



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 - 2005

February Newsletter

The President's Corner



At our January meeting, we officially accepted Sherry and Tim Moran into our club. They've hit the ground running and become an integral part of the group. Sherry is managing our monthly newsletter, and Tim has launched a marvelous web site for Texas North Star Sams (www.ntahc.org/northstarsams). Welcome, Sherry and Tim. We're glad to have you!

By the time you receive this, Dave and I will be in Detroit MI, helping out with a new granddaughter, born January 25. Michigan in January/February is not my idea of a good time, but new babies have a lot of influence. I can hear Kendall Grace calling me.

It seems like a long time since we've been camping. I am itching to get in the RV and go somewhere. The 70-degree days that have been sprinkled in our winter have been a real tease. And so, I am looking forward to our campout that is just around the corner on February 18-20 at Destiny. I hope everyone can make it (Baileys, we'll miss you).

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments. Even when I'm out of town, I monitor messages left on the home answering machine and read my email.

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Officers:

President: Kathy Helwick
Vice-President: Steve Young
Treasurer: Jim Bailey
Secretary: Sherry Young
Wagon Master: Lew Foitek

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran
Special Projects: Pat Foitek
Sunshine/Chaplain: Cheryl MacPherson
Web Master: Tim Moran

January Meeting:



Meeting Minutes
Submitted by
Sherry Young

GOOD SAM MINUTES January 6, 2005

LOCATION: Golden Corral - Lewisville
TIME: 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members: Youngs, Foitek, MacPhersons, Morans, Kathy Helwick
Visitors: Duerrs, Gumforys

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dues sent for 2005 to state (5 rigs - \$10)
Minutes distributed, approved

TREASURY

\$465.44 (must pay \$1.00 per check at bank)
Treasury Report distributed

WAGONMASTER

Camping Schedule

Feb. 18-20: Destiny

March 18-20: Hickory Creek (reserve sites: 104-121, www.reserveusa.com, 877-444-6777)

April 15-17: Cedar Mills (memorial tree and placque in loving memory of Malee Jones)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Donations discussed for following:

hospital pediatrics

lap robes to cancer patients

women's shelter (Sherry M. to call contact)

Friends of the Family - Denton - (Pat to check)

Bring money for food bank

Silent auction at campground

Adopt-a-Family (Albertson's meal - \$60) Call CCA on Mill Street, Lewisville

Mall (Giving Tree)

Garage Sale at Youngs' Glenwick neighborhood sale

Play 50/50 at each meeting

Play Bingo at campout in February (2-3 people bring a prize?)

Teddy Bear Patrol (Pat to get info)

Gentlemen: volunteer for projects, such as help at campground

DECEMBER 2004 - SPECIAL PROJECTS

1) Red Wagon filled with stuffed animals distributed to children at pediatrics ward at Lewisville Memorial.

Attending were: MacPhersons, Baileys, Helwicks, and Sherry Young

2) Lap robes made by members and visitors taken to Cancer Center in Carrollton

Attending were: Foitek, Baileys, and Helwicks

Accepted by: Cheryl Secoded by: Pat

OLD BUSINESS

Texas News - \$7.50 per subscription

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary's Report

Sherry Lynne to send copy of minutes for newsletter, and bring copies of minutes to meeting.

There will be no vocal reading of the minutes by the secretary.

Appointed Officers

Newsletter Editor - Sherry Moran

Sunshine/Chaplain - Cheryl MacPherson

Web Master - Tim Moran (website format explained; constitution and SOP on website to download)

HAPPENINGS

Sign up for food for February campout.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved - Steve

Seconded - Lew

Happenings:

The Foitek's Cruise

The cruise was great!!!!

We had not visited New Orleans before, so we spent a couple of days there before we left on the cruise. We had Beignets and Cafe Au Lait at Cafe Du Monde, listened to jazz in the French Quarter, went on a walking tour of the mansions in the Garden District and ate lots of cajun food! It was great.

The cruise was WONDERFUL!!! There were nearly 1,000 Good Sam members, out of about 3,000 passengers on the ship. There was great entertainment every evening, and lots of activities everyday. As usual on a cruise, the food was great, and too plentiful.

Our first port-of-call was Montego Bay, Jamaica. It was beautiful. On our tour around the city, we had our first look at a breadfruit, and lots of flowers-especially bougainvillea; they were everywhere. We saw the Rose Plantation, where Annie Palmer lived. She was the "white witch" who killed her three husbands, and was later killed by a servant. We also went to Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, and learned a few local phrases: Hey Mon- No Problem!

The next port-of-call was Grand Cayman. We didn't swim with the sting rays, but we did go to the turtle farm, where we saw sea turtles from the size of a golf ball to several hundred pounds. Our bus tour took us to the town of Hell, Grand Cayman, which was named for some weird rock formations.

The next day we went to Cozumel, Mexico. It was beautiful. We walked around the town of San Miguel, did some shopping, and Lew swam in the beautiful clear blue water at the Reef Club Beach.

Back on the ship, we had more great entertainment, a talent show where Don Woodard did his Elvis impression, and a Mardi Gras Parade

After docking in New Orleans, we picked up our car and visited Oak Alley and Nottoway Plantations; they were great! We wanted to stay longer.

The Moran's Trip to SoCal

Tim & Sherry spent almost 3 weeks in Laguna Hills, CA. The primary purpose of the trip was to celebrate Tim's mom's NINETY THIRD Birthday. She wanted to eat fish at a favorite outdoor spot at Dana Point and since she was 93, THAT IS what was done!

Since both of Tim's sisters and his aunt live there too, it was a real family event. An added bonus was that our youngest son, Tommy, flew out for the party.

On the trip home, we spent the night with a friend in Phoenix. When we left the next morning, we took US 70 from Phoenix, southeast to Lordsburg on I-10.

What a fantastic road ! We wound our way over the mountains, through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, and across the plains to New Mexico. We saw lots of copper mines and would like to return and spend more time, especially in Globe, Arizona.

Wichita Falls Samboree

There will be a "Cartoon Characters" Spring Family Samboree in Wichita Falls, Texas on March 31- April 3 and it will be at the MPEC center. It's \$60 preregistration and if you're interested, contact Jody Birchett, Box 3393, Pearland, Texas 77588-3393; 281-489-7044; registrar@texasgoodsam.com.

The Foitek and the Morans have made plans to go. If anyone else is going, please let Sherry Moran know, and she'll put it in the next newsletter.

See www.ntahc.org/northstarsams –
"[Upcoming Events](#)" for more details and a map

Wagonmaster



Lew Foitek

February Campout:

Feb. 18-20: Destiny Campground

Friday Night-brown bag

Saturday Morning-donuts and coffee

Saturday night menu:

Pat-----Cashew Chicken

Kathy-----Broccoli Beef

Lynn-----Rice

Cheryl-----Egg rolls

Sherry M.-Fruit tray

Sherry Y.--Stir-fry veggies

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Happy Birthday!



Steve Young
on February 6

From the Editor:



Please send any news you'd like included in the newsletter
to Sherry Moran before the last week of the month.

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