



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2007

February Newsletter

The President's Corner



Del Duerr

Hello everyone, reflecting back to 2006 I think of all the things I left unchecked on my "to do" list, or new items I need to add to my new list." I can't help but wonder what 2007 has in store for each of us? Making more time with our loved ones, checking off all those things on your "honey do" list, catching up on that book we keep packing on each trip but never seem to open it, or maybe planning on a new destination in the RV? As Good Sammers, lets each make it a goal while RVing with our chapter or out alone with your loved ones, Rving is for fun, leave all your worries behind!

I look forward in serving as your new chapter President. I have many goals for our chapter this coming year and with your help I know we can accomplish them all!

Greg & I are sincerely looking forward to 2007 & of course seeing each of you at our campouts.

Del

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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

January Meeting:

Texas North Star Sams
Minutes for January 20, 2007
Alfredo's Restaurant, Lewisville, Texas

The meeting was called to order by President, Del Duerr, at 11:30a.m. Tami Patterson gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Duerrs, Foitek, Helwicks, LaTurners, Mollers, Morans, Reids, Pattersons, Runtel, Youngs

Visitors: Annette & Joe Carpenter and Diane & Randy Blair

Old Business:

We accepted the SOPs as revised.

New Business:

- 1) Del Duerr stated that the hostess will not be responsible for breakfast either Saturday or Sunday during the campout. The Hostess will be responsible for preparing coffee in the meeting room or designated area for both Sat. & Sun. The Hostess will be responsible for designating the Friday night meal (brown bag or going out to eat) as well as planning the entrée on Saturday evening, members will bring side dishes/dessert. We will try this procedure, and see how it works.
- 2) Del passed around a sign up sheet for hosting our camp outs. Each member is expected to host one camp out each year.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Laura La Turner

- 1) The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the group.
- 2) Del read a letter from the McPherson's stating that they are not continuing their membership in our club.

Wagonmaster Report: Reported by Lew Foitek

- 1) Campout activities scheduled currently are as follows:

February 16 & 17 – Dellanera RV Park in Galveston

March 16 & 17 – Destiny RV Park in Corinth

April 20 & 21 – Pilot Knoll in Highland Village at Lake Lewisville

May 18 & 19 – Mitchell RV Park in Perrin, TX.

June-Aug – Not Currently Scheduled

September – Not Currently Scheduled

September 13-16 – Canton Mini Rally

October 19 & 20 – Caney Cove on The Lake-- Cedar Creek Lake (www.caneycove.com)

November 16 & 17 – Whispering Pines in Tyler, TX

December – Christmas Party – to be determined

- 2) Members are to notify the Host at the Meet & Eat (1st Wed. of the mo.) or by phone or email, if they are planning on attending the monthly campout. The Host will inform the Wagonmaster prior to the campout so arrangements for the correct number of rigs can be made with the campground.
- 3) The Morans will contact Pilot Knoll to get the correct procedure for making group reservations. Information will be placed in the next newsletter.

- 4) Lew read letter from Mitchell's RV Park in Perrin, TX. confirming their prices. \$22.50 for more than 10 rigs or \$24.50 for less than 10 rigs. We pay the Saturday morning of the camp out.
- 5) Lou will schedule June, August and September campouts. The schedule will be available at our next meeting, and it will be on the website. He will try to schedule Cedar Mills for September.

Special Projects – Reported by Pat Foiteck

- 1) We will start working on blankets for the Patients Comprehensive Cancer Center in Carrollton in March. We will do bears and our Children's Advocacy projects in the fall.
- 2) Any members having suggestions for special projects or fundraisers are to notify Pat.

Sunshine Report – Reported by Tami Patterson

January 23 – Alan LaTurner's Birthday
January 31 – Sherry Young's Birthday
February 6 – Steve Young's Birthday
February 8 – Laura & Alan LaTurner's 38th Wedding Anniversary.

Meet & Eat – Darrell Patterson

Our next meet & eat is Wednesday February 7th at the Landmark Grill in Lewisville located on Hwy. 407 (Justin Road). See chapter website for directions.

Webmaster Report – Reported by Tim Moran

New photos have been added to the website, but they still need bios for many of you. If you have photos of your travels and would like to share them with the group, please send them to Tim. He would encourage your suggestions or comments about the website.

Newsletter – Reported by Sherry Moran

Sherry is working on the February Newsletter. Get any information for the newsletter to her as soon as possible. She would encourage your input or suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned.

2007 Campout Schedule

Directions to campout destinations can be found in chapter website prior to campout.

Please note: each rig is responsible to contact Wagonmaster weekend prior to campout to confirm attending, or not. In Lew's absence, Allen LaTurner should be contacted.

- 1) February 16th & 17th – Dellanera RV Park, Galveston, Tx.) Additional reservations will be made by Del Duerr
- 2) March 16th & 17th - Destiny RV Park
(directions will be posted on the website)
- 3) April 20th & 21st campout - Pilot Knoll, Highland Village at Lake Lewisville.
(directions will be posted on the website)

Samboree - April 5th thru 8th in Wichita Falls

- 4) May 18th & 19th – Wagonmaster & Assistant Wagonmaster (Allen LaTurner) are scouting area parks.
- 5) The following months are currently not scheduled; (June 15th & 16th , July 20th & 21st, August 17th & 18th & September 21st & 22nd)

Mini Rally – September 13th thru 16th in Canton

- 6) October 19th & 20th - Caney Cove on The Lake – Cedar Creek Lake
(www.caneycove.com)

Samboree – October 25th thru 28th in Waco

- 7) November 16th & 17th – Whispering Pines – Tyler, Texas
8) December – Open

Wagonmaster

Lew Foitek



Future Campouts:

February Campout:

February 16th & 17th – Dellanera RV Park, Galveston, Tx.

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

March Campout:

March 16th & 17th - Destiny RV Park

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April Campout:

**April 20th & 21st campout - Pilot Knoll,
Highland Village at Lake Lewisville.**

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Past Events

- January 20, the Business meeting was held at Alfredo’s in Lewisville. The revised SOPs were accepted and are on the web site for viewing and/or downloading and printing.
- There was much discussion about our February campout in Galveston.
- Tim talked to Pilot Knoll campground about making reservations for our scheduled April campout. In order to make an individual or a “group” reservation, Pilot Knoll needs the Name, Address, Phone Number, Drivers License Number, Date-of-Birth, and Requested Site Number of EACH PERSON wanting to reserve a site. If using a Golden Age Pass, they need the GA Pass number. To hold the reservation, the requested site will need to be PAID FOR by cash or check only, within 2 weeks of making the reservation. **Reservations and Payment** can be made by the individuals or by a club member paying for all, then being repaid by the individuals.

See April “[Upcoming Events](#)” for a **Pilot Knoll PHONE NUMBER** and a site map.

Happenings:

Happy Birthday !



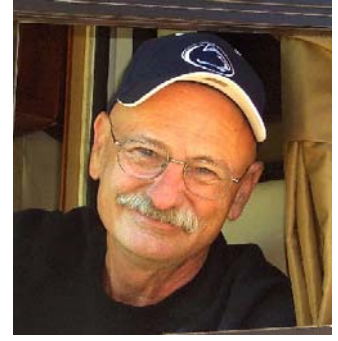
Allen LaTurner
January 23

Happy Birthday !



Sherry young
January 31

Happy Birthday !



Steve young
February 6

Happy 38th Anniversary !



Allen & Laura LaTurner
February 8

During mid-to late January, Tim & Sherry Moran made a trip to Laguna Beach, in southern California to celebrate Tim's Mom's NINETY FIFTH birthday. They made a rush trip out and back as the date for the birth of their newest grandchild was moved UP a WEEK !



The Birthday Girl !
Beth Moran 1/22/1912



Here are Tim & Sherry about to "catch a wave" on Newport Beach.



For those of you who have heard about, but never been to Quartzite, the Quartzite event started in the 60's primarily as a Gem & Mineral show, but is now one of the world's largest Flea Markets.

Quartzite is a small town on Interstate-10 in Arizona. Every year, during the last week of January and the first week of February, the town's population swells from the usual 1,900 people to an astounding 750,000, mostly RVers.

As one approaches within 4-5 miles of town, you see clutches of 5-15 RVs dry camping in the desert. As you get closer to town, from about a mile out, there are RVs as far as the eye can see on both sides of the highway.



This is just one of the more than 20 overturned tractor trailers that Tim & Sherry saw on the way back from California



Another part of a big rig on its side.

Tim & Sherry Moran's **NEW** granddaughter



Cooper Anne Moran -
1/16/2007



The proud parents, Marc & Allyson Moran

From the Editor:



Sherry Moran

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

Please remember to take LOTS of pictures to share with us.
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The Parting Shot :



Do you notice anything unusual about these pine trees ?

They're FAKE ! They are not really trees....

They are actually *Politically Correct*, **Cell Phone Towers** made to look like pine trees so they don't offend the environmentalists.