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DOG DAY AFTERNOON

January 21-24, 2021
Lake Athens Marina & RV Park

Texas W is going to the dogs!! We are going to have a dog show, with a "Yappy" Hour and chili dogs for dinner. The registration is first come, first serve as we only have 25 sites reserved. Registration form in this newsletter and at TexasW.org.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear TexasW Members,

It is hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us and most of you are preparing for Christmas, trying to keep some traditions in our crazy times. We are decorating our homes and/or RVs, purchasing gifts (mostly online) for each other and wishing our family and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year through cards, social media apps like Facebook, Zoom, and Facetime or just making plain old phone calls.

Hopefully the COVID pandemic will come to an end and we all feel comfortable enough to socially gather with our fellow RVers in the new year. There are events planned for January, April, July GNR, and October. It is time to register for January if you want to come. If it is cancelled, we will refund your registration.

Please remember to check out our website, www.texasw.org for updated information or feel free to contact me anytime with suggestions and questions.

Stay Safe and Healthy - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Debbie Sak

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Schedule for more Texas W Club Fun

Winter Meeting

January 21-24, 2021

LAKE ATHENS MARINA & RV PARK

5401 Marina Dr
Athens, TX 75752

Spring Meeting

April 14-18, 2021

Buckhorn Lake Resort

2885 Goat Creek Rd
Kerrville, TX 78028

Grand National Rally

"Roadtrip to Hawaii"

July 26-30, 2021

Winnebago Rally Grounds
Forest City, Iowa 50436

Fall Rally

October 2021

TBD

Meeting? Rally? DID YOU EVER WONDER??????????

What's the difference between a TexasW Meeting and a TexasW State Rally? Is a Meeting a Rally?

Very confusing! As a way of distinguishing the difference, we have adopted calling the January Winter and April Spring events a "MEETING". Then the big event in October is called the "STATE RALLY".

At the October STATE RALLY, we provide more catered meals, sometimes have vendors, entertainment, a silent auction and lots of door prizes. It typically draws more out of state visitors and our WIT representatives. It's a big blow out....



PRAYING FOR A CHAPLAIN

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.

If you are willing to serve, contact Debbie Sak, president@texasw.org.



NO NEWS IS NOT GOOD NEWS

By Tricia Bradbury

This is OUR newsletter—not MINE!!! I'd love to have a little direction on what you'd like to see.

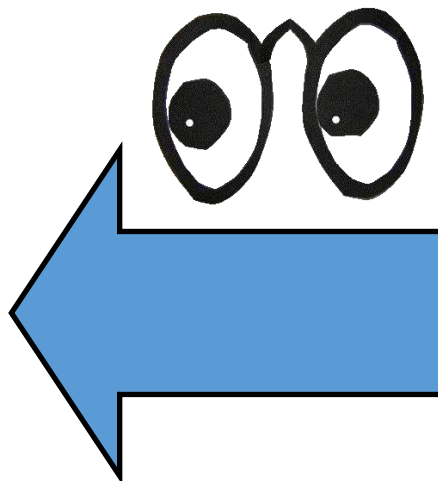
Feedback is welcome even if it's criticism. All opinions are valued.

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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Or send a text: 713-253-9023



Things to do in & around Athens

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center located east of the city on Lake Athens

Henderson County Historical Museum

East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society

Cedar Creek Reservoir located west of the city

Flossie's Antiques—an eclectic collection of antiques , home accents, art objects, garden decor and statuary

Athens Scuba Park is an all-inclusive dive facility

Love's Lookout - beautiful 30-mile vista to the East

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

ATHENS, TEXAS

Henderson County, Northeast Texas

32°12'10"N 95°50'57"W (32.202782, -95.849140)

36 miles west of Tyler at the intersection of Texas Highway 31 and Texas Highway 19 .

34 miles N of Palestine

72 miles SE of Dallas

197 miles NNE of Houston

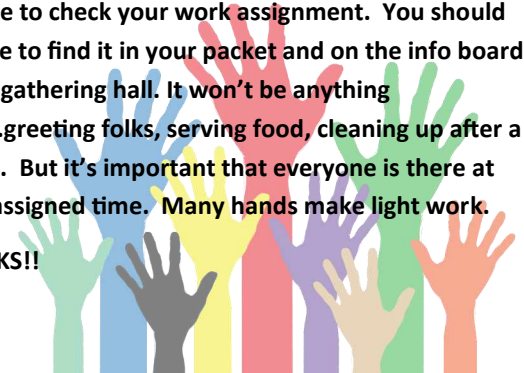
Population: 12,753 Est. (2019)



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!!



Lichtsinn RV

10% Discount for WIT Club Members on All Winnebago, Itasca and Winnebago Touring Coach Parts

At Lichtsinn RV we have great partnerships with many members of the [WIT Club](#) (formerly the Winnebago Itasca Travelers' Club) and strengthen that relationship by offering all members a

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

Since Winnebago Industries does not ship parts direct, we are your best option for having parts shipped directly to you as we are only 1 mile from the Winnebago factory. We ship nationwide and offer same-day shipping on in-stock parts.

Simply call **1-800-343-6255** to place an order or [click here](#) to request a quote online.



**Discount may not be used in conjunction with any other offers. Does not apply to tax or shipping. Valid only on retail Winnebago parts.*

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 NRVIA, 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 NRVIA.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.

Editor's note: Info from full-timers Stacey & Phil of You, Me, and the RV says the certification course is fantastic. You do not need to intend to become a technician or inspector to take the course. You can just go for general RV knowledge. Every system is covered in depth.

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.



FUEL CARD FOR DIESEL PURCHASES

TSD Logistics is offering a discount card for diesel fuel purchases. Texas W member, Mike Ellerbrock, has had good results and shared this link to provide info:

[TDS Logistics fuel card](#)





October meeting at Mitchell Resort & RV Park in Perrin TX (now known as Great Escapes North Texas)

YeeHaw! Texas had a great rally in October. There were 33 rigs and one honorary member couple for a total of 64 people. We were so happy to have welcomed 3 rigs from Oklahoma. With lots of planning and cooperation from all attendees, we checked temperatures before entering the building, then masked up and sanitized hands before going through food lines. There were lots of creative toothpick friendly appetizers such as sausage links, meatballs, little cups filled with spaghetti and a meatball, and individual bags of snacks or cookies. We were certainly not lacking for food. The decorations were amazing with boot cutouts, a decorated boot contest, burlap runners, cowboy hats, a saddle setting to take photos – just over the top.

There were activities such as making a Happy Camper LED outside light, and adventures to gun range, Doss Heritage Museum and the historic town of Mineral Wells. We had a silent auction and a 50/50 ticket fundraiser, in which we raised over \$800 for the TexasW charity, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

For entertainment, we had a cowboy poet and then for the finale, Elvis was in the building. It was magical - there was so much love in the room, lots of couples dancing and enjoying being out having fun.

Down to business...link to October meeting minutes [here](#).



Six guns were traded in for
touchless thermometers



Happy Camper Craft



Proud Crafters



**Bean Bag
Baseball
Winners**



**Best Dance Moves—
Bobby & Marty
Pearson**

Best Western Wear

FYI...that saddle decor traveled fully setup as you see it inside Bobby & Marty Pearson's RV!! Marty was afraid she couldn't get it set up just right if she took it apart for travel. Bobby was relieved to have permission to be able to unsaddle for the trip home!!





Decorations being enjoyed by Ron & Sally Clyburn

Thank you, **Marty Pearson**, for coordinating the decorations team.

50/50 Ticket Sellers—Susan & Harry Farley



Above: **Elvis and his Girls!**



Right: **50/50 Ticket Winner—Barbara Latta**





Best Decorated Cowboy Boot winner:
new member Fran Simmons



**Touring Doss Heritage
& Culture Center in
Weatherford**





**Boot
decorating
contest
entries**





Members of Bluebonnet Travelers served as color guard. L-R: Tim Bradbury currently serves in Air Force Reserve, Bob Mote is Army veteran, Bill Worley is Navy veteran.



Terry & Carolyn Hughes debuted their newly wrapped 2020 Ford F150 pickup that now matches their RV thanks to Texas Truck Works



Thankyouverymuch, y'all!!





Some of our
cute couples





Mike Anderson swears in newly elected officers for 2021 (L to R):

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

We would like to thank Ann Caywood for her service as secretary. She and husband Tom have sold their rig and are off to new adventures.

Athens, Greece? Athens, Georgia? No, Athens, Texas!

Athens is a hidden gem in the Piney Woods of East Texas! Beef cattle, and poultry are chief farming enterprises. Nursery stock, timber, fruits, and vegetables are sources of income with some commercial fish farming. Athens is known as the "Black-Eyed Pea Capital", and is the official Home of the Hamburger. History claims that a man known as Uncle Fletcher Davis created the first hamburger in the late 1880's at a small café on the downtown square. According to legend, Uncle Fletch took his sandwich to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis where the sandwich was first introduced. The McDonald's Hamburger University has given this historic evidence their stamp of approval and in 2006 a bill was introduced into the Texas Legislature to make Athens, Texas, "Original Home of the Hamburger." So, the rest is history. Dallas Morning News columnist Frank X. Tolbert famously wrote about this history in Tolbert's Texas.

Athens, the County Seat of Henderson County, was established in April, 1846, four months after Texas was annexed by the United States. Created from Houston and Nacogdoches counties, Henderson County was named for J. Pickney Henderson, the first Governor of Texas. Athens was established in 1850 as the county seat and was officially incorporated in 1902. Athens was named by a step-daughter of one of the founding fathers, Dullcette Averiette, who had a vision that Athens would become the cultural center of the county and named Athens in honor of Athens, Greece. E. J. Thompson, County Clerk of Henderson County is credited with being the first citizen of Athens.

Athens is ideally located just 75 miles from Dallas, 35 miles from Tyler, Corsicana, and Palestine, and just 26 miles from Canton. The topography of Henderson County consists of rolling hills, with 32% of the county forested. Clay, loam and sandy soils make up the county, with all waters draining to the Neches and Trinity Rivers.

Athens has a rich background of prominent community figures from every ethnic background, walk of life, and religious affiliation. Athens truly is the cultural center of Henderson County!

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 research 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 triciabrad35@yahoo.com
OR newsletter@texasw.org.



This is what RVer friendship looks like!! On Tricia Bradbury's first solo RV outing she discovered a propane leak. Terry Hughes leapt into action and a new hose fixed things right up. Not seen in photo is Bill Worley standing at the ready with the special sudsy formula to make sure there were no more leaks.

Terry Hughes is always ready for a food challenge—this time the Mega Mel Burger at Mel's Country Café in Tomball TX



National WASP Museum in Lubbock TX is definitely worth the time

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN??

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

Send info to

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or

newsletter@texasw.org

Please submit something!!!!



Perhaps you like the offbeat...

Bluebonnet Travelers Alice Rochford and Terry Hughes were part of a group to visit the funeral museum in Houston TX



Perhaps you have a travel goal...

Leann Horn seems to be on a quest to visit every Buccee's!!!



TX W Winter Meeting

"Dog Day Afternoon"

Lake Athens Marina & RV Park
5401 Marina Drive
Athens, Texas 75752
January 21 - 24, 2021

Names of all registrants _____ WIT # _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____ ☐ Member - or - ☐ Visitor

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

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ ☐ No Rig (local lodging)

Friday (1/22) & Saturday (1/23) Night Camping and Supplies:

Register by January 4, 2021:

1 rig / 2 people \$115.00 \$_____

1 rig / 1 person \$95.00 \$_____

Register after January 4, 2021:

Late registration fee \$10.00 \$_____

Each Extra Person \$15.00 \$_____

Pre & Post Rally Camping Fees:

(Arrive before Friday and/or depart after Sunday)

\$40.00/night \$_____

2021 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:

Texas W Member annual dues for fiscal year 2021 are payable October 1, 2020. Rally attendees need to be WIT Club members in good standing, or Winnebago product owners who are guests of a current WIT Club member.