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## Bluebonnet Travelers

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Texas Wine Country Rally in Fredericksburg  
August 24 - 28

Fun, fun, fun! The August rally was held at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Resort Texas Wine Country. Lots of BBT's have been on the road this summer, so we were very excited to catch up with 12 couples to share stories. The Clyburn's and Sak's hosted the Caywood's, Farley's, Krobath's, Pyles, Keener's, Bumpus', Holmes', Pearson's (Tommy & Shirley), Rochford's and Roberts'.

Of course, food is always one of the big hits and this rally did not leave anyone hungry. Since this is German country, Thursday night was sausage with lots of salads. Friday was a "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner" and Saturday everyone found out how to make a "Haystack".

The area around Fredericksburg has so many things to do, especially this weekend. It was the Annual Gillespie County Fair. Lots of shopping, the Admiral Nimitz Museum (National Museum of the Pacific War), and numerous Texas vineyards and wine tastings. There was never a lack of things to do.

On Friday, the BBT's selected between the two activities. First a parade, complete with polished garbage trucks. And second, a wine tour visiting 4 vineyards and lunch at the old market in Hye. Both groups had lots of stories and adventures to share. In the evening, there was a Texas Trivia game to test memories, or lack thereof. Competition

was stiff. Deb and Dave Krobath and Pat and Bill Bumpus came from behind in the third round to win. Their prizes were handmade embroidered kitchen towels for their RV's.

On Saturday, everyone was on their own until a "blind wine tasting" before dinner. Participants tasted and scored a variety of red and white wines and the winning wine overall was a surprise - Barefoot Pinot Grigio.

All in all, a good time was had by all. Just ask any of the attending members.

## Upcoming Campouts

1. September 9 - 11, Invitation to Nor-Tex Travelers at I-35 RV Park near Waco. For more information please contact Celia Reid at (940) 391-6502.
2. Texas "W" - October 21 - 23 at Guadalupe River RV Resort in Kerrville. Be sure to register before October 1st for a discounted rate. The registration form needs to be mailed in and is located online at [http://www.texasw.org/schedule/reg\\_october\\_2016\\_rally.pdf](http://www.texasw.org/schedule/reg_october_2016_rally.pdf)
3. November 17 - 20 - Brazos Valley RV Park in Caldwell, TX, hosted by Marty and Shirley Pearson with their husbands
4. December 11 - Christmas Luncheon with location to be determined



A little fun at the Fat Ass Ranch & Winery.....



The ladies got some honking from the highway...Alice, Deb, Debbie, Ann, Connie, Susan and Carolyn.

**Please check out the Birthday and Anniversary document Harry Farley sends out to review all the Summer Members.**

### **September**

#### **Happy Birthday**

Dave Krobath - 9/11  
Robert Webster - 9/16  
Sue Kibbe (H) - 9/20

#### **Happy Anniversary**

Till's (H) - 9/13 - 64 years  
Keener's - 9/15 - 32 years  
Bradbury's - 9/19 - 35 years

### **PAULA DEEN'S Italian Pasta Salad**

Ann Caywood adapted this recipe for Salad Night at the rally and lots of members wanted the details.

#### **Ingredients:**

1/2 tsp salt, plus more for seasoning  
1 lb. bow tie pasta  
1 c. balsamic vinaigrette dressing  
1/4 c. mayonnaise  
1 T. sugar  
2 c. halved cherry tomatoes  
1 (4 oz.) can sliced mushrooms, drained  
2/3 c. pitted kalamata olives  
1/2 diced green bell pepper  
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
Grated parmesan, for topping

#### **Directions:**

Cook pasta according to package directions. While pasta is cooking, in a small bowl, whisk together the balsamic vinaigrette, mayonnaise and sugar. Drain pasta and transfer to large serving bowl and let cool. Add the tomatoes, mushrooms, olives, green pepper, salt, to taste and black pepper. Pour dressing over the salad and toss to combine. Sprinkle with cheese and toss lightly.

Ann suggests doubling the vegetables and add carrots and celery as an option. Fresh basil for garnish is a nice touch. You can also substitute store-bought Caesar dressing (less mayo and add lemon juice).

This recipe yields 6 to 8 servings.

