinctive characteristics we all know and love. Remember those large, dark "hawks" I mentioned? It turns out they were probably young eagles. You can see my mistake in the enlightening illustrations below, by artist and naturalist Michael DiGiorgio, that were shared with the group in a handout.

And so we learned ... and observed. For the rest of our stay, we looked for eagles perching in trees and soaring over the Connecticut River as we sipped our morning coffee. And we drove to the Black Hall River bridge and saw juveniles playing. What a treat. Who knew? I certainly didn't.

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Co-Editor David's Travelogue, continued

Juvenile bird	 <p>white covers</p>	 <p>large dark beak and dark eye</p>
2nd year bird		 <p>lighter head and eye</p>
3rd year bird		 <p>— overall white head and dark patch over cheek — light eyes</p>
adult		 <p>— white head — light eyes and beak</p>

See you down the road.

David Majkowski,
BRN 5594

NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule

Saturday, June 13 2026 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm Sips & Sunsets: Island Edition, Airstream of DFW

Airstream of DFW, 109 N. Chandler Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76111

Join us for a relaxed night with fellow Airstream enthusiasts as we bring a touch of island-inspired atmosphere to Airstream of DFW's showroom.

Enjoy light bites and a food truck, curated cocktails and drinks, and an easygoing setting to connect, explore, and unwind. We'll also have select motorized Airstreams on display, along with special event offerings.

Island attire is encouraged! Gentlemen, break out your boldest Hawaiian shirts, and ladies, your favorite tropical look.

July 11, 2026: Rigless Rally

5081 Hidden Lake Trail, Midlothian, TX 76065 469-285-3308

Hosts: Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver

Join us for an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and friends at Bill Steddum and Ann Weaver's home. The fun starts at 5:00 pm and goes on "until the cows come home!"

We will provide the steaks, a swimming pool to cool off, and a relaxing setting.

You bring a chair, a side dish to pair with steak, your favorite drink, and an appetite for fun!

Let us know you're coming and how you like your steak cooked by clicking here:

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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

End of Summer Rally at OakDale Park, Glen Rose, TX

1019 NE Barnard St., Glen Rose, TX 76043 / 214-897-2321 <https://oakdalepark.com/>

OakDale Park is a historic park with cabins, RV & tent sites, a huge pool ("The Oakdale Plunge"), picnic areas, playground, and more. It's perfect for a relaxing weekend getaway. It's right by the Paluxy River and Big Rocks Park, so there's plenty to explore nearby. Two places that we had a blast visiting last year were 3B Beers, Brats & Burgers and the Glen Rose Brewing Company, with both only three minutes from the park!

20 sites are reserved, and we'll have a room with air conditioning and a full kitchen - always nice to have! We had a blast last year and had some fun events, including a Dutch oven cookoff, crafts, games, and more.

The rate is \$45.00 a night, and you must call to book: 214-897-2321



NTxAC 2026 Rally Schedule, continued

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

New NTxAC Shirts and Hoodies Available!

We now have long-sleeve T-shirts and hoodies available.
Please email Ed Wilson at fenderltd@yahoo.com if you want one.
Include how many and size.

Bella & Canvas Long Sleeve Shirt
Tear-away label
Side-seamed
Ribbed cuffs
3.8-ounce, 50/25/25 poly/Airlume combed and ring spun cotton/rayon

Sizes:
Small
Medium
Large
XL
2X
3X

\$20.00



Port & Company Fan Favorite Fleece Full-Zip Hooded Sweatsh

Removable tag for comfort
75/25 ring spun cotton/poly
Dyed-to-match YKK zipper
Removable tag for comfort and relabeling
Dyed-to-match YKK zipper

Sizes:
Xtra-Small
Small
Medium
Large
XL
2X
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\$32.00



Useful Links and Contacts

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

NTxAC Membership Assistance Program

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMz_4uBLDlzrrYVrT8oS1SXpH9mUuqJ1BGQ_Jvpl8Lbt-8npg/viewform

ACI/WBCCI (the Club)

Airstream Club International (*ACI, our club*)

<https://airstreamclub.org>

ACI Region 9 (*our region within the club*)

<https://airstreamclub.org/region9>

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

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

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

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

Blue Beret Archive (*club magazine*)

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

Blue Beret Blog (*club blog*)

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