



# Smoke Signals

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**NOVEMBER**

Renato Davia, Joe Richey,  
Brenda Haviland, Michelle  
Hernandez & Brenda Scherback

**DECEMBER**

Van Henley, Claire Porter,  
Darlene DeBoer, Janet Randle,  
Gina Runnels & Kim Simpson



**November - No anniversaries**

**December**

Van & Missy Henley (43 years)

**Prayer Concerns**

Dorothy & Joe Richey  
Elizabeth Davia  
Van Henley  
Janet & Baylor Randle



Sheriff Report

The November rally is always my favorite because we celebrate the holidays. This year we were in Bandera at Skyline Ranch RV Park. Darlene DeBoer was very kind to supply all the decorations for the rally.



Thursday night we dined on smoked brisket & sausage, baked potatoes & beans. Pies were featured for dessert including pecan, buttermilk, apple & german chocolate.



Carsten Wiemken, who always seems to be lucky, was the winner of the final hand of Card Bingo and took home mucho dinero. \$\$\$

Friday night was extra special because we had the Ugly Christmas Hat Contest. We had 14 participants and lots of laughs.

(See picture on Page 3)



Ellen McAuley took 1st place by a landslide, Phyllis Avella was 2nd and Angel Canevari was 3rd. (She was not present when we announced winners so her husband, Ron, accepted for her.

We then enjoyed delicious tortilla soup and sandwiches. Just what was needed on a rainy, chilly day. So good! Topped off by homemade cookies.

Then an always fun game of Left, Right, Center.



Guest Jeanne Taylor was the lucky winner. Way to go Jeanne!

Saturday morning we had donuts and coffee and a business meeting. Cindy Allensworth presented Hungry Indian pins to Rhonda & David Layman, Cindy & Jack Allensworth, Mike & Ellen McAuley, Phyllis & Bob Avella and Doni & Larry Gordon.



This was a really fun group!

Saturday afternoon Phyllis Avella hosted another craft time for the ladies. We made these beautiful stained glass look ornaments. Thanks Phyllis!!!



Saturday night we wrapped up the weekend's meals with beef tenderloin, buttered potatoes and Italian green beans. Finished off with Pudding Cake with Buttercream Icing, Éclair Cake, Chocolate Kahlua Cake and Carrot Cake. No one left hungry. Afterwards it was our annual gift exchange where there is never a dull moment.



It was lively but no one went home bloody. Everyone have a Merry Christmas!



# Rally Sites 2024

Mar 14, 15, 16 **Fredericksburg RV Park**

Fredericksburg, TX

WM Avella

Apr 11, 12, 13 **Bushman's RV Park**

Bullard, TX

WM

May 9, 10, 11 **Tropical Trails RV Resort**

Brownsville, TX

WM McAuley

Sep 12, 13, 14 **Rusk KOA RV**

Rusk, TX

WM

Oct 10, 11, 12 **Skyline Ranch RV**

Bandera, TX

WM

Nov 14, 15, 16 **Buckhorn Lake RV Resort**

Kerrville, TX

WM



## RALLY ATTENDEES

## MEMBERS

Allensworth

Avella

Barham

Canevari

Cockrill

DeBoer

Gordon

Lane

Layman

McAuley

Scherback

Swindle

Wiemken





David tried to get rid of some of the hat competition!



The guys went to breakfast at 7:30.  
The ladies countered by going at 9:00



Phyllis made this awesome  
cheeseball tree as an  
appetizer!

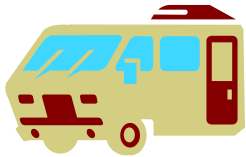


**There was quite an array of Crazy Christmas Hats!**

**Misc Info**

Membership inquiries  
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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 2019 we celebrated our 40th anniversary and continued the celebration throughout the year to the party in Oct. During these 40 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](mailto: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 \$10.**



**Missy Henley shared a great idea. 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**

[rlayman@quintex.com](mailto:rlayman@quintex.com)

**Or text 325.245.8498**

**Thank You.**