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## LONGHORN LOWDOWN

SEPTEMBER 2010

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September 16 – 19, 2010

October 21 -24



Oct 21 – 24 Holiday Park **CORE**, Benbrook Lake Southwest of Fort Worth. Phone: 817.292.2400. 5 miles So Loop 820 on 377. 1 mile past “Tiger RD” \$10 (E) \$20 (EW) **Site 008** (Cabin \$30. Full Hook –up \$20) Two night minimum. Member must make own reservations. [www.reservation.gov](http://www.reservation.gov) or Toll free 1.877.444.6777



**Border LoWs Rally. Oct 26 -30 Sta-a-Way Ranch, Murchison, TX. Rally fee \$40 early registration October 1<sup>st</sup>. \$50 after that. Contact Dorothy Owens, President; 870.904.7591 / [Dotdome@yahoo.com](mailto:Dotdome@yahoo.com) or Ruth Bristow, 903.678.3714/[ruthann19508@aol.com](mailto:ruthann19508@aol.com).**

November 18 - 21



Nov 18 – 21 Mineola Civic Ctr Mineola, TX 1150 Newsom, Mineola, TX 75773 (903) 569-6115 [mciviccenter@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:mciviccenter@suddenlinkmail.com) \$20.00 Note: Alcoholic beverages, smoking & tobacco products are not allowed inside the building, or is alcoholic consumption permitted on the grounds.

December 9 - 12



Dec 9 – 12 Bennetts RV Park 3101 Old Granbury Rd. Granbury, TX 76049 (817) 573-3665 [www.bennettsrvranch.com](http://www.bennettsrvranch.com) 3 miles from downtown Granbury or Lake Granbury. Behind Bennett’s Camping Center. \$27.00

**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.

- 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.

**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**

8:30am 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 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;**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b> Fran Grochowski 903.849.6608 frankieski@aol.com	<b>VICE PRESIDENT;</b> David Edgeworth 817.523.0488 jaildoc@aol.com	<b>SECRETARY:</b> Karol Cook 214.952.7925 kjcook454@sbcglobal.net
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LONGHORN LoW's MEETING MINUTES: September 18, 2010

**Campout Attendees:** Jack Anderson, Philip Box, Penny Caddy, Janice Corona, Tina Cousins, Michael Cunningham, David Edgeworth, Fran Grochowski, John Hubbard, John Johns, Pat Shaw, Linda Shields, Edna Paige

**Drop-Ins:** Pat Nelson

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Penny Caddy.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published.

**Old Business:**

Fran asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. There were no volunteers. She then asked for nomination from the floor. No one spoke so she asked last year's officers if they were willing to serve for another year. Penny Caddy agreed to serve as Treasurer again. Linda Shields agreed to serve as Secretary. David Edgeworth agreed to serve as Vice President again. Fran said she would be willing to be President again but the by-laws limit terms to two years. David Edgeworth suggested changing the by-laws. Edna said it was just a guideline. So Fran agreed. We are ending up with the same few people doing all the work year after year. Several officers are doing double duty in addition to their office such as newsletter publishing, wagon master and quarter master. If we burn these people out, then what will happen to the club? Please consider getting more involved. Nominations will again be taken from the floor next month or send suggestions to Fran via e-mail.

**New Business:**

Fran read the proposed locations for next year's campouts and they were discussed. There are more Corps of Engineers parks than last year. Linda Shields cautioned against scheduling Corps parks for months when the weather is more unpredictable or predictably hot. She also mentioned that preparing breakfasts for these outdoor campouts is more work for those who participate. Several people definitely wanted the summer campouts to be at locations with swimming pools or lakes. There was an objection to having two campouts in Waco within two months. The scheduled April campout in Waco is intended to follow up the dance rally in Bandera because we get a lot of guests from that. The June campout at Riverview was scheduled because Riverview has a nice swimming pool but that could be rescheduled to August or September. Several alternative campgrounds were proposed for other months. Fran said to submit any suggestions to Karol Cook.

Fran said she is looking into a trip to New Mexico for July. If you know of any good places to camp or areas with interesting activities in New Mexico, please let Fran know.

Border LoWs Rally is scheduled for October 26 – 31 (Tuesday through Sunday). See write-up in National Newsletter. That is the week following our campout. David Edgeworth suggested leaving our campout in Benbrook and going over to Staway early for the next week. The group rates should be effective for those early days.

**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 October campout (see below). Cancellations must be made at least 2 days before scheduled arrival and a \$10 cancellation fee will be subtracted from the refund.

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 10:45 a.m.

#### FROM THE MEMBERS:



No September Birthdays

#### NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Folks, it is time you stepped up to plate to help with the running of your chapter. We need new blood and ideas to make this a successful chapter.

I heard of two complaints regarding this past campout. Ants were the biggest problem, especially for those who did not put Comet around their tires and hoses. This works quite well. The second complaint was that we didn't do much in the evening, except sit around and chat. Let's see if we can fix that by having "something" planned. Someone want to be an activity director ?? and see if they can find things to do other than sit. Check the web site of the nearby town and find out what is going on.

Saturday was a wonderful afternoon on Lake Navarro. The chapter paid for a pontoon, so we spent several hours on the lake. A few brave souls went swimming off the pontoon. I wish I could have joined them, but because I'm such a klutz and had fallen Thursday night injuring my knee, I couldn't. . John suggests we give lessons on how to exit a motor home. As for an update on my injuries---I'm now seeing a wound care doctor. There was some asphalt left in the wound, so the docs incised my knee to remove gravel and now I'm left with a deep hole in my knee reaching down to the patella tendon. So I'm laid up again. Hopefully it will heal soon. See you in Benbrook.

No Pictures as they were taken by Tina Cousins and I have not receded them yet.

