



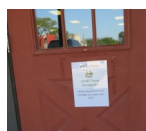
Smoke Signals

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June

The June rally was held at Skyline Ranch in Bandera. It has been a couple of



years since we have graced this area with our presence and they welcomed us warmly.

As is our tradition, Wednesday



early arrivals participated in the grilling ritual at the 11th Street Cowboy Bar.



Afterward, there was some dancing.

Prayer

Concerns

Joe & Dorothy Richey; Larry Simpson; Richard Goss



The aim of the rally was to welcome summer and the pink flamingos that very day, as did the heat!



did nicely

Thursday after dinner was a rousing game of Card BINGO. There were many winners but the largest single winner was Mellie Bratcher winning one and splitting one with Rhonda. Since Bob Bratcher also won a single game, the



Bratcher's were the 1st place winners closely followed by the Laymans with David winning one and splitting one and Rhonda splitting one.

Since we no longer go out for a group lunch on Friday, most everyone was looking forward to Friday evening at Twin Elm Guest Ranch. We did however, hold AAH prior to the off site evening festivities and Rhonda made



sure everyone had enough on which to snack. After dinner at the Guest Ranch,



some folks attended the Ban-



dera Rodeo instead of going on the hayride. Once again, you could tell that summer had arrived in South Texas.

Saturday dawned bright, but since breakfast is no longer on the agenda it wasn't necessarily early. Several folks decided to go out for breakfast and headed to OST (Old Spanish Trail) in town. Being Saturday, there were lots of other people in town. Guess they thought we had some older members who maybe used to own one of these.



Saturday between AAH and dinner, we played a game of BINGO in the shape of "B" on the card. Joeena Davis was the ultimate winner after a couple of mistakes.



After dinner since we had to put up the tables, we played LCR. It was an interesting game with Jack Allensworth running from one end of the table to the other in order to play for Cindy.



(She was helping clean up the kitchen) It looked for a while like she was going to win, but ultimately Larry Simpson prevailed and took home \$48.



Richard Goss was supposed to have been in attendance, but he had MH problems and sat on the side of the road for a couple of days waiting for a tow. The tow did not come, but on Saturday a semi sideswiped him and now he will be looking for a new MH. Thankfully he was not injured (except maybe his pride and nerves).

We also learned of a celebration. Joe Wright has a new wife, Martha, and is looking forward to folks meeting her in Gillette and Hutchinson. We have two members running for National Office. Rett Porter is running for FMCA president and Joe Wright is running for Senior VP. Let's wish them both lots of luck.

Everyone have a GREAT summer wherever your travels take you. Be safe and see you in Sept (bet that would make a great song title!!) at Wilderness Oaks in Rockport.





JUNE

Rick Starzyk
 Andrew Allen
 Jan Haslett
 Debbie Krobath
 Garth Cook
 Larry Gordon
 Sylvia Cernosek
 John Conwell
 Mark Scherback
 Craig Barham
 Bud Crosthwait
 Peggy Crosthwait

JULY

Rosie Cruz
 Pat Rothermel
 Lucy Cruz
 Rhonda Layman
 Doni Gordon
 Carsten Wiemken
 Claire Porter
 Neil Noffsinger
 Christine Bowman
 Sindy Smith
 Ron Stevenson

AUGUST

Mary Boggs
 Karen Hicks
 Cathy Sharpe
 Al Bowman
 Rick Lowrance
 Tricia Bagley
 Dick Kohrs
 Shirley Kelly
 Joann Cole



JUNE

Jamey & Joeena Davis
 Garth Cook & Shirley Kelly
 Gary & Sindy Smith
 Ron & Jodi Stevenson
 Rod & Pat Rothermel
 Van & Diane Melroe
 Baylor & Janet Randle (71)
 Neal & Leona Pleasant

JULY

Craig & Suzy Barham
 Jim & Beth Kincaid
 Gary & Linda Swindle
 Renato & Elizabeth Davia

AUGUST

Lane & Brenda Haviland
 David & Rhonda Layman
 Dan & Linda Eaton

NEWEST MEMBER



Our newest member is **Martha Wright**. Martha married Joe on 4 Jun 2021 so they are very newly-weds. She enjoys camping and was busy working until the pandemic so she doesn't have any hobbies as yet, but is looking forward to picking up tips from folks. Welcome to our family, Martha. We look forward to getting to know you.

Rally Sites

2021

Jan 14, 15, 16

~~The Vineyards RV Park
Fredericksburg, TX
WM-~~

Feb 11, 12, 13

~~Big Chief RV Resort
Burnet, TX
WM-~~

Mar 11, 12, 13

~~Coffee Creek RV Park
Santo, TX
WM-~~



Apr 15, 16, 17

~~Braunig Lake
Elmendorf, TX
WM- Rhonda & David Laymn~~

May 13, 14, 15

~~Onalaska/Lake Livingston KOA
Onalaska, TX
WM-Jamey & Joeena Davis~~

June 10, 11, 12

~~Skyline Ranch RV
Bandera, TX
WM- Rhonda & David Layman~~

Sep 9, 10, 11

Wilderness Oaks RV
Rockport, TX
WM-Larry & Doni Gordon

Oct 6-9 6-State

Hutchinson, KS

Oct 14, 15, 16

Coffee Creek RV Park
Santo, TX
WM-Jack & Cindy Allensworth

Nov 11, 12, 13

Buckhorn Lake RV Resort
Kerrville, TX
WM-



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RALLY ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Allensworth

Avella

Barham

Bratcher

Calvin

Davis

Gordon

Haslett

Layman

Nichols

Randle

Simpson

Wiemken

VISITORS





Check out the Passport America website for all the really neat caravans planned for the remainder of 2021. They all sound like a

lot of fun.



KOA members, did you know KOA now offers coupon savings for places like Jiffy Lube, Burger King, Interstate All Battery

Center and more? Check out their Mobile App. All you do is register your VKR # and you get lots of information.

Future Dates



The 103rd International Convention & RV Expo will be held in Gillette, WY 7-10

July, 2021. We have several members planning to make the journey.



SCA's 6-State gathering will be held in Hutchinson, KS, 6-9 Oct. Afterward,

make your way to Santo, TX for our

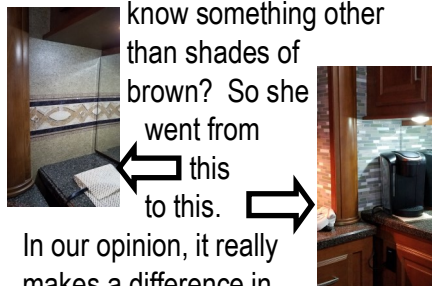
Oct rally being held at the Coffee Creek RV Resort. The Avellas are planning to attend, is anyone else?



TIPS & TRICKS WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

The Avella's sometimes think they should get a new to them MH, but Phyllis keeps looking for that special floorplan. Well since it hasn't materialized as yet, she keeps decorating and redecorating THOR. This time it's in the kitchen area.

Really, don't the MH manufacturers



In our opinion, it really makes a difference in the looks.

Do you have a favorite tip, trick or upgrade which you believe makes the "lifestyle" easier or more interesting? Let me know so I can include it in the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all submissions for the newsletter.

Anyone attending Gillette and would like to share their thoughts and impressions? Looking for articles to add to the newsletter.

Channel your inner reporter and write a little blurb for those unable to make it to Wyoming this year.

Since we did not have a quorum for a business meeting, there were just reports.

WM: 14 coaches were registered but with Richard's breakdown, we ended up with 13 in attendance.

2nd VP: Bob reported that the remainder of 2021 is booked and 6 of the 9 for 2022 are booked. Reminder that Sep will be at Wilderness Oaks in Rockport not Dad's RV in Victoria.

Treasurer: Savings-\$3999.56
Checking-\$1701.33 for total \$5700.89

MBSHP: Currently we are 63 strong.

Sunshine: Doni gave the Sunshine/Rain report in the absence of Dean Cockrill. Congratulations to Joe & Martha Wright on their recent marriage. Baylor and Janet congrats on 71 years of wedded bliss.

RECIPES

Copycat Cracker Barrel Brussel Sprouts 'N Kale Salad

INGREDIENTS

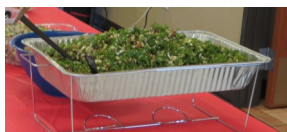
- 1 bunch Kale
- 1 lb Brussel Sprouts
- 1 6 oz bag craisins
- 8 oz chopped pecans

MAPLE VINAIGRETTE

- 1/2 cp Olive Oil
- 1/4 cp Apple Cider Vinegar
- 4 Tbs Maple Sugar
- 1 tsp Dry Mustard

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Shred or thinly slice kale and Brussel sprouts and put in salad bowl.
2. Toast pecans in skillet over high heat for 60-90 seconds.
3. Add pecans and craisins to bowl.
4. Blend all vinaigrette ingredients well.
5. Pour vinaigrette over salad and stir to evenly coat. Let sit in fridge for at least 4 hours or overnight.



CINNAMON BAKED FRENCH TOAST

For the French Toast

- 1 loaf crusty Sourdough or French Bread
- 8 whole eggs
- 2 cups Whole Milk
- 1/2 cup heavy Whipping Cream
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Vanilla Extract

For the Topping

- 1/2 cup All-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar firmly packed
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp Salt
- 1 pinch Nutmeg (optional)
- 1 stick Cold butter, cut into pieces
- Fresh Fruit (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grease a 9X13 inch baking pan with butter. Tear bread into chunks (or cut into cubes) and evenly distribute in the pan.
2. In a medium bowl mix together eggs, milk, cream, sugar and vanilla. Pour evenly over the bread. Cover tightly and

store in the fridge for several hours or overnight.

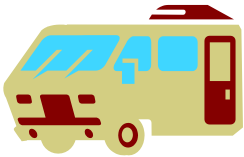
3. In a separate bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add nutmeg if desired. Add butter pieces and cut them into the dry mixture until mixture resembles fine pebbles. Store in a Ziploc in the fridge.
4. When you're ready to bake the casserole, preheat oven to 350 F. Remove casserole from the fridge and sprinkle crumb mixture over the top. (If you're using fruit, sprinkle on before the crumb mixture.) Bake for 45 minutes for a softer, more bread pudding texture. Bake 1 hour or longer for a firmer, less liquid texture.
5. Scoop out individual portions. Top with butter and drizzle with maple syrup.



Misc Info

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The South Texas Renegades Chapter of FMCA was established in September, 1978 when a group of 12 couples met in Rockport, TX. From this modest beginning, the South Texas Renegades chapter has grown to include more than 60 member coaches and has become one of the most active chapters in Texas. We currently have several couple involved with FMCA at the regional level. In Apr of 2014 we celebrated our 35th anniversary and continued the celebration throughout the year to the party in Oct. During these 35 years there has been lots of FUN, FELLOWSHIP and LOVING/LIVING the RV LIFE-STYLE. As motor-coachers we love to travel, seeing the country, enjoying nature and visiting with all the wonderful people we meet along the way. We also enjoy eating, shopping during rallies, playing games and sharing RV maintenance/troubleshooting ideas and topics. Come on out to any of our outings and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow RV enthusiasts.

REMINDERS

The price of replacement nametags is **\$12.50 + \$3.00 shipping (for either 1 or 2 badges to same address, 1 is \$15.50, 2 are \$28.00)**. If you require a new nametag, please let the membership chairperson know. You will be given an order sheet to send in with your payment. The payment will no longer go through the treasurer to the nametag people, thus cutting out the middleman.



This newsletter belongs to you as a member of the South Texas

Renegades. We would like to include updates from members (recipes, tips for the RV lifestyle, etc), please send contributions to Phyllis Avella at

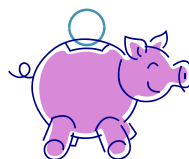
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Our ADM/Fiscal year runs 1 Jan-31 Dec.



Dues for each ADM/ Fiscal year are due by 1 Jan. (If not paid by 15 Feb, membership will be dropped, see By-

laws Article III (7) (E)) Pat will begin collecting dues during the Oct Rally. Annual dues are \$10.



PLEASE NOTE!!

The following schedule will be observed by the secretary:

The rally notification will be emailed as soon as received from the wagon master for that rally, usually right after the previous rally. If you do not receive it by the 20th of the month, please contact the secretary.

The minutes will be emailed within 4-7 days of the end of the rally.

The newsletter will be emailed within 7-10 days of the end of the rally.

If you do not receive either email within the stated timeline, please email Phyllis at

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Thank You.