



Welcome to the actual first edition of 2019. So much happened in December, this issue may be a little scant by comparison. Once again, thank you for the great feedback. Please keep it coming, and let me know what you are interested in seeing in future editions.

Debi Rich is continues doing a great job keeping the North Texas Airstream Community – NTAC Facebook page updated. If you have not visited our page, please do and please “like” the page, so we know you visited. The web address for this site is: https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/?ref=br_rs.At last count we had over 140 “Likes” and “Followers” of our page. Thanks for your work Debi!

Thanks again for the photo contributions this month! Douglas Cunningham, Mike Mack, Channing Fell, Jack D’Artre, Amy Van Artsdalen all contributed.

I am interested in posting photos of members on the road. So please share some of your awesome pictures, special campground discovery, great deal, or a unique find, please share, along with a brief description and I will try to include it in a future edition.

Please continue sending me your ideas for future editions, and safe travels to all!!

From the NTAC President:

14 January Board Meeting



Good morning everyone. I would like to welcome our new board members: Ken Mitchell, Carol Fichera, Jim Courtney, and returning for a second three-year term, Phil Spruell. In addition, the rest of the Board of Directors: Ray Schmitt, Jim Haddaway, Channing Fell, Richard Turner and Steve Woodward. And of course, our new secretary, Vickie Courtney.

In addition to the 10 people I just spoke about, we have 26 committee chairpersons to welcome and work with this year.

Let’s not forget the Ladies Club and the many things they accomplish throughout the year that make our lives more enjoyable. The volunteers who set up Bridge, Joker, Canasta, Bean bag baseball, Yoga, Book review, Exercise, Knitting/crafts, Potlucks, etc. We are off to a good start this year – with lots of participation.

I am looking forward to working with all of you during the year and I am committed to a team approach. With open lines of communication, and by practicing discretion and accepting decisions made on a majority basis, the Board can accomplish unity and

continue to make those decisions in the best interest of the park.

On January 2, 2019 I met with the City Manager of Hillsboro. One of the items we discussed was the broken guard rail at Lee’s Creek. The city has taken ownership and will be replacing it soon. In the meantime, they have placed orange barrels at the location.

Jim Courtney
NTAC President

Board Member and Community Notes:

Our new board hit the ground running in January. January 14th was the first meeting of 2019, with a great member turnout. Please visit our website (www.ntaci.com) for all the details.

2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

Monday, February 25th

Monday, April 29th

Monday September 16th

Monday, October 21th

Saturday, December 14th

Validation Period

For annual Membership Meeting

September 30, 2019 – October 30, 2019

Community Happenings

NTAC Composting

A **Community Composting** site is now set up behind the workshop on South Park Drive for everyone's use.

Nearly 30 residents attended a 17 Jan workshop, hosted by Phil Spruell, intended to help educate and encourage the community to reduce our garbage flow, and start composting.



Many thanks to Phil, Steve Woodward, and a number of others for building and getting this project going.



Phil noted, "I want to encourage you to save plant food scraps and add them to our compost pile, rather than throwing them in the trash. Anyone can help; all you have to do is contribute your materials. Phil provided some great guidance on what should and should not be included in our composting bins.

- 🚫 Never leave plastic bags, metal, or other materials which don't decompose.
- 🚫 Don't place pet waste in the composting bins, as there is an increased chance for disease transmission.
- 🚫 Don't place high protein or fatty foods in the bin, as they tend to attract varmints; this includes meats, dairy, or waste oil.
- 🚫 And avoid magazine or "slick" color brochures.

So, what **should** you place in the compost bins? Phil broke things down into two lists: GREEN and BROWN Materials

Green Materials:

- ✓ Apple, pear and other cores
- ✓ Avocado cherry and other pits
- ✓ Banana, kiwi and other skins
- ✓ Orange, lemon, & other rinds
- ✓ Coffee grinds and teal leaves
- ✓ Pepper, strawberry & other stems
- ✓ Freshly fallen leaves
- ✓ Garden clippings and pruning
- ✓ Cow, horse & other manures

Brown Materials:

- ✓ Black ink Newspaper
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Dried grass clippings
- ✓ Sawdust
- ✓ Egg Shells

Phil noted it is not necessary to shred paper or cut cardboard. However, if you have the time and materials, doing so helps the composting process.

Place the Dry Brown Material in the last "storage Bin (the fourth larger one). Place plant food and kitchen scraps in the Wire composting area at the front of the bins, or

wherever you see the trowel or shove, by simply using the trowel to dig a hole in the existing pile, placing the material in the hole, and covering it up.



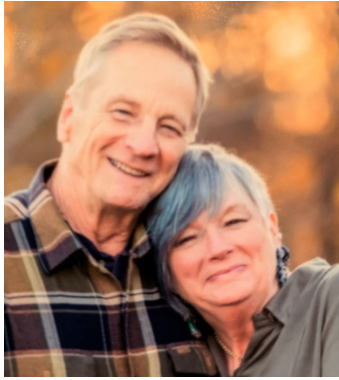
In summary, Phil is pleased to announce we now have the room to compost all of the fallen leaves in the park, along with grass clippings. Residents can use the composted material in their gardens, when ready, for healthier plants.

Mail Cone Retired:

The mail cone which graced the top of the outside mailboxes, signaling mail arrival, is now retired. As a general rule the US Postal Service usually delivers NTAC mail between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm each day. In order to limit trips to the mailbox, and visit when mail is most likely posted, please plan your stop after those hours.

Welcome New NTAC Members; Jim and Karen Rester! Jim and Karen are the new owners of share representing 212 Avenue A, and joined our community the end of December.

They own an Airstream International Serenity 27FB travel trailer affectionately named "Riveted Gypsy"; and full timers since June 2017. Prior to taking off in Gypsy, they hailed from Grapevine, Texas where three of their four grandchildren still live as well as our daughter.



Jim enjoys art, woodworking and photography. He worked in commercial construction for over 25 years and still does consulting and project management for commercial building construction in the DFW area when in town.

Karen is a mixed media and fiber art artist. She spends time creating and working with her twin sister on art classes, when not traveling.

Their travels also include having cruised on a sailboat for 2 years throughout the Bahamas, noting they love the similarities between cruising/living aboard a boat and fulltime traveling in the airstream. They note, "We have so many places to go and things to see in the USA and hope to travel for a great deal of each year. We are very excited to be a part of the Airstream community here in Hillsboro. We plan to make this our home base for a very long time!"

NTAC Living

Health and Wellness promotes flexibility, yoga and walking with Charity Miles are activities to keep us moving toward a healthy lifestyle. We recently realized an uptick in participation for flexibility and yoga. Yoga meets each morning with a new yoga tape. Charity Miles now includes 27 participating members. As of November 18th, Bill Lovelace logged the greatest distance, stepping out for 1031 miles. Way to go Bill!

This Spring we will make our **annual collection of medicines** needing proper disposal. This is an important safety and health issue serving to keep our homes safe; and reducing environmental pollution.

The drive will occur closer to Easter, so watch for more information as the time nears.

But Baby It's Cold Outside! More from Health and Wellness : We have been told seniors need to exercise to stay healthy. The recommendation is about 150 minutes of moderate heart pumping exercise per week. But baby it's cold outside! Wait a minute. We have really good indoor exercise opportunities right here at NTAC. You might also just bundle up and take a nice walk. Two 15 minute workouts can be beneficial if the 30 minutes doesn't work on a busy day. Think NIKE: "Just Do It"!

Book Club

February's Book Club discussion will focus on *Tiffany Girl*, by Deeanne Gist, an historical novel about a progressive "New Woman"--the girl behind Tiffany's chapel.

As preparations for the 1893 World's Fair set Chicago and the nation on fire, Louis Tiffany--heir to the exclusive Fifth Avenue jewelry empire--seizes the opportunity to unveil his state-of-the-art, stained glass, mosaic chapel, the likes of which the world has never seen. But when Louis's dream is threatened by a glassworkers' strike months before the Fair opens, he turns to an unforeseen source for help: the female students at the Art Students League of New York. Eager for adventure, the young women pick up their skirts, move to boarding houses, take up steel cutters, and assume new identities as the "Tiffany Girls."

Book Club members and those interested in joining will meet on Thursday, February 7th, at 1:00 in the Card Room. Several copies of the book are "floating" around the park, but if you are interested in purchasing a used copy for yourself, you might look into "Thriftbooks.com" or "Abebooks.com", as well as checking out Amazon.

Any questions...see Marne Kaemmerer 513-265-2793 marnebob1@gmail.com

Pet Notes

NTAC is a great place for our residents, and for pet owners there are some great amenities and benefits as well. Many visitors to our terraport note how much they enjoy our facilities and welcoming pet policies; in fact, some of rally visitors note this being the reason they keep coming back to use our facilities.

Mike Mack encourages pet owner diligence in picking up after their pets. This is second nature to many,

but a few either don't notice or disregard the importance of cleaning up as you go. This is unsightly, unhealthy, not to mention really nasty on your shoes!

Mike is hard at work to help make it easier for owners of our furry friends. He helped get a new drop bucket added to Ave D. This should make it easier for anyone walking their dogs to pick up and properly dispose of waste.

Mike Mack passes along his thanks to all who have pitched in to help maintain the dog park this year; it is an attraction for rally guests as well as members. All NTAC pet owners appreciate the time and effort put forth into maintaining the park.

Good Neighbors!

One of the greatest benefits of living at NTAC is the comfort in knowing you can count on help, when needed.

There never seems to be a week go by, when you don't see someone helping, either in the community, or at a neighbor's house. So, thank you to each and every person who lends a hand, no matter what, how, or when.



And Greg Walker, wants everyone to know Ford Owners don't really mind helping out Chevy Owners, like Mike Mack, with a jump now and then.

Tuesday Pot Luck Dinner

Tuesday evenings at 5:30 should be on everyone's calendar. Good food and good company abound in the clubhouse Rally Room. We have some marvelous culinary skills in our midst. Please come out and join us, with your set-up and a dish to share. Make sure you check the monthly calendar and email updates for any last minute changes.

Don't forget to



or check out the NTAC website at www.ntaci.org.

Hill College "ROAD TRIPS"

submitted by Bob & Marne Kaemmerer

Organized by Larry McCord of the Hill College Music Department

Would you like to see a professional show of **"Grease" for \$10? Or "Stomp" for \$44?**

Because of NTAC's generous support to the college, especially the music program, we have been given the opportunity to participate in these activities which are offered to the Music Majors.

For the price of the ticket you can ride on the Hill College athletic bus from the college to the program, stopping for a "Dutch Treat" dinner on the way (typically a family restaurant like Applebee's, Chili's, etc.). Participants usually gather at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) about 4:00 PM, the day of the show. The bus departs early enough to allow for dinner and a comfortable ride and then drops participants off and picks them up right at the venue. The great thing is there is no Dallas driving required after dark!! The only driving required is to and from the PAC on campus. Payment for each show is due a month prior in order to reserve the bus and ensure a driver is available.

"GREASE" will be at Casa Manana on Friday, March 1st at 7 PM. Tickets are \$10 each. The **NON-REFUNDABLE payment is due by Friday, February 1st.**

"STOMP" will be at the Eisemann Center on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$44 each and the **NON-REFUNDABLE payment is due by Friday, February 22nd.**

Send (or take) your check to:

Lawrence McCord
Hill College
PAC 501
112 Lamar Dr
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Make the check payable to "Lawrence McCord" and write the event and number of persons on the memo line. Attach a note with your email and phone number, so Larry can send you specific information pertaining to that evening.

(FYI – Some advice: Don't wait until the last minute to mail your check...Hillsboro mail can be slow!!)