

Lone Star Scouts

Newsletter

March 2007



A FUN BREAKFAST....pictured above are our hosts.....and cooks.....as they prepare an “Omelets in the Bag” breakfast at the March campout. Shown are Cooks: Al Buckner, Sharry Buckner, Edie Collins, Chef Finis Collins and Carlton Kreger. It was a fantastic and fun meal. See story below for details.

Club Visits New Park in Stonewall

The Lone Star Scouts had a great turnout for the March rally at Peach Country RV Park in Stonewall! Twenty-one rigs was the count.

Listed here are the Thursday arrivals: the Brattens, Buckners, Cooks, Gabriels, Klostermanns, Kregers, Peeks, Collins, Rodens, San Miguels, Wolfes, Shadlocks ...plus two guests, the Kindens and McGinnises from Pennsylvania, plus two new members: the Farris and Sellars. More about these two new members later. The Colemans and Harrelsons arrived earlier in the week. We completed our roster Friday when the Stephens, Webbs and Mettings arrived.

Peach Tree is a pretty park....very neatly kept...has wide streets with big sites and a very nice club house. It's really a neat place. And the maintenance man, Herb, is a friendly fellow with that Fredericksburg German accent, who keeps the area in great shape.

We had a fabulous week end!!!

Most of the gang grilled their supper...hamburgers, steaks or whatever...up at the clubhouse Thursday evening. Several played games inside afterwards.

There is shopping plus flea markets, etc, in the area, so you can picture what most of the ladies and some of the guys were doing during the day Friday. That evening found the group splitting up to go to nearby cafes for their evening meal. Bingo followed in the clubhouse. White elephant prizes were awarded. There were some...what you might say..... unusual prizes in those white elephant bags.

Another great potluck dinner took place Saturday evening.....followed by a Saint Patrick's Day game session...led of course by Finis Collins. I guess this must have been an Irish game, or maybe you might call it a Finis Collins game, and it was hilarious. It is difficult to describe, but here's a try. Four men lined up across the back of the room, with a long tube tied on string between their legs and swung it to push an egg shaped ball down to their wives at the other end of the room. The ball had to go between their legs. Using gold coins, everyone bet on the winner. Round one was won by Loyal Cook. Round two went to Larry Sellars. In the playoff, Larry squared off against Loyal. Larry wound up beating substitute player Denny San Miguel. Gold coin winner was Robert Bratten.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sharon Roden handed out birthday cards to Forest Coleman, Carl Kreger and Marlene Stephens. Not present....but celebrating their birthdays in March....were Johnnie Servis, Don Mohr, and Nan Updike.

Our birthday cards are hand made by Marlene Stephens. She does a beautiful job.

...Omelet's in a Bag

What a great breakfast we had....Omelets in a Bag. If you went to the rally in Louisiana a few years ago, you might remember the unique breakfast that was prepared there.

You began with two raw eggs in a bag....marked with your name. Each person then added their other items to the bag, choosing from bacon bits, and chunks of sausage, mushrooms, onions or cheese. They kneaded ...or mashedtheir other items together, closed the bag tightly and it was then tossed into boiling water. These eggs came out great. There were biscuits, butter, jelly, hot sauce, applesauce, coffee and juice to go with these custom made omelets. Delicious!

Our hosts for this month were Finis and Edie Collins, assisted by Al and Sharry Buckner. We know this breakfast was a lot of work and they deserve a big round of applause. Great job!

New Members

We added two new members in March.

Larry and Jerry Sellars, who recently moved to Cedar Park from Oklahoma, were at the March rally and have joined our group. Twice retired, Larry served in the Army for 20 years, returned to civilian life and got his degree from OU (that's Oklahoma University). He taught and coached for another 20 years. Jerry worked in banking and investments.

Roger and Dorothy Farr were also in the education field. They were in school administration in Omaha, Nebraska. After some careful searching, they decided to retire in Sun City in Georgetown. And we are glad they did.

Welcome to the club Roger & Dorothy. And Larry & Jerry!

Other News

We were very pleased to have Skip & Nancy Kinden and Larry & Mary McGinnis as our guests at Stonewall. They are SunnyTraveler members from Pennsylvania. The Kindens have mixed with our group at several International Rallies and also dropped in on a rally we had in Schulenburg several years ago.

Curtis Cornell is scheduled for knee replacement surgery April 2 in Austin. The Cornells hope to be able to attend our May rally. Jo says that her daughter Melissa has struggled with her recent chemo treatments.... ...Allen Updike anticipates he will be having a surgical procedure in April to correct a heart problem that has bothered him for the past several months. His heart beat has gotten out of sync several times, causing rapid heartbeats. The procedure takes four to eight hours. We've

asked Nan to keep us posted on his progress. We were sorry to hear that Dave Hunter was recently diagnosed with a malignancy. The Hunters were in the disbanded North Texas club, and have camped with us before. We know that their friends the Cooks will keep us posted on Dave's condition. .

Also, we hope that Don Clary will be able to avoid having shoulder surgery. He has had lots of discomfort with one shoulder. Now retired, Don and Wanda are currently at Buckhorn.and we hope that the Bowens, both of them, come out OK from several medical tests that they have had recently.

We trust that the next newsletter will have nothing but good news on the medical front.

2008 Schedule

Kathy Gabriel, our wagonmaster, reports that the 2008 schedule is now complete and has several new parks booked for next year. The new parks include Pecan RV Park in San Marcos, Big D RV Park in Rockport, Texas 281 RV Park in Bulverde, South Forty RV Park in Giddings and Rio Raft RV Park at Canyon Lake. The schedule is posted on our web site.

Our wagonmaster deserves our thanks for all of her work putting together the 2008 schedule. And Kathy is doing a great job getting people lined up at our rallies.

You've probably noticed that the 2007 club schedule includes five parks that are new to us: Peach Country in Stonewall, Johnson Creek in Mountain Home, Pioneer in Bandera and Oakwood RV in Fredericksburg.

Hosts Needed

We still need hosts for a number of our 2007 rallies. Check the schedule and call Kathy or Carlton to take your turn as host. It's really kind of fun handling the host job. And you can always get one of your fellow club members to help you.

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Matt Wilkerson says their inventory for Mobile Scouts is low, having sold two fifth wheels just prior to the big RV show in Austin. They do have two Bristol Bays in stock...Bristol Bay is a new Sunnybrook product. Those two are 31 and 32 foot fifth wheel rigs.

We appreciate all that Matt and Marshall's have done for our club. We have the best sponsors in the SunnyTravelers organization.

April Campout

Lazy Longhorn RV Park in Victoria will be the site of our April campout. Dates are April 13 - 15. This highly rated park features concrete paved sites, free WI-FI and there are lots of attractions in the area. For more information, you can visit their web site at www.lazylonghornrv.com

We've been to Lazy Longhorn a number of times and have always appreciated their hospitality.

Deadline to sign up for April is March 30.

You are urged to sign up for rallies by the deadline date. In March, we had to turn away one potential new member. We had asked Peach Tree to hold 20 spaces, which we filled. The park said they had no more room and it was too late for us to add spaces. This was an unusual situation, but it could occur again.

So remember, that the club cannot always guarantee space for you if you sign up after the deadline date.

Also, it is important for the host to know how many people to prepare for at our campouts....so please let the club know if you are bringing guests.

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