



Texas North Star Sams
Area 17 – 2008

April Newsletter

The President's Corner



Del Duerr

We welcomed in spring as we did last year, with lots of rain. Despite the rains that we have been having, I hope we can still enjoy our area parks and lakes unlike last year where they were all under water during the spring & summer months.

Wherever your travels take you, take lots of pictures, and 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 – March 15, 2008
Location: Hickory Creek, TX

President Del Duerr called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Tami Patterson gave the invocation. The group then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Patrick and Adrienne Donnell, Del and Greg Duerr, Lew and Pat Foitek, Herb and Sally Ford, Dave and Kathy Helwick, Jerry Jones, Allen and Laura LaTurner, Tim and Sherry Moran, Darrell and Tami Patterson, Jim and Jackie Reid, Dan and Debbie Safholm, Steve and Sherry Young.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Laura LaTurner

- The Treasurer's report was distributed to the group.

Old Business:

- Del asked if anyone would be attending the Samboree in Abilene on April 3-6. The Foitek will be attending
- Laura passed around a sample cap to the group and stated that she felt that the lettering was too small on the sample. She listed embroidery prices on the back of the Treasurer's Report but has found a cheaper source since that time. She is still working on finding a good source for us and on getting our logo in the correct format so that it can be used.
- Darrell reported that he is still working on Adopting a Family.
- Sally is still working on the Half-Pint Library project. She announced that members will be asked to bring five children's books to one of our campouts. More details will follow.
- There was a discussion about our 2008 charitable donations. Lew moved that we reduce our donation to Dogs for the Deaf in the fall. Dave Helwick seconded. The motion carried. We will address this issue again in the fall to possibly give another donation to Dogs for the Deaf. Sally Ford moved that we give a donation to the Cancer Center this spring. Sherry Young seconded. The motion carried.

New Business:

- Del asked if the chapter would like to participate in Earth Day-Arbor Day which is April 25th. Steve Young moved that we conduct a 50/50 drawing in April with the proceeds going to Earth Day-Arbor Day, and Debbie Safholm seconded the motion. There was discussion about who should receive our donation, and it was suggested that the donation go to the community of the person who won the 50/50. The motion carried.
- Del said that now that we have two hosts and are serving breakfast that she felt that the \$2.50 per person member contribution should be increased. Darrell Patterson went over duties of our campout hosts. He suggested that members should consider increasing their contribution per campout per person to help the hosts with the food purchases. Since it is stated in the by-laws what the contribution is, the additional will be on a voluntary basis and not required.

Secretary's Report:

Tami Patterson moved that the minutes from last meeting be approved as distributed. Lew Foitek seconded. The motion carried.

Wagon Master's Report: Reported by Darrell Patterson

- Darrell stated that the April campout is at Pilot Knoll on the 18-19 with the Moellers and Reids hosting.
- The location of the Meet & Eat on April 2nd will be announced by email by the host couples.

Special Projects: Reported by Pat Foitek

- Pat asked that the group work on lap robes after the meeting.
- Del reminded us that we voted last meeting to donate our lap robes to the Arlington Cancer Center where Greg is a patient. She and Greg will be happy to deliver them, but they would like anyone to join them who can come.

Sunshine: Reported by Sally Ford

Sherry Moran will have a birthday and an anniversary of her pacemaker this month. The Evans will have an anniversary.

Webmaster Report: Reported by Tim Moran

- Members need to change their favorites to the new url.
- Tim asked that hosts get him the location of the meet & eat early so the location and directions can be on our website.

Newsletter: Reported by Sherry Moran

- Sherry asked everyone to please submit their photos, recipes, or items of interest to her for the newsletter. Herb will send her a link to rv recipes that is interesting.
- Del suggested that members share information on new campgrounds they have visited and send to Sherry for the newsletter.

Jim Reid moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:42a.m., Lew seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jackie Reid for Mary Sue Wells, Secretary
(Edited by Newsletter Editor)

Past Events

Here are some pictures from the March Meet & Eat at Abuelo's in Lewisville.



And here are some pictures from the March campout at Hickory Creek.





FYI:

Allan LaTurner **retired** April 4!! He and Laura immediately went camping at Pilot Knoll!

Herb and Sally Ford are in Hawaii for two weeks. I wonder if their trip will be affected by the closure of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Elevated sulfur dioxide levels from Kilauea volcano have forced the Park to close. Maybe the Fords will have stories to tell! Kilauea has been active for over 25 years and is a popular tourist sight.

Talk about a weird coincidence – Jerry Jones and Mary Sue Wells toured Graceland and Washington D.C.. Greg Duerr's brother showed them around Washington where they ran into Adrienne Donnell at the Washington Monument!

Two of our couples will be workamping very soon: the Foitek's are returning to Andersen's on the Ocean RV Park in Long Beach, Washington and the Helwicks are going to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Grand Haven, Michigan. We'll really miss them! If any of you are in the vicinity of either on your summer trips, stop in and visit.

Greg and Del Duerr will be walking the Relay for Life on May 3rd. This is a relay/walk through the night to fight against cancer. They are joining others from the Arlington Cancer Center where Greg has been receiving chemotherapy treatment. Anyone who would like to join them for the evening should bring a lawn chair and camera.

The storm that went through Carrollton early Thursday morning did mostly backyard damage at the Reid's. They lost their electricity, their pool slide landed in their neighbor's yard and their fence was wiped out! Some of it fell on their neighbor's truck and Jim's storage shed lost its roof. They spent the rest of the early morning hours in a closet with both dogs! The church across the street from them lost some back wall.

The LaTurners lost some fence in the same storm. The Helwicks said there were tree branches in their streets and Tim and I were glued to the windows in awe of the lightning storm that accompanied the wind. Luckily, none of our friends had any people damage.

Darrell Patterson will be receiving "ExxonMobil's Circle of Excellence" award. This award goes out each year to the top 8% of Site Manager's nationwide. Criteria for the award are: audit and inventory controls, management of labor hours, management of operating expenses, and overall profitability of the site. This is the third year in a row that Darrell has received the award. The first year he received a gold ring with the ExxonMobil logo, and a diamond is added each year thereafter. The awards are presented at a ceremony during a weekend trip to a beautiful resort for the winners and their spouses. Three years ago it was New York City, last year it was in Scottsdale Arizona, and this year is at the Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop county outside of Austin. If they don't make this month's campout, this is why. **Way to go, Darrell!!**

From the Wagonmaster:



Darrell
Patterson

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

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June Campout

June 20 – 21 - Treetop RV Resort, Arlington, TX

Co-Hosts = TBA

Theme = TBA

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