



# NEWSLETTER

# October November 2020

Happy belated Halloween everyone and now, Happy Thanksgiving! No matter what you may say or think about 2020, the year is flying by. Of course much depends upon what you are doing, but here we are just a month away from a New Year. This month's newsletter is a consolidated issue for both October and November. I found it difficult to gather enough content to fill a full month, and elected to combine.

Covid-19 continues to be a major topic and issue, and both Vickie and I hope everyone is staying safe and well. Looking back over the last month there just has not been a lot of NTAC activity to report on, though some photos did come my way.

Vickie and I spent much of the last two months traveling around Texas. We find Texas State Parks spectacular and wonder if we will ever get to see them all. Of note, was our good fortune to travel with a number of our NTAC neighbors. Good fun was had by all in some really great parks. If you have the chance, there is much to see and do, within a short drive of NTAC.



We have a couple of new members to our community! Welcome Arthur Braud, as well as Jack and Lodon Dobbs. Arthur's biography is

on page two, and as I receive bios from other new members, I will share with our readership. Notably NTAC is completely full; there are no lots, villas, or houses currently available. I guess the word is getting out about what a great place NTAC is!



As I ready to publish this month's newsletter I do want to offer a shout out to Sheila Lewis for organizing the Halloween festivities. Such an amazing neighbor, who seems to persevere with fun regardless of the obstacles. We hope everyone enjoyed the experience and had fun!

Our October Board meeting kicked off on the 14<sup>th</sup>, in the same format as we managed things in September. Thanks to everyone for respecting the need for social distancing and getting business completed. Next up is our the General Membership meeting on 12 December.

As always, please send what you find or have for the newsletter to [NTACNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:NTACNewsletter@gmail.com) and I will do my best to keep up.

## 2020 NTAC President:

The December Membership Meeting is fast approaching. It will be a time when we say good-bye to 3 Board members, Channing Fell, Richard Turner and Steve Woodward, and elect 3 new Board of Directors. We should all take the time to individually thank Channing, Richard and Steve for their years of service and dedication to NTAC. Their contributions to NTAC have been numerous. But it is also a time that we elect 3 new Board members.



I am excited as I looked at the names of the individuals who are volunteering their time to serve on the Board. Each nominee will bring a lifetime of experiences and expertise to the Board. New members to the Board bring new ideas and new ways to do things. This is what keeps us moving forward.

The board can not do it alone. It takes an army of volunteers to keep NTAC moving forward. We have 32 Committee Chairpersons and over 50 additional volunteers who through their tireless efforts make NTAC the place people want to live. Each committee serves an important role in making our lives better. Some are more noticeable like landscaping, maintenance, tractor mowing and the dog park just to name a few. But there are many who work behind the scenes like Membership, woodshop and the audit committees who's work mostly goes unnoticed. Without the shareholders who volunteer to run and work on these committees, things would be much different here at NTAC.

It is my hope that you will find the time to volunteer in 2021

**Steve Zeringue**  
President, North Texas Airstream Community

*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. Please include a brief description of any photo and I will try to include submissions in a future edition.*

## Welcome New Member – Arthur Braud

Arthur Braud, is one of our newest shareholders, settling in on Lot 316!



Arthur was born in Norwalk CT. Mother was French Canadian and Father was South Louisiana Cajun. An early 17th century census of French Nova Scotia lists both their ancestors owning farms abutting each other.

His Father was a tanker Captain for Exxon, and Mother had a station wagon with five of children. Consequently they had three homes, one on Norwalk

Harbor, another just a block from the ocean in north Florida, and an old home in a pecan plantation on the Mississippi River. His Mother liked to travel, and he thinks that's why he now lives in an Airstream.

Arthur left high school in 1967 and spent a few years sailing under the Military Sea Transport Service delivering munitions to Southeast Asia before meeting a red headed Cajun beauty in Ascension Parish, LA. They share an equally beautiful daughter and two red-headed, grand-children.

Five years later when there was a divorce in a good Catholic family in South Louisiana, somebody had to leave town and Arthur ended up in Texas.

38. 2001 Tales - 1992? - 2000? (Lockhart) Publisher - Sue King, and from 1993 on - Arthur "Art" Braud. Braud obtained 2001 Tales from King. Under her, the paper only had forty-eight issues before failing. Braud, a colorful ex-merchant marine who had lost an eye, published 2001 Tales on a bi-weekly basis.<sup>[29]</sup> With an office on Market Street, Braud converted the mimeographed/copied flyer into a legitimate newspaper. "I had a good time. I used newsboys to sell it on the streets a few times. I used a linguist whom I paid fifty dollars per edition to proof it, and had a legally blind receptionist."<sup>[29]</sup> It appears that the publication's name was changed to 2001 Plum Creek Tales some time around 1997.<sup>[100]</sup> The publication occasionally billed Caldwell County for legal notices. Braud closed the business down in 1998.



Arthur spent thirty years working for small weekly and mid-size metro newspapers in Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky when he decided to try it on his own and published his own paper for five successful years.

At that point his then wife made an ultimatum, her or the paper; and he sold the paper. It's true about what they say about hindsight, and he notes, "I chose wrong."

Arthur has two grown sons, the youngest an Arborist, elder is an Engineer for Apple. Both live Hawaii.

Arthur made a 90° turn in careers when Apple hired him receiving rapid promotions. He finally retired last Fall after 20 years.

He has been single since 2009 and just learning how to enjoy it! He carefully notes, "I explained to my children that I plan to travel until I can't then I'll be moving in."

## NTAC Family Fun!!

NTAC neighbors @ Fort Parker State Park



NTAC/Heart Of Texas Members at the Grasslands



NTAC Halloween Fun



Jasen the Dog Whisperer....



Linda Ward's sharing for Remembrance Day



## Health and Wellness

Sue Essary, Health & Wellness Chair

### STARTUP OF NTAC EXERCISE CLASSES WITH COVID 19 CDC GUIDELINES:

- **Wear Masks**
- **Social Distancing**
- **Classes in the Rally Room or Outside as necessary**

YOGA is a Sanskrit word meaning "to yoke up", or, to connect mind and body. I did not say mind, body, and soul. Yoga is not a religion, but, many people refuse to attend yoga classes thinking it is a religious practice. It most certainly is not.

Our classes are based on physical postures and deep breathing. The breath is used to control the movements helping the body to stretch farther to increase range of motion. We concentrate on focus, energy, flexibility, strength, and relaxation. A regular session is carried out by standing, sitting, or laying on the floor. We use a variety of DVD's by renowned yoga teachers.

There are times in our life when we need a little extra support. Chair yoga movements are designed with this in mind. Based on the same principals of yoga, to increase mobility and flexibility, most postures are done seated on the chair, beginning with a flowing warm-up, and may move to standing using the chair for support and balance. This is also a DVD instructed class.

As we are limited by the pandemic and weather, classes are planned for:

#### Monday/Friday

- Yoga in the Rally Room unless weather permits use of Mabel's Park
- 8:30AM
- Bring mat, blocks, belt/strap (we have some available)
- Maybe a sheet/blanket for under the mat

#### Thursday

- Chair Yoga
- Rally Room @ 8:30AM
- Chairs available but bring sanitizing material

Questions about Yoga exercises and activities should be directed to Kathi Mitchell or Sue Essary.

#### Tuesday/Thursday

- Strengthening with Weights
- The Pavilion @ 8:30 AM
- Bring your size weights and resistance band. (A few are available)
- All classes are co-ed.
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Linda Ward will guide us through a weight and strength training class using weights and resistance bands. Tone your muscles and get stronger by joining this class. Contact Linda if you have questions.

## Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

How about some Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Happenings. Check out [info on our website](#) or at [www.hillsborochamber.org](http://www.hillsborochamber.org).

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## Activities Committee News

Sheila Lewis, Activities Chair

### NTAC "ThanksSharing" for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of NTAC's favorite holidays, where we gather with family, our NTAC family and friends for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner in the rally room.

This year, with us still in the throes of Covid-19 pandemic, we will not be celebrating Thanksgiving in the usual way.

But that does not mean we cannot still give thanks, just have to be creative this year.

Can't be with your family and friends for Thanksgiving? What better way to give thanks for the abundance in your life and celebrate generosity than to "ThanksSharing" your dinner with others.

Know someone on your street who would go without a Thanksgiving dinner? Perhaps a neighbor who lives alone, or an inbound couple who finds it difficult to cook.

Thanksgiving feasts are best enjoyed when shared with neighbors. So, while you are busy preparing your turkey & fixin's, prepare an extra dinner plate for "ThanksSharing".

Contact the person or persons you plan to share a food plate and arrange time it will be delivered.

Please remember to follow CDC guidelines; hand washing/sanitizing, face mask and social distancing – even with this act of kindness, we must continue to be safe.

Thanksgiving traditions always involve food, family and friends.

This "ThanksSharing" idea to share a meal with others, is to show how thankful you are and make giving part of your Thanksgiving tradition.

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## Social Media Links

### 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>

**Please visit our Social Media sites frequently for updates and share with others!**

## 2020-2021 NTAC Book Club

Bob & Marne Kaemmerer will hold off on book club meetings through at least September. With a little luck the club can pick up again in October, maybe meeting outside in the pavilion and/or with masks. Books missed due to restrictions from this past spring or in future months will be moved to the same month in 2021 or even 2022. Some really great books were chosen, now everyone must be flexible in scheduling discussions.



They want everyone to know ANYone can lead the book discussions, and welcome your participation. While the club used to meet in the Card Room on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 look for updates and location in the newsletter, on the bulletin board, or on Facebook.

- 📖 **“Educated”** by *Tara Westover*, Jan 7, 2021  
A memoir of a daughter of survivalists in Idaho. Lacking formal education, it is an account of her struggle for self-invention as she worked to be admitted to BYU, Harvard and eventually to Cambridge.
- 📖 **“Hot Springs”** by *Stephen Hunter*, Feb 4, 2021  
An Earl Swagger novel. In the summer of 1946, organized crimes seemed to have overcome American justice. Nowhere is this more true than in Hot Springs, AR, the reigning capital of corruption.
- 📖 **“When the Men Were Gone”** by *Marjorie Herrera Lewis*, Mar 4, 2021  
A debut historical novel about the inspiring true story of Tylene Wilson, a teacher in Brownwood TX who became the first female high school football coach in TX during WW II.
- 📖 **“The Library Book”** by *Susan Orlean*, Apr 1, 2021  
On April 29, 1986 a disastrous fire broke out in the Los Angeles Public Library. It reached 2000 degrees and burned for 7 hours consuming 400,000 books and damaging 700,000 more. Was it purposefully set? Why? Who? A mesmerizing book that also tells the story of libraries and librarians.
- 📖 **“In Hoffa’s Shadow: A Stepfather, a Disappearance in Detroit, and My Search for the Truth”** by *Jack Goldsmith*, May 6, 2021  
His stepfather was a long-time associate of Jimmy Hoffa. Goldsmith explores Hoffa’s rise and fall and why the golden age of blue-collar America came to an end. He unravels one of the 20th century’s mysteries.
- 📖 **“Nerves of Steel”** by *Tammie Jo Shults*, Sept, 2021  
The true story of her life – as the daughter of a rancher who breaks thru the gender gap as one of the Navy’s first female fighter pilots. She recently safely landed the crippled Southwest Airlines flight 1380, saving the lives of 148 people.

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

## Arts & Entertainment

*Hill College has yet to release a schedule of events for their Performing Arts programs. COVID forced the cancellation of events in April and the college continues to evaluate the way forward. Stay tuned for updates.*

***If you chair a committee and want to included information in a future newsletter to create awareness and/or solicit participation, or just thank those serving on your committee, please send a brief synopsis similar to those above to [ntacnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ntacnewsletter@gmail.com).***

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## Snippets, Stories & Other Stuff from Around the Neighborhood

Neighbors helping neighbors.....certainly one of the best things about NTAC life. Is there anything Jenn is not helping with?



Photos from November 5 workday, sanding and staining the fence around the dumpsters, the Rainbow Bridge and the benches.



This is such an Iconic NTAC visual!  
Can you guess who this is?

## General Membership Meeting – 12 December

The NTAC General Membership Meeting is just around the corner. Once again, we will observe social distancing recommendations, wear masks, and necessarily limit attendance. Please watch for information in coming days on details of this year’s meeting.

Of particular note is a concerted effort to try and get information out to shareholders via the web. Our website now has a Members Access area, located at the bottom of each page. In order to access this area, you will need to log in using your email and a user created password.

Once logged in, Shareholders will have access to the meeting agenda and reports, along with some other items of use.

As of publishing, over 65 percent of our 113 shareholders have logged into the site. If you need assistance, please email [NTACCOMMS@ntaci.com](mailto:NTACCOMMS@ntaci.com) and information will be provided.