



NTU AIRSTREAM CLUB, INC

NEWSLETTER

August/September 2020

"to place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home."
.....Wally Byam Creed

Allana Patterson Editor

Well I am up and moving since my double knee replacement in early August. Thanks to all of those that sent me cards and well wishes. I am so looking forward to getting out in the Airstream this fall.



I have practiced making it up the steps!! We have made our reservations for the October Oklahoma Falls Caravan.

I don't think I could have survived the past 6 months without ZOOM. I am going to take on our October meeting via ZOOM. I will practice with Steve, Gary, and Lynn in September. I love to hear that people have been traveling on their own since our rallies have been cancelled, but so thrilled that Wanda and Marty have organized a wonderful caravan in mid-October. All the details are on page 3.

Hope to meet our new members and see many of you in Oklahoma.

Be safe, be tolerant, be kind.

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Welcome New Members to NTU

In spite of this long pandemic, Airstream sales are booming and we have new members:

Joined in June:

- William and Jackie Kernaghan from Ft. Worth

Joined in July:

- Jessica Riley from Dallas, TX
- Robert Valdez from Ft. Worth, TX

Joined in August:

- Sterling & Marianne Combs from Aledo
- David and Marcie Sholkoff from Dallas
- Danna and Steve Pohler from Spring, soon to be Hillsboro, TX -NTAC

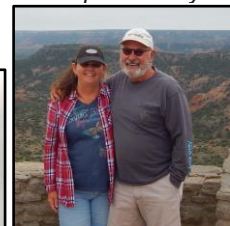
SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Sterling and Marianne Combs purchased their 2015 25ft Serenity International in May 2018. "We were shopping for a new RV, but when we saw the little Airstream, it was love at first sight. When we returned home with our new purchase, our daughter was worried she would always be wondering where we were and needed to add tracking to our trailer, so we named it "Silver Alert". The Combs lived most of their life in Magnolia Texas. After selling their little farm, they relocated to Galveston for several years. They recently purchased a couple of acres in the Aledo, Texas area and built a little cottage and RV storage amongst the live oak trees. "We are looking forward to enjoying more travel and making new friends who also love their Airstream. We travel with our little buddy, Jesse a miniature Australian shepherd who is not crazy about the heat but loves his personal space in the trailer. Happy trails to you all & hope to see you on the road."

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Sterling & Marianne Combs

From the President

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We are going to try to have monthly meetings beginning in October.

I know that some members, including myself, have been able to meet in a small group setting, usually outside, and have enjoyed each other's company. Here in the Woodward household, all our activities have been accomplished by being outdoors, bringing our own refreshments, keeping a safe social distance, and wearing a mask. Not as much fun as before but still better than nothing. So, I encourage you to hook up and get out as you see fit to do so.

Be sure to sign up for the "come and Go Airstream Rally-Van" scheduled for Oct. 15-29. Unit members must contact Marty and Wanda Whitehill if you plan to attend. Contact info for Wanda is 903-821-1615 or whitemar53@gmail.com.

Our installation rally is being held November 20-22 at Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose. The park has blocked off an area for us to be together, as well as given us the use of the Exterior Pavillion and other amenities. Hope to see you at the events. Stay safe. Stay smart. See you down the Road.

Steve Woodward #5787

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Airstreaming during Coronavirus

From Wanda Whitehill

We have airstreamed in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Colorado since June. We have found that coronavirus guidelines are in effect. Not everything is fully opened but we were able to see many sights and participate in different activities. We have noticed the following:

- Most check-ins at RV parks, National Recreation Areas, State Parks and Corp Parks are being done by reservation. Some check-ins are done by phone where you are assigned a site.
- Some restrooms and laundries may be closed, ask before you go.
- Masks are required in buildings.
- Social distancing is required at all places.
- Outside dining has increased.
- Tours have been altered to accommodate smaller numbers, family, and groups.

We have felt comfortable in most places.

Helmut/Pauline Taschner
& Marty/Wanda
Whitehill
*Leadville Train on August
Colorado Trip*



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 10 MONTHLY MEETING ON ZOOM

YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM ALLANA PATTERSON WITH A LINK ON OCT. 9, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE MEETING. MEETING WILL BE SET FOR 11:30-LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN.

OCTOBER 15- 29 OKLAHOMA WATERFALLS

TWO WEEK CARAVAN (YOU MAY JOIN THE CARAVAN AT ANY TIME) DETAILS ON PG 3

NOVEMBER 14 MONTHLY MEETING 11:30

PLACE: IDA CLAIRE PATIO, BELTLINE RD. ADDISON, TX

NOVEMBER 20-22 NTU INSTALLATION RALLY

OAKDALE PARK (1019 NE BARNARD ST.)
GLEN ROSE, TX

DECEMBER 12 MONTHLY MEETING 11:30

PLACE: SPRING CREEK BBQ-GRAPEVINE

Picture of the Month

Courtesy of Sterling and Marianne Combs



It's hot and dry out there!

**Come and Go Rally-Van
Oklahoma Waterfalls and More
October 15-29, 2020**

This is a come and go rally-van, so you can pick and choose which parts to attend if you are not able to make the entire trip. **When you make your reservations, identify yourself as part of the airstream group.** Please reserve your site as soon as possible. Email or call us to let us know that you are planning on attending. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Marty and Wanda Whitehill Marty: 940-391-3400 Wanda: 903-821-1615 Email: whitemar53@gmail.com

Stop 1: Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur, Oklahoma

RV Park: Arbuckle RV Park: Rate: \$40.00/night

774 Cooper Memorial Drive

Sulphur, OK 73086 Full hook-ups

www.arbucklervresort.com 580-622-6338 (If you are told there is no room at the park, please call us and we will refer you to another.)

- **Thursday, Oct 15** Day 1: Arrive
- **Friday, Oct 16** Day 2: Tour Chickasaw – nature center, waterfalls, park
- **Saturday, Oct 17** Day 3: Travel to Turner Falls – waterfalls, park Davis – tour Bedre Fine Chocolate Co., shopping
- **Sunday, Oct 18** Day 4: Leave Chickasaw for Oklahoma City

Stop 2: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RV Park: Rockwell RV Park Rate: \$43.00

720 Rockwell Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73128 Full hook-ups

www.rockwellrvpark.com 405-787-5992

- **Sunday, Oct 18** Day 4: Arrive Oklahoma City
- **Monday, Oct 19** Day 5: Tour Brick Town and Brick Falls, National Memorial and museums
- **Tuesday, Oct 20** Day 6: Tour El Reno Oklahoma - Heritage Express Trolley, Fort Reno, museums
- **Wednesday, Oct 21** Day 7: Leave Oklahoma City for Fort Sill

Stop 3: Fort Sill/Lawton, Oklahoma

RV Park: Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area (LETRA) Rate: \$25.00

7463 Deer Canyon Road Fort Sill -Full hook-ups

Lawton, OK 73507

<https://sill.armymwr.com/programs/letra> 580-442-5858

- **Wednesday, Oct 21** Day 7: Arrive Fort Sill
- **Thursday, Oct 22** Day 8: Tour Fort Sill Base Sites - museums, forts, cemeteries
- **Friday, Oct 23** Day 9: Tour Lawton-museums, historical sites, casinos, roller derby(?)
- **Saturday, Oct 24** Day 10: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge – Nature Center, morning hike, waterfalls, herds, Mt. Scott drive, other sites
- **Sunday, Oct 25** Day 11: Medicine Park morning - tour waterfalls, shops, Wichita Mountains late afternoon Bugling Elks Tour

Stop 4: Caprock Canyons State Park

RV Campground Honey Flat Area Rate: \$17-\$22 30/50 amp Water and electric hook-ups

850 Caprock Canyon Rd.

Quitaque, TX 79255 806-455-1492 for information on Caprock

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caprock-canyons> Honey Flat Campground 512-389-8900 reservation line or reserve online

- **Monday, Oct 26** Day 12: Arrive Caprock
- **Tues-Wed, Oct 27-28** Day 13-14: Tour Caprock -drives, hiking, wildlife watching
- **Thursday, Oct 29** Day 15 Leave Caprock for home

*Although most places are open, please be advised some places are still restricted or closed due to Covid.

Special Instructions for Fort Sill:

Wednesday, October 21- Monday, October 26, 2020

LETRA (Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area)

LETRA is located on the US Army Fort Sill Base.

1. You must acquire a Visitor Base Pass at the Visitor Control Center.

T6701 Sheridan Road

Lawton, Oklahoma

(580) 442-9603/9605

2. Visitor Control Center Website: <https://sill-www.army.mil/vcc/>

3. You will be required to fill out Form 118a. You may hand carry this into the Visitor Center (saves time) or fill out one at the Center. You will be required to show identification (license).

Firearms are prohibited unless you have DOD Identification.

Directions

· From I-44, take the Hwy 62/Rogers Lane exit and head west. Exit to the right on Sheridan Road, Northbound. Enter Fort Sill. On the right, go to the Visitor Control Center for your pass. Leave Visitor Control Center and turn right on Sheridan Road. Stay in the right lane as the left lane is very narrow. Stop at the gate entrance. Show your pass and identification. Be prepared to open the door of your RV for the guard to check. After leaving the gate entrance, move to the left lane. Turn left at Mow-Way Road (1st light). Turn right on Tower Two Road (be cautious of the water crossing). Go approximately 4 miles and turn left on North Boundary Road. Go approximately 4 miles and LETRA will be on the right.

· Reservations: Call 580-442-5858 to reserve your site as soon as possible.

Identify yourself as part of the Airstream group.

Rate: \$25.00/night

Amenities: Full Hook Up, Wi-Fi, Cable, Full Restroom, Laundry

LETRA Website: <https://sill.armymwr.com/programs/letra>

Pictures to entice you to sign up for this event



Turner Falls



Little Niagra at Chickasaw



OKC National Memorial

RALLY / CARAVAN INFO:

Heart of Texas Club Rally:

Sept 17-20: In the shadow of the Wichita Mountains Great Plains State Park, 22487 E1566Rd, Mountain Park, OK. Electric/water hookups available. On the shores of Tom Sneed Lake. Make your reservations if you want to join them.

http://www.stateparks.com/great_plains_state_park_in_oklahoma.html

Rally hosts Susan and John Coppedge

The joint Rally with Texas Plains set for Sept. 23-27 at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro was cancelled.

October 15 thru October 29. The Waterfalls of Oklahoma/Caravan Rally: Details and reservation info on PG3

Nov 20-22- NTU Installation Rally

Oakdale RV Park-1019 NE Barnard Street, Glen Rose, TX

Make your reservations by phone to 254-897-2321. Let them know you are part of the NTU Airstream club.

COVID WORDS OF WISDOM or WISECRACKS?

"I wish travel therapy was covered by my health insurance."

"I feel like most of my problems could be solved with an adventure... anywhere."

"Travitude: when you start to feel grumpy and sassy cause you haven't traveled in a while"

"I just took a DNA test, turns out I'm 100% ready for a new adventure."

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends."
Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

Anyone else's car getting three weeks to the gallon?

"Do more things that make you forget to check your phone."

NOTICES

The International Airstream Rally for 2021 is scheduled for July 17-24 at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Tennessee. You can find registration information at <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>.

Anyone who has discovered new ideas, products, or anything you want to share, please send to allanapat@msn.com for our newsletter.

Need work on your airstream at your location:

Jerry Vanloon, is an Airstream Mobile technician. He makes HOUSE CALLS! He is great for on-site service for all components of your Airstream, from propane & electrical, to window replacement!

Phone # 682-556-1141

Jerry is a former technician with Airstream, and now works for Prevost and himself.

****Our Treasurer, Lynn Mack would like to remind everyone that it is membership renewal time. She will be sending out notices. \$90 either by check made out to NTU sent Lynn, or through <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal> Life members are still \$15.**

WARNING EMAIL SCAM:

It seems an email has been sent out to NTU members asking for gift cards for donations. The email appears to be from Steve Woodward, but it is NOT. If you receive anything delete/close.

