



Newsletter

September
2021

Welcome Home and Happy Fall! So many returning over the last month; so many stories, and such great travels. I know many are still on the road, but want to invite all to please take time and share through our newsletter. I would very much like to include photos or favorite campsites, or just a story or two.

2021 started off with a freezing bang and then things settled into a routine pretty quickly. WBCCI International was attended by nearly 30 NTAC families, and every Region 9 Unit was represented. It was so nice to see everyone in Lebanon TN for the festivities and comraderie.

While I think we all hoped for normalcy, whatever that means anymore, it is best to agree, there is a new normal. Mask mandates, vaccines, now the topic of boosters, have affected us all. Many of us have lost friends and loved ones over the past year and a half. Our condolences and thanks to all for everyone looking out for each other.

This month we get to welcome a couple of new members: Lisa Forsyth, Steven and Danna Pohler, and Rick and Carol Lowther, and Kevin and Bonnie Pflug. Bios for Lisa, and Steven and Danna are included in this months newsletter. I will publish others as I receive them. I continue to be interested in sharing the stories of all shareholders, not just the new members. If you would like to be featured in a future newsletter, please send me a bio, along with a picture or two; it would be great to help all those new members learn about the rest of us too.

A full schedule of NTAC activites is returning. Ice Cream Socials, various games in the card room.....and wow, take a look at the new flooring in the card room, sponsored by the NTAC Ladies Club. The 21/22 Book Club kicks off on 7 October, thanks to Bob and Marne; a list of this years readings are included in this issue. I also included a list of upcoming Hill College Performance Art programs, all free to the general public. And, please check out the online activities calendar at the top of our Shareholder Resrouces webpage for updates. <https://ntaci.com/shareholder-resources>.

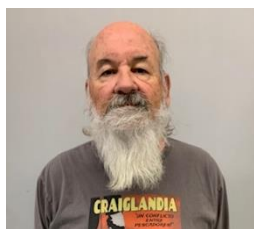
If you have an article or subject to share, I would be thrilled to include in a future edition. I will to help with editing and proofreading as desired, and sometimes necessary, to help fit available newsletter space.

Please continue to share your photos and fun with your NTAC neighbors via **Facebook**, **Instagram** and of course this **Newsletter**. Any items can be sent to the email address at the bottom of this section. I also pull Facebook Group page items, as many of our neighbors do not use Facebook.

As always, please send what you would like to share to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com and I will do my best to keep up.

2020 NTAC President

Steve Holland



As we returned from Montana yesterday afternoon, I walked into the Card Room to find a new beautiful floor. The Ladies Club paid for this fine addition to our facilities. Thank the members when you get a chance. As I drove down Avenue A, I saw a new villa being constructed. The park itself looked well with the landscape and mowing looking neat. Thanks to all the members who have contributed for this good look.

As we move into the second half of the year, we have tasks to be accomplished. I want to thank some people who have been working diligently to perform many of these tasks. The audit committee has finished their review of our books and procedures. Thanks to Phil Spruell and Debi Rich for their time and effort in this endeavor. The drainage/roads committee has come up with some recommendations for what we need to do to keep the infrastructure of the park up to date. Thanks to Steve Zeringue, Jim Rich, Darrel Ball, Dale Henning and Steve Woodward.

Mike Mack has done a great job in Dale and my absence this summer. I appreciate our office manager for the day to day tasks which keep this park running.

It was nice seeing our NTAC Everywhere signs on social media all across the country this summer. We were well represented all the way up to Alaska. Phyllis Fell has completely revamped our mentoring information for new members.

Our focus for the rest of the year will be on budget development, long range planning, tweaking some of our rules and regulations, and selecting options for expenditures.

Steve Holland

2021 Board Meeting Schedule

- 27 September**
- 25 October**
- 11 December (Annual Membership Meeting)**

All meetings are planned for the Rally Room with Social Distancing and Masks required.

Board Workshops are generally held the Wednesday prior, but be sure to check the online calendar for changes.

Remember this newsletter is all about you and your neighbors. Articles and photo submissions are certainly welcome from everyone, especially photos of members, on the road or not; your favorite pictures, special campground discoveries, great deals, or a unique recipe. Please include a brief description of any photo and I will try to include submissions in a future edition.

New Member Welcome – Lisa Forsyth

A warm NTAC Welcome to Lisa Forsyth, who acquired the share at 504 Ave B early this summer.



When asked why NTAC? Lisa noted she pulled up in her trailer and was immediately impressed by the place. "The whole idea of an Airstream only place fascinated me. As I got to know some folks I figured out that I needed to have a slice of this place and Thanks to Andy Selking I was able to make it happen." Lisa enjoys being around folks with similar interests. Oh and she notes, "I LOVE Texas. Winner!"

Lisa's been Airstreaming with her boyfriend (Brett Greiveldinger) for 11 years now. She wasn't very enthused at the beginning due to a really lousy first time RV experience, but Brett made it fun and the microwave didn't fall out of its hole in his Argosy! In 2015 she purchased her first, "all mine", Airstream. Not confident with towing it - Brett was the one who did all the driving. Over the next few years she slowly started to learn how to tow and eventually how to hitch, unhitch and all the other stuff that goes along with Airstreaming.



In 2019 she purchased her second (smaller) trailer with the goal of towing on her own (after a couple of years roaming the country in an Interstate van). Now she confidently notes, "I tow all over the place - and one of those places was NTAC!"

Lisa has an 18 year old cat named Bishy. He doesn't travel with her - he's just too old and high strung, so when traveling he goes to the vet where he is spoiled rotten. Her hobbies include gardening - namely butterfly gardening, classic cars, cooking, bourbon collecting, computer gaming, photography, smoking meat on her Traeger.



Through Lisa's travels she notes her favorite campsites include, "This will sound strange to most - the KOA at the foot of Devil's Tower. Not because of the campground but because of the location." Her favorite place with the Airstream – Yellowstone, noting she could live there.

Lisa hosts a rally called Farm Life on her 10 acres in Land O Lakes Florida which usually realizes between 40 and 60 trailers attending. She is also am a sidekick to Brett running Alumapalooza at the Airstream Factory every year.

New Member Welcome – Steven and Danna Pohler

NTAC Steven and Danna Pohler hail from The Woodlands, Texas and officially "COVID" retired.



Steven worked for ExxonMobil and Marathon Oil Company before leaving the corporate world in 2015 and striking out on his own as a consultant in the Oil Industry. The infamous "flatten the Curve" which morphed into the crazed pandemic pushed Steven into retirement in 2020 which turned out to be a blessing in disguise. He has traveled the world with his career so transitioning from international travel to domestic travel in our newly renovated Airstream has been an easy process.

Danna is a retired CPA. She is the daughter of two of NTAC's founding members, Joe and Gypsy Gardner. She is also the sister of two of NTAC's current families, Dawn Truesdell and her husband Randy, and Dara Poole. Her family has been involved with NTAC since it was merely a dirt patch and a dream of few families. Her family spent many a day in Hillsboro with her parents and remembers fondly the refuge that NTAC provided. They are familiar with the dreams and objectives of the park and look forward to seeing the journey continue in a positive direction.

Steven and Danna have two children, a son who is currently a Captain in the Air Force and resides in Charleston, SC and a daughter who followed her mom in Accounting and resides in Austin, TX. The Pohlers' LOVE their newly remodeled 2000 airstream and have been busy seeing as much of the USA as possible since the remodel completion in May of 2021. Their airstream came from their sweet mom before her passing in September of 2019 and in memory of her, the airstream is lovingly named the "Wandering Gypsy".

Both Steven and Danna look forward to getting involved with NTAC when they are not on the road.

If you chair a committee and want to included information in a future newsletter to create awareness or solicit participation, or thank those serving on your committee, please send a brief synopsis to ntacnewsletter@gmail.com.

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Want to know what is happening in our own community? Please check out the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Happenings.

Check out info on our website or at www.hillsborochamber.org. There is also a link on the NTAC website to the Chamber of Commerce along with some great area attractions.

Share your camping units activities, photos or plans, by sending them to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com!

Hill College Performing Arts Series

Please, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Performing Arts Series is back, in person and **LIVE** for the 2021-2022 academic year.

All performances are **FREE** to the public and held at the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hill College Campus.



Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 PM

The **United States Marine Corps Brass Band**, one of the loudest, upbeat, and energetic groups within the band, well known for displaying individual talents through instrumental solos and improvisation. Their style is drawn straight from the musical influences of downtown New Orleans' Dixieland jazz.

Thursday, November 18th at 7:30 PM

Martian Folk typifies the moment of pure energy, passion, and expression. Martian Folk brings a performance original in style and sound, blending acoustic guitar, saxophone, rhythm, and vocal harmonies, keeping listeners engaged, grooving, and embracing the synergy of music.

Thursday, March 24th, at 7:30 PM

For those who loved the British Band Invasion of the 1960s . . . **The Stoneleighs** are the premier Rolling Stones tribute band in Dallas/Fort Worth, honoring the famous sound and energy of the greatest rock band in history, The Rolling Stones! The Stoneleighs recreate the sound and feel of the Rolling Stones, note for note. They cover the Rolling Stones songs primarily from the late 60's to the 90's.

Social Media Links

Please visit our Social Media and Internet Web sites frequently for updates and please share with others!

NTAC Website

www.ntaci.com

NTAC 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>

Faces of Hillsboro

A study in heritage portraits for the community

by Douglass Carr Cunningham

Hillsboro, Texas - August 2021 The goal of The Faces of Hillsboro is to help bring us more closely together through the arts - my art. I was a Navy photojournalist for 20 years, but I have changed my focus (pun intended). My experience also includes weddings, sports and fine arts. But, never mind all that. Let's take pictures.

The **Faces of Hillsboro Project idea** is simple. Make appointment. I take photo. Simple.

- Wear casual clothing befitting your personality (wear what you wish). All photos are natural light, simple poses, with little retouching to be done.
- I am looking to reveal your character and inner beauty. Everybody has it.
- Taken with old-fashioned black and white film. It takes time to process and view. The mystery remains - no peeking before it is done, 843-442-7424

Learn photography with Hill College Continuing Education. Over several months, COVID and the weather has affected this offering. If you own a digital SLR, or advanced camera, and wish to learn more, sign-up for this October 5th class. Contact Hill College at 817-760-5820 to register, or email: ceinfo@hillcollege.edu. It is much fun.

Charleston: One City, One Soul photography exhibit is new to Hillsboro. It is two photographer's attempt at showing we have more in common as people than what divides us. Douglass Carr Cunningham and Iveta Butler collaborated on a two year, enlightening film-shooting project on the streets of Charleston, South Carolina to express a unity of people. It is on exhibit at Divine Photography Gallery, 127 E. Elm Street, Hillsboro, Texas. The opening reception is September 9, at 5:30 - 7:30pm. Refreshments, also. Free to all.

Contact Douglas at 843-442-7424.

Trailer Light Safety FREE CHECK AVAILABLE

As we return from our travels, many are performing post trip checks, repairs, and updates. Seems always something needs attention. To aid in your checks, John Green has a trailer light and brake test box which operates trailer safety lighting and verifies proper electric brake function.

John also has available a tester to plug into your tow vehicle trailer receptacle to confirm proper connection. And if all this were not enough, he also has oxidation removal tools (burnishing) and anti-corrosion spray chemicals to use on the plug and socket.

These tools afford an easy way to identify running lights that don't work or other unsafe conditions without connecting your trailer to the tow vehicle. Contact John and make an appointment for a FREE safety check before you hit the road again.

NTAC BOOK CLUB

NTAC's Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 – 2 PM in the afternoon in the Card Room.



October 7 – “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine”

by Gail Honeyman

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine is the 2017 debut novel of Gail Honeyman, and the winner of the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award.

The novel focuses on Eleanor Oliphant, a social misfit with a traumatic past who becomes enamored of a singer, with whom she believes she is destined to be. It deals with themes of isolation and loneliness, and depicts Eleanor's transformation journey towards a fuller understanding of self and life.

November 4 – “The Island of Sea Women” by Lisa See

“The Island of Sea Women” is a historical fiction novel that highlights the lives of haenyeos – women from the South Korean island of Jeju who support their families by free-diving for plants and animals that thrive in the ocean. It explores the life of Young-sook, now an old woman peacefully collecting seaweed on a rocky beach. However, when she is approached by a Korean-American family, Young-sook is forced to reflect upon her youth and the horrors of the Jeju revolts of World War II.

There will be no meeting in December.

January 6 – “Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger

“Ordinary Grace” is told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. (This has been rescheduled from our quarantine last year.)

February 3 – “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes

“The Giver of Stars” is about five women taking part in Eleanor Roosevelt's Traveling Library, in Kentucky in the 1930s. The book focuses mainly on Alice and Margaery but we also learn about the rest of the librarians through them. It mostly tackles the discrimination, GBV, and illiteracy in the area at that time.

March 3 – “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah

“The Four Winds” is an outstanding historical saga sparking memories of the classic John Steinbeck story, Grapes of Wrath. Based during the great depression, the hardships and demise of small farmers and the migration of people from the Dust Bowl states in America to the land of milk and honey - California.

April 7 – “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson

This book is a second book we'll be reading based on the Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky, “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, lives blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry. The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project and becomes a librarian, riding across slippery creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

May 5 – “Olive Kitteridge” by Elizabeth Strout

“Olive Kitteridge” provides a portrait of the title character and a number of recurring characters in the coastal town of Crosby, Maine. It takes the form of 13 short stories that are interrelated but discontinuous in terms of narrative. Olive Kitteridge is the organizational core connecting the 13 stories. She appears in each one, sometimes as a primary character, sometimes as a secondary and in others by one of the characters referring to her. Loneliness or the fear of it is the predominant theme.

The novel won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was a finalist for the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award. HBO produced a four-part miniseries based on it.



Social Media Update

By Debi Rich

Greetings and welcome back from a summer of fun and/or interesting travel. I have enjoyed seeing many of our members' travel pictures on Facebook and Instagram. Our “#NTAC Everywhere” signs were a big hit by including them in your pictures from all over the U. S.

On our main North Texas Airstream Community Facebook page, the most popular posts were coverage of the International Rally in Tennessee with over 1,700 views, an all-time high! Our public page is followed by 590 people. Our private NTAC Group page, which is shareholders only, has 93 members. We have very good participation and this is a big asset for sharing community information. Our Instagram page also realized lots of activity. Marilyn Holland does a great job of keeping up with all the “#NTAC Everywhere” pictures, including a little info on each picture. There is also some great scenery shown there.

Our social media purpose is to share our NTAC lifestyle and promote our very nice Terraport and Clubhouse to others; whether it be visitors passing through, rallies, or future shareholders. The Social Media Committee wants to add another person or two who is interested in creating posts on our Facebook and/or Instagram page, monitoring activity, and answering the occasional questions.

If you have basic computer skills and know a little about posting to Facebook, and are interested, please see me for more information.

Changes Around the Neighborhood

So many things going on around NTAC of late! Lots of construction, shareholders moving, expanding, or settling in; sometimes it is hard to keep up.

Some of the notable changes include the construction of a new villa by the Brandon's at 204 Ave A. Carol and Buddy Fichera rejoined our membership with a covered parking villa at 304 Ave B. Patti Ramsey moved away, to be with family in Boerne (we will miss her) and the Beltran's purchased her share and already pretty much moved in, while conducting Yoga Class as a certified instructor. Andy Selking and Kathy Carl moved in to 913 Ave F (as if they did not have enough going on with International), and the Majkowski's moved in to the Villa at 117 Ave A.

Our website includes a Member Only Access section, which in addition to Board related information has an up to date digital directory and map of NTAC. If you experience trouble accessing this section, it may be due to not establishing a password when the initial invitation was sent. This is easily fixed, though with travel may take a few days. Just send a note to Jenn at ntac@ntaci.com, or Scott at srgraham56@sbcglobal.net and we can send a new invitation. Please note, once an invitation is received you only have about 48 hours to create a password and login before it expires.

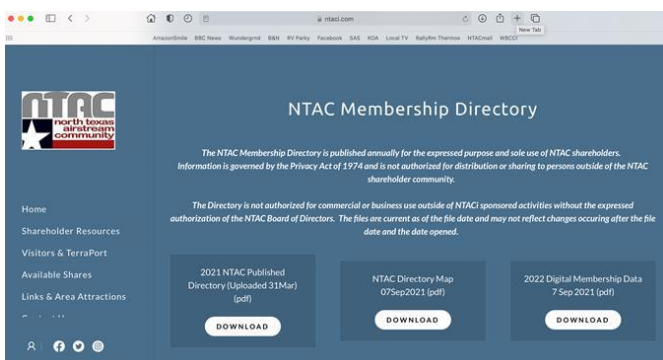
NTAC Directory Changes

Jenn Hicks is starting the process of updating the NTAC Directory. Yes, it takes a long time and considerable attention to detail to gather, sort, validate, resort, revalidate, edit, and eventually publish our directory. She has some new ideas for the coming year, which will make the process easier, and the directory more useful for everyone.

Jenn recognizes not everyone has access or wants to access the online version, but also needs or wants to have something which may be more current. This has proven to be a bit of challenge with our traditional printed brochure style directory. In the next few months, Jenn plans to share ideas which will help this process, and in the long run may save us money. Please look for her updates at meetings, in the newsletter, or posted in the clubhouse.

In addition to making the Directory available on the website in our Member Only Access section, Jenn H, Jenn N, and Scott have worked to ensure an up-to-date digital version is maintained for shareholder use.

In the meantime please continue to access the most current version on website at <https://ntaci.com/member-only-access>.



Airstream Corporate

Peter Sajovich, our Public Relations and Marketing Committee Chair, along with Carol, his wife and Texas Highland Lakes President have been working with and visiting Texas Airstream Dealerships over the past few months.

In the coming months Airstream DFW will be displaying a Banner to be designed by Peter, in their showroom. If you have ideas or want to help Peter with the design, please contact him at peter@homesofaustin.com. The banner is planned to be about 24' x 72', and when you visit for service, or just looking around be sure you look for the banner and thank them for the visibility.

Peter also learned DFW Airstream will be reducing the size of their new Airstream showroom by about half to accommodate additional service bays. Hopefully this will help with the backlog of service requests, so many are experiencing.

Peter and Carol were invited to the ground break ceremony on September 14th, for the largest Airstream Dealer in the Central US. Jon Ferrando, founder and CEO of RV Retailer, is new owner of Airstream of Austin. Jon only started RV Retailer in 2018 and already owns 71 dealerships with 5 exclusively selling Airstreams, including the largest in Tampa Florida.

The total investment for both Airstream and other brand facilities will be \$38,000,000. The Airstream only building will contain 20,000 square feet with 18 service bays. The non Airstream facility will contain 30,000 square feet. Putting this venture in perspective, Camper Clinic currently only has 5 service bays for all trailers, including and Airstreams. The Airstream building will be built first and should be completed by March 2022 at which time Peter plans to ask them for a prominent position for our NTAC banner.



Architect rendering of the new Airstream facility with 20,000 square feet of space. The all glass showroom will have I-35 frontage but what's more important to owners will be the 18 all Airstream service bays.

Do you have a photo you think is worth sharing? Send it to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com with a brief explanation for a future issue!

Thank you to everyone for your posts to Facebook. Sharing some of those pics!



Now, keep posting and send some to the Newsletter at ntacnewsletter@ntaci.com.

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