

Greetings NTAC residents and visitors. It is time to get another newsletter off the presses. The last issue hit email in May and while I had hoped to provide updates throughout the summer, Vickie's and my travel along with the limited number of stories, warranted waiting until September. I learned a long time ago, sometimes it is best to be flexible. I continue to welcome articles at any time and if enough information is available will publish as frequently as needed.



NTAC was pretty quiet over the summer, but as everyone returned from their travels, we certainly have lots of updates to share. The WBAC International Rally, and AlumaPalooza, were attended by many of our residents and some really stood out. NTAC roads received an update, and we have an updated website. The NTAC board met September 16th, and from conversations with other residents there will be lots going on in the community and Hill College worth noting.

Thanks to this month's photo contributors! I welcome photos from everyone....and will be very happy to include them in both the newsletter as well as post to the website just send them my way. Here is one of mine.....taken during a morning walk at Ridgway State Park Colorado.



As always, I remain interested in posting photos of members on the road; awesome pictures, special campground discoveries, great deals, or a unique find or 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:

Volunteering

From Wikipedia

Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain "to benefit another person, group or organization". Volunteering is also renowned for skill development and is often intended to promote goodness or to improve human quality of life. Volunteering may have positive benefits for the volunteer as well as for the person or community served.



Benefits of Volunteering

Health benefits; volunteering has the ability to improve the quality of life and health including longevity of those who donate their time and research has found that older adults will benefit the most from volunteering. Physical and mental ailments plaguing older adults can be healed through the simple act of helping others; however, one must be performing the good deed from a selfless nature. Studies have also shown that volunteering can cause a decrease in loneliness for those volunteering as well as those for who people volunteer.

We have 27 committees at NTAC plus the Ladies Club and the Board of Directors, all working as a volunteer team, and we benefit greatly from our volunteers.

Traditional volunteering is valued by the government at approximately \$24.69 per hour. A conservative estimate of volunteer hours worked weekly in our park is 200 hours x \$24.69 per hour = \$4,938 per week, over \$250,000 per year. If we had to pay for all that work done by our volunteers it would cost each share an additional \$1,600 per year in membership dues.

So to stay young, healthy, happy, being a part of something, and help keep our membership dues at an acceptable level, VOLUNTEER!

Please take the time to thank our volunteers for all they do for NTAC.

Thank you.

Jim Courtney
President

2019 NTAC Board Meeting Dates

Monday, October 21th
Saturday, December 14th

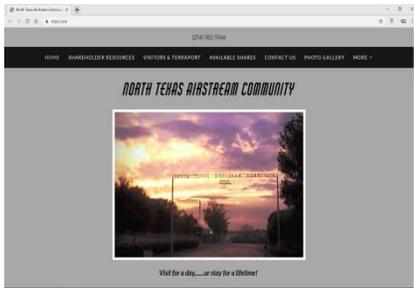
Validation Period
For annual Membership Meeting

September 30, 2019 – October 30

NTAC Life

Website Update

By now most residents should know the NTAC website received a complete facelift this past month. The old site...along with the bouncing ball, continued to have problems due to coding updates. In the end it was easier to rebuild the site and give it and our web presence a new look. The URL did not change, so access is still via www.NTACi.com or www.NTACi.org.



Most of the previous resources and links remain, even though the look and organization changed. Navigation of the site received a top priority, but perceptions belong to the individual, so resident feedback is important. In order to keep the site "fresh" and useful to all NTAC residents, along with telling a compelling story to visitors, all residents should feel free to submit suggestions for improvement. Whether the suggestion is for additional content, fixing a broken link, adding or updating all manner of information, or simply to make the site more appealing, please send comments to NTACwebcontent@gmail.com.

And one last thing.....there is ample space for photos, so please submit any you would like to share to the same address.

Something to Think About

From Pat Lovlace

.....Recently I learned my great nephew was studying the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey

The amazing thing about this is, my nephew is in the 1st grade!

Remembering the 7 Habits are great reminders for us as neighbors and volunteers. I'd like to list them here.

Hope they spur you on to pick up this book and delve into these habits deeper.

Habit 1: Be Proactive. ...

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. ...

Habit 3: Put First Things First. ...

Habit 4: Think Win/Win. ...

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.

Habit 6: Synergize.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw.....

International Rally Highlights

The WBAC International Rally included a number of NTAC participants, and realized a few moving into international offices.

Congratulations to Mona Heath, one of our newer residents on her selection and posting as the 2019-2020 International President.



Congratulations to Vickie Courtney for assuming duties as the International Recording Secretary.



And one more Congragutulations to Andy Selking as International 1st Vice President

A number of NTAC participants took respite from the heat and enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral....great friends, always have something to talk about.



Steve Woodward (North Texas) and Vickie Graham (Heart of Texas) represented their camping units as flag bearers during opening ceremonies.



Directory

Jennifer Hicks

It is time to start compiling the annual NTAC Directory. Jennifer Hicks is the committee chair for this task and hopes to have the “data postcards” out to members for corrections and confirmation by the end of the month. She kindly reminds members 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.

A free email directory in PDF format will be available again 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 Facebook Site

Debi Rich

A HUGE shout out to Debi Rich and all the work she does for our Facebook page.

Please share the site, and tell your friends, as there is a lot 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.

Debi wants everyone to know; with the slowdown of NTAC events during the summer months and many residents away for the summer, the NTAC Facebook page posts also slowed. Even so our page continues to gain new followers, increasing from 192 in April to 249 as of September 10th.

This summer our committee reported on events at the International Rally along with pictures of the NTAC members attending, the installation of NTAC members Mona Heath as International President, Andy Selking as 1st VP, Vickie Courtney as International Recording Secretary, 4th of July festivities here at NTAC, and residents travel photos from various locations.

We are always interested in sharing your pictures, stories, or announcements, so if you need help posting pictures to Facebook, let me know and I'll be glad to assist.

Now that the committee of Debi Rich, Channing Fell, and Amy Van Artsdalen are back, we hope to be adding more interesting items to our Facebook page, keeping in mind our goal is to inform the members and potential visitors who may be drawn to visit us and decide to join our community.

Please remember our Facebook page is called North Texas Airstream Community-NTAC. There is another page called Ntac

Airstream Park which is not our official page, so be sure you visit the correct page.

Welcome New NTAC Members

Fritz and Deb Stuneck are back and the new owners of the share representing Villa 603!

Fritz & Deb Stuneck are from St. Paul, MN, and family includes Gordon Setter “Roxie” and Scottish Terrier “Guffie”. They've traveled for many years with assorted campers, and the last decade with Airstreams. They currently use a 2016 27FB and travels have taken them to a lot of states, especially down South and Route 66. Hobbies include travel, a little golf, touring in general, visiting historical museums of all kinds, and especially Presidential Libraries.



The Stuneck's have owned several Airstreams over the years and now also have a 1966 Globetrotter (restored) for shorter trips. Fritz worked as a Heavy Equip. Mechanic for 35 years and Deb worked in printing industry prepress.

They have one daughter residing in Monument, CO teaching Political Science at the USAF Academy. She has the fortune to travel during the summer months with cadets on their foreign travels.

Their Son-in-Law is a “world class” cross-country skier; therefore the whole family are skiers!

Many more states to visit and awaiting for our Airstream!

NTAC Validation

NTAC validation process, monitored by the Membership Committee, is the method used to confirm your qualification as a Member in Good Standing at NTAC. It is held prior to the purchase, trade or modification of NTAC property; prior to an NTAC membership vote, and 45 days prior to each annual Membership Meeting.

Many thanks to those who volunteer to serve on the Membership Committee. Their volunteer work is behind the scenes and not always evident to the general membership. Many hours are dedicated by the committee members who are: Channing Fell, Charles Scott, Lynne Mack, Charles McFarland, Larry Lethem, Richard Turner, Kathi Mitchell, Bob Kaemmerer, and recently “retired” member—Cindy Lethem. Thank you all. And thank you NTAC members for making this a great place to live.

Vickie Courtney
Membership Chair

2020 NTAC Board Nominating Committee

The nominating committee completed its candidate selection for the 2020 board of directors. Candidates, in the order as they will appear on the ballot are as follows.

Jim Haddaway
Ray Schmitt
Scott Graham
Ken Mitchell
Jennifer Hicks

Many thanks to the nominating committee, and in particular Phil Spruell for his leadership and Bob Kaemmerer for both their dedication and hard work.

Trash Talk!

Phil Spruell

Our park continues to have a problem with the dumpsters and we all need to help solve this problem. Recently someone dumped a number of plastic chairs in the dumpster, causing it to overflow and resulting in refuse sticking out over top. To make matters worse, someone added some old cabinets. Then to compound the problem many of our members just add plastic bags of trash on top of an already overflowing dumpster. Unfortunately when the wind comes up, these bags along with refuse unable to be contained in the dumpster, get blown all over the park. This is unsanitary, and a health hazard - not to mention an eyesore.

We have the trash dumpster emptied three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and the recycle dumpster once a week on Thursday.

- If the dumpster is full, wait a day or two until it has been emptied.
- If you have a contractor doing work, it is their responsibility to haul off their scraps.
- If we would all use common sense it would make it better for everyone.

By the way, the refuse company is now charging for picking up an over loaded dumpster, which is an unnecessary cost to our community budget.

Please help out the park by not overloading the dumpsters.

NTAC Rally Information

Tom Collier

The NTAC Rally Welcome Committee exists to contact outside rally leaders upon their arrival at NTAC and welcome them to the North Texas Airstream Community. This committee is the contact resource to welcome and assist our guest and facilitate rallies for needs or questions during their stay. Since this committee is still in its first year, the committee is still formulating

duties and responsibilities for this committee. A work in progress.

Six rallies were held at NTAC since this committee was formed in April of 2019. The majority of the requests to date were to regulate the room temperature in the club room. From April through the end of June NTAC hosted a total of 66 rigs on our terraport participating in rallies. The next scheduled rally is October 5th, with eight additional rallies scheduled through the end of 2019.

I want to thank all shareholders of NTAC for their warm welcome they have shown to our guest. Remember each outside rally on the terraport helps share the cost of doing business at NTAC. They are doing their part to keep our maintenance fees steady.

Medication Safety

Yet another reminder to check your medications and expiration dates after summer travels. It is easy to take for granted those medications we keep in our Airstream, but expired medications can be dangerous, especially if left unattended and subject to wide variations in temperature or humidity while sitting in storage. When in doubt consult your provider.

Composting

Steve Zeringue

Thanks to all who participate in NTAC's efforts to compost!

So far, our community efforts are a big success. To date, we utilized all the composted material from Bin #2 to place around several trees and flower beds inside the park. Several members also used some of the compost to enrich their potted plants and flower beds. This is why we compost!

The compost Bins are numbered 1 thru 4.

- Bin #1 is composted enough for use within the park. We will start spreading later this fall.
- Bin #2 is emptied and ready to receive your organic waste.
- Bin #3 is closed to adding any new organic waste. We are going to let this bin start the composting process.
- Bin #4 is open for bagged grass clippings and leaves gathered this fall and winter. We will add materials to Bin #2 as needed.

Given the nature of our NTAC soil, composting is very much worth the effort expensed by individuals and the community as a whole. Our collective efforts improve the soil structure, helps ensure the soil is allowed to hold moisture and ultimately improves the soils workability. Each one is a critical need within the NTAC community grounds.

Landscape Committee

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, October 3 1:00-2:00

- 📖 I Sniper, by Stephen Hunter, one of the popular Bob Lee Swagger novels, is our October choice for discussion. Four famed '60s radicals are gunned down at long range by a sniper.

Thursday, November 7 1:00-2:00

- 📖 Lilac Girls, by Martha Hale Kelly, is a quietly powerful book set in WWII and based on a true story. It is narrated by 3 different narrators one for each point of view, whose lives are set on a collision course.

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

Planning!

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

 Karaoke	4:30-6:00	4 Oct
 Texas Country Air (Brownwood)		24 – 27 Oct
 NTAC Thanksgiving Meal		28 Nov
 Ladies Tea		2PM 13 Dec
 NTAC Membership Dinner		14 Dec
 Christmas Meal		25 Dec

Hill College Activities

Hill College and the Phillip H. Lowe Performing Arts Series



- **Grammy Nominated Saxophonist: Todd Oxford**
 - Oct. 17, 2019 7:30 PM
- **"The Biggest Little Band in the Land" The Western Flyers**
 - Nov. 21, 2019 7:30 PM
- **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



- **John**
 - Oct. 24, 25, & 26, 2019 2:30 PM
- **Three Holiday Plays**
 - Dec. 5, 6, & 7, 2019 5 & 6 @ 7 P 7 @ 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

Culinary Dining at Texas State Technical College, Waco

Earlier this year, a group of NTAC residents took a field trip to The Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center. Located at the corner of 8th Street and Campus Drive, the restaurant is open to public and serves from 11 AM. to 12:30 PM. on Wednesdays and Fridays unless otherwise noted. Dates and menu items are subject to change.



As this "field trip" was enjoyed by those who previously attended, below is the coming school term schedule.

- Sept. 25 and Sept. 27: Texas
- Oct. 2 and Oct. 4: Peru
- Oct. 9 and Oct. 11: Central Mexico
- Oct. 16 and Oct. 18: Parisenne Bistro
- Oct. 23 and Oct. 25: Chef's Choice
- Oct. 30 and Nov. 1: Peru
- Nov. 6 and Nov. 8: Central Mexico
- Nov. 20 and Nov. 22: Parisenne Bistro
- Nov. 7: Live Action Buffet

*Allergy Notice: Some food that is prepared may contain milk, eggs, wheat, soybean, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish.



Reservations are required and are not accepted on serving days. If you arrive early to your reservation time, we will not always be able to seat you right away. If you are 15 minutes late, we will have to give your table away for our other patrons who would like to dine with us. We do not do takeout orders. To make reservations, contact 254-867-4868. Be sure to "like" us on the Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center at TSTC in Waco Facebook page.

Please note: If you have a food allergy, intolerance or sensitivity, please speak to your server about ingredients in our dishes before you order your meal. Please be advised we are not an allergen-free kitchen.

Culinary Arts students and faculty appreciate your continued support.

Hillsboro Code Red Emergency Contact System

Did you know Hillsboro provides an emergency notification service?



The City of Hillsboro's emergency contact system, Code Red, alerts citizens of impending situations such as severe weather conditions, tornados, and chemical spills. This also includes boil water notices. Code Red is geographically based, meaning the system can ring a single household, a specific city block, a neighborhood, or an entire city. A pre-recorded message is heard when a resident answering machine takes the call. The system will ring a number 3 times if a busy signal is received. Residents with caller ID will be able to identify the (999) 911-9991 number as an emergency.

The purpose of the Code Red system is to relay important information as quickly as possible. Residents are urged to go to the website and register not only unlisted numbers, but also secondary contacts such as cell phone numbers. Warnings may be sent out by the Code Red system, alerting citizens of severe weather conditions, chemical spills, train derailments, water outages, and other public dangers.

Contact

Emergency Management Coordinator

Office (254) 580-1269

Fax (254) 280-1214

Click the below link, if reading online, to be taken to the

[CODE RED REGISTRATION](#) site.

A Few Rally Pics

