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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOW it is really Spring in Texas! Last week it was 80, this week freeze warnings. Go figure! Our group has been busy with our "Gatherings." In March we regrouped as the Valley Warriors and those of us that stayed behind met in Hillsboro. We were joined by another camping group and had a total of 16 rigs on the ground plus several drive-ins. The two groups mixed together well, games were shared, food was great and the weather cooperated. Great job by Marjorie and Cecil Lawrence to host such a large group on short notice. Overall it was a great weekend. Then in April we were off to Grand Saline where 11 rigs and 3 drive-ins gathered. The State office developed a "Virtual State Rally" for us to participate in

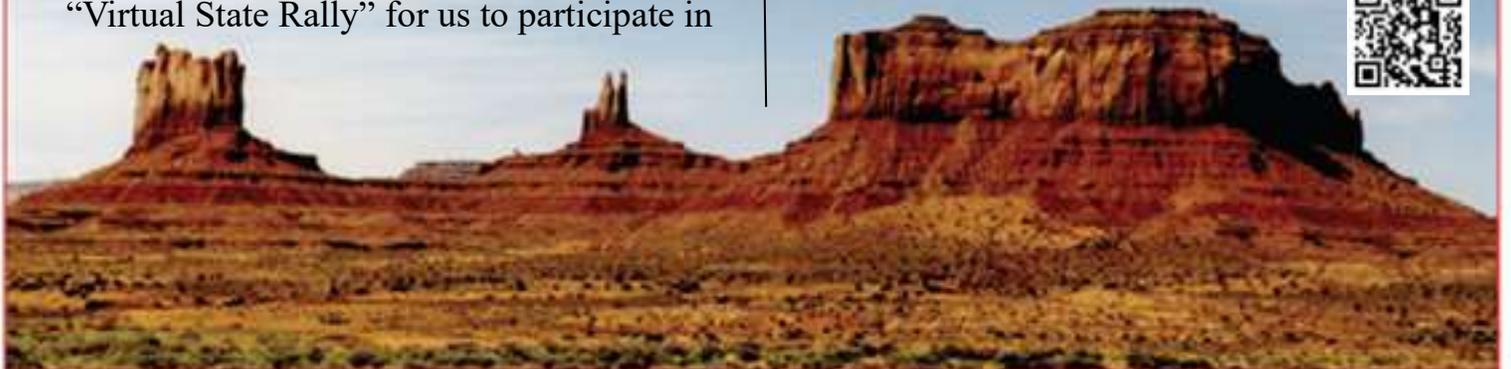
as a group. So, we played games, did word puzzles and just enjoyed each others' company. Kathy Austin and the Spinners hosted. Winners of game/puzzle prizes will be selected from a drawing held at State at the end of the month.

The news from Good Sam is "Nothing has Changed."

The weather looks like it is going to be campable so get your rig ready! In May we are back to Bedrock in Grand Saline and then we go to Stay-A-While in Murchison for June. We have not been there for a while and they have made improvements. Hope to see a good crowd at both "Gatherings."

As always: Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and Drive Safely.

Larry Walker,
President



MARCH GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

DFW Sams Gathering – March 13, 2021

Larry Walker announced Good Morning to all in attendance, including all guests, and led the prayer. He announced there is no new information coming from Good Sam and that they are still officially in “pause.” He also announced that Donna Mann is our new Assistant State Director.

Larry Walker stated that a “virtual” state rally is still on the books for April, but its status is unknown. Our next campout is scheduled for April 8 – 11. Kathy Austin and the Spinners will be hosting.

Cecil announced we had nine rigs on the ground and two drive-ins (Shirley O’Dell and the Crabtrees). Another camping group, called Metro Co-Campers, joined us for this campout. They had eight rigs on the ground and one drive in. They were formerly Arlington Sams, Rambling Sams, Penthouse and FCRV campers. They combined resources to get more rigs so they can qualify for the rally rate and the use of the club room. DFW Sams is in a similar situation because our rig count has dropped, which is why we are inviting other groups to join us.

Cecil also announced that the proposed 2021 schedule had been sent out. We will be in Bedrock in April, May, and November. June is Stay-A-While in Murchison (formerly Stayway), July is at Lake Athens Marina, and August is a luncheon. September is the tentative date for the mini-rally. October is at Lazy L in Sherman, and our Christmas gathering is at Airstream in December.

Chuck Hays announced that State directors are meeting with Good Sam directors on a monthly basis. State has been discussing possibly doing the State rally in September in Canton. It is anticipated that Good Sam will lift its “pause” by September.

Shirley O’Dell provided the Sunshine Report.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of campgrounds charging for the use of their rally/club rooms, regardless of how many rigs are there. We were informed that existing bookings in 2021 for Bedrock will have the use of the room for free; however beginning in 2022 or new bookings for 2021, they will charge \$50/day during the week, and \$100/day on Friday and Saturday. Coffee Creek already charges \$50/day for use of their small room.

Because of an issue during this campout and because of the ages of some of our campers, there was discussion of an “adopt-a-couple” program. This was strictly a discussion topic.

Donations for the 50/50 drawing were solicited. The winning ticket was drawn during the pot luck supper and was won by Barbara Michaels.

APRIL GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

DFW Sams Gathering—April 10, 2021

Larry Walker opened the gathering with a prayer. He reported that nothing is happening as it pertains to Good Sam. The State Rally planned for April was cancelled, and it doesn’t appear there will be a rally of any kind in September.

The State did hold a “virtual” rally of sorts, where the chapters play games and submit the names of the winners to State by the end of April. The winning names will be thrown into a “hat” and names will be drawn for prizes. Also included in those games were two sheets, one with scrambled RV terms and another sheet to guess the names of candy from the clues provided. To enter your responses for the two sheets, send an email to State by the end of April.

In conjunction with the games, our chapter played Joker, Skip-Bo, Chicken Foot and 42. Winners of Joker were Fran Spinner and Pennie Nichols. Pennie Walker and Pennie Nichols won Skip-Bo. Shirley O’Dell won Chicken Foot. Al Jenkins and Lester Kimble won 42.

Shirley O’Dell read birthdays for April, and we sang happy birthday to Sharon Lambert, whose birthday was the 10th. There were no April anniversaries.

Shirley also provided the Sunshine report and announced there were get well cards for Jill Schnepf (recovering from shoulder surgery) and Ben Crabtree (recovering from broken bones from a fall).

Cecil Lawrence announced we had 10 rigs on the ground and 3 drive-ins. It was good to see Don Hafer on Saturday.

Larry announced he and Pennie would not be at the May meeting, because they will be camping with Frontier Sams. Larry has been working hard at meeting with other groups with the goal of getting more rigs at a campout so everyone can get the rally rate and free use of the rally room. Some of the campgrounds are beginning to charge for weekend use of the room.

Chuck Hayes announced the “pipe dream” State had of folks volunteering at Camping World and other RV dealers about the benefits of joining a camping chapter. They are also considering publishing a master camping schedule of all chapters on their web site. Chuck also stated that the national magazine will consider printing items of interest submitted from the chapters.

Marjorie Lawrence announced that April 20 is the deadline for submission for the newsletter.

Pennie Nichols announced the Jenkins and Lamberts are hosts for June. The Mathers have volunteered for October.

The gathering meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Terri Fletcher had foot surgery to fix a bunion on her left foot.. She gets to wear a boot for the foreseeable future, but she is glad that there are no rods and posts sticking out of her toes.

Jill Schnepf had shoulder surgery and is recovering. The x-ray of the new equipment in her new shoulder is very interesting. Jill will be going to Austin to help her daughter, Traci, recover from additional surgery to put a new piece of protective covering in her skull as a result of Traci's prior brain surgery.

Ben Crabtree could write a book about how NOT to recover from covid. He was doing well enough to return home to Mineral Wells. He spent one day at home before he fell and sustained four cracks in his pelvis. He is back in rehab and hopes to be discharged to his daughter's house on Sunday to continue rehab there. The motorhome was moved back to daughter, Barbara's, house so Pat could be close enough to him to visit.

On a much lighter note! Sharon Lambert celebrated a momentous birthday while we all attended the gathering in Grand Saline.



ANNIVERSARIES

May, 2021

Larry & Pennie Walker May 20 21 years
Barry & Joyce Kibbe May 28 56 years

JUNE, 2021

Michael & Jacklyn Rhines June 20 57 years
Cecil & Marjorie Lawrence June 21 36 years



BIRTHDAYS

MAY, 2021

Dick Fletcher May 28

JUNE, 2021

Billy Fuller June 18

MAY OUTING

Date: May 6-9, 2021

Place: Bedrock RV Park
1995 VZCR 1803
Saline, TX 75140
903-372-1451

REMINDER: Bedrock only accepts cash or checks. No credit cards. Cecil will collect payments on Saturday.

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 right onto CR. 1802. Bedrock will be on you right. (there are signs before you get to 1803).

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil 972-549-5453 or email him at cmlawr@tx.rr.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hosts and Hostesses:

Kathy Austin
Joyce and Barry Kibbe

Thursday: on your own
Friday: on your own
Saturday: community meal

Menu: POT LUCK meal. Bring a meat, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert to share.

JUNE OUTING

Date: June 10-13, 2021

Place: Stay-A-While RV Park
10101 State Highway 31, East
Murchison, TX 75778
903-469-4477

DIRECTIONS:

From I-20 take Texas Hwy 175 to Athens, Texas, then Loop 7 East around Athens until you reach turn off for State Hwy 30, then East on State Hwy 30 for approximately 10 miles to Stay-A-While RV Park.

Wagon Master: Leroy Law

Please contact Leroy Law at 817-475-3538 or e-mail him at leroy.law@yahoo.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hosts and Hostesses:

Al and Linda Jenkins
Norman and Sharon Lambert

Thursday: on your own
Friday: community meal
Saturday: on your own

Menu: The hosts will furnish the meat. Bring a vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert to share