

Lone Star Scouts

NEWSLETTER

December 2008

Scouts Celebrate Christmas in Bandera

December is *always special* for the Lone Star Scouts and this year was no exception. Bandera.....the Cowboy Capital of the World.....was the site of this year's campout. We were at Skyline Ranch RV Resort, with their very nice rally hall.....a great place for a Christmas feast.

Wednesday found these rigs on site: Buckner, Wolfe, Servis and Stephens. Thursday arrivals were the Bowens, Carlises, Collins, Cooks, Cornells, Hodges, Kregers, Peeks, Rogers, Shadrocks and Webbs. The Sellars and Primeauxs, along with their daughter Denise Foster, joined the group Friday.

Thursday was a little chilly.....really kind of cold...so you found most people either eating in.....nobody cooked outside....or going out to eat. The downtown shops in Bandera were brightly decorated and had Christmas sales.....so they were an attraction to some all week end. Bandera also had a Saturday morning Christmas parade, which drew spectators.

Another local attraction is the nearby Camp Verde Store, which features lots of interesting gifts and some great noontime sandwiches.

Friday night, everyone went to the nearby Brick's Restaurant to eat. The food was pretty good and we were entertained by three Christmas carolers who roamed the restaurant. It added a nice touch.

Thursday and Friday evenings, most of the members either played games or gathered and chatted in the large rally hall. The weather remained chilly Thursday and Friday.

Johnnie Servis surprised the group by presenting all of the ladies with pretty Christmas kitchen towels that she had crocheted. They were very nice.... and thoughtful! Bill and Johnnie have recently returned from Arizona....and they have a new Bristol Bay travel trailer they just purchased.

Our Saturday night potluck was great.....turkey, dressing, ham and the great things that go with a Christmas dinner.

Entertainment? As you might expect, Finis Collins presented a Saturday night program, with Edie Collins as Mistress of Ceremony. It began with a Crazy Hat Contest. The winner was Jo Cornell. Janie Peek and Janey Cook were the runner ups in the contest.

Three skits followed...."Christmas Card"...."Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".....and "A Small Hotel". "Christmas Card" was judged to be the winner, followed by "Small Hotel" and "Twinkle Twinkle". You would have had to be present to understand the narrative. Finis enjoys being creative to produce a little fun.

Stars were awarded by Finis and Edie to all participants, including those who decorated and assisted in other ways with the entertainment. The star winners drew for prizes.

Once again, club members brought new toys which will go to Toys for Tots.

Santa Claus...portrayed by Larry Sellars.... assisted with the Chinese Auction, which once again was a lot of fun. The elf..... Carlton Kreger....dolled out the numbers for the auction. Jo Cornell drew lots of neat gifts....she chose a gift more than once, because her gifts were constantly being taken from her during the evening. We had a lot of neat items under the tree.

Our hosts, the Webbs and Buckners, did a great job, serving lots of freshly baked breads Sunday morning. They also served orange juice and coffee. Thanks go to these couples for winding up our December campout with such a good breakfast! Plus, they had hot wassail in the rally hall all weekend!



Crazy Hat Contestants Have Fun

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Edie Collins, our assistant secretary had lots of birthday cards to hand out. Receiving cards were Janie Peek, Martha Carlisle, Curtis Cornell and Barbara Shadrock. Edie was also able to recognize the Primeaux's daughter Denise. Not present at the rally were Sharon Roden, Kathy Gabriel and Allen Updike, who celebrate their birthdays in December.

Edie also recognized the Carlises, who have a wedding anniversary in December. The San MIGUELS, who were not present, also celebrate their anniversary this month.

2009 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Park</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Jan. 8 - 11	Braunig Lake RV Resort, San Antonio	Kreger
Feb. 12 - 15	Schulenburg RV Park	<i>Host Needed</i>
Mar. 12 - 15	Top of the Hill RV Resort, Boerne	<i>Host Needed</i>
Apr. 16 - 19	Lake Medina RV Resort, Lakehills	Buckner & Wolfe
May 14 - 17	Buckhorn Lake RV Resort, Kerrville	Cornell & Cook
Jun. 11 - 14	Lazy Longhorn RV Park, Victoria	Shadrock & Webb
Aug. 6 - 9	Johnson Creek RV Resort, Ingram	Carlisle & Collins
Sep. 10 - 13	Pioneer Beach Resort, Port Aransas	<i>Host Needed</i>
Oct. 8 - 11	Fort Clark Springs, Bracketville	Hodges
Nov. 5 - 8	Quail Springs RV Park, Uvalde	Bowen
Dec. 3 - 6	Bluff Trails Ranch, Ingram	Primeaux & Rogers

You will note that hosts are still needed for February, March & September.

Contact Carlton to volunteer for those months

Dues

Here's another reminder for those who have not paid their 2009 club dues. Your \$15 check for membership should be sent to our treasurer, Dewey Carlisle. His mailing address is 7007 Forest Grove, San Antonio, TX 78240. The check should be payable to Dewey.

Thanks To Our Sponsor

Again in 2008, the Lone Star Scouts would like to express our appreciation to Marshall's Traveland in Buda for the support they have given our club over the years. They are a fine dealership that has supported us in many ways. We have some real friends at Marshall's, including, of course, Matt Wilkerson, who is our contact there. We hope that Matt and all our friends at Marshall's have a great year in 2009.

January Campout

Braunig Lake RV Resort in San Antonio will be the site of our January campout. This is our first visit to this campground.

This park combines modern luxury with the wide open country feel of rural Texas. It is conveniently located in San Antonio on Interstate 37 South at Exit 130 (3 miles south of Loop 410). They are just minutes south of downtown, the Alamo, the Riverwalk and the Alamo Dome. Braunig Lake RV Resort features a Lakeside Lodge Rally Pavilion and Banquet Hall. Their new 5000 sq ft complex is complete with a commercial kitchen, pool and spa, and a beautiful view of the lake.

Rally dates area January 8 – 11. The Kregers will be our hosts.

Ben Peek