

NTU AIRSTREAM CLUB, INC

NEWSLETTER

October 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



I am getting around great and ready to get on my Bicycle at the Oklahoma Rally-van!

I will be sending out an invite to the entire membership for our October 10 monthly meeting. There is a lot that Steve wants to discuss, so please join us on ZOOM. Tom and I made a weekend trip to a new "Airstream only" RV park in Bristol (Ennis), TX.-- *The Range Vintage Trailer Resort* <https://therangevtr.com>. They do charge resort prices, but are very helpful and have really done the place up right! The wi-fi is great. We had a wonderful weekend, with perfect fall weather. Believe it or not, Bristol has a quick shop with a Sushi restaurant. We had fresh sushi for lunch! We even went to Ennis (8 mi) to the drive-in movies!

I can't wait for the wonderful caravan in mid-October.

I am including the same information pages as last newsletter.

There is room for you to join us! I make a mean margarita!

Hope to see you on the road or on ZOOM, October 10, 11:30.

Be safe, be tolerant, be kind. allanapat@msn.com

Welcome New Members to NTU

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

Joined in late August:

Janie and Jason Ottwell from Dallas

Tom and Jaqueline Carney from Southlake

Joined in September:

David and Felicia Lance from Fort Worth

Ann and Trae Hill from Garland

Kyle Reed from McKinney



Gary and Patricia Burke from Oregon but soon to be Hillsboro, NTAC

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS:

What does a Classic Airstream Camper, a cat, and college have in common? By newbies: Jaqueline and Tom Carney (written by Jacqueline)

...A 4,000 mile 23 day round-trip adventure to the east coast. It started this summer- our son would be starting college at the University of Vermont in August and students had to quarantine before arriving on campus. Well, this was all I needed to convince my husband, Tom, that we should visit our DFW airstream dealer. After months in quarantine and both of us working from home, the travel bug was biting.

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Pre-COVID, Tom and I had visions of a fair amount of travel this fall since we would be empty nesters with our two sons in college.

We've always enjoyed traveling, but due to our work schedules, we typically flew to our destinations.

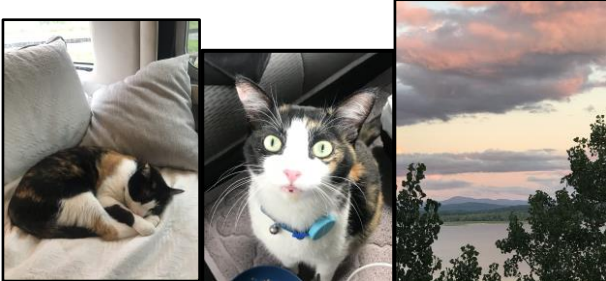
After buying our 30' Classic and a Ford F-250 (after all, our little cars wouldn't do the job of towing), we crammed for our big adventure. We read, watched YouTube videos, practiced in our driveway, and stocked the airstream with enough food and supplies for 2 weeks.

On August 14th, we started our big adventure- with our son's cat. She loved the airstream and told us so by meowing for an hour at the beginning of each travel day. She added more work to the day- we couldn't open the door without checking that someone was watching the cat; she wanted to go outside but not with her GPS collar, harness and leash... so one day she made an escape up a 20' cliff. Our son had broken his elbow 2 weeks before our trip, but that didn't stop him from scrambling to the top of the cliff to rescue her. Whew, that was a close call. The cat will be disappointed, but she won't be joining us on our next trip. When we have the airstream in our driveway, she can't wait to jump inside- but that will be the extent of her future trips in the airstream.



What did our 4,000 mile trip give us that our intended trip to Europe couldn't?

We earned this trip- this trip was hard work. We had to learn so much just to leave our driveway. This trip was a joint effort, Tom and I worked together to learn about safety, maintenance and comfort. As we drove across America, we saw the changing geography. We drove through the Adirondacks and couldn't believe the hills and density of the trees, we saw the clouds below the Blue Ridge Mountains, the swift running water of the Shenandoah River, we saw the oldest Inn in America in the quaintest town in the Hudson River Valley, and we enjoyed the stunning sunsets over Lake Champlain in VT.



We saw stars at 4 am in Luray VA (okay, we were up at 4 am because I heard water dripping outside the airstream).

What were our frustrations? The internet. We traveled for 23 days and had to work during most non-driving days (Tom more than me). We had poor cell coverage in lots of locations. but fortunately, we won't have to worry about internet service on our next trip - the NTU Chickasaw National Rec Area where we will enjoy the shorter drive and we'll only stay for the weekend.

What made our trip easier? The tow package on our truck, weight distribution/anti-sway hitch, our 'Voyager' backup camera, the tire pressure monitor, staying at RV parks with 50 amps and water (until we're brave enough to boondock), only driving between 9 am and arriving at our RV park well before dusk, monitoring our truck's fuel levels, and prepping food before our trip. Note to self: fridge doesn't work well when you leave Texas in 106 degree heat.

Through our 31 years of marriage, I've suggested we live on a houseboat, buy a sailboat, etc... Tom has never taken the bait, so when he said 'maybe' to an airstream, I jumped on it. Maybe it was COVID weariness and I caught him in a weak moment, but I can say that we have both embraced the airstream travel lifestyle. We look forward to meeting everyone at our NTU Rallies.

Jacqueline & Tom Carney



Picture of the Month



From Tom and Jacqueline Carney

EVENTS AND RALLIES

October 10: NTU meeting 11:30 on ZOOM

[Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 883 5428 0943](#)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88354280943>

An email invite will be sent to the membership.

October 15 thru October 29. The Waterfalls of Oklahoma/Caravan Rally: Details and reservation info on PG4

November 14: Luncheon Meeting at Ida Claire (patio) in Addison (If COVID situation gets worse, we will switch to ZOOM)

Nov 20-22- NTU Installation Rally

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December 12: Luncheon Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, Grapevine 11:30

2021 events and rallies: The following is a proposal

Jan. 8, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
Feb. 13, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
Feb. 19-21, 2021 - First Timer/Maintenance Rally. Choctaw Casino Rally. Durant, Okla.
March 13, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
March 19-21, 2021 - Jazz Wine Train Rally. Grapevine, Tx.
April 10, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
April 13-18, 2021 - Region 9 Rally in Mineola, Tx.
May 8, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
May 14-16, 2021 - Homestead Heritage Center Arts & Craft Rally. Waco, Tx.
June 12, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
July 10, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
July 17-24, 2021 - International Rally. Lebanon, Ten.
August 14, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
Sept. 11, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
Sept.17-19, 2021 - Historical Rally. Peach Country RV Park. Stonewall, Tx.
Oct. 9, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD
Oct. 15-17, 2021 - Steamboat Rally. Jefferson, Tx.
Nov. 13, 2021 Luncheon Meeting TBD
Nov. 19-21, 2021 - Installation Rally. Glen Rose, Tx.
Dec. 10, 2021 – Luncheon Meeting TBD

Note: This to be modified and changed as the new President sees fit.

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.
- If you want to volunteer or nominate someone for one of the vacant positions on the NTU slate of officers, contact Greg Walker, grwalk@swbell.net, 254-205-5859.

From the President

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We are going to try to have monthly meetings beginning in October with the ZOOM meeting.

We want to invite our members to nominate or self-nominate for officer positions. We are looking to fill the rest of our Unit Officers for the coming year 2020-2021 under our President Gary Copeland. At the moment, our Vice President office is open, as well as our Secretary position, and we are looking for someone to take over the website. Our nomination chair is Greg Walker, grwalk@swbell.net

New officers will be installed at our installation rally, 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 Pavilion and other amenities. Hope to see you at the events. Stay safe. Stay smart. See you down the Road.

Steve Woodward #5787

NTU INSTALLATION RALLY ITINERARY

Call Oakdale RV Park (254-897-2321) in Glen Rose, Texas (1019 N E Barnard St.)to make your own reservations as part of the Airstream Group.

Friday Nov. 20, 2020

1:00 - 5:00 pm - Arrival and Check in at Office

5:00 - 6:30 pm - Social Hour outside at

Pavilion. BYOB and bring your snacks

6:30 pm. - Supper on your own

8:00 pm. - Campfire

Saturday Nov. 21, 2020

8:00 - 9:00 pm. Breakfast. Frittata muffins & fruit provided. Bring your own Coffee

9:30 - 4:00 pm. Enjoy your day on your own touring Glen Rose and surrounding sites in Dinosaur Valley.

5:00 to 6:00 pm - Social Hour outside at Pavilion. BYOB and snacks.

6:00 to 7:30 pm - Dinner provided. Bring your own drinks and set ups.

7:30 to 9:00 pm - Installation of new Officers.

Sunday Nov. 23, 2020

8:00 to 9:00 pm. - Donuts and Fruits to be provided. Bring your own Coffee.

9:00 to 11:00 pm - Departure. Pack up and leave.

Glenrose is a fun and relaxing small town. There is plenty to do as you can see in the pictures. The new owner of Oakdale RV Park is an Airstreamer!



Downtown Glenrose



City of Glenrose



Oakdale RV Park



Dinosaur Valley State park



Fossil Rim Wildlife Park

**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: whitemars53@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.