



NEWSLETTER

July 2023

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our special Airstream Club International Rally issue (NOTE: by *special*, I mean *tardy*). Those of you who were there will, no doubt, have fond memories of this year's edition. Kim and I certainly enjoyed ourselves. We arrived early and left late.



The people and businesses of Rock Springs were especially receptive to our Airstream community. I *could* use the term Love Fest, but c'mon people, it's 2023, not 1967! Let's just say they seemed to enjoy hosting us as much as we enjoyed exploring their community. A very friendly lot, they are.

After the rally, I sent an email blast out to the newsletter distribution list, soliciting impressions, stories, pictures, and thoughts from NTAC attendees. There were a lot of great stories. For those of you who were not able to attend, we hope you get some vicarious pleasure from our little feature.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month, we are treated to a joint submission from Allen and Pam —Editor



Pam and I had a great time in Rock Springs. The Rally organizers did a great job and things seemed to go without a hitch. And of course, the site of all those Airstreams was unforgettable.

Pam logged 14 hours as a shuttle and "people mover" driver. No one had to wait long for a ride. Allen did his best to attend seminars and keep the food vendors in business.

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They were friendly in Rock Springs, but I must say this was an atypical greeting.

The locals made us feel welcomed everywhere we went. Each one we met seemed to truly appreciate our being there.

As you can see in the accompanying picture, Gabby found a friend there that can also run like wind!

Speaking of the wind, we learned that the afternoon winds in Wyoming are relentless!

—Pam & Allen Faulk

TRAVEL STORIES

This month, we're pre-empting the final installment of **Motorhome Touring in Europe** in favor of our Rock Springs International Rally feature. If you're on the edge of your seat wondering whether our intrepid adventurers made it out of Spain and survived their trip across the pond, you'll just have to wait until next month. —Editor

66th Airstream Club International Rally, Rock Springs, WY

Here are the responses we got back from our email blast.

David Smith

Becky Gray and I attended and had a great time. I had not been to Wyoming and the trip was a new experience for me, similar to Maine.

Becky volunteered as a cashier to help Millie, I was part of the Rally Advance Team aka RAT And also drove a few shuttle shifts.

We participated in the vintage open house for Rock Springs near their train station, the vintage parade through town and back into the campgrounds. It was great and we met a lot of local people in addition to many from the rally.

Our next door Vintage neighbor was a former president of the Kentucky chapter. Artie Martin. He let us know that there would be a jam session going on and invited us to listen in. We did, in addition to about a hundred others, just outside our rig.

Artie brought out his Guitar. He said he owns over 20. His friend bought a bass fiddle, amps, speakers and both brought some great talent.

The lady that opened the starting ceremony with the National Anthem for US and Canada came over to sing as well. The music was great.

Becky got interviewed by a reporter from the local newspaper.

I single handedly kept Pete and Lori from winning a golf trophy. But the golfing was fun as was the running total of prairie dogs with imbedded golf balls due to Lori's tee shots.

After the Rally, we went with several to Yellowstone which was magnificent. We were all supposed to eat at the Lake Yellowstone lodge, which Michelle had worked tirelessly to coordinate. As Becky and I were waiting for the group to gather, a massive straight line wind came through and blew down a number of large trees, sand blasted my truck, knocked out power and temporarily closed roads. The restaurant didn't open but I got a reminder of how the weather can turn in a heartbeat.

We went on to Helena, then attended the Vintage Rally in Salida, Colorado before getting back to NTAC late last night. *(That would have made it July 15th, according to the email timestamp. —Editor)*

—David Smith. 8750.

Bruce and Denise Morrow

Denise and I were there. I play in the band and Denise helps with the Junior Streamers Kids Kamp. She also worked several shifts making name badges.

—Bruce Morrow
BRN 1019

John and Rita Green

Rita & I really enjoyed the Rock Springs I.R. This was International Rally #19 for us and it was well planned and executed. The Sweetwater Event complex was an excellent location with full hook ups for all. Earlier rallies we attended had 3A electric, daisy chained water, and no sewer. We've come a long way in 30 years! John volunteered with the WBCCI Amateur Radio Club assisting with activities including processing new and renewal memberships, selling tickets to the club luncheon, and helping with the FCC license exams for new hams. Congratulations to Millie O'Donnell who now has her amateur radio license. The vendor area was the largest we've seen ever. Good selection of RV parts, services, and miscellaneous goods. One of our more memorable moments was reconnecting with Phil & Margie Glassey, leaders of the Landmarks West Caravan, our first in 2010. It set the mark for all the other caravans we took over the years. Like us, they are enthusiastic Joker players and we played Joker in our trailer after going out for dinner. It was enjoyable to recall events from that caravan. Very special!

Pam Faulk

I volunteered 16 hours on the shuttle and truck and wagon. It was fun and I will do it again next year!! *(Hmm, Allen only credited you for 14 hours in his missive. I wonder where those other 2 hours went? —Editor)*

—Pam Faulk

Millie O'Donnell

Hello! The trip to Rock Springs was amazing. The rally was fantastic and it was so fun seeing so many of my NTAC neighbors around the park. The locals made us feel very welcome and some even joined us for the Vintage Club Western Dance.

We had at least 300 volunteers who worked hard to make a great event.

—Millie O'Donnell



Frank and Gayle Steed

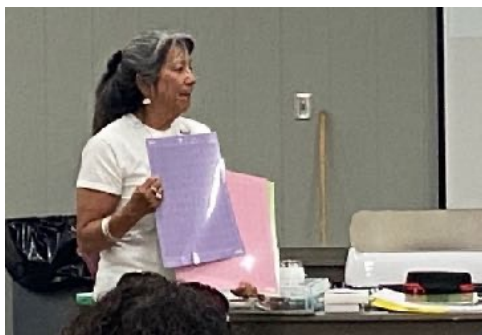
Steads were there, pictures to follow!

—Frank

(Ummm, sorry Frank, never got the pictures. I'm sure they were prize-worthy. —Editor)

Amy Van Artsdalen

Well, we were front page news of the **Rock Springs Rocket Miner** during the Vintage Open House downtown. https://www.wyomingnews.com/news/local_news/its-just-a-wonderful-lifestyle-airstream-international-rally-brings-enthusiast-to-rock-springs-copy/article_df865452-145d-11ee-91ec-334178d872a2.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share



Did a Cricut Class.

And I handed the Region 9 Membership chair baton to Michelle Wright.



1st Prize for my embroidered stained glass.



I had the first ever hands-on Instant Pot presentation that was a joint effort with the Dutch oven folks.



Gave away our first Instant Pot during the Instant Pot 101 class.

That's about it! 😄

Stacey Daniel

Had a great time in Rock Springs. Being in charge of the pump out crew, I arrived a week before the rally started. The town was so excited to have us in the neighborhood and they welcomed us any and every way they could. The fairgrounds were massive and I was beyond pleased almost every site had full hookups. My job with pump out was so easy this year, which made my crew of volunteers very happy! We took care of the ADA section and the vendors, easy peasy. I also helped out at the Grapes and Grains Mega tasting, on the beer exchange side. It was so much fun helping the beer drinkers exchange over 400 beers from around the country. The rally had something for everyone. If you were bored, you weren't doing it right!

—Stacey Daniel #21704

Randy and Dawn Truesdell



Truesdells and Brandons at the blood drive

Dawn and I are in Glacier NP, on our way to Banff and to the Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Park, Olympia Washington, for the Potlatch Reunion Rally. We had a wonderful time in Yellowstone and the Tetons after International.

We enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer with the blood drive. I don't recall the total donations but do know the goal was exceeded. I'm sure Scott G. or the Brandons have the final numbers. (See Scott's contribution below. —Editor)

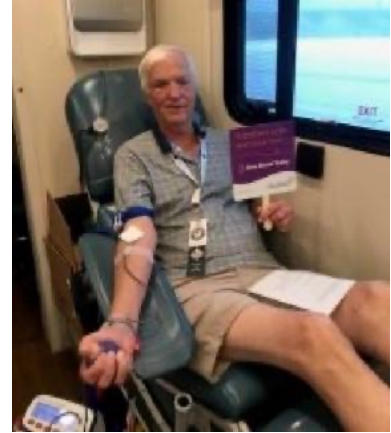
I enjoyed working with everyone with Property Logistics. (NTAC was well represented on this committee too, with Andy Dunkinson and David Majkowski pitching in with Randy, and a little material support from Kim and Dawn. —Editor)



Scott Graham

Airstreamers have always had a sense of giving to their community no matter where they are. Those of us also living at an Airstream Community tend to also know how important it is to support one another. Our NTAC neighbors went above and beyond this year at Rock Springs, during the 66th ACI Rally Blood Drive.

Scott Graham proposed a Blood Drive at the International Rally in 2022 in Fryeburg. The Blood Collection Agency was the Red Cross and the interest in giving blood overwhelmed their staff. So



in 2023 he set out to do it again, even though he was not able to travel. The Collection Agency this year was Vitalant, the largest Blood their goals by collecting collected last year. On-site ensured another wonderfully



There was no shortage of only donated blood but Drive. David and Anna committee chairs, while Truesdell, Becky Gray, David much needed help to keep smoothly. Scott can't share commitments this year.

Collection Agency in the U.S., and we exceeded over 125 pints of blood, even more than we Committee Chairs David and Anna Brandon successful event.

help, especially from NTAC residents who not helped organize, and orchestrate the Blood Brandon took the reins and served as the on-site Mark and Michelle Wright, Randy and Dawn Smith, and Jen Dice all contributed time and the drive on track and donations moving enough appreciation for the time and

Some interesting factoids about blood donations readers might also find interesting. A single pint of blood may help save the life of multiple patients. Blood, while typically used in the region it was collected, may sometimes be used across the U.S. and in some rare cases even be used to help patients in other countries.



The estimated price for a pint of blood is around \$150, making our ACI collective donation of Blood worth around \$19,000. Dollars aside, though, the true value of your volunteerism, both helping with the drive and as donors is the number of lives saved. Thank you NTAC.

Is there interest at NTAC in hosting a Blood Drive? If so, drop Scott a note at graham23945@gmail.com and let him know.

David Majkowski

Kim and I ended up staying 3 weeks at the Sweetwater Events Complex. We got early parking because I volunteered on the Property Logistics Committee. That wasn't the limit of our participation, though, as Kim sang in the choir and I co-led the morning bicycle excursions. Afterwards, we took advantage of the Stay and Play offering to remain an extra week at a discounted rate.



One afternoon, we went to a notable presentation by **Quilts of Valor**. To quote their own words,

In 2003, a quilter, named Catherine Roberts, had an idea of comforting veterans with quilts during the time her son was deployed in Iraq. Since then, over 348,000 Quilts of Valor have been awarded here in the United States and overseas.



The mission of Quilts of Valor is to honor service members and veterans, who have been touched by war, with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

At Rock Springs, the latest recipient of one of these special quilts was our very own Jim Courtney. Jim entered the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was trained at San Diego, CA. He was an Interior Communications Electrician on the USS BLUE DD744. Jim received the Combat Action Ribbon while serving in Vietnam. He was discharged on July 31, 1969.

Surrounded by friends, with nary a dry eye among the onlookers, the ever-loquacious Jim graciously accepted the quilt, presented by Mary Glasnapp and Cynthia Nutt, with these words ... "I don't know what to say." Well we do, Jim. Thank you for your service.



FROM OUR MEMBERS

Pool Table

from David Majkowski, on behalf of Ed Landers

This one's an oversight on my part. Meant to get it in last month's issue.

Not one to toot his own horn (except when he's exercising his embouchure and, literally, tooting his own horn), Ed let me know that the pool table has been fixed and, as a bonus, the balls polished. I think Mike Mack

had a small hand in this too ... or maybe he was just tooting his own horn. ;-)

Anyone been playing a little 8 or 9-ball yet? Maybe just practicing?

Impact-resistant Roof

from Norm Beu

Here's some information which may (or may not) be useful to you. It may apply mostly to members who have purchased a used villa, unless someone told you the gauge of metal used for

the roof. Recently I was looking at the Property Insurance Homeowner's Policy for our villa. There was a question on the coverage page — Do you have an impact resistant roof? There is a premium discount if you do. There are four classes of metal roofs — I through IV. My

insurance company provided the required form on line. I did the self certification and returned it to USAA.

I learned today that we saved over \$430.00 for the annual premium. Check your policy and contact your insurance company.

Congregation of Quilts

from Elizabeth Flores

On June 15, 2023 several members of the NTAC Women's Club attended the Congregations of Quilts at the First Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro, TX. There were 35 quilts on display that were made by five generations of Presbyterian Women of the Hill County, TX, Orr Family dating from the mid-1800s into the 20th century. The quilts were beautifully displayed in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church where the Orr families have been members for generations. The sanctuary was a perfect place for the quilts to be displayed, draped over the pews with the beautiful fractured stained glass windows and pipe organ surrounding the interior of the sanctuary. The Orr families have been associated with the Presbyterian Church going back to their Scottish-Northern

Ireland roots before they immigrated to the colonies in the mid-1700.

The oldest quilt on display was from the 1870s and has an interesting history related to one of the colors in it. Often referred to as "poison green" or [Scheele's green](#) for its 1775 inventor, [Carl Wilhelm Scheele](#), it was a vibrant green that was said to be very appealing in late Victorian society and was one of the most popular colors in the 18th and 19th centuries. These bright colors were made from a deadly substance known as arsenic, which had dire



The 1930s **Stamp Quilt**



Announcing the **Congregation of Quilts**

consequences for all who came in contact with it — a sad and tragic history that involved many people. This quilt is shown on the announcement card on the bottom left and on a pew under the pipes of the organ in one of the pictures below.

A tour and history of the quilts was presented by several family and church members including one of the granddaughters Mrs. Goodwin. The manner in which the quilts are stored was of interest and Mrs. Goodwin explained that they are stored flat on a bed stacked on top of each other. Once a year they are taken out and given an "airing" since most are no longer used.

The quilts on display are from known and original patterns. One unusual pattern was the "Stamp Quilt" made with 3/4" fabric pieces. A beautiful and amazing quilt made in the 1930s.

The patterns and fabrics are varied based on when they were made and the popularity and availability of materials. Quilts were often used so much that the material began to become worn and tattered, and then a new quilt top was made and the old quilt became part of the new quilt. The pictures of course do

not do them justice but will peek the interest of quilters or appreciators of quilts for the next time the Orr family and the Presbyterian Church present them to the admiring public.



Watch out for that one in the back with the "poison green"

The airing of the quilts. A quilted congregation among the pews.

Retirement

from Matthew Shepard

Hi,

I would like to let you know Deanna and I have had the opportunity to retire. We took the opportunity and we look forward to visiting NTAC more often.

Life is Good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Happy August Birthday!**

Elizabeth Flores (3rd); Ardell Mayton and Dana Pohler (4th); David Harris (5th); Beverly Thorne (13th); Jasen Duncan and Jim Nickerson (15th); Bill Fischer (18th); Pat Lovelace and Steve Woodward (20th); Judy Shelley (21st); Ellen Enstrom (25th); Sue Essary (26th); Donna Scott (30th).

Happy August Anniversary!

Jerry & Carolyn Worley (4th); David & Karen Roper (8th); Daniel & Lou Lowther (20th); Jim & Vickie Courtney (26th); Bob & Marne Kaemmerer (29th); Eddie & Mary Ann Yancey (30th).

FILLER

Oh no! I have this dead space that looks awkward. And the "July" newsletter is already into August. I don't feel like dragging and resizing content around until everything is nicely spaced out. What do I do? I know! I'll insert a couple pictures from the Vintage Airstream Parade at Rock Springs. At least it's in keeping with this month's theme. Wait, am I typing this out loud? *Inside voice*, NTAC Newsletter Editor. *Use your inside voice.*



A 1946, non-Silver Bullet, Curtis-era trailer.
How cool is that?



A 1977 Argosy motorhome pulling a similar vintage Argosy trailer.
You don't see that every day!

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						
August-23						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug
			9-10 Yoga	10A Knitting & Such @ Mary Ellen's 311	8:30A - Weights 9-10A Yoga	5P Shop Talk - Pavilion
			5P Ladies Social Hr Card Rm & Shop Talk- Pavilion	2-4 Canasta Card Rm		
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