



NEWSLETTER

November 2019

The Holidays are already here! This should be a relatively short newsletter as all the fun and activities will occur after publishing. With so much going on, I thought it best to help get information out on various things happening over the next month. Please, I encourage everyone to get out those cameras (or phones) and snap some pictures of all the upcoming events.

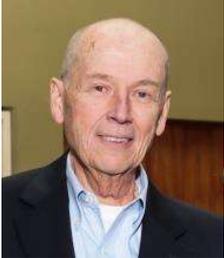
Again, this month we have new Shareholders to NTAC! Adam and Glori Beltran, though their bio is planned for next month's issue. Full timers from the Houston area, so we may not see much of them. Please take time to extend a warm NTAC welcome if you have the chance.

Thank you to all our photo contributors this month. Kimberly Saunders, Amy Van Artsdalen, Steve and Ginger Zeringue, Channing Fell, and others. Please keep them coming

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. I do request you include a brief description of any photo and I will try to include any submission in a future edition. As always, please submit your ideas, articles, and photos to the NTACNewsletter@gmail.com.

From the NTAC President:

Community – Some Definitions



A community is best defined as a group of people who, regardless of the diversity of their backgrounds, have been able to accept and transcend their differences, enabling them to communicate effectively and openly and to work together toward goals identified as being for their common good.

A community is a group of people who share something in common. You can define a community by the shared attributes of the people in it. You need a bunch of people who are alike in some way, who feel some sense of belonging or interpersonal connection.

I believe the best definition of community is from our preamble:

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.

And from our Bylaws:

The purpose for which the corporation is organized are to acquire, develop and operate a private park for the enjoyment of its' members.

As we wind down this year, let's be thankful for our community and its' members who volunteer and, in many cases, go above and beyond to make our park a safe, pleasant, enjoyable place to live.

Jim Courtney
President, NTAC Board of Directors

2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 14

Annual Membership Dinner
Saturday, December 14

RSVP by 25 Nov

If you attend or participate in any activity or event, please get that phone out, snap a few pictures, and email them with a brief explanation to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com

NTAC Life

First Freeze October 31

Channing Fell



Waking this morning to a brisk, clear sky was amazing. Eyes watering from the cold wind and sunshine, we rounded the corner at Miss Dell Byrd's home and headed west on South Park on our first "walk" of our day. Boo and I encountered a couple of neighbors, Steve Holland (Suit) and his pups. It is always good meeting up as we drift around our park.

Once Boo turned for home the sun was brilliant, glancing off the road as it rose well above the Eastern horizon. Once we hit the turn home, we always admire Miss Dell Byrd's beautiful flowers. It then occurs to me her water fountain was steadily dribbling water... it had not completely frozen!

Moving closer and as my eyes cleared I noticed the ice forming around the rim of her elevated fountain ponds. Since it is difficult to explain, here is a picture I was able to take.

Stay warm y'all!

Just Being Neighborly

Andy Dunkinson

As newcomers to NTAC Andy and Linda Ward, from Villa 219, would like to say thanks to all for making us feel at home. NTAC is a very special community and we're happy to be part of it. Linda has started supporting the Ladies Tea and the grounds committee; while Andy has been entertaining the maintenance crew as he tries to put some new sub flooring in his airstream.



Many thanks to a variety of people for providing advice, tools, and helping hands including Ginger, Channing, Ken, Steve, Steve, Jennifer, and Gary.

CPR Certifications

Thanks to Bob K for organizing, and all those who attended CPR and AED training and certification 23 Nov. Attended by about 25, instruction was provided by the Hillsboro Fire Department.



Amateur Radio

John Green

The NTAC Executive Committee gave the green light to John Green and approved an NTAC amateur radio class. John is looking for anyone interested in pursuing completion of the requirements for licensure to let him know so he can coordinate classes.



John needs at least three (3) prospective students in order to commit to teaching the class, though maximum class size is limited to 10. He also needs feedback from those interested in participating so he can begin coordinating a starting date, location, and day/time for the class. The number of students and time availability will help him determine the best way to accommodate attendance.



The minimum time commitment is 2 hours per class session with a minimum of 1 night a week. Though he is interested in exploring options, previous experience in teaching these classes realized a convenient and timely offering of 2 hrs. per class 2 times a week. This helps keep material fresh and the class engaged, while staying on track to facilitate completion.

John believes planning a start date in December, with this type schedule, would realize a completion date by the end of March, allowing for exam administration right after the class ends. As for study materials, John can provide the link for students to order them directly from American Radio Relay League (ARRL).



Anyone interested should contact John Green at (309) 657-3102, by December 1.

Save the Dates!!!

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

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|  | NTAC Thanksgiving Meal | 28 Nov 1PM |
|  | Ladies Tea | 13 Dec 2PM |
|  | Progressive Dinner | 17 Dec 5:30 |
|  | Annual Membership Meeting | 14 Dec |
|  | Annual Membership Dinner | 14 Dec |
|  | Christmas Meal | 25 Dec |

Christmas Stroll/ Progressive Dinner

Debi Rich

A fun and festive evening strolling through the streets of NTAC to see the holiday lights lit up and enjoy food and conversations with our neighbors.



Tuesday December 17th starting at 5:30pm



- ✦ First stop, a visit to Jennifer Hicks' new to her place @ 907 Ave F. Getting things started with appetizers & beverages
- ✦ On to John & Amy Van Artsdalen's home @ 904 Ave F for some soup and to check out their new to them home.
- ✦ Then up the hill to the Courtney's @ 410 Ave B and to visit with Jim and Vickie while enjoying sandwiches.
- ✦ And wrapping it up at Steve & Ginger Zeringue's in their new Villa @ 124 Ave A, it's time for dessert



We encourage all our neighbors to display your Christmas lights and decorations for all to enjoy. An email reminder will be sent out to everyone the first week of December.



WHAT SIRI CAN'T ANSWER...

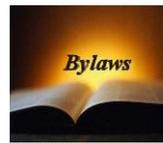
Jennifer Hicks

Questions about life at NTAC, and why do we...?

A semi-regular newsletter column providing answers to many of the questions members have. Please feel free to submit a question to the newsletter editor and look here for some fun history and facts about living in our special community.

Question: Why should I attend the Board Meetings, when I'm just a shareholder, and not a Board Member?

According to the North Texas Airstream Community Rules & Regulations, Article Ten, Section 2, "There shall be at least 6 Board Meetings each year, with one of them held in December after the Membership Meeting."



"Board meetings ordinarily bring together the directors of an organization. Their role is to oversee and guide the business. In a board meeting, the board reviews the past performance of the organization, engages in strategic deliberations and approves plans of action to provide ongoing support to the organization through its various stages of growth."

www.smallbusiness.chron.com

The periodic and scheduled meetings of the Board allow for the discussion, consideration and decision-making of any routine business matters. The discussion takes place among the 9 shareholders we elected to guide our organization.

While not having a vote, it is helpful to hear the discussions. The simple answer to "Why don't we just...?" may be influenced by non-obvious factors also be impacted by the change, with more implications than appear at first glance. Your attendance during the meetings provides an opportunity learn the full scope of an issue.

The scheduled Town Hall portion of the meetings ensures all community members can share their voice on an issue, while stating so in a polite and nonjudgmental environment. This provides the Board, as well as all other members of the community, to gain an understanding of, the impact of, and changing viewpoints on issues that arise.

So, why should you attend? You are a resident and have a voice. You should be aware of the decisions and manner in which decisions are made that ultimately affect you and your neighbors. Please attend the meetings to learn what is important to the community, and how the community as a whole, under the guidance of the member-elected Board of Directors, manages the Rules and Regulations by which we have all chosen to live.

Charleston CameraWork
(aka Douglas Carr Cunningham)
200 Walnut Hill Avenue #3
Hillsboro, Texas
douglascarrunningham@live.com
843-442-7424

NTAC Residents PORTRAIT Project

As a service to the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC), resident and Photographer Douglas Carr Cunningham is taking photo portraits of his neighbors. These photos are informally done by appointment, with a collaborative intent. A selected digital copy from the photo session will be given to the resident(s) who participate. There is no charge or payment involved. The main purpose of the photography is FUN, and an appreciation of getting to know our neighbors.

Please call Douglas Carr Cunningham/Unit 419 to set-up an appointment with him as soon as possible. We hope to present an NTAC slide show in December.

Call Douglas Carr Cunningham - 843-442-7424

MAKE IT FUN!

Directory

Jennifer Hicks

Jennifer Hicks is hard at work updating the NTAC Directory. Data postcards are out to members and many have already returned them to her. She has received about half of them back and reminds all the deadline is 14 December. If you have updates and they are not received in time, they can't be included in the new directory. Jennifer also kindly reminds everyone the data as it is printed on the card is **EXACTLY** what will be printed in the book, so please review it carefully prior to returning.

If for some reason you have not received a card, misplaced your card or need to make a last minute change.....please reach out to Jennifer directly

Once again, a free email directory in PDF format will be available this year. There will be a box on the card for members to request receiving a digital copy, should they so desire. As always, one printed copy is provided to each membership share free of charge. Duplicate paper copies will have a charge applied to the member's house account.



[Get your Facebook fix here.](#)
["Like" our site and "Follow" for updates and new photos... then thank Debi and Amy for moderating our site.](#)

Water Filtration

Channing Fell

From time to time we have discussions among ourselves about the necessity or even practicality of filtering city water prior to entering our Airstream water system. I usually fill my fresh water onboard tank from our Villa city water. I also "treat" it with some liquid chlorine (the cheap stuff is pretty good). Add the chlorine prior to filling so it can mix well and wash out the Fresh Water Intake hose. Of course we all know this routine.

When out camping, I have seen some folks not using any filtration. Other campers I have seen were using almost exotic / MILSPEC setups.

For years we were using the inline blue filters. They seemed to work fine but the change in water pressure and taste with a new filter was obvious on most changes. We even left the filter connected many times at the Villa. The lifespan on the blue filter was possibly a "full season", but we were unable to get more than 5 weeks before the water pressure and flow was significantly reduced. I decided to try a "full house filter" for the Airstream. After much searching and investigation I settled on a Culligan filter with a clear tank to allow observation of the filter action. The result has been interesting. For a reference, the initial color of the media (woven) filter was bright white. I ran it on



Villa water for a full Fresh Water tank fill and prepping for our week long trip. Maybe 75 gallons.

When we arrived in Brownwood campsite I ran the water before then completed the connection. Everything was running great and at the end of the rally the change of color of the filter was not noticeable.

We next stopped at Meridian State Park. Again I flushed the potable water line then connected to the Airstream. 3 nights stay and the filter changes to the color in the attached picture.

From this experience I don't think we will ever use site water unless properly filtered.

NTAC Book Club

Bob and Marne Kaemmerer

Marne and Bob continue leading and sharing their 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 includes:

NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER. NEXT DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH.

Thursday, January 9 1:00-2:00

📖 **The Alice Network, by Kate Quinn.** A fascinating book, is an historical novel based on the true story of a female spy network which took place during World War I.

➤ *Whether you have a chance to read it or not, you will find the discussion fascinating and other members will be happy to loan you their copy. We hope to see you there.*

Thursday, February 6 1:00-2:00

📖 **Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark T Sullivan.** Inspired by the real life story of Italian WWII hero, Pino Lella, this book was 10 years in the making for the author, who met Pinot by chance and knew he wanted to tell his story. Based on the true story of a forgotten hero,

Thursday, March 5 1:00-2:00

📖 **Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens,** follows two timelines, slowly intertwining the two.

Thursday, April 2 1:00-2:00

📖 **Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger,** is a novel about a young man, a small town, and murder in the summer of 1961. It is a wonderful coming-of-age story, complete with a small-town atmosphere and a mystery surrounding the quiet, unassuming community of New Bremen, MN.

Thursday, May 7 1:00-2:00

📖 **Beachcombers, by Nancy Thayer.** The story of three sisters. Nancy Thayer is the author of nineteen novels. Her books concern the mysteries and romance of families and relationships and the humorous adventures of growing older.

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



Arts & Entertainment



Hill College and the Phillip H. Lowe Performing Arts Series



My Monkey and Me: A Beatles Tribute Band

- Feb. 6, 2020 7:30 PM

The Don Diego Trio

- April 7, 2020 7:30 PM

Hill College Players



Three Holiday Plays

- Dec 5, 6 @ 7PM, & Dec @ 2PM

Working (2012 revised version)

- March 11, 12, & 13, 2020 7:30 PM

Performing & Fine Arts Student Showcase

- May 7 & 8, 2020 7:30 PM

All performances are FREE to the public and take place at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Hill County Campus Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center.

NEW NTAC Email Address

Everyone should have received an email from NTAC@ntaci.com or NTACComms@ntaci.com. If not, please check your Spam or Junk folders and **allow any email from @ntaci.com to be received in your Inbox.**

NTAC is moving away from its "free" and limited email service, formerly NTACmgr@hotmail.com. This free account imposed some limitations, which we are working to overcome, while also communicating a more professional business image.

This transition will not happen overnight and in fact may take a month or two to complete. So, don't be surprised if you receive email from both old and new addresses for awhile.

For now, just be aware and look for updates **AND** add NTACI.com addresses to your address/contacts listing.

Landscaping Report

By Steve Zeringue

Pruning trees

NTAC is blessed with some beautiful shade trees and the proper pruning of these trees will prolong their life for everyone at NTAC to enjoy. How you prune your trees will affect its shape, strength and life span. The cardinal rule of prune is the saying "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined".

So, what are the keys to good pruning?

1. Late fall and early spring is when you should prune your trees. Usually, pruning does not start until the tree is at least 3-5 years of age. Pruning when the tree is young will cause smaller wounds. Newly transplanted trees need their leaves to produce new growth.
2. Before pruning, look at the tree and define the best "leaders" and lateral branches. Lateral branches showing 10:00 or 2:00 angles to the trunk are your "keepers".
3. Prune with an eye for the future. Remember branches do not move up the tree as it grows. A branch 5' off the ground today will still be 5' of the ground in 10 years.
4. Keep your tools sharp. Clean cuts will help the wound heal quickly.



A fall Afternoon
on Avenue F
by Amy Van
Artsdalen

Get Involved!!

Thanks to Douglas and Cheryl for encouraging and hosting community get together events such as Karaoke and Happy Hour in the Pavilion.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of our Community is our sense of community. Simply gathering, getting to know one another, and sharing. Watch for future events, in the newsletter, via email announcements, or the calendar. AND.....if you want to host an event, what's stopping you!?!

Random Things

It's a Thursday thing at the Plaid Turtle.



Did one of the Steve's steal Jennifer's drink, or was it the emu on the wall.

Or was it the dragon, and is Douglas the next target?



Fun times at the Plaid Turtle, everyone is welcome to join in!

Does this remind you of anyone we know?

Submitted by Channing Fell

Please Drive
Safely and
Defensively
these holidays!



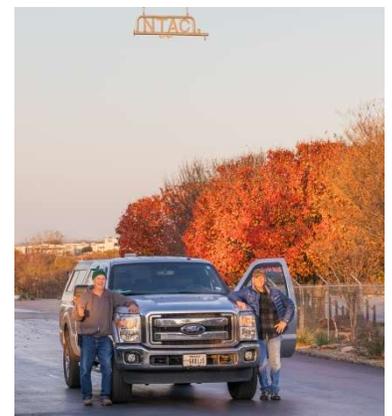
SNOWBIRDS

They're back, and they're a year older.

NTAC Poster Models....

Captured by Kimberly Saunders

Making things happen in
in the Park. Thank you
both for all you do!





NORTH TEXAS AIRSTREAM COMMUNITY, INC.

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
DINNER**

**December 14, 2019
5:30pm Dinner
NTAC Rally Room**

Please R.S.V.P. no later than November 25th to

**Jenn Nekola, Office Manager
ntacmgr@hotmail.com
or call 254-582-5566**

\$16.00 per person

Menu:

Your choice of 1 entrée (Please specify your entrée choice):

Chicken Marsala on Noodles or Beef Tips with brown gravy on Noodles

**Includes Garden Toss Salad, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Roll & Butter
Peach Cobbler**

Please state VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE if required

**Special entertainment at 7:00pm by
Cowtown Music Club
(Compliments of your NTAC Board of Directors)**

**Cowtown Music Club will get you off your seat and on your feet with their
danceable mix of music**

