

# NTU AIRSTREAM CLUB, INC

NEWSLETTER

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"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, gratefully, 2020 is over. On January 1<sup>st</sup> I had great hopes for 2021. My son is getting married in May; we survived Christmas without getting sick; and I made resolutions to clean out closets and lose weight. So far, I have cleaned out two closets and gained 2 pounds finishing off the Christmas sweets.

However, 2021 has not started off well. January 3, the Cowboys blew it again. On Jan. 5, North Texas hit the deadliest week so far of COVID-19 cases. On Jan 6, all hell broke loose in the appalling attack on the Capitol. And on Jan. 12..the Governor had to re-vamp the vaccine procedures. But we did have a peaceful transition of government on Jan.21..and here is hoping we can all start getting along! But, as I write this newsletter, I still have faith that we will see you down the road, bridge the divides, and all get vaccinated against this horrible disease. However, it looks like a few more months of cancelled rallies, and zoom meetings. Keep your fingers crossed for summer!  
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## Welcome New Members to NTU

Joined in December:

**Victor and Dawn Montaner** from Waco  
**Robert and Martha Henson** from Arlington  
**Rush Bowman and Kathy Morgan** from Arlington  
 Transferred from East Texas Lakes Unit:  
**Louann and Margaret Cunningham** from Tyler

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS:



#### From New Members Rush and Kathy Bowman:

Kathy and I are brand new Airstream owners, as well as newbies to the whole RV lifestyle. But, we're excited for the spring, warm weather, the end of the corona virus, and getting together with like-minded people for new adventures.

We're both retired and reside in central Arlington. Kathy was a long-time employee of the City of Arlington, serving in several different management positions, while I worked as a contractor on the periphery of the restaurant industry.

We got interested in the RV scene last summer and after looking at what was available locally, we settled on Airstream and found our 20 ft Caravel in the fall of last year. We have been on two "excursions" so far, a quick shakedown cruise to Fort Richardson State Park, and a longer trip to the Texas Coast in November.

We'll be heading back to the coast at the end of this month, with plans to spend all of February at South Padre Island.



## NOTICES

- **Our new 1<sup>st</sup> VP David Brandon lost his father, Jack, to COVID 19. He was 94. Our thoughts and prayers go out to David, Anna and their family.**
- **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](mailto: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.*

## RECIPES

### Cranberry Bars:

- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups whole cranberries
- ½ cups nuts (optional)

Cream butter and sugar until smooth, add eggs and mix. Add the remaining ingredients. Fold in cranberries. They can be fresh or frozen.

Spread in a lightly greased or sprayed 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes or until a light golden brown on top. Cool and frost. The best way to frost is open a can of cream cheese frosting.

*Submitted by Wanda Whitehill*

This recipe, which is quite tasty, is listed in a pamphlet from our visit to the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center at 204 Main Street in Warrens. The museum features information about the cranberry industry and history of Wisconsin cranberries.

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS (continued):

#### From New Members Victor and Dawn Montaner:

We are Dawn and Vic Montaner of Waco, Texas! We bought our airstream, a 2005 Safari from the original owner two years ago. I am a native Texan and my husband, Vic, is a New Yorker! I begged Vic for 22 years to buy a camper, but he said his camping was at the Hilton! That was before his cousin came through Waco on an eight-month trip west in his new camper! The rest is history!

We are a blended family with six kids and ten grandchildren, 8 are girls! We met John and Rita Green on a camping trip to Whitney. Their stories and adventures provided us with visions on what could be with a little adventure in our soul!

So here we are, members of NTU at last with our own red numbers!



## Picture of the Month

*Looks inviting!*

From Dawn Montaner



## REPORT FROM DECEMBER MEETING

Twelve members met on December 12 via ZOOM. Gary Copeland, president met with the group. The agenda was thin, but it was decided that there could be no February rally due to the rise in COVID 19 cases, and deaths.

**At this time - all rallies through May are indefinite.**

There was a lively discussion on planning a caravan to travel to Lebanon, Tennessee for the International Rally. The first step is to find out how many of our members are registered or planning to register for the International. The second step is to figure out who wants to caravan, and how many days out they are available.

So, expect an e-mail survey to get this information in the next 6 weeks.

There was no meeting in January. There will be a ZOOM meeting of the membership on February 13. Those attending the December meeting requested an earlier time, so we are setting it at 10:30am. These meetings are not longer than 30-45 minutes, so mark your calendar, and please join us.. Topic: **NTU February Zoom Meeting**  
**Time: Feb 13, 2021 10:30 AM** Central Time-Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86721077449>  
An email will be sent out on Feb. 12.

### **From the President Gary Copeland**

Hello again!



Well, it has been another couple of months and many of us have still not had the opportunity to travel the way we love, in our Airstream portals to our experience our adventures.

I know that there are a few folks that are taking their rigs and doing some travels. I am happy that they have that opportunity. When you return from your trips, it would be great if you would write a description of your trip and send it along with some pictures to be included in the newsletters and on the club web site, so that your adventures can be shared with the rest of us. I believe that if you send your articles to Allana at [allanapat@msn.com](mailto:allanapat@msn.com) for the newsletter, and Marty and Wanda at [whitemar53@gmail.com](mailto:whitemar53@gmail.com) they could make this happen.

I don't have much to add this time, other than be careful out there, and tell us about your travels.

I would like to share one of my experiences from a previous trip.

*We were staying in the Great Sand dunes National Park while on one of our trips west. Fortunately, we had a great spot on the north edge of the campground. Literally, on the edge. The only thing between us and the sand dunes was a little brush, some rocks, and the Medano Creek, with its characteristic surge flow, or heartbeat.*

*We spent a few days there, allowing ourselves to explore the park and climb the dunes; slow down, and let the park talk to us. We watched the wind blow the dunes into the constantly evolving shapes and heights that they are known for. We sat and watched the waters heartbeat for*

*hours, bringing sand back that had blown into the mountains that border the sand field.*

*We attended a couple of the Ranger led seminars.*

*We watched the lives of animals trying to live their lives, attempting to coexist with the human guests in their community. At night if you were quiet, you could hear the rumbling, and usually beautiful sounds of the animals who were more active at night.*

*However, one of the most wonderful memories, was waking to the sound of footsteps approaching the trailer.*

*Slowly, often cautiously, but sometimes obviously present footsteps were growing louder and closer. Then, as we lay there the head of a beautiful deer passed by our street side bedroom window. Its horns were close enough to touch.*

Cheers,  
Gary Copeland

*Great Sand Dunes NP*

