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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

October 2011

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	<p><u>Nov 17-20</u> Red River Ranch RV Resort, 700 S Hwy 77, Thackerville, OK, (800) 568-7837 www.redriverranchrvresort.com I-35 N entering into OK Exit 1 for US-77N .3 mi., L on US-77N .2 mi, R to stay on US77 N 3.1 mi</p>
	<p><u>Dec 8-11</u> Bennetts RV Ranch, 3101 Old Granbury Rd, Granbury, TX 76049, (817) 279-7500 www.bennettsrvranch.com 3 miles from downtown Granbury or Lake Granbury. Behind Bennett's Camping Center. \$30.00 for 10 or more rigs.</p> <p>Remember this is our Christmas Party. Please bring an RV related or funny gift of \$10 -\$15 value to share.</p>
	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR. Join us in the Valley. Most of the Longhorn Lows stay at Albertson Gardens, 1501 S. Jackson Rd., Pharr, TX. Call Shari or John at 956.686.5076. Others stay at a variety of places, including Alamo Rec.</p> <p>See you in February 2012. Bring a friend and let's build our membership next year.</p>

CORE PARK CAMPING FOR GROUPS NEED TO BE MADE 2 – 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. This is not a CORE Park rule. You can make reservations as late as 4 days in

advance. We mention doing it early so that we all can be in the same general area. Be sure to mention you have a Golden Age Passport for discounted rates.

Reservation can be made at www.reservation.gov or by phone: Toll free 1.877.444.6777, TDD1.877.833.6777, International 518.885.3639.

- It MIGHT be faster for computer geeks to register on-line at www.recreation.gov Also READ NOTES REGARDING cancellation fees. IF one had to cancel it MUST be at least 2 days before scheduled arrival. Be sure to get a CONFIRMATION/RECEIPT so there we be no question about the reservation,

DAILY CAMPING SCHEDULE -- Bring a plate, flatware, and cup/glass.

Thursday

4:00 pm Meet & Greet – Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share.

6:30 pm Supper–eat what you cook–bring or cook your own delicacies–we eat together at 5:45 pm. We’ll fire up a grill for those who want to cook their meat.

Friday

9:00 am Breakfast-Furnished by the club.

11:00 am Meet – games

4:00 – 5:00 pm Meet & Greet

6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

Following Supper – games, visit, campfire, etc.

Sunday - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast – stay/visit

Saturday

8:30 am Breakfast,

10:00 am Business Meeting

4:00 - 5:00 pm Meet & Greet

6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

Campout Courtesy

For those thinking of attending a campout or event **PLEASE** let the Wagon Master **KAROL COOK** or contact person know you plan to attend. **It is difficult to plan food and activities or Please pay Wagon Master after chapter meeting for campout fees** (unless other rules apply). arrange discounts when you have no idea how many may show up. **DON'T** let this discourage you from attending if you decide at the last minute but try to give the Wagon Master a courtesy call. Also, if (rarely) there were any last-minute schedule changes, the Wagon Master could let people know.

Many of today’s parks offer park model cabins for those that want to visit before joining. Everyone please invite your RV friends to join our club.

- JUST A REMINDER: **Longhorn Chapter Dues** are now due. Mail them to Penny Caddy at 5401 Sager Blvd., The Colony, TX 75056. Dues are \$15/yr

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MINUTES:

October 20-23, 2011

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held October 20-23 at Staway RV Ranch in Murchison, TX. Those in attendance were: Sandy Reans, Linda Cryer, David Edgeworth, Linda Ashworth, Lucia Butler, Karol Cook, Linda Shields, Fran Grochowski, Michael Cunningham, Cindy Gaither, Tina Cousins, Jean Staton, Bill Woods, Charles May, Norm Bassar, Andy Parmley, Tom Gardner, Earlene Macri, and Bob Taylor. Jack Ryan drove in for the meeting.

Fran called the meeting to order at 9:40AM, October 22.

Fran welcomed all visitors and new members: Bob Taylor, Linda Ashworth and Cindy Gaither, and the National LoWs' regional representative, Andy Parmley.

Minutes were approved as published in the September newsletter.

There was no treasure's report.

New business:

- Fran asked Andy Parmley if he would like to address the members.

Andy reminded everyone to abide by the rules, especially:

* Pets are not allowed at any LoWs gathering

* Members of the opposite sex are not allowed to cohabitate at any LoWs function.

- Fran asked if any member was willing to accept a nomination for an officer position for next year. After discussion, Karol agreed to make phone calls to see if any member would be willing to serve. Nominations and elections will take place next month.

Karol announced the next campout will be November 17-20, 2011 at the Red River Ranch RV Resort, PO Box 139, Thackerville, OK 73459. (580) 276-4411 or (800) 568-7837. Directions: I-35 N, entering OK exit 1 for US -77 N .3 mi., left on US -77 N .2 mi. Right to stay on 77 N 3.1 mi. Be sure to let Karol know if you will be attending and when you will be arriving. Those interested will be going over to the casino.

A discussion followed about whether to get a booth at an RV show with the Longhorns LoWs paying \$200, the Border LoWs paying \$200 (had not been discussed yet with the leadership of the Border LoWs) and National LoWs paying \$200. In correspondence, National had supported the idea and would be willing to furnish handouts. However, Andy implied, because of budget constraints, National LoWs would probably not be willing to pay \$200 for a booth. The subject was dropped.

Other ideas were discussed about attracting new members and some members were asked how they found out about LoWs. Almost everyone who was asked replied they had read an advertisement about LoWs in a travel magazine. Andy was asked to voice our concern to National about withdrawing ads from magazines.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM.

Sincerely,

Karol J. Cook
Secretary

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

I am writing to let you know that I will not be renewing my LoW's or Longhorn membership this year. Things of a personal nature have arisen that preclude me from participating in a lot of RV Activities, not of my choosing but nonetheless necessary. I have enjoyed my time with the chapter and wish all the best in the coming years. I will stay in touch with some of the members through email and an occasional telephone call. I will drop the chapter a line from time to time to let them know what is going on in my life and what new developments if any have occurred. I do not intend to sell my motor home, I hope to be able to use it in the future and since it's paid for it doesn't eat so not a big expense. Say "Hi" to everyone for me and wish them well.

Take Care and the Best of Wishes,

John Johns

***Penny Caddy writes she is enjoying Lake Powell, kayaking and the Grand Canyon.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Would anyone be interested in doing a First Monday, Canton, TX campout? Possibly in December? This would not take the place of our regular camping date, just something extra. Think about it. I know I like to go, but a group would be fun.

We had a wonder campout this month and everyone enjoyed each other's company. We added three new members. Be sure to welcome them when you see them. Part of our members went Zip Lineing, others enjoyed the Hog Fest in Ben Wheeler. Still others enjoyed the exhibits as the Fish Hatchery. Every afternoon and evening found cards and other games being play, both on our campout and at the Border Low Rally.

Those of us that stay over for the Border Low Rally had a wonderful time. The meals were great. The "Hollywood" Show had some wonderful stars and skits. The Golden Girls were there as well as Patsy Cline, aka Janice C.; Lucille Ball, aka Earline; and Sonny and Cher. The walk of fame featured, Miss Piggy, aka Janice; Paul Bunyan, aka Linda C.; Carol Burnett, aka Linda S.; Cher, aka David Edgeworth; The Tooth Fairy, Ariel the Littlest Mermaid, aka Sandy Reans and Liz Taylor, aka Tina C; Rooster Cogburn, aka Andy P. There were others, but the names leave me at this time.

Border Lows are not in favor of doing the Dallas RV Show. They figure they would have to recruit 15 new members to be worth the \$200. And very few members from Longhorns are in favor of it. We were all surprised when National said they would donate \$200.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;

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BIRTHDAYS. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Michael Cunningham (11/26)** and If I didn't remember you, it is because I don't know your birth date. Please let me know.



BORDER LOWS RALLY



Zola Hilton,



Janice Corona



'Doc' Edgeworth



Liz Taylor- Tina C.



Rooster Cogburn – Andy P.



Tooth Fairy



LaVerle



Sandy Reans



Linda, Janice, Zola, Sandy, Andy, Linda, Doc



Linda Shields-Sandy Reans

2012 Camping Schedule

- South **January No Local Campout** Rio Grande Valley Get-together
- West **February 16-19** Hooves and Wheels, Weatherford, TX (817) 599-4686
- East **March 15-18** Texan RV, Athens, TX – www.texanrvpark.com
(903) 677-3326
- South **April 19-22** I-35 RV Park, Elm Mott, (Waco) TX
- West **May 17-20** Holiday Park, Benbrook Lake, TX(CORE) Benbrook, TX
- North **June 14-17** Juniper Point (CORE), Lake Texoma, TX
- North **July No Local Campout** Caravan Trip (Possibly Casper, Wyoming)
- N/East **August 16-19** Pat Mayse Lake, (CORE) Powderly, TX
- South **September 20-23** Riverview RV Park, Waco, TX
- East **October 18-21** Staway Ranch RV Park, Murcheson, TX
- West **November 15-18** Rocker “D”, Mineral Wells, TX
- South **December 13-16** Bennetts RV Ranch, Granbury

