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LONGHORN LOWDOWN

SEPTEMBER 2011

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	<p><u>Oct 20-23</u> Staway Ranch, 10101 State Hwy 31, East Murchison, TX, 75778, (877) 375-4477 located between Athens and Tyler in East Texas. GPS Co-ordinates : N32° 17.678' W95° 41.3622'</p>
	<p><u>Nov 17-20</u> Red River Ranch RV Resort, 700 S Hwy 77, Thackerville, OK, (800) 568-7837 www.redriverranchrvresort.com I-35 N entering into OK Exit 1 for US-77N .3 mi., L on US-77N .2 mi, R to stay on US77 N 3.1 mi</p>
	<p><u>Dec 8-11</u> Bennetts RV Ranch, 3101 Old Granbury Rd, Granbury, TX 76049, (817) 279-7500 www.bennettsrvranch.com 3 miles from downtown Granbury or Lake Granbury. Behind Bennett's Camping Center. \$30.00 for 10 or more rigs.</p> <p>Remember this is our Christmas Party. Please bring an RV related or funny gift of \$10 -\$15 value to share.</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.

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. Be sure to get a CONFIRMATION/RECEIPT so there we be no question about the reservation,

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 5:45 pm. We’ll fire up a grill for those who want to cook their meat.

Friday

9:00 am Breakfast-Furnished by the club.

11:00 am Meet – games

4:00 – 5:00 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 - 5:00 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:

The Longhorn LoWs campout was held September 15-18, 2011 at Liberty Hills CORE Park in Navarro Mills Lake, TX. Members in attendance were: Fran Grochowski, Linda Shields and Karol Cook.

Fran called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM September 18.

Minutes were approved as published in the July newsletter.

There was no treasure's report.

New business:

--Fran stated that she had not received any responses to her request for 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.

--Members in attendance discussed the future of the Longhorn LoWs including the following:

- Doing away with the position of the Quarter Master
- Each participant would bring a breakfast item (e.g. Bacon, eggs, sausage, biscuits, pancake mix and syrup or orange juice).
- Volunteers would do the cooking and cleanup.

Members in attendance also discussed feasible campsites for next year. Although tentative, right now there is a possibility of 3 CORE Park campouts, 3 Out of Area (Rio Grande Valley, Casper Wyoming, Texas Gulf Shores, etc) campouts and 6 regular local (within 150 miles) RV park campouts.

Karol announced the next campout is to be held Oct. 20-23 at Staway Ranch RV Park, Murchison, TX. 10101 State Hwy 31, East Murchison, TX, 75778, (877) 375-4477 located between Athens and Tyler in East Texas. **GPS Co-ordinates : N32° 17.678' W95° 41.3622'**

The Border LoWs Rally is Oct 25-30 at Staway Ranch. Some Border LoWs will come to our campout and some of the Longhorn LoWs plan to stay over for the Border LoWs Rally. You won't have to move your rig and we are attempting to get a discounted camping rate. We hope to see a lot of campers there.

Remember to notify Karol to let her know if you will be attending the Longhorn October campout at Staway Ranch RV Park 214-952-7925 or kjcook454@sbcglobal.net.

And, notify Tina Cousins ticousi@aol.com if you will be attending the Border LoWs Rally. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol J Cook

Secretary

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

09.20.2011 Doc sent this along from Tina Cousins:

I also talked to them about pricing, hopefully someone will talk to Staway and get better rates for all of us. ***not critical but a plus.

I am not into that area, so, we'll see what happens.

Also, I told Dorothy I would ask you if your chapter has someone that they are working on for Lifetime Membership? We are hopeful that we have a few new prospects, but didn't want to sign them up until we found out so we can help you all. I believe its what we have done in the past, and I think its your year.

***we have so few new members this past year, I don't think anybody could seriously think could succeed so probably OK for one of yours. We will be very clear at CO.

I would appreciate hearing from you all, but I realize that time is at hand, and it may have to wait until we get to Staway to discuss, but anyways, just passing on information I was told I would do. Thanks
Hope to see all in a few weeks

Doc writes as a reminder: *****if any of your people are going to make our campout please have each of them let Karol Cook know as soon as decided, she's at Kjcook454@sbcglobal.net or 214-952-7925 helps her/us to plan food and activities etc.

9/8/2011 Doc sent a reminder for our October Campout, which I forwarded to most. I read as follows:

Hello folks:

Longhorn CO Oct 20-23 is at Staway RV near Murchison

Border LoW Rally is Oct 25-30 at Staway RV also.

Some border Lows will come to our CO to "extend" the RV'ing or holiday or whatever and several of us will stay over for the Border Low rally.

if you're coming to Longhorn CO let Karol Cook know Kjcook454@sbcglobal.net and if coming to Border Low rally let Tina Cousins know ticousi@aol.com

If some, many or all come to both should be a great extended party, and you wouldn't have to move your rig. I think somebody is trying to boost camping discount for the combination.

anyway feel free to pass the info on to anybody I have missed that might have an interest and DO let the contact people above know as soon as you can -- so they can arrange whatever.

David Edgeworth Jaildoc

9.1.2011 John Hubbard writes: Subject: Re: August newsletter

Reference your last paragraph; it is something I have brought up so many times in various conversations at campouts. A camp ground should not even be found or booked unless the wagon master has found some events going on that weekend in the area or interesting site seeing attractions close by. They are easy to find on the internet. I used a Texas festivals website and went to each town that I thought might be of interest and went on there website to the calendar of events page and looked what was going on

the third weekend. If you look at the 12 month calendar of say, Palestine, Tx., you might find two events for the year on that weekend. Make note of them and move on to the next town and so forth.

Reference your comment about spending money down if we fold, It seems a shame that I have asked for money each year for a booth at the yearly RV spring shows, \$600.00, to make people aware of our club and recruit new members. It has always made sense to me to fish where the fish are at. (where people are gathered in a small area that have a common interest in rv'ing) I cannot tell you on this trip how many people I have met that are not aware that there are clubs for single rv'ers. Every business needs to do some Marketing to survive. My last comment from the newsletter is something we have all heard is, that all they do is sit around and play games and are no fun. Fun things to do and see, I think is the answer. Rent a pontoon boat, go tubing, ziplining, or drive through a safari retreat. Make the newsletter sound like people really missed a good time last month and are going to miss another good time next month if they do not come. I also found out that most of our members really liked to be called and invited to the campout with a refresher of the fun things we are going to do this month. Good level rv parks with a clubhouse are a plus, also. Just a few of my comments. Good luck.

John

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Although there were only three of us camping this weekend, we did have a good camp out. We visited, relieved every one's vacations, relaxed and of course ate. There was ELK summer sausage, brought from Alaska, for our happy hours. If you have never eaten Elk sausage, you missed a real treat. We had a few problems with ants, but no biggie. The weather co-operated and was beautiful all week-end. It was a wonder time to relax and doing nothing. One night we ate out on a picnic table, complete with placemats and candles and beautiful chimes to serenade us. And the rest of the time we ate in my rig.

Other than the cost of the RV parks, we decided that not having a large number at the camp outs can be fun and should not stop or cancel any camp outs for lack of participation. There were several ideas tossed around about what to do in lieu of a building: cooking outdoors (after all we are campers), using some one else's rig to cook or cook in your own and bring the food out to the picnic table.

Would anyone be interested in doing a First Monday, Canton, TX campout? Possibly in December? This would not take the place of our regular camping date, just something extra. Think about it. I know I like to go, but a group would be fun.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS;

PRESIDENT: Fran Grochowski 903.849.6608 frankieski@aol.com	VICE PRESIDENT; David Edgeworth 817.523.0488 jaildoc@aol.com	SECRETARY: Karol Cook 214.952.7925 kjcook454@sbcglobal.net
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BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to John Johns (10/31) and David Edgeworth (10/24). If I didn't remember you, it is because I don't know your birth date. Please let me know.

THINGS TO DO: **Border Low Rally's** will be filled fun things to do.

Edom: Eat at the Shed, shop antique store

Ben Wheeler: Visit for the shops, two great places to eat. This town has been restored and is a restoration marvel.

Tyler: Museums, shop, good eating place, art gallery, gardens to visit