



NEWSLETTER

April/May 2019

What happened to the April Newsletter? Well, in my earnest to publish monthly, I neglected to consider connectivity challenges while on the road. So, my apologies. Going forward, I will endeavor to publish at least quarterly especially during peak travel season.

For this issue, lots of photos of NTAC activities are provided for your viewing and reading pleasure. Spring has sprung and Texas Wildflowers are as spectacular as ever. If you are new to the area, it is not too late to get out and drive our back roads to enjoy the scenery. Our NTAC Board met the 29th of April, and everyone has certainly been enjoying Spring in Texas.

Our Facebook page continues to receive many visits, with nearly 190 Likes. It's nice to see the number of people "liking" our FB page who are not residents. Please share the site, and tell your friends as there is lots to see and read regarding NTAC. Not only is it a great way to stay current, but there are lots of great photos from our talented residents. The web address is:

https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/?ref=br_rs. Please check back frequently for new information and changes. Debi has done a great job in keeping up with everything going on.

Thanks to this month's photo contributors!

As always, I remain interested in posting photos of members on the road; awesome pictures, special campground discoveries, great deals, or a unique find. Include a brief description and I will try to include it in a future edition. As always, please submit your ideas, articles, and photos to the NTACNewsletter@gmail.com.



From the NTAC President:



To: Members of the Board of Directors & Shareholders

Rules

I receive more calls from shareholders regarding rules than any other type of call – so let's talk about rules.

The North Texas Airstream Community, Inc. was conceived with the intent to provide a place where members who enjoy "Airstreaming" can be together in fellowship and participate in social activities. It was founded with the goal to establish and maintain the finest possible Airstream Park.

We have all moved here from somewhere else; maybe a farm, rural area, urban area, or from fulltime RVing. Chances are not from a neighborhood association with association rules, so rules may be new to some.

When someone purchases into our community, they are also agreeing to be bound by and follow and live according to the governing documents which include Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Policies. These Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Policies are the primary documents for laying out expected conduct within the community and are set in place by the

Shareholders and Board of Directors for the best interest of the community as a whole. When shareholders find ways to dodge these rules or just outright ignore them, then our community can begin to spiral downward.

I know of no one living in our park, with its' 26-volunteer committee chairpersons representing at least 72 volunteer members plus the Ladies Club, who would want that to happen.

You know what? That is a great feeling! Let's all continue our commitment in maintaining NTAC as the finest possible Airstream Park.

Thank you.

Jim Courtney
President

2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

Monday September 16th
Monday, October 21th
Saturday, December 14th

Validation Period
For annual Membership Meeting
September 30, 2019 – October 30, 2019

NTAC Life

NTAC Directory

The **2019 NTAC Directory** is now available and everyone should have received their copy. Jennifer Hicks did a wonderful job in assembling and verifying accuracy for this version, so when you see her, pass along your kudos for a job exceedingly well done.

If for some reason you have not received a copy, please see or contact Jenn Nekola in the office. Additional copies are available for purchase at \$6/each, to defray printing costs. Vickie and I travel with a copy, for those just in case moments; you might find it handy as well! Anyone desiring a digital copy should please email, Jenn Hicks, at NTACdirectory@gmail.com, with your request.

Of course with anything in print, change is inevitable. And, as the NTAC Directory seems to be an ever-changing publication, we will attempt to note or announce in future newsletters, general information updates and corrections.

Formal updates or changes to the Print & Digital version will only happen as part of the annual update; requiring any mid-year updates or additions to be hand-written by members in their individual books. If you need specific details of a noted change to include in your copy, please send a note to the above email address, or contact the NTAC Office.

As soon as the 2019 Directory was submitted, people contacted Jenn with corrections. This is expected to be the pattern each year. All Jenn can do is try her best! The following three updates were noted:

- John Van Artsdalen - email is incorrect
- Sydney Redding - remove home phone number
- Cindy Johnson is now Cindy Lethem, email and cell phone remain the same

Along with changes, new shareholder member information may also be requested.

Finally, if you have a change or see a need for a correction, please send an email to ntacdirectory@gmail.com so we can plan for inclusion in the 2020 Directory.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to keeping everyone in contact! Jenn extends a huge thank you for your support with this oh-so-important park resource!

Jenn Hicks
Directory Committee

NTAC Dog Park

Mike and Lynn Mack have already been tending to the **Dog Park**; pulling weeds, putting in tree supports, and applying fertilizer and weed treatments.



Our Dog Park, as noted by most visitors, is a great draw for those traveling through. It's also a great place to relax, catch-up with friends and neighbors, and meet our visitors. You



don't even need to own a pet to enjoy the park, as many will attest. The care the Mack's have taken have gone a long way to make this a nice park for

people too. Thanks Mike and Lynn for all you do!

Karaoke in the Park, Redux

March saw the return of Karaoke!. Who knew so



much talent existed among our shareholders. Once again Cheryl Moniz led the charge and organized a great evening.

Everyone enjoyed a great time, which showcased some amazing talent.



Hillsboro Library Exhibition – Jerry Hissong

Jerry Hissong was featured in an exhibition in the Hillsboro Library throughout the months of March and April.

Featuring photos from his travels and especially on Safari, many NTAC residents were able to take the time and appreciate both Jerry's talent and his company!



The talent in our community is truly incredible. In addition to the various crafts shared during the March Souper Craft Luncheon, we have some amazing photographers. A number of them have contributed to the newsletter, much to my very great appreciation.

Springtime at NTAC

The spring Texas Wildflower forecast was anticipated and certainly delivered as being the best seen in years, due to the rains of this past fall and winter. It will be great to see everyone out and about.



just and far too include in every issue. Some of them are awe inspiring, and some just make you feel small.

To be sure, the sights, sounds and beauty are very much appreciated by all. I will continue to publish and share, space and time permitting.

Once of the best things about NTAC living is comradery. Whether shareholders are involved with



raking and shoveling rock, visiting the Dog Park, maintaining our property equipment, enjoying a good game of cards, or helping each other out, NTAC is a good place to be!

And that includes our visitors. Airstreaming is certainly a lifestyle and often we find ourselves taking shelter. Recent storms realized some of our Terraport visitors taking refuge in the Villa Ports of those who volunteered to make them accessible. It's all about taking care of each other, at home, on the road, and wherever we might be. Thanks to those of you who were able to help.



Walking For Seniors by Bob Kaemmerer

I've heard it said that senior years are the "Golden Years". But let's face it, getting old can be a drag. Our joints stiffen; we have aches and pains. We just don't always feel like moving. Sometimes we may feel that our days of being physically active are over. But the fact remains our body was made for moving and becoming too sedentary can be a real downward spiral.

I've been doing some reading about walking for seniors and most articles recommend 2.5 hours of some type of physical activity each week. Sure more is better, but let's talk about getting started. 2.5 hours or 150 minutes works out to 25 minutes for six days with one day off. Some articles even suggest that two shorter walks are beneficial if that's what fits your schedule. Two walks are a little over 12 minutes long! So, if you are going on an errand for a short distance, why not leave the golf cart or the car on the patio and take a short walk.

Marne and I try to look for reasons to walk instead of ride and I will have to confess there are times when I don't feel like it. I find it is best to start at a slower pace (warm up) then go a little faster and enjoy the walk. I think you will find those stiff joints becoming stronger and less painful and you will feel better too. (Some of the reading that I've been doing has been from an interesting website -- The Fitness Walking Guide.com. The article was "The Benefits of Walking for Senior Citizens.")

Welcome New NTAC Members

Bruce and Denise Morrow are the new owners of the share representing 403.

Full-timing in their 1974 Overlander for four years; their 27' Airstream, "Casa Not-So Grande" belonged to Bruce's mother and father for nearly 40 years. His parents crisscrossed the country countless times with the trailer and enjoyed wintering in Quartzsite, AZ.



Bruce and Denise are from central California having lived in Fresno, Clovis and Bakersfield. They retired in 2015 after 38 years in education. Bruce worked as a music teacher and school administrator while Denise was an instructional aid and cafeteria/playground supervisor. They have a daughter who lives in San Jose, CA and a daughter and son in-law who live in nearby Waco, TX.

Among their travels, the Morrrows return to California each year to visit friends and family and spend the Holidays with Bruce's father in Redding, CA. While in California, they participate with the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club and attend the Region 12 Rally each October. They also visit Granite Falls, MN for several weeks each summer to see Denise's mother and sister. Bruce and Denise regularly attend Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, OH and Drum Corps International World Championships in Indianapolis, IN. They will go to their first WBCCI International Rally this July, and already started planning routes to 2020 & 2021 International Rallies.

As we transition in to travel season, some of the anticipated community activities have already gotten into full swing.

Ice Cream Social

April 7th saw the return of the **Sunday Ice Cream Social**. A great way to take a little respite from the heat and visit with your neighbors, Ice Cream is served up at 5PM on Sundays, following Bean Bag Baseball. Bring your own set ups, beverage, and \$1 donation. And, of course if you care to invite a visitor, they are welcome too!

This is a cool activity, get it?

2020 NTAC Board Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is currently working on selecting candidates for the 2020 board of directors. We will conduct additional interviews after our members return from the summer break. We ask the members of the executive committee, the board of directors, and the membership at large to forward to Phil Spruell the name of any candidate you think might be interested in running for next year's board, or even someone who you think would be a good addition to the NTAC board.

NTAC Book Club

Already planning for next year, Marne and Bob have some ideas and recommendations for your reading pleasure and future book club discussions. They meet the first Thursday of the indicated month in the Card Room from 1-2PM. The planned book list for 2019-2020 includes:

- 📖 Sept 5 "The War That Saved My Life", by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- 📖 Oct 3 "I, Sniper", by Stephen Hunter
- 📖 Nov 7 "Lilac Girls", by Martha Hale Kelly
- 📖 December No discussion
- 📖 Jan 9 "The Alice Network", by Kate Quinn
- 📖 Feb 6 "Beneath a Scarlet Sky", by Mark T Sullivan
- 📖 Mar 5 "Where the Crawdads Sing", by Delia Owens
- 📖 Apr 2 "Ordinary Grace", by William Kent Krueger
- 📖 May 7 "Beachcombers", by Nancy Thayer

P.S. Even if you haven't read the book you're welcome to join in

Medication Safety

As we all head out for our summer adventures, please don't forget to check expiration dates and dispose of expired items in first aid kits, both at home and in your RV or TV. Expired medications can be dangerous, especially if left unattended and subject to wide variations in temperature or humidity while sitting in storage.



For you planners, don't forget these key dates:

- ☞ Region 9 Rally 6 – 9 May
- ☞ Alumapalooza 20019 28 May – 2 June
- ☞ Wally Byam Airstream Club Int'l Rally 20 – 27 July
- ☞ Texas Country Air (Brownwood TX) 24 – 27 Oct

**MOST IMPORTANTLY
TRAVEL SAFE Y'ALL!!**