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## LONGHORN LOWDOWN

February 2010

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February 18-21, 2010

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held February 18-21, 2010 at Lazy "L" RV Park, Corsicana, Texas. Those in attendance were: Jack Anderson, Karol Cook, Bill Bergman, Linda Shield, Bill Wood and Penny Caddy. John Hubbard drove in on Friday to spend the day. Lucia Butler attended as a guest.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Karol Cook called the meeting order at 9:50 AM.

Karol welcomed guest, Lucia Butler. Lucia extended her hospitality to the club members by accommodating everyone for the potluck dinner at her rig. Thanks, Lucia.

The minutes were approved as published.

The Treasurer, Penny Caddy, reported a deposit of 120.00 from dues collected and another deposit of \$166.00 from dues and breakfast offering. Disbursements of \$214.00 for the webpage and \$37.98 for the newsletter were made.

Fran Grochowski is scheduled to have foot surgery today. Penny reported that Jack Ryan is scheduled to have rotator cuff surgery on Monday, February 22, 2010. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Fran and Jack.

After discussion, it was determined that a definition and clarification should be made regarding the difference between an Honorary and Life Member, especially regarding dues and voting privileges.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Karol J 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 2010.**

Our friend Jane Kastner at [www.CampingRoadTrip.com](http://www.CampingRoadTrip.com) writes: I hope you are all well and staying warm (and dry).

I wanted to share this article with everyone in the hope that you will pass it on to RVing friends and post it on your website.

As most of you are aware, the census will be taken on April 1<sup>st</sup>, however many Rvers may be on the road at that point in time. The article outlines how to ensure Rvers count!

**2010 census – RV getting counted?** <http://www.campingroadtrip.com/tips-and-articles/entryid/28/2010-census-rv-getting-counted/>

Take care, and happy camping!

Jane

**Karol** writes:

Fran, I sure hope you are doing better today.

For the newsletter:

We had a really good time. The weather was more than accommodating for a Feb. campout, and we sat outside Thurs. Fri. and Sat. for happy hour. On Friday, Bill Wood cranked up the fire pit, and we enjoyed a nice warm fire as we conversed with each other and John Hubbard, who joined us.

After exploring some of the beautiful old homes in Corsicana and driving around the cemetery and side streets, some went shopping in downtown Corsicana and made lots of new discoveries. For example, the "Two Doors Down" Coffee Shop, where the proprietor entertained us with his beautiful singing voice and piano playing, Harvey's, which is a general store not to be missed, Greens Western Wear, which unfortunately is going out of business (or fortunate for Penny, Karol and Lucia who did very well there!) and other neat places that were missed because of time constraints.

We also discovered Pioneer Village, a quaint log cabin village that looked very interesting, and the Lefty Frizzel museum. We are looking forward to a return visit to Corsicana so we can visit these sites and spend more time in the "downtown" area.

Bill Wood noted that not much progress had been made on the restoration of the interior of the electric train car since last year.

As always the club breakfasts were delicious, especially Linda Shield's homemade cranberry and orange muffins. As promised, Karol made a pot of chili for the Thurs. night campers, and her homemade caramel popcorn was a big hit at happy hour. Of course everyone enjoyed the delicious pot luck dinners in front of the fire place at Lucia Butler's. Thanks Lucia.

#### Carmel Popcorn Recipe

##### Ingredients

8 cups popped popcorn  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
6 Tbls butter  
3 Tbls light corn syrup  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Put popped popcorn into large bowl

Measure the brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt into the 1 1/2 quart saucepan. Cook and stir with a wooden spoon over medium heat until everything is mixed and the mixture starts to boil. When mixture boils, STOP stirring. Cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda and vanilla. Pour mixture over popcorn. Stir to mix well and pour into a large roasting pan. Bake 15 minutes, remove from oven, stir, replace in oven and bake another 5 - 10 minutes. Pour out onto Pam sprayed foil, or back into large bowl. Cool. Enjoy!!!

NOTE: I double recipe....store in gallon size ziplock bag.

I sure hope you are doing better today.

Attached are the secretary's minutes for the Feb meeting....of sorts!!!

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**A complete Camping Schedule will be included in the February newsletter.**

#### **MARCH CAMP OUT:**

The next campout will be March 18-21 at Antique Capital RV Park, 500 South Loop 485 Gladewater, TX 75647. Phone 903-845-7378.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Over 10 rigs- \$22.50/night, plus you will get exclusive use of the Activity Center #1 at no extra charge.

Under 10 rigs- \$25.00 per night.

Individuals needing a site are to call and give information to Antique Capital RV at

903-845-7378. The Wagon Master is to confirm the number of sites two weeks prior to the scheduled arrival date. So please also call Karol at 214-341-9662 to confirm. No cancellation penalties will apply if the individuals cancel 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival

**For more information regarding camping schedules call Karol Cook at 214.952.7925 or [kjcook454@scbglobal.net](mailto:kjcook454@scbglobal.net) or view our web site [www.longhornlowsnotx.org](http://www.longhornlowsnotx.org).**

Note from the Gladwater COC

Welcome to the Antique Capital of East Texas. Gladewater is the antique capitol of East Texas, a Texas Main Street and a National Main Street city as well as a favorite tourism spot, where visitors can enjoy a bit of past while browsing through the quaint old buildings. You will find over 200 antique and crafter's in over 30 antique mall and individual shops, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, bakeries and home entertainment. World famous Prca rodeo (June), massive East Texas Gusher Days (April), Arts & Crafts Festivals (April), opry, lake recreations and the infamous July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks at Lake Gladewater. The Scared Spur Ranch, located east of Gladewater is a nice place to eat-ribs, steaks ,etc., but a bit pricey. They have live music and a place to dance on the weekends.

**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**

9:00 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 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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## **CAMPING SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

January: No Campout  
February 18-22: Lazy "L" Ranch, 12401 W Hwy 31, Barry, TX 75103  
March 18-21: Antique Capital RV Park, 500 So Loop 485, Gladewater, TX 75647  
April 15-18: I 35 Park & Resort, 15131 North I 35, Elm Mott, TX 76640  
May 20-22: Hickory Creek CORE Park, 1801 North Mill St. Lewisville, TX 75067  
June 17-20: Lake Athens Marina RV Park, Athens, TX 75751  
July: NO CAMPOUT  
August 19-22: Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX  
September 16-19: Liberty Hill CORE Park, Navarro Mills Lake, 1175 FM 877, Purdon, TX  
October 21-24: Holiday Park CORE Park, Benbrook Lake, SW of Fort Worth  
November 18-21: Mineola Civic Center, 1150 Newson, Mineola, TX 75773  
December 9-12: Bennetts RV Park, 3101 Old Granbury Rd., Granbury, TX 76049

Directions cost and notes for monthly camp-out will be included in each month's newsletter.

Sorry, no pictures this month.

Fran Grochowski,  
President/Newsletter Editor