

Lone Star Scouts Newsletter

December, 2011

The Lone Star Scouts gathered at Skyline Ranch RV Park in Bandera for the Christmas Rally.

Early birds, the Brattens, Buckners, Burns, Gabriels, Hagars, Hickmans, and Hodges went to Brick's for their Wednesday night two-for-one special steak and shrimp dinners.

Thursday and Friday, they were joined by fellow members and guests – the Carlisles, Collins, Delashaws, Kregers, Peeks, Primeaux, Reids, Rodens, San MIGUELS, Shadlocks, Stanfields, Webbs, and Wolfes – a total of 20 rigs. The Sellars had last minute rig trouble so stayed in one of the cabins at the park. While Curtis continues to recuperate, the Cornells stayed at the motel adjacent to Brick's ... they were close to several meals. And Celeste Rogers joined us for functions from her home across town. It was a large and lively group! Sandy and Bob Delashaw, guests of the Wolfes (Sandy is Janell's cousin) joined in all the festivities.

Thursday morning, several folks went to the OST (Old Spanish Trail) restaurant for hearty breakfasts, but nobody sat on the saddles at the bar. A few of the ladies shopped a bit before returning to the RV Park to get ready for a late lunch trip to Camp Verde General Store. Known for the great "camel experiment" of the 1850s, Fort Camp Verde has a colorful history before and during the Civil War. The stone store and post office of today was built shortly after a 1900 flood swept away the original building, but the charm of the period remains. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch at the little store and the ladies shopped some more.

Friday morning, an even larger crowd ate breakfast at the OST, followed by more shopping. Four ladies made one shop happy when they bought their remaining four Christmas T-shirts – they showed up as quadruplets at the Christmas party, showing off their new ornaments.

Some of the guys visited Bruce Chaffin, a talented wood worker with a shop and showroom near the RV Park. Bruce makes gorgeous furniture, counter tops, etc. from cypress wood.

Of course, playing games in the clubhouse occupied most of the time not spent eating or shopping.

Mary Reid was entertaining us all by playing her Organ in the clubhouse throughout the weekend, which was enjoyed by all. She also had her wood plaques on display.

Friday night, most of the group went back to Brick's for more delicious dining. Bandera's annual "Shoppers Jubilee" was in full swing in town, but the weather was getting wintery and everyone went back to the park for games, football on TV, and a surprise jewelry sales presentation by the San Miguel's daughter.

Ben Peek furnished Friday night's excitement as he was escorted to the Kerrville hospital ER by Joe and Al after the wind blew the door to his rig closed on his thumb. With six stitches covered by a giant bandage, he gave "thumbs up" to everything for the rest of the weekend.

A few hearty souls braved the cold, dreary weather to attend the parade Saturday morning and reported it was a fun, small-town parade. A few of the guys visited the Frontier Times Museum and reported it was an interesting little museum. Most stayed around the park and prepared for the evening festivities. Joann and Daren came up for Saturday's activities.

The Christmas pot-luck dinner seems to get bigger and better every year! The tables were covered with dishes of scrumptious food and it was a challenge to try them all. Thanks to Frank and Barbara Shadrock for cooking the turkey again this year.

At the Saturday night meeting, Carlton presented anniversary cards to the Carlises (60 years!), Hagar's, Reid's and San Miguel's. Birthday cards went to Janie Peek, Sharon Roden, Martha Carlisle, Vinton Stanfield, Barbara Shadrock, Kathy Gabriel, and Curtis Cornell. Alida Klostermann wasn't present to receive hers.

Then the fun began! Santa appeared, followed closely by Mrs. Santa in her new outfit. The Chinese gift exchange was as much fun as always, with Charlie Burns and Janie Peek tying for most gifts taken away. Or maybe the winner was Arline – she sure sat in Santa's lap a lot!

Ron Rogers had been out of town and really tried to make it for the party, but arrived just after the festivities were over. He got his hugs Sunday morning. Carlton had his computer showing pictures of the events over the weekend and Dan commented, "It looks like all we do is eat." Mike answered, "Can you think of anything better to do?"

So, we ate again. Sunday breakfast was yummy with assorted muffins and juice furnished by hosts, the Rodens and San Miguel's.

Also several members decorated the clubhouse with many decorations for a more Christmas atmosphere.

Donations this year went to 3 organizations: Toys for Tots, VA and St. Jude's Children Home.

Tom Bowen fell again last month and did not suffer any broken bones, just very sore knee. Please keep him in your prayers and he recovers.

Bill and Johnnie Servis are volunteers at the Sabine Pass Historical Site until March 2012.

The January rally will be January 5-8 at Stone Creek RV Park in Schertz.

