



Smoke Signals

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In March we went to a new park for us...USA RV Resort in Kemah. We were close to the beach and restaurants were within walking distance. Wednesday night Mark Scherback arranged for us to dine at Schafer's Bar & Grill. If you are ever in Kemah you want to check this place out. Food and service were phenomenal.



The rally hall was decorated for spring with cute flowers and bunnies and eggs....oh my!



Brenda and Doni did a great job!



Sheriff Collected

Thursday night was yum-my sloppy joes.



Rodney & Cathy Sharpe and Jamie Davis getting ready to chow down.

Friday night was catered by Schafer's. We enjoyed fried fish & shrimp along with some great sides.



Carsten Wiemken and Mike & Dean Cockrill know a good thing when they see it!

Friday night was Left, Right, Center after dinner. For the first time I actually won the pot. Hopefully recovered all the money I've spent over the last few years.



Saturday morning meeting came with coffee, pigs in a blanket & homemade muffins.



Our illustrious wagonmasters received pins for a GREAT rally!



Thank you Mark & Brenda Scherback and Larry & Doni Gordon!!!!

After the meeting the guys got together for Tech Talk.



Some of the ladies got together for *Crafting with Phyllis*.



Check out page 2 for the finished projects. They are fabulous.

Saturday night we closed out a great weekend with ham, mashed potatoes & green beans.



Our guests (and now new members) Paul & Connie Cooper. We already feel at home with them and look forward to the next time they attend.



Paul & Connie are from San Antonio and were invited by our top recruiter, Jan Haslett.

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WE NEED WAGONMASTERS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. PLEASE SIGN UP.

It was a beautiful spot in Kemah, right on Galveston Bay near the Gulf of America!



The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) met for their usual Friday morning breakfast. Apparently Bigfoot was in attendance so no pictures were allowed to be taken.



SEE YOU IN APRIL



JANUARY

Joe Wright (11th)
Dean Cockrill (18th)
Paul Cooper (18th)
Mike Cockrill (24th)
Bob Bratcher (27th)

FEBRUARY

Phyllis Avella (1st)
Mike McAuley (7th)
Joenna Davis (15th)
Neal Kelsoe (23rd)
Denise Starzyk (24th)
Carole Tisserand (25th)

MARCH

Nick Nichols (3rd)
Debbie Bryan (4th)
Jaime Gallego (24th)
Jan Kelsoe (26th)

Doni Gordon's finished project from Crafting with Phyllis. This is called Quilling.



This is Bridget Wiemken's completed craft project.



JANUARY

Mike & Dean Cockrill (39 years)
Jack & Cindy Allensworth (53 years)
Rodney & Cathy Sharpe (55 years)
Larry & Doni Gordon (59 years)

FEBRUARY

Tommy & Jan Haslett (6 years)
Bob & Phyllis Avella (?) (Forever?)

MARCH

Curtis & Cindy Price (41 years)



Mike Cockrill (knee surgery)

Ron Canevari (hip & knee surgery)

Cindy Allensworth (knee surgery)

Bob Avella (surgery)

Nick Nichols (injuries from fall)

Rick Starzyk (heart surgery)

Please let me know via text (325-245-8498) if any of this information is incorrect or if anything is missing. Thanks!



Rally Sites 2025

Mar 13, 14, 15 ~~USA RV Resort~~

~~Kemah, TX~~

~~WM Gordon & Scherback~~

Apr 10, 11, 12 **Canopy RV Park**

New Braunfels, TX

WM Avella

May 15, 16, 17 **Brazos Valley RV Park**

Caldwell, TX

WM

Sep 11, 12, 13 **Peach Country RV**

Stonewall, TX

WM

Oct 9, 10, 11 **Texas Ranch RV**

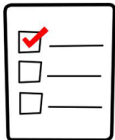
Alvarado, TX

WM

Nov 13, 14, 15 **Buckhorn Lake RV Resort**

Kerrville, TX

WM



RALLY ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Avella
Bratcher
Cockrill
Cooper
Davia
Davis
Gallego
Gordon
Layman
McAuley
Scherback
Sharpe
Wiemken
Wright



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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 50 member coaches and has become one of the most active chapters in Texas. We currently have several couples involved with FMCA at the regional and national level. In Apr of 2024 we celebrated our 45th anniversary and continue the celebration throughout the year. During these 45 years there has been lots of FUN, FELLOWSHIP and LOVING/LIVING the RV LIFESTYLE. 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 badges 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 Rhonda Layman at

rlayman@quintex.com



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)) Bridget will begin collecting dues during the Nov. Rally. Annual dues are \$20.



Store your quarters for Card Bingo in an old pill bottle!

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 by the end of the rally month.

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

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Or text 325.245.8498

Thank You.