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MANY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are keeping the spirit of Christmas alive until January. Special songs, festive décor, and a taco bar are just part of the fun. Registration form in this newsletter and at TexasW.org.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

President's Letter

Howdy!

What an exciting Texas W State Rally in Mineola! Not only were there 55 coaches, but 14 couples were from 7 states outside of Texas, 3 couples as 1st time guests, 2 honorary couples and 3 new members. It was so good to see old friends and meet new ones. A big thank you to you all for attending!

It was a blast. One of the events was a Photo Scavenger Hunt with tasks like "Dance with a mannequin" to "Two items embarrassing to buy at the same time". There were official judges, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Brett Kavanaugh (Tim and Tricia Bradbury) and they had quite a task picking out the best photos for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team. You can check out all the photos on the Texas W Facebook page under Events, Scavenger Hunt.

Then we had lots of games, including the very competitive Bean Bag Baseball. If you have never played or watched, make sure this is on your list for the next rally.

And finally, we had the group "Shake, Rattle and Roll" to entertain us. They did an excellent job of interacting with the crowd and getting everyone involved.

You won't want to miss the next event planned. It's going to be in Lake Livingston at the Onalaska KOA, January 16 – 19, 2020. Join us for "The Many Days of Christmas". Look for more information about the January Meeting on www.texasw.org.

Safe Travels and Happy Holidays.....

Debbie Sak

Schedule for more Texas W Club Fun

Winter Meeting

January 16-19, 2020

LAKE LIVINGSTON / ONALASKA KOA

15152 US Hwy 190 West

Onalaska, TX 77360

Spring Meeting

April 17-19, 2020

Braunig Lake RV Resort

13550 Donop Rd

Elmendorf, TX 78112

Fall Rally

October 15-18, 2020

Mitchell Resort & RV Park

2730 FM 2210

Perrin, TX 76486

Just a little tip for our January rally....

The theme is The Many Day of Christmas and (you guessed it!!) we will be decorating for Christmas!! SO...when you are going through your Christmas decorations or getting ready to store them away, NOW is the time to hold out the ones that you are ready to let go. I am pretty sure you will have a chance to ~~unload~~ rehome them in some way at the rally!!!

Oh, and that new gift that you really don't want to return can be used for the gift exchange. More information will be forthcoming.

—Tricia Bradbury



Remember April 4-5, 2024 there are plans to have our spring meeting that weekend so you can stay over to see the next **Total Solar Eclipse** in Fredericksburg, Texas, at the Yogi Bear RV Resort.

CHAPLAIN STILL NEEDED

Do you have a willingness to share an inspirational story/thought with your fellow campers?

Consider volunteering to be our chaplain and lead the Sunday morning devotional at the end of our gatherings.

Steve Ferguson served as Texas W chaplain for quite some time and would like to pass the job along to someone new.

If you have questions, contact Steve, chaplain@texasw.org. If you are willing to serve, contact Debbie Sak, president@texasw.org.



FEEDBACK ...I'M BEGGING YOU!!!

By Tricia Bradbury

I'm hearing crickets!! I SO would like feedback. Getting none, I have three ways to think about it...No one is reading the newsletter; Folks reading the newsletter are just happy there IS a newsletter and it's not them doing it; Folks reading the newsletter don't like it, but don't want to hurt my feelings.

It's hard to determine which may be the case.

This is OUR newsletter—not MINE!!!

Feedback is welcome even if it's criticism. I have thick skin.

NEWS FLASH: I do NOT need to be the lone reporter!! I strongly encourage YOU to submit info for OUR newsletter.

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Things to do in & around Onalaska

Teysha Vineyard (Huntsville)

Froggy Wines (Huntsville)

Museum of Texas Furniture (Huntsville)

Polk County Memorial Museum (Livingston)

HEARTS Veterans Museum (Huntsville)

Sam Houston Memorial Museum (Huntsville)

Raindance Designs (Livingston)

The Unique Mall (Livingston)

Good Golly Miss Molly's (Livingston)

Rudy's Honey (Livingston)

Texas Prison Museum (Huntsville)

Do you know something fun in the area?? Share it, please!!!



ONALASKA, TEXAS

Polk County, East Texas

30°48'28"N 95°6'24"W (30.807783, -95.106575)

Situated on a peninsula between the main channel
and one arm of Lake Livingston

Onalaska is on Farm Road 356 & US 190
by Lake Livingston

90 miles N of Houston

15 miles NW of Livingston (the county seat)

29 miles NE of Huntsville

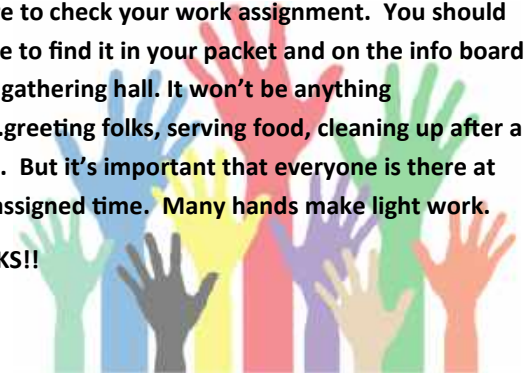
200 miles SE of Dallas

Population: 2755 Est. (2017)

Rally Reminder.....

Be sure to check your work assignment. You should be able to find it in your packet and on the info board in the gathering hall. It won't be anything hard...greeting folks, serving food, cleaning up after a meal... But it's important that everyone is there at their assigned time. Many hands make light work.

THANKS!!



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10% discount* on all retail Winnebago, Itasca and Winnebago Touring Coach RV Parts.

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Forest City, IA 50436

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How to find a certified Inspector when purchasing a used RV, Travel Trailer or Fifth Wheel

Texan RV Park is not only an rv park, but it is a campus for National RV Training Academy. The Academy offers several classes and seminars throughout the year.

A **5- day level one Inspectors certificate** class is offered. Once the course has been completed, the individual may be registered at NRVA, National RV Inspector Association.

[If you are looking to buying a used RV and you would like it inspected by a certified inspector, go to NRVA.com web site and locate the nearest inspector and make your arrangements](#) for the inspection.

National RV Training Academy offers a **3- day class for rv owners**. You bring your RV and stay on the campus grounds, Texan RV Park in Athens, Texas (254) 709-3251 for the Academy.



Group shot— we may be a motley crew, but we love to get together and have a good time!!

Guests from out of state



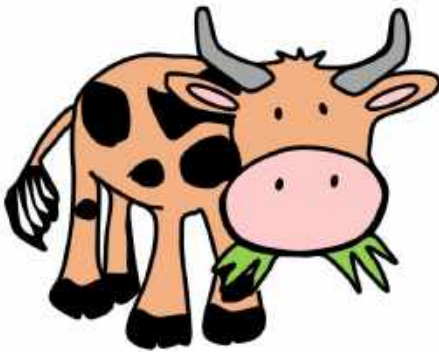
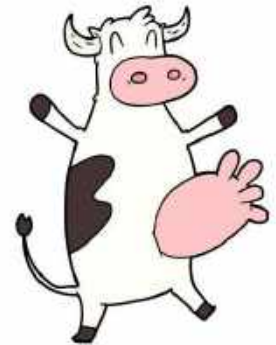
Newest **honorary members**, Carolyn & Bill Roberts, received their official certificate from President Debbie Sak (L).



**Pre-rally tour to The Waldo Way Dairy Farm
& Artisan Bakery**



Obviously folks were “udder”ly amazed!!



**And snacks at the end of
the tour!!**





Packing supplies for RV
Disaster Relief Corps



Sip & Shop



JOKER

SCAVENGER HUNT—A little something different



Some of the scavenger hunt photos verged on alarming!!





Special judging for the scavenger hunt entries by Tricia “Ruth Bader Ginsburg” Bradbury and Tim “Bret Kavanaugh” Bradbury



Judges with top scoring teams, Team Willie Nelson (Bluebonnet Travelers) and Team George Jones (Nor-Tex Travelers).





Ready for the hop!!



50s & 60s tribute show group, **Shake, Rattle, & Roll**



Audience
participation





SOCK
HOP





Newly elected officers for 2020 (L to R):

Debbie Sak, President; Laura Hooks, 1st Vice President; Marcia Mote, 2nd Vice President; Tim Sak, Treasurer; Ann Caywood, Secretary

We would like to thank Jack McAlpine for his service as secretary. Jack has retired and is moving his home base out of state. Happy travels, Orange!!

ONALASKA, TEXAS. Onalaska is on Farm Road 356 by Lake Livingston, ninety miles north of Houston in western Polk County. It was settled during the Republic of Texas period and was developed by William Carlisle about 1905. Carlisle, a lumberman, named it after an older mill town he also operated, Onalaska, Arkansas. The Beaumont and Great Northern Railway had reached Onalaska from Trinity County by 1907 and was extended to Livingston the next year. By 1908 Onalaska had a depot, a bank, a hotel, an electric power plant, and a population of 2,000. The West Lumber Company had purchased the sawmill by 1909, but flooding from the Trinity River and the cutting out of local timber led to the mill's closure. By 1913 the sawmill had been dismantled. Although Onalaska remained a fairly prosperous agricultural community, its first boom days were over; the population had declined to 1,250 by 1925 and to eighty by the late 1940s. Upon the completion of Lake Livingston in 1968, however, the local economy recovered somewhat because of the added recreational opportunities it afforded. Onalaska had only two rated businesses in 1961 but twenty-eight by 1984. That year the population was 386, and in 1990 it was 728. By 2000 the population reached 1,174. —from Handbook of Texas online

The story of how the name came to be is actually a bit controversial. You can find several different stories. There are towns named Onalaska in Texas, Arkansas, Wisconsin, and Washington. A new RV trip!! Visit all 4 Onalaskas!!!

Texas W State Rally
Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas
October 18-20 2019
General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Sak at 9:31 am on October 19, 2019.

Roll Call:

Chapter	Total # of Rigs	Total # of Rigs at Meeting
Alamo Winnies	18	3
Bluebonnet Travelers	28	11
Heart of Texas Winnies	27	9
Nortex Travelers	22	13
Rambling Rose	-	1

Additionally, Bluebonnet Travelers reported that there were four honorary members at the rally.

Officer Reports:

Secretary:

The minutes for the April meet were posted to the website. Minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer Report:

Contact Tim Sak for information

1st Vice President:

Ann Caywood reported that locations for all three 2020 meets and rally have been defined. They are:

January 2020 is in Onalaska KOA in Lake Livingston. The Bluebonnets are helping to plan this meet. The dates are January 16-19, 2020.

April 2020 is in Lake Braunig in Elmendorf. Heart of Texas is helping to plan this meet. The dates are April 16-19, 2020.

The October 2020 rally is in Mitchell RV Park in Perrin. Nor-Tex Travelers are helping to plan this meet. The dates are October 15-18, 2020. This is one week before the Louisiana State.

2nd Vice President:

Marcia Mote reported that 12 new members joined since the April meet. Also, 15 correspondence cards were sent to various members during this period. She also gave a report of our activities at GNR.

Presidents Report:

Debbie reports that Ann Caywood plans to step down as 1st Vice President. Ann was thanked for her services. She has always done a great deal of work to help plan the meets and rallies.

Also, Jack McAlpine will step down from Secretary to pursue other interests.

Debbie plugged the Intrepid charity program and encouraged everyone to donate.

New Business:

New officers for the 2020 fiscal year were elected. As head of the nominating committee, Mike Anderson presented the following slate of people who volunteered to run for the officer positions:

Debbie Sak – President
Laura Hooks – 1st Vice President
Marcia Mote – 2nd Vice President
Tim Sak – Treasurer
Ann Caywood – Secretary

Nominations from the floor were requested, none were made.

Susan Farley made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Bob Mote seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The officers were sworn in by the Area Representatives, Tammy and Stewart Smith.

LeAnn Horn is promoting “Texas W’s Got Talent” to showcase the interests of our group. Signup sheets were made available for anyone to designate their interest.

Caroline Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Farley and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jack McAlpine
Secretary Texas W Club

Green RVers (from goRVing.com)

RVers have always had a love of the outdoors. Almost 20% of RVers say they use solar panels to power some of their on-board systems. You can help preserve the great outdoors for future generations by following these conservation tips.

- Keep RV and tow vehicle engines well-tuned to conserve energy and reduce emissions.
- Always use marked RV campsites so as not to damage natural habitats.
- Recycle as you travel at the campgrounds or through community programs. Take note of local recycling categories; they may be different from those followed at home.
- Minimize the use of disposable dishes, cups and utensils. As convenient as they seem, they create an abundance of trash.
- Keep campfires small to minimize the amount of ash and pollution. Don’t put anything into the fire pit that will not burn.
- Observe fire rules, which may change daily with weather conditions.
- Use nontoxic cleaning supplies and tank additives.
- Where pets are permitted, keep them indoors or use a screw-in stake. Tying them to trees can damage fragile bark.
- Work with nature. In hot weather, use natural shade, awnings and canvas covers instead of the AC. In cold weather, park where the RV will be protected from north and west winds and warmed by sun exposure.

A recent survey showed that more than two-thirds of RVers minimize water use on trips, almost half recycle more on RV vacations than on other types and nearly half turn off home utilities before they hit the road.

In addition, 94% of all RVers travel with 2-7 people, meaning the vehicles get more people miles per gallon.

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN??

Sharing is a GOOD Thing!!

By Tricia Bradbury

Have you found an especially good RV park or attraction in your travels? Some of us don't yet get to travel extensively and would sure like tips to make sure we don't miss something really good when we are traveling through an area. You don't have to write a dissertation (unless you really want to). Just send the facts—name and location of the place a something about why you liked it so much. I'll re-search to get details and share them in future newsletters.

Weird is good, too. Largest ball of string, I'm looking for you. Already visited largest ball of twine.

Send your travel jewels to newsletter@texasw.org.



Tim & Tricia Bradbury with Salem Sue, the world's largest Holstein cow. She's 38 feet tall and 50 feet long and weighs 12,000 pounds. You can find her in New Salem ND.

Are you detecting a trend in our travel photos? Just point us in the direction of the world's largest anything!!



Tim & Tricia Bradbury with the world's largest pistachio sculpture at McGinn's Pistachio Farm in Alamogordo NM. It's 30 feet tall.



WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN??



Tricia & Tim Bradbury with a tire for a 190 ton truck at the Borax Visitor Center in Boron CA.

**Your photo and trip tips
could be here!!**

Send info to
newsletter@texasw.org

Please submit something!!!!



TX W Winter Rally

"Christmas in January"
Onalaska KOA / Lake Livingston
15152 US Highway 190 W
Onalaska, Texas 77360
January 17-19, 2020

Names of all registrants _____ WIT # _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____ ☐ Member / ☐ Visitor

Rig Length: _____ Slides _____ Power: ☐ 30 amp ☐ 50 amp Handicap? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ ☐ No Rig (staying offsite)

Friday & Saturday Night Camping and Meals:

Register by January 1, 2020:

1 rig / 2 people (basic) \$112.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 2 people (premium) \$125.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 1 person (basic) \$100.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 1 person (premium) \$112.00 \$ _____

Register after January 1, 2020:

Late registration fee \$10.00 \$ _____

Each Extra Person \$11.00 \$ _____

Early/Late Camping (basic \$44 / premium \$50 each additional night) \$ _____

2020 Texas W Dues (\$20 if not previously paid) \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for rally \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Texas W Club and mail it, along with this completed form,
to Tim Sak, TX W Treasurer, PO Box 16, Magnolia, TX 77353-0016

Note:

[Download campground map](#) to see premium sites, available on first-come first-serve basis.

Texas W Member annual dues for fiscal year 2020 were payable October 1, 2019. Rally attendees need to be WIT Club members in good standing, or Winnebago product owners who are guests of a current WIT Club member.



Premium sites reserved for our meeting are 75-80, 85, 86, 91 and 97. These will be available on a first come first serve basis.