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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

May 2009

Upcoming Schedule of Events

<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 (home) or 817/944-0518(cell) zola_hilton@peoplepc.com</p>
<p>July 16-19, 2009</p> 	<p>No scheduled campout</p> <p>Most will be roaming</p>	
<p>* * Site Change * *</p> <p>August 20-23, 2009</p> 	<p>Thackerville, OK – RED RIVER RANCH RV RESORT– Take I-35 North to the Oklahoma state line. (approx 75 mi north of Dallas.) Exit 1, N 3 mi on U.S. 77; on right. (On the west side of I-35.) (800) 568-7837</p>	<p>Contact Zola Hilton 817/238-9644 (home) or 817/944-0518(cell) 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:

Charlotte and Byrl announced they were married at the Cowboy Church in Ranger on May 18, 2009. The saddest part is we loose a favorite member but we get to keep a treasured friend.



Zola Hilton announced there will be a music festival in Glen Rose at the same time of our next campout. They will have “open mike” on Friday & Saturday. This should be a lot of fun so make your plans to attend June 18-21st.

Message from Event & Program Manager:

Those of you that have been coming on Friday are going to miss out on some of the activities. Glen Rose was voted in the Top Ten getaways in America. (We will see about that.) Friday is a choice of going to the Dinosaur Valley State Park, Dinosaur World or Big Rocks Park to go canoeing, kayaking, swimming, or tubing. Now that’s a full day of fun. On Saturday, (whenever Fran lets us go from the meeting) we can take a drive through the famous Fossil Rim Wildlife Park. It takes about 3 hours and \$19.95 for seniors to see it all. Bring your camera. This is cheaper and safer than going to Africa to see the animals up close. Somewhere in between all of this is the Historic Downtown of Glen Rose. The shops will be open late (5:pm-9:pm) with refreshments, specials, and entertainment. Other possibilities are **The Promise**, An epic music drama of the life of Christ; **Dinosaur Valley State Park**, 113 million year old dinosaur tracks in the Paluxy River bed and nature trails. There is a nuclear power plant to see also. I am kind of scared to get too close to that though. I might glow in the dark or something. Y’all come and have a fun time.

John P. Hubbard

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If none of that interests you, Granbury is only 15.7 miles away.

Granbury Live – 50’s Class Reunion - musical

Granbury Opera House – What’s *Right* with America – musical

Message from the Wagon Master:

Colorado Trip – At present we have 7 rigs going to La Veta, CO. We will leave on 6/27 and arrive at Palo Duro RV Park, Canyon, TX (not down in the canyon) the first night where we will stay 2 nights.

Prices for the “Texas” show are \$7.00 to \$27.95 (this includes dinner.) June 29-July 15 we are booked at Circle the Wagons RV Park in La Veta. If any Colorado “goers” want to

change anything from their standpoint, I'll get that at Glen Rose. If anyone else has decided to go, there is room available at both places.

Zola Hilton

For the Valley trip in January, we have approximately the same number interested and the park will need \$100 deposit each by August. We plan to stay at Albertson RV Ranch on S. Jackson in McAllen.

Bandy's travels

Our stuffed longhorn has taken up residency with Penny Caddy and will travel with her the rest of this year. Penny, send us some pictures along the way.



Another picture from Bandera (just hanging out with the big boys)

May Campout Notes:

Eve Sheets supplied bratwurst and John cooked them for our Thursday night meal. There was plenty of bratwurst with all the trimmings and salads. Again, rain threatened us but did not keep us from gathering outside John Hubbard's beautiful new motor home. We all got a guided tour – 4 slides, real tile; Way to go, John!

Several of us decided that swimming pool just looked too good to pass up. The weather is getting *just right* for a dip in the pool and Destiny has a nice one. Remember your swim clothes when you come to the campouts during the warm months.

Karol Cook had planned to come to Destiny but at the last minute found out she had to take care of a minor eye problem. Bill Bergmann and Bill Wood were already on their summer trips. Sharon Smith was working the holiday weekend. We missed all of you and others who were not able to attend.

Friday after breakfast of eggs, bacon and biscuits, we loaded up for a trip to Camping World. Then came another dip in the pool. On Friday evening Penny Caddy, John Johns, and Jack Ryan were our late comers.

As always, we want to give a special thanks to Linda Shields for doing our food shopping and being the main cook at breakfast. We really miss you, Linda, when you are not there.

Saturday night after dinner, John hosted a margarita party in his motor home. I hope we didn't make too big of a mess - that is the way to break in a new RV!

May Minutes – Destiny RV Park, May 23, 2009

Campout attendees: Marilyn Campbell, Penny Caddy, David Edgeworth, Fran Growchowski, Avinell Gwin, Zola Hilton, John Hubbard, John Johns, Edna Paige (for the day), Jack Ryan, Eve Sheets, and Linda Shields.

Fran opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. John Hubbard volunteered to fulfill Charlotte's Event and Program Manager duties (temporarily.)

John already has other duties, so we will be looking for a volunteer to fill Charlotte's position.

We voted on a name for our new stuffed longhorn and came up with "Bandy." This name was suggested since he was purchased and joined our chapter in Bandera. He will be passed around to different members for a year at a time and we will report his adventures with pictures in each newsletter.

Treasurer Report

We continue to sell more t-shirts donated by John Hubbard. Penny reported she collected \$30 for t-shirts and donations for April breakfasts were \$128.

Old Business:

Reminder: the LoWs National Rally in Goshen. Karen K. Johnson, chairperson is still looking for members to help with the 4-H events, judges, 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. Fran also read the letter from Headquarters asking for volunteers. Janice Corona has volunteered to help with the Miss Piggy contest. Goshen is Mennonite country so there will be lots of flea markets and chances to taste the local dishes.

Remaining 2009 campout sites:

June – Glen Rose – Oakdale RV Park

August – Thackerville, OK – red river rv ranch ** Change in schedule**

September –

October – Murchison – Staway RV Ranch

November – Mingus – CACTUS ROSE RV PARK

December – Glen Rose – oakdale rv ranch

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Penny Caddy

Treasurer, Longhorn LoWs Chapter
Member since June 2005

I was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa and grew up in Malvern, Iowa, a small town of 975 people. I left home at 17-years-old to attend the University of Iowa in Iowa City. There were three times as many girls in my one dorm than there were in my home town and there were three girls' dormitories on campus. I loved it. However, I loved David more and got married when I was only 19-years-old. My oldest daughter, Susie was born three years later followed by Jeanie born two years after that. David and I joined a company that did real estate appraisal across the United States. We lived in six different states while working in real estate appraisal. When Susie, our oldest child was 5-years-old we returned to Glenwood, Iowa, my husband's home town, and opened a Real Estate and Insurance Agency. I worked in real estate and insurance for many years attaining an SRA from the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, a real estate broker's license in Iowa and Nebraska, an insurance license in Iowa and Nebraska and the CPCU (certified professional underwriter) designation in insurance. After David died, we sold the insurance office which David and I owned and ran.

My second marriage was to Max and we had one daughter, Kristie. I now have four grandchildren and one great-grandson. My three daughters, four grandchildren and great-grandson all live in the Dallas area.

I worked in Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa as a general ledger accountant after selling the Insurance Agency. I soon learned that I could not make enough money to make ends meet raising three daughters. While working full time, I returned to college at night at Bellevue University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and was not satisfied with that and so I took more classes to earn a second Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems. I will be repaying student loans for the rest of my life!

My two oldest daughters moved to Dallas and Kristie and I followed in August 2000, after Kristie graduated from high school. Kristie attended college in Dallas and I am still paying student loans!

While working for Bingo King in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the position of payroll manager opened and I was nominated to fill the position until a permanent manager could be hired. Instead of hiring a new payroll manager, they filled my old position in general ledger accounting and that led to my career in payroll. I became a CPP (certified payroll professional) and for the last 10 years have specialized in payroll tax and payroll accounting. I "retired" from that in 2008 but have agreed to return at various times in the last year to help with problems arising from mergers/acquisitions.

I like to keep active and am still trying to make ends meet, so completed a course in Medical Transcription and have been working as a transcriptionist since I "retired" last year. I enjoy the transcription as it can be done anywhere, I am self-employed and can work from the RV anywhere I can receive an internet connection with my air-card which is most anywhere in the world. This has not made me a lot of money but offers me the freedom I desire!

I joined the Longhorn Low chapter of Loners on Wheels in June 2005. This summer and fall I will be traveling to Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin and maybe anywhere else that the road steers me. I have not decided where to spend the winter yet but it will be somewhere that flowers are blooming. This is a life style I have always wanted and am very excited to get started.



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.

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 (unless other rules apply).

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