



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2007

November Newsletter

The President's Corner



Del Duerr

Our recent chapter Christmas party and last yearly official gathering was outstanding! As I looked around the room it was a wonderful feeling to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with good friends. I reflected all the good times we've all had together this past year and how much our chapter has grown.

At the beginning of my first year as chapter President last year I recall saying I envisioned several goals for our chapter. I am proud to look back and see that some of those goals were accomplished; taking our "little chapter" of six rigs to sixteen, venturing out to new camping destinations and having all members in chapter color t-shirts! I am very proud of our continuing commitment to the Good Sam values and purpose of giving to those in need and supporting area facilities; Children's Advocacy and nearby cancer center along with our ongoing donations to other organizations.

As we begin a new year I look forward to a second term as chapter president. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your part in our chapter; to everyone who share your ideas at our meetings, to those of you who have taken the lead in handling projects to help our chapter increase our funds so that we can give back to our community, for all our elected officers who give their time so our chapter can be a great success, to all of our new members and for our monthly newsletter and website. At the recent mini-rally it was mentioned by a state official that they wished every chapter had as good a website as Texas North Star Sams!

Have a wonderful and happy Holiday Season, as always...stay safe.

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From the Web Master

Our club web site has a new Internet address. It is www.northstarsams.org

You may start using the new address right now and the existing URL www.ntahc.org/northstarsams will continue to work for the next month or so, but I will be discontinuing service with this web host provider. BE SURE to change all of your browser **Favorites** and **Bookmarks** to the new URL.

Our Dear Friends, Greg's Doctor continues to give us positive prognosis on Greg's health. We are currently waiting for Greg to get stronger so he can have one final cycle of chemotherapy followed by fluids & antibiotics. After that, Greg looks forward to going back to work the first of the year and of course our next campout.

Greg and I would like to thank you for your many prayers, thoughts, hugs, cards, phone calls, guy lunches with Greg to get him out of the house, and most of all for your friendship and knowing that you are there, if we needed."

Much love,
Del & Greg



2007 Officers:

Elected

President: Del Duerr
Vice-President: Steve Young
Treasurer: Laura LaTurner
Secretary: Jackie Reid
Wagon Master: Lew Foitek

Appointed

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran
Special Projects: Pat Foitek
Sunshine/Chaplain: Tami Patterson
Web Master: Tim Moran



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Secretary: Mary Sue Wells
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WagonMaster: Darryl Patterson

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Sunshine/Chaplain: TBA
Web Master: TBA
Roster Master: Jim Moller



Minutes of December Meeting

Edited by Newsletter Editor

The meeting was held at the Country Place Clubhouse. It was called to order and the invocation and pledge were given.

In attendance were the Duerrs, Evans, Foitek, Fords, Helwicks, Jones/Wells, LaTurners, Moellers, Morans, Pattersons, Reids, Safholms, & Youngs. Visitors were Patrick & Adrienne Donnell and Juan and Barbara Delgado (Asst. State Directors for Area 17)

There was no Old or New Business. Patrick and Adrienne Donnell were announced as our newest members.

Jackie Reid had previously emailed the Secretary's Report and Laura LaTurner distributed the Treasurer's Report to the group.

Our new Wagonmaster, Darrell Patterson, reported the January campout would be at The Vineyards at Lake Grapevine on January 18 & 19. Members must make a commitment as soon as possible for a site. The information is available on the website.

Pat Foitek reported on Special Projects:

- Lap robes will be taken to the Cancer Center on Thursday December 6 at 10 a.m. Anyone who wants to participate can do so.
- The toys and supplies will be taken to the Children's Advocacy Center on Dec. 8. This was set on a Saturday so that members who work can attend.

Tami Patterson reported on Sunshine events:

- Herb & Sally Ford will be having an anniversary on January 3.
- The club will be camping at America's Best Campground (ABC) the 3rd week of October in Branson, MO. ABC requires a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to hold our sites. Members attending the Branson campout need to send the \$25.00 deposit to Laura LaTurner by the January campout to be assured a site.

Both the Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor had nothing new to report.

Announcements:

- Del announced that installation of our 2008 officers would be held after this meeting.
- Lew Foitek reported that the March 08 campout has been scheduled for Hickory Creek. Members should make their reservations in December to be assured of being together in the group area. Contact Darrell Patterson for information on reserving.

Pat Foitek made a motion that we adjourn. Jim Reid seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Past Events

Christmas Party

Dave and Kathy Helwick hosted the Christmas Party at the Country Place clubhouse on Dec. 2. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated and it was large enough to hold our group well – we should have parties there more often! (Hint-Hint). The weather stayed nice, but turned **cold** before we left.

We had a potluck dinner and as always, there was lots of good food and lots of good conversation. Asst. State Directors, Juan and Barbara Delgado were among the 30 people who attended. We have really grown since last year's party!

For the gift exchange, we passed the gifts around according to the directions in the story that Tim and Sherry Moran wrote. It sounds easy, but when you're trying to listen for directions and you're laughing and talking, things can really get messed up! Who knew it could be so hard to know **your left from your right?** The gifts were in bags or were wrapped, so you couldn't tell what you were getting until the end of the story.

Lew Foitek, our outgoing Wagonmaster, was presented with a new folding chair – ask Lew to tell the story about his old one!





Pat and Lew Foitek and Laura LaTurner took the 18 lap robes that we made to the Cancer Center. They were much appreciated.

The trip to the Advocacy Center was attended by the Youngs, the Moellers, the Foiteks, and the Pattersons. There was a tour given of the facilities and then we presented them with our donation check and boxes of toys, coloring books, office items, and more. Great job!



Member's Trips

The Pattersons sent pictures of their trip to Lake Wachita.



The Duerrs went to New Braunfels for Wasselfest and toured an exotic game park.



The Lutricks saw Santa in Branson.



Wagonmaster



Lew Foitek

January Campout

The Vineyards Campground on Lake Grapevine, Friday January 18th-Sunday January 20th.

* Website is <http://www.vineyardscampground.com>

* Because of the late date, anyone interested will be responsible for making your own reservation. We will not have an official host.

* Because of the probable colder weather, and the only facility being an outdoor pavilion, dinner will be at restaurants on both Friday & Saturday (to be announced-suggestions welcome).

* The Pattersons will provide coffee and pastries on Sat & Sun morning at their site.

As always, See www.ntahc.org/northstarsams or **NOW** www.northstarsams.org "Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

From the Editor:



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

Please see www.ntahc.org/northstarsams or **NOW** www.northstarsams.org for a complete calendar of Up Coming Events, pictures from Past Events, Profiles of our Members, a list of our Officers, a display of our governing procedures, Past Newsletters, the History of the TNSS, and MUCH more.

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