

## Lone Star Scouts

# NEWSLETTER

December 2007



The Dolls won the award for Best Skit Saturday night

## Scouts Gather in Fredericksburg for December Campout

Fredericksburg is a fun place to be in December.....the town is beautifully decorated with lots of lights.....they have a traditional Christmas parade...and the shops are busy. There is a real feeling of Christmas. This was the setting for the club's December campout and we had lots of fun!! Oakwood RV Park was the site of the get together.

We had lots of early arrivals....the Buckners were there on Tuesday.....joined by the Peeks, Updikes and Wolfes on Wednesday. There were quite a few Thursday arrivals: the Carlises, Collins, Cooks, Farris, Gabriels, Kregers, Schades, Sellars, Shadocks, Hodges and Servises. Our group was completed on Friday, when the Brattens, Primeauxs, Rodens, San Miguels, Smiths, Stephens and Webbs rolled into the park.

It didn't take the girls long to get into a shopping mode....they were down on Main Street in Fredericksburg by Thursday afternoon. And then Thursday evening found members eating in Fredericksburg at various places, including Andy's Diner and Chili's.

On Friday people began preparing and practicing for their roles in Saturday night's Christmas production. That preparation continued in earnest on Saturday. Friday found the Wolfes going to Llano to Cooper's Barbecue. Friday evening, members went out to eat at Catfish Haven and also Friedhelm's Bavarian Inn, where they serve great German food.

Saturday's big evening celebration began with our fabulous Christmas potluck dinner. You started the line with turkey, ham, brisket, tamales.....and after lots of good side dishes.....finished with all kind of desserts....from eggnog cake to pecan pie. There is not enough room here to list everything.

Bill Servis offered the blessing prior to dinner and Robert Bratten asked members for a moment of silence to honor those in the military, who are in harms way while serving our country.

After dinner Carlton Kreger passed the reins of leadership to the new officers, led by Ben Peek as president. Carlton Kreger will serve as vice president, Janell Wolfe, secretary and Dewey Carlisle, treasurer.

"Stars Are In Your Eyes - Show of Shows" - yes, that was the name of the first section of the Christmas Party....and it was fun.

The introductory phase of the show was a comedy routine called "No More Turkey," Next there were four skits produced for the evening and the big winner was "The Dolls." It was hilarious! The cast included Edie Collins, Janie Peek, Kathy Gabriel, Martha Carlisle, Sharon Roden, and Steve Webb. Nan and Allen Updike were the stage hands, who handled the moving curtain....that's right, the moving curtain.



The Dolls cast had lots of fun doing their show

Ben Peek's group had a skit named Choo Choo Train.....Jerry Sellars produced a skit called Tinker Bells .....The Nutcracker Suites was led by Denny San Miguel. They were all good, but the audience judged The Dolls as the winner.

And we must not forget the master of ceremonies: Larry Sellars.....how can you forget Larry or any of the jokes he told to warm up the audience. And whose brain child was the evening's Christmas show? ....Finis Collins, of course. He delights in productions like this. All of the fun evening is credited to Finis.

Santa Claus.....played once again played by Al Buckner....drew names to call everyone up to select their gift choice for the Chinese Auction. Santa had his helpers.....Elves were Carlton Kreger and Dan Gabriel. Pixies were Kathy Gabriel, Janey Cook, Edie Collins, Janell Wolfe and Arline Kreger.....offering the gifts from which members could choose. Steve Webb delighted in trying to push off his "saxophone playing Santa"...Steve, you sure were funny..... and Joe Wolfe, among others, kept losing his chosen gifts. Of course, all of this was a whole lot of fun!!

Members also brought an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. We had a table full of toys for these unfortunate kids. Robert Bratten spearheaded this project.

Sunday morning's continental breakfast offered a new menu: coffee, juice and cereal. After the huge, rich meal eaten the night before, this selection was just right. The Kregers and Gabriels hosted the breakfast.

*Note. If we listed everyone involved in the Finis Collins Saturday night production, it would include just about all the people there....and we might forget someone if we tried to make such a list.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Our new assistant secretary, Edie Collins, was busy this month. She passed out birthday cards to Kathy Gabriel, Sharon Roden, Allen Updike, Janie Peek, Martha Carlisle, and Barbara Shadrock. Not present that evening to get their birthday cards were Curtis Cornell and Alida Klostermann.

Anniversary cards were given to the Carlises and San Miguels.

Thanks again to Marlene Stephens who makes our cards. She was presented a Plaque from the Club thanking her for the hard work on making those cards.

## Dues

It's time to pay your 2008 club dues. If you have not already done so, send your \$15 check to our treasurer, Dewey Carlisle. The check should be made out to Dewey. His mailing address is 7007 Forest Grove, San Antonio, TX 78240.

SunnyTravelers will bill members directly for their \$25 membership.

## 2008 Camping Schedule

The club has a fun schedule lined up for next year.....it includes five RV parks that we have not visited before. The new ones are:

*Pecan RV Park in San Marcos....* scheduled for April....19 acres in a pecan grove on the San Marcos River with 100 sites....an upstairs club house with an elevator....covered swimming pool. And it is near all of those shops in San Marcos....and also close to our sponsor, Marshall's RV in Buda.

*Big D RV Resort in Rockport.....* a fairly new park with concrete sites that is owned by the parents of Dat Dguyen, the former Texas A&M and Dallas Cowboy Star. The park has picnic tables, lighted fishing pier, swimming pool, pavilion and more. We'll be there in May.

*Texas 281 Park in Bulverde....*has beautiful, large oak trees. Each site has either a concrete or native stone patio. And it is just over the hill from Joe and Janell Wolfe's home. We are at this park in June.

*South Forty RV, Giddings.....* In August, we will be at this heavily shaded park near Giddings. It's part of a Longhorn Ranch in a serene country atmosphere. They have an enclosed swimming pool and hot tub. It sounds like a good summer time choice.

*Rio Raft RV Park, Canyon Lake.* This park has scenic river views and is convenient to Gruene and all of that neat, unusual shopping. We are here in November, a great time of the year to camp.

The complete schedule is posted on our web site.

**Note.** At the February campout in Lampasas, food items for the potluck dinner will be brought by the men. After some discussion.....and the ladies did voice their opinions.... the club voted in September that the men would prepare one potluck meal in 2008.

## Club Meeting Schedule

Club meetings for 2008 are scheduled for February, May, August and November. Note the change from last year's dates.

## Hosts for 2008

We have hosts for all of our campouts for 2008. We appreciate that so many members offered to get involved this year. Hosts are:

<u>Park &amp; Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
January 11-13 - Parkview RV, Concan	Collins & Carlisle
February 8-10 - Boone RV, Lampasas	Bratten & Updike
March 14- 16 - Riverside RV, Seguin	Shadrock & Hodges
April 11-13 - Pecan RV, San Marcos	San Miguel & Roden
May 16-18 - Big D RV, Rockport	Primeaux & Rogers
June 13-15 - Texas 281, Bulverde	Wolfe
August 8-10 - South Forty, Giddings	Cook & Sellars
September 12-14 - Seawind RV, Rivera	Klostermann
October 10-12 - Motorcoach KOA, Columbus	Stephens & Farr
November 7-9 - Rio Raft, Canyon Lake	Peek
December 5-7 - Skyline RV, Bandera	Webb & Buckner

## Other Items

Ann Carson writes that Forest was able to kill a 9 point buck this hunting season, so he is a *happy sportsman*..... Charlie Burns has returned to work, after a long recovery from colon surgery he had in September. He developed an infection, which delayed his recovery. We look forward to having Charlie and Janice back with us soon.....Terry Harrelson had knee surgery last week and is recuperating from that procedure.....this seems to be the year of knee repairs..... The Cooks brought two guests in December: Wayne and Diane Schade from Austin..... Curtis and Jo Cornell drove over Friday afternoon so they could go to dinner with us that evening. Curtis and Jo, we don't want you two to miss our Christmas campout next year! They have a competing party each December.

## January Campout

Parkview RV Park.....on the banks of the Frio River at Concan will be the site of the January Campout. Dates are January 11 - 13. This is our third visit to Parkview.

Deer, turkey and other wildlife abound throughout the park. It is located just across the river

from Garner State Park.

Sign up deadline is December 28. Hosts for January are the Carlisles and Collins.

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Introducing Saturday evening's celebration was a routine called "No More Turkey." Pictured above in turkey garb are Finis Collins and Arline Kreger.... yes, that really is Arline on the right. Dan Gabriel is holding the cue cards.

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*Thanks go to Finis Collins for his creative and fun Christmas show. We know Finis put in a lot of time and effort to make sure everything would turn out great.....and it did ! Special thanks also goes to Al Buckner, who has faithfully served as our Santa Claus for the last several years!*

***Ben Peek***

*Reporter*

*President*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**