



## Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2007

# *March Newsletter*

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### The President's Corner



Del Duerr

In February, Valentine's Day week, eight couples from our chapter set out for our chapter's "long trip" to Galveston for Mardi Gras! For many of us it was our first trip to Galveston or going to Mardi Gras! Mardi Gras was every bit as crazy and fun as I thought it would be! Even though some of us encountered a "few" mishaps either while driving to Galveston, or arriving at our destination, I think that we all had a good time! On our first day, Thursday as we arrived, our wagon master took us to Denny's for lunch. The RV park we stayed in, Dellanera RV Park, was located a hop, skip and a jump from the beach!

On Friday evening some of us went into the Strand area to view the Mardi Gras parades and start collecting beads. Patti & Pat became real good in catching those beads, while our guys tried to keep warm standing inside the mini mall located nearby.

On Saturday morning after our short meeting we all headed in different directions to see the area. Because of the crowds, traffic and closed off areas for the parades we were unable to see the historic mansions that we had planned, but there were other areas nearby to visit. We all met for lunch at Fish Tales, good food but long wait. Saturday night we headed for the big parade in the Strand area, so many people, so many beads!

Galveston is a great place to visit with many sights to see. Since I grew up in Texas in nearby Victoria I remembered traveling to Galveston as a little girl with my parents, but it's not like it was in the 60s. There is so much to see and do in the Galveston area and nearby Houston. I would like to go back when it's warmer and not so crowded. All in all, I thought going to Galveston was a good idea, some of you have given me some names of places that may be good to visit on our next "long trip." For those of you that couldn't make it on this trip, we hope you will join us on our next time trip out! Now about all those beads we caught, what to do with them now?

For anyone heading out for your trips across the country or nearby areas; San Antonio, Oregon, East Coast, East Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, stay safe, stay in touch and report back and send us pictures.

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## **2007 Officers:**

### **Elected**

President: Del Duerr  
Vice-President: Steve Young  
Treasurer: Laura LaTurner  
Secretary: Jackie Reid  
Wagon Master: Lew Foitek

### **Appointed**

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran  
Special Projects: Pat Foitek  
Sunshine/Chaplain: Tami Patterson  
Web Master: Tim Moran

## **February Meeting:**

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 16, 2007  
TEXAS NORTH STAR SAMS

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Del Duerr, in the meeting room of the Dellanera RV Park in Galveston, Tx.

Members present were the Duerrs, the Morans, the Pattersons, the Helwicks, and the Foitek. Guests present were the Carpenters, the Lutricks and the Evans.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were held.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** There is to be a planning meeting for the Areas 13 & 17 Fall Good Sam Mini-Rally the weekend of March 16 and 17, in Canton, Texas. The meeting will be at the Sundowner RV Park, north of Sanger, Tx. Del & Greg Duerr are planning to attend the meeting and a suggestion was made that as many of our group as possible, also attend. The time of the meeting was not given.

It was suggested that we do a fundraiser at the mini-rally. One idea was a gift basket with items for use in the rigs plus some non-perishable food items. Another idea was a 50/50.

There was discussion of the Good Sam Samboree to be held in Wichita Falls, Tx., on April 5-8.

There will be early parking for each event on Tues./Wed. before the events. Reminder that if you wish to park next to each other, you must arrive together.

It was suggested that we bring a \$7-\$10 item for the March campout for a fundraiser, along with our 50/50. It is to be something we can use in our rigs.

**Secretary's Report:** sent out via email

**Treasurer's Report:** none

**Wagonmaster's Report:** March campout is in Corinth, Tx., at Destiny RV Park  
April campout is at Pilot Knoll, Highland Village, Tx.  
(everyone needs to make own reservation & pay)  
June – Cedar Mills  
August – RV Ranch – there was discussion of different prices  
being given to Lew by the owner.

September – Hickory Creek

**Special Projects:** lap robes will be worked on at the next campout.  
Pat has a lady coming to demonstrate cosmetics. Del will check on time for mini-rally planning meeting as times may conflict.

**Sunshine report & M/G:** Joe & Annette Carpenter have their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Del & Greg Duerr also celebrate their anniversary on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

The next M/G is Fuddruckers near Grapevine Mills Mall. Use Bass Pro Lane. Darrell Patterson will announce it by email.

**Webmaster Report:** There is a addition to the website – a recipe section. Please send any recipes you use in your RV.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter was emailed to all members and guests. A copy was mailed to Lowell Matheny, Texas State Director of Good Sam.

The meeting was adjourned so we could sight-see Mardi Gras in Galveston.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Moran,  
In the absence of Jackie Reid

(There was a Treasurer's Report handed out at the meeting at Dellanera. See Del for a copy. My mistake) – Editor, Sherry

## Past Events

Pictures from Galveston:



Friday morning's Business Meeting.



Guess Who ???



The **crowd** on the Strand begging for beads



**DAVE** begging for beads.

## Happenings:

### Do You Know Who... (see if you can match events and people)

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| 1. Just bought another RV?                        | the Pattersons |
| 2. Has season tickets to NASCAR?                  | the Mollars    |
| 3. Just bought a new laptop?                      | the Duerrs     |
| 4. Will be workamping in Oregon?                  | the Reids      |
| 5. Is looking at Class A's?                       | the Foitek     |
| 6. Has trip to Key West, Fla., planned?           | Alan LaTurner  |
| 7. Was our guest at Fuddrucker's?                 | the Helwicks   |
| 8. Just moved from Road Runner to Verizon?        | the Lutricks   |
| 9. Is going to New Mexico to help their son move? | Deb Safholm    |
| 10. Has trip to Eureka Springs planned?           | the LaTurners  |

All of the above was learned at the Meet & Eat at Fuddrucker's (correct answers in "From the Editor")

### From February

#### Happy Birthday !



Larry Runte  
February 20

#### Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !



Greg & Del Duerr  
February 27

### March

#### Happy Birthday !



Sherry Moran  
March 23

#### Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary !



Steve & Sherry Young  
March 9

## Wagonmaster



Lew Foitek

### March Campout:

**March 16th & 17th - Destiny RV Park**

#### *Notes from Pat Foitek about the March Campout:*

Each couple is to bring an item valued \$5-\$10 for a fundraiser auction on Saturday night. The item should be something related to camping, or something which can be used in the RV. Place the item in a bag and attach a clue as to what is inside. We will have an auction and bid on the items, without knowing what's inside.

**Bring your scissors to work on the lap robes for the Cancer Center. Pat would like us to spend some time on Friday night after dinner, or Saturday afternoon working on the lap robes.**

Tentative plans for the campout:

Friday night dinner at Chili's, then games in the meeting room for those who want to play.

Saturday morning - no breakfast, but Lew will have coffee and doughnuts at 9:00

Also Saturday morning, Pat will have tea and scones for the ladies at 10:00 a.m., followed by a make-up demo by an Arbone representative. (This will be fun – no pressure to buy anything)

Saturday afternoon - spend some time working on lap robes

Saturday night - St. Patrick's Day theme for dinner - wear your green!

Dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by meeting and auction.

Call Pat if you have any questions!

See [www.ntahc.org/northstarsams](http://www.ntahc.org/northstarsams)

**"Upcoming Events" for more details and a map**

### April Campout:

**April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21st - Pilot Knoll,  
Highland Village at Lake Lewisville.**

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### May Campout:

**May 18 & 19 - Mitchell RV Park in Perrin, TX.**

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## **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.

Answers: 1) Duerrs; 2) Lutricks; 3) Alan LaTurner; 4) Helwicks; 5) LaTurners; 6) Foitek; 7) Deb Safholm; 8) Reids; 9) Mollars; 10) Pattersons

**Please remember to take LOTS of pictures to share with us.**

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## **The Parting Shot :**

Sherry Moran's "Galveston Sunrise"



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A couple of Texas North Star Sams RVers who'd recently celebrated their wedding anniversary were sitting on the sofa in their RV when the wife asked, "Dear, do you remember how you used to sit close to me?" He moved over and sat close to her.

"Dear," she continued, "do you remember how you used to hold me tight?" He reached over and held her tight.

"And," she went on, "do you remember how you used to hug me and kiss me and nibble on my ear?" With that, her husband got up and started to walk out.

"Where are you going?" she asked. "Well," answered the husband, "I have to get my teeth."