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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it finally happened * THE PAUSE* is over! Our June Campout was an official Good Sam Function. Name Badges, Vests, and a business meeting, it felt good to be back to normal.

At our April Campout the Group participated in the State Virtual Rally. As a result of the many Games we played, as usual, DFW had State Winners. Fran Spinner and Pennie Nichols were chosen winners in Joker and Pennie Nichols and Pennie Walker were winners at Skip-Bo. It was a fun event for our Campout and we were rewarded. CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

As many of you know, the Mini Rally in September has been cancelled. We are currently looking for a Fun place for our September Campout. Be sure to mark your calendars for April 7 thru 10, 2022, for the State Rally in Canton. Should be fun since it's been two years.

Speaking of State Business, our newest member, Nola Shrum, has been elected State Treasurer for the next two years. We, as a group, can be proud-we now have two members on State Staff.

In October we will be having the Election of Officers. The current Board has been in office for three years so be thinking of who you would like to see in leadership. A Nomination Committee will be appointed in July.

Looking forward to our Campout at Lake Athens in July, and hope to see some Associate Members at the Luncheon in August.

As always, stay healthy, stay safe. And drive carefully!

Larry Walker, President



MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The gathering was opened with a prayer led by Tommy Michaels, and the Pledge was led by Shirley O'Dell.

Shirley O'Dell provided the Treasurer's Report.

Kathy Austin donated a POW/MIA cap to be auctioned in a silent auction. Recipient will be announced at a later date.

Shirley O'Dell provided the Sunshine report.

Cecil Lawrence reported 10 rigs on the ground, 2 folks staying in a room, and one drive-in.

Marjorie Lawrence read the birthdays and anniversaries for May.

Pennie Nichols read an email from Ron Boullion regarding the Good Sam "pause" and that it was officially lifted. The state Rally will take place in Canton April 7-10, 2022, with early parking April 5 and 6. She also advised that per an email from our ASD Donna Mann, there would not be a mini-rally this year due to time constraints.

Pennie Nichols also brought us up to date on hosts for future campouts. The Jenkins and Lamberts are hosting in June. Shirley is hosting in July (need another host). The Mathers and Marsha Marino are hosting in October. Kathy Austin is hosting in November (need another host). The Officers are hosting the December campout.

A big thank you was given to Barry and Joyce Kibbe and Kathy Austin for hosting this month's gathering.

Cecil will update us with the location for the September campout since there will not be a mini-rally. Pennie will update the campout schedule and distribute once we have that information.

Shirley O'Dell talked about the "money tree."

Last month, several participated in what would have been the games held at the State Rally, had they had one. We played 42, Chicken Foot, Skip-Bo, and Joker. The names of the winners were submitted to State to be thrown into a hat. Names were drawn and winners of door prizes from our chapter were Fran Spinner and Pennie Nichols for Joker and Pennie Walker and Pennie Nichols for Skip-Bo. The door Prizes will be mailed to the winners whose names were drawn.

Adjourn.

NOTE: Because of the "pause," there have been no sanctioned meetings and therefore no motions have been required or made. These notes are for information purposes only.

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Larry Walker called the meeting to order at Stay-A-While RV Park in Murchison, Texas. He led the prayer and Pledge. This is our first official meeting after the "pause" put in place by Good Sam, which has officially been lifted.

Shirley O'Dell read the June birthdays and anniversaries and gave the Sunshine report. She announced that Billy Fuller will be celebrating his 95th birthday on June 18.

Assistant Wagon Master Leroy Law announced we had 10 rigs on the ground and two drive-ins. He stated our July campout will be at Lake Athens. It was also announced that the location of the September campout (since there will not be a rally) is still up in the air.

Shirley O'Dell read the Treasurer's Report, which included the Charity balance.

Larry announced the State is planning a rally in April 2022 at Canton. He also announced that Canton has already been reserved for our areas' mini-rally in September 2022. There will not be a mini rally for 2021.

Larry announced the winners of the "virtual" state games held in April at Bedrock. Pennie Walker and Pennie Nichols won Skip-Bo and Fran Spinner and Pennie Nichols won Joker. Winners' names were sent to State and placed in a "hat" for a drawing for prizes.

Larry announced that he received an email from State, letting us know that the new Treasurer for State is our very own Nola Schrum. Way to go Nola!

Larry stated that the State is organizing a web site that will have camping schedules posted from all chapters. Larry asked if there would be any objection to our campout schedule being included. There was some discussion, no objection, and Chuck Hayes will continue compiling the data.

Larry also announced that election of officers will take place in October.

Chuck Hayes announced that Larry Walker had been nominated for the Good Sam Helping Hands award. Chuck then presented Larry a medal emblazoned with the 2021 Good Sam Helping Hands Award. Larry had spent many hours volunteering at the Ellis County Vaccination Clinic during the Covid pandemic. Way to go Larry and well deserved.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Chuck and Dawn Hayes.

Larry thanked our hosts, Al and Linda Jenkins and Norman and Sharon Lambert.

The meeting was adjourned.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Ben Crabtree has an appointment with his doctor next Monday and he is hoping to be released. Ben has had a long road to recovery and we all hope he can stay healthy!

Jill Schnepf had carpal tunnel surgery June 14th. She is doing well and has been released by her doctors for the shoulder surgery.

Shirley asks for prayers for Dick and Terri Fletcher's daughter, Joanne. She had gall bladder and hiatal hernia surgery on June 14th. She is having complications and is back in the hospital. The surgery was originally scheduled for last year but was postponed due to Covid.

We also need to extend our support to Danna Mann since she has endured the catastrophic loss of her motorhome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

All of us should be extremely proud of our members who have stepped up to the plate to help their community or our state organization. Hats off to Larry Walker and Nola Schrum for taking on jobs that serve us all with little or no recognition!! Good job each one of you. Stand tall and bow to no one.

Last, but not least, congratulations to our members, Pennie Nichols, Pennie Walker, and Fran Spinner for being chosen as winners for Skip-Bo and Joker by State at the virtual State Rally. Way to go Girls!



VACATION MEMORIES!

Cecil Lawrence fishing at Dillon Reservoir Colorado. Now that we can travel, let's show our photographs

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY, 20201

<i>Ray & Fran Spinner</i>	<i>July 4</i>	<i>63 years</i>
<i>James & Rosetta Parker</i>	<i>July 9</i>	<i>55 years</i>
<i>Leroy & Julie Law</i>	<i>July 22</i>	<i>60 years</i>

AUGUST, 2021

<i>Chuck & Dawn Hayes</i>	<i>August 3</i>	<i>53 years</i>
<i>Mike & Pennie Nichols</i>	<i>August 4</i>	<i>27years</i>
<i>Ben & Pat Crabtree</i>	<i>August 5</i>	<i>59 years</i>
<i>Billy & Joan Speaks</i>	<i>August 7</i>	<i>22 years</i>
<i>Norman & Sharon Lambert</i>	<i>August 13</i>	<i>61years</i>

BIRTHDAYS

JULY, 2021

<i>Norman Lambert</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Linda Jenkins</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>George Thompson</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Barry Kibbe</i>	<i>28</i>

AUGUST, 2021

<i>Jacklyn Rhines</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Joan Speaks</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Mike Rhines</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Ray Spinner</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Leroy Law</i>	<i>24</i>



JULY OUTING

Date: July 8-11, 2021

Place

Lake Athens Marina & RV Park
5401 Marina Dr.
Athens, TX 75752
903-675-7275

DIRECTIONS:

Go East on I-20, take Hwy 175 South to Athens. Take Loop 7 East around Athens to FM 2495. The park is located about 5 miles South of Athens, TX on FM 2495, adjacent to the Texas Freshwater Fish hatchery. Just follow the signs for the hatchery.

Wagon Master: Cecil Lawrence

Please contact Cecil at 972-849-5453 or e-mail him at cmlawr@tx.rr.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the gathering and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hostesses:

Shirley O'Dell and Marsha Marino

Menu: Thursday—on your own

Friday— Hosts furnishing King Ranch Chicken Casserole
Bring a salad, bread, vegetable or dessert to share

Saturday—Eat out as a group

AUGUST OUTING

Date: August 18, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Candlelight Inn
1202 E. Division
Arlington, TX 76011
871-275-9613

DIRECTIONS:

From I-30 head South on Collins and go to the intersection at Division Street, turn left (East). There are two lanes to turn left from. Be in the one on the right because you will have to turn right very soon afterward. Candlelight will be on the right side of the street. Parking in the rear.

If you are coming West on Division from Hwy 360 you will turn left almost immediately opposite the funeral home on the right. Candlelight is next to Bodacious BBQ.

We will have a private room and a select menu will be offered. You can wear a mask if you wish—at least until it is time to eat!

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