

Time for another issue of our newsletter. I can't believe the end of October is already upon us. The Texas heat certainly made us all wish for fall, and with everyone so very busy, but where has the year gone? This month's newsletter reflects a lot going on right through the end of October. Vickie and I, along with a number of other NTAC residents are heading to Texas Country Air in Brownwood the end of the month, which will keep us all very busy. The schedule is amazing this year. Repair and maintenance around the park is evident everywhere, and it is so very nice to see neighbors work with and helping each other.

We have had new shareholders join us over the last few months; their bios are included. Please take time to welcome them. Our board meeting was the 21st of October and Board Elections are just around the corner.....and then the Holidays are upon us. Where has all the time gone?

I continue to welcome articles at any time and if enough information is available will publish as frequently as needed. As always my thanks to all photo contributors, and I truly welcome photos from everyone....and will be very happy to include them in both the newsletter as well as post to the website; please just send them my way. Sharing another one of mine from the Salinas Pueblos Missions in NM.



Remember this newsletter is all about you and your neighbors. Please send me articles, photos of members, on the road or not; awesome pictures, special campground discoveries, great deals, or a unique recipe. 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:

COMMITTEE & CHAIRPERSONS

It is important for the Board to fulfill all of the needs of an organization responsibly. To do that it relies on committees to divide the work into manageable tasks. Committees are generally smaller groups with a focus on a particular need.



At NTAC, we have 31 committees including the Ladies Club. Some committees may only function at certain times of the year. Some committees function on a daily, weekly, or monthly time frame. Some committees are formed to research an issue in depth, analyze it and provide documentation to the Board to support their findings. Whatever the function or need of the committee, they are extremely important to our community.

From time to time there is a problem that is brought to my attention and I am able to call the appropriate committee chair and before I know it, the problem is resolved. Just like

that. This feels good to me and I am sure many of you have handled situations in the same fashion.

Sometimes I'm sure you feel overlooked or maybe not appreciated, but I can assure you, from the Board of Directors and myself, you are truly appreciated and we could not function without you.

Thank you for all you do-
Keep up the good work

Jim Courtney
President, NTAC Board of Directors

2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 14

Annual Membership Dinner
Saturday, December 14

NTAC Life

Member News – The Mitchell's

We participated in a Special Event Rally August 1 to 4 this last summer. The event happened because Mystic Seaport Museum contacted the Airstream Factory for a



request to show airstream trailers in an upcoming event, "Streamlined: From Hull to Home". The factory contacted

WBCCI and they picked up the challenge as there was approximately 2 weeks until the event. Region 1 hosted and put out notice for 12 trailers for show. We were lucky enough to be able to participate. To us this is an example of the opportunities that WBCA as provided us. On Saturday and Sunday we held open house and visited with museum attendees speaking of the love of the trailers and the lifestyle they have provided us.



The Mitchell's also found time to attend the Swiss Festival where Kathi got "spooned", and then they found time to meet up with the Walker's in Maine!



Lunch Out

With all the rallies of late, Potluck has had to take a back seat. Never to stop neighbors from getting together, some found time to relax, visit and enjoy Lunch at Wendy's on the 15th. Everyone had a great time, and yes, stories were told.



And Then There was Ice Cream

Arguably, one of the nicest NTAC activities, at least certainly through the summer, is the Ice Cream Social! Not only a wonderful opportunity to sample ice cream flavors you wanted to try but not have to buy; but what a great way to meet your "dairy" requirement for the week.



Good times enjoyed by all, and this fun activity serves to keep everyone in touch.

Our last Ice Cream Social for 2019 is the 27th of October. Then, until next year, you're on your own.

Sunset Happy Hour

Don't you just really enjoy impromptu gatherings? October 11 saw a number of neighbors catching up, telling stories, just having fun, and enjoying a fall (finally) sunset in the pavilion.



Attended by about 25 residents, we also enjoyed the company of some Terraport visitors, stopping through with their Base Camp.

Expect to see more of this type of gathering in the near future. **And**.....if you want to organize an activity, just let Jenn in the Office or Scott via the "newsletter" email and we will help get the word out.

Save the Dates!!!

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

	NTAC Thanksgiving Meal	28 Nov
	Ladies Tea	13 Dec 2PM
	Progressive Dinner	TBD
	NTAC Membership Dinner	14 Dec
	Christmas Meal	25 Dec

HELP Wanted--- Holiday Progressive Dinner

Well it's almost already time to be thinking about the Holidays. Debi Rich is working on details for the annual Progressive Dinner. Still in the planning stages this event is a wonderful way to welcome the holidays, meet your neighbors, enjoy friendships, and.....revel in some great food. Last year's event included stops for Appetizer, Salad, a pasta main course, and culminating in dessert at the club house.

Debi can't do this alone, and needs your time, skills, and even your home to help host and prepare for the stroll (& ride) through the park.

A Volunteer Community

Jim Courtney kicked off last month's newsletter with a great article about volunteerism and the value of doing so to our community.



Well, lots of residents either heard the message or simply felt the



urge to get involved. A big thank you to everyone for all you do!

This past month our gardeners, spent hours organizing and tending to the beds around the park. Most noticeable to our visitors is the area around the clubhouse and pavilion, but their work benefited every avenue and common area throughout the park.



Work also took place in many other areas, including the workshop, around the Terraport, dog park, and park utilities. Volunteers

worked on cleaning, upkeep, organizing, comfort, and safety. And, while not everyone has the skills or desire to do all the work, there is plenty to go around. Please find your niche and pitch in.

A most appreciated thanks to Steve Woodward and the MANY others who tended to water leaks and repairs.

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

WHAT SIRI CAN'T ANSWER...

Jennifer Hicks

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

This is a semi-regular column, authored by Jennifer for the newsletter, intended to provide answers to many questions some of the newer members have, or maybe even longtime residents might have forgotten. 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 is there a rule restricting the size and fill capacity of a permanent propane tank on my lot?

Article 2, Rule 2.23 of the 'RULES AND REGULATIONS' book reads:

A propane bottle not exceeding 100 pounds may be located at the front of any Airstream trailer if secured properly and connected in accordance with LPG safety requirements. Other LPG tanks and bottles, not to exceed 150 gallons, shall be located at the rear of a permanent shelter on a lot when installed in accordance with the State and Local Regulations and shall not be filled in excess of 70 percent capacity.

Answer: Lots at NTAC are smaller than the average home lot, and our villas and structures are constructed closer to our neighbors than standard communities or neighborhoods. Due to the smaller lot size and closer setbacks, special permission was necessary from the Railroad Commission of Texas (the governing body of propane rules and regulations in this state) to accommodate the smaller lot proximity.

Dixie Propane worked diligently with NTAC members and the Railroad Commission to secure the ability for us to have permanent propane tanks on villas and houses, should owners desire. The end result is a capacity fill limit, as well as a location map for all the lots in the park, with propane tank locations according to setbacks and distance limits. It is necessary to inform your propane supplier of the limit, so they are aware of less than the standard fill capacity. So, if you have a propane tank at your house or villa, please confirm your supplier knows the special fill limit here at NTAC and verify proper filling procedures are followed ~ especially in the summer months, when the gases expand due to high temperatures! This is important for the safety of all residents and guests.



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

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.

NTAC Karaoke

Yet another installment of Karaoke showcased some of our community talent and afforded a great time for about 20 residents. Hats off to Cheryl Moniz and Douglas Carr Cunningham for organizing another great time. This event featured Bob Kaemmerer with his sax and solos by Rita Green. Whether you think you have talent or not, simply want to hum along, or tap your toes, NTAC Karaoke is fun for all.



NTAC Members Out and About



Hanging out with friends at the Plaid Turtle...seems like a good Thursday evening thing to do.

Lunch Out at Tres Hermanos in Whitney, and by the way,

Thank You to Sue McLaughlin for arranging our Lunch Out events.



NTAC Board Meeting Highlights

Our NTAC Board met on 21 October, conducting a Town Hall meeting at the same time. While not everyone attends, it is interesting to listen to the amount of work, personal and group energy committed to managing our community. While each individual item discussed may not apply to all, something always comes up affecting everyone. Please take the time to be involved.

This month's meeting included a number of topics, which would be valuable for those unable to attend, to be aware of.

 Jim Courtney appointed a Committee to be Chaired by Steve Holland and charged with evaluating the drainage issues and concerns along and behind Ave F.

 Discussion occurred regarding NTAC Roads and Grounds issues, particularly as related to repaving and whether to use concrete or asphalt. After discussion the board decided to pursue hiring an engineer to survey, evaluate, and recommend the best long term and most cost effective solutions. This will likely encompass the drainage issues as well.

 Steve Woodward took the time to extend thanks to the many, many people who volunteered to learn and help manage infrastructure and utility concerns. This was most evident in solving the water main breaks in mid-October.

 Sheila Lewis provided an overview of the very full calendar over the next few months. While not everything can be listed here, you can access the calendar at any time on the [website](#). Some Highlights:

- Oct 27 Last Ice Cream Social
- Oct 31 Halloween "Day of the Dead" Celebration in the Pavilion....costumes encouraged.
- Nov 5 Lunch Out at TX Country Café in Whitney
- Nov 12 Lunch Out at Hill College Cafeteria
- Nov 23 CPR Class in the Rally Room
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Dinner

 Debi Rich's Facebook report noted lots of updates and photos. Our site has had over 250 likes and enjoys over 260 followers. If you have not had the chance to check our FB page out, please do! It is a great way to keep up with NTAC happenings, especially while on the road.

WBAC Membership Renewal Time

A friendly Reminder...It's time to renew your WBCCI Membership for 2020. Here's the link to do so online...



<https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal>

Welcome New NTAC Members

Mark and Mary Glasnapp are the new owners of the share representing lot number 321.



After leading full careers, Mary in education and Mark in management positions at Caterpillar, Inc. and ASV, Inc. they are both trying to transition into retirement but not quite there yet. Mary continues to do educational consulting and Mark runs a small management consulting firm. The goal is to be

completely done by the summer of 2020....Good luck!

Over the past 40 years the Glasnapp's resided in Iowa, Illinois, Australia, Switzerland, North Carolina and Minnesota. Six years ago, relocating to Grand Marais, Minnesota, a small and scenic harbor town located on the shores of Lake Superior. Some of the best camping, paddling, hiking, fishing, winter activities, art and local live music in the country, is also a haven for their Siberian Husky, Mika. They have two sons, Alex in Grand Marais, and Adam in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Glasnapp's are not new to RVs, over the years previously owning a Roadtrek, a Scamp and a 19' Flying Cloud they recently traded for a 2019 23' International Signature. Logging over 35,000 miles in their two Airstreams, they ventured extensively throughout the North, West and Central states making many friends along the way. A week at Alumapalooza in 2018 let them experience first-hand, the deep sense of community afforded by the Airstream lifestyle. There, they also met Bruce and Cynthia Nutt who introduced them to NTAC. Mark and Mary are already signed up for Alumapalooza 2020 and will be attending their first WBCCI International Rally in Loveland this next year



In the next few years, the Glasnapp's look forward to using their new NTAC home as a winter base to make new friends, get involved in the community and explore Texas and the Southeast in their Airstream.

Tim Watts, our newest member, is the new owner of share representing 323 as of the 10th of October.

Retired for 5 years, Tim bought his first and only Airstream, a vintage 1991 34' classic, after he retired. He has done a cosmetic update to the interior and installed a solar system, roof mounted satellite dish, and 3 new axles along with several other updates to the exterior. Part of the enjoyment of owning an Airstream for Tim is being able to tinker with and keep his vintage in top shape. But the main enjoyment is traveling around the county for rallies and taking caravans. He is always amazed and fascinated by the people he meets while traveling in his Airstream and has made numerous friends all across the county and in particular a special lady he met at the international rally in Escanaba.



Originally from west Texas, Tim graduated from Oklahoma State with a BS and the University of Oklahoma with an MBA. He worked in the oil industry as a drilling and production engineer until the late 80's when due to the industry down turn he and his family relocated to Alabama at which time he got into equipment manufacturing until retirement.

Tim has a daughter and son, both of which are Auburn graduates and live in the Birmingham, Alabama area. He loves making things out of metal, stone, concrete, or wood. His favorite past time in the Fall is of course watching OU football.

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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!

NTAC Book Club

Bob and Marne Kaemmerer

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

Thursday, November 7 1:00-2:00

📖 Our next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, November 7th from 1 – 2 PM. The book to be discussed will be “Lilac Girls”, by Martha Hale Kelly. This is a novel based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits. Kelly's acclaimed debut book reveals a story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades.

📖 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.

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.

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 Concerts

Hill College Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Choir will be presenting their Fall Concert on Thursday evening, **November 14th at 7:30** in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center. Three of our NTAC members participate in the bands – **Mary Ellen Cribbs** (flute), **Bob Kaemmerer** (clarinet and saxophone), **Donna Scott** (saxophone), and **Sandy Boutwell** (percussion).

Hill College and the Phillip H. Lowe Performing Arts Series



"The Biggest Little Band in the Land" The Western Flyers

- Nov. 21, 2019 7:30 PM

This second concert of the Phillip H. Lowe Performing Arts Series is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21 and will feature The Western Flyers. The Flyers are one of the most exciting bands to glide on to the music scene in years. Their unique sound is a cross section of the great American song book: classic western swing, hot jazz and swing standards, vintage country, cowboy songs, and electrifying old – time fiddle tunes. Check out the Flyers at <http://www.thewesternflyers.com/>

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.