



Smoke Signals

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Brazos Valley RV Park in Caldwell was the location for the May rally. This is another new park that Phyllis found for us to visit this year.



Apparently Caldwell is the Kolache Capital of Texas! Who Knew? Did you?



Thursday night members dined on spaghetti & lasagna. Since there was only 13 people in attendance they decided to skip card bingo.



Friday night featured brats and all the toppings. Yum! Sorry we missed it.

Afterwards the group played Left, Right, Center. Since it was a small group they decided to play with three \$5 bills.



Doni Gordon was the BIG winner going home with \$105.00. Doni...could I get a loan?



At night everyone sat around the invisible campfire and enjoyed catching up with friends. This is always my favorite part of the rally!

Saturday morning members met & enjoyed donuts and a "not official" meeting. Ellen presented Hungry Indian pins to herself, Mick McAuley, Phyllis Avella and Doni Gordon.



Afterwards the ladies got together for **Crafting with Phyllis**. They worked on a papercraft, a layered spring lily. Very pretty!



Looks like the park had a comfortable place in the rally hall for sitting around and visiting. Phyllis, Doni & Larry enjoyed it.



Saturday night everyone dined on meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans. Yummy!

It was a nice park with a very nice rally hall. Looks like everyone had a great time!



I pray everyone has a great, safe summer. If you are dealing with medical issues, please know that you are in our prayers.

Look forward to seeing as many as we can in the fall. If you can't make it to a rally, try to stay in touch with someone in the group. Please know that you are missed and loved by friends!

SAFE TRAVELS!



Sheriff Larry Collected



The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) met for their Friday morning breakfast. You won't believe you showed up. He seems to be everywhere!



Ellen was the hostess
with the mostess in May!

SEE YOU IN SEPT!



MAY

Bridget Wiemken (14th)
Jamey Davis (23rd)

JUNE

Rick Starzyk (1st)
Jan Haslett (5th)
Craig Bryan (17th)
Larry Gordon (24th)
Craig Barham (26th)
Mark Scherback (30th)



MAY

Paul & Michelle Hernandez (2 years)
Mark & Brenda Scherback (42 years)

JUNE

Joe & Martha Wright (4 years)
Jamey & Joenna Davis (51 years)

CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU ALL !!!



Mike Cockrill (knee surgery)

Ron Canevari (hip & knee surgery)

Cindy Allensworth (knee surgery)

Bob Avella (lung surgery on June 18th)

Craig Bryan (esophageal cancer)

Bob Bratcher (esophagus procedure)

Paul Cooper (kidney stone)

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~~

~~Giddwell, TX~~

~~WM McAuley~~

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

~~Stonewall, TX~~

~~WM Cockrill~~

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

~~Alvarado, TX~~

~~WM Allensworth~~

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

~~Kerrville, TX~~

~~WM Layman~~



RALLY ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Allensworth

Avella

Barham

Gordon

McAuley

Scherback

Tisserand



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 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.