



TEXAS NORTH STAR SAMS

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MARCH NEWSLETTER



The President's Corner



Darrell took the month off to go camping... he thought you may want to take a look at this website in preparation for our October trip to San Antonio.

<http://thesanantonioriverwalk.com/RiverwalkHistory/index.asp>

"The River Walk F.A.Q"

- [What does "Paseo del Rio" mean?](#)
- [Is there a fee to go to the River Walk?](#)
- [When and who drains the River Walk every year?](#)
- [What is the average weather in San Antonio?](#)
- [How do we get a boat ride?](#)
- [What is the cost of a boat ride?](#)
- [How long are the boat rides?](#)
- [Is there a place to get married on the River Walk?](#)
- [Where does the river end?](#)
- [Is there a river taxi?](#)
- [How do I get a dining boat?](#)
- [Where Can I Park my RV or Bus Downtown?](#)
- [Can you bring your dog to the River Walk?](#)

I had no idea there was a place to park your RV on the River Walk... Who knows what we may discover by October.

Jim

2009 Officers:

| | <u>Elected</u> | | <u>Appointed</u> |
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| President: | Darrell Patterson | Newsletter Editor: | Jim Moller |
| Vice-President: | Tim Moran | Special Projects: | Del Duerr |
| Secretary: | Mary Sue Wells | Sunshine: | Sally Ford |
| Treasure: | Becky Moller | Chaplain: | Tami Patterson |
| Wagon Master: | Jerry Jones | Web Master: | Tim Moran |

From the Secretary:



Texas North Star Sam's

Minutes – March 21, 2009

Hickory Creek RV Park, Hickory Creek, TX

President Darrell Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Tami Patterson gave the invocation, followed by the group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Crums, Fords, Helwicks, Jones/Wells, Pattersons, Reids, Deb Safholm, Youngs.

Secretary's Report:

The February Secretary's Report was presented as distributed by Mary Sue Wells. Tami Patterson moved these be accepted as presented, Jim Reid seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Sue Wells. Jim Reid moved the report be approved as presented, Jerry Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Darrell presented copies of the two changes to the SOP's (which had been previously presented at a meeting and in the newsletter):

New Business:

- Darrell announced that the Samboree this year will be in Abilene. None of the members present are planning on attending.
- Darrell presented a request from Del Duerr that the group consider donating funds to the new Children's Advocacy Center in Greg's memory. It will open this summer on 407. This would be in lieu of flowers for Greg's service. Jackie will coordinate the donations. Deb Safholm put this into a motion, Herb Ford seconded. Motion passed.

Wagonmaster's Report: Reported by Jerry Jones

- Next camp-out is at Whispering Pines in Tyler. Members can sign up at the Meet & Eat or send Jerry an e-mail if they are not attending the Meet & Eat. After the M&E, he will follow up with any members who have not signed up or contacted him, then call the camp with the number of RVs that will be coming. Darrell said he will follow up with the hosts since they are not at the current campout.

Sunshine Report: Reported by Sally Ford

- Sally Ford announced upcoming birthdays: Sherry Moran March 23. That was it before the next campout.

Announcements:

- Sally Ford will have shoulder surgery next Friday, outpatient, about a 2 month recovery period.
- Lew Foitek is home and doing much better. Pat sent her thanks via Sherry Young for all of the visits, calls, etc.
- The Crums donated \$25 for their campsite to the group. They are in the Foiteks spot, and Lew did not want to be paid.

Darrell Patterson moved for adjournment, Sally Ford seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Sue Wells

Secretary

Who Goes There?

Jim & Marena Bailey

On 2/14/09 we left for a 9 day bus & train trip to & through the Copper Canyon.



We hit other high lights along the way (2300 miles) such as the John Wayne Ranch,



Pancho Villa's mansion, a large winery established in 1579, Tarahumara Indian caves,



the resort city Mazatlan on the Pacific ocean, lunch in a large room of a Mennonite home and some very neat hotels on the Canyon brink.



The there was a movie set at the John Wayne Ranch were 15 or so movies had been filmed.



Pancho Villa was shot to death in 1926 while driving his 1923 Dodge Brothers Touring Car. I have enclosed some pictures of the 50 bullet holes in the car.

Becky & Jim Moller

We flew to St. Louis, MO for a memorial service for my Mom and missed the March campout. We were reminded, one more time, that flying is not that much fun these days. We got to see most of our Missouri and Arizona relatives and got one of them to take a picture of us and our two sons in a "well dressed" moment.

Jim



Neat Stuff from Herb:

<http://www.rvcookingshow.com/>

My very first thought was... Yeah, Sure, another RV web site... Big deal.

Well... It is kind of a big deal. It is one of the neatest, most comprehensive, seemingly non-commercial sites I have looked at and I appreciate Herb pointing it out. I will doubtless use pieces of it in our newsletter from time to time. Take a look... I'll bet you enjoy it.

Mark Your Calendar:

April 17-18 – Whispering Pines – Tyler, TX

May 6th - MG&E - Spring Creek BBQ - 570 E. Round Grove Rd. - 6:30 pm

May 15-16 - Thousand Trails – Gordonville

June 19-20 - Red River Ranch RV Resort – Thackerville, OK

For "The Rest of the Story"... See: "northstarsams.org"