



NEWSLETTER

June 2023

FROM THE EDITOR

It's summer. Time for International ... at least until next year when the rally in Sedalia, MO happens in October. There's always good representation from NTAC at International so the park tends to be a little quieter this time of year.



I'm sure the hot and steamy Texas weather has nothing to do with it. If you're "back home," keep an eye on the calendar. There are still opportunities for socializing at cards and ice cream and happy hours and who-knows-what-else (well, Elaine and Isaac know, that's who!).

Kim and I have joined the summer exodus this year so this newsletter is coming to you from the road. First off, we're attending our second International Rally (in Rock Springs, WY). To celebrate the journey, we have a *Rolling to Rock Springs* photo essay in this issue featuring members who have been posting on Facebook about their travels. We'll be staying on at the rally site for the week following Independence Day, while others head out on the national *North to Alaska* caravan, led by our own Peter and Judy Schwarz (sorry to hear about co-leader Beckwith's forced cancelation due to George's foot injury). The rest of our summer will be centered around visits to an old friend of Kim's from her LA opera-singing days who operates a music conservatory in Idaho, and my cousin in Oregon who, apart from a family funeral, I haven't seen since we both lived in Chicago. We're looking forward to an enjoyable summer with neighbors, family, and friends.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello from the Rocky Mountains!



Like several other fellow NTAC sojourners, Pam and I are just a couple of days travel from Rock Springs, WY. The 66th Airstream Club

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International Rally awaits us and many others. A few of our neighbors are already there—laying the groundwork for the rest of the Club's arrival.

It is a very cool experience to see more and more Airstreams as we get closer to our destination. Airstream owners regularly stop to say "hello" when it's discovered that another Airstream (or two ... or three) are in the same campground. I really enjoy that!

Although many Board members are also on the road, that does not mean that NTAC business stays on the sidelines awaiting their return! Technology today allows people to stay connected. And so, your Board members have stayed connected—working remotely on park issues, meeting as a Board, and taking care of business. Please take the time and energy to thank these dedicated neighbors for their service—even when they are "on vacation."

Additionally, the Board members AND Committee members who are not traveling this summer are stepping up to do park related work so that we can travel! I thank these good people! You are a wonderful example of selfless service.

I hear the weather there has been "warm" in Hillsboro, so I'll be kind and not write a word about the cool days and nights that Pam and I are experiencing. That would be cruel! So, I'll just leave it at that.

To all the road warriors: Safe travels!!

Stay safe!

—Allen Faulk

TRAVEL STORIES

When last we left our European travelers they were enjoying the pleasures of France. Now let's pick up with them as they cross over into Spain. —Editor

Motorhome Touring in Europe

by Amy Van Artsdalen

Spain

Our tour of Spain began in the Basque region of Northern Spain in Pamplona, famous as Ernest Hemingway's hangout and the Running of the Bulls. We walked along the path the of the Bulls and visited a cathedral along the Camino de Santiago (a pilgrimage that was depicted in the movie, "The Way"). Following our tour of Pamplona we continued into Burgos, home of Spain's largest Gothic cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also visited Segovia, where the largest section of an ancient Roman aqueduct (another UNESCO World Heritage site) still stands. While in Segovia we enjoyed a traditional dinner of succulent roast pig, so tender you could cut it with a plate, and Ponche de Segoviano, a cake containing ground almonds and is unlike anything you could find here in the United States.

The ancient walled city of Toledo, Spain's, is another UNESCO World Heritage Site we visited while on this tour. Toledo's modern-day boundaries extend far beyond the ancient walled city. A scenic bus and walking tour included a tasting of the regions famous dishes such as Gazpacho and Marzipan.

Marzipan and Don Quixote are so famously intertwined that one of the local Marzipan shops built a giant Don Quixote out of Marzipan and obtained the Guinness World Record! The following day we took a scenic drive through Don Quixote's La Mancha to Andalusia. We toured the amazing Mezquita, then to Granada, site of the Alhambra palace, home to Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand.



Guinness World Record Marzipan Don Quixote, Toledo Spain – Photo by Amy Van Artsdalen

We took two days to rest along the Costa Blanca along the Mediterranean Sea, enjoying regional dishes such as Paella, tapas and seafood dishes of all kinds. We really enjoyed spending time at the campground and speaking to locals who were thrilled to try out their English. The next day, we headed to Barcelona. While in Barcelona we toured the famous Sagrada Familia cathedral, as well as other famous sites created by the architect, Gaudi. That evening, we had a fabulous Tapas dinner and a Flamenco show.

We crossed the border from Spain back into France and drove to Avignon, home of their famous bridge and took a beautiful city tour of the medieval town. From there we drove into the French Alps to the picturesque lakeside town of Annecy.

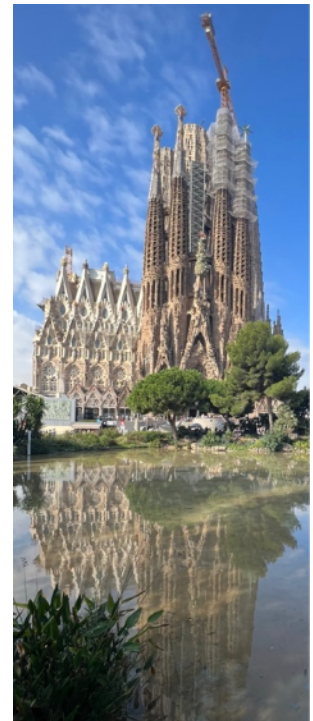
Rolling to Rock Springs

~~ripped off~~ compiled from Facebook by your editor

The *only* reason I finally joined Facebook, so long after it wasn't for the cool kids anymore, was so I could share some posts with newsletter readers who, like me, swore they'd never join Facebook. Three issues in and I haven't shared a darned thing. Well, since there aren't any Airstream events bigger than the annual International Rally, I figure that's as good a place as any to start. I hope you enjoy these photos of NTAC neighbors *Rolling to Rock Springs!* (Next month, we'll bring some news from the rally itself.) We start with a few "leaving NTAC" photos.



L to R: John Sanders, Mary Beth Comer, John Van Artsdalen, Amy Van Artsdalen, Bruce Nutt, Cynthia Nutt, Peter Schwarz, Judy Schwarz, Pam Beckwith, and George Beckwith, Toledo, Spain's Ancient Walled City.



Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain - Photo by Amy Van Artsdalen



Jennifer Dice clearing for departure, with Dan Dice and Anna and David Brandon.



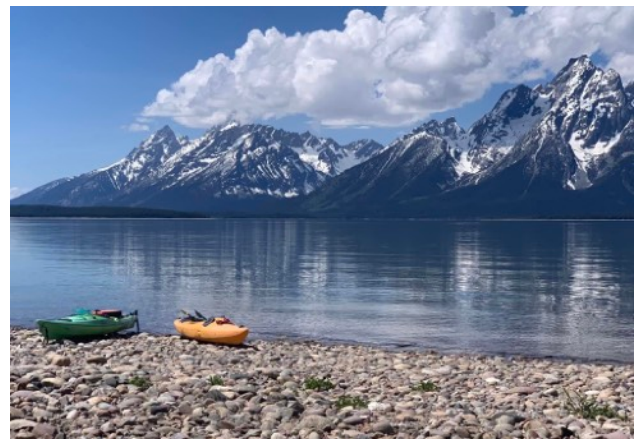
Michael and Judy Shelley joining the exodus.



*Kathy Carl and Andy Selking on their way to Quanah, TX.
Who is that doggie in the back seat?*



Linda Ward at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, WY.



Linda Ward and Andy Dunkinson had an active month boondocking, kayaking, and hiking Wyoming during the month leading up to the rally.



Some of us met up on the road. Here are Amy and John Van Artsdalen in Dolores, CO with David Smith, Becky Gray, and Mark and Michelle Wright under the awning.



There were several pictures of beer posted—this one from Leadville, CO—often accompanied by Denise and Bruce Morrow in the background. (Why is that deer licking Bruce's head?)



Anyone else having trouble picturing our own Millie O'Donnell kicking it up at the 1980's party in these?

Rally update: Millie couldn't see it either; didn't buy 'em.



Milo Majkowski burrowed in a backpack, less than amused at the RV park in Garden City, KS out behind the T/A, rife with migrant workers and flies, and a bit more than a whiff of cow in the air. I'm sure we've all survived a couple stinkers, Milo.



Allen and Pam Faulk with Gayle and Frank Steed in Cripple Creek, CO. A couple of beers snuck into this one too. Maybe it's a Colorado thing?

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Cleburne Times-Review Article on Eclipseboro

from Steve Zeringue

You've probably heard by now the 2024 solar eclipse is going to be a big deal locally, both at NTAC as well as in Hillsboro. If you're interested in getting more involved, keep an eye on the NTAC calendar for meetings of our Eclipse Committee chaired by Amy Van Artsdalen. If you want to learn more about Hillsboro's plans, click on [this link](#) submitted by Steve and read the rather comprehensive article published June 3 by the *Cleburne Times-Review*. It'll give you a great overview of what we can expect from the city next April.

Hillsboro on Reality TV

from David Majkowski (hat tip to Norma Collier)

When you live in the major U.S. cities, such as New York, Los Angeles, or Chicago, it's not so big a deal when TV or movie crews roll up in your town. But when your population is numbered in the low thousands, it's an event worth watching. I found this item in the *Hillsboro Reporter* (see **COMMUNITY CONTACTS-->Hillsboro-->Hillsboro Reporter** on the penultimate page of every newsletter for contact information):

[Local Pawn Stars Episode Now Streaming](#)

It seems the History Channel's "Pawn Stars" program came to town in March of 2022 to film a segment, which aired last May. It features the **Texas Through Time** museum curator, Andre LuJan. If you missed it on TV, the episode is now streaming on channels which carry the program (the *Reporter* did not elaborate), including a clip on the "Pawn Stars" YouTube channel. I plan to watch it by the time you get this. Maybe you can check it out too?

Peanut Butter Cookies

from Phyllis Fell

Looking for a quick, simple recipe for dessert course? Here is Phyllis' for peanut butter cookies. Perfect for last minute get-togethers, potlucks, and rallies.

The side benefit is it's gluten free! Doesn't everyone travel with peanut butter?

1 cup peanut butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg

Bake at 350 degrees, 9–11 minutes. Makes 18–20 cookies depending on how large you make the cookies.

(Really ... that's it! I think even Channing can make these. — Editor)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy July Birthday!

Steve Zeringue (5th); Jerry Hissong (6th); Michael Shelley (8th); Bonnie Pflug (9th); Janet Calvin (10th); Judy Bettencourt (13th); Sue Brown (14th); Mary Ann Yancey (18th); Steve Holland (19th); Bill Lovelace & Marne Kaemmerer (20th); Jim Haddaway & Rick Lowther (25th); Mary Glasnapp (27th).

Happy July Anniversary!

David & Vanette Harris (1st).

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 Arts League—<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089085022912>

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						
July-23						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Jul
						5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
2-Jul	3-Jul	Independence Day 4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul
	8:30A - Weights 9-10A Yoga		9-10 Yoga	10A Knitting & Such @ Mary Ellen's 311	8:30A - Weights 9-10A Yoga	
4:00 Ice Cream 4:30 Bean Bag Baseball	2-4P Canasta Card Rm	Joker - After Potluck	5P Ladies Social Hr Card Rm & Shop Talk- Pavilion	2-4 Canasta Card Rm	10A Bridge - Card Room	5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul
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30-Jul	31-Jul					
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