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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

April 2010

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Longhorn LoWs Campout
April 17, 2010

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held April 15-18, 2010, at I – 35 RV Park, Waco, Texas. Those members in attendance were: Sherry Sheets, Linda Shields, David Edgeworth (Doc), Roy French, Penny Caddy, and Karol Cook. Fran Grochowski was a drop-in, and the following were guests on their way from the dance rally in Bandera: Al Koesters (Alaska Al), Jim Hart, Bob Hamner, Al Schmadeke, Bob Randall, Joe Redmond, Carol Klenow, Jeannie Winniford, Andy Holifield, Lucia Staton, and Trish Hone.

Doc called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM.

The February minutes were approved as published.

The Treasurer reported there was a deposit of \$63.50 and no disbursements. Penny announced that dues are now past due.

Doc petitioned articles and pictures be submitted to Fran for the newsletter.

Karol announced the May 20-23, 2010 campout would be held at Lake Whitney Marina @ Juniper Cove, 420 Juniper Cove Road, Whitney Texas 76692. Phone 1-866-600-1206. \$22.50. Bring your swimming gear.

June 17-20, 2010 Lake Athens Marina, Athens, TX 75751.

July No Campout

Aug 19-22, 2010 Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX

Be sure to let the Wagon Master know if you will be attending so we have the head count for breakfast. Karol's home number is 214-341-9662.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Karol Cook
Secretary

THIS N' THAT

This section of the newsletter is all about you, so PLEASE let me hear about you and your travels.

Penny wants to remind members the **LONGHORN LoW's MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE. Mail to: Penny Caddy 5401 Sager Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056.**

Those that are planning a trip to the Valley in January 2011 and want to stay at Albertson Gardens need to have their deposit of \$100 to them by August 1, 2010

The seventeen campers who attended the April campout at Waco, TX had the time of their lives. We were glad to have the folks from the dance rally join us and also Alaska Al, who is a Low and joined us while visiting family in Cleburne.

The scattered, sporadic showers didn't impede Roy French from making wonderful campfires every night. Roy added "Northern Lights" sprinkles, and the flames were something to behold. And, there is nothing like sitting around a good campfire, except maybe a dip in the hot tub, which was really enjoyed by some campers before, during and after sitting around the fire.

The dancing was great. The dance floors in the Waco area are real wood floors made for dancing, and the bands that played Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights were the best in the area. The number of men to women was equal and the opportunities to dance were optimal. The music was so good we had to keep reminding ourselves that each was a live band playing and not recordings. The local people remembered us from last year, and were so receptive and friendly. In fact, Wilma and "Casey" Casey made sure we had the best tables and treated us to some homemade butter brickle. Wilma also introduced us to the bands, and they welcomed us. Our group did very well winning door prizes.

Some of the campers enjoyed visiting the Ranger Museum and everyone enjoyed the happy hours and delicious breakfasts and potluck dinners.

I (Karol) made reservations at the I-35 RV Park for next year. After all the positive responses, we can be sure of even more campers from the Bandera Dance Rally. We had such a good time; we wish there had been more Longhorn Lows in attendance to share the fun. You missed a great campout.

Edna wrote to say that she is headed for Alabama.

John Johns wrote that he has missed several camp outs due to new health problems, but hopes to join us soon.

I (Fran) had a letter from Karis Gaydos, President of National Low's. She writes that there is a contest starting May 2010 and running to May 2011. The chapter that obtains the most new members within the year will receive \$100.00.

David "Doc" Edgeworth writes; Wow, like last year we had our CO near Waco Texas just after the SI (Singles International) rally at Bandera Texas. We invited singles from the rally to visit and we had a great turnout, in spite of the rain during travel. They had 165 attendees but 51 or so were 1st timers so we might have created in some for LOWs. The CO was about 200 miles from Bandera, partially on the route of a lot of "snowbirds" heading back north so it was a good places to stop, visit, eat, and play for 3 days.

We had super happy hours, snacks, great potluck suppers (nobody lost any weight) and many went dancing at 3 different nearby dancehalls, all with wood floors on Thur, Fri, and Sat. And on the return they could join the Roy French campfire (and the few that didn't go dancing) for more socializing. Along with our chapter LOW members we had LOW visitors from Maine, Illinois, Nebraska, and Alaska.

Fran Grochowski dropped in for brief visit on Thurs -- walking slowly after her recent surgery but in good spirits. We also encountered Bobby Brooks at the dancehall looking good and active. Hope he returns to camping and visiting.

The cooking crew had great breakfasts (impressed the visitors) including snackies, coffee, and leftovers on Sunday before departure.

Always great to see old friends travelling and meeting new people - we'll probably to the net April CO to follow their rally.

Fran writes: I must say that I was totally disappointed by the number of the Longhorn Chapter Members that have attended the last several camp outs. Do we have a problem? It seems that members have all kinds of excuses for not attending; i.e. "something came up", "looking for work", "just busy", then arrange for alternate camping on another week-end. We all know that our camping weekends are the third weekend of each month. I was once told we should each mark this weekend for the LoW's and save it for camping. I realize we all have problems that can't be handled at any other time, but month after month leaves doubts as to weather the excuses are legitimate.

Please let me hear, by private e-mail or a phone call your concern, question, problems with what we are doing that result in low attendance. The only way we can fix our problems is 1. Know what they are, 2. Look for solutions and 3. Correct the problem.

With good luck, I should see ya' all at the next camp out. I see my doctor on May 4th and hopefully he will let me start walking.

UPCOMING CAMPING SCHEDULE:

May 20-23, 2010

We are confirmed at **Lake Whitney Marina @ Juniper Cove**

May 20-23, 2010

\$22.50 per night (Best I could do....talked directly to MGR.)

Clubhouse confirmed

Phone: 1-866-600-1206 1-254-694-3129

Directions:

I-35 S exit 467 B toward Waco

TX-579 S exit 370

Merge onto TX-81 S

Right onto W Elm/TX-22

Right onto TX 180 Spur W/E Jefferson Ave

Right onto N Brazos/ ST/FM 933

Left onto FM1713

Right onto Juniper Cove Rd/Ft. Graham Rd

The physical Address of Lake Whitney Marina @ Juniper Cove May 20-23) is:

420 Juniper Cove Road

Whitney, TX 76692-1340

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CORE PARK CAMPING FOR GROUPS NEED TO BE MADE 2 – 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. This is especially true if the park is near the cities. Be sure to mention you have a Golden Age Passport for discounted rates.

CORE Park phone numbers (must make your own reservations):

Liberty Hills Campground, Navarro Mills Lake (Sept. 16-19) (254) 578-1058/1431

Holiday Park Campground, Benbrook Lake (Oct 21-24) (817) 292-2400

It turns out that the ONLY number that takes reservations for ALL the parks is 877-444-6777 AND to make a reservation it must be at least 4 days in advance of arrival. (See note above in red).

It MIGHT be faster for computer geeks to register on-line at www.recreation.gov Also found out about cancellation fees. IF one had to cancel it MUST be at least 2 days before scheduled arrival.

Karol will make the first reservation and then let us know the numbers for campsites in that are in the area so that we can all camp fairly close together,

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

Saturday

9:00 am Breakfast,
 10:00 am Business Meeting
 4:00 pm Meet & Greet
 6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

Following Supper – games, visit, campfire, etc.

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

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 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.

Please pay Wagon Master after chapter meeting for campout fees (unless other rules apply).

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;

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