

Lone Star Scouts

# *Newsletter*

December 2006

## Buckhorn RV Is Site of Christmas Party

'tis the season...

To reflect back on the past year and give thanks for our many blessings...

To celebrate the Christmas holidays with friends...

To smile and laugh...just have a good time...

We did just that at our December campout!!! We were at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville for this month's rally. Lots of fun.....lots of smiles and laughter....great food....cozy campfires and there was even special Christmas music thanks to Norman Biggs. Details on all of this will follow.

Thursday found the Bernerts, Biggs, Bowens, Buckners, Carlises, Collins, Gabriels, Peeks, Rodens, San Miguels, Stephens, Brattens and Wolfes arriving. On Friday, the Cooks, Kennetts, Primeauxs, Rogers, Shadrocks, and Webbs rolled into the park. Note: The Clarys and Kregers were there Wednesday. Since the Clarys started full-timing, they seem getting in earlier than anybody.

Concerning the weather, a cold, cold norther roared into Kerrville Thursday morning with frigid wind gusts up to 40 mph. It was" hold on to your hat weather!"

Eating out? On Thursday evening, a large group went to Mamacitas. Friday evening, a large group went to LaFours for seafood, while another contingent dined at the Barn at Buckhorn. Oh yes, Buckhorn had breakfast in the Barn on Saturday morning.

Friday's laugh filled surprise....."Norma" appeared in a tantalizing black outfit. Everyone roared with laughter as Norma (that is Norman Biggs) waltzed around the tables giving hugs and yes....kisses. Norman....how do you come up with these things you do? Eleanor prefaced Norma's entrance with verse. The brief show was hilarious!

Norman....then back in normal attire ....played lots of old Christmas favorites on the large organ he hauled in from Livingston on a special covered trailer. Norman is truly a talented organist. We really enjoyed his music and appreciate the trouble he went to in bringing it down to Kerrville.

Outside our rally room, Ted Kennett had a cozy fire going in a portable pit. On the cool winter

evening, it was neat to stand around the fire. Thanks Ted!

Saturday found some of the gals going into town to shop, while others went their separate ways. Games occurred spontaneously throughout the week end.

The gang gathered for the group picture at 5:30. After the blessing by Chaplain Dewey Carlisle, the feast began. There was more than enough food for the group, with the turkey prepared by the Shadrocks and the ham prepared by the Bernerts. There were many good dishes brought by all the members...too many to list them all.....from several dressings to tamales to casseroles to fabulous desserts. The serving table was beautifully decorated by the Bernerts.

Santa...that was Al Buckner...began the evening with a series of questions trying to identify members. For instance, none of us knew that Don Clary was a radio DJ in his younger years. This was one of many unusual things we learned from Santa. And then the Lone Star Scouts auction began. There were 40 plus gifts under the tree. Pat Webb had the most gifts taken away from her. Paul Primeaux, Janie Peek and Janelle Wolfe also suffered a number of gift "losses."

Santa was ably assisted by elf Carlton Kreger and Kathy Gabriel, who took the name of "Poopsy" as one of Santa's assistants.

Fabulous is also the right word to describe Sunday morning's continental breakfast. Homemade sausage rolls and breads, along with honey butter, fresh fruit, juice and coffee were on the pretty serving table. Hosts for December were Bill & Elma Bernert and Loyal & Janey Cook.

Another cold norther was blowing in Sunday morning as we left. We certainly had some Christmas like weather.

## 2007 Officers Take Office

Our officers for 2007 are now at the helm. We are keeping the same slate as in 2006" Carlton Kreger will serve as president, Kathy Gabriel, vice president, Jo Cornell, treasurer and Sharon Roden, secretary.

Serving in appointed positions are Dewey Carlisle, chaplain, Martha Carlisle, assistant secretary, and Ben Peek, reporter.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Martha Carlisle presented birthday cards to Janie Peek, Barbara Shadrock, Sharon Roden and Kathy Gabriel. This is also Martha's birthday! Not present were birthday celebrants Alida Klostermann, Allen Updike and Curtis Cornell.

Celebrating anniversaries in December are the Carlises and San Miguels.

All of the cards were hand made by Marlene Stephens. Thank you Marlene.

## Other News

Jo and Curtis Cornell were unable to attend the rally as they had to go down to Houston to assist her daughter's family. Their daughter Melissa had surgery for breast cancer last week and they are taking care of her children. Jo says that the initial reports from the surgery looked good.

Also unable to attend were Allen and Nan Updike. Allen's daughter Rachel was severely injured in an automobile accident and they are in Perkins, Oklahoma taking care of her children.

We have heard from Carole Bayless. They are in Arizona where their grandson Michael is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant this Tuesday. He has had 3 weeks of chemo and is now ready for the transplant. According to Carole, he has done very well. She asked that their friends pray for him, his family, the doctors, nurses and the donor.

We miss seeing these members, and understand that they are where they are needed.

## Dues

Annual dues of \$15 for the Lone Star Scouts for 2007 are payable. If you haven't done so, mail your check to Jo Cornell, our treasurer, at 109 Overlook Drive, Spicewood, Texas 78669. Checks should be made out to Jo Cornell.

## January Rally

The January rally will be held at the Summit Resort at Canyon Lake on January 12 -14. The Bowens will be hosts in January.

Deadline date to sign up is December 29.

*Footnote to "Norma's" appearance: One of the other guests in the park talked to Jack Roden Saturday and asked if he was a Scout. When Jack said yes, the other gentleman offered some comments....he told Jack that he was in the Men's rest room over in the barn when this "lady" dressed in black burst into the rest room. He offered other comments to Jack about this strange "lady" who seemed to be part of our group.*

*Norman, who was going into the dressing room to change his attire, acknowledged that the guy was startled. When he saw the look on the guy's face, Norman pulled off his black wig and explained "I'm the nut putting on the show next door..."*

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

*Ben Peek, Reporter*

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