

It's time to sign up for our annual Christmas party....

Lone Star Scouts

NEWSLETTER

November 2008

Scouts Camp at Rio Raft RV Park in November

We camped on the Guadalupe River in November.....Rio Raft RV Park is nestled among the hills near Sattler, just off River Road....right on the river. This is a quiet park.....at least in November. It changes in the spring and summer when the “toobers” take over the river.

We enjoyed our stay here. It has a very nice rally hall that overlooks the river. The weather was ideal.

Coming in on Wednesday were the Buckners, Wolfes and Peeks. Thursday arrivals were the Bowens, Carlises, Collins, Cooks, Gabriels, Kregers, Shadrocks and Stephens. The Webbs, Rodens and San MIGUELS and Biggs (.....see story below) rolled in Friday.

On Thursday evening, Carlton fired up the park's big barbecue pit and most of the group cooked individually. It was a very pleasant evening. Several people brought dishes that they shared with others in the rally hall.

Friday evening, most of the group caravanned over to the other side of Canyon Lake to Ed's Windmill Restaurant for supper. Catfish was the most popular item on the menu. Games followed in the club house.

A popular place for breakfast was “Flap Jacks,” a small café in Sattler. You should see the size of those big fat pancakes!

Members went their own way on Saturday. Al Buckner and Jack Roden got some beautiful photos of the river and the fall foliage. Some of these pictures are posted on the club web site.

Our Saturday night potluck was great. Since this area is celebrating Wurstfest, our hosts, the Peeks and Bowens, had the hall decorated in German style, with posters, beer steins and fall flower decorations. There was also German oompah music played in the background.

A brief meeting followed the dinner.

Sunday morning's continental breakfast included coffee, juice, fruit, apple strudel, and home cooked banana nut and pumpkin breads. Thanks go to our hosts.

2009 Club Officers

Newly elected club officers for 2009 are Frank Shadrock, president, Carlton Kreger, vice president, Janell Wolfe, secretary and Dewey Carlisle, treasurer. The slate of officers was presented by Dan Gabriel. The nominating committee put in a lot of work getting the spots filled. Thanks go to those members who will be serving the club in 2009....and many thanks go to the nominating committee.

Club Finances

Dewey Carlisle, our club treasurer, gave his financial report, which showed a balance of \$734.63 as of the first of the month.

Dewey also gave a report for the committee that has been studying the club's finances. After further study, the finance committee recommended that the club dues remain at \$15 per rig for 2009 and said that the suggested \$3 rig fee will not be needed. The club has been very frugal with expenditures for this year, \$250 has been raised from the assessment, and we are receiving \$150 from our sponsor to cover expenses for our Christmas party. Even though our expenses are exceeding our income from dues, they recommend that at this time, we leave things as they are. With the income from 2009 dues, Dewey said that we should have close to \$1300 in our account at the start of next year.

Dues

It is time to pay your 2009 club dues. If you have not already done so, please send your \$15 check to Dewey. The check should be made out to Dewey Carlisle. His mailing address is 7007 Forest Grove, San Antonio, TX 78240.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Assistant secretary Edie Collins handed out birthday cards to Hazel Teague and Kay Bowen. Roger Farr was not present, so we send him happy birthday wishes.

Edie also presented an anniversary card to the Stephens.

Congratulations.....Norman and Pat

Guess who came to the October campout.....Norman Biggs and his new wife Pat. They were married two weeks ago. Pat's home is in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Norman said that they will split time between RV'ing, Norman's home in Livingston and Pat's home in Mississippi. Our congratulations go to the newlyweds.

December Campout

December is always a fun month, with our annual Christmas Party. This year's campout and party will be held at Skyline RV Park in Bandera. Dates are December 5 – 7. Our sign up deadline is November 21.

Of course, we will have our fun Chinese auction on Saturday night and this is always a blast. We all bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the occasion.and "Christmas decoration or ornament" is often liberally interpreted. There is a \$10 limit. Only those individuals bringing a gift can participate in the auction. Oh yes, Santa Claus always makes an appearance....and Finis Collins is cooking up some other fun activities to liven the evening.

We also ask members to bring an unwrapped child's toy, which will go to the Toys for Tots program. At the November meeting, Denny San Miguel informed the members about the benefits of this program.

And we don't want to forget our great Saturday night potluck dinner. It's a Christmas feast. Go to our website to see the list of what others are bringing.....and then let Carlton know what you want to prepare and he will add your dish to the list.

Hosts for December are the Webbs and the Buckners. See you there!

Ben Peek, Reporter