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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

MAY 2011

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<p>June 19-16</p> 	<p>June 16-19 Lake Athens Marina & RV Marina Drive, Athens, TX 75751, (903) 675-8686</p> <p>Follow the signs for the Fish Hatchery.</p>
<p>July 21-24</p> 	<p>Destiny Dallas, 7100 S I-35E, Denton, TX 76210, (940) 497-3353</p> <p>CANCELED , DUE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TRAVELING Have a HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY.</p>
<p>Aug 18-21</p> 	<p>Riverview Campground, 988 Riverview Rd, Waco 76706, (254) 662-0475</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. There are always un-reserveable spot which can be filled on a first come, first serve basis, so do not let a lack of a reservation keep you from joining us. You may not be in an area close to us, but bring your bicycle and you will be fine.

Sept 15-18 Core Liberty Hill (Navarro Mills Lake)

Information: (817)292-2400 Reservation: 1-877-444-6777 or www.ReserveUSA.com. Mention

Golden Age/Access Port No. if you have one. Members must make their own reservation. Karol has reserved campsite # 22 and Lind has reserved campsite # 25, Frances # 27. Remember to bring the COMET in case the ants are bad.

Reservation can be made at 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 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

Following Supper – games, visit, campfire, etc.

Saturday

8:30 am Breakfast,

10:00 am Business Meeting

4:00 pm Meet & Greet

6:30 pm Supper – covered dish

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.

- JUST A REMINDER: **Longhorn Chapter Dues** are now due. Mail them to Penny Caddy at 5401 Sager Blvd., The Colony, TX 75056. Dues are \$15/yr

MINUTES:

May 19-22, 2011

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held May 19-22, 2011 at Holiday Park, Glenbrook Lake, TX. Members in attendance were: Fran Grochowski, Penny Caddy, David Edgeworth, John Hubbard, Linda Shields, Aubrey Scott, Edna Page, and Karol Cook. Zola Hilton and Marge Smith attended as guests.

Fran called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Zola and Marge were welcomed.

Minutes were approved as published.

Penny gave the treasure's report.

David had no news to share.

New business:

- Fran requested volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Please let her know if you are interested. Nominees' names are to be submitted by October, elections held in November and installation of new officers in December.
- Send your summer trip information to Fran so she can include it in the newsletter.
- After discussion of suggested options for frequency of campouts, duties of Wagon Master and Quarter Master, it was voted no changes are to be made.
- Since so many campers will be in the Valley in Jan, it was voted to have a "rally" with CenTex and Border LoWs. Plans will be made for a get-together.

Karol announced the next campout is to be held June 16-19, 2011 at Lake Athens Marina and RV Park, 5401 Marina Drive, Athens, TX 75751. Follow the signs for the Fish Hatchery. Bring your swimwear, Bill Wood promised to bring his pontoon boat.

Respectfully submitted,
Karol J Cook
Secretary

Members write:

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: I know that it is too early to think about next year, but that is what I am asking you to do.

We need a nominating committee (3) to be formed by September. The nominations need to be put before the members of the Chapter in October. Elections are held in November with installation of Officers in December. We need to look for a new PRESIDENT, VP, SECRETARY, TREASURER, WAGON MASTER and QUARTERMASTER. If you would like to serve on the NOMINATING COMMITTEE or wish to hold a position, please let me know, by e-mail frankieski@aol.com, phone call (903.849.6608) or by snail mail to 19179 FM 317, Chandler, TX 75758. If you, who would like to continue holding your office, please let me know.

There was a discussion of what to do as our membership is falling, due to more full-timers, and no new members. If this happen, and hopeful it won't, we need to decide about when and where to camp. It is almost impossible to reserve a camp-ground without knowing how many will be attending and we are lacking in this area. As you know we need ten in order to insure a building in which to gather. There is a consensus that we may have to go to using Corps Parks/State Parks all the time. That way if there is only a few or a large number, the need for a reservation rests on the camper/member. The schedule for this year stands as printed.

I will be in or traveling to or from Alaska between June 23 and Sept 1. However I will get the news letter out.

Let me hear about you travels, so we can share the fun times.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: NO Birthdays that I know of.**
.If I didn't remember you, it is because I don't know your birth date. Please let me know.

PICTURES: So sorry I lost the camp-out pictures.

THINGS TO DO IN ATHENS:

Athens is a city in [Henderson County, Texas](#), in the [United States](#). As of the [2000 census](#), the city population was 11,297. It is the [county seat](#) of [Henderson County](#)^[3]. According to the [Texas Legislature](#), Athens is the "Original Home of the [Hamburger](#)".^[4] The city also calls itself the "Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World." Athens was selected as one of the first 'Certified Retirement Communities' in Texas.

The [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#), a rival to the SBC which accents global missions. The main building and sanctuary are built in Federalist-style church architecture. The inside is decorated in gleaming white panels amidst dark wood accents and subdued red carpets/fabrics.^[6]

The **East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society** (over 100 acres) is an [arboretum](#) and [botanical garden](#) located at 1601 Patterson Road, [Athens, Texas](#) in the [United States](#). It is open daily; an admission fee is charged.

The arboretum was established in 1993 on the site of a former [truck farm](#), with dry hills, hardwood forest, seasonal [bogs](#), and permanent wetlands along Walnut Creek. Volunteer work is ongoing. At present the site features its arboretum and a variety of gardens, including butterfly, cottage, display, herb, kitchen, native plant, perennial, research, and rose gardens. It also contains a historical homestead, [koi ponds](#), and hiking trails.

Marina Restaurant located at the Camp grounds. Wonderful seafood as well as other offerings,

- [Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center](#)
- Railroad Park in downtown Athens
- Park Model Home and Factory on south 31.
- NY-TX Zipline Adventure
- Tara Vineyard and Winery—5 mile NW of Athens, off 175 west, right on CR

Tapa's at the Cellar Door and Vitners Jam Session! Every Friday Night

The fun begins after work every Friday night. Join us at Tara and enjoy the vitners jam session and all Tapa's are under \$10.00.

- 3914-open Tue-Sat 11:30-sunset/early evening. (

Saturday Tours

We will be having tours of Tara winery on Saturdays. The tour costs \$9/person and includes 3 wine tastings and a tour of our winery. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, e-mail us at sipoftexas@tarawinery.com