

## Newsletter

# November 2021

Hard to believe we are already managing through the Month of November. The year has flown by and so much has or is soon to happen this year. Many new NTAC members, and many still trying to join our community. Speaking with some of our neighbors, no one can recall when there were no shares awaiting transfer, as often as such has happened this year.

As I write this preamble to the newsletter, NTAC Board Ballots are on their way, plans for the Holiday Party are in the works, our 2022 Budget is being considered, and about publishing time road work will begin around many areasthe park.

This month we get to learn a bit about new members Kevin and Bonnie Pflug, who arrived just before the last newsletter.

I continue to be interested in sharing shareholder stories of all, not just the new members. If you would like to be featured in a future newsletter, please send me a bio, along with a picture or two; it would be great to help all those new members learn about the rest of us too.

A full schedule of NTAC activites is returning. Ice Cream Socials are now the first Sunday of each month and Potluck returned to Tuesdays. Along with the various games throughout the week, Glori and Adam

Beltran have expanded their yoga and fitness programs. Please check out the online activities calendar at the top of our Shareholder Resrouces webpage for updates. <a href="https://ntaci.com/shareholder-resources">https://ntaci.com/shareholder-resources</a>. The 2022 calendar is now available, even if not fully complete. There are already a multitude of things planned for next year. Pat Lovelace is looking for a replacement for Activities Chair, so if you are interested, please get in touch with her.

If you have an article or subject to share, I would be thrilled to include it in a future edition. I will help with editing and proofreading as desired, and sometimes necessary, to help fit available newsletter space.

Please continue to share your photos and fun with your NTAC neighbors via *Facebook*, *Instagram* and of course this *Newsletter*. Any items can be sent to the email address at the bottom of this section. I also pull Facebook Group page items, as many of our neighbors do not use Facebook.

As always, please send what you would like to share to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com and I will do my best to keep up.

#### 2021 NTAC President

#### Dear NTAC members:

Well, it appears fall is finally here. People are returning to the park. Voting is continuing on the road proposal. The Nominations Committee has selected five candidates for you, the Membership, to choose. Ballot positions are as shown:



- Peter Swartz
- Bruce Nutt
- Ed Landers
- Allen Faulk
- Ruth Ann Walker

I would like to thank the current board members for their work this year. Dale Henning. Mike Mack, Jennifer Hicks and Michael Shelley have done yeoman duty as executive committee. I have benefitted immensely from the council of previous presidents.

The budget should be finished mid - November. Should the road package pass, hopefully it can be done in November.

Steve Holland

#### **Social Media Links**

Please visit our Social Media and Internet Web sites frequently for updates and please share with others!

**NTAC Website** 

www.ntaci.com

**NTAC Facebook Page** 

https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamCommunity/

**NTAC Instagram Account** 

https://www.instagram.com/northtexasairstreamcommunity/

**NTAC Twitter Account** 

https://twitter.com/NTAirstreamComm

**NTAC Private Facebook Group** 

https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthTexasAirstreamCommunity

#### **2021 Board Meeting Schedule**

#### 11 December (Annual Membership Meeting)

All meetings are planned for the Rally Room with Social Distancing and Masks required.

Board Workshops are generally held the Wednesday prior, but be sure to check the online calendar for changes.

Remember this newsletter is all about you and your neighbors. Articles and photo submissions are certainly mercone non-cropyone, especially process or members, on the road or not; your favorite pictures, special campground discoveries, great deals, or a unique recipe. Please include a brief description of any photo and I will try to include submissions in a future edition.

#### New Member Welcome - Bonnie & Kevin Pflug



A warm NTAC Welcome to Bonnie and Kevin Pflug, new shareholders of share 306 Ave B.

Kevin and Bonnie are transplants from the "North Star State" (Minnesota) to the "Lone Star State". They plan to split their time between the North Texas Airstream Community and The Minnesota Airstream Park. They've decided six months of winter (tons of

snow and double digits below zero) just aren't as fun as they used to be.

Married for 15 years; they have a blended family of five children and four

grandchildren (with another Grandchild due to arrive in December). They travel with their Min-Pin /Terrier mix dog named Cleo. Cleo was rescued from a Minnesota "no kill" shelter and three hours after getting her they we were off for a week long camping trip along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Cleo loved it. Talk about "trial by fire".



Bonnie and Kevin met through a "biker

website" and enjoyed many great road trips together. They rode portions of old Route 66 out of Kingman AZ, as well as Monument Valley, Yellowstone and of course the Grand Canyon. They note, "Experiencing places like these on a bike is incredible; along with the amazing scenery you experience the smell, the weather (for good or bad) and perhaps a few bugs all at the same time." Prior to meeting Kevin, Bonnie embarked on some solo trips to Badlands National Park, Memphis and Nashville. She rode to Alaska and back with three great friends; 8,813 miles door to door in three weeks. Getting to know each other, they realized many



other common interests; photography, camping, and 4-wheelin' (in a Jeep). As the years flew by, they camped much more than riding. So, they made difficult decision to sell their beloved Harleys.

The Pflug's bought their first

Airstream in 2012, a new 22' Safari. They took that little Airstream on a great southwest adventure, camping in Dead Horse Point State Park UT, which was used as a base camp to see Arches NP, Canyonlands NP, and the city of Moab where they spent some quality time "off road". Afterwards, they headed to Bryce NP, Zion NP, and Kodachrome Basin State Park (yes, the park is named after the film made by the Eastman Kodak Company). They also enjoyed the Page, AZ area for some amazing photo opportunities at Horseshoe Bend and both North and South Antelope Canyon.

In 2016 Airstream announced the 27FB Pendleton trailer. Only 100 units were manufactured in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Bonnie and Kevin felt like AS made a travel trailer exclusively for them. The interior looks like an old wood cabin, and the back hatch opens, allowing even more of the outside into the camper. They were lucky enough to get their hands on one; number 64 of 100 and purchased the Pendleton from a young couple (from the Hillsboro area); five years later they are back in Hillsboro.

Why NTAC? After spending six months at the Minnesota Airstream Park, Bonnie and Kevin really wanted to find something similar. They wanted to find another wonderful community with a spot to call their own. After browsing many websites, none of them had what they were looking for. Then, Kevin found the NTAC website and we knew this would be ideal for us. Fortunately, one Villa was for sale, so they got on a plane, looked at the villa and met with membership. We have some work to do on both the Villa and the Airstream, and are looking forward to both.

If you chair a committee and want to included information in a future newsletter to create awareness or solicit participation, or thank those serving on your committee, please send a brief synopsis to <a href="mailto:ntacnewsletter@gmail.com">ntacnewsletter@gmail.com</a>.

#### Eclipse Mania!!!

Planning for the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse is quickly gathering steam and NTAC is blessed to live roughly 2.5 miles from the center line of totality. Being this close



means we will experience over 4 minutes of totality. If you were fortunate to see the 2017 eclipse, the duration was a little over 2 minutes. The 2024 eclipse will be twice as long!



As you can see from the map, Hillsboro is much closer to the center line of totality (the blue line) than Waco. Like NTAC, Waco is busy making preparations and people are already asking about nearby RV Parks to make reservations.

If you think Hillsboro is close, NTAC, the red star, is closer yet, not far from the blue center line.



The partial eclipse begins at 17:21:23 UTC time (12:21 PM

local time) with maximum eclipse occurring at about 1:38 PM. Some important times to note are listed on the chart below.



Hoping you gain a sense of excitement as we prepare for the event of a lifetime!

#### **NTAC BOOK CLUB**

NTAC's Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 – 2 PM in the afternoon in the Card Room.



#### There will be no meeting in December.

#### January 6 - "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger

"Ordinary Grace" is told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. (This has been rescheduled from our quarantine last year.)

#### February 3 - "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes

"The Giver of Stars" is about five women taking part in Eleanor Roosevelt's Traveling Library, in Kentucky in the 1930s. The book focuses mainly on Alice and Margaery but we also learn about the rest of the librarians through them. It mostly tackles the discrimination, GBV, and illiteracy in the area at that time.

#### March 3 - "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah

"The Four Winds" is an outstanding historical saga sparking memories of the classic John Steinbeck story, Grapes of Wrath. Based during the great depression, the hardships and demise of small farmers and the migration of people from the Dust Bowl states in America to the land of milk and honey - California.

### April 7 - "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson

This book is a second book we'll be reading based on the Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, lives blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry. The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project and becomes a librarian, riding across slippery creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

#### May 5 - "Olive KItteridge" by Elizabeth Strout

"Olive Kitteridge "provides a portrait of the title character and a number of recurring characters in the coastal town of Crosby, Maine. It takes the form of 13 short stories that are interrelated but discontinuous in terms of narrative. Olive Kitteridge is the organizational core connecting the 13 stories. She appears in each one, sometimes as a primary character, sometimes as a secondary and in others by one of the characters referring to her. Loneliness or the fear of it is the predominant theme.

The novel won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was a finalist for the 2008 National Book Critics Circle Award. HBO produced a four-part miniseries based on it.

#### **Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce**

Want to know what is happening in our own community? Please check out the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Happenings.

Check out info on our website or at <a href="www.hillsborochamber.org">www.hillsborochamber.org</a>. There is also a link on the NTAC website to the Chamber of Commerce along with some great area attractions.

#### Hill College Performing Arts Series

Please, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Performing Arts Series is back, in person and **LIVE** for the 2021-2022 academic year.

All performances are **FREE** to the public and held at the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hill College Campus.



#### Thursday, November 18th at 7:30 PM

**Martian Folk** typifies the moment of pure energy, passion, and expression. Martian Folk brings a performance original in style and sound, blending acoustic guitar, saxophone, rhythm, and vocal harmonies, keeping listeners engaged, grooving, and embracing the synergy of music.

#### Thursday, March 24th, at 7:30 PM

For those who loved the British Band Invasion of the 1960s . . . The **Stoneleighs** are the premier Rolling Stones tribute band in Dallas/Fort Worth, honoring the famous sound and energy of the greatest rock band in history, The Rolling Stones! The Stoneleighs recreate the sound and feel of the Rolling Stones, note for note. They cover the Rolling Stones songs primarily from the late 60's to the 90's.



#### **NTAC Directory Improvements Ahead!**

by: Jenn Hicks, Directory Chair

Considering the recent increased frequency of updates needed, as well as the lack of changes among other residents, a new format of the directory is coming next year. This new directory will make updates easier, save money, and be much more useful.

The new and improved Directory will be a 6"wide x 9"tall x 1" thick binder, with a magnetic catch, 2 pen slots, and 5 credit card slots inside the front cover. The loose-leaf page system



will allow for updates on the birthday and anniversary sheets, the "lot owners by row" page, and the new phone and email page whenever a new shareholder joins the park, rather than waiting until the next year's edition. There is also larger type (to aid in reading all the details) and room on each shareholder's page for personal notes or comments.



At the start of a new calendar year, we will update Board of Directors, "Important Dates", and "Past Presidents" pages. This new model allows for a kinder environmental impact, as well as a better budget stance. Double wins in my book!

Included are a couple pictures of how the new directory will look. As in the past few years, be on

the lookout for the "Directory Data Cards" in your in-house or email box. Those, too, will be larger this year to allow for easier readability and room for correction. Please note pets will now be included in our main directory, so if I've missed your pet, please include them!!!

I hope everyone is as excited about this change as I am ... I've been working towards the idea in my head for the past couple years, and believe I finally have a workable solution!

Share your camping unit activities, photos or plans, by sending them to NTACNewsletter@gmail.com!

#### Activities!

NTAC Shareholders enjoy so many great activities and often do not get the chance to share their appreciation for the work behind the scenes making it happen. Over the last three years, Sheila Lewis and Pat Lovelace orchestrated, hosted, encouraged, and cajoled so many things. Doing this through the pandemic, on top of all our travels, is amazing. When the opportunity arises, please pass on a huge Thank YOU!

Pat plans to step down as Activities chair at the end of this year. Anyone interested in chairing the committee should contact anyone on the board, or Pat directly.

To facilitate planning for activities, we moved the calendar to our website, www.ntaci.com.

Navigating to the Shareholders Resources page at the top is our current calendar, as well as the already filling 2022 Calendar of activities.



The benefit of our calendar on the website is currency, cost, and flexibility. The calendars are linked directly to the application we update them with; so when a change is made the online version is updated within just a few minutes. This saves time, and helps ensure everyone has access to the most current information available. We no longer need to publish dozens of printed calendars to keep in the office, only to find they are out of date within a few days, saving printer and paper costs. The online version also helps everyone know what we have going on, even while on the road. Jenn keeps rally information up to date and when meetings change, they too are reflected.

The online version is easily downloaded, for anyone desiring to do so, and is in a PDF format so it is automatically formatted and prints one month per page. So, anyone with a printer can have a hard copy version, whenever they need one.

#### Around the neighborhood!

Few things are enjoyed more than seeing our neighbors in "iconic" poses....just a few for your enjoyment

