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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are back in saddle again. First I want to say thanks for showing your confidence in me by electing me President for another year. I hope I can live up to your expectations and trust. As many of you already know, I am in the process of redesigning our WEB site. In the process, I have discovered why we have not been receiving prospect referrals from the state's WEB site. It seems that the state WEB master redesigned the WEB site and forgot to include the 'tags' that the search engines (Google, MSN, Bing, etc.) use when someone searches the WEB. That has been corrected in the last week. I will be asking several of you for your help and feedback. I plan to have the 'work-in-progress' version up and running at the March camp out.

We have the recruiting posters and flyers that Ray's team designed for us. The plan is for members to put the posters up in places where they will get exposed to

the public (hopefully RV'ers) and then maintain the small contact pads that are attached. The flyers are for use in RV storage facilities by placing them on RV's in storage or handing out at a RV gatherings (Waco Rally).

To say our January camp out was cold would be an understatement. Even with cold and rain, everyone seemed to have a good time. We only had 10 rigs with illness, broken rigs, new rigs, etc. cutting into our attendance. We had almost as many rigs in Mission as at the campout. It just goes to show that our members like warm not cold weather. We managed to go out for a meal together in spite of the cold..

The February meet and feast attendance was reported as '16 rears in the chairs'. The food at Spring Creek was good and everyone appeared to get their fill. The meeting was uneventful with normal business conducted.

The state rally is in Waco at Heart of Texas from 3/29/2018 - 4/1/2018 with early parking starting on 3/26/2018 at 08:00 at a cost of \$18.00 per night. The cost of the rally for one rig and 2 persons is \$70.00 with early registration and \$75.00 at the gate. If you are going, register early and save \$5.00. There is no penalty for registering and not showing up. Joann and her team have some new games and contests planned that look like fun.

By Chuck Hayes. President



JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was held at Coffee Creek Park and called to order by our president, Chuck Hayes. Jimmy McDonald, our Assistant Wagon Master reported 10 rigs in attendance with 1 guest, Diana Kimble's Mother.

Shirley O'dell asked for suggestions for the money tree. It was discussed and tabled until the March meeting. Think about some suggestions?

Chuck Hayes discussed recruiting new members. He is working with Ray Spinner to print a recruiting flyer. It was discussed and voted on to use the club funds for printing the flyer.

There was also a discussion as to whether to purchase a new PA system or to repair the old one. It was decided to repair the old one.

Chuck Hayes needs volunteers to fill the Chaplain position and the Historian position. He is considering combining the Historian and Scrapbook positions. Chuck also needs a Web Master. He discussed that we are not able to use our current web site because we don't have the necessary information to access it. He has been researching tools for setting up and/or operating a web site.

Chuck further stated that he is setting up standardized e-mail addresses for each of the officer or chair positions that will be posted for public use. These addresses will automatically forward to a personal email of the officer or chair's choice and the personal emails will not be made public.

Submitted by Pennie Nichols, Secretary

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was held Spring Creek Barbeque and called to order by our President, Chuck Hayes. There were 16 members present. There was a discussion concerning the Mini Rally. The list of jobs to do were, 1. Ice cream social, 2, door prizes 3. Taxi driving, 4. Parking and 5. First timers meeting.

Chuck Hayes has taken over the job of Web Master. He now has full access to the DFW web site and will begin the job of cleaning up, redoing pictures and bring every thing up to date.

Submitted by Sharon Lambert



CECIL LAWRENCE

Cecil Lawrence had quite an experience here in the Valley this year. He had to have his finger operated on. He got to come home the same day and he is doing just fine. Get that finger better right away Cecil.

Pennie Nichols wanted to have sea food, so we took her to So. Padre to eat at "Dirty Als"

Looks like she got more than she asked for. We could hardly get her arm out of the Crocodile's mouth. But all in all, she wasn't hurt. So that's good news.



Jackie Rhines



Mike Rhines

Looks like Jackie and Mike Rhines had a good time opening their gifts they received playing card bingo at the New Years campout. The weather turned cold, but it didn't stop everyone from having a good time.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS**

We pray for all of our D/FW family and especially for Patricia (Pat) Mitchell, who went to heaven on February 10, 2018. We also pray for any of our members who are ill or just not feeling good.



PATRICIA ANN MITCHELL
February 10, 2018

Patricia Ann Mitchell went home to be with the Lord on February 10, 2018. Pat was preceded in death by her husband, A. H. (Sonny) Mitchell, who passed away on July 15, 2007.

Pat and Sonny were "Charter Members" of our D/FW Sams Chapter and played an important part in the forming of the Chapter. They rarely missed an outing. Pat remained an Associate Member for several years after Sonny passed.

Pat is survived by her children Carla Mitchell Wells and her husband Mark; her son Steven H. Mitchell and his wife Tammie; her brother, Michael E. Trantham and his wife Gina; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

By Ray Spinner co-editor

ANNIVERSARIES

March, 2018

Orville & Marsha Barnhart March 17 6 years

APRIL, 2018

(No Anniversaries in April)

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH, 2018

Don Hafer March 13
Tommy Michaels March 15
Terri Fletcher March 23

APRIL, 2018

Joyce Kibbe April 2
Margie Duncan April 9
Sharon Lambert April 10
Al Jenkins April 16
Corky Sullivan April 22



Everyone at the Valentine's Day Dance in the Valley had such a good time. Joan Speaks, Marjorie Lawrence and Pat Crabtree had a great time dancing.

MARCH CAMPOUT

Date: March 8-11, 2018

Place: American RV Park
4345 State Hwy. 31
Corsicana, TX
903=872-0233

DIRECTIONS;

Go South on I-45. Take Exit 231 which is Route 31 and go West for approximately 5 1/2 miles. You will go through town and after you pass Walmart, you will go 1/2 mile and American RV Park will be on your left.

Wagon Master—Leroy Law—817-475-3538 or, lawillawill@aol.com. Please contact Leroy by telephone or e-mail to advise if you will be attending the campout, and when you plan to arrive and leave.

HOSTS: Marjorie & Cecil Lawrence
Julie & Leroy Law

MENU: THEME—
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday—On your own

Friday— On your own or go out as a group

Saturday— 5:30 Dinner
Hosts to provide

CHICKEN POT PIE

Each rig is to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.



APRIL CAMPOUT

Date: April 12-15

Place: Oakdale RV Park 1019
1019 NE Barnard Street
Glen Rose, TX 76043

DIRECTIONS;

Go South on Route 67 to Glen Rose. Out of Glen Rose, take a left on Route 144 (which is Barnard St.) Drive approximately 1/2 mile. Oakdale Park will be on the right.

Wagon Master—Leroy Law—817-475-3538 or, lawillawill@aol.com. Please contact Leroy by telephone or e-mail to advise if you will be attending the campout, and when you plan to arrive and leave.

HOSTS; Fran & Ray Spinner
Barry & Joyce Kibbe
Don Hafer

MENU: Thursday—On your own

Friday— On your own or go out as a group.

Saturday: Hosts will provide a **EASTER HAM**. Each rig is to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.



Kathy Austin and Melvin had such a good time on their cruise to Jamaica. You both look like you are enjoying your trip.