



TEXAS NORTH STAR SAMS AREA 17 - 2010 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

On October 15th & 16th, the Texas North Star Sams camped at Fort Richardson State Park in Jacksboro, TX. Fort Richardson gained national recognition as the site of Tim & Sherry's very first RV camping adventure. We understand there were still occasional Indian raids on the fort back then.

Tim & Sherry along with Laura & Allen LaTurner were our camp host's for the weekend, the weather cooperated, and we had a great campout. Saturday dinner was special as Tim, recently back from a famed English cooking school, spent hours lovingly preparing a "Boiled Ham" main course for us.

Several prospective member couples joined us for this campout and we had to biggen the circle around the campfire a little so we could all fit. Apparently everyone felt there was enough room as most couples also planned to attend the November campout at Whispering Pines. We look forward to them becoming a part of our group.



David and Ellen Greenspan, Doug and Carolyn Martin, Al and Bess Amaral, and Stanley and Peggy Tanner have all recently expressed interest in our group.

All four couples joined us for the weekend at Fort Richardson SP. It was nice to have new faces, interests, and ideas. We look forward to seeing them at our future gatherings.



2010 - Elected Officers
President: Darrell Patterson
Vice President: Tim Moran
Secretary: Debbie Safholm
Treasurer: Becky Moller
Wagon Master: Allen & Laura LaTurner
Appointed Positions
Newsletter Editor: Jim Moller
Special Projects: Del Duerr
Sunshine Chair: Sally Ford
Chaplain: Tami Patterson
Web Master: Tim Moran



Right: On Saturday our group overwhelmed the local Jacksboro lunch joint.

Since our social calendars were open for the day we just stuck around and enjoyed the company. Eventually... lunch was served.

Below: After lunch, the card game got going and Jim Reid seems far too happy here.



Above: Dan and The Greenspans get settled by the campfire along with The Youngs and Tanners over there to the right.

Below: The largest ring around the campfire we have had in... well... maybe, ever. Fort Richardson is a neat facility, and the weather cooperated perfectly for the weekend.





Dave & Kathy were back with us after another summer work camping, this time on the Chesapeake Bay. Kathy won the esteemed TNSS photography award this year. Dave repaired the coach. (Maybe Kathy could have given some photo pointers here)

Below: Herb... still giddy after driving Darrell's big dually pickup to deliver the wood... tends the fire.



We elected our 2011 Officers while we were at Ft. Richardson. and they are:

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| President | - Sally Ford |
| Vice President | - Tim Moran |
| Secretary | - Mary Sue Wells |
| Treasurer | - Becky Moller |
| Wagonmaster | - Allen and Laura LaTurner |

In November... we camped at Whispering Pines, near Tyler, TX.

Lew & Pat Foitek were back with us after a long absence while Lew restored several Doctors to financial prosperity. We had missed Jerry & Faith for a couple months too, and we were glad they joined us at Whispering Pines. The Lutricks and Mollers were the host couples for November. Johnny spent hours fixing his famous brisket and Jim roasted a couple of turkeys for our Saturday dinner. Everyone else brought along something special and delicious; if anyone left hungry, it was their choice.



At the business meeting

on Saturday morning we voted in ***Al & Bess Amaral, Dave & Ellen Greenspan, Robert & Gayle Thomas, and Stanley & Peggy Tanner*** as our groups newest members. And then... before they had time to read a word of the document... we asked them to vote, along with the rest of us, on our revised SOP policy.

We owe ***Laura, Jerry, and Tim*** for all their work on the SOP revisions.



On Saturday afternoon, Patty & Becky had a pumpkin decorating project for the craft minded. Johnny and Herb's efforts were deemed "most creative" of the group.

Our New Couples could not know about the rich history of the, "***Only Defeated Once in Recorded History***" ***TNSS Mens Beanbag Baseball Team***.

The men take understandable pride in their amazing success, and at most campouts they tactfully to avoid those little challenges that seem always to lead to yet another defeat and heartbreak. It simply seems the right thing to do. Sometimes however... a challenge just can't be gracefully sidestepped.

So... When Becky, one of the ***Women's Team*** star pitchers, offered up this glistening, gold trophy in exchange, for one more chance to tarnish the Men's amazing record.. the challenge was accepted.

The playing field was set up. The close pitching line marked off for the Women's Team, and a far more distant line for the men.

And this time... the Women played a splendid game and have every reason to feel proud of their effort.

Of course, the final outcome of these little challenges is largely a foregone conclusion and, since it is just a game, just a game, we draw the curtain of charity on the actual score.







The TNSS Womens Beanbag Baseball Team.

What a group of troopers. Faith visually sums up their team spirit here. What a proud, determined group of players. The game was a really splendid effort on their part.

Other new business...

This year we plan to adopt another family from the school system. Darrell was given a list of items for us to purchase and deliver to him at the Dec. 12th party. Please don't forget to bring your items, as Darrell has to have them to the school by December 17th.

Coming Events...

Our Next Three Campouts...

Sunday, December 12th - Our Christmas Party - 3:30 pm at Country Place Clubhouse (west of Marsh Lane, north of Belt Line, in Carrollton). ***(There is a map on the website - look at "Coming Events" 2010)***

February 18-19, 2011 - Lazy L RV - Sherman, Tx - Sign up at Feb Meet & Eat - You will pay for your site upon arrival. Contact: Vicky or Larry Ray - 903-870-7772

March 18-19, 2011 - Bennett's RV Ranch - Granbury, Tx - Sign up at March Meet & Eat - You will pay for your site upon arrival. - Contact: Stacy Rist - 817-279-7500

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