



Newsletter

December
2021

Happy Holidays to everyone! It is so very good to see everyone getting back out and visiting, doing things around their home, and being on the road. The last two years were certainly a challenge and hopefully we are primed to return to some sort of normalcy, whatever that means.

To start this newsletter, I want to convey my appreciation and thanks on behalf of the entire community for those Board Members who recently completed their terms. Steve Holland, Steve Zeringue, and Jim Courtney were instrumental in helping guide our community through some very tough challenges. They deserve our accolades!

So much going on this month, I can't recall seeing so many activities on the calendar. Thanks to Pat Lovelace and all those who helped orchestrate the various activities. Before we know it 2022 will be upon us. The calendar is already posted on our website and quickly filling up. Please check out the online activities calendar at the top of our Shareholder Resources webpage for updates.

<https://ntaci.com/shareholder-resources>. And NTAC is still looking for a 2022 Activities Chairperson. If interested please let one of the Board Members know.

If you have an article or subject to share, I would be thrilled to include it in a future edition. I will 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.

2022 NTAC President

The December Membership meeting and evening dinner was well attended. It is great to see our community getting together and enjoying group activities again. Of course, NTAC will continue to follow all requirements set by the Texas State Government (or US requirements if applicable) to maintain as safe an environment for us and our guests as possible. We ask you to voluntarily use a mask and limit occupancy to a minimum when entering the office to pick-up packages or conduct business.

The entrance gate was damaged beyond repair when it was hit by a wayward motorist and a new replacement gate is being custom made for NTAC. The existing 3-D Texas Star will be incorporated into the new gate. The manufacturer of the new gate has recently received the necessary materials and is beginning its fabrication. Installation of the new gate is a priority, and the estimated completion is early January 2022.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th at 9:00 am. Barring any future restrictions, all shareholders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ed Landers
2022 NTAC Board President

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>

New Member Welcome – Millie O'Donnell

A warm welcome to Millie O'Donnell, new shareholder of 503 on Avenue C. Millie is a very familiar face to our community, having visited many times and a frequent Rally attendee.



Millie is a happily retired Law Enforcement/CO watch commander. She also worked as a real estate broker as a second career. Her hobbies include being an artist who loves to paint, craft, knit, and spin yarn. Millie has a small charity in Detroit called a Millie's Hats for Hope (can be found on Facebook). They knit and crochet hats, socks, blankets, etc., for the homeless, baby hospitals, and more.

Millie is also an avid fisher both spinning and fly. She is twice divorced, and guesses one could say catch and release is her thing! Mom to two grown kids, and three grands. Raised outside Boston Millie says she learned to pronounce her Rs out of necessity.



Millie has been air streaming since 2015. Her current rig is her third.

And here is a fun fact; she and her family took her Dad to his funeral in an Airstream Funeral Coach back in 1994! His only time in an airstream; he would have loved this community.

Also an executive bourbon steward Millie invites anyone who wants to talk knitting, bourbon, or fishing, to stop by for a visit!!

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.

Salvation Army Red Kettles

By Marne Kaemmerer

NTAC successfully rang bells and collected money for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 13th



When we arrived the previous day, we learned there had been a "double booking". Our ringers rallied and, even on one of our busiest days (The Progressive Dinner) many members were still able to juggle their schedules and fill the slots.

Many, many thanks to the following bell ringers who were able to rearrange their schedules and ring on Tuesday: Rayne Armour, Adam Beltran, Keith Enstrom, Marilyn and Steve Holland, Cindy Leathem, Bill and Pat Lovelace, Bob Kaemmerer, Kathi Mitchell, Kim Majkowski, Sue McLaughlin, Peggy and Phil Spruell, and Fritz Stunck. Also, to Kathi for doing most of the work of scheduling and RESCHEDULING!



Steve Zeringue, president, and Bruce Nutt, treasurer, (and Ginger Zeringue, photographer) of the Texas Highland Unit delivered a check to the Salvation Army for \$1392 collected from THLU's annual Christmas Rally auction. The couple at the Kettle at that time were Phil & Peggy. (FYI- Equally generous checks were given to HIM and Ronald McDonald House.) Thank you THLU!

All in all, a very successful day!

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AMATEUR RADIO GROUP SPEAKS TO LIONS CLUB. Members of the Hill County Amateur Radio Emergency Services group spoke to the Hillsboro Lions Club recently about the activities of a ham radio operator, including communication during a weather or hazmat emergency. Amateur operators provide a communication channel when traditional phones and cellular phones do not have power or service. In order to become a ham radio operator, a person must first be licensed by the FCC. To get licensed, a person is required to pass an official exam to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities when it comes to amateur radio. There are three difference classes of ham radio licenses – technician, general and amateur extra. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a licensed ham radio operator can contact Rommie Monitor at 817-487-5237 or nr5a@yahoo.com. Pictured (l to r) are: Monitor, John Green, Carl Irish and Program Chair Lion Greg Walker.

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First Responder Cookies

A new project was ushered in this year by the NTAC Ladies. Taking to their kitchens a number of NTAC bakers set about making dozens of cookies. Then on December 8th a brigade formed to start decorating all.

Donations were then made to Hillsboro First Responders



The Cookie Brigade for First Responders

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.

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



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.

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.



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.

Membership Committee Annual Report December 2021

By Vickie Courtney, Membership Committee Chair

2021 was another extremely busy year for the NTAC Membership Committee. Through less than desirable social distancing and uncomfortable masks, causing muffled conversations, we held 12 membership interviews, numerous planning meetings, and of course the very busy time-consuming validation process.

Many thanks go to you who served on the committee in 2021. The amount of time you spent volunteering goes unnoticed by most; your dedication, passion and willingness to serve on this committee was very important and much appreciated.

Thank you,

Dale Henning
Bob Kaemmerer
Larry Lethem
Pat Lovelace
Lynne Mack

Kathi Mitchell
Charles McFarland
Debi Rich
Charles Scott
Ginger Zeringue

**Share your camping unit activities, photos
or plans, by sending them to
[NTACNewsletter@gmail.com!](mailto:NTACNewsletter@gmail.com)**

Caroling Through NTAC

On the afternoon of Friday, December 17th, a small, but enthusiastic, group of people strolled caroling throughout the park; led by Donna and

Charles Scott: Ellen Enstrom, Channing Fell, John and Rita Green, David and Vanette Harris, Cindy Lethem, Sheila Lewis, Kathi Mitchell, Bob & Marne Kaemmerer, Peggy Spruell, and Linda Ward.



Afterwards we gathered in the Rally Room for goodies set up by Pat Lovelace.

NTAC Residential Internet Solutions

The Long Range Planning Committee heard from a number of residents regarding options and resources for residential internet service following some unexpected changes. For many reasons providing park wide service is not possible.

NTAC clearly does not have resources or services as available in the big city, or in some cases just across the highway in Hillsboro. Hopefully the park will see a diversity of choices over time, but in the meantime Andy, our IT committee chair, offers some ideas for everyone's consideration.

Residential broadband internet is available from Rise Broadband or Nextlink Internet. Both offer a range of available plans at various price points. Alternatively, some residents use cell-phone data plans or dish providers. It seems the majority of NTAC shareholders utilize plans with Rise Broadband or Nextlink Internet:

You can contact either company to discuss a solution specific to your needs. The IT committee will share updated information if received.

Rise Broadband

<https://www.risebroadband.com/>
855-275-9473 (<tel:8552759473>)

Nextlink Internet

<https://nextlinkinternet.com/>
855-698-5465

If you decide to set up Internet using a cell phone data plan you'll find cell service varies around the park, based upon provider and specific location. In some areas you can get a signal strong enough to run a hot spot at home. If a strong enough signal can be received at your residence a major advantage of a cell phone hot spot is portability allowing use whilst travelling, wherever you get a decent cell signal. Signal strength varies by location, by carrier and tends to improve constantly so there really is no definitive answer on what might be best for a particular residence. Finally, both for home and for traveling, you can consider installing a cell signal booster (such as a WeBoost) to get a stronger signal.

Holiday Fun

December 14th marked our third Progressive Holiday Dinner. Attended by well over 50 residents, the festivities included Appetizers at Sue Essary's, Salad and Sangria at Andy and Kathy's, Dinner at the Zeringue's and wrapping things up for dessert at the Nutt's.

The food was simply spectacular and the fellowship was everything NTAC living is all about.



NTAC Annual Shareholder Meeting

The NTAC Shareholder annual meeting convened on 11 December in the Rally Room. A near full house, it was good to see so many in attendance. Highlights of the meeting are included in the Meeting Presentation available on line, <https://ntaci.com/member-only-access>. You will need to access this section with email logon and password.



NTAC 2021 Volunteer of the Year Randy Truesdell

Highlights of the meeting included announcing the Steve Woodward NTAC Volunteer of the Year. The board recognized Randy Truesdell, for his work and research on Rain Barrels, and efforts to manage Tractors and Mowing.

Three motions were offered during this year's meeting. The first to approve guidelines for allowing fences. This motion was tabled for additional information and research. The annual maintenance fee was proposed and approved to remain the same. The third involved an individual shareholder Architectural Control variance and was approved.

The vote for three new Board positions was concluded and welcomed Ed Landers, Bruce Nutt, and Ruth Ann Walker to the Board. Following the announcement of results, the new board selected Ed Landers as the 2022 NTAC Board President, Mike Mack as the VP of Operations and Dale Henning as the VP of Maintenance. Jennifer Hicks will continue to as Secretary and the Treasurer was later announced to be Bruce Nutt.



Extraordinary Work as NTAC Board Secretary Jenn Hicks

Steve Holland recognized Jenn Hicks for her work as Secretary this past year and all three outgoing board members were lauded for their contributions to the park.



Outgoing Board Members Steve Holland, Steve Zeringue, Jim Courtney

The last couple of years presented unique and trying challenges. Having each served as NTAC President over their tenure, their efforts are very much appreciated.

Finally and most notably our Office Manager Jenn Nekola was recognized, and presented a

token of appreciation for all she does to keep things in order and manage the daily business of NTAC. She has done yeoman's work and is very much appreciated. Thank you, Jenn!



Appreciation for All You Do Jennifer Nekola

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2022 NTAC Membership Dinner

By Marilyn Holland

Finally, after two years, we were able to gather for our annual membership dinner.

Gather is what we did; and 96 of our members were able to attend! Lots of people volunteered time and talents...because that is indeed what we do at NTAC!

We are certainly blessed with some incredible talent across our community. Doug Cunningham, Bob Kaemmerer,



Kim & David Majkowski, and Donna Scott started the evening with their amazing musical presentation! They

worked behind the scenes and fitting time in around rallies, practiced for weeks! It sure paid off! They were at times humorous and other times touching, bringing a special warmth to the occasion, as did Jim Haddaway with his moving tribute to those members we lost this past year.



Bob gave a blessing of the food and our friendships. TCP Catering provided a delicious meal so yummy people went back for seconds!



Then fun ensued with pictures of all our NTAC Children; because Christmas is after all, for the young at heart. Some were easy to identify... some not so much. Some of our previous board members joined the fun to sharing hints of some fun little known facts about our membership! We learned a lot about our neighbors and to no one's surprise... we've got some pretty interesting characters living here! If you get a chance ask Rita Green about



being serenaded by Bobby Vinton singing "Making Whoopie"!

A good time was had by all. Special thanks to our performers, decorators, and of course we couldn't do it all

without the audio/visual expertise of Charles Scott. Thank you!

P.S. Here is a secret fun fact we didn't uncover that night.

Who is this surfer dude with the hot babe?



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