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## Mike Anderson President's Letter

Since the last newsletter, we have been to the Montgomery KOA for our April meeting. A good time was had, Card Bingo had many winners, some watched an excellent movie, and many games were played. The "stack the blocks" Jenga reached a record height. We almost needed a step ladder to add to the top. Some members completed a premeeting activity by visiting a Wolf Sanctuary nearby.

We are now busy getting ready to attend the Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa. Preparations are underway to again participate in the Annual "Puckerbrush Parade" in Forest City on July 15th. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate and participate in the Pucker Brush parade. Have you always wanted to be in a parade? Now is your chance. Help us decorate the float and come walk with us in the parade. Wear your favorite Texas "duds".

Decorations are being prepared to compete in the Head of Row decoration contest at GNR and Texas W is aiming to win it again.

Activities at the "Texas Tent", for GNR, include a Continental breakfast on Tuesday morning, a "Texas Meal on Wednesday, and The Head of Row Party on Thursday. We will be preparing the head of our Texas Row for the Judging contest, and we will be participating in the GNR Row Party celebrations on Thursday evening.

Our next meeting is the Annual Rally and will be held in Mineola at the Civic Center. The Civic center is always a great host and provides a great facility. We are planning meals catered by the center, pre-rally activities, and some great entertainment. This year's theme is Halloween – get your costumes and decorations ready!

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*TEXAS W CLUB IS READY TO ARRIVE AND CELEBRATE **FABULOUS WINNEBAGO TEXAS STYLE** AT GNR 2017. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A GNR/PUCKERBRUSH WEEK OF FUN, THEN CALL NOW AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR TEXAS ROW AND JOIN THE FUN. SO MANY HOURS OF VISITING, GAME PLAYING, MEALS TOGETHER, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND VENDORS WITH THE LATEST LITTLE GADGETS. YOU CAN VISIT [HTTP://WITCLUB.COM/GRAND\\_NATIONAL\\_RALLY/REGISTER](http://witclub.com/grand_national_rally/register) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM OR CALL AND REGISTER AT 800-643-4892 EXT. 1.*

*THANK YOU, **DEBBIE SAK** FOR ACCEPTING THE LEAD POSITION FOR THE FLOAT AND THE END OF ROW PARTY DECORATIONS AND EXHIBIT. TEXAS W HAS WON THE END OF ROW FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS. GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING. IF WANTING TO HELP WITH THIS ENDEAVOR EMAIL **DEB SAK** AT [SECONDVP@TEXASW.ORG](mailto:SECONDVP@TEXASW.ORG). INTERESTED IN UPGRADING YOUR COACH, ENLARGING YOUR LIVING SPACE, OR MAYBE READY FOR A DOWNSIZE, THEN GNR IS A GOOD PLACE TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL. IF NOT READY FOR THE MOVE, THEN CRUISE THE NEW MODELS AND DREAM.*

**TEXAS CLUB**

**HEADED TO**





**FYI  
“From titan to  
twee, a move away  
from giant motor  
homes is paying off  
for Winnebago and  
other  
manufacturers.”**

*THE HEADLINE IN AN ARTICLE BY  
KYLE STOCK March 23, 2017 His  
article continued with....*

“The hot brands of the millennial moment—you can tick them off: Adidas. Snapchat. Winnebago.” “Winnebago’s profit margin has widened by two percentage points, thanks to the Grand Design purchase. “We couldn’t be more excited about the strategic financial and cultural impact this acquisition will bring to Winnebago,” CEO Michael Happe told analysts this morning.” “Shipments of towable recreational vehicles have increased by one-third in the past three years, according to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association. They now make up 87 percent of the RV market.”

**Summer fun in Forest  
City, Iowa at GNR 2017**

**July 17-22**

**Puckerbrush weekend is**

**July 13-16**



### Winnebago Industries

**WINNEBAGO GO LIFE NEWS** is a must add to your email read. Articles are informative and beneficial. You don’t want monthly emails with the travel tips then go to the web site and browse. I have learned many tips and places of interest for my next trip. Google **Winnebago Go Life**.

Way to go Winnebago this communication and membership

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a  
Part*

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The new WIT Club  
By-Laws are on the  
WIT website.  
You will also find  
the WIT  
membership  
benefits at this  
site. [Witclub.com](http://Witclub.com)

### THEY ARE HERE FOR YOU

The Owner Relations Department - Phone  
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Let this department help you work it out!

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Winnebago, P.O. Box 152  
Forest City, IA 50436

**Grand National Rally**

July 17-22, 2017

Forest City, Iowa

**Fall 2017 Texas W Rally**

October 20-22, 2017

Mineola Civic Center

Mineola, Texas

**Winter Meeting**

Jan 25-28, 2018

Skyline Ranch RV Park

2231N.Hwy16

Bandera, TX 78003

**Spring Meeting**

April 20-22, 2018

American RV Park

4345 W. Hwy 31

Corsicana, Texas

THE UPCOMING YEAR OF

**TEXAS CLUB**

FUN FUN FUN

**EDITED MINUTES for April Meeting:** Mike recognized current and former officers of Texas W Club. One former officer was in attendance as a special guest, Delilah Parsley. Other guest in attendance were Diane and Jerry Jones, Joyce and Barry Kibble, Barbara Reed and Patrice Hall. There were 34 rigs on the ground with Texas W Club now entertaining 94 rigs in the club. The current balance as of the meeting is \$21,687. The October Rally will be in **Minneola, Texas at the Civic Center**. The winter meeting will be in Bandera at the **Skyline Ranch**. Debbie Sak is working on a Texas W brochure to be given to new WIT members and as handouts in RV parks. Mike Anderson reminded the members of Texas W that as members of WIT you are eligible to take advantage of the **Michelin Advantage Program**. Savings could be as much as \$200 a tire. As chairman of the nominating committee, Gary Rigsby asked for anyone interested in being an officer to contact him.

If you would like to read more of the minutes, please go to [texasw.org](http://texasw.org).

**CENTER for the INTREPID**

\$	Winter 2017	Spring 2017					
3,000							
2,000							
1,800							
1,500							
1,000							
600							
400							
200							



Thank You Texas W for your generosity during the Texas W Club meeting in April. SILENT AUCTION. (\$405.00). \$101 donation. \$10.00 private donation. A check for \$516 was sent to the Center for the Intrepid.

**SPOOKY NIGHTS!**

**October Rally is a Halloween Theme!**  
**Table decorations made by Chapter**  
**volunteers, costume fun, a few contests to bring**  
**out the spooky inner child in us all!!!!**





*The Alamo Winnies did a two-part mini caravan in May 2017. Dave and Elaine Davis were the hosts. Eight rigs met in San Angelo, Texas at the San Angelo State Park for four days. The weather was perfect the entire time. We spent one morning at the International Water Lilly display at the local city park. Who would have thought such a park existed in this town? There was a variety of beautiful flowers at this free park with attentive staff caring for them and answering questions. The next day we took a one hour boat ride on the Tule Princess on Lake Nasworthy. The boat is a wood burning steam engine paddle wheel boat. The boat only carried fourteen passengers and 12 of them were from the Alamo Winnies! It was a fun way to see the lake with a lot of faster and sleeker boats speeding past us while waving and pointing at our 'little engine that could!'*

*We ate most of our meals at the campsite except for COOK's NIGHT OUT.*

*number one rated on Trip Advisor, where we could entrée along with of in house brewed beer.*

*Now you may think that this but it was only next adventure. Six rigs Canyon State Park the second*

*States, with only the Grand Canyon being bigger. It is located just outside of Amarillo and you can actually drive into the canyon and we camped at the canyon bottom. Wild turkeys and roadrunners visited us daily. One night had a full moon and we were serenaded by coyotes howling around midnight.*

*A group took a three hour 'jeep' tour. ( actually, customized open topped suburbans were used). Guides explained the terrain, animals and plants we saw and regaled us with the history of the canyon, including the cowboys, Indians, and the cavalry. This was one of the highlights of the trip. During the summer, there is a musical depicting some of the history of the area.*

*We also visited the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas. The exhibits are well maintained and very interesting. We drove through the Buffalo Lake Wildlife Refuge where we saw a variety of birds and the fastest ornamental box turtle we've ever seen, though the lake has disappeared. Our last night at the park included a trip to the Jack Sizemore RV Museum where there's a large display of various types of RVs, from tag-alongs from the 1930s to early Winnebagos. One of the Motorhome's from the movie RV with Robin Williams was on display. Big Texan Steakhouse, if you can eat a 72-ounce steak and all the accompanying sides, your meal is free. No one from our group even tried to do it, but we still had a fun meal.*

*by Martha Davis, Alamo Winnies*



## Members on the GO!



*at the campsite except for For that evening, we chose the San Angelo restaurant as listed*

*the Zero One Ale House, pick our favorite sampling a large selection*

*was a fun trip in itself, the jumping off place to our proceeded on to Palo Duro largest Canyon in the United*



**MEMBER**



**Wolves, Italian Dinner, Games,  
Meeting, and Friends were all in  
Montgomery and Lake Conroe area.  
Great stay at the Lake Conroe KOA**



**St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary**



**Thursday**





FRIDAY

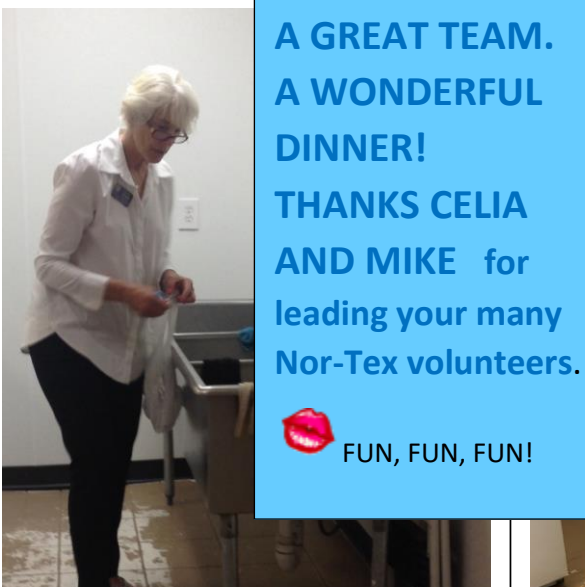
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ITALIAN DINNER  
WAIT STAFF  
AND CHEF



FINE DINNING ITALIAN STYLE1  
Cheers to you Ann!



A GREAT TEAM.  
A WONDERFUL  
DINNER!  
THANKS CELIA  
AND MIKE for  
leading your many  
Nor-Tex volunteers.



FUN, FUN, FUN!



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## JUST A FEW MORE TREASURES

