



# Lone Star Scouts *Newsletter*

February 2009

## **Scouts Return to Schulenburg RV Park.**

Schulenburg is a German/Czech community located on Highway 77. We had a good turnout at the February Rally. Lots of stuff to do and see such as the Czech Bakery, Antique Stores, Dollar Stores and local dining, Historic Painted Churches and **especially** the Shiner Brewery in Shiner.

Bill and Johnnie Servis were the first to arrive on Wednesday. Arrivals on Thursday were the Carlisle, Gabriels, Collins, Burns, Shadrocks, Kregers, Klostermanns, Cooks, Stephens, Hagars, Hodges, and Maxwells. Friday arrivals were Rodens and San Miguels. Tom and Kay Bowen were not able to attend because Tom fell and is having some ache and pains. We look forward to seeing Tom and Kay at the March Rally.

Joe and Ann Maxwell who are past members (now living in Oklahoma) camped with us. We had a great time catching up on news and recalling past campouts. Joe is never at a loss for words and Ann is just as quick – all had a lot of laughs and good times.

## **Shiner Beer 100 Year Celebration**

On Friday, several campers made the trip to Shiner Texas to tour and sample beer at the Spoetzl Brewery. It was interesting to see the different stages of brewing beer and learning a few facts about the different varieties.

*Shiner Blonde* – Blonde is the direct descendant of Shiner's earliest brew. Although Blonde has carried numerous names, such as Shiner Special and Shiner Texas Special, the recipe has been virtually unchanged since it was first brewed in 1909. For this reason, Blonde carries Brew Kettle No. 1 on its label, my favorite. Shiner 100 Commemorator will have the longest run of all the anniversary beers; it will be produced all year long in 2009.

## Painted Churches of Texas Tour

These are old churches that were built by early settlers and they were built and painted in such a way as to remind them of the churches of their home country



whether that is Germany or Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic). These churches were definitely worth the drive.

Many of these churches have ceilings painted with murals and display a lot of ornate woodwork.

Several of the members visited the churches/

Friday morning, the Gabriels, Collins (our adventurers) discovered a new restaurant called Mix that is located in a cattle auction barn with a county atmosphere and good home cooked food. After the good reviews, several of the members went for breakfast on Saturday morning. Menus are not available just tell the waitress what you want and she can just about get anything you want except for calf fries.

***Where else can you dine and be serenaded by bawling cattle.***

Friday night dining was split into two groups, some went to Franks and the some went to Roberts in Flatonia. Members reported that the food was good at both places.

***Texas Hold'em*** is becoming a regular event at the campouts. Fred Klosterman and many of the guys love to play Hold'em almost as much as the ladies play Train.

Saturday evening we had our potluck dinner and had many delicious dishes to choose and great deserts. We have excellent cooks in our club.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries.**

Eddie Collins handed out birthday cards to Finis Collins 02/03, Jack Roden 02/13 – Laura San Miguel 02/14, Mike Hagar 02/21. Dalia Harrleson was not present for her birthday (2/24). Tom and Kay Bowen were not present to receive their anniversary (02/16) card.

The Gabriels and Collins did a great job with our continental breakfast. The menu included coffee, orange juice and many varieties of kolaches baked by the local bakery.

### **Other News**

Bill and Johnnie Servis will be serving as park hosts at Bandelier National Monument this year.

Welcome to our new members Mike and Karen Hagar from Llano Texas.

Robert and Nona Bratten's Daughter, Rosemary started getting ill right after New Years. Her doctor was trying to address her illness but to no avail. When we took her to her doctor's appointment on January 22, 2009 he said that she should go immediately to the emergency room. We did and she spent the next two weeks in ICU. She has been diagnosed with and is being treated for Pancreatitis. We were able to bring her home on February 3, 2009. She is still bedridden most of the time and we have a nurse checking her daily. She seems to be getting better each day. Carlton ran into Nona last Wednesday and she was waiting to pickup her daughter from a class and she is doing better, but please pray for her recovery.

Wanda Clary fell earlier this month and injured her wrist.

Ben Peek is still doing rehab on his shoulder, finally able to drive and hopefully we will see them at the next campout.

Jerry Sellars is recovering from Hip surgery in January and is doing well.

Larry Sellars will have his left knee replaced on Feb. 25th.

### **From our Sponsor**

Matt Wilkerson is now the new Service and Parts Director for Marshalls. I spoke to him recently and he and his family is doing fine.

***March Campout at Top of the Hill RV Resort in Welfare,  
Texas March 12 – 15, 2009 Deadline date is February 26***



Many activities are available in the area. Texas Wineries, Enchanted Rock, the cave without a name is a natural living cavern. A Boerne market day on the 14th and the resort has a Kiss me I'm Irish Party on their calendar.

*Marie Hodges*