

Lone Star Scouts

Newsletter

October 2006

Our 6th Anniversary

Skyline RV in Bandera was Site for October (Halloween) Rally and Fish Fry

Pretty oak trees graced our campsites and with some more comfortable temperatures along with some gentle rains on Saturday and Sunday. The Kregers arrived on Wednesday, followed on Thursday with the Gabriels, Collins, Shadrocks, Cooks, Bernert, Wolfe, Bratten and Roden. Friday arrivals were the Primeaux, Rogers and Cornells.

On Thursday after returning from eating in town, we surprised Arline Kreger with a Birthday Cake for her 18th Birthday and also celebrating a Birthday was Elma Bernert for her 17th birthday! Elma had made a cake for herself that we had Friday night.

Friday evening Highlights were the 5th Annual Curtis and Jo Cornell's Fish Fry along with many sides provided by the members. Great Job Curtis and Jo!

Guest on Friday was Janell Wolfe's Sister and Brother-in-Law. Also friends of the Cornell's were Bill and Sue Psencik from Fredericksburg.

Friday and Saturday morning found lots of Lone Star Scouts shopping in the unusual shops in the old downtown of Bandera.

Saturday night's pot-luck was good as expected with a great variety. Guest were Joshua and Nicole Sommer (Daughter of Rogers and Granddaughter of the Primeaux)

Hosts Robert and Nona Bratten served delicious Breakfast Tacos along with Beans, hash browns, donuts, juice and coffee for Sunday morning's breakfast.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

In Martha's absence, Sharon Roden presented Arline Kreger and Elma Bernert with Birthday cards. Those not present were Ken Harris, Steve Webb, Tom Bowen, Denny San Miguel and Terry Harrelson.

Anniversary Card was given to the Collins and not present were the Fausnacht's.

First Annual Halloween Party....

On an evening dark and dreary, as drops of a wet substance fell from black clouds, a motley crew gathered on the porch of a haunted house. Father Time (Ron) with his long white beard leaned on a crooked cane followed by Gertie, the Gorilla (Celeste). Two tiny witches, West and Southwest (Hazel and Elma), wore tall pointed hats in an effort to be as tall as the others but Donna, the Dementor (Janey) towered above them all. The Queen (Arline) was joined by Fannie Farmer (Jo) and Catfish Fisherman (Curtis) and Wading Fisherman (Carlton) along with Bertha, The Skeleton of Beautiful Bones (Kathy) and Paul the Pirate (Paul), Slim, the Rancher (Joe) and Daisy, the Dog Whisperer (Janelle) who carried Ashley (real name) in her tutu.

As the squeaking door opened all were greeted by Mother Nature (Sharon) who guided them one by one into a very dark room and took them through the maze of eyeballs, guts, brains, baby teeth and bowls filled with maggots, flies and bugs. Cactus Jack (Jack) saved them with his 45 and took them to Gigi, the Gypsy (Edie) who gently guided them to a doorway where she had them stand as she put a number on the back of each creature. Suddenly beyond the door in front of them there appeared a ghastly ghoul. As they screamed in terror Gigi guided them to another door. It was covered with cobwebs and tarantulas but they managed to flee this frightening room. It was then they heard the moans and groans of unfamiliar creatures. As they searched for the true identity of these creatures they were met by the Wading Fisherman who had them gather for a group photo so they would have something to help them remember this frightening evening. And then, the games began!

Many had signed up for a "free" Symphony only to learn they must dig through a partially filled chamber pot for the winning coin. Arline, the Queen was very squeamish at putting her delicate hands into this unknown substance but she led the way and soon all the coins were found. The winning coin was found by Bill Bernert. Mother Nature and Cactus Jack presented him with a chocolate Symphony Bar!

Professor End (Finis) gathered the creatures to Knock the Invisible Goblin Off His Throne. There were many attempts at throwing the white rolls but the Wading Fisherman was the winner with his evil eye "washer" expertise.

A large portrait of the Ugly Witch from the North (as painted by Professor End) hung on the wall but, alas, the wart was missing from her nose. All creatures lined up nervously chewing gum to replace the wart. Their heads covered with black sacks made it difficult

to place the “wart” correctly but Gertie, the Gorilla (Celeste) matched the perfect spot and the portrait was complete.

Black witches, Blue Bones, and White Ghosts lined up to cross the swamp to the twin castles. Count Dracula had drained the Princess of her blood; a transfusion was needed. Teams of Doctors that carried the blood in a big red ball atop their heads, Inspectors with large magnifying glasses to find the Count, Boat Captains and ducks who were the only ones who knew the way lined up. They boarded the boat with sounds of a Quack, Quack, Toot, Toot, I gotcha, I gotcha, and Blood, Blood and soon reached shore. They grabbed the baby bottles and drank the magic potion. With the compass reading North East, they headed for the next clue. The race was on for Count Dracula’s Trunk. It was touch and go but Mother Nature was the first to find the trunk. She was so excited she fell backwards in her excitement.

At the nearby Chicken Ranch the chickens gathered with a cluck, cluck here and a cluck, cluck there as they found the corn. The roosters came and scooped the corn into containers. The Turkey Gobblers stood in front of them with hollowed pumpkins tied to their waists. The Roosters and Chickens attempted to toss the corn into the pumpkins; corn scattered everywhere. The Swiveled Hipped Pirate (Paul) tried to catch most of it only to be surpassed by Father Time (Ron). It just proves that Time will Tell!

After all the frenzied activity all the creatures were served a lime green punch wherein floated a pink hand. Alongside was a plate of gnarled and broken fingers. Highlighting the scrumptious table setting was a Head on a Platter. Worms crawled in and out the snout and the hollowed eye sockets. The Head was surrounded by eyeballs and worms. What a masterpiece Bertha, The Skeleton of Beautiful Bones had prepared. Gertie, the Gorilla, served her famous Witches Brew and was declared the Winner of the Witches Brew Contest.

While the Primeaux’s and Roger’s appeared to have won the most prizes their efforts were surpassed when next morning the announcement was made that Abigail Louise (the new baby, grandbaby and great-grandbaby) had arrived Sunday morning at 6:48am weighing in at 7lbs. 3oz. She stole the Show!!

Prizes and Certificates for the winners were handed out Sunday morning after Breakfast:

Costumes:

The Funniest – Ron Rogers The Scariest – Janey Cook Most Original – Sharon Roden

Can of Fishing Worms for the Fisherman – Curtis Cornell

A Texas Ranger Badge for the leader – Carlton Kreger

Man of Many Arms – Finis Collins

Carve the Best Pumpkin – Ron Rogers

Knock the Goblin off the Throne – Carlton Kreger

Plant a Wart on Witches Nose – Celeste Rogers

Find Count Dracula's Secret Trunk – Sharon Roden

Throw & Catch a Trick or Treat – Ron Rogers

Make your own Witches Brew – Celeste Rogers

Who's who contest – Elma Bernert

Guess the number of eyeballs – Nona Bratten

Opening of Count Dracula's Truck – Kathy Gabriel

Match Count Dracula's Blood Tipped Stake – Curtis Cornell

Group Win – The Black Witches led by Ron Rogers – Carlton, Kathy, Jack, Jo, Celeste

News from one of our members – Don Stephens

Well folks, just gotta share a little news. The first annual Sun City Visual Arts Club Competition was held this weekend. Approximately 45-50 photographers and about the same number of artists submitted up to 3 entries each. I won 1st place and Honorable Mention in the category 'Pictorial Photographs'. Then, from all the first place winners the judge picked one 'Best of Show - Photograph' and darned if I didn't win that too!

Most of you have seen "DOS GOATS" which took Honorable Mention, but I don't think any of you have seen "UP THE TRAIL TO WICHITA" which is a picture of longhorn cattle. That is my prize winner.

November Meeting will be at River Shade RV Park in Seguin and will feature a Catered Meal

At our November campout at River Shade RV Park in Seguin on November 10-12th, we will be having a catered meal with dessert in place of potluck on Saturday night from Texas Pride Barbeque provided by Marshall's Traveland.

Our Election of officers will take place at this rally, which is a general meeting for the club. I will be emailing out the nominees and ballots later this month.

The Biggs and Gabriel's will be our hosts.

Please email your reservations for this campout or if you plan on coming out for the catered meal on Saturday by November 2nd.

December Meeting returns to Buckhorn in Kerrville for our Christmas Party!

The Shadrock's have already volunteered to bring the Turkey and we have a Sign-up sheet already on the website under December 2006 Info started.

Robert Bratten is checking into a charity for us to donate to for Christmas.

More information to come on the Christmas Party.

Thanks to Edith Collins for helping with the newsletter.

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