



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2008

March Newsletter

The President's Corner



Del Duerr

My calendar says it's March and Spring will soon be here, but when I look outside I see snow!

Our February campout in Sanger was a fun-filled weekend of games, great food and members wearing their "Mardi Gras" outfits. Pictures will soon be posted on the website so make sure to check out Becky & Jim Moller's winning outfits. We'll have to get Becky to wear her Parisian shoes again and Jim can show off his hat too! Herb's hat was a winner too!

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to warm weather, working out in the yard, and of course doing lots of RVing. I've heard some members have trips planned: Herb & Sally Ford are getting ready to go to Hawaii, Jerry Jones & Mary Sue are heading to Washington D.C., Jackie & Jim Reid are visiting family throughout Texas, Darrell & Tami are mapping out their trip to the Grand Tetons and Greg & I will be driving down South Texas for a family reunion. Our work camping members will soon be announcing where they are heading this year. Great news coming soon as one of our members announces his retirement so he and his lovely wife can spend more time in their rv!

Wherever your travels take you, as always...stay safe!

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2008 Officers:

Elected

President: Del Duerr
Vice-President: Steve Young
Secretary: Mary Sue Wells
Treasurer: Laura LaTurner
WagonMaster: Darryl Patterson

Appointed

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran
Special Projects: Pat Foitek
Sunshine: Sally Ford
Chaplain: Tammi Patterson
Web Master: Tim Moran
Roster Master: Jim Moller

From the Secretary:



Mary Sue
Wells

**Texas North Star Sams
Minutes – February 23, 2008
Location: Sundown Ranch RV Park, Sanger, TX**

President Del Duerr called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Tami Patterson gave the invocation. Laura presented the club with a new American flag, and the group then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Del and Greg Duerr, Sally and Herb Ford, Jerry Jones and Mary Sue Wells, Laura and Allen LaTurner, Becky and Jim Moller, Tami and Darrell Patterson, Jackie and Jim Reid, Debbie Safholm, Sherry and Steve Young.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Laura LaTurner

- The Treasurer's report was distributed to the group.
- Laura has sent a \$375 deposit to Branson for the club's October outing.

Announcements:

- Del noted that the Spring Samboree will be in Abilene April 3-6, 2008.
- She also brought a Branson visitors guide to the meeting. Couples can call the Park in Branson and request one.

Old Business:

- Laura gave information on the logo: She has gotten a disk with the club's logo on it, and found a place in Carrollton that will do the work. The company can get our same shirts. Laura asked about interest in caps, 8 were interested. Del suggested she bring the information and also present again at the next Meet & Greet. Darrell suggested Laura get one cap done and bring to show the group, everyone agreed this was a good idea. There was more discussion about the possibility of windbreakers or sweatshirts for the group.
- There was discussion about not using all of the logo or abbreviating words: Del noted she had asked at the State level about this, and it just needs approval of our own group. Also, we do not have to have the Good Sam symbol on everything we have done, as long as our group agrees.
- Del reminded the group that we had agreed to discuss new charity projects this meeting, and deferred this discussion to New Business.

New Business:

- Del distributed copies of the State Committee Meeting Minutes.
- Del asked for an update on charitable contributions, and we discussed that these will be made quarterly, Laura noted none have been sent in yet this year.
- Steve suggested we keep some funds to use in case of local disasters or emergency situations, also that we look at adopting or helping a family in the area where members live. Del suggested that local police departments are a good source for this information, and Darrell will take this project.
- Del noted that one suggestion was for each rig to donate 5 children's books for hospital libraries – Sally will take this project.
- Pat has asked Del if we want to do the lap robes again this year? Greg asked if the group would consider doing these for the Arlington cancer center where he is receiving treatments? He has talked with the nursing staff there and there is a definite need. Jackie noted that we had previously agreed to do 2 per rig, and Del added that the chapter had approved to make them longer. Steve moved the group do this for the Arlington center, Jerry seconded. Motion passed.
- Del suggested if the chapter would like to visit the nursing center where Sally Ford's father resides and make sundaes, floats, smoothies, for the residents? It was decided to wait and discuss this at a later date.
- Steve Young suggested that the 50/50 be held from now on at the M&E. 50% of the winner's (couple) meal will be paid from the proceeds, not to exceed 50% of the collection, and the rest will go into the treasury. Everyone agreed.

Secretary's Report: Mary Sue Wells noted that the January report was re-distributed after the submitted changes, and has been sent to Barbara Delgado. Del moved that it be accepted, seconded by Debbie Safholm, motion passed.

Wagon Master's Report: Reported by Darrell Patterson

- Darrell reminded everyone to call or contact Branson if going early or staying later than the rest of the group.
- The March outing will be at Hickory Creek. He has sent out an e-mail with the sites to request, as some still need repairs.
- Reminded group again to make arrangements for Meet & Greet when hosting. The Foitek and the Safholms will be hosting in March. Deb noted that we will meet at Abuela's, she will send out the information. She also noted that she may be asking others to bring grills since we will be eating / cooking outside, will send out the request if needed.
- Monthly hosts should e-mail a sign up list after the M&G for planning purposes for bringing food for Saturday night at the campout.
- Del noted that we only need to notify the Wagon Master and the hosts if we will not be attending a campout.

Special Projects: No Report - Pat Foitek absent.

Sunshine: Reported by Sally Ford

- Sally Ford announced the anniversaries for March: Carpenters, Duerrs, Youngs.

Meet & Eat: As previously noted, Abuela's in March: Deb will send out the information.

Webmaster Report: No Report - Tim Moran absent

Newsletter: No Report - Sherry Moran absent (Del reminded everyone to submit their information to Sherry for the newsletter)

Other: None

Jim Reed moved the meeting be adjourned, Darrell seconded. Motion passed. There being no other significant things to record, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Sue Wells, Secretary

Past Events

Here are some pictures from the February campout.





From the Wagonmaster:



Darrell
Patterson

March Campout

Mar. 15-16 – Hickory Creek Campground, Hickory Creek, TX

Co-Hosts = Foitek and Safholms
Theme = St. Patrick's Day

As always, See www.northstarsams.org "Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

April Campout

April 18-19 – Pilot Knoll Park, Highland Village, TX

Co-Hosts = Reids & Mollars
Theme = TBA

As always, See www.northstarsams.org "Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

May Campout

May 16 - 17 – KOA of Colbert, OK

Co-Hosts = Jones/Wells & Youngs
Theme = TBA

As always, See www.northstarsams.org "Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

FYI:

Becky Mollar's Pigtail Salad

$\frac{1}{2}$ head cabbage shredded
 $\frac{1}{4}$ head red cabbage
1 grated carrot
1 bunch green onions sliced thinly
2 packages ramen noodles
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar (I usually use Splenda and decrease the amount just a smidge)
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup apple cider vinegar
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
1 cup cashews
1 cup sunflower seeds

I usually buy the bag of slaw mix

Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup apple cider vinegar and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil with the flavoring packets from 2 chicken ramen soup mixes. Stir until the sugar is mostly dissolved. Break the ramen noodles into small pieces (crumble). Combine them with the cabbage, carrot and green onion. Several hours before serving (or overnight) pour the liquid dressing over all and mix well. Immediately before serving, stir in cashews and sunflower seeds.

The Spring, 2008, issue of "Cooking for 2" magazine has an article on page 20, called "Cookin' on the Road." This contains recipes for RVers, as well as stories about RV travel. For more reader stories and recipes, plus a selection of vacation spots for RVers, go to their website, www.cookingfor2.com/RV. This magazine comes out four times a year, and also mentions where you can find small appliances and cooking utensils usable in an RV. I hope they will do more things we can use.

I don't cook much anymore, but the recipes sound good and easy. I love to read cooking magazines!

By the way.... Tim has resurrected the "Favorite Recipes" section of the web site. Check it out and submit YOUR favorites for the rest of us to share.

From the Editor:



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

Please see www.northstarsams.org for a complete calendar of Up Coming Events, pictures from Past Events, Profiles of our Members, a list of our Officers, a display of our governing procedures, Past Newsletters, the History of the TNSS, and MUCH more.

From the Web Master:



Tim Moran
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Our club web site has a new Internet address.

It is www.northstarsams.org

Start using the new address right now. The previous URL still works (www.ntahc.org/northstarsams), but the information is NOT being kept current. I will be discontinuing this URL soon. BE SURE to change your browser Favorites and Bookmarks to www.northstarsams.org