



D/FW CHAPTER *Monthly*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe that another year has passed by and we are making plans for Christmas and the New Year. With this coming year you have given me (a relative newbie) the trust and responsibility to act as your Club President, I do appreciate the opportunity!

There are several issues we are going to have to direct our attention and efforts to this coming Year. Upmost is Membership. This is a real concern as the active members fell by 20% this last Year. Although we remain one of the largest Clubs in the Area, we cannot continue to be successful if this trend continues.

Available/Acceptable Campsites is beginning to become another area of concern, especially planning for 2020. RV Parks are slowly increasing their rates, and because of the good economy and increased construction the number of available parks is becoming limited. As you travel around the area please keep in mind and if you see a park that might serve our purposes, please contact the Wagon master.

We are looking forward to a small group of adventuring to Mitchell's for New Year's week-end. We are expecting it to be simple and a lot of fun.

Then, on to our February Luncheon we are looking forward to joining all of the "Northern birds" for our luncheon meeting. We hope to continue the tradition of having a large turnout of regular and associate members attending, so that we can all share news and good wishes.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you.

Larry Walker,
President



NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

NOTE; Prior to the meeting, a presentation of stuffed Animals was made to the Grand Saline Policy Dept. for their program in which they give stuffed animals to children who may have been affected by accident or domestic violence. The local newspaper was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Hayes, our president. There were 12 rigs and 3 drive ins.

Shirley O'Dell read a letter from the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital thanking our chapter for the donation personal items to their facility. She further reported that her aunt makes dresses for still born babies and requested donations of wedding or party dresses that she could use. Linda Jenkins had been keeping the Volunteer hours, but a motion was made and seconded to discontinue the tracking of this information.

Chuck Hayes provided an update on the Web Master report. Chuck asked for ideas for the web page. He plans to have a web site dedicated specifically for rallies and another one for the chapters.

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order by our President, Chuck Hayes. Leroy Law reported 15 member rigs, 2 guests and 3 drive-ins were in attendance. Pennie Nichols introduced our guest Linda Donihoo. This is her second visit.

Danny and Dee Dee Hayes (newlyweds and son and Daughter-in-law of Chuck and Dawn Hayes) brought their new rig to join us at the campout.

Jimmy McDonald announced that due to construction issues at the American RV Park in Corsicana, the March campout has been moved to the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. Mike Rhines reported that the February Luncheon meeting would be held at the Spring Creek Barbeque on February 7 at 1:00 PM

Fran Spinner provided a presentation of "Adorable Bears" that her son-in-law, who has health issues, has invented (patent pending) to raise money for medical expenses. These bears have a light in them and will fit on a door in such a way to prevent the door from closing. Anyone interested, please call Fran.

Chuck Hayes presented Bill Fuller with a new vest and name tags for himself and a memorial name tag for Pat Fuller, who has passed away. Billy had lost his rig and everything in it in a fire some time ago.

Chuck gave the officers gifts and he in turn received a gift from the chapter in appreciation of the good work done in 2018.

By Pennie Nichols, Secretary

CHRISTMAS WITH THE WRIGHT FAMILY

Mrs. Wright eyes her Christmas list carefully. "There won't be anything left of our budget after Christmas. Dear Me", she sighed.

Mr. Wright looked up from his paper. "That's all right my dear, there isn't anything left of it anyway at the end of the month. I'll be happy if it just sees the Wright family through the holidays" As Mr. Wright turned to his paper, he said "Have you the right gift for Aunt Hattie Wright this Christmas? She's been pretty lonely since her daughter married and left home. Uncle Harry left her a lot of money, but she doesn't know how to enjoy it."

Eddie Wright was studying in the corner left of the fireplace. "I wish Aunt Hattie Wright would ask me the right way to spend it.," he said. Eugenia Wright sniffed, "She wouldn't have much left if she did. Your weekly allowance is gone before you get it, almost," "And I suppose you have all of yours left, Miss Miser." returned Eddie Wright. "I don't have all of it left, but I've enough left to buy presents with, all right, without having to borrow from Mother," she snapped. Eddie Wright looked downcast. That's right, Christmas is mighty near, only two more shopping days left

"Have you a present for Rose, Eddie Wright, asked Mrs. Wright. She gave you a nice tie last year, remember?" Eddie Wright groaned.

That's right—gosh, a fellow can't do anything right by his family and a girl too, and have anything left on two dollars a week. What shall I do?"

Just then the doorbell rang. Eugenia Wright ran to answer the door and the postman left a special delivery letter for the Wright family.

She took it to Father Wright and he opened it. Inside was a letter and four right new twenty dollar bills.

Mrs. Wright whistled. It's from Aunt Hattie Wright." She's left town and gone to her daughters for Christmas and wishes us who are left here to spend it on each other."

"Say, she's all right." Eddie Wright shouted. "Bless her heart," said Mother Wright.

"How wonderful of her", said Eugenia Wright.

"It has made her right happy to give it to us before she left," declared Father Wright. "So I guess it's all right with everybody left here."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Just thought you all would like to have the Christmas with the Wright Family Poem.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We pray for all our members and their families, especially for Dan Rawson, who went to heaven November 28, Melvin Mann, Maria Mather, Pat & Ben Crabtree, Jim McDonald, Sharon Lambert, Don Hafer, and Shirley's Mother, Robbie. May 2019 bring good health and healing to you all.



2018 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PHOTO



2019 D/FW SAMS BOARD MEMBERS

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY, 2019

John & Jane Anne Sellars Jan. 12 38 years

FEBRUARY, 2019

Mike & Maria Mather Feb. 28 42 years



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY, 2019

James Parker	Jan. 9
Jack Duff	Jan. 13
Shirley O'Dell	Jan. 17
Jim McDonald	Jan. 29

FEBRUARY, 2019

Ben Crabtree	Feb. 4
Julie Law	Feb. 6
Pennie Nichols	Feb. 11
Billie Speaks	Feb. 19
Diana Kimble	Feb. 23
Joyce Martin	Feb. 24

JANUARY OUTING

Date: December 28-January 1, 2019

Place: Mitchell RV Park
2730 FM 2210E
Perrin, TX 76486
940-798-4615

**YOU MUST CALL AND MAKE RESER-
VATIONS AT 940-798-4615.**

DIRECTIONS:

Take Hwy.120 to Hwy. 180 West from Ft. Worth to Mineral Wells. North on Hwy. 281 about 14 miles to Perrin. Right on FM 2210 about 2 miles. Mitchells is on the right or,
Take IH 820 West to Hwy. 199, then North on Hwy. 199 to F 2210. Then left on FM 2210 about 8 miles. Mitchells is on the left.

Wagon Master: Mike Rhines.. Please contact Mike at 972-775-2690 or e-mail him at wireskinner@att.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

NEW YEARS WEEKEND

Saturday is the BIG PARTY and each couple is to bring a snack to the Party. Drinks and music will be provided..

Sunday—On your own—Or may the 5/6 couples can get creative and put a (true) Pot Luck together.

Monday—Late Lunch (1:30ist) Soup and Sandwich, Sandwich Meat will be leftover Turkey and Ham from the Christmas Party. Bring lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salads, desserts, etc. to make a hardy lunch. Also bring a can or fresh vegetable for the soup.

Monday evening—bring snacks or finger foods and your own drinks to enjoy over board games and good conversation to bring in the new year.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Place: Spring Creek Barbeque
1509 Airport Freeway
Bedford, Texas
817-545-0185

Time: 1:00 PM

Members and Associate Members are invited to attend the February Luncheon. Lets hope the weather is good so we can have a big attendance. Hope you all have a great time.

Wagon Master: Mike Rhines. Please contact Mike at 972-775-2690 or e-mail him at wireskinner@att.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the luncheon so he can have a head count for the restaurant



CHAPTERS 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chapter's Christmas Campout at the Airstream park in Hillsboro was well attended with 15 member rigs, two guest rigs (Linda Donihoo and Danny and Dee Dee Hayes) and three drive-ins (Billy Fuller, Don Hafer, and Shirley O'Dell). The weather was outstanding, the decorations were festive, and the food was plentiful and very good, as usual. This campout was hosted by the chapter officers.

During the meeting, President Chuck Hayes made a special presentation to Billy Fuller, a DFW Sams charter member. Recently Billy lost his rig and everything in it to a fire. Chuck presented a new vest to Billy and apologized for not being able to duplicate all the patches. Chuck also presented a name tag to Billy and a memorial name tag for Pat Fuller, who passed away in 2018.

Fran Spinner also showed us some bears her son has invented and is selling for charity. These bears have a light in them and attach to a door so that the door can't be latched shut.

Group pictures of the chapter members, current officers, and 2019 officers were taken. After clean-up came the game everyone was waiting for. The Christmas gift exchange, narrated by Fran Spinner, took place. The men were in one circle and the ladies were in another. Gifts were passed left and right until the end of the story, and there were many oohs and aahhs after unwrapping the packages.

Later, the group played Lucky 13 and the penny game. Some very nice prizes were awarded to the winners.

After filling our bellies and playing games, members spent the rest of the day enjoying everyone's company and playing various games (42, joker, hand-and-foot, skip-bo). That evening a meal of very tasty turkey and dumplings made by Pennie Walker was available.

I can honestly say everyone had a great time and we always enjoy coming to the Airstream park.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



By Pennie Nichols



IN MEMORY OF
DAN L. RAWSON
JULY 29, 1945—NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Dan L. Rawson, Lt. Col. USAF, retired went to heaven on November 28, 2018 at the age of 73.

He was born July 29, 1945 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, the only child of William Dwight and Mary Rawson, both of whom preceded him in death.

Dan graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce, TX where he was the commander of the

Air Force ROTC. He went on to pilot training at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Tx. It was there that he met his wife Judy. They were married February 22, 1969 in Sherman, TX.

After serving in southeast Asia, Dan flew KC-135s and RC 135s at Carswell AFB and Offutt AFB in Omaha, NE. His final Air Force assignment was with the Joint Chiefs' of Staff at the Pentagon.

After the Air Force, he returned to Texas where he worked in Denton for FEMA for 15 years. He enjoyed cars, RVing with D/FW Sams RV Chapter and his family. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his daughter, Dr. Danna Michelle Markides; son-in-law, Dr. Constantine S. A. Markides, and his beloved granddaughter, Sophie Markides, all of Houston, by his aunts Georgia Smith of Tira, and Joyce Johnson of Mesquite and by many cousins.

The Interment will be at the DFW National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 2500 S. Lancaster Rd., Dallas, TX 75216

Dan and Judy Rawson learned about our D/FW Sams Chapter after meeting Fran and Ray Spinner at Lake Murray in OK. They were camping side by side and a friendship immediately started. They joined the chapter and were very active attending almost every outing. Even after Dan was incapacitated by medical problems and had to stop driving, they still attended our campouts staying at the nearest motel.

Dan will be missed by everyone in our chapter, but you can bet that he is up there camping with other members who are already in that beautiful resort in heaven. May you rest in peace dear friend. You are now in God's hands and we know he will hold you close. To Judy and her family, we extend our deepest condolences from our entire D/FW Good Sams Chapter.

By Ray Spinner, Editor