



D/FW CHAPTER *Monthly*

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D/FW Sams Chapter Officers 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sure glad to have my desktop computer back. My desktop failed to answer the wake up alarm on Friday (8/24). I had to spend a day running down a new computer and second day installing it. The new computer was not compatible with my monitor so I took the cheap way out and installed an HD TV for the monitor. Then it took until late Sunday to get the data restored (backups do work), so Fran I am sorry this got to you so late.

Don't forget about the mini rally in Canton. The caravan to Canton will leave from Tanger (Terrell) at 1:00 PM. Jimmy will lead. We will miss you guys, as Dawn and I will be on the ship in the Caribbean.

We had eight (8) rigs go to Ruidoso after our July campout. We had a great time; it would appear that a lot of shopping got done. The park was very good to us; they were able to park us close together and gave us the key to the rally room.

Our new redesigned WEB site is up and running. If you haven't checked it out do so at www.dfwsams.texasgoodsam.com. We are still in the process of getting the entire texasgood-sam.com fully functional on the new server

Chuck Hayes, President

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

- President.....Larry Walker
- Vice President.....Ben Crabtree
- Secretary.....Pennie Nichols
- Treasurer.....Shirley O'Dell
- Wagon Master.....Mike Rhines
- Ass't Wagon Master.... ??????

We need an Assistant Wagon Master. Please step up and volunteer for this position. Also nominations for all positions are still open.



JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order by our President, Chuck Hayes. Jimmy McDonald reported 13 rigs, one guest and 2 drive ins.

Shirley O'Dell reported that she, Joan Speaks and Pennie Nichols went to the Weatherford Police Department and donated a bag stuffed animals. Chuck Hayes suggested contacting our State Director to consider collecting these stuffed animals at the Canton Mini Rally.

Joan Speaks and James Parker volunteered to be on the nominating committee for the 2019 elections. Chuck Hayes wants a slate of officers for the D/FW Sams by the August luncheon;. He would like to see more than one person running for each office.

Chuck Hayes also announced the three people, Mary Jo Litton, Ron Bouillion and Richard Bauman were running for Teas State Director. Discussion concerning each candidate's qualifications followed. A motion was made to recommended Ron Bouillion and voted on unanimous.

Regarding the Mini Rally, which is Sept. 16-23 in Canton. Early parking is available on Sunday the 16th. Our Chapter has parking duty on Tues. and is heling another Chapter on Thurs. We are planning to meet at Tanger Mall in Terrell on Monday and leave by 1:00 for Canton.

John Marino won the free night of camping.

By Pennie Nichols, Secretary

AUGUST LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

The June Meeting was called to order by our President, Chuck Hayes. Leroy Law reported 25 members in attendance. He stated that Jimmy McDonald will lead the caravan to Canton.

Pennie Nichols reported that she had the 2019 Campout schedule and needed members to volunteer for Hosts.

A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to the Cancer Center as a memorial to Jim Rich.

Chuck Hayes reported that the State was in the process of signing the necessary contract for the web site. He hopes to ;have the web site up and running in a few weeks.

James Parker presented the slate of officers for 2019. We still need an Assistant Wagon Master.

Shirley said the USO was very appreciative of the check and toiletries presented to them

By Pennie Nichols, Secretary

JAMES VINCENT RICH **May 5, 1956—August 3, 2018**

After a long hard fought battle with Glioblastoma (Brain Cancer), James Rich 62, went to be with the Lord, August 3, 2018. He was born in Inglewood, California on May 5, 1956. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 26 years and retired as Senior Master Sergeant.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Joanne Rich of Ennis, Texas; daughter Kristi and husband Jerry Slate of Ennis, Texas and son Mike Rich of Las Vegas, NV. Also their grandchildren Tori Ann, AJ and Vinny Slate.

RVing was an important part of Jim and JoAnn's life. They actively participated in our Texas State Good Sams, serving on the Staff beginning in 2009 becoming STATE DIRECTOR in 2017. They also made visits to many of our Chapter outings. Most of the membership will remember Jim's welcome smile when we arrived at the Mini Rallies when he was in charge of the parking of our rigs.

Jim will be missed, but we know he is happy now in heaven.

By Ray Spinner



Shirley O'Dell, Joan Speaks and Pennie Nichols went to the Weatherford Police Department and donated a bag of stuffed animals to be handed out to children.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We pray for all our members especially for Jim Rich who went to heaven on August 3. We also pray for Peggy Gainer & Margie Duncan and for all our members and their families who are having health problems.

**NORTH CENTRAL-EAST TEXAS
MINI-RALLY
September 19-23, 2018**

We are in charge of parking again on Tuesday, so our D/FW Sams can enter the rally on Monday, Sept. 17. We will meet at Tanger Mall and leave promptly at 1:00 SHARP. Or if you want to have lunch there, arrive earlier, but be sure you are ready to leave at 1:00 when we start caravanning to Canton. If for some reason you cannot leave on Monday, You can join the rally anytime, but you may not be able to park with our Chapter. Please let Leroy know if you plan to attend and if you will meet the group at Tanger Mall as he needs a head count. Jimmy McDonald will be leading the caravan to Canton.

Each rig is to bring as NEW \$15.00 GIFT for the Auction and one dozen cookies (preferably home-made), chips, nuts or crackers. Please label if they are sugar free. The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. You pay for your parking of \$22.00 a night when you get to the rally.

Be sure to bring your VESTS to wear at the opening ceremony. Also bring your RADIOS and be sure they are fully charged.

Our chapter is responsible for Parking on Tuesday and also Thursday afternoon. It is also responsible for Forty Two game.

Our Hosts for this Mini-Rally are Jay & Gloria Delmar, so be sure to introduce yourselves to them.

If you have not been to a Mini-Rally before, ask a member how much fun we have. Visitors are also welcome to attend, so come have fun with us. There is going to be some great entertainment, games, food and just a lot of fun. So lets have a big turnout and have a lot of fun.

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER;2018

NO ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER, 2018

K R & Joyce Martin Oct. 11 65 years
Tommy & Barbara Michaels Oct. 12 61 years



BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER, 2018

Fran Spinner Sept. 1
Mike Nichols Sept. 10
Marsha Marino Sept. 11
Larry Walker Sept. 1
Rosetta Parker Sept. 16
Lester Kimble Sept. 19
Dawn Hayes Sept. 25
Kathy Austin Sept. 25

OCTOBER, 2018

Peggy Gainer Oct. 1
Mike Mather Oct. 7
Barbara Michaels Oct. 7
Verna Eubank Oct. 16
John Marino Oct. 16
Maria Mather Oct. 19
Cecil Lawrence Oct. 21

SEPTEMBER MINI-RALLY “Valentine Theme”

Date: September 19-23, 2018

Place: Canton Civic Center
Fleas Market Road
Canton, TX
Emergency Phone—903-567-1067

DIRECTIONS;

From I-20 toward Canton, take Exit 523. Turn right at the stop sign to get onto Hwy. 64 and drive 4 miles to Canton. Go through the light and turn left on Flea Market Road at the Canton Civic Center Marquee.

Wagon Master: Leroy Law. Please contact Leroy at 817-475-3538 or e-mail him at leroy.law@yahoo.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the Mini Rally and when you plan to arrive and leave. Also let him know if you will meet at Tanger Mall at 1:00 on Monday.

Menu: Be sure you bring something for a POT LUCK DINNER, as we usually have a get together.



OUR CHARITY TREE DONATION

The USO at the D/FW airport was very happy to receive our check for \$450.00. We also gave them a big bag of shampoo, soap etc. that the members had donated. Thank you members for all your donations to the “Charity Tree” throughout the year.
YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

OCTOBER OUTING

Date: October 4-7, 2018

Place: Lake Athens Marina
5401 Marina Drive
Athens, Texas 75752

DIRECTIONS;

From I-20, take Texas State Highway 175 Southeast to Athens. Then take Loop 7 East around Athens to FM 2495, turn left and drive approximately 5 miles to Lake Athens Marina. {It is next door to the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hatchery.}

Hosts & Hostesses: Larry & Pennie Walker
John & Marsha Marino

Menu: Thursday—On your own

Friday: Chicken Ranch Casserole and roasted chicken (for anyone not wanting the casserole.

The

Saturday: On your own

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DUES ARE DUE BY THE OCTOBER CAMPOUT

We will have our election of 2019 Officers at our October Campout at Lake Athens Marina.

Our dues for our members are \$20.00 and \$5.00 for Associates. If you pay your Associate dues, you will still receive the newsletter.