



NEWSLETTER

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Cool Sam's Chapter Texas Good Sam's Club Area 2 April 2016

April began for our chapter with the Texas State Rally in Waco. Those who were able to attend were Jody Birchett, Don and Terry Boldman, Sandy and Ann Cain, Vern and Marilyn Cummins, Jay and Janet Henry, Cal and Kathy Jennings, Phil and Anne Jubb, Ron Kissner and Peggy Wilson, Jim and Zaidy Locke, Sybil Miller, Alexis and Tommie Phillipott, H. C. and Priscilla Ryder, Galen and Carol Sloan, Chuck and Sharon Van Tassel, Bob and Alice Vickers, and Robert and Sandy Voigt. Marc and Rita Hopkins joined us on Monday night, but because of health problems had to return home on Tuesday morning so never made it to the rally. We were missing several of our members due to health problems. Al Eisenberg had back surgery and Marilynn is hopping around with her broken foot in a boot, so hopefully they will be on the move again in a couple of months. Dee Jackson is waiting for knee surgery, so we hope they can be back before long. Marilyn and Jack Shields have moved, so hopefully they will be settled and back with us very soon. We missed everyone not with us and hopefully those that had other conflicts will be back next campout.

Tuesday evening at the Rally, we had our ball game complete with hotdogs, chips and soda, which was followed by the ball game. Priscilla was on the 1st place team and Carol, Sybil, Zaidy and Vern were on the 2nd place team. We all had a good time playing ball and singing "Take me out to the Ball Game".

Our chapter had a great time together at the raffle table and fixing and serving the Sloppy Joes. Our Balloon of Cash was changed to a Bowl of Dough when the balloon deflated. We were taken by surprise Saturday afternoon, when we presented Gary Davis of Oklahoma, winner of the Bowl of Dough, containing \$160.00; and then, he donated it back to the Cool Sams to be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

The Cool Sams' chapter was honored on Friday night with the presentation of an award for the largest donation to Dogs for the Deaf in the State of Texas 2015. Cal has the flag and certificate that we received if anyone would like to see it. We also received a certificate for the highest percentage of rigs at the Rally.

Our chapter did very well in games. Sybil Miller and Sandy Cain took 1st place in 42. Sybil continued to win taking 1st in both single and double bean bag toss, 1st in Women's single washers and 2nd in Women's double washers. Robert Voigt won 1st place in Men's single washers and 2nd place in Men's double washers. Marilyn Cummins won 1st in Hand and Foot. I hope I didn't miss anyone. The Sloans and Boldmans received stars for their Century Patch (attending 10 rallies). You

need to be sure to look at all the pictures Ron has posted on the Cool Sams' Facebook. Everyone won a door prize this year, which was nice,

Our April Campout was held at Camp Tonkawa Springs in Garrison, Texas. We had 3 people (Jennings, Philpott and Sloans) arrive on Sunday, April 10 from the Louisiana Rally. Our congratulations go out to them for going to the Rally and supporting Louisiana. Kathy Jennings won 1st in Bouree' and Cal won 1st in SkipBo at the Louisiana Rally. We hope that more of us can go next year. Just remember it is always the week after the Texas Rally. The Arkansas Rally is always the week following the Louisiana Rally. All the rest of us arrived throughout the week and our group for this month was finally complete. We miss all of you who couldn't be with you for various reasons.

Our business meeting was held on Saturday morning. In the absence of Marilyn Eisenberg, Wagon Master, Ron Kissner reported that we had 13 rigs on the ground - 12 members and 1 visitors' rig. Also Zaidy and Jim drove up for Saturday. Those who attended were: Don and Terry Boldman, Sandy and Ann Cain, Vern and Marilyn Cummins, Jay and Janet Henry, Cal and Kathy Jennings, Phil and Anne Jubb, Ron Kissner and Peggy Wilson, Sybil Miller, Bob and Judy Norris, Alexis and Tommie Phillpott, H. C. and Priscilla Ryder, Galen and Carol Sloan, and Robert and Sandy Voigt. We had two visitors – Ancil and Sherry Boatman (Sybil's brother).

At the Mini rally, the Spaghetti dinner raised \$436.69 and ice cream raised \$87.52. At the Texas Rally, the profit from the Sloppy Joes was \$775.70, the Bowl of dough raised \$386.00, and the Garage Sale brought in \$372.00. It was decided that instead of \$500.00 for our donation to Dog for the Deaf in 2016, we would increase it to \$750.00 which includes \$160.00 donation from Gary Davis. A thank you card was signed by members to be sent to Gary.

After much discussion, it was decided that we would continue to do the Spaghetti Dinner at the Mini Rally and the Sloppy Joes at the Texas Rally in 2017. However, we will be increasing the price of the Sloppy Joes to \$6.00. We also agreed that we would sell water at the Texas State Rally. We then decided that we would have a Chinese auction. Each rig will donate a NICE gift. We will sell tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Judy Norris volunteered to make a Texas quilt for a Raffle item.

If anyone can attend any of the Fall Rallies in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma, Cal has registration forms. Missouri's Rally starts on September 22 and Kansas and Oklahoma follows. You can get with Cal for more information or go to the Good Sam's Website.

We loved it at Camp Tonkawa Springs and voted to return. It was wonderful to see the deer wandering around, feed the deer from our hands, and enjoy a country setting. On Friday afternoon, we had turtle races outside (thanks to the turtles Galen and Carol had). On Thursday evening, we played Lucky 13 with Cal as our caller. Several people made several sight-seeing trips to Nacogdoches including Mallard's Crossing, Trade Days, the Stone Fort Museum and had lunch at Dolli's Diner. There was even a campfire for those that still had any energy left on Friday night. We continued playing games after our Spaghetti dinner Saturday night and when everyone had finally left, Robert Voigt vacuumed the **entire** club house carpet – we thank you Robert.

We would like to play more group games, so it would be a good idea to keep **\$3.00** in quarter for each person for Lucky 13 and **50 pennies** for each person in your rig. We can learn to play Bouree' or play Lucky 13. Who knows, someone may think of something else. **COME PREPARED TO HAVE FUN.**

We are looking forward to Poche's RV Park next month. You need to call Marilyn Eisenberg and let her know that you are coming as well as call the park at 337-332-0326. If you have never been to Poche's RV Park, I am told you need to be sure to **READ AND FOLLOW** the directions on the campout schedule.

I think everyone knows that several of us are planning an extended trip to the Grand Canyon and staying at the Trailer Village RV Park immediately following the campout at Palo Duro Canyon in June. If you plan to go to Grand Canyon and haven't made reservations at the RV park, it is very important that you do so ASAP. Anyone is welcome to join us. If anyone has any questions, just give Don Boldman a call for more instructions.

Below are the April and May birthdays and Anniversaries. We wish you all a happy birthday and anniversary.

April Birthdays

3 - Alexis Phillipott

April Anniversaries

4/9/60 - Don & Terry Boldman

4/17/51 Jack & Marilyn Shields

4/17/65 - Galen and Carol Sloan

May Birthdays

23 - Ron Kissner

29 - Marilyn Shields

30 - Don Boldman

May Anniversaries

None

Keep up with Cool Sam's activities on Cool Sams' Facebook page. There are lots of wonderful pictures there. You don't want to **IGNORE** the emails you get about notifications, as you may miss some important information. If you haven't yet, or are unable to get on the Cool Sams' Facebook, talk to Ron Kissner. If you aren't getting emails about notifications on facebook, call Ron and talk to him.

Marilyn Cummins

Cool Sams Chapter Secretary