



TEXAS NORTH STAR SAMS

AREA 17 – 2009

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

We camped at beautiful Thousand Trails near Gordonville, TX on May 15th and 16th. The weather was perfect, mild temperatures for Texas in May, and sunny skies with a few puffy white clouds. The Thousand Trails facility was wonderful and we had a great meeting room. The Reids and Jones/Wells's hosted this weekend and did a fantastic job. Jim Reid even spent most of Friday afternoon baking a huge batch of his world famous brownies. We had everything we could imagine to make it a wonderful weekend in the woods and hills of North Central Texas.

We were honored with a visit by Bob and Jan Sanders, a couple from the founding membership of Texas North Star Sams. We understand Bob Sanders actually placed the newspaper ad announcing the very first unofficial meeting of our group.



In honor of the Sanders past contributions to our group, Jim Reid made a motion that the group pay for their dinner Saturday evening since we were at a really nice restaurant and since the group was already bankrupt what could it hurt. When we could not find a second for Jim's motion the scene became a little tense, however, Jerry Jones was able to quickly restore order with a minimum of force.

We were fortunate to have ex-peace officer Jerry Jones on hand to quickly squelch the few, seemingly spontaneous fights that broke out between some of our members. This weekend he only had to use his infamous neck lock once which was quite a relief for some of us. This camp out seemed to spawn more than our usual share of these little spats... perhaps because we were without the inspired guidance of our leader, Darrell. Hopefully Darrell will make a quick recovery and be ready for our next camp out.

We were all relieved that no one chose to press the men's "Only Defeated Once in Recorded History" baseball team into yet another match with the all too predictable outcome. Perhaps the Friday night lightning strike on the LaTurners motor home, or the fire, diverted attention away from baseball.

Allan is making giant steps toward a complete recovery. According to Laura, his quick recovery is probably just a result of his superb physical condition at the time of the lightning mishap. Laura says he has fully regained use of his left arm although he still has brief periods when it involuntarily points skyward. Otherwise he has made great progress and his speech is nearly back to normal.

Elected Officers

President:

Darrell Patterson

Vice President:

Tim Moren

Secretary:

Mary Sue Wells

Treasure:

Becky Moller

Wagon Master:

Jerry Jones

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor:

Jim Moller

Special Projects:

Del Duerr

Sunshine Chairman:

Sally Ford

Chaplain:

Tami Patterson

Web Master:

Tim Moran

We had a brief business meeting on Saturday morning while we all watched one of the most glorious sunrises in history. As usual, Mary Sue carefully documented the proceedings, although, there is concern that she may have found the two liters of cooking sherry in the newly restocked group camp out totes. All considered, we accomplished a great deal, in a short time, with no elected leadership whatsoever. We should be proud.

Secretary's Report:



Texas North Star Sam's Minutes – April 16, 2009 Thousand Trails RV Park, Lake Texoma, Texas

Present: Baileys, Crums, Mollers, LaTurners, Reids, Jones/Wells

Guests: Bob and Jan Sanders (former TNSS members – we now know -all about how the group started)

Jan brought a great dessert though, and that made up for the impromptu one hour dissertation on the history of TNSS. The group all agreed that Bob had chosen well in his former profession (see next paragraph).

In the conspicuous absence of our leader, the secretary called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Our guest Bob Sanders gave the invocation. Being a Baptist minister, this took 20+ minutes. The chairperson finally interrupted him, the group amen'd, and that was it. The group recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag in the normal amount of time.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report was presented as corrected by Mary Sue Wells. Mary Sue had put in a wrong anniversary, and the group decided that putting these in was silly anyway, so Jim Reid moved to eliminate birthdays and anniversaries from being announced in the future. Jerry Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Becky Moller presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance: \$408.37. Mary Sue Wells presented a receipt for restocking the group totes. The good news is that the group now has a Starbuck's Espresso/Latte Coffee Maker and Cuisinart Juicer. The bad news is that the bill was \$549.22, and the club is temporarily bankrupt. Becky burst into tears as she was sure the club would think this was her fault. The chairperson asked her to get herself under control which she kind of did but not totally. No one knew that Becky gets these really loud hiccups after she cries, but we do now. Jim Reid moved the report be accepted as presented, Jerry Crum seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

There was a general discussion about who was the oldest person in our group. Other than that, there was no old business.

New Business:

Laura LaTurner suggested that we impeach our President for missing the campout. Marena Bailey stated that she thought that was pretty drastic. A fight ensued between the two. There was not a clear winner, but Marena definitely got the worst of it

Jerry Jones announced that he had a great idea for the group's long trip in 2010. The chairperson Wells told him to sit down and wait until it was his turn to present the Wagonmaster's Report. The argument that followed was not pretty.

Faith Crum suggested that the group start serving more Philippino food at our campouts. It was better for us all, and (she stated), several of us could stand to lose a few pounds anyway. Jerry Crum told her he was in excellent shape so she couldn't be talking about him. A fuss ensued, and the two had to be separated by former police officer Jerry Jones who had been waiting for just such a chance to show off his neck lock.

Jackie Reid asked if the group was going to reimburse her for the \$165 that she spent last night when she had to take her sweet little Chopper to the vet after he was bitten by a turtle at the campground pond. Marena (who could barely talk due to the previous encounter with Laura LaTurner) noted that her Jim had gotten a snakebite the previous evening and they hadn't gone to the doctor, and that she thought Jackie over reacted about that turtle bite. Again, former police officer Jerry Jones had to break up the scuffle and restore order to the meeting. All agreed he was doing a great job and he seemed very pleased that we all noticed.

Allen LaTurner reported that their RV had been struck by lightning during the previous night's storm. There was no apparent damage to their motor home; however, Laura was told by the park ranger that there had been numerous complaints about their horn going off every 20 minutes or so the rest of the night. Allen noted that he had not heard a thing, that he still could not hear anything, and Laura said this was probably due to the lightning striking so close to his head.

Faith Crum seemed to have forgiven her Jerry by this time, as she stood up and announced that the first day they were at the campground, a coyote has snuck up on her while she was out jogging with her puppy Bella. Jerry was out in the yard by their RV and saw the coyote running away with Bella. He chased the coyote through the woods, and soon returned victorious with Bella in hand, and they decided that they would live happily ever after. She wasn't sure what had happened to make them argue earlier in the meeting today, but they were going to make up now and resume their happy life. Jim Reid moved that they do this, Jim Moller seconded. Motion passed.

Becky Moller asked what we were going to do about the three holes in the windows at the Adult Center that she accidentally had made the previous evening during the group's baseball game. The group agreed that the cost for fixing these should be divided between all the member couples (including those not present), and that Becky needed to get some pitching lessons before she can play again. Jim Moller said he felt this was a great idea, as he has spent hundreds of dollars fixing windows at their house when she has thrown things at him. Jim Reid moved that all member couples be assessed their share of the expense of fixing the three windows and that Becky can play baseball again once she presents proof of completing some pitching lessons. We think Allen LaTurner seconded, he kept raising his hand anyway. Motion passed.

Wagonmaster's Report:

Jerry Jones suggested that the group consider taking a trip to Banff, Canada for their long trip in 2010. Mary Sue has been bugging him to go there, and he felt this was a way to get her to be quiet about this. Jerry Crum asked how far this was, Jerry said he had looked this up and thought it was about 2200 miles one way. After a lengthy discussion, Jim Reid moved that the group go to Banff for their 2010 long trip, Faith Crum seconded. Motion passed.

Special Projects Report:

Jackie Reid told the group that she has spoken with a fireworks distributor who has a booth down near Waxahachie. The group can make up to \$2000 for manning the booth for the two weeks prior to July 4th (actually includes July 4th). She did this after Mary Sue told her how much she had spent re-stocking the host totes. Two couples will have to be there at all times (24 hours a day for 14 days). Jim Reid moved that the group take on this project, Jim Bailey seconded. Motion passed. Jim Bailey then announced that he and Marena are leaving town June 15th for 2 months, and he is really sorry they can't help. Jackie passed around a sign up sheet and all the day shifts are now taken. That leaves the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shifts for those who were not at the meeting.

Sunshine Report:

Everyone agreed that Sally will most likely be very happy to know she doesn't have to keep up with those birthdays and anniversaries anymore.

Meet & Eat:

There was a general discussion about whether the group wanted to continue to eat out or start eating at the hosts' home the month of the campout. Jim Reid moved that as of August (that is after he and Jackie host again) we start eating at the hosts' home, Laura LaTurner seconded. Motion passed.

Webmaster Report:

A suggestion was made that we start making a movie at each of our campouts and this be included on our website. Jim Reid moved that we do this, Jim Bailey seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Moller announced that he was tired of doing the newsletter every month, and suggested we have an annual edition instead. Jim Reid moved that we do this, Becky Moller seconded, stating that she has a long honey dew list of things Jim can do instead of that newsletter. This seemed to give Jim second thoughts, but the motion passed anyway.

Announcements:

Our group has been banned from any further campouts at the Thousand Trails campgrounds. Jerry Jones noted he thought it probably was because of the fire. He also asked if anyone knew an attorney we could recruit to join our group as we will need one before the August hearing. Jim Reid moved that we find an attorney to join our group, everyone seconded in unison. Motion passed.

Jackie Reid announced that it was just as well that we couldn't come here again, as their Thousand Trails membership and Jerry Jones/Mary Sue Wells's memberships had been revoked as of the end of this week-end. She had no idea why, but that lady seemed really upset when she stopped by to tell them.

Jim Reid moved that the meeting be adjourned, Marena Bailey seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Sue Wells, Secretary

***Meet, Greet & Eat
Happenings:***

Steve... Newly appointed spokesperson for a well known line of Men's Hair Care & Restoration products, chats with our, obviously intrigued, long lost visitor, Larry.



Business Opportunity:

Mechanical Genius/Small Car Enthusiast Tim and, Marketing Expert/Avid Fifth Wheel Champion Herb have joined forces and are planning to produce “**The World’s Strongest Small SUV Hitch.**” A clever device, aimed squarely at the rapidly growing, more fuel efficient, small SUV segment.

Marketing Director Herb declares, “This single product will almost certainly, “**Move Fifth Wheeling Ahead by a Decade.**”

Some on the inside hint they are about to go public. You heard it here first!!!

Who Goes There:

Well... Apparently nobody went anywhere.

Coming Events:

June 19-20 - Red River Ranch RV Resort - Thackerville, OK - Hosts: Moran/Safholm

July 12 or 19th - Country Place Clubhouse - Carrollton, TX - Hosts: Reid/Young/Jones/Wells

August 21-22 - Caney Cove RV Resort - Malakoff, TX - Hosts: Lutirck/Moller

The Rest of The Story...

See: northstarsams.org

