



D/FW CHAPTER *Monthly*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW. Who decided that June should feel like August! Hope this finds everyone cool and being safe in the heat doing yard work, etc. Be careful with Mother Nature!

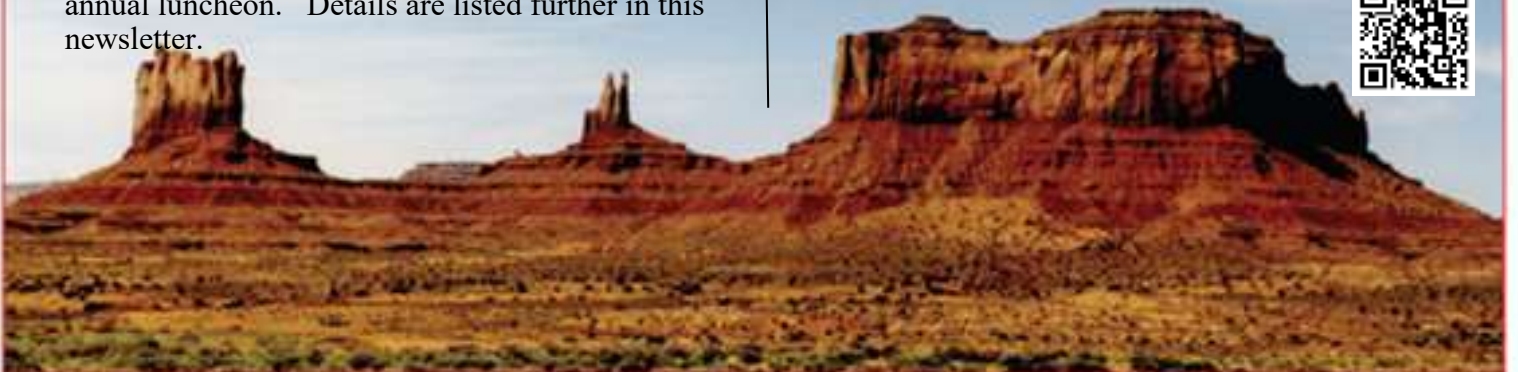
This late Spring was a great time for us to get together as a group. In May a small group camped at Bedrock. The weather was really nice and Marsha Marino and the Spinners hosted a really good meal and weekend. In June 11 brave rigs set off to Cowtown RV in Aledo. Although the weather was HOT, the meeting room was cool and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the Mathers and Shirley O'Dell for hosting and making everyone comfortable. Next month (July) we are hosting a joint campout with Travlin Texsons at Lake Athens Marina. So far 17 rigs are registered so this could be a great group to get to know each other and share a camping experience. Then August will be our semi-annual luncheon. Details are listed further in this newsletter.

If you have not heard “things are changing” with Good Sam nationally. Effective January 1, 2023, there will no longer be a national sponsor for Good Sam chapters. Our incoming State Director, along with other State Directors, are busy reviewing and revising the Good Sam By-laws so that there will be very little change at the chapter level. We will keep you informed about the changes as they occur, but for now we keep operating as usual.

If you have not pre-registered for the Mini-Rally in September and are thinking about going, please register before July 30. Our ASD is wanting at least 50 rigs signed up by that date or there will be NO RALLY!

See everyone next month at Lake Athens. Stay healthy, be careful, and drive safely.

Larry Walker,
President



MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Larry Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the prayer. He announced there was no meeting in April and therefore no minutes.

Pennie Nichols read the Treasurer's Report. A motion by Fran Spinner with a second by Mike Nichols was made to accept the report. The motion passed. Larry Walker asked that we consider what charity to donate the "charity dollars" to. There is also money in the 50/50 fund that the Laws did (the Laws sold their RV).

Marjorie Lawrence read the birthdays and anniversaries. A Sunshine report was provided.

Wagon Mater Cecil Lawrence reported 7 rigs on the ground and 2 drive-ins. He announced our June campout is at Cowtown (817-441-7878) in Aledo, and reservations MUST be made by May 25 (preferably sooner). Tell them DFW Sams or Cecil Lawrence. Lake Athens (903-675-7275) is also requesting we reserve now for the July campout.

Pennie Nichols announced hosts are needed for the July campout at Lake Athens. The Lawrences and Walkers volunteered.

Larry announced that he and Pennie were supposed to meet with another group this weekend, but that group had to cancel. Due to many factors, chapter membership/attendance is dwindling statewide. Larry continues to try to get together with other groups so there are enough rigs on the ground to get free use of the club room. This is becoming an issue with many camping chapters since a lot of the RV parks are now wanting a minimum of 15 rigs or they will charge a daily rate for the room

Larry and Chuck discussed the mini-rally that will be held at the Mineola Civic Center September 14-17. Early parking is available Monday or Tuesday. Please register online before the end of July. There is no charge until arrival. The flier on the web site has all the details. BE SURE TO BRING A 30/50 AMP ADAPTER, DFW Sams is hosting the First Timers reception. "Taxi" service will be provided. Larry announced there will be a chapter dinner on Tuesday night for those there.

There was discussion regarding the email sent to chapter presidents and secretaries from the State Director. Beginning 2023, corporate will no longer "sponsor" camping chapters. Individual state directors are in the process of rewriting the corporate by-laws so that each state can continue to maintain chapters as they have in the past.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marjorie Lawrence with a second by Fran Spinner.

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Walker. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the prayer.

The minutes were previously posted. A motion by Norman Lambert with a second by Mike Nichols was made to accept the report. The motion passed.

Shirley O'Dell read the Treasurer's Report. A motion by Ben Crabtree with a second by Mike Nichols was made to accept the report. The motion passed.

Shirley talked about the Charity balance and thanked Marjorie Lawrence for the quilt that was donated at the State Rally for our charity. Marjorie and Cecil also manned the donation booth for the quilt. Over \$100 was raised.

Shirley read the birthdays and anniversaries for June and provided the Sunshine Report. Others also provided Sunshine updates.

Wagon Master Cecil Lawrence reported 11 rigs on the ground and one couple who drove-in. He stated that 7 have previously signed up for Lake Athens Marina for the July campout. Please make your reservation ASAP if you plan to attend.

Cecil advised that our August luncheon will be at an Italian restaurant on August 17 in Arlington. Details will be provided later. He also advised that he has confirmed Cowtown for a campout location for 2023.

Larry Walker stated that discussions regarding where to donate our charity funds are postponed. He updated us on this discussions with another camping chapter about combining campouts to get the required number of rigs for free use of a rally room. He further advised that the other chapter is planning a week-long trip in October to Fredericksburg, and they invited our chapter.

Larry discussed election of chapter officers in October. He will appoint a nominating committee soon.

Chuck Hayes discussed the mini-rally being held in Mineola in September. If Donna Mann does not receive 50 registrations by the end of July, then the mini-rally will be CANCELLED. There is no charge to register, and no charge if you register and are unable to attend. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE ASAP. Chuck showed a map of the parking layout for MINEOLA. All information in the flyer can be found on the web site.

Chuck also handed out business cards with web site information. He begins his tenure as State Director on January 1, 2023. He is looking for folks for the following positions: Assistant State Director for our area, State Secretary, and Door Prize Chairman.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nola Schrum with a second by Marjorie Lawrence.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Both Mike and Jackie Rhines will need our prayers in the coming weeks. Jackie is having back surgery June 30 and Mike will, hopefully, be at the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis July 11 for his breathing problems. We hope they both will experience quick diagnoses and healing.

Both Ben and Pat Crabtree are experiencing health problems. Add them to your prayers.

Both Joan and Billy Speaks continue to have problems and need your prayers and support.

Don Hafer has had his second stent surgery. He is now home recovering. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Pennie Nichols has eye surgery July 21.

ATTA GIRL AWARD!!

Nola Schrum feels she is blessed to be a part of a medical/dental humanitarian mission BTCAM (Bless the Children African Mission) She started the non-profit in 2009 after traveling to Tanzania for 3 years to work short term missions. She began taking student nurses and immersed them into the clinic so they had cultural exposure and clinical experience. A special program called Girl Child Educational Scholarship was initiated years ago and there have been 29 girls enrolled. There are 17 girls still in high school with the rest now in college. These young ladies would be sold off at 13-14 years of age to get money for the family for food. Some of the girls would work fields and care for small children to bring money in and never have a chance to go to school. There are many stories and Nola is always anxious to tell them and show pictures. Miracles abound. . .tangible miracles. Nola's team has 24 missionaries this year and they left for Kenya June 12. Prayers always solicited and appreciated.

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 2022

Ray & Fran Spinner July 4 64 years
James & Rosetta Parker July 9 56 years
Leroy & Julie Law July 22 61 years

AUGUST 2022

Chuck & Dawn Hayes Aug. 3 54 years
Mike & Pennie Nichols Aug. 4 28 years
Ben & Pat Crabtree Aug. 5 60 years
Billy & Joan Speaks Aug. 7 23 years
Norman & Sharon Lambert Aug. 13 62 years



BIRTHDAYS

JULY 2022

Norman Lambert July 8
Linda Jenkins July 13
George Thompson July 27
Barry Kibbe July 28

AUGUST 2022

Jackie Rhines Aug. 7
Joan Speaks Aug. 10
Michael Rhines Aug. 17
Ray Spinner Aug. 20
Leroy Law Aug. 24

JULY OUTING

Date: July 7-10, 2022
Place Lake Athens Marina
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 campout and when you plan to arrive and leave.

Hosts and Hostesses:

Cecil and Marjorie Lawrence
Larry and Pennie Walker

Thursday: on your own or eat out as a group
Friday: on your own or eat out as a group
Saturday: community meal
Sunday: nothing planned-no activities

Menu: Hot Dogs and salads

The hosts will furnish the hot dogs and buns.

Please bring a salad, vegetable, chips, or a dessert to share.

AUGUST OUTING

Date: August 17, 2022
1 p.m.
Place: Moni's Pasta and Pizza
1730 West Randol Mill Road #100
Arlington, TX 76012
817-860-6664 (MONI)

DIRECTIONS:

From I-30 take the Fielder Road exit and go South. At the second stop light turn right on Randol Mill Road. Go past the Tom Thumb on the right and the McDonald's on the left. The restaurant will be on the left and it is set back from the road in a small shopping center. If you go past the Fire Station on the right you've gone too far.

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 luncheon. We will have a private meeting room.

Moni's has a lunch special menu from which to select your food. The entrees include tossed salad, beverage, and homemade rolls for \$9.95. If you want to check that out on-line go to: www.monispastapizza.com

We ordered off the lunch special menu recently and paid \$25.00 which included tip! The portions are generous and we took home leftovers.



NORTH TEXAS CHAPTERS

Areas 1, 13, 16 & 17

2022 MINI RALLY

Mineola Civic Center
1150 N Newsom Street
Mineola, Texas 75773

September 14-17, 2022

Early Parking ²⁰²²

Starting Monday, September 12, ~~2019~~ @ 2:00 PM



"Waltz Across Texas"

***PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT TEXAS GOOD SAM – Deadline is July 30, 2022.
If we do not have at least 50 rigs registered, the Rally will be CANCELED!!**

THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU:

- *Adapters from (50 to 30) and (30 to 50) amp. We will have 200 full hook-up sites with high speed wi-fi
- *Groups must arrive together to be parked together. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- *Each Rig is to bring one dozen cookies, nuts, or crackers. (choose one) Please label if they are sugar free.
- *Each Rig is to bring a NEW \$15.00 item for the brown bag auction. It may be a quality craft item etc.
- *Bring your chapter vest to wear at the Opening Ceremony Thursday night.
- *Bring your name tag to wear during the rally
- *Chapters may bring fund raising projects to raffle. (i.e., 50/50) etc.
- *Chapters should bring their banners/flags for the Opening Ceremony to display.
- *Each Chapter is to bring: One (1) \$20.00 door prize
- *List of your Chapter Members deceased since September 2019, to be remembered at The Memorial Service on Sunday Morning

*PARKING:

"Early parking starting on Monday, September 12, AT 2:00 PM:

PLEASE: "WAIT FOR PARKERS" -- "DO NOT PARK YOURSELF"

*All parking is **\$32.00 per day**. All parking fees are to be paid at the registration table. Please do not mail in early.

Registration will open at 2:00 pm on Tuesday.

- * If you pre-register and something happens that you cannot attend, you do not have to pay.
Pre-registration just helps us to plan on how many folks to plan for.
We understand that last minute things happen to change plans.

**Entertainment: Wednesday-Gospel/Bluegrass, Thursday-Billie Jo Country Duet, Friday-Mr. C and the Spin-Outs,
Saturday-Billie Jo Full Country Band**

Happy Trails and Safe Travels,

Donna Mann

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