



TEXAS NORTH STAR SAMS AREA 17 – 2010 MARCH NEWSLETTER

The third weekend of March, we gathered, for our first time, at the "Watt's RV Park" in Gilmer, Texas. This was a weekend of "firsts"... out first time at Watt's RV... our first professional after dinner show... and a first for "sunny blue sky's, then rain, and then snow... all during one weekend. The Fords, and the Youngs were our hosts for this memorable weekend. Somehow... They arranged for an after dinner performance, on Saturday evening, by the well known group "Steve and The Misfits" who, I understand, came from as far away as Oklahoma to strut their stuff for our group. We were simply stunned... just their travel cost must have been staggering. What a show we had though!!!



All the way from "The Sooner State", "Steve and the Misfits", doin' what they do so well!!!! Expensive... but they are showmen to the core!!! Sally says, "You only go around once you know."

After dinner and the fantastic show by "Steve and the Misfits", the Fords & Youngs offered a variety of games to help us wind slowly back down to the real world again. We divided into teams to "Pin the Sewer Hose on the Motorhome", "Shuffle the Plastic Cups", and "Toss a Ring Around the Sombrero". Becky, having found her "Ring Tossing Arm" last month was simply invincible at the ring toss event again in March.

2010 - Elected Officers

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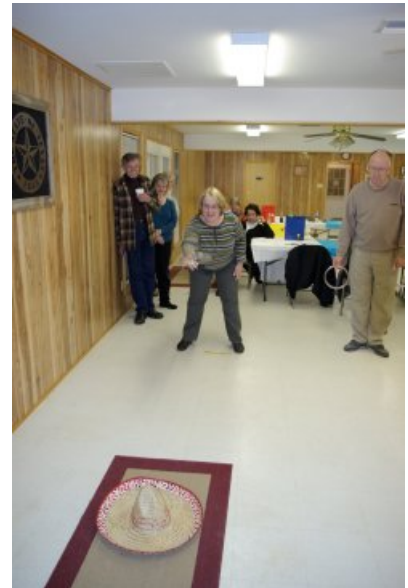
Tim Moran



Left above: Under the watchful eye of referee Herb... blindfolded Mary Sue is about to "pin the sewer hose on the motorhome". Right: Becky... with only two clues from Coach Dave so far, is positioned for a high score in the sewer hose event.



Allen and Del made a valiant effort in the ring toss event, however, there was little doubt that Becky would dominate the game. Her confidence was so high she refused her customary human window shields.



Below... Allen, Laura, and Steve almost coax the ever shy Herb into camera range.





Above: Jim seems to be asking, "I'm supposed to do WHAT with all these cups".



Above right: Mary Sue displays the style and confidence of an expert plastic cup shuffler.

Right: Making history here... Jerry is about to establish a world record for the most plastic cups dropped on the floor in a single day.



Above left: Here we are, eating well again. Below: Jackie seems nearly out of cards, I wonder if she is winnin'? Below right: Sadie taking Jim for a walk... it looks really cold out about now.





Left above: The Saffholms arrived days ahead of the campout to grab this prime waterfront site.



Right: Peanut and Tux pose in the Bluebonnets.



Left: Not one to be easily outdone... Mijo takes his shot at fame in the Bluebonnets too.

A few weeks ago Kathy sent a rare email about her son Ron. Here is an excerpt of the article.

Law360, New York (March 23, 2010) -- With clients such as Blockbuster Inc., FedEx Office, The Hertz Corp. and Greyhound Lines Inc., and a record of bringing in \$5.3 million in business in 2009, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC shareholder Ron Chapman Jr. has earned a spot on Law360's list of 10 rising stars among employment law attorneys under 40.



Chapman, 39, has risen through the ranks at Ogletree so quickly that he leapfrogged straight from an associate to an equity shareholder, skipping the intermediate step of nonequity shareholder.

In just 10 years at Ogletree, Chapman has defended clients in more than 25 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands in class and collective actions. I'm impressed... but, knowing Kathy, not surprised.

The Great Debate...

I know that we have debated the pros and cons of motorhomes vs the 5th wheel or pull trailer, but I have another positive for the motorhome. When the dog throws up on you, at least you can go to the bedroom and change without stopping and you have easy access to water and cleaning supplies. Thank goodness the seats are leather.

Laura



Left: Since he graduated from the American Campground Owners Association course in advanced trailer manuevering, Herb always attracts a crowd when he arrives. Sometimes he waits until night to park, just to avoid all the spectators.

Right: Jim... about to start his first autocross event. He drove a friends 1990 Miata in the Texas National Tour at the end of March. Let's just draw the "curtain of charity" on the results.



Left: Sunday morning in Gilmer, Texas

Below: Del made this picture, "Homeward Bound in a Blizzard", I like it.



A Reminder...

*Please keep Sherry & Steve in
your thoughts and prayers.*

Coming Events...

Our Next Three Campouts...

April 30-1 Bluebonnet RV Park Terrell 972-524-9600 www.bluebonnetrv.com

May 21-22 Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX 940-644-5240 - Sign up at May Meet & Eat. You will pay for your site upon arrival. Contact: Marcella

June 18-19 WinStar RV Park Thackerville, OK 1-580-276-8900 www.winstarworldcasino.com/ Sign up at June Meet & Eat.

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