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GNR—Grand National Rally

Forest City, IA

July 22-27, 2019

GARDEN PARTY

*Be smarter than the average bear.
Come join your Texas W Club friends
at North Texas Jellystone Park in
Burleson for the spring meeting!
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The 2019 TexasW RV season is off to a great start. The Fredericksburg "German JanuaryFest" was so much fun - food, friendship, games and yes, WINE. The weather was typical for Texas, ever changing. It was warm, cold, a little rain, but overall, I would say it was great. There were over 60 people and we missed those members that could not make it. The pictures in this newsletter will memorialize the event.

Ricky Nelson sang about a "Garden Party" and that is our theme for the Spring meeting in Burleson, April 26 thru 28. You will want to sing - "I went to a Garden Party - to reminisce with my old friends", "People came from miles around, everyone was there."

Our membership is growing, and we want to continue this success. There are 18 new members, largely due to word of mouth and social media posting by members. Several Facebook pages are available: Texas W Club, WIT Club – Winnebago International Travelers, Winnebago/Itasca Class A Diesel Pushers Owners Group, and Bluebonnet Travelers. There are probably lots of others, these are just the ones that come to mind. At the Spring meeting, we hope to have a session on using these social media sites to your benefit. Another reason to attend in April.

Let's not forget GNR, July will be here before you know it. Texas shows up big giving you the opportunity to not only participate, but fun with old friends and meet new ones. TexasW will be in the parade, have a tent at the Texas Head of Row, and host a dinner for all Texas attendees. Hope to see you there!

Life rocks when your living room rolls.....

Debbie Sak



Schedule for more Texas W Club Fun

Spring Meeting
April 26-28, 2019
North Texas Jellystone Park
2301 S. Burlleson Blvd
Burlleson, Texas 76028

Summer
GNR
Winnebago Rally Grounds
Forest City, Iowa 50436
July 22- July 27, 2019

Fall Rally
October 17-20, 2019
Mineola Civic Center
1150 N. Newsom St.
Mineola, Texas

Winter Meeting
Jan 2020
You'll know more when
we know more!!

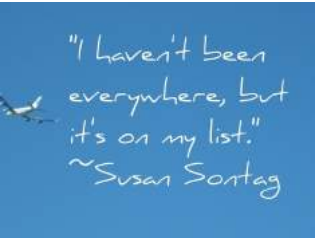
Sharing is a GOOD Thing!!

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 newsletter@texasw.org.



What's Up With The Newsletter???

By Tricia Bradbury

I'm sure you are noticing that the newsletter is just not the same. Mary Lynn Mahoney has done a great job for years, but was ready to pass the job along. So now you have me. Some format is the same. Some may be different as I learn. I am not new to newsletters, but am new to THIS newsletter. I'll be in learning mode for awhile trying to get things straight in my head about which information must go in each issue, what should not be in our newsletter, and what (if any) new things you'd like to see in our newsletter.

Feedback is welcome even if it's criticism (of the constructive kind, please).

Newsletter@texasw.org.

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.

Below: Honorary member Alan Rochford and Leann Horn, president NorTex, after a game of giant Jenga. You should have seen it before the rebuilding!!

CHAPLAIN NEEDED

Do you have a willingness to share God's love with your fellow campers?

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

Steve Ferguson has 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.



Edited Minutes from January 2019 Meeting

Texas W State Meet Oakwood RV Resort, Fredericksburg, Texas January 18-20, 2019 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Sak at 9:30 am on January 19, 2019.

The meeting began with the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of Texas. Leann Horn led a prayer.

Former State Club officers were welcomed and recognized.

Former Chapter officers were welcomed and recognized.

Current Chapter officers were welcomed and recognized.

Guests were welcomed and recognized.

Roll Call:

Total rigs on the ground: 31 rigs, 1 honorary member without rig

Chapter	Total # of Rigs	Total # of Rigs at Meeting
Alamo Winnies	16	3
Bluebonnet Travelers	24	11
Heart of Texas Winnies	28	6
Nortex Travelers	21	8

Officer Reports:

Secretary – No changes and minutes will be filed as written.

Rick Bailey made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Peggy Smith seconded this motion.

Treasurer Report:

Contact Tim Sak or Jack McAlpine if you are interested in seeing the treasurer's report.

The attendee rates for the April, 2019 meet will be:

\$100 for a 1 person rig. This covers 2 nights and 2 meals.

\$125 for a 2 person rig. This covers 2 nights and 2 meals.

Harry Farley and Clint Horn audited the Treasurer's books and found no discrepancies.

Peggy Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Susan Farley seconded this motion.

1st Vice President:

Ann Caywood reported that our April meet is at the North Texas Jellystone Park in Burleson, Texas April 25-28, 2019.

She mentioned that some of the local attractions in the area include the Burleson Tandy Leather Museum, the Japanese Gardens, and the Fort Worth Stock Yards.

Ann also talked about the GNR decorating contest. We are looking for winning ideas for our seventh year in a row!

The October Rally will be in Mineola on October 17-20, 2019. Debbie Sak found a great band for this rally: Shake, Rattle, and Roll.

2nd Vice President:

Marcia Mote reported that she sent out several condolence cards to various people.

She also indicated she was making invitation cards for the row party at GNR.

Webmaster Report:

Tim Sak is responsible for the Texas W website. He is making changes and incorporating data from the officer's portal to make more information available to members.

He requests each chapter to designate a person (or persons) to:

Update contact information for chapter members.

Update local chapter events.

He plans to have the new website live by the April, 2019 meet.

Presidents Report:

Under old business there had been a proposal to make the chapters responsible for organizing future meets and rallies. The decision was made to have chapters help find parks and caterers and identify local attractions that might be of interest.

For January, 2020 the Bluebonnets will have this responsibility.

For April, 2020 the Heart of Texas Winnies will have this responsibility.

For October, 2020 the Nortex Travelers will have the responsibility.

New business – Leann Horn and Tom Kovan made a motion that Texas W no longer provide coffee at the meets and rallies.

There was discussion that much coffee was being wasted – it would be made only to be poured out. The expense of maintaining fresh coffee and carrying of the coffee pots to every meet was burdensome. The motion passed.

A follow-up motion was made and seconded to donate our coffee pots to some charity. This motion passed.

Debbie explained that meeting duties were being done differently. Rather than have chapters responsible for specific duties these responsibilities are being assigned at registration. These responsibilities include meal hosting, cleanup, trash, parking, etc.

Mike Anderson is soliciting interest in an Austin Chapter. If you are interested in forming or being a member of an Austin chapter, please contact Mike Anderson.

There is a suggestion box placed on the registration table at every meet. If you have suggestions, please use it.

There was a suggestion from the floor to put dinner leftovers out for lunch the next day. This was adopted.

A collection hat was passed to collect donations for the Intrepid charity.

Harry Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alice Rochford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.



Getting into the spirit of the “Fest” theme.



You never know who you’ll run into at a Texas W rally—maybe Tom, Dick, & Harry!! Bluebonnet Travelers members Tom Caywood, Dick Streeter, and Harry Farley.



And games. Always games.....

(R) Peggy Smith, Donna Gacke, and new members Bryan & Billie Luhning

(L) Alan Rochford takes beanbag baseball seriously!!



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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 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.



For Thursday night dinner folks went to different restaurants then gathered back as a group to hear restaurant reviews—the good, the bad, and the delicious.



Heart of Texas members after decorating their table for our JanuaryFEST theme.

Notice the beautiful beer steins.



The word "stein" is of German origin. The etymology of the word is either from "Stein Krug" (meaning stone jug/mug) or from "Steingut" (meaning stone goods). Steins are mugs used for drinking beer. They can be made of earthenware, pewter, wood, ceramics, crystal, porcelain, creamware, silver, or glass. They have a handle and a hinged lid; are decorated and sometimes hand-painted.

Steins originated in the 14th century. As a result of the bubonic plague and several invasions of flies in Europe, Germany established laws to require beverage containers to be covered for sanitary purposes. Around the same time, techniques to improve earthenware by raising the firing temperature of clay, created stoneware. Thus, there was a presence of stoneware drinking vessels with attached pewter lids for the next 300 years. By the end of the 19th century, the stein was clearly defined as being made in Europe, primarily of stoneware and primarily with a permanently attached pewter lid. *From Steincenter.com*



Above (L): volunteers getting sausage ready to cook and splitting rolls.

Above (R): volunteers anxious to eat the sausage and split rolls plus all the other delicious things our members brought for the potluck.

Below: Very willing wine tasters.



For the blind wine tasting, we had some good, some bad, and some really bad.

These members brought the winners!!

(Below) White Wine - Lynn & Cindy Harris – new BBT members

(Right) Red Wine – Alice Rochford



Things to do in and around Burleson

Just a short list of ideas to get you started on your exploration of the area.

- Lost Oak Winery
- Sunset Winery
- Revolver Brewery
- Burleson Antique Mall
- Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- Japanese Garden at Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- Fort Worth Water Gardens
- Tandy Leather Museum & Gallery
- Amon Carter Museum of American Art
- Cattle Raisers Museum
- Cowgirl Hall of Fame
- Sid Richardson Museum
- Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame (western cowboys, not football)
- Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District
- Texas Civil War Museum



TX W Spring Meeting

"Garden Party"
North Texas Jellystone Park
2301 S. Burleson Blvd.
Burleson, Texas 76028
April 26-28, 2019

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 (staying offsite)

Friday & Saturday Night Camping and Catered Meals:

Register by April 1, 2019:

1 rig / 2 people \$125.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 1 person \$100.00 \$ _____

Register after April 1, 2019:

1 rig / 2 people \$135.00 \$ _____

1 rig / 1 person \$110.00 \$ _____

Each Extra Person \$25.00 \$ _____

Early/Late Camping (\$35 each additional night) \$ _____

2019 Texas W Dues (\$20 if not previously paid) \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for meeting \$ _____

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

Camping Arrangements:

All site reservations will be arranged by Texas W Treasurer using the information supplied on this registration form. The RV Park has requested that final payment be made by the club in advance. Therefore, **any last minute cancellations, after April 24, will not be eligible for a refund.** Check-in time is 1:00PM and Departure time is 12:00 Noon.