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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

June 2010

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UPCOMING CAMPING SCHEDULE:

<p>July</p> 	<p>No scheduled campout</p> <p>Most will be roaming</p>
<p>August 19-22</p> 	<p>Aug 19 – 22 Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX (940) 644-5240 Hwy 287 to Hwy 1810 to Hwy 101 to EX 1667 to TX 1770. CG on right. Nearest town Decatur, TX.</p>
<p>September 16-19</p> 	<p>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.</p>

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.

Karol has booked:

Site #50 at Liberty Hills CORE Park at Navarro Mills Lake Sept 16-19.

Site #008 at Holiday Park Core Benbrook Lake October 21-24.

It is suggested that you book as soon as possible so we can all be in the same area. There are sites at Benbrook with shelters for \$#0. A night if anyone is interested. Other sites are \$20 at both parks, If you have a Senior Pass card you will get a 50% discount at both of the CORE parks.

Computer geeks can register on line at www.recreation.gov. Cancellation MUST be made at least 2 days before scheduled arrival.

For more information regarding camping schedules call Karol Cook at 214.952.7925 or kjcook454@scbglobal.net or view our web site www.longhornlowsnotx.org.

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

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).

Minutes:

Longhorn LoWs Campout MAY 22, 2010

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held May 20-23, 2010, at Lake Whitney Marina and RV Park, Whitney, Texas. Those members in attendance were: Linda Shields, David Edgeworth (Doc), Penny Caddy, John Johns, Bill Wood, Benny Collins, Jean Staton, Nancy Woesener, Lucia Staton, John Hubbard, and Karol Cook. Aubrey Scott (Scotty) attended as a guest, and Michael Cunningham is our newest member.

In the absence of our President, Fran Grochowski, Our VP Doc called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Doc and members graciously welcomed Michael Cunningham, Aubrey Scott was still getting settled in so we welcomed him after the meeting.

The April minutes were approved as published.

Penny gave the Treasurer's report.

After having incurred much scuttlebutt about the campground, Karol brought up the need for more membership input in finding campgrounds. She recited all the "requirements" and told of the difficulty in meeting those "needs." Members didn't realize what was involved and agreed to help research campgrounds and activities and let the Wagon master know what they discovered. The members are not to negotiate rates.

After much discussion, John Johns motioned and Nancy Woessener 2nd that the negotiated club rate could not exceed \$32.50 per night. The motion passed.

Nancy motioned and Doc seconded the motion that members would be responsible for \$30.00 per night, and the Longhorn LoWs would pay the \$2.50 difference. The motion passed unanimously.

Karol told members to make their reservations well in advance for the CORE and State Parks and to be sure to mention if you are a card holder. You can book on-line or by phone. Karol and Penny have made reservations at the Liberty Hills CORE Park, Navarro Lake, TX at sites 50 and 51. This campout is to take place Oct 21-24, 2010.

Karol announced the June 17-20 campout will be held at Lake Athens Marina, Athens, TX. 75751. (903) 675-8686. Lakeathensmarina.com. located about 5 miles east of Athens on FM 2495. Follow signs for the Texas Freshwater Fishery, when you cross the bridge, turn in at the Public Boat Ramp sign and drive to RV park on the left. The rate is \$23.00.

IMPORTANT; Notify **John Hubbard 214-683-9323 if you are going to attend.**

July No Campout

Aug 19-22, 2010 Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX. Information to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 Respectfully submitted, Karol Cook

NOTES FROM MEMBERS;

Hi There!

Well the time has come for me to see if I can do it on my own. I am getting ready for a long trip, by myself, with the motor home. I am going back home, up north. I will visit Fred's side, and my side, some friends along the way. See some things I haven't taken the time to see. I will be gone most of the summer. So please hold all forwards. I won't have internet access most of the time. I will try and call from time to time.

Here's hoping you have a great summer now.

Love, Nancy

Minutes
Longhorn Low Campout
June 17 – 20

Campout Attendees: Janice Corona, Jack Dean, David Edgeworth, Fran Grochowski, John Hubbard, Jean Staton, Lucia Staton, Linda Shields, Bill Wood

The June business meeting was called to order by Fran Grochowski at 9:50 a.m. The meeting was held at Lake Athens Marina RV Park in Athens, TX. Fran welcomed previous member Jack Dean.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the May meeting were read by Fran and were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Old Business:

We discussed camping sites. Fran had given Zola Hilton, Wagon master 2009, a list of campgrounds east of Dallas with camp sites less than \$20. We discussed Corps of Engineers campgrounds and the ways to make reservations, either by phone at 1-877-444-6777 (mention Golden Age Passport) or at their website at 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.

New Business:

Future Campouts:

July – No Campout

August 19 – 22: Red Willow RV Park, Chico, TX

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: Bennett’s RV Park, Granbury, TX

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

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.

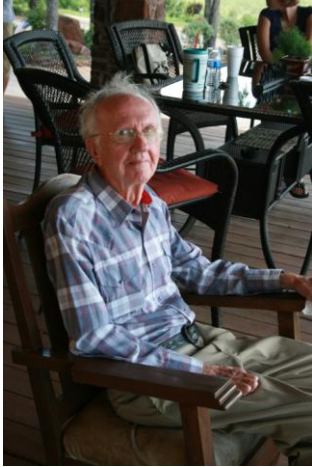
Then send this info to the wagon master by email or snail mail (TOO much info to pass on by phone)
Let's pitch in and help.

The above suggestion was submitted by our Vice-President, David "Doc" Edgeworth. *I think it is a very good idea. And we could go one step further and someone step-up and take the position of WAGON-MASTER.*

As most of you know we have had to double up this year on many of the committee positions and it is a hardship on all those involved. THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER. Please get involved.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;

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Jack Dean—a longtime member



Bill Wood brought his boat



Lucia Staton, Linda Shield, “Doc” David



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