



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 - 2005

May Newsletter

The President's Corner



Kathy Helwick

Life is full of beginnings and endings. And our Good Sam Chapter is no exception.

At our last campout, we welcomed Greg and Del Duerr as new members into our club. I'm very impressed with how they have jumped right in and started contributing. Texas North Star Sams are lucky to have the Duerrs on board.



They are not going to be beginners to the club for very long at all.

And, at our last campout, we said a final farewell to our beloved Malee Jones, by planting a tree in her memory, and placing a plaque with her name beside it.



The site we chose for the tree is one that she enjoyed, and one that we will visit often. I'm sure we will all feel a special connection to her while sitting near that tree.



As I reflect on the beginnings and endings within the club, I also am reminded of the beginnings and endings that have been experienced individually in recent months. Parents and close friends dying, children leaving home and/or getting married, ringing the bell at the Cancer Center, new grandbabies being born, new summer jobs, long-anticipated retirement Life does go on, doesn't it? And isn't it good?!!!

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments.

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April Meeting:



Sherry Young

Good Sam Minutes for April 16, 2005 Campout Business Meeting

Edited by Sherry Moran

Members attending: Baileys, Foiteks, Helwicks, MacPhersons, Morans, Youngs

Visitors attending: Bob & Jann Sanders, Greg & Del Duerr

Meeting opened by Kathy Helwick, President. Minutes amended as to Garage Sale date. The minutes were approved and accepted.

Reports:

Jim Bailey's Treasurer's report presented and accepted.

Wagon Master report by Lew Foitek consisted of dates and places for year's campouts.

Bob Sanders recommended Golden RV Park near Mineola.

Tim Moran asked if grandchildren could attend and all approved.

Special Projects report presented by Pat Foitek detailed plans for tree planting in memory of Malee Jones. The MacPhersons made and donated the plaque for the tree.

Garage Sale fundraiser is set for April 23, at 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. Donations may be brought earlier in the week. Duerrs, MacPhersons, Foiteks, Helwicks, Youngs to attend.

Remaining items will be donated to CCA same day.

Lap robes: Pat Foitek will get fleece for 12 more robes in the Fall.

Sunshine report by Cheryl MacPherson – the sun is shining!

Website report by Tim Moran included pictures from the Samboree. The Youngs to send bio.

Historian's report was presented by Jim Bailey.

Newsletter prepared and emailed to all by Sherry Moran. No member addresses will be included in the newsletter and only edited portions of the minutes. Brian suggested including some RV tech info.

Old Business consisted of talking about the fun at the Samboree and the prospective members Kathy talked with. 50/50 will be played today. Our plans for the Mini-Rally in Perrin were talked about with Bob and Jann Sanders. We will do Hospitality and have a booth. We discussed the patch for the mini-rally, as well as plans for the prizes we must bring.

Wagonmaster Lew wants everyone to call him the Sunday before campout to confirm if they will attend. For May, call Dave.

Steve suggested we send a "thank you" note for the donated tree for Malee.

New Business: We moved to pass on National Clean-Up Day this year. Chapter decals were discussed, along with ideas for chapter uniforms. Greg Duerr won the 50/50. Our February 2006 campout will be in the Brownsville area to visit the MacPherson & the Baileys.

Happenings:

Helwicks to Michigan; Duerrs to Michigan;

"Happy Birthday" to Tim Moran on April 23;

Del to walk in the 3-day, 60-mile Breast Cancer walk on June 10

(wearing a t-shirt with Marge's picture);

June 4 wedding for Youngs' daughter, Kristen.

Meeting adjourned: MM...Lew, S...Dave; all approved.

More Happenings:

- Lew & Pat will be gone May thru August
- Tim & Sherry will be gone most of June & July
- Brian & Cheryl plan to retire the end of June and will leave (Dallas) on July 5th
- Area 17 Mini-Rally in Perrin, Texas, September 15-18

Wagonmaster



Lew Foitek

May Campout: **PLEASE NOTE** – The LOCATION and the HOSTS of this campout have changed from those originally scheduled.

May 18 – 22 Destiny RV Resort

Hosts – Kathy and Dave Helwick

See www.ntahc.org/northstarsams –
"Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

June Campout:

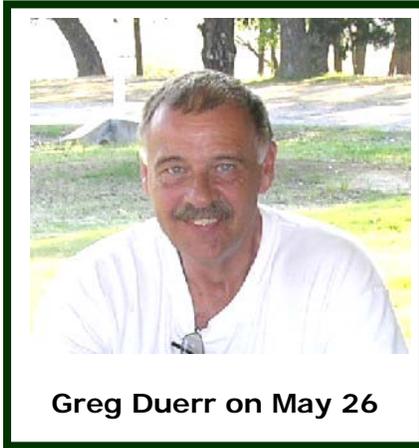
June 17 – 19 Destiny RV Resort

Hosts – Jim and Marge Bailey

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There are NO Texas North Star Sams activities planned for JULY OR AUGUST (It's Too Darn HOT !)

Happy Birthday!



From the Editor:



Sherry Moran

Please send any news you'd like included in the newsletter to me before the last week of the month.

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I found these in the State newsletter, "Texas News," and thought they were good. See what you think:

Questions I Can't Answer

1. Why do we write from left to right?
2. Why do pigs have curly tails?
3. Why is one side of aluminum foil shiny and the other side dull?
4. Why are hamburger buns thinner on the bottom than the top?
5. Why are there no size "B" batteries?
6. Why can't we tickle ourselves?
7. Why is there no Channel 1 on tv?
8. If nothing sticks to Teflon..then how do they get it to stick to the pan?
9. What has evaporated out of evaporated milk?
10. What's the difference between Virgin Olive-oil and extra Virgin Olive-oil?

A Little Known Texas Fact:

The Flagstone Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water.