



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to the NTAC Newsletter! Can it be that our last edition was published nearly a year ago? First thing's first: I'd like to send out a very special thanks to Scott Graham for the 4 years he spent gathering interesting items and publishing them for the community. As I'm very quickly learning, it's no small task putting together fresh stories on a regular cadence—and I have a regular contributor helping me!



Speaking of which...please welcome Kim Majkowski to the Newsletter. Kim brings an enthusiasm for NTAC history and its spirit of volunteerism. Expect to hear more about these and other subjects from her. Some of the topics we'd like to feature are: committee business, recipes, bylaws, new members, contests, park personalities and pets. And, of course, if you have any ideas, stories, events, recipes, Airstreaming tips, or items of importance that you'd like to share, please send them to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com or leave them in the Majkowski box in the Card Room.

Oh, just one more thing ma'am (to paraphrase the immortal Lt. Columbo). For those of you who missed the Polish lesson at the January Board meeting. Majkowski is pronounced muh-JOW-ski... unless you're from Central or Eastern Europe, Chicago, or (oddly enough) France, in which case it's my-KOV-ski. Or you can just stick with Kim and David M!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many thanks to Kim and David Majkowski for their time and energy as they pick up the task of editing our Newsletter!



Many, many thanks to Scott Graham for the time

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and energy he devoted for so long to our Newsletter! Calling for and editing articles can seem like a thankless job. We thank you, Scott.

I have a question: What are you doing with that extra hour of daylight we acquired recently? Some people like the extra daylight hour. Some do not. I am in the latter camp. I would rather not have the time change twice a year. But, once again, they didn't ask me.

So, what ARE you doing with that extra hour of daylight? However you choose to spend that time, try to make the most of it! Visit or call a friend! Take an evening walk! Welcome a Terraport visitor! Set up a super comfy sunset watching chair! Sunsets here can be spectacular!

Regardless of your feelings regarding Daylight Saving Time, one fact might be of interest to you: it is reported that people tend to shop and spend more money when there is more daylight in the evening. With that little bit of trivia, I can boldly suggest the following: don't go to Walmart in the evening!

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

Ladies Tea

What were you doing in 1995?

This is the year of the pig, associated with good luck, wealth and generosity. Were you worried about the "Y2K Bug", collecting "Beanie Babies", maybe watching "Friends" or "Seinfeld" or "Braveheart" or "Apollo 13?" At that time the Unabomber Manifesto was published in several U.S. Newspapers (remember when you used to read those?), the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed.



In the years leading up to 1995, the Hubble Space Telescope is launched from the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Gulf War begins, the World Wide Web is introduced, the Cold War ends, Bill Clinton is elected, U.S. hosts the FIFA World Cup for the first time, and very locally the Waco Branch Dividians cult standoff

and fire resulting in 81 deaths (including their leader, David Koresh).

Tangentially, in the years leading up to 1995, the founders of NTAC were creating their own history. In April 1991, the deed to the Hillsboro property was acquired and the foundation of the clubhouse was laid. In 1993, the "Villas" began going up. In the beginning, most of the founders were working full time, so much of this was done on the weekends and vacation time. As NTAC members began moving here full time and the construction wrapped up they began to create NTAC activities and participate in Hillsboro community activities. What they were discovering is that the people of Hillsboro were a bit suspicious of those people in all the silver trailers doing radical things with some undeveloped land outside of town. One of the key NTAC

social clubs formed was the Ladies Club. Being the Airstreaming activities minded culture, the Ladies Club decided to address this community concern with a fun activity. The goal was to bring the ladies of Hillsboro into NTAC and let them see what goes on in the NTAC community.

December 1995 was the first Ladies Club Tea. The Rally Room was beautifully decorated for Christmas. There was an elegantly bedecked banquet table laid out with huge platters of homemade cookies and pastries. The ladies of NTAC were dressed in their best dresses, heels, jewelry and even furs...the Hillsboro ladies did the same. It was such a success, they decided to make it an annual event.

Over the years the teas became more extravagant. The Ladies Club would choose the theme and the leader, which was often Sheila Lewis, would facilitate the activities. All of the decorations and invitations would reflect the theme. Some of the favorite themes were Hats (everyone would wear a fancy hat and there was a contest), Teapots (everyone brought a teapot), the NTAC lifestyle (with a slide show presentation and tour of an Airstream trailer). For the latter, one year Tom Collier brought down his motor home for all the ladies to tour. There would always be entertainment often provided by NTAC members. Donna Scott did the entertainment several times, from leading the NTAC choir, to leading the NTAC recorder ensemble, to leading the NTAC line dancing squad to just sitting down to play the piano for background music. Bob Kaemmerer also led the NTAC choir and played his saxophone.

The tea was usually at 2pm. The ladies of Hillsboro would be greeted graciously. They were shuttled in a golf cart from where they parked so they would not have to walk on rough pavement in heels. The men of NTAC, or sometimes NTAC board members, all dressed in a uniform of white shirt and black slacks, waited on them. Dignitaries from the community were invited. 50 to 60 ladies from the Hillsboro community were invited, and most accepted.

As is often said, "All good things must come to an end." The Ladies Tea was no exception. It required an abundance of work, time, and commitment, which was difficult to sustain. Evolving mores within the Ladies Club and complications brought about by the Covid pandemic finally ended the tradition. There are whispers, though, that certain Hillsboro ladies miss our fêtes and still inquire about the tea we used to host.

Thank you Donna Scott for your experience and collaboration in this article.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS

Glori and Adam Beltran

Glori and Adam co-chair our current Health and Wellness committee. Glori is our yoga instructor and has an extensive background in nutrition and alternative medicine. Adam provides strength training with a focus on exercise modification when you have an injury. Between the 2 of them Glori brings "serenity, nutrition, holistic healing" and Adam brings "strength training, mobility and activity," in short "nutrition meets exercising."

Glori is still working full time in the field of legal and accounting. This translates into long hours of mental strain and endless sitting at the computer. In 2002 she decided to look into how to be "nutritionally healthy." What she discovered is that she could incorporate a healthy lifestyle even though she was at a desk. Her entrepreneurial background drove her to become educated on the topic and to seek certifications.

Adam retired in 2018. He was a firefighter. When he was working it was a priority to keep in shape and to recover quickly from injury. His fitness was really a matter of life and death. He discovered that even when he was injured, it was imperative to continue to work out to maintain his strength and recover much quicker. This practice enabled him to modify his exercises so he can continue to work out while injured. An example is "chair yoga," most basic yoga poses can be done in a chair.

When asked: What words of wisdom would you like to impart to potential NTAC volunteers and or leaders? Glori says: "to take advantage of the wealth of resources, experience, and knowledge that each individual NTAC member has to offer and be intentional when you give back-let it be with a grateful heart and a posture of gratitude."

When asked about the benefits of volunteering and how it makes you feel? Adam says: "Satisfaction in knowing I'm making a difference in people's life and health." The side benefit is the camaraderie and socializing after class, which "creates a bond." I have a "passion to teach life lessons that I have learned. I'll teach anybody whatever I know. I have done this for all my life. I have tried pretty much every type of exercise in order to make someone's life better or healthier."



Glori and Adam are also taking balance classes at the Hillsboro hospital. Adam has been asked, once certified, to teach at other locations. They both expressed an affinity and respect for the wisdom and experience previous generations offer.

Around NTAC, Adam is on the "Daredevil Ball list" ready to jump into action when there is a need in the park to dig a trench or remove a tree trunk. He is the one who has been maintaining the hedges and makes himself available for any ad-hoc activities requiring a volunteer. "Sometimes I just do something because this (NTAC) is my home. If something looks ugly on the grounds it's like I'm not taking care of my home."

Future plans for the Health and Wellness committee:

- A class to learn, or a refresher on, how to operate the defibrillator
- A class to learn, or a refresher on, CPR
- A "Stress 101" presentation

They also wanted to make NTAC community aware of the resource "2-1-1 Health & Human Services" which is essentially a "helpline" for non-emergency local resources.

The sentiment they imparted: "Give of yourself. There is always something you have that can benefit another."

FROM OUR MEMBERS

NTAC Book Club 2023–2024

from Marne Kaemmerer

Book Club meets in the Card Room from 1:00–2:00 on the first Thursday of the month.

- Sept 7, 2023 – I'm Dr Red Duke, by Bryant Boutwell (Michelle Wright)
- Oct 5, 2023 – Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers, by Sara Ackerman (Cindy Lethem)
- Nov 2, 2023 – West with Giraffes, by Lynda Rutledge (Ellen Enstrom)

- December, 2023 – Holiday Break
- Jan 4, 2024 – 1421: The Year China Discovered America, by Gavin Menzies (Peggy Spruell)
- Feb 1, 2024 – The Shadow of the Wind, by Carlos Ruis Zafon (Anna Brandon)
- Mar 7, 2024 – American Dirt, by Jeannine Cummins (Pat Lovelace)
- Apr 4, 2024 – Last Dance on the Starlight Pier, by Sarah Bird (Vanette Harris)
- May 2, 2024 – The Byam Books: Fifth Avenue on Wheels; Trailer Travel Here & Abroad, by Wally Byam (Jim Haddaway)

Bobcat Contracting Shoot for Success

from Greg Walker

On Friday, April 14, Bobcat Contracting will be holding their 6th Annual Shoot for Success, a sporting clay charity tournament benefitting The Boys and Girls Club of Hill County.

The event will be held at 541 FM 3267, Hillsboro, with flights at 9:30 and 1:30. Registration is open until Friday, March 24. Contact Sarah Young at Bobcat Contracting to register or get more information: (254) 707-7337 or syoung@bobcatcontracting.com. Greg (grwalk@swbell.net) and I (NTACNewsletter@gmail.com) have digital copies of the flyer and registration form.

Raisin Bran Muffins

from Linda Beu

I've had this recipe for about 40 years. It was shared by a fellow teacher. I think every Airstreamer needs it to use at rallies, meetings or just for themselves. We eat them every day. Here are some FYI bits: Use your biggest mixing bowl; don't use "crispy" raisin bran. I use 1 cup aronia berries per batch. I'll try to bring

as many as I can pick next fall and happily share. I bake 6 at a time, eat 2 each day, microwaving 2 each following day (20 seconds).

Dry ingredients

- 5c. Flour
- 3c. Sugar
- 5tsp. Baking soda (or 1TBSP + 2tsp)
- 1 box Raisin Bran, 15oz (or 7c.)

Wet ingredients

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1c. Oil
- 1qt. Buttermilk

Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees, 15-20 minutes.

NOTE: Batter keeps refrigerated in a covered container for about 6 weeks (unless you have teenaged boys at your house!)

Missing Alligator Found!

from Suzanne Bond



Prior to publication, Suzanne Bond had asked that we post a "MISSING" ad for their lost rusted bronze alligator. Happy to

report, though, that the item was found and is making its way home by rail!

If you're as curious as I am, ask Suzanne or Pat about it if you want to get (as Paul Harvey used to broadcast) "The Rest of the Story."

Rally Room Refresh

from Millie O'Donnell

Thank you all who attended the March 15 meeting to select paint colors to refresh our Rally Room. The colors to the right were the top vote getters. We now need your input to select the final two

colors. Ideally we want them to blend well on the walls.

Please make your selections and either send Millie an email (millieodon@gmail.com), drop a note in her Card Room mailbox, or give her a call (313) 399-0106.



FEATURED PHOTO

"Howard Nelson Had a Dream"

This month's photo dates back to NTAC's origins in 1991. You can find it, and many other interesting historical photos, in an album kept in the card room.



NTAC BY LAW

Unless you're a lawyer or a law student, you may find legal documents of little more value than as a sleep aid. Nevertheless, they're important to keep the *civil* in *civilization*.

NTAC, as a not-for-profit social club, must abide by certain laws and regulations, both external and internal. In this serial feature, we'll be providing digestible tidbits of information that will, hopefully, help you to understand the framework under which our club operates.

This month's snippet concerns **501(c)(7)**, the section of the federal tax code that deals with

social clubs. Here's what the IRS has to say. "Social clubs may be exempt from federal income taxation if they meet the requirements of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. Although they are generally exempt from tax, social clubs are subject to tax on their unrelated business income, which includes income from nonmembers. In addition to being taxed on unrelated income, a social club may lose its exempt status if it receives too much unrelated income." You can read more, in what I'm sure is excruciating detail, at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/other-non-profits/social-clubs>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PawPals Needs Volunteers

Please call (254) 580-0679 or email hcpawpals@yahoo.com.

HIM Needs Volunteers

Please contact Carleen Harris (254) 205-4177. They particularly need help before and during their open hours: Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 8-11am; and Fridays 11am-1pm. For donations, please make the check payable to "Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries."



CREEPING CHARLIE (AKA: Ground Ivy) in the Park ALERT!

Creeping Charlie is an adaptable, insidious weed that's resilient to damage, making it incredibly challenging to remove from the garden. The plant quickly takes over and often may appear to be a pretty ground cover, with its light lavender to purple flowers. The reality is, it kills anything around it, smothering the roots and blocking sunlight, and preventing water and nutrition from reaching the roots of your plants. The larger the plant gets, the harder it is to eliminate. Leaving a few roots in the ground is all creeping Charlie needs to start growing again. It is also very easy to transmit it from one property to another just by



stepping in it. If you see this growing and you want to remove it, it is critical to get the roots and any seedlings that may be sprouting below the established plants. While it is not practical, the next step would be to suffocate the area you weeded with a tarp for 2 weeks.

NTAC ONLINE

Please visit our Social Media and Internet Web sites frequently for updates. Don't forget to share with others!

NTAC Website—www.ntaci.com

NTAC Public Facebook Page—<https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/>

NTAC Instagram Account—<https://www.instagram.com/northtexasairstreamcommunity/>

NTAC Twitter Account—<https://twitter.com/NTAirstreamComm>

NTAC Private Facebook Group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthTexasAirstreamCommunity>

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

There is a lot to do in Hillsboro and the Hill County area. Here are some links to explore. We will check these periodically to ensure they are still active and have not moved. If you find dead links, please report them to the editor at NTACNewsletter@gmail.com.

Hill County

Home page—<https://www.co.hill.tx.us/>

Appraisal District—(254) 582-2508, <https://hillcad.org/>

Office of Emergency Management—(254) 582-2023, <https://www.co.hill.tx.us/page/hill.Emergency> or <https://hilloem.com/>

Tax Office—(254) 582-4000, <http://hilltax.org/>

Hillsboro

City of Hillsboro—<https://www.hillsborotx.org/>

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce—(254) 582-2481, <https://hillsborochamber.org/>

Hillsboro City Library—(254) 582-7385, <https://www.hillsborotxlibrary.org/>

Hillsboro Reporter—(254) 582-3431, <https://hillsbororeporter.com/>

Hill College

Home page—<https://www.hillcollege.edu/>

Athletics—<https://www.hillcollege.edu/Athletics/index.html> (click on each sport for links to the current schedule)

Continuing Education—<https://www.hillcollege.edu/JobTraining/index.html>

Performing Arts Series—<https://www.hillcollege.edu/CampusLife/PerformingArts/PASeries.html>

Texas Heritage Museum—<https://www.hillcollege.edu/Museum/Index.html>

@NTAC (Activities Calendar Highlights)

For the latest updates, please check the [online version of the calendar](#) in the *Shareholder Resources* section of our website, or the printed copy posted in the hallway of the clubhouse.

North Texas Airstream Community Activities Calendar						
April-23						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Apr
						5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
2-Apr	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr	6-Apr	7-Apr	8-Apr
	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	
	9-10A Yoga	10:00 A Eclipse Meeting	9-10A Yoga	10A Knitting & Such @ Mary Ellen's 311	9-10A Yoga	
4:00 Ice Cream	2-4P Canasta Card Rm	5:30P Potluck		1-2 Book Club Card Rm	10A Bridge - Card Room	5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
4:30 Bean Bag Baseball		Joker - After Potluck	5P Ladies Social Hr	2-4 Canasta Card Rm		
9-Apr	10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr
	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	
	9-10A Yoga		9-10A Yoga	10A Knitting & Such @ Mary Ellen's 311	9-10A Yoga	5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
4:00 Ice Cream	2-4P Canasta Card Rm		10:15 Ladies Club Card Rm		10A Bridge - Card Room	
4:30 Bean Bag Baseball			5P Ladies Social Hr	2-4 Canasta Card Rm		
United Methodist Camping Group Rally						
16-Apr	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr
	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	9-10A Exercise	8:30A - Weights	
	9-10A Yoga		9-10A Yoga	10A Knitting & Such @ Mary Ellen's 311	9-10A Yoga	
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4:30 Bean Bag Baseball		Joker - After Potluck	5P Ladies Social Hr		Santa Fe SAMs Rally	
23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr
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Coaches for Christ Rally						
30-Apr						
4:00 Ice Cream						
4:30 Bean Bag Baseball						

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