



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 - 2005

November Newsletter

The President's Corner



Kathy Helwick

There are signs everywhere that autumn is here. Certainly, the calendar tells me that, and getting dark by 6:00 is an unwelcome indicator. Yet, here I sit on the patio in shorts, enjoying the 80+ temperature. It could easily be June (except for the red maple across the way!). I have to remind myself that our Thanksgiving feast together is right around the corner. We all have so much to be thankful for. The very fact that we have the time, energy, and financial means to enjoy camping is a major blessing. Our friendship is another. This glorious sunshine is another. Let us resolve to never take any of these blessings for granted. As we meet at Whispering Pines, let us remember the words of a hymn often heard at Thanksgiving "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing....."

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments.

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Officers:

President:	Kathy Helwick	Newsletter Editor:	Sherry Moran
Vice-President:	Steve Young	Special Projects:	Pat Foitek
Treasurer:	Jim Bailey	Sunshine/Chaplain:	Cheryl MacPherson
Secretary:	Sherry Young	Web Master:	Tim Moran
Wagon Master:	Lew Foitek		

October Meeting:

CHAPTER: Texas North Star Sams
DATE: October 22, 2005
LOCATION: Tres Rios (Glen Rose)

ATTENDANCE:

Jim and Marge Bailey, Greg and Del Duerr, Lew and Pat Foitek, Dave and Kathy Helwick, Steve and Sherry Young

INVOCATION:

Kathy led us in the invocation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT;

Sherry's report accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jim reported a balance of \$553.19 - (see details in his Emailed report)

WAGON MASTER'S REPORT:

Low presented the following schedule for our campouts through May, 2006:

Nov. 18-20

Whispering Pines (Tyler), Hosted by the Duerrs

December 11 (arrive 7PM)

Christmas Party and Induction of New Officers for 2006

Hosted by the Youngs - (food and gift ideas to be emailed)

January

Meet and Eat - Details at Christmas Party

February (3rd weekend, details later)

Trip to South Texas to visit Baileys & MacPhersons

March Optional Campgrounds

Destiny

American RV Park - Corsicana

Malakoff (Athens)

Azle (on 287, new)

April

Hickory Creek

(Make your own reservation)

May

Cedar Mills (Lake Texoma)

Open for Ideas: June through September

September: Mini-rally in Canton

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Pat suggested donating teddy bears to Denton County children (Del is to get her the name of the facility housing the children for CPS)

Lap Robes to be finished and donated to the Cancer Center in Carrollton.

Pat moved that we reimburse Marge \$45 for lap robe material. Dave seconded the motion.

Fund Raising - Del suggested that we participate in her neighborhood Garage Sale in April.

Del suggested that we provide breakfast at a retirement center.

WEBMASTER AND NEWSLETTER:

Tim and Sherry were praised for their great work with these endeavors.

OLD BUSINESS

50/50 Drawing

Prospective Members contacted by Kathy:

Jim and Jackie Reid to camp w/us in Nov.

Carroll and Brian Lloyd also in Nov.

Bobby Arnett wants a reminder for Nov.

(Sherry Young to send a written invitation to the above before the November Campout)

Hats and Caps:

Marge moved that at Special Occasions such as Samborees and Mini-rallies we wear white Polo shirts with collars, navy blue dress pants, and our vests.

The motion was seconded and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob and Jann Sanders Retiring: Kathy to get a plaque for them from the Area 17 Good Sams to be paid for with no more than \$50 from our chapter account.

Approximate Wording: "In appreciation for your service at Area 17 as ASD"

New ASD Officers: Juan and Barbara Delgado

Steve Young is Chairman of the Nominating Committee for new officers

Kathy Reviewed:

Elected Officers are President,

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Wagonmaster

Appointed by the President are Sunshine,

Historian, and Webmaster

Food Allergies: Marge is allergic to shellfish.

Del suggested that we meet for dinner on the 1st Wednesday of each month. She will email the details soon.

HAPPENINGS:

Marge's Birthday was October 3rd

Helwicks Anniversary is Nov. 3rd

Brian and Cheryl expected to be in town next week

Jerry Jones has moved into Country Place

MEETING ADJOURNED

Happy Birthday!



Dave Helwick – 11/26



Brian McPherson – 11/27



Kathy Helwick – 11/28

Happy Anniversary!



Dave and Kathy Helwicks Wedding Anniversary is Nov. 3rd

Wagonmaster



Lew Foitek

November Campout:

November 18-20 - Whispering Pines

**Bring: Stuffed animal for donation
2 bingo prizes (under \$5)**

Friday Night: Go to Cracker Barrel for dinner

Saturday Night Shared Dinner:

Del & Greg ----- entrée/gravy/iced tea

Pat & Lew ----- green bean casserole

Sherry & Steve – sweet potatoes/bread

Sherry & Tim ---- creamed corn/grape salad

Kathy & Dave --- pumpkin pie

Sunday Morning: Pancakes/sausage or bacon/coffee/ juice

See www.ntahc.org/northstarsams –

[“Upcoming Events”](#) for more details and a map

December Christmas Party:

December 11

Christmas Party and Induction of New Officers for 2006 - arrive 7PM

Hosted by the Steve and Sherry Young - (food and gift ideas to be emailed)

See your club roster for the address, phone number, and Email address.

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January Meeting:

Breakfast meeting – More details to follow

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Happenings:

Stuffed Animals: We plan to deliver the stuffed animals at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, to the Childrens' Advocacy Center in Lewisville. Join us if you can.

Lap Robes: Our lap robes will go to the Cancer Center on Josey Lane in Carrollton on Dec. 5.

Waco Samboree: The Helwicks, the Foitek and the Morans, spent 4 days at the Texas Fall Samboree in Waco, Texas. Pat and Lew Foitek went early on Tuesday and were able to attend the Red Hat Luncheon, as well as a few seminars. The Morans attended the Tx. Parks & Wildlife seminar and got information on new parks and upgrades on old ones. The Helwicks arrived so Kathy could make the Presidents' meeting and also check out the new coach models. The entertainment each night provided fun for everyone – there was even some dancing!

The Opening Ceremonies were really neat because we got to see clubs from all over the state, plus LOTS of vest patches! There were meetings of all kinds scheduled, plus games – Kathy placed 3rd in the Bridge Tournament. Pat took part in the Line Dancing lessons everyday and learned some new steps she plans to teach us at campouts.

The Flea Market got Tim and Sherry up early on Saturday to buy "scrubbies" – they're great for cleaning anything! Lew made a doughnut run every morning so he could "meet and greet." We also went to the Puremco domino company and got to see parts of Waco – Sherry's REALLY ready to play Chicken Foot and Mexican Train.

There was also a costume parade honoring the Samboree's theme of "Down On The Farm." Tim & Sherry's twin grand daughters joined them for the weekend. Dressed in their Halloween "Twin Doctor" costumes, the girls had a BALL! !

Coupon Giveaway: It was suggested at the Waco Samboree that we send discount coupons for nationally distributed products to the Ft. Hood Commissary for the military wives to use. Since coupons have different expiration dates, they should be sent by each individual, not held to be sent as a group. The address is:

Ft. Hood Commissary
Attn.: Betty Carey – coupons
50002 Clearcreek
Ft. Hood, Texas 76544

If you do this, also email wacorose@hotmail.com

This is the lady who gave us the information, but I didn't get her name. Send her an email with the total value of the coupons sent. Put "coupons" in the subject field of your email. This info will be sent to National Good Sam.

Dinner at the Olive Garden: Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, saw a group of fifteen meet at the Olive Garden in Lewisville for dinner. **Brian and Cheryl MacPherson** and **Jerry Jones** were very welcome additions to our regular group and there were trip pictures shown and lots of "catching-up" done! We're hoping to make this dinner get-together a monthly event.



Good Sam Texas Fall Samboree – Waco, TX, Oct. 27 – 30, 2005



Dave Helwick and Tim Moran carry the banner at the opening ceremony



Lew Foitek presents a check for "Dogs for the Deaf" to Lowell Matheny



The Samboree crowd enjoys the "Czech Dancers" from the High School in West, TX



Pat Foitek (far right) attends the Red Hat Society meeting



Kathy Helwick is presenting a "Job Well Done" plaque to our retiring ASDs, Jann and Bob Sanders