



NEWSLETTER

September
2020

In looking back on the April Newsletter, I've noted a couple of things. Most notably, COVID-19 most certainly defined 2020, along with a number of other sensitive and politically divisive subjects. For me, it is important to keep the newsletter out of the polarizing topic realm, but continue to welcome ideas for topics.

I know many of your travel plans were altered this year, as were Vickie's and mine. We learned some things about ourselves and our travel planning, which certainly became oriented around adapting to change and flexibility. Hopefully everyone stayed safe, and if you did travel, you made the absolute best of it. If you encountered things of interest, please share them. I am particularly interested in any odd stories you encountered, especially related to travel restrictions or dealing with closures.

It was wonderful having access to Facebook and our multiple other social media accounts over the summer; as a way of keeping up with each other, and sharing experiences. We have a number of residents who do not use the computer or have Facebook access. While I absolutely encourage you to share on your personal pages, please also keep the NTAC social media sites updated. For those without access, I will try and include some highlights in the newsletter, space permitting. I try to pull relevant information from those sites for the newsletter as

well. Most importantly, while many travel restrictions remain, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, along with our website serve as valuable tools to promote NTAC as a great destination and place to call home.

As we all start returning, activities around NTAC picked up a little. I am not sure we will see many of the "normal" activities returning for a while, but special thanks to Sheila and the Zeringue's as they organized and kicked August off with the Flamingle Scavenger Hunt. What a great activity, promoting social distancing, while getting to see and visit a little with our neighbors.

This month NTAC held its first in person Board Meeting since before COVID changed everything we do. Marked by socially distanced chairs and Board Members, it was good to "try" a bit of normalcy, even if it wasn't. The Board conducted most of the business at hand and gave opportunity for those who asked in advance to address the meeting. Some notes and highlights from the meeting are included in this month's newsletter.

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

2020 NTAC President:

The Summer of 2020 will be one to remember.

For many of us, we will remember having to turn up our hearing aids as we tried to listen to our neighbor talk through a face mask. We will remember going to the grocery store and having to learn how to navigate down the aisles making sure we followed those little green arrows. Some of us will remember praying at night that the store will restock the toilet paper aisle before our personal supply ran out. Yes, it will be a summer to remember.

But I will remember other things. I will remember seeing many of our neighbors out at night walking. I will remember seeing a park filled with color as more and more shareholders planted small gardens or flower beds around



their homes. We will remember all the construction that took place within the park as villas were made bigger and paint seemed to make old things look new. I will remember the large water bills we all had as it seemed everyone was out washing or cleaning something. And last, who could forget the highlight of the day when Jenn, our office manager, called to tell you that a package had been delivered with your name on it.

But what I will remember the most is the unselfishness of each and every shareholder who did their very best at remaining COVID free. This simple act has kept us all safe. I personally want to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart, that through your efforts, Ginger and I are safe. To my fellow Board members, I want to thank you for your time and wisdom as we navigated through some uncharted waters. This park is safe because of your efforts.

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.

Annual Membership Validation

Vickie Courtney, Membership Committee Chair

VALIDATION REMINDER

Reminding you again that NTAC Validation period is

September 28, 2020 through October 28, 2020.

Validation is required to determine a member's eligibility to vote; hold an NTAC office; trade, modify, or purchase additional shares as set forth in the NTAC Bylaws Rules & Regulations.

Your validation form was mailed on September 8th to your address on record in the NTAC office. If you prefer to use a different mailing address, please let Jenn Nekola, office manager know; 254-582-5566.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or need any other information.

Vickie Courtney
Membership Committee Chair
513-382-4518

New Member – Jasen Duncan, Villa 518



Welcome Jasen Duncan, new shareholder of Villa 518. Jasen joined our community early in the summer along with his two Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Born in California and having lived in the Bay Area until 2018, Jasen quit his job, sold the house, and upgrade his

Airstream from 19 feet to 25 feet. He then embarked on an extended road trip mainly around dog events across the US.

Jasen served 4 years in the US Army, in communications.

His tours included Germany and Iraq during Desert Storm. He attended Texas Tech University and received a degree in Business Information Systems and then moved back to California. Jasen has worked for a Private Equity firm in San Francisco for last 20 years and is now the Director of IT.



Jasen moved to NTAC with his two housemates Bernese Mountain Dogs; Shasta, an 11 year old and Kaylee a 5 year old; who enjoy draft work, herding, nose work, and Canine Circus Class. He is a Certified Trick Dog Instructor (CTDI) with domorewithyourdog.com, AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, and is a Draft Judge (Dogs pulling carts).



Hill College Offering Public Flu Shot Clinic

Open to NTAC Members.

October 1st at the Library Rm 320 from 1-4 pm

Walgreens pharmacists on-site to administer shots

Most insurance accepted. Cash pay option (\$40.99)

CoVid Safety protocols followed at all times

New Members – Frank & Gayle Steed, Villa 208

Frank and Gayle Steed have lived on Richland Chambers Lake outside of Corsicana, Texas for the past 17 years. They joined the Airstream world in 2018 after purchasing their 19' Tommy Bahama. Prior to that they owned Casitas while Gayle was active in the Sisters on the Fly Club.



Frank and Gayle met in Memphis, Tennessee where Frank's career in the restaurant business began at TGI Friday's back in 1970. His job took them to Dallas, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, back to Dallas, to Minneapolis, Minnesota and finally back to Dallas again where they lived for almost 30 years.

They have two children: A daughter and two granddaughters, live in Scottsdale, Arizona. And a son, and wife who reside in Seattle, Washington.

Frank will retire from consulting at the end of this year giving him 50 years in the restaurant industry. His hobbies include walking, after retiring from Marathon running, and he is an avid MINI driver in his 2014 JCW Roadster. Gayle enjoys, photography, sewing, gardening, reading and traveling. They both have been active in every neighborhood where they have lived.

Buddy is a 14 year old part-lab and their favorite pet ever. He's a good traveler, that is, when they can travel. Buddy loves the Airstream life too! He has accompanied them as far as upstate New York and has seen Niagara Falls. He's been as far west as Los Angeles, California and attended the Rose Bowl Parade. He loves meeting new people and he especially loves the Dog Park at NTAC!



For now, the Steeds will call NTAC their "home away from home" and believe joining the Airstream community to be a terrific experience opening doors to new friends and adventures. Their only regret is they wish they had done it sooner!



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!

New Members – Peter & Carol Sajovich, Lots 616 & 617

Peter & Carol have been married for 39 years. Peter a refugee from Budapest, Hungry and Carol is a native of Southern California. Both graduated from California State University in Southern California.



Peter's background includes real estate broker, appraiser, developer & investor since 1972. Peter currently manages a real estate investment fund which he is in the process of liquidating so he can focus on developing family owned real estate.

Carol and Peter met while both working in the mortgage banking industry. While raising two amazing boys, Carol worked as President of HomeNet Mortgage in Austin, TX.

They moved from Southern California to Austin, in 1993 finding it a better place to raise their two boys, David now 37 and Robert 32. Both boys are married with the youngest, Robert living in The Woodlands with his wife Heather and two adorable grandkids. One three- and half-year old daughter, Harper and a nine-month-old son, Riley. David, the oldest is a custom home builder who lives 12 blocks from his parents and the proud father of a month-old baby boy, Grayson.

Since joining, Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club both are very active with Peter serving as Marketing Chairman and past President. Carol is currently First Vice President and both are National Caravan Leaders, having scouted and led the new Rollin to The BIG EASY a 12-day caravan to New Orleans.



Together with their little blind Tibetan Spaniel, Mitzi, they are currently developing plans to build on lots 616 & 617.

New Members – Anna and David Brandon, Villa 204



David and Anna Brandon married in 1999; Anna had three teenagers and David had two, but the marriage survived! David has been in the fabric business for almost 50 years; Anna had been in a different area of the textile industry but was in college when they embarked on their lives together. With David's support, Anna went on from SMU to graduate school at UT Southwestern and became a

licensed Clinical Psychologist in 2007. The Brandons also have a much bigger family now—five children became five wonderful adults with spouses and ten grandchildren, ages 3-18. Four of the families live here in Texas, and Anna's oldest daughter and her family live in South Orange, NJ. David and Anna have a home in Grapevine that serves as family headquarters for chaotic and wonderful family holidays.

Their 2006 30' Classic "Drag-N-Fly" (5157) joined the family last year after the Brandons had been watching for the right Airstream to come up on the market. This new chapter of life came with a big learning curve—thanks to Jim Courtney David was able to master the Henslee hitch and bring her to Texas from her previous home in Florida. Little did they know how grateful they would be to have her when COVID-19 broke out. She will be going to A & P in Paradise for some maintenance and a little face lift next month while a new slab and villa are being built at 204 Avenue A.

Anna doubts that David will ever retire—after all, Drag-N-Fly just makes traveling throughout Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas easier. Much of Anna's work is now virtual, so they travel together—David calls on his customers and Anna works from Drag-N-Fly. Within a few years though "we will definitely slow down and spend more time at NTAC." And after COVID-19 is no longer a threat, watch for an invite for fun at 204!



New Members – Kevin and Mary Short, Lot 321

Kevin and Mary Short recently celebrated 39 years of marriage, most of them happy. They have two sons: Raymond (30) and Brian (26). Ray lives in Hooksett, NH and Brian lives with Kevin and Mary in Gray Court, SC. Brian holds down the fort as Kevin and Mary travel with their Airstream - The Silver TARDIS. They travel with their two tortoiseshell cats, Sunflower and Cassidy.



Mary retired from mental health and substance abuse counseling in 2018, while Kevin works from home as a Cloud Infrastructure Engineer for Ultimate Software in Weston, FL. This fits well with their travel as Mary can go off during the day to photograph while Kevin works. At the end of the day there is usually time for a drive, hike, or bike ride together.



Kevin was bitten by the Airstream bug about 5 years ago. When restless at night, he did research on the brand and lifestyle. When he and Mary went to "just look" at Airstreams, she got caught up in the obsession as well. They left Pete's RV in



Vermont on a warm day in October 2017 with a deposit on a 2018 Classic 30 RBT. "Go big or go home" is what she said. While waiting for delivery in May 2018, they decided to sell their house in Windham, NH that they had painstakingly updated and

renovated. Aargh! Mary's dream kitchen was completed just the year before. (A familiar theme heard from several people.) The house sold quickly and they moved into their AS to await a new downsized home being built in SC, just minutes from Kevin's sister and brother-in-law.

They met many fellow Airstreamers while attending WBCCI rallies and functions. Many folks mentioned they lived at NTAC. So, here we are!

Health and Wellness

Sue Essary, Health & Wellness Chair

2020 created unique challenges for practicing wellness while sheltering in place. With the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions, self-care is more important than ever for physical, mental and overall wellness. Toward this endeavor, suggestions are:

- Cook and eat well
- Move your body
- Get enough sleep
- Stay connected to others
- Show gratitude
- Control your stress levels

This coronavirus disease may be quite stressful for some people which can affect mental health and lead to depression. If you find yourself feeling more anxious or depressed, try these healthy ways to cope.

- ✓ Take deep breaths, stretch and/or meditate. Meditation has a long history of use for increasing calmness and physical relaxation, and ultimately improving psychological balance.
- ✓ Avoid excessive alcohol and drug use.
- ✓ Avoid over-exposure to news and social media coverage, especially of the many unstable and dangerous situations affecting our nation today.
- ✓ If stress or anxiety interferes with daily activities, call someone you trust, or contact your healthcare provider.

Above all, stay vigil and safe because as we have, at our age, come to realize,...THIS TOO SHALL PASS!

Activities Committee News

Sheila Lewis, Activities Chair

WHAT A YEAR! Midway through 2020, the Covid-19 outbreak began to show its ugly head. Sadly, along with National and Statewide closings and cancellations, NTAC closed its gate. Out of abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of our members, the NTAC Board canceled in-coming Rallies, all NTAC sponsored activities and events.



Spring and Summer passed us by during this pandemic. The last several months have had us busy learning some strange terms; Lockdown, Shelter-in-place, Social Distancing- 6 ft. apart, PPE/Face covering, hand hygiene, quarantine, self - monitoring and "flattening the curve". These new terms will be the "new normal" for a while. Members are inquiring about NTAC activities for the remainder of the year. At this point in time, it is still a week to week decision guided by the NTAC Board and the data from CDC/Medical experts. This determines how we will gradually and safely begin returning sponsored activities.

So, "What's Up" currently at NTAC:

- The Ladies Club held a July Zoom meeting and will have monthly meetings on Wednesday's at 10 AM in the pavilion, weather permitting. The annual Ladies Christmas Tea was cancelled for this year due to COVID. The current plan is for, community projects.
- "Shop Talk" is still a Wednesday's activity, meeting at 5 PM in the pavilion. The new ?BYO? is your mask, hand sanitizer, drink, and snack.
- Some of the Canasta card group continues to meet for "Mental Health" days at the pavilion on Monday & Thursday at 2 PM. It is all about staying connected and being together. No card games are being played at this time. All NTAC ladies are welcome to join in.

- Several "Secret Pals" were discovered leaving "Happy" gifts and notes in mailboxes as a spirit builder. The thought is to make everyone feel good and remind them someone is thinking of them. Special thank you to these special secret pals.

After sheltering in place for 150 days (Mar. 15 – Aug. 21), the Board felt it was time to safely get members outside and together.

Forty-five members enjoyed some



exercise, fresh air, interaction and FUN! We had a NTAC Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt, , on Friday, Aug. 21. Members decorated in pink flamingos and "Fla-Mingled" in front of the clubhouse for a group photo in mask/face coverings with social distancing. The winners of the Braum's gift cards were Mona Heath & Tim Watts, Marque & Jimmy Mooney and Cynthia & Bruce Nutt. During the hunt, participants enjoyed lemonade & pink flamingo cookies at Elaine & Issac Holmes villa. At the Wood Shop, Ginger & Steve Zeringue gave out ice cream sandwiches. To end the fun night, members watched the beautiful TX sunset from the porch and pavilion. Thanks to all that helped and participated.



It was what we ALL needed during this difficult time.

It is important to be able to get back to sponsored activities, but we must be careful to not undo all the work everybody worked so hard to stay healthy and safe. As directives are received from the Board, NTAC sponsored activities will gradually phase in. Watch NTAC Social Media and the clubhouse bulletin boards for updates.

Sheila notes, "I believe we are going to come out of this a stronger, more connected community because we have been able to adjust to and overcome challenges as a TEAM."

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.

Fact & Figures

Did you know there are 115 NTAC "family" members? Of those 115 (less than 10%) started with NTAC from 2000 or before. Nearly two thirds of our membership joined with NTAC after 2011. 2018 realized the largest NTAC gain in membership since incorporation with 14 new members, followed by 2013 with 11 new members.

Landscaping Committee News and Updates

Steve Zeringue, Landscaping Chair

A strange summer for the landscaping Committee, COVID -19 made the committee work individually, or on rare occasions, in groups of twos. But through it all, the park looks great.

All summer long, there was something in bloom adding color to the park. Steve Z, our Landscape Committee Chair notes, "Sometimes, I think, we take it for granted because we see it every day, but if you take a walk down any street there is always something in bloom. Yellows, reds, purples, blues, crimson, and pinks, it seems we have all the colors of the rainbow right here in our back yard." But it is not only the parks flower beds; individual homeowners added color around their



homes through the many flower beds planted this summer. Who would have thought just one plant in Mrs. Byrd's flower bed would make the rounds on Facebook as we all tried to figure out the name of this beautiful red flower,.... a Standing Cypress flower.

The Butterfly garden and the Pavilion flower beds were full of butterflies this year. When you first walked up to the garden you would see maybe one or two, but get a little closer and suddenly the garden comes alive. Hundreds of butterflies would take flight and just hover over the garden.

Many thanks to Janie Haddaway, Pat Lovelace, Janet Turner, Ginger Zeringue, Linda Ward, Patti Ramsey, Sue Essary, Cindy Lethem and Steve Woodward for taking a few hours out of their week to tend to all our flower beds. Steve also wants to thank the landscapers of the past for laying the foundation for all the color we see in the park today.

NTAC Mentoring

Marilyn Holland & Phyllis Fell, Mentoring Co-Chairs

NTAC implemented a new member mentoring program in 2010, when then NTAC President Jim Haddaway appointed Ed and Clydene Watkins as first Chairpersons. Spirited by Janie Haddaway, the THLU President at the time, as a way to welcome new members and seen by many long standing members as a way to help make the move to NTAC easy, affording resources and help for the many unique questions which arise. Past Chairs who still reside in the community include Larry Lethem, Marque Mooney, and Tom Collier.



Mentoring, by definition, is the practice of assigning a new member of the organization to the care of a more experienced person who assists them in assimilating into the business or community culture.

So why at NTAC? Well, co-chair Marilyn Holland posed the following, "Have you ever lived in a place exactly like NTAC?" Nope, we haven't either! The advantages are numerous... some obvious, some not so much. But, sometimes, folks just need a helping hand. One of the best advantages of life at NTAC includes the relationships in our community! We utilize this strength, through the mentoring committee, to support new members in "learning the ropes," so the benefits of NTAC membership are fully realized."

It should be no surprise in realizing our community is comprised of members, many "Airstreaming" for decades; and some who are new to not only having an Airstream, but to camping in general, and certainly to NTAC. The Mentoring process is designed to help each other out as we enjoy this great lifestyle. A welcome letter and folder, implemented by Pat Lovelace and filled with useful information from Jenn Nekola, gets the mentoring process started whether you're

a seasoned Airstream owner with a new rig wanting to learn from a newbie or vice versa, we are sure there is a resource in our community to help.

Marilyn also notes, "Let's face it, Airstreamers are Road Warriors and Wanderers! Thank heavens for the digital age and our social media accounts. Mentoring at a distance is not difficult and actually helpful, during a global pandemic." So keeping tabs on your NTAC home or finding a solution for a problem on the road is easy. The NTAC Mentoring program helps to exploit our community knowledge.

Phyllis Fell, Committee Co-Chair and Marilyn implemented a mentoring packet this year for all new NTAC members and mentors. This information is designed to help with questions about the day to day operations around NTAC, and facilitates a lifetime experience.

Want to become a mentor, or maybe seek committee or NTAC Office mentoring? Phyllis and Marilyn are always available. Reach out to either of them and they can get you pointed in the right direction.

September Board Meeting Highlights

This past week realized the first in person Board Meeting since March. This past spring Steve Zeringue and the Executive Committee arranged for Zoom Meetings to ensure safety, and at the same time meeting our business needs. While social distancing requirements and personal safety remain paramount, we learned a lot from the CDC, Texas State Department of Health Services and other sources, allowing us to conduct an in person meeting. Limited attendance and carefully orchestrated, it was great to see people and manage the business at hand. The minutes of the meeting, along with Committee Reports, and Financials will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse Hallway, once approved. If you take time to stop and read the minutes, please be mindful of social distancing and masks. Some highlights from the board meeting including Committee Reports:

- 27 shareholders were represented at the meeting, so counting the Board members as well; roughly 30 percent of membership was in attendance.
- VP Ops, Jenn Hicks
 - We have a new Postal Carrier. They request all addresses to please include your box number. This will necessitate either a phone call to the companies you do business with or updates on the bill when you pay bills. Delays in delivery may occur if addresses are not complete.
 - Mowing schedule is a bit out of balance this year due to heavier spring and summer rains and now late summer rains after a long dry spell. Scheduling conflicts along with weather affect timing.
- Treasurer, Jim Courtney: Our Terraport revenues will be reduced this year due to COVID-19. Related expenses will also be reduced.
- The Board, Committee Chairs and Office Manager have responded and reduced their spending accordingly.
- NTAC is strong financially and fully expects to weather this storm.
- In addition, the 2021 budget process is starting and the Committee Chairs and Board Members should prepare their budgets with COVID-19 in mind.
- Architectural Control Report from Steve W reflected lots of approved projects around the community. It's quite evident when roaming around the park that everyone has taken time to update and make improvements to their lots.
- Nominating Committee reported on and announced the slate of candidates for the 2021-2023 Board positions. In alpha order, they are:
 - Gary Copeland
 - Channing Fell
 - Dale Henning
 - Debi Rich
 - Michael Shelley
- A motion made to open the Terraport for Rallies. Motion was disapproved for the remainder of 2020.
- Other committee updates are provided as Newsletter Articles.

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.

“We Were the Lucky Ones” by Georgia Hunter, Oct 1, 2020

Based on the true story of a Jewish Polish family who were split up by the horrors of WW II. They each struggled to escape certain death, relying on hope, ingenuity and inner strength to persevere.

“The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah, Nov 5, 2020

A story set in the Alaskan wilderness in the 70's about a family in crisis—the ultimate test of survival. Ernst Allbright, a former POW who comes home a changed and volatile man, impulsively decides to move his family to Alaska.

“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.

Composting Update:

- Bin #1 is ready – if you are planting a fall garden – help yourself (while it lasts!)
- Bin #2 will be closed to any new composting material
- Bin #3 will now be open for your composting material
- Bin #4 is for bags of leaves, grass or other bulk material

Meet Your Neighbors

I started “featuring” a periodic article intended to highlight some of our NTAC Residents, at the end of last year. Comments reflected the articles were very well received and a desire to encourage others to share their stories. I want to encourage everyone to submit “your story” for inclusion in a future newsletter.

One of the most popular, sought after, and favorably commented on articles in the newsletter is about new members. In fact, since I took over the newsletter, each issue featured at least one new member. This obviously serves to help introduce everyone to shareholders just joining our community, as well as update everyone, and especially those who don't reside full, or even close to full time at NTAC. However, our new members tend to have to figure out on their own the who's who of NTAC existing membership.



I found it interesting to realize 33 new members joined our community in a little over 2 years, which is almost a third of all NTAC Shareholders. In addition, nearly 50 percent of all NTAC shares transferred to new owners since 2014, not counting share changes in the same year.

We have learned a lot about the new members, but don't have a way to effectively share existing member stories. Not only do I believe this would be helpful, to the newer members, and support the mentorship process, but sharing our stories will serve as a source of NTAC legacy.

So far your newsletter has featured the Haddaway's, the Collier's, and Miss Dell. Not only are their backgrounds interesting, but many are not aware two have served as Past International Presidents, as well as NTAC Presidents. In fact we have many Past International Presidents residing in our neighborhood. You can look at those submissions under the Shareholder Resources tab on our website www.ntaci.com.

I want to feature YOU and YOUR story in future newsletters. You don't have to provide a lot of information, around 350-500 words would be great. Tell us how you became an Airstream owner, why you chose to settle at NTAC and how long; or maybe even what made you stay. A photo or two, along with some family or work history is also welcome. Your editor....that would be me, will gladly help with editing what you provide for space and flow, if you would like.

Depending upon the number of YOUR stories received, I will try and include a few spread out over future editions. Reminders and requests will be sent as well.

Please take a few minutes and help share YOUR story and contribute to documenting the NTAC Legacy

Thanks, Your NTAC News Editor.

Snippets, Stories & Recipes Around the Neighborhood



Silliness abounds at NTAC. From back in May. The Holmes, Morrows, and Tim Watts, out for the evening.

Lee's Creek Fishing Hole, who are those masked people?
Trying to keep up with the Hollands...?



That's Greg Walker putting new numbers on the Terraport spaces. The Villas received the same update to help first responders find addresses much easier.



Catching up in Custer SD, The Morrows, Rich's, Shorts, and Graham's.



From the Beu's on 9 August:

Linda and I are still social distancing, sort of. Visiting their daughter in-law's farm to celebrate their grandson's 19th birthday. Sam will attend the University of Iowa this fall. That's his sister, Sarah, who will be a high school junior.

Thought our NTAC friends would like to see some Iowa seed corn. It doesn't look that tall when traveling down the highway. We just had our 20th day of 90 degrees or more. Great weather for sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, watermelon and more. Remember the old song - Only two things money can't buy. That's true love and Home Grown Tomatoes! How true.



The Airstream is ready, the Ford has all new glow plugs, but there's no place to go. We are thinking we should just go to some County park for a while. The trailer hasn't turned a wheel for camping since September. Looking forward to seeing you in November, the Good Lord willing. Stay well.

From Don Gubrud in Early August....words to inspire:

Well, anybody can buy and own an Airstream product, with enough money.

But to travel in one and participate in Airstream events, such as sanctioned rally's, etc. is a different level and takes on a different meaning.

However, there comes a time when we can't travel safely anymore. Do we give up our cherished Aluminum Icon, or do we just keep it in storage and pretend travel, or it's time to get rid of it and move on?

I personally have Airstream traveled well over 150,000 miles, but reality (also called old age) sunk in..., I have no business towing a trailer anymore. Driving to Walmart is risky enough.

So, I gave my Airstream to my son in hopes he will follow in his dad's footsteps. I don't need it here to remind me of my travels or to impress anybody.

Now , am I an Airstreamer? YES , Always have been and always will be.
Don...2713 Retired

Recipe Time

Amy Van Artsdal was a featured presenter at 2019 International as well as the 2019 Vintage Rally. Sharing her ideas for Instant Pot magic, an audience favorite is Green Chile Cheese Grits.

Green Chile Cheese Grits - Instant Pot

Amy notes the recipe was given to her at the Homestead Gristmill, near Waco, TX on a trip with NTAC members. She modified the recipe for the 3 quart Instant Pot. **Serves: 6**



Ingredients

- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 ounces roasted green chilies diced
- 1 1/4 cups chicken broth (or 1 1/4 cups water & 1 1/4 tsp. chicken bouillon)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup Homestead Gristmill Stoneground Yellow Grits grits
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese (Cheddar or Monterey Jack)

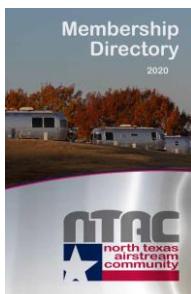
Directions: Set the Instant Pot to Sauté and melt the butter. Add the onions, sautéing until translucent.

- Add garlic and cook until golden.
- Add green chilies and cook briefly.
- Add chicken broth, milk, cream, and grits.
- Whisk in grits to prevent lumps.
- Cover and make sure the valve is set to seal.
- Press the Pressure button and set for 10 minutes.
- When finished, allow for 10 minute NPR.
- Stir in cheese and serve.

Help the Budget, Save Some Trees!

Jenn Hicks, Directory Chair

In this year of new "normals", the NTAC Directory Committee has another opportunity for you!!! It should come as no surprise, NTAC received much less in annual income from rallies and clubhouse rental fees this year, an important revenue stream for things like the NTAC Directory. The only way the Directory Committee can help keep its budget down is to reduce the number directory copies we print. This is possible and I want your feedback. Once I return home in October, I will begin working with my committee to print and distribute the "data information card" used to verify the information in the directory is accurate.



On the back of this year's data card we will provide options requesting you to select your preferred method of receiving the directory, with an option for "Digital ONLY". For many residents, this might be the perfect time to explore whether or not having only a digital copy is more convenient. Digital copies are easy to duplicate onto as many electronic devices you wish ~ just think, you'd have the full directory on your phone, tablet, desktop, and laptop! Your entire neighborhood's contact information at a touch of a screen!!!!

You could also print out specific pages at home, for specific purposes. Say you want a "quick glance" copy of the map to verify who is living where,... print out just that page on your home printer, and tape it to the fridge.

This year, 57 of our 112 (over 50%) shareholders opted to receive a digital copy of the directory in addition to their printed copy, and just 6 shareholders purchased duplicate print copies. This seems to indicate a greater preference for having a digital version, a service we want to promote for the 2021 Directory. Paper copies will be available for those who feel it is most suited for their needs, but if you were to check "absolutely NO printed copy", it will lower the number printed by the number of people who opt out, and reduce the overall expense due to printing, and save some trees out there.

This article introduces the idea to everyone and allows you to consider the electronic option. Distribution of the data information cards will begin in late October, with the due date back to me by the weekend of the Annual Dinner. If you are not familiar with how the electronic version would look, ask a neighbor to show you (if they have it on their device). It works very well for me, and I love how I can magnify the page and read the content without reading glasses,... just a little side benefit! Please give this some thought and think about how we can best address your needs.

~Jennifer Hicks
Directory Chairperson

NTAC Workshop Newsletter, Summer/Fall, 2020.

Channing Fell, Shop Chair

What an interesting year. September 2019 we rolled in from WBCCI International Rally, some additional travel and here I am, writing to you again in September 2020!



Welcome new members of NTAC! And, a special welcome to those of you inclined to, and authorized to use the Shop. I hope you agree, it is a convenience and blessing to have this shared community asset.

Typically the Shop is in use by only one person at a time. Applying the general directions regarding COVID, this limits exposure to most airborne pathogens, of which COVID-19 (COVID) is suspected of being. We ask each member to follow NTAC guidelines in helping us stay as healthy as possible. This generally means wearing a face mask when in the Shop and remaining respectful of other members' need for personal distance separation, and clean-up following your use. Part of every member's Shop responsibility is to follow the old Boy Scout adage "Leave it better than you found it."

NTAC members accomplished many things while using the Shop over the last year. Villas completed, repaired or had updates both inside and out. Even with the challenges presented by the 'pandemic', members also are busy working on their Airstreams, preparing for the day we begin our next adventure. A true benefit of working in the shop environment is having other members available and benefiting from requested assistance or particular expertise, or sometimes just an extra hand to stabilize things.

The NTAC Maintenance Team also uses the Shop for projects around our community. I often observe our VP of Maintenance, Steve Woodward, zipping in and out of the Shop with other NTAC volunteers. I salute the Members for their bravery and Steve for his ever present grin... Without volunteers, NTAC would quickly become financially unsustainable.

Many thanks to the numerous great NTAC members and shop users for the many 'donations', including drills, sanders, jigsaws and various hand tools. If you run across a "new to you" tool be cautious and inform the shop chair or office so safety and proper use can be addressed.

Related to the new tools are the efforts by others in maintaining, repairing, replacing the inevitable broken or worn out items. Those responsible took the time to inform the Shop Committee and keep us all safe.

As we enjoy a respite from the Texas Summer heat, we are planning a Shop Blast. A 'Shop Blast' is an invitation to all NTAC members to spruce up the Shop for 2-3 hours, to Blast away the Texas dust and review the condition of our Shop assets for safety and functionality. Last time we had lots of hands and completed the task in less than 2 hours.. Many hands lighten the load...Stay tuned and ready to bring your 'work mask'!!!

I need input regarding the Shop. Please consider the following "shop" ideas. YOUR input will definitely be considered.

- The unofficial "shop talk" was relocated to the Pavilion. This offered the same time, better view of the sunsets and fresh air (until / unless too doggone cold)... 'social distancing' has been maintained.
- A "shop instruction manual"... can never cover every detail of safety or use. So, thinking of providing links to some YouTube videos on safety and general use. Anyone interested in participating with working this idea?
- The Shop DOES NOT stock consumables like sandpaper, hacksaw, etc. Thanks to donations a supply was available, but has become nearly depleted. Members need to provide their own supplies, unless we find an alternative.
- Similarly, the Shop does not provide 'masks' or any other type of personal protection equipment. Should this be a requirement to use the Shop?
- There is no Shop 'dust management' system. Is this deemed necessary? Depending upon design, cost could be \$200 for basic setup around the East side of the Shop.
- Ventilation of the shop is always an issue and considering whether to install thru wall mounted fans (with exterior shutters) for cooling/air exchange. Estimated cost is around \$300

I look forward to speaking to you about any Shop issues/concerns or just to visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Shop Committee Chairman, Channing Fell