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## LONGHORN LOWDOWN

AUGUST 2010

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JULY, 2010

<p>September 16-19</p> 	<p><b>Sept 16 – 19 Liberty Hills CORE, Navarro Mills Lake, 1175 FM 677, Purdon, TX (254) 578-1058/1431. 11 miles southwest of Corsican off Ste Road 31. Site 50 (Karol’s Site. Look at the Website and find you one that’s close), From Dawson/Junction State Road 31, go 4 miles northwest on FM 709 on right. \$14 (No E) - \$20 (E/W and Full Hookups), two night minimum. Member must make own reservation.</b></p>
<p>October 21 -24</p> 	<p>Oct 21 – 24 Holiday Park <b>CORE</b>, Benbrook Lake Southwest of Fort Worth. 5 miles So Loop 820 on 377. 1 mile past “Tiger RD” \$10 (E) \$20 (EW) <b>Site 008</b> (Cabin \$30. Full Hook –up \$20) Two night minimum. Member must make own reservations.</p>
<p>November 18 -21</p> 	<p>Nov 18 – 21 Mineola Civic Ctr Mineola, TX 1150 Newsom, Mineola, TX 75773 (903) 569-6115 <a href="mailto:mciviccenter@suddenlinkmail.com">mciviccenter@suddenlinkmail.com</a> \$20.00 Note: Alcoholic beverages, smoking &amp; tobacco products are not allowed inside the building, or is alcoholic consumption permitted on the grounds.</p>

### TEMPORARY WAGON MASTER;

John Hubbard will be acting wagon master in Karol’s absence. If you plan to attend the camp outs, PLEASE let him know as soon as possible. Contact numbers are 972.306.5978 and 214.683.

**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.

It MIGHT be faster for computer geeks to register on-line at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) Also READ NOTES REGARDING cancellation fees. IF one had to cancel it MUST be at least 2 days before scheduled arrival.

**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** – 8:30 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 **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.

**IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;**

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## LONGHORN LoWS MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2010

**Campout Attendees:** Penny Caddy, Michael Cunningham, David Edgeworth, Fran Grochowski, John Hubbard, Linda Shields, Bill Wood

**Drop-Ins:** Pearl Hudson, Lucia Staton, Ann Henley, Lavinda Suson

The meeting was called to order by Fran Grochowski at 10:00 a.m.

The treasurer was not present so there was no Treasurer's Report.

### **Old Business:**

Fran announced the new members for this year: Sherry Sheets joined in February and Michael Cunningham joined in August.

Our chapter is eligible for the national \$100 prize for the most new members in a chapter, even though the Lifetime Member award for this year would go to Dorothy Owens.

The new national President asked that new email addresses be sent to them whenever there is a change so that their records can be kept up to date. Barb Schow is the new national Treasurer and has prepared a recruiting poster that can be used by individual chapters if we can think of good places to post them.

### **New Business:**

It is time to appoint a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of candidates for next year's officers. Please consider volunteering to participate on the committee or as a candidate. The list of next year's campout sites is due to National by October. We discussed different parks and Fran and Linda came up with a tentative schedule for 2011 campouts. If we can come up with some new campgrounds, there is time to get them into the schedule before it is submitted. Fran asked that each member submit 2 new campgrounds at the September meeting with prices and activities in that area. We especially need some sites both west and north of the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**Future Campouts:** Make reservations for Corps of Engineers campgrounds either by phone at 1-877-444-6777 (mention Golden Age Passport, Senior Pass, Access Pass, Volunteer Pass or Annual Pass, if you have one) or at their website at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Reservations must be made at least 4 days ahead. To ensure getting a site, make them as soon as possible. This applies to the September and October campouts (see below). Cancellations must be made at least 2 days before scheduled arrival and a \$10 cancellation fee will be subtracted from the refund.

September 16 – 19: Liberty Hills Corps of Engineers Park at Navarro Mills Lake, Purdon, TX

October 21 – 24: Holiday Park Corps of Engineers Park at Benbrook Lake, SW of Fort Worth

November 18 – 21: Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX – no showers at this site and no alcoholic beverages allowed

December 9 – 13: Bennetts RV Park, Granbury, TX

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

## **FROM THE MEMBERS**

Zola writes in reply to my e-mail: Hi, Thanks for the invite, but already have plans for that week-end...I will probably go to the Border-Lows rally in October, so, maybe see you there. Right this minute I don't plan to go to the valley in January, but, that could change.

I would want to stay closer to the "Big" bunch so that I don't have to depend on everybody for a ride. Tell everybody hello and thanks for thinking of me. Zola

Doc writes: Our last newsletter was return, so I called and talked to Izetta. There is bad news about Ron Humphreys, Izetta's husband. He died a couple of months ago. She is now living in an assisted living situation. And she didn't know the address and I didn't push for it. It sounded like there was help in the room so I didn't press talking. Izetta didn't seem like she wanted the newsletter, so she can be taken off the list. It would be okay to call and talk to her. She can be reached at 241.232.1023.

Doc also write: We talked about this cruise associated with WRR 101.1 classical radio station. The cruise leave June 14, 2011 for 7 nights on a cruise ship in Alaska's inside passage and a 7 day motor coach tour of the Canadian Rockies. The cost is from \$2529.00 which includes roundtrip airfare from Dallas. For more information or a printout call Angel at YMT Vacations. PH: 900.922.9000 ext. 4354.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Marilyn Campbell (8.19); Janice Corona (8.19); Linda Shields (8.4)  
If you had a birthday in August and I missed you it because I don't have everyone's birthdates.

**LONGHORN CAMPOUT HELP NEEDED**

Times change, prices go up, and RV parks "modify". Each of us should try to help the wagon master in arranging our camping targets. Distance, cost, facilities, and local attractions are all factors. AND we have to realize that the days of camping at \$12 a night are going to be rare. SO, each of us should check some nearby campgrounds or those encountered with local travel so see if they would fit for our group.

Checklist:

1. Is the park able to provide 10 - 20 spaces for the schedule?
2. We need water and electric, nice to have full hookups.
3. Prefer a meeting room/area with refrigerator, stove, microwave, bathroom. We can survive in the open if there is a sheltered table etc in spring and fall.
4. What's the best discount price / site will they offer?
5. Is there a pool, putting green, hiking or biking trail nearby?
6. Any nearby community attractions -museums, dance places, history stuff etc ?
7. Include Name of the Park, address, phone number and email address.
8. Your opinion of suitability is also helpful.

Then send this info to the wagon master by email or snail mail.  
Let's pitch in and help.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We had a great campout, north of Chico, even though there were only seven members present. John did a Hawaiian Hotdog cookout on Thursday night. We dined on hotdogs with grilled pineapple, Asian salad, and chips. On Saturday we made a trip in to the big city of Chico and had old fashion ice cream sundaes at the Chico drug store which dated back to the late 1800. The soda fountain was original as well as much of the décor and the Wooden Indian-'Kaligia' We had our favorite sundae, but Bill also had a submarine sandwich along with his sundae that made the rest of us wish we hadn't eaten at camp. Friday night we had our usual pot luck dinner with a pot roast as our main entrée. On Saturday we made

another trip into Chico for more ice cream. Three of us then went to the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur which is housed in the Decatur Baptist College building, World Oldest Junior College. The main focus was an exhibit of the Lost Battalion of WWII., a POW group that built the bridge over the River Kwia. After dinner Fran, Michael and Pearl went to the town of Bowie. We met with our visitors Ann and Lavinda. We enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of the "Silver Bullets" Sunday morning we all gathered together for a continental breakfast and to say our good-byes until next month.

Let's support the Border Lows Rally. We could all go to our campout on Oct. 21 – 24 at Benbrook and have plenty of time to drive to East Texas and their Rally.

BORDER LOW RALLY 'COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME' OCT 26 – 31, 2010 at Staway Ranch. 10101 State Hwy 31, Murchison, TX. (between Tyler and Athens) \$17.00 full hook-ups. RALLY FEE \$40.00 which includes 5 breakfast, 1 wiener roast & 4 dinner entrees. They have plans to have Forty-two, Bingo, Talent and skit show, Chili cook-off, 50-50 and music by David.

PICTURES:



Linda Shields, Pearl Hudson and Penny Caddy



Penny Caddy, Pearl Hudson, John Hubbard, Michael Cunningham, Bill Wood, Linda Shields, Doc Edgewood



Pearl Hudson, Fran Grochowski, Lavinda Suson, Ann Henley, Michael Cunningham