

Lone Star Scouts

NEWSLETTER

November 2007

Scouts Return to Johnson Creek

One of the nicest and most pleasant RV parks in Texas is Johnson Creek RV Resort just north of Kerrville, situated of course on Johnson Creek. Not only are the facilities nice, but this pecan tree shaded park is very friendly and very accommodating. It was an easy decision for the club to camp here again this year.

Eager early arrivals for the November campout were the Arnoldys, Bowens, Brattens, Buckners, Carlises, Collins, Cooks, Cornells, Gabriels, Kregers, Peeks, Sellars, Shadlocks and Joe Wolfe. Friday found the Primeauxs, Rogers, Smiths, Webbs and San Miguel's joining the group. Janell Wolfe joined us Saturday evening. On Thursday and Friday nights, Jack and Sharon Roden occupied a quaint cottage that the park owns just down the road.

On Friday, most of the members cooked outside on their grills. The very nice clubhouse at the park was in use for cards and games. By the way, the clubhouse is cleverly furnished with furniture you might find in your own home. It is a nice place for rallies. It is just one of the many pluses for Johnson Creek.

Shopping? Of course the gals were attracted by a big sale at Belks, a 'Dillards' type store in Kerrville. Some people even returned to Belks on Saturday morning. And our members always have to go to the unique Gibsons Store....probably the last Gibsons Store still in business.

We all enjoyed going out to eat together Friday night. Billy Genes Restaurant was the choice. We were joined for supper by Don and Wanda Clary, along with two of their camping friends.

Saturday was a fun day. The park had super size breakfast tacos that were very good and lots of members turned out to enjoy them. As mentioned, some people went shopping, some went to Kerrville to play golf and a craft show at the Hill Country Arts Foundation attracted others.

Saturday afternoon, the Sellars furnished strawberry margaritas and the Arnoldys brought cheese queso....others also brought snacks. The TV was tuned to the exciting Texas - Oklahoma State game....and some people just sat out on the pretty covered patio overlooking Johnson Creek and solved the world's problems. At least they offered some solutions.

We were joined for supper by Don and Wanda Clary and we had a great potluck dinner Saturday night dinner with chicken breasts and rice pilaf. This item replaced a planned dutch oven dinner that had been canceled. The chicken breasts came from Buzzie's Barbecue in Kerrville. A portion of the meal costs was paid for by our sponsor, Marshall's Traveland. Thank you Matt Wilkerson!

Following dinner, club members held a brief meeting that included election of officers for next year. Games followed.....although some ardent fans chose to watch the Texas A & M - Oklahoma game. We have members leaning both ways. Diehard football fans are passionate about their teams.

Sunday morning, a continental breakfast was served by our hosts, Tom &Maureen Arnoldy and Joe & Janell Wolfe. We enjoyed the fruit and pastries. Thanks go to these great members.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday cards were handed out to Kay Bowen and Hazel Teague by Martha Carlisle, our assistant secretary. Not present was birthday celebrant Roger Farr.

The Stephens celebrated their wedding anniversary this month. Best wishes go to them. We have Marlene Stephens to thank for the hand crafted cards she makes for the club. Thanks also go to Martha who had fun handing out these cards the last two years.

Election of 2008 Officers

Our new officers for 2008 will be Ben Peek, president, Carlton Kreger, vice president, Janell Wolfe, secretary and Dewey Carlisle, treasurer.

Appointed positions will be filled by Edie Collins, assistant secretary, Frank Shadrock, chaplain and Carlton Kreger, webmaster. Ben Peek will continue to do the newsletter.

Our thanks go to those who served as officers in 2007...Carlton Kreger, Kathy Gabriel, Sharon Roden and Jo Cornell. Appointed positions were held by Dewey Carlisle, Martha Carlisle and Ben Peek.

New Members

We were pleased to have Jerry and Pam Smith from San Antonio with us at Johnson Creek.

They have signed up as new members. Jerry is with a paving equipment company in San Antonio and Pam works in special education at a high school in Helotes. The Smiths have a new Sunset Creek travel trailer. Sunset Creek is a new brand in the Sunnybrook line.

Charles and Marie Hodges from Alvin, who attended the October rally plan to be with us in December in Fredericksburg and will be joining the club as new members. Charles is with a computer consulting firm and Marie works for a rice manufacturing company.

We welcome the Smiths and Hodges to the club for the 2008 season!

Other Items

We were pleased to have Ron and Sharon Shaw with us this week end as guests of Loyal and Janey Cook.....the park has been harvesting pecans. There are many pretty trees in the park. Their crop this year was not good - too much rain. But the pecans still laying on the ground were pretty good pickings..... one of the interesting sites at Johnson Creek are Sargent and Major, two white donkeys, who stand at the fence and watch what is taking place..... we understand that Norman and Eleanor Biggs have been putting some miles on their new motor home, having just returned from California.....Wanda Clary has knee replacement surgery scheduled for next Wednesday. Their retirement has included far too many doctor visits.....Steve Webb also has some knee surgery scheduled soon..... Nona Bratten has also been having knee problems and might have to have surgery. She goes to an orthopedic surgeon this week.....Knee problems are rampant in our club these days. Our best wishes go to all for speedy recoveries.

Dues

Our treasurer is now accepting member dues for 2008. If you have not yet paid your dues for next year, you may send your check for \$15 to our new treasurer, Dewey Carlisle, or bring it to him at the December meeting. Checks should be made payable to Dewey Carlisle. His mailing address is 7007 Forest Grove, San Antonio, TX 78240.

SunnyTravelers will bill members directly, for their \$25 membership fee, after the first of the year.

Marshall's Traveland...our Club Sponsor

As mentioned above, a portion of Saturday evening's dinner was paid for by our sponsor. They have been very generous with us, as they have once again paid for our website fee this year.

Thank you Marshall's!

Matt Wilkerson reports that business is still good. They got a Bristol Bay fifth wheel (that's another new addition to the Sunnybrook line) in last week and it sold the next day.

December Campout

Oakwood RV Resort in Fredericksburg will be the site of our December Campout. Our December campout is always one of the best as club members gather to celebrate Christmas with each other.

Fredericksburg is a great place to meet to get into the Christmas spirit. Does Fredericksburg have a lot going on that can get you in the Yuletide frame of mind? You bet it does. Just go to this community's website..... www.fredericksburg-texas.com Click on Calendar of Events, select December and you will be amazed at what you find. And it has to be noted that the decorations in Fredericksburg are very pretty.

Of course, we always have our fun Chinese auction on Saturday night and that is always a blast. We all bring a Christmas decoration gift for the auction..... and "Christmas decoration" is often liberally interpreted. Only those individuals bringing a gift can participate in the auction. Oh yes, Santa Claus always makes an appearance.

We also ask members to bring an unwrapped child's toy, which will go to the Toys for Tots program. Robert Bratten is organizing this worthwhile project for the club.

And we don't want to forget our great Saturday night potluck dinner. Go to our website to list the food you will be bringing. Don't miss December. Lots of surprises are being planned. It's always a fabulous get together!!

Sign up deadline is November 16. We are limited to 24 spaces, so it is important for members wanting to attend to get signed up with our wagonmaster if you have not already done so. It is equally important that you cancel if your plans change. This is not only for the benefit of the park, but for any members who might be on a waiting list.

Ben Peek

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