



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2008

February Newsletter

The President's Corner



Del Duerr

I still find it hard to believe we're already in 2008, I can still remember when the talk was all about Y2K!

With the holidays behind us we can all look forward to a fun filled schedule of campouts around the area and our out of the area trek to Branson, MO in October. Our Wagonmaster, Darrell Patterson and his lovely wife, Tami have been hard at work scouting the nearby parks and making reservations for our campouts in the months to come. I also look forward to the changes our chapter recently made: two hosts for monthly campouts, new destinations to discover at our campouts and our continuing commitment to the Good Sam values by giving those in need and

supporting area facilities.

Greg & I recently escaped from the area and without any plans we jumped in our motor home and took off driving West. In Greg's words "we had no place to go & all day to get there!" We enjoyed discovering the southern and central parts of New Mexico and enjoyed the diverse weather; 20s at night and 70s in the afternoon, sometimes we thought we were still in Texas! Isn't that what Rving is all about?

Greg & I can't wait to see everyone again, as always...stay safe.

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2008 Officers:

Elected

President: Del Duerr
Vice-President: Steve Young
Secretary: Mary Sue Wells
Treasurer: Laura LaTurner
WagonMaster: Darryl Patterson

Appointed

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran
Special Projects: Pat Foitek
Sunshine: Sally Ford
Chaplain: Tammi Patterson
Web Master: Tim Moran
Roster Master: Jim Moller



Mary Sue
Wells

Minutes of the January Meeting

Submitted by Mary Sue Wells, Secretary

Texas North Star Sams

Minutes – January 19, 2008

Location: Vineyards RV Park, Grapevine, TX

President Del Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Tami Patterson gave the invocation.

The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Attendance: Donnell, Duerrs, Fords, Helwicks, Jones/Wells, LaTurners, Lutricks, Moellers, Pattersons, Safholms, Youngs.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Laura LaTurner

- The Treasurer's report was distributed to the group.
- Laura will give a list & check for Branson deposit to Darrell. He will need everyone's arrival dates. Del encouraged everyone to go ahead and make their reservations if they are going early or staying later as we are going during their busiest week.

Announcements:

- Del announced that Sally Ford will be the Sunshine Chair for 2008.
- Tammy will remain as Chaplain.
- Hosts will plan any special activity on their host week-ends.

Old Business:

- Del thanked those who came to Children's Advocacy Center and to the Cancer Center to deliver the blankets and gifts in December.

New Business:

- Del asked that everyone bring suggestions for charitable projects to the February meeting.
- Del reminded that February host needs to announce a Meet & Greet location.
- Del reminded the group to look at the camping schedule; 2 months do not start on the 3rd Friday. The Wagon Master took what was available, all the dates are for Friday and Saturday nights
- Del noted that two months are open: July and Sept. Need suggestions for July, don't usually schedule September due to area function that month.

Secretary's Report: Mary Sue Wells noted that the December report was distributed. There were no suggested changes. Sally Ford moved that it be accepted as read, seconded by Debbie Safholm, motion passed.

Wagon Master's Report: Reported by Darrell Patterson

- Reminded everyone to get their Branson reservation to him ASAP
- Asked again for suggestions for July, get to him quickly.
- Reminded again to make arrangements for Meet & Greet when hosting.

Special Projects: No Report due to absence of Pat Foitek

Sunshine: Reported by Sally Ford

- Sally Ford announced the birthdays and anniversaries for January and February.
- Sherry Young invited the group to join in congratulations to Mary Sue Wells on her retirement this month.

Meet & Eat: Not scheduled yet for February.

Webmaster Report: No Report due to absence of Tim Moran

- Morans are on their way to Lufkin due to death in the family and then to California for Tim's Mother's 96th birthday. (Editor's correction.)

Newsletter: No Report due to absence of Sherry Moran

Other:

- 50/50 drawing was held.
- Debbie Safholm reported she had left voice mails for the person who does the badges, he has not responded. Del asked anyone who wants the badge to send her the name, city, colors of badge and lanyard, and whether male or female, and she will submit. The colors are Royal blue back, lettering on white background on the front, royal blue lanyard.
- Darrell and Herb will find the group a place to eat tonight (Saturday) and report back to everyone later in the afternoon
- Sally noted some of the ladies are going to the movie if others want to join them.

Steve Young moved the meeting be adjourned, Jerry Jones seconded. Motion passed.

There being no other significant things to record, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Sue Wells, Secretary

Past Events

January's campout was COLD!



Yep, folks.... That is REALLY 10 F



Cuddles even sports a new coat for the weather.



Everyone is bundled up while Darrell pokes the fire



The fire is just not enough for Tammi

Many thanks to Kathy and Del for the pictures.

Member's Trips

The only trip that comes to mind is Tim & Sherry's drive to SoCal to celebrate Tim's Mom's 96th birthday.



While not a journey, Tim recently showed his Austin Healey in the Dallas Autorama. He won First Place in the "Modified Sports" class. It was really a *"trip"* for him.

Wagonmaster



Darrell
Patterson

February Campout NOTE the date. This is NOT our normal 3rd weekend Activity.

Feb. 22-23 - Texas Sundown Ranch, Sanger, TX.

Co-Hosts = The Duerrs and the Pattersons
Theme = Mardi Gras

NOW See www.northstarsams.org "Upcoming Events" for more details and a map

March Campout

Mar. 15-16 – Hickory Creek Campground, Hickory Creek, TX

Co-Hosts = Foitek and Safholms
Theme = St. Patrick's Day

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April Campout

April 18-19 – Pilot Knoll Park, Highland Village, TX

Co-Hosts = Reids & Mollars
Theme = TBA

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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.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.

From the Web Master



Tim Moran
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Our club web site has a new Internet address.

It is www.northstarsams.org

Start using the new address right now. The previous URL still works (www.ntahc.org/northstarsams), but the information is NOT being kept current. I will be discontinuing this URL soon. BE SURE to change your browser Favorites and Bookmarks to www.northstarsams.org