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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

March 2009

Upcoming Schedule of Events

<p>April 16-19, 2009</p> 	<p>Waco, I-35 RV Park Directions: I-35 South to exit 346 – south on frontage road 1 mi. Park on the right. Ph: 254-829-0698</p>	<p>Contact Zola Hilton 817/238-9644 (cell) or 817/944-0518 zola_hilton@peoplepc.com</p>
<p>May 16-19 LONGHORN REUNION</p> 	<p>Denton - Destiny RV Park Directions: Dallas take I-35 north to exit 345, crossover to southbound frontage road & go 1 mi. Ft. Worth take 121 north to I-35 North and follow above. Ph. 940-497-3353</p>	<p>Contact Zola Hilton 817/238-9644 (cell) or 817/944-0518 zola_hilton@peoplepc.com</p>
<p>June 18-21, 2009</p> 	<p>Glen Rose – Oakdale Park Directions: Dallas: Hwy 67 west thru Cleburne. Travel approx 19 mi to 1st red light, turn Left at light, go 200 yds turn left at stop sign on Barnard St/ 144. Ft. Worth – take 377 S to 144 to 67. Cross 67, go 200 yds turn left on Barnard/144. Ad-1019 NE Barnard St.ph-254-221-0018</p>	<p>Contact Zola Hilton 817/238-9644 (cell) or 817/944-0518 zola_hilton@peoplepc.com</p>

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 6:30 pm.

Friday

9:00 am Breakfast-Furnished by the club.

11:00 am Meet – games

4:00 pm Meet & Greet

6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

7:30 pm Games

Sunday

8:00 am Continental Breakfast – stay/visit

Saturday

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Business Meeting

4:00 pm Meet & Greet

6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

7:30 pm Games

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Announcements:

We are going to start a new section to our newsletter/website, Member Spotlight. Please send a short bio to Fran and what you enjoy, your profession, education, and what got you into RVing, etc. She would like to do a spotlight every month and since no one wanted to go first, it was a unanimous decision that Fran be first. If you have a favorite picture and can e-mail it, please send to Marilyn (marillyn3@yahoo.com) or she will use pictures from the file.

March Minutes

Campout Attendees: Fran Growchowski, David Edgeworth, Zola Hilton, Charlotte Kennedy, Bill Bergman, Jack Ryan, Jean Staton, Linda Shields, Jack Anderson. Visitors were Larry Reynolds from Waco and Nancy Burke (Doc's sister) visiting from Detroit.

The monthly business meeting was called to order by Fran Growchowski at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Lazy L RV Park, near Corsicana. The visitors were welcomed by Fran with an invitation to join LoWs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer was not present - no report available.

Old Business:

There was a discussion regarding the LoWs National Rally in Goshen. Karen K. Johnson, chairperson is still looking for members to help with the 4-H events, Miss Piggy Contest, Ice Cream Social, Information booth, LoWs Club Products booth, auction table, and help to line folks up for bus tours. She also asked that if anyone knows about Geo-caching (a high-tech treasure hunt) please let her know. Phone: 727-724-8122 or 727-686-0161.

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Fran reported that she has found a program to help build a website and will get to work on it. She asked for suggestions for content to put on the site.

Club t-shirts – Zola sold three t-shirts that John donated to the club. She also reported on the research for other t-shirts. She presented a color graph and stated the deeper the color, the more expensive they would be. Cost would be \$4.78/50 shirts with a stamped design on front, back, or left shoulder; \$7.50/50 shirts with small logo on front and larger logo on the back. There is a set-up fee between \$23-24, a one-time fee. A suggestion was made that we not order new shirts until the present supply is sold. All agreed.

The April campout will be in Waco following the Bandera Rally. Zola's cell number is on the front page of this newsletter and cannot be reached by e-mail or home phone during the

rally. If you need to let Zola know you are attending the Waco campout, Fran will have her laptop and you can e-mail her at frankieski@aol.com and she will help Zola keep a list of attendees for Waco.

Zola distributed cards for suggestions for our September campout. If you have a favorite place you would like to camp, let Zola know and we will decide at the April campout. She will need the name of the campground, phone number, if they have a clubhouse and do rallies. If you did not receive a card, e-mail her at zola_hilton@peoplepc.com.

Our May campout will be a Reunion campout. If you know any previous members who have left for one reason or another, please invite them back. Fran will send a note to Dorothy Owens, President of Border LoWs and ask for her help in spreading the word.

Charlotte asks that if anyone has pictures from the past, please send them to her with information as to who, where, and when the pictures were taken. She is trying to compile an album of our activities.

New Business: David Edgeworth still has concerns that we are not promoting our campouts to the fullest. He suggested that Zola or someone close call or visit the campground a day or two early to put up notices (with the owner's permission) that the LoWs will be camping and any singles are welcome to join us and visit at happy hour and meals possibly getting a list of singles so that we may personally visit them and invite them to join us. David is also concerned that we are not getting an article to the newspapers promoting our club and campouts. Everyone is invited to write an article in their local newspaper when we are camping nearby.

A special thanks was given to Charlotte for acting as Chaplin and saying the blessing at meals. She does a wonderful job. She just may replace Mother Karol. Also, Fran has had several nice compliments on the editing of our newsletter. Thanks, Marilyn, for a job well done.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Fran Growchowski, President, Longhorn LoWs

Chapter
2007

(Fran, Frankie, Frances) member since October

RVing is a natural progression to my life. I grew up living in a trailer and moving frequently, living in 79 towns before high school graduation. My Dad was a heavy equipment operator on the pipeline. My husband, Fred, did x-ray and inspection on the pipeline. It was a life I enjoyed and I still get itchy feet if I am in one place too long. I spent 22 years and 4 months in the Navy, traveling to such foreign places as England, Germany, Spain, Iceland, and Korea. When my husband and I planned our retirement, it was to travel extensively for pleasure, genealogy, and dog shows. I was widowed five years ago when Fred was killed in our first motor home.

I am a semi-retired registered nurse (RN) having graduated from the University of Texas @ Tyler, Henderson Jr. College, Athens and Sedro-Woolley High School in Washington. I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and an Associate in Applied Science in Farm and Ranch Management.

I was born in Dallas, December 18th in my Aunt Mary's house on Elam Rd. I have two children, Lisa and Robert; five grandchildren: Christina, Danniele, Laura Ashley, Garrett, and Gavin and one great-grandchild, Jayden. I love animals and travel with Victoria, a Siberian Husky, and two little Dachshunds, Kate and Leopold. I live on a farm near Chandler which Fred and I bought in 1969 and moved to in 1970. We raised cattle, hay, and an assortment of cats and dogs. I now have the farm leased. We built our new home in June, 1998.

I love life and all that it brings. I enjoy the outdoors, camping, hiking, sightseeing, dancing, photography, and, of course, traveling to new and distant places.



Please remember to notify Zola Hilton as early as possible, by e-mail at zola_hilton@peoplepc.com or call (817) 944-0518 (cell) or (817) 238-9644 (home) if you

are planning to attend a campout. Some of these campgrounds are somewhat full and the earlier we know the maximum number of sites we need, the better chance of getting them. Also, we usually need to take 10-12 sites in order to get a meeting room/kitchen.

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Reminder of schedule of **Waltz Across Texas**:

March 16-23: Beau Ridge, LA

March 24-25: La Grange, TX (also tour painted churches)

March 26: Canyon Lake, TX

March 27-31: New Braunfels, Gruene and Wimberly

April 1-4: Fredericksburg

April 5-16: Bandera (dance rally)

April 17-20: Waco, TX (to coordinate with "Waltz" schedule.

April 21-26: Fort Worth Stockyards (there will be dry camping available for \$20/ni at the stockyards.)

Other campout notes:

Eve was not able to be with us as one of her Doberman pups ate a spool of thread and has been very very sick; Penny and Marilyn did not attend due to business and personal obligations; Karol did not attend because of her trip to Europe; John was just off partying; don't know where, but it sure was loud over the phone.

Nancy Burke, Doc's sister, was visiting on her way home from the Valley. She was staying with her twin brother. She lives in Detroit, MI. While visiting, we heard that she cleaned Doc's RV. Nancy combed Victoria, Fran's dog, and made her look skinny; and I do believe she also combed Jack Anderson's dog.

As usual, the food was great. We had roast one night thanks to Fran and Linda supplied fried chicken the next night with our numerous side dishes and desserts.

Our visitor, Larry, is a Registered Massage Therapist, and takes care of his mother in Waco. He is a member of Good Sams and we hope he becomes a member of the Longhorns.

Charlotte has finished her move to Lake Leon near Ranger, TX and all is going well with her and her mother. They are planning some extensive remodeling so we may not see much of her this summer. We do have an invitation to camp at the park that is near to her new place, go fishing in the lake, and have a fish fry. Thanks Charlotte, we'll have to work on that.

Campout Courtesy (all the time)

For those thinking of attending a campout or event **PLEASE** let the Wagon Master or contact person know you plan to attend. It is difficult to plan food and activities or 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.

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.

Please pay Wagon Master after chapter meeting for campout fees.

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