



# Loners on Wheels





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## LONGHORN LOWDOWN

December 2010

<http://www.longhornlowsnotx.org>

<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR January 2011</p> 	<p>To all of those in South Texas, have fun. And those who are at home curled up in front of the fire place, stay warm. We'll see ya'all in February 2011.</p> 
<p>February 17-10</p> 	<p><u>Feb17- 20</u> Rocker " D" RV Ranch, 33399 S Hwy 281, Mineral Wells 76067, (940) 327-8204 <a href="http://www.rockerdrvranch.net">www.rockerdrvranch.net</a> 180 W toward Mineral Wells, 281 S (S Oak Ave) to park. Or US 20 W from Ft Worth exit 386 onto 281 N go 12 miles</p>
<p>March 17 - 20</p> 	<p><u>Mar 17-20</u> American RV, 4345 W State Hwy 31 (7<sup>th</sup> Ave), Corsicana, TX 75110, (903) 872-0233 <a href="http://www.americanrvparkcorsican.com">www.americanrvparkcorsican.com</a> Located on Hwy 31(7<sup>th</sup> Ave) 5 mi west of I 45</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.

May 19-22 **CORE** Benbrook Lake, Holiday Campground, Benbrook, TX 76126 Information: (817) 292-2400 Reservation: 1-877-444-6777 or [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com) Mention Golden Age/Access Passport No. if you have one. Member must make own reservation. Karol has reserved campsite # 18 and Linda has reserved campsite # 63 which has a shelter for us to use as a cook shack. There is also a second hook-up for someone with a small rig. If you want to share with Linda, give her a call, or e-mail her.

Reservation can be made at [www.reservation.gov](http://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](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.
- **Longhorn 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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**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

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 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.

## MINUTES:

### Longhorn LoWs Campout December 9-12, 2010

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held December 9-12, 2010 at Bennett's RV Ranch, Granbury, TX. Those members in attendance were: Linda Shields, David Edgeworth (Doc), Karol Cook, Bill Bergman, Bill Wood, Edna Page, John Hubbard and John Johns. Al Koester, a fellow LOW from Alaska was a weekend guest, and Fran Hathaway and Michael Cunningham drove over on Saturday to visit.

Doc called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Al, Fran and Michael were welcomed.

A motion to approved minutes submitted by Linda was passed.

There was no Treasure's report.

Doc reminded people to pay their Longhorn LoWs dues of \$15.00 by January 1. You may send a check to Penny Caddy, 5401 Sager Blvd, The Colony, TX 75056.

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that some flexibility be built into the camping schedule to take advantage of events going on in the area. The camping site can only be changed if membership can be notified by newsletter at least 90 days in advance, and notice will be sent to National LoWs. There is always a notice in the newsletter to get in touch with the Wagon Master before a campout, so if there is a change of location, it is the responsibility of the person to find out about it. And, with the convenience of e-mail, membership will be notified.

The SI Dance Rally is April 3-14, 2011. Contact Sam Barlow- 936-714-2479, [Sambarlow@juno.com](mailto:Sambarlow@juno.com) or Terry Phieffer-210-632-1449, [tphieffer11@yahoo.com](mailto:tphieffer11@yahoo.com)

There will not be a campout in January.

The next campout will be held February 17-20, 2011, at Rocker D RV Ranch, 3399 S Hwy 281, Mineral Wells, TX 76067, 940-327-8204. Please get in touch with Karol Cook, [kjcook454@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjcook454@sbcglobal.net), or (H) 214-341-9662 or (C) 214-952-7925 if you are planning to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol J. Cook  
Secretary

## LONGHORN LoWs NOVEMBER 20, 2010 MINUTES

**Campout Attendees:** Bill Bergman, Penny Caddy, Al Koesters, Edna Paige, Linda Shields, Jean Staton

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Penny Caddy at 10:00 a.m. Penny welcomed Al Koester's, a National LoWs member from Alaska who joined us at the April campout in Waco. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurer reported previous month income of \$13 from the breakfast donations and \$15 from annual dues for next year.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business:**

Penny reminded us that the December campout includes a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped RV related gift, priced from \$10 - \$15, wrapped. Bennet's RV Park in Granbury has 50-amp connections, so if your RV has a 30-amp plug, make sure you bring a 30/50 amp adaptor, which can be purchased at RV equipment stores.

**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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

## MEMBERS COMMENTS;

12.11 **Edna Paige** writes In Granbury for a singles campout, we had a wonderful fun time at Branson on the Brazos Christmas last night. Now it is time for breakfast, we eat together, so off to the shower.

12.15 Karol writes:

There was a nice attendance at the campout this weekend in at Bennett's RV Ranch in Granbury. The clubhouse was decorated beautifully, but the weather was very cooperative for this time of year so we had our happy hour outdoors every day. A little shopping and lunch at Babes' on Friday, and seven of the camping members really enjoyed a wonderful performance of Branson on the Brazos at Granbury Live on Friday night. The music, costumes, and entertainment was outstanding. Saturday we were entertained

by a macaw and very fast 4 wheel drive remote control vehicle that the macaw rides on. And, again on Saturday, almost everyone went to town. The square was lively with music and shoppers and decorations. Bill Bergman was not feeling up to par and not able to participate fully in all of the events. On Saturday night we had our Christmas party and gift exchange. A lot of laughs. As always the food was great and the fellowship even better.

**Border Lows writes:** [Rail of Lights - Christmas Train](#)

*I hope to get the newsletter out this week, but we plan to camp at "Mom and Pop's" again Dec. 30- Jan. 1. We would like to go on the train ride above on New Year's Eve. We need to know who wants to go on the train ride and make reservations for \$18 each. If you cancel at least 3 days in advance you get back 90% of your money. If you think you will be there please contact me or Dorothy ([dotdome@yahoo.com](mailto:dotdome@yahoo.com)). And please let others know.*

*Ruth*

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES:** It sounds as though everyone had a wonderful camp out. I'm glad to see the numbers were up a little. Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to invite one new person per member and we can double our membership by then end of 2011. Also each member can call an old member and let's see if we can get them back to camping with us.

**IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b> Fran Grochowski 903.849.6608 <a href="mailto:frankieski@aol.com">frankieski@aol.com</a>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT;</b> David Edgeworth 817.523.0488 <a href="mailto:jaildoc@aol.com">jaildoc@aol.com</a>	<b>SECRETARY:</b> Karol Cook 214.952.7925 <a href="mailto:kjcook454@sbcglobal.net">kjcook454@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>TRESURER:</b> Penny Caddy 972.971.4610 <a href="mailto:pcaddy@hotmail.com">pcaddy@hotmail.com</a>	<b>WAGON MASTER</b> Karol Cook 214.952.7925 <a href="mailto:kjcook454@sbcglobal.net">kjcook454@sbcglobal.net</a>	<b>QUARTERMASTER:</b> Linda Shields 972.644.4378 <a href="mailto:l.b.shields@worldnet.aatt.net">l.b.shields@worldnet.aatt.net</a>



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS.** Fran Grochowski December 18.. If I didn't remember you, it is because I don't know your birth date. Please let me know.

**THINGS TO DO IN THE METRO-PLEX:**

January 1 - January 31 – MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live!: Due to popular demand, dinosaurs are coming back from extinction just for your family to experience and enjoy! Encounters with nine life-sized animatronic dinosaurs (including the ever-popular 46-foot tall T-Rex and the Dilophosaurus, the spitting dinosaur) will be fun for the whole family. Heard Natural Science

Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org), 972-562-5566.

January 6-9—ARLINGTON: Texas Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Show Arlington Convention Center. [www.texasfishingshow.com](http://www.texasfishingshow.com) 469/549-0673

January 8—DALLAS: Chamber Music International Concert Caruth Auditorium, Southern Methodist University, 6101 Bishop Blvd. [www.cmi-now.org](http://www.cmi-now.org) 972/385-7267

January 14—GRAPEVINE: Everything's Comin' Up Roses Featuring the music of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Lerner & Lowe, Jule Styne, John Loesser, Elvis and more. Palace Theatre, 300 Main St. 817/410-3100

January 14-Feb. 5—FORT WORTH: Stock Show & Rodeo Established in 1896, the nation's oldest livestock show attracts nearly 1 million people each year. Also enjoy indoor rodeo events, a parade, exhibits, live music and more. Will Rogers Memorial Center. [www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com) 817/877-2420

### PICTURES;



Bill Bergman



John Hubbard, David 'Doc' Edgeworth  
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Back Row: Edna Paige, John Johns, Al Koester, Bill Wood  
Front Row: Karol Cook, Linda Shields, David "Doc" Edgeworth, John Hubbard