



D/FW CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we go again, the end of one year, the beginning of a new year! This past year has been interesting and very challenging . We have lost several long time Members of our Club. In their own way their memories and contributions will never be replaced.

This upcoming year, we have many good things to look forward to. Several Campsites are either new to us or we have not visited in several years. The Week Long Campout in May should be fun as well as relaxing. The Fredericksburg = Johnson City Area has plenty of Shopping, Historical Sites beautiful Lakes to appeal to everyone. Then the Fall brings the Mini - Rally and a visit to Glenn Rose for 'old time' sake.

Several of our Group have already departed for Mission, with more to follow. The January Meeting will be led by Ben Crabtree in the Valley, with several of us "joining in" by Computer from the Metro Area.

The February Meeting will be our usual Luncheon. We hope that several of the Associate Members can attend share memories of the last year. Then we are off to Hillsboro for our "Spring Fling".

I would like to take a moment to Thank You for choosing me to to be your President again this year! I hope to continue to work for the Club so you can continue to be proud to be a member of D/FW Sams.

Finally, this will be Fran and Ray Spinner last Newsletter. MANY THANKS for all the hard work over the 25 plus years of putting this thing together!

Drive Safely, stay Healthy and we wills yall soon!

By Larry Walker, President



NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Larry Walker, our President called the meeting to order at Bedrock RV in Grand Saline, TX. Assistant Wagon Master, Jimmy McDonald reported 8 rigs on the ground, one in the hotel room and one drive in.

Chuck Hayes provided a report on the web site and asked that if any changes needed to be made to a document, please send him the corrected document, so he can upload the new version.

The purchase of a AED was discussed and it was decided to, put it on hold until we know more about it. Other options were also discussed.

There is a conflict of our April Chapter campout and the April Texas Good Sam Rally. It was decided to keep our Chapter Rally at Bedrock and if we wanted to we can get a \$25.00 pass and go into the State Rally at any time we want to.

The 50/50 was won by Julie Law.

By Pennie Nichols, Secretary

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Larry Walker called the meeting to order at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro, TX. Jimmy McDonald reported 13 rigs on the ground and 3 drive ins.

Larry announced that the January business meeting would be held in the Valley with Ben Crabtree presiding. They will try to get the meeting on a group phone so everyone can participate.. The February luncheon will be held at the Candlelite Inn in Arlington, TX on February 12.

Fran Spinner announced that she is working with Marjorie Lawrence on how to do the newsletter since Marjorie will be taking over the next newsletter.

Pennie Nichols stated that one volunteer host is still needed for the July and November campouts. Marsha Marino said that she needs someone to take the historian albums and bring them to the meetings.

Sheriff Linda Jenkins asked that we keep the funds that we have and add them to next years funds. The 50/50 was won by Billy Speaks.

By Pennie Nichols., Secretary

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was a huge success again this year. Santa left a lot of gifts for our DFW Chapter. The games were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Linda Jenkins for donating some of the gifts won at the games on Friday evening. The Christmas meal was delicious. This Chapter has the bests cooks and bakers. Hope you all enjoyed the photos.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We pray for all our members, especially for our Associate Member, Judy Rawson, who went to heaven on December 5, 2019. We also pray for Joan Speaks, Melvin Mann, Dawn Hayes, Tommy Michaels, Ben Crabtree , Shirley O'Dell , Jimmy McDonald and Kathy Austin.

MORE CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY, 2020

Pat & Jill Schnepf Jan. 26 46 years

FEBRUARY, 2020

Mike & Marie Mather Feb 28 43 years

George & Mabel Thompson Feb. 29 56 years



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY, 2020

James Parker Jan. 9

Shirley O'Dell Jan. 17

Jim McDonald Jan. 29

FEBRUARY, 2010

Ben Crabtree Feb. 4

Julie Law Feb. 6

Pennie Nichols Feb. 11

Billy Speaks Feb. 19

Diana Kimble Feb. 23

Joyce Martin Feb. 24

JANUARY OUTING

Date: .December 28-2019—January 1, 2020

Place Bedrock RV Park
1995 Co. Road 1803
Grand Saline, TX 75140
903-372-1451

(Bedrock only accepts cash or checks, no credit. The cost is \$29.00 per night.)

There will be a **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** on Tuesday evening, December 31. The cost for the entertainment will be \$25.00 per person. Sounds like a lot of fun.



DIRECTIONS:

Go East on I-20 to Hwy 19 (exit 527)./ Take a left (North) for approximately 8 miles. Turn right on Hwy.80 for 6 miles to Grand Saline. At the first light (by Sonic), turn left for 1 1/4 miles and make a hair pin turn turning right on 1802. Bedrock will be on your right. (There are signs before you get to 1803.)

Wagon Master: Jimmy McDonald, Please contact Jimmy at 972-571-0537 or e-mail him at j2mcdonald@yahoo.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Date: February 12 , 2020

Place: Candlelite Inn
1202 Division
Arlington, TX 76011
818-275-9613

DIRECTIONS;

From I-30, exit Collins and go south on Collins to Division and go East approximately 1/4 mile and Candelite Inn will be on your right.

Please contact Larry Walker at 214-244-0946 or e-mail him at llwalker@hotmail.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the luncheon.

Associate Members are also invited to the luncheon, So come and enjoy a good meal and have a good time.



It's hard to see, but Leroy received a gift of Fish Slippers from Dawn Hayes. She purchased them at the Mini Rally and just couldn't resist the chance to surprise Leroy with the perfect Fish Gift. See the smile of Leroy's face!!!



IN MEMORY OF

JUDY RAWSON

June 14, 1947—December 5, 2019

Judy went to heaven on December 5, 2019 at the age of 72. She was born in Waxahachie, Texas on June 14, 1947. She met Dan and married on February 22, 1969 in Sherman, TX. Judy was a graduate of Texas Tech University In Lubbock, Tx.

Judy passed away in Houston, Texas where she was visiting her daughter, Dr. Danna Michelle Markides, her son-in-law, Dr. Constantine S.A, Markides, and her granddaughter, Sophie.

The love of Judy & Dans life was their granddaughter, Sophie Markides, whom she was taking care of in Houston, when she passed away. Judy's daughter Michelle was on a Physician Assignment out of town and her Son-In-Law Constantine was attending his Father's funeral in Cypress. Judy also had a twin sister, Jane, who currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Judy was such a loving person and still recovering from not only her husband's passing on November 28, 2018, but his mother's passing a week before him.

Judy and Dan, were very active members of our D/FW Sams Chapter of the Good Sams Club. Judy and Dan attended almost every campout until Dad became limited with his health problems. They still continued their activities with our D/FW Sams Chapter even to the extent of Judy driving her and Dan to a campout where they stayed in a motel nearby.

Judy's daughter stated that our Chapter was a tremendous part of her parent's post-retirement life. It made her so happy to see her Mom and Dad with an active, positive, supportive group like Good Sams. She also said that our group gave them a social outlet and places to travel. For that, she was so grateful.

Judy will be greatly missed, as well as her husband, Dan, but on the brighter side, we know they are together again in the Lord's hands for their eternal happiness.

On behalf of our entire D/FW Sams family, we extend our deepest sympathy to Judy's surviving family. We will keep Judy and Dan in our prayers and look forward to our next meeting, whenever that may be.

Sincerely, Ray Spinner

EDITORALLY SPEAKING
THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



The D/FW Sams Chapter of the National Good Sam Club started in 1993. In May of that same year, we joined this wonderful group as members. Later in the year, we volunteered to take over and task of producing the Chapter's Newsletter. As Editors, we designed and produced this newsletter for over 26 years with great joy and love for all of the members.

The joy we have had in these years is difficult to explain. Most of the newsletters were a wonderful experience to put together with pictures and funny & happy times we shared at the Chapter campouts. However, on some occasions tears flowed in our eyes as we had the task of writing an obituary for a "passing member" - 53 TO BE EXACT,

Now, Fran & Ray have the task of turning over the Editor responsibilities to another family, the Larwrences, whom we know will continue the task. We have enjoyed our friendship with all of you and wanted to take this final opportunity to say "THANK YOU" for the memories. We will continue to attend all the Chapter functions and campouts until God decides it's time to stop.

As the picture shows, we are a family of a "Family Loving Chapter "and that includes "Tessie" our Jack Russell Wire Haired Terrier.

God Bless you all.

Ray & Fran Spinner