

First newsletter of 2022. We're seeing lots more activity all around NTAC. Rallies are picking back up, the Love of Airstreaming Tea, Birthday celebrations, cards, and Joker, and many residents are already hitting the road.

My personal thanks to everyone at NTAC who participated or helped in the Heart Of Texas Camping (HOTC) and North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC) joint rally in January. What a wonderful turnout and great fun. We put the pavilion to use for Friday night and enjoyed a Chili Showdown on Saturday. Visitors also attendend from as far away as Michigan participating in the fun. We even sparked interest in potential NTAC membership.

NTAC has a new Activities Committee Chair, Kathi Mitchell, and wow has she started getting things going. The NTAC Activities calendar is filling fast, with lots of things to do. Please check out the online activities calendar at the top of our Shareholder <u>Resrouces</u> webpage for updates. Kathi is looking for anyone interested in volunteering to help with any sort of activity, so if interested please let her or one of the Board Members know.

As always, if you have an article or subject to share, I am thrilled to include it in a future newsletter edition. I will help with editing and proofreading as desired, and sometimes necessary, to fit available newsletter space.

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

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

## NTAC 2022 Board President



It's looking like things are beginning to return to a somewhat more 'normal' lifestyle. There are no mask requirements for the NTAC office any longer. The facilities are also restriction free. Of course, you must determine your own level of comfort for social interaction and use or non-use of masks or other PPE; only you know what is in your best

interest. Let's get back to re-establishing the great NTAC social culture we have all so missed these past few years. For those shareholders that have moved in during this time we look forward to getting to know you better.

The upcoming Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 1st) will be open to all shareholders and we are looking forward to a high level of attendance and participation. The Ladies Club will be sponsoring a pre-meeting breakfast, donations are welcome. It's time to re-engage and set the bar ever higher for living at the finest Airstream Community in the World.

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

NTAC Website

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

## **Ed Landers**

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.

# A Proper English Tea

Linda Ward and Amy Van Van Artsdalen hosted Love Our Airstream



Life afternoon tea on Tuesday 15th February.



With nearly 60 in attendance everyone was treated to a presentation and various teas by Randy and Dawn Truesdell.



The presentation accompanied a good old English Breakfast brewed for each table by Andy Dunkinson.



The afternoon gathering was resplendent with tea cups, saucers, and plates shared by



Ginger Zeringue. Linda also took the opportunity to use her wedding gifts for the first time in years.

Entertainment included Charles Scott and Channing Fell providing wonderful sounds and the opportunity for dancing to classic vinyl tunes. Linda thanks the core team who made sandwiches, decorated, shared their tea pots, and helped with a lot of washing up!





A special and fun highlight of the afternoon included the renewal of

25th "Airstream" anniversary vows by Keith and

Ellen Enstrom. Linda Ward performed a short and fun, tongue in cheek service, along with flowers, a vail and button hole, the couple were uncoupled and then declared rehitched.



# **NTAC Giving Back**

The recent passing of Betty White brought out the best of NTAC. Organized in part by Diane Bailey and Linda Ward, our

community raised \$175 for Hill County PawPals, a nonprofit animal shelter very near and dear to many of our residents.

NTAC residents were challenged to donate \$5 on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Betty White's name and to honor the



award-winning actress' efforts for animals. NTAC residents could simply donate and or sign the card. Visitors and rally attendees also contributed.

Thank you to all who helped, and please stop by the hallway bulletin board to read the letter of thanks from Michael Hendricks, President of Hill County PawPals.

Lessons From the Road By Norm Beu

We were 20 minutes from being parked at the International Rally in Lebanon, TN and having lunch when the Tire Pressure Monitoring System alarmed. I found a suitable place to park the rig and felt the tires and wheels on the Ford. TPMS indicated the left front wheel was 40 degrees more than the others. Yes, it was hot to touch.

**Lesson #1**: buy and use a TPMS. Turned out to be a brake hanging up. Not good.

**Lesson #2**: do not try to locate a towing service by yourself. I called at least four towing companies, and basically got the same reply. Fully scheduled until about 5 PM. I started recalling the same companies, and one said that customers who used Roadside Assistance had priority, so I would be helped when their list was completed. Oh really? I called my insurance company and asked for Roadside Assistance. No kidding - I had a tow truck hooking up to the Ford within 20 minutes! Use Roadside Assistance.

The rest of the story is fellow NTACers John and Rita Green were already parked. I called John, and he came to our rescue. He arrived, hooked up to our trailer, and took us to our spot. Thank you John!

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# Air Fryer Tortilla Chips

By Amy Van Artsdalen

During our annual physical the Doctor told us we would do well to make a lifestyle change and eat healthier. It doesn't sound fun but then I thought about ways we could make small changes and see how it goes.



The first thing to go was bread. Now, I love the smell of bread baking and just bread in general, so this wasn't easy. I switched to corn tortillas. Corn tortillas are made from whole grains, with fewer calories, sodium, and carbs with more fiber than flour tortillas. They're also gluten-free.

I wondered how corn tortillas would do in the air fryer. I found a extremely simple recipe online – cut tortillas with a pizza cutter, spray with olive oil cooking spray, and cook for about 5 minutes.

After I cut the tortillas into wedges, I sprayed them with olive oil, added a pinch of salt and placed them in the air fryer basket. This particular air fryer blows around a lot of air so I didn't need to stop and flip the tortilla wedges.





Here is the delicious result – fresh crisp and delicious tortilla chips. Some of the chips were very crisp while others were a tiny bit chewy, which I found I really liked!

I had an avocado, some onion, cilantro and lime juice so I thought a healthy lunch might be chips and guacamole.

The chips will remain fresh for about 2 weeks if you store them in a zip top bag, ...if they last that long. If you have an air fryer, you might want to give some homemade tortilla chips a try!

Recipe https://www.yellowblissroad.com/air-fryer-tortilla-chips/

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 <u>ntacnewsletter@gmail.com</u>.

# Air Fryer Tortilla Chips

Easy to make, delicious, healthier than frying in oil and way tastier than store bought, Air Fryer Tortilla Chips require just a few ingredients and are ready in minutes!

1.78	Total Time	Cook Time	Prep Time
	15 mins	10 mins	5 mins

Course: Snack Cuisine: American, Mexican

Keyword: air fryer tortilla chips, homemade tortilla chips Servings: 36 chips Calories: 15kcal Author: Melissa Williams

#### Ingredients

- 6 small tortillas corn or flour
- olive oil cooking spraycoarse salt

Instructions
1. Slice your tortillas into 6-8 equal pieces, like a pizza

- Lightly spray with cooking spray and sprinkle with coarse salt. Line in the air fryer basket, making sure to not overlap.
- Cook at 350 for 3 minutes, open the basket, flip the chips, spray with cooking spray & add more salt (if desired), and cook for another 2-3 minutes or until browned and crisp.
- 4. Remove from basket and let cool to finish crisping.

#### Notes

If you'd like to bake the chips - follow the same prep instructions, lay the chips onto a foil lined baking sheet in a single layer, and bake for 7 minutes at 350. Remove the pan, flip, spray, salt (if desired), and bake for another 5 minutes or until crisp.

# 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.

## Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Want to know what is happening in our own community? Please check out the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Happenings at <u>www.hillsborochamber.org</u>. There is also a link on the <u>NTAC website</u> to the Chamber of Commerce along with some great area attractions.

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# 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.



# 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 blueskinned 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 blueskinned 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 Kltteridge"

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.



#### Congratulations David Majkowski on your Retirement!!

Time to hit the road!



# Birthday Celebration!!

This past February 5th, thirty-seven NTAC shareholders braved the remaining ice and cold for a true celebration in the rally room with residents laughing, telling jokes, and having a festive afternoon. The



celebration honored all residents but specifically paid tribute to those who turn 80 in 2022 and those who are 80 or more years young.

At least nine people at NTAC will turn 80 this year. The event, hosted by Norm and Linda Beu and Tom and Norma Collier included everyone enjoying birthday cake, ice cream, and punch. Everyone had a great time and all agreed <u>we should have</u> <u>more celebrations in the future.</u>

## The NTAC Dog Park Barker (Just sniffin' around) By Alan Faulk, Dog Park Committee Chair

As you may know, I recently assumed the duties of Dog Park Chair from the very capable hands of Mike Mack.

As I "em-bark" on this journey, I can't help but reflect on the excellent work Mike as done with the Dog Park during the past several years of his oversight. All dogs and dog lovers owe him a great deal of gratitude! **Thank you, Mike**!

My plan for the future of the park is to focus on the needs of those who utilize this pet-friendly space. With that in mind, I intend to host a very casual gathering, in the near future, to provide opportunity for anyone to make their thoughts known regarding the use of the Dog Park; time and place to be announced soon.

Dogs, as well as people, have the need to exercise body and mind. Our Dog Park provides our pups with a place to meet

those needs; where Zoomies and wrestling matches are welcomed!

Dog owners also usually find the park provides the

opportunity to socialize with others or to be quiet and alone with their "best friend".

I look forward to seeing you at the Dog Park. Bring your friends!

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# Activities Committee Has a New Chairperson

By Kathi Mitchell

A new year for our community has begun. I accepted the position of Activities Chairperson and after careful study of the committee function, determined how I want to proceed. My first step is defining and then finding committee members; followed by clarifying what events we currently have, and then making sure everything is on the monthly calendar, along with being included on the community bulletin board in the clubhouse hallway.

NTAC always provides a full range of activities including

weekly potlucks, regular games, yoga, and celebrating holidays, to name a few. This is where the word "committee" is important. David Majkowski volunteered to act as secretary and update the Community Park Calendar. We also



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need men and women of various skills to join our committee for a successful 2022. The goal is to keep all tasks manageable

while meeting the various needs of the park; and because we all travel and are volunteers, no job here should be full time!

We need volunteers to contribute ideas and to lead activities, for example; several members suggested Bean Bag Baseball



and Corn Hole as scheduled games. What great ideas and and for this to happen we need volunteers, to ensure the game is organized, set up, and someone is there for members to play. It should come as no surprise to

attendance is low until enough members are fully engaged. A great example is Sue McLaughlin overseeing



Joker; she recruited players teaches people to play and ensures space is

ready each week. When she is out traveling, she asks a volunteer to fill in for her. NTAC has a reputation of finding willing workers to readily step up and we need all of you.



As Chairperson, I believe if our calendar shows an activity the head person ensures a named member is left in charge. Cancellations are acceptable when necessary but should be on the Community Bulletin

board informing the members and visitors. Events may also be removed from the calendar if planned in time.

Ladies Club is another group closely paralleling the Activities Committee. They hold business meetings the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at 10 AM. Many events, whether social or task related to upkeep of the clubhouse, come to fruition through this group of dedicated women. Ideas are shared, plans developed, dates negotiated, and a lead person volunteers to orchestrate the event, ensuring things run smoothly and successfully completed. A way to volunteer is to

attend some of these meetings. Many other groups and NTAC committees can also use our service.



This is a work in progress. Do you have an interest in the evolution of the activities committee? If so, please contact me. A committee meeting will be scheduled for the first part of March.

# Farewell to Ken and Julie Callahan

We had to say goodbye this last month to the Callahan's. Ken shared information about their

moving plans and contact information. Lots of NTAC residents lent a hand in preparing them for the move.



On Wednesday, Nov 10 Julie and I were in Aiken visiting with Doris, Julie's cousin. They grew up together.

Doris, that evening, said, "Let's buy the lot next to my house. Herb will build a house for you. We can live side by side, and enjoy together the years to come." That is what we are doing.

Our son, Mike, died of a heart attack on April 21, 2020. He lived near us in Dallas. The plan was he would look after us in our older years. Our nearest family was 808 miles away. The encouraging spirit was, "We want you to live closer to us."

We are most grateful for all of our friends at NTAC. You are a wonderful group of people.

We look forward to being closer to Doris, Ken and Shay, and our grandsons. Our new address will be:

Julie and Ken Callahan 131 Golden Pond Court Aiken, South Carolina.

This address will be active in three months. You are welcome to look it up on your computer. Our email and phones stay the same. God bless you with joy, peace, and overflowing hope.

Julie and Ken

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# 2022 NTAC Directory

By Jennifer Hicks

The 2022 Directories are out! I hope everyone took an opportunity to look them over and learn the differences. A great benefit of this new style and format is the ability to update the address pages as share transfers happen, rather than waiting until the next year for a new publication with updated new information.

This means, once a share transfer happens, the office will notify me of the change. If an internal transfer (a current member buying or selling their share), I will send out an email to all informing you of the change. You then go to your paper copy, and simply write in the correction on the relevant pages. No need to wait!

If the transfer involves a new shareholder, I will print out the new member(s)'s information page and distribute it to each shareholder for them to add to their books.

Annually, the "general information pages" at the front of the book will be updated after the new board is elected, the meeting dates are set, new committee chairs are nominated, etc. Shareholders will receive updated pages sometime in the first couple months of the year. Enjoy the new directories and have a great year ahead!

**CORRECTIONS TO THE 2022 DIRECTORY**: (some were already made in books distributed after I was informed of the errors)

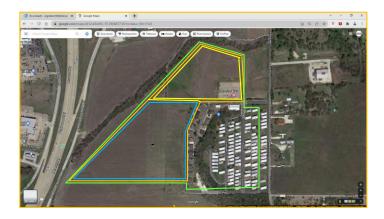
- p.3 <u>Change</u>:Ladies' Club meets at **10:00a.m**. the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- p.5 <u>Change</u>:204 should list **Brandon** as owners, not Buresh
- P.6 Change: 504 should read Forsyth
- P.7 Add: January 16 .....Pam Beckwith
- p.9 Change: October 3 Darel and Marve Ball (not: Daryl)
- p.11 <u>Change</u>: Membership Validation Period September **26** – October **26**
- MAP Page <u>Change</u>: Lot 503 O'DONNELL not SELKING/CARL
- BOND page Change: 200 Walnut Hill Ave #54
- SELKING/CARL page Change: Anniversary May 1

**Editor's Note:** When you get a chance, please take a moment and share our collective appreciation for the work Jenn accomplished with our directory. Not only does it take an incredible amount of time to complete, but she made this product a classy and useful tool.

# Walk Path, for Health, and Community

For years residents talked about having a walk path at NTAC. The topic is a favorite at many Long Range Planning sessions and now we are seeing it come to fruition.

There first step is now complete in planning the Walk Path by mowing a proposed route. It is a bit rough, but we need to gauge its use and see what needs to be done to improve it for everyone, both two and four legged residents. This first step included mowing the grass extra close to the ground making it easier to see and follow, and promoting its use. Yellow is approximately



Lines depict approximate trail round trip to start point. Gold follows perimeter of field and returns along Ave F 1.12 miles Green follows field perimeter and proceeds up Ave A to Southpark and back to start on Ave F approximately 1.35 miles. Yellow route is approximately 0.65 miles, and Blue is approximately 0.83 miles.

The path north startingpoint begins at the dumpsters, heading north to the fence. It then follows the fence west and south turning east before the fence line adjacent to South Park and heading to the south start point near the intersection of South Park and Ave F. The total distance for this path is approximately 0.8 miles; and going back to the start point along Ave F and Airstream Way is about 1.1 miles.

An alternate route also was mowed for those wanting a shorter walk. It begins at the park bench by Avenue F and Airstream Way, proceeds Northwest and intersecting with the other path. By turning north the route is about 0.4 miles and turning South about 0.6 miles.

There is lots of work ahead on improving on the walk path. At this time, we are evaluating how much use the path receives, along with possible next steps in developing the path further.

Everyone's feedback and ideas are welcome. You can share your ideas by letting Board Members what you like and don't like about the Walk Path idea and what you think might be needed to make it more enjoyable, or increase its use.