

Spring is nearly here and the weather is changing. Of course here in Central Texas the weather is constantly changing. Many of you are preparing for spring and summer travels, and the Terraport is busy. Vickie and I are planning our travels as well, and will keep the newsletter up as best we can, while on the road. Please submit your ideas, articles, and photos to the [NTACNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:NTACNewsletter@gmail.com).

If you have not visited the NTAC Facebook page, please do, and “like” the page, so we know you visited. The web address is: [https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/?ref=br_rs). With over 160 likes and followers, there are great photos, event announcements, and other NTAC information. Please check back frequently for new information and changes; and once again, thanks for your work Debi!

Thanks to Mike Mack, Douglas Carr Cunningham, Jenn Nekola, and others, for the photo contributions!

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 add it in a future edition.

## From the NTAC President:



To the NTAC Board of Directors and NTAC Community

### ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

The following are some ways to become a good neighbor

- Take pride in your neighborhood; work with appropriate committees to help maintain our common areas. Good neighbors don't just take care of their own home and yard, they also look out for the common areas.
- Noise – respect certain basic rules when it comes to making too much noise; times, duration, etc.
- Pets – not everyone is a dog or cat lover. Show responsibility for your pets, keep them leashed while outside. If you have a particularly noisy dog, it may become a source of contention for your neighbors. Put yourself in their shoes. They may be awakened from a nap, or can't enjoy their yard or patio at certain times of the day. And, always remember pet etiquette 101 – clean up after your pet.
- Keep your place tidy. The presence of weeds is unsightly. Put equipment away as soon as you are finished with it.
- Communicate. Touch base with your neighbors regularly. If you are planning anything that may affect them, minimize it, and let them know in advance. Keep the lines of communication open by reminding them that if you are doing anything that

disturbs them, they should feel comfortable approaching you about it.

- Know the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations & Policies of the community and follow them. It is your responsibility to police yourself. It is the right thing to do, and will avoid conflict.
- Make sure that trees, shrubs and other elements don't creep into your neighbor's yard.
- When people make an effort to be a good neighbor by following proper etiquette
- Everyone will have a sense of wellbeing, knowing you are all surrounded by friends. An extra benefit is knowing that you and your neighbors will look out for each other and are available to help.
- Attend neighborhood meetings and events – get involved.
- Handle conflicts with tact. Do it personally, not over the phone or email. Most situations can be handled directly between each other, without the involvement of others.
- Work toward continual improvement, we can all do better.

Thank you,

Jim Courtney  
NTAC President

### 2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 21<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Validation Period  
For annual Membership Meeting

September 30, 2019 – October 30,

## Board Member and Community Notes:

Another NTAC Board Meeting complete; the latest, held 25 February. Board motions and decisions are included in the minutes posted on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse Hall.

Some general highlights from this month's meeting:

### 2019 Directory

The NTAC Directory underwent extensive reorganization due to the increased number of shareholders and the information published. The 2019 Edition is now at the printer, expected back to Jennifer Hicks by mid-March. Once complete, you will receive an email from Jennifer in the office regarding distribution. One copy is free per share, and any additional print copies will cost \$6/each, to defray printing costs. New this year is the availability of a digital copy. Anyone desiring a digital copy should please email, Jenn Hicks, at [NTACdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:NTACdirectory@gmail.com), with your request.

Email any corrections to the directory to the above email. Jenn extends a huge thank you for your support with this oh-so-important park resource!

### Announcements

**Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries (HIM)** requested to no longer receive non-perishable food donations, asking instead for cash. They are able to purchase much more through their resources in this manner and are very appreciative of everything NTAC Shareholders contributed. Sue Arnesen originally announced this change in January, and NTAC Potluck collections thus far realized approximately \$200 in donations.

Mike Mack discussed activities in the **Dog Park**, letting everyone know he is working to apply weed control. All should note he will place a sign across the Bridge and lock the gate following application and until materials dry. Application may occur at random times.

Peggy Spruell noted there is **no Potluck planned for 12 March**. Rather, IHOP will host a fundraiser where proceeds are directed to the Children's Hospital. A well-received event, everyone is encouraged to support this fundraiser.

Don't forget to



or check out the NTAC website at [www.ntaci.org](http://www.ntaci.org)

## Community Happenings

### February Birthdays & Potluck

Tuesday Potluck Dinner on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, included Birthday celebrations. Sue McLaughlin pulled out all the stops with this incredible Birthday Cake.



Thanks so much for your time and talent, Sue!

### Souper Craft Luncheon



NTAC's first **Souper Craft Lunch** is open to everyone on Friday, **March 1 from 11am-2pm** in the rally room.

Bring your crafts for display and bragging! Or, just stop by and see some of the incredible talent so many of our NTAC residents possess, while enjoying a sure to be wonderful luncheon meal.



Some of our phenomenal NTAC cooks will serve up soup, sandwiches, and salads, all set out in the rally room. We expect cookies will also appear.



Those interested in providing food, please see the sign up list for cooks on the clipboard under the Friday section of the bulletin board calendar.

Bring your set ups and beverage, have lunch, visit about crafts, learn about your neighbors, and maybe pick up a new hobby!

### Karaoke in the Park

Well, not really in the park, but NTAC held what we believe is the first Happy Hour and Karaoke night on 8 February. Everyone enjoyed a great time, which showcased some amazing talent.



Thanks to Cheryl Moniz for organizing the fun. We're sure another is already in the works.

## Culinary Field Trip!

A number of residents enjoyed lunch in Waco at the Texas State Technical College. They were served a wonderful Hawaiian themed meal in the schools Star Room.



TSTC Culinary Arts Program Students prepare a wide variety of quality meals, which are not just an occasional offering.

The Star of Texas Dining Room is located in the Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center, Eighth Street and Campus Drive at TSTC.



Meals are served 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. most Wednesdays and Fridays. Reservations are recommended.

The schedule of upcoming meal themes is on the bulletin board, or you can visit the schools website.

Call 254-867-3123 or email [gayle.vansant@tstc.edu](mailto:gayle.vansant@tstc.edu) or [candace.reilly@tstc.edu](mailto:candace.reilly@tstc.edu) or go to the [Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center at TSTC](#) in Waco Facebook page.



## Book Club

April's book selection began as an e-book, (a first for NTAC), but is also now a print book. Green Eggs & Weezie, by Cathy Olliff-Webster, is a down-to-earth, and wise. Her debut novel casts a darkly humorous eye over what can happen when even the best marriages go bad. Through the beguilingly earthy Weezie Polk we learn it's not a good idea to whack a cheating husband with a Dr. Seuss book. It is a cautionary tale for all women who trust too much. There are things even the happiest married women should do to protect themselves and Mizz Weezie will lead them through the messy labyrinth that is a



broken heart, with humour, passion and a recipe for the best meat loaf you've ever tasted.

We will discuss this book on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Card Room.

Any questions...see Marne Kaemmerer 513-265-2793 [marnebob1@gmail.com](mailto:marnebob1@gmail.com)

## Springtime at NTAC

Spring is just around the corner. Trees are already starting to bud out, and this past weekend community "weed picker" members tended to the Terraport.

It is wonderful to see everyone out and about!



And a huge thank you to all who helped with shoveling, raking, hauling and sweepng all the gravel and rock delivered on 26



February.



Greg Walker ordered a full ton of materials, which about 20 residents helped spread

around the terraport and dog park walkways.

Two hours of work....., and it sure looks nice! Nothing quite like a little community pride!



## Welcome New NTAC Members

**Patrick & Kimberly Saunders** are new owners of the share representing 205 as of this February.

Their first Airstream, the “Baked Potato”, is a Bambi purchased on Patrick’s 45th birthday in May 2015.



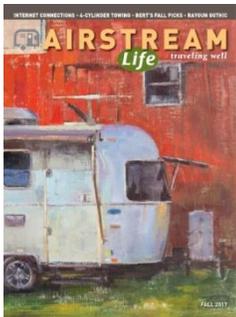
After selling their home in Kansas City they full-timed in their Sport 16 for two years. They love the Airstream life so much they decided to get nine more feet of it in 2017. Their Flying

Cloud 25FB is the “Sweet Potato.”

The Saunders travel the country so Patrick can participate in plein air painting competitions and teach workshops. A Hallmark artist, art school instructor, and advertising executive, he is now “retiring” to paint full-time. Kimberly is a former wedding photographer who now shoots stock photography.



“We knew the first time we visited NTAC last August this is a very special place, and a perfect home base for us amongst fellow travelers. We are thrilled to join this great community, where members came together on short notice just to meet us and help us become a part of it. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity of spirit, and we look forward to meeting all of you and doing our part to contribute to what you have created.”



### Texas Wildflowers!

The spring Texas Wildflower forecast is anticipated 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. Send me your photos!

**Brad and Sandra Buresh** are the new owners of shares representing 204 & 304. They started their Airstream travels in their Flying Cloud 25FB “Ranger.”

They bought their Airstream in California in 2016, and spent their summer exploring Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and various other stops on their way home to Edmond, Oklahoma. They have two daughters -- Nicole, the eldest, is a stay-at-home mom with three children, two girls and a boy, and Rori, the youngest, is a seasonal park ranger who spends her summers at Sequoia National Park and her winters in Edmond.



Brad is enjoying retirement after 30 years in federal law enforcement. He spends his days catching up on all the projects he put off until he retired. Brad enjoys working on their acreage, traveling and hiking. He also enjoys paleontology and collecting fossils. Sandra is a high school special education geometry teacher; looking forward to retirement in May of 2021. Sandra loves to read, crochet and travel in the Airstream.

Brad and Sandra are active in the Oklahoma Airstream Club. They love the Oklahoma rallies and look forward to attending future Region 9 rallies. As soon as Sandra retires, they plan on taking a caravan to celebrate. They are very excited to become part of the NTAC community and plan on making it their home base in a few years.

**Jenn Nekola** caught the fog rolling in on the Terraport this month.....Sure was dreary! Thanks for sharing Jenn.



If others have photos or items of interest, I will certainly try to include in future issues.

## Amateur Radio & NTAC

You may have noticed some of our residents carrying radios, or sporting Amateur Radio License plates, like John Green. Open to just about anyone who can pass the exam, volunteer amateur radio enthusiasts around the globe help with disasters, weather monitoring, and crisis response. It is an interesting way to stay in touch and communicate across the globe.



John Green is an amateur (ham) radio operator, call sign W9CJX, and moved to NTAC in January, 2018. Originally licensed living in Illinois, he member, and past the WBCCI Club, an intra-club unit of WBCCI. More information about the WBCCI ARC can be found at [www.rvsvcnet.wbcci.net](http://www.rvsvcnet.wbcci.net). He is still in the process of getting his home station back on the air at NTAC and travels with various ham radio equipment, including antenna, in his and Rita's Airstream trailer.



in 1961 when is also a president, of Amateur Radio

Upon arrival to NTAC last year, John found six other licensed hams in the community. Most were newly licensed while others held inactive licenses. This past December NTAC began informal informational classes on topics including antennas, operating protocols, VHF/UHF repeaters, etc. Their most recent topic on Echolink, allows a ham using the internet, to connect to and talk through a ham repeater hundreds or thousands of miles away.



Anyone interested in becoming a ham, please contact John, or one of the other NTAC hams. They can assist with questions and finding study material to use prior to taking the license exam. The entry level Technician class license consists of 35 multiple choice questions. There is no longer a Morse code sending or receiving test. The FCC requires three examiners be present when administering a test session when we have sufficient candidates to take an exam. We have three certified examiners at NTAC, Ed Landers, Greg Walker, and John. They need 2-3 weeks lead time to order test materials from the national group responsible for coordinating and certifying examiners.



Interested? Please contact John at (309) 657-3102, [jwgreen@mtco.com](mailto:jwgreen@mtco.com).

## Healthy Living

A quick planning reminder for the Spring **annual collection of medicines** needing proper disposal. Save the date, as this year's drive will begin on 22 April and run for 2 weeks. Watch for further information as the dates approach.



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.

## Pet Directory

On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 10 AM, Tom Collier will facilitate a meeting in the Card Room for interested pet owners and a possible future directory. He is soliciting any and all suggestions in helping decide if a new directory is warranted. Scott Graham suggested putting the directory on line for use and updating; a great idea! He will attend too.

Tom, having received comments both pro and con, receives many comments about the directory and whether an update is in the offing. It is a lot of work to gather information, photos, verify, and publish. The cost is not insignificant, so verifying community interest and participation is important.

## Pest Control

This past January, one of our residents contracted with a pest management company to install a termite prevention system. Sixteen traps were placed around their villa - about ten feet apart. A pest company representative recently visited as part of their twice annual check-ups. The resident watched the inspection of all sixteen traps, noting two with significant activity. The representative replaced the two with new traps, also noting most of the others had at least some activity.

While the resident is quite satisfied with their pest management services, and believes their villa is protected, his serves as a reminder for everyone.

As residents of central Texas, especially for those new to the area, termites are part of the area ecosystem. If you have not had your property inspected, or treated, it might be worth your time. Most local pest companies are well versed in termite control.

## Around the Community

Douglas Carr Cunningham shared some of his excellent photography. This photo reminding us



spring is just around the corner.

Lots of **visitors** noted on the Terraport this past month.

How about this beauty!



Owned by the Fields from Pennsylvania!



Thanks for visiting!

And, thank you for sharing Douglas!!

I for one, look forward to seeing more of your work.

## Don't Forget!!



Speaking of Spring!! **Daylight Savings Time** begins March 10. It's time to start enjoying the evenings, so remember to set those clocks forward 1 hour.

## Park Construction and Shareholder Conduct

The importance of proper shareholder communication involving construction is important. Our community necessarily relies upon the respect and support of shareholders regarding any work accomplished on their property. This includes any contractors, their employees, or any subcontractors. It is important for every shareholder to understand they should minimize, if not completely avoid inserting themselves into the improvements or work, without expressed authority or permission from the shareholder responsible for the work.

Shareholders not directly involved in work should be respectful of both time and costs potentially incurred by their interactions. Curiosity or information seeking, to include any possible future business inquiry, is a sensitive issue and requires permission from the owner having work done. It is not appropriate to offer criticism, advice, on project particulars or choices, without such permission and certainly never to the workers involved.

Contractors and those they are responsible for are easily overwhelmed by the number of shareholders approaching them, potentially delaying project completion, incurring mistakes, or costly changes. Mindful attention by everyone and respect for the owner to wait until project completion is the right thing to do.

If a safety issue is noted or intrusion on another's property occurs, this should be reported to the office or a member of the board, and not directly engaging the works or the shareholder.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the above observations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Woodward, Board Member