

RED RIVER ROVERS

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ANNIVERSARY RALLY

The June anniversary rally historically is well attended but this one topped them all with 88 people present. A special head table was set up for 14 charter members in recognition of their work in establishing and maintaining the chapter. Rally hosts Erika and Dennis Moore, Joyce and Ken Daugherty, Kathy and Pat Duvall, Carol and Ron Hall and LuAnn and Ernie Marchisin did a great job providing meals for so many as well as providing candlelight and flower table decorations for the anniversary celebration.

Thursday evening visitors Richard and Yong Dennis were introduced by Mike Bennett and visitors Mack Bradshaw and Patricia Lay were introduced by Charlie Trahan. Thursday's dinner was

chicken strips, sinful potatoes, baked beans and drinks. Jim McCullum provided cake and ice cream for everyone in honor of the Thursday birthday of Pat McCullum and also Barbara Blackshear.

Jeannette introduced former members who recently rejoined - Roger and Barbara McNees and visiting former members Bruce and Sue Bartl. Also recognized were members Tom and Kaylee Barker and Ben DePue and Donya Poole, fulltime R'Vers who we haven't seen in a while due to work and Mike and Cheryl McMillian who have been absent due to illness. No stranger to the RRR, Kaitlin Harrison, granddaughter of June Guess was also present.

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CHARTER MEMBERS



L to R: Front Row: Dee Holloway, Grace Gilliland. Judy Lewis, Pat McCollum, Beth Elam, Norma Hamel. Back Row: Kathy and Gary Mabry, Darrell Gilliland, Grady Bass, Jim McCollum, Bill Elam, and Jeannette and Billy Idell.

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Dennis introduced the following charter members seated at the head table: Grady and Judy Lewis Bass, Bill and Beth Elam, Darrell and Grace Gilliland, Norma Hamel, Dee Holloway, Billy and Jeannette Idell, Gary and Kathy Mabry and Jim and Pat McCullum. The hosts held a special drawing for charter members. Grace received a beautiful black and silver purse made by Erika Moore and Darrell a lanyard also made by Erika.

Thursday evening Gary Mabry introduced us to "Stories for Dessert". Each night he picked on - I mean selected - members to tell what he swore were true stories, but knowing Gary, we had our doubts! James Adams, a fairly new member, was the subject of Gary's first story. Welcome to RRR, James. Following that the hosts passed out word games, which judging by the laughs while searching for the answers, we all enjoyed.

Friday, if not relaxing outside our coaches sharing news with other members, we scattered to different locations for lunch and adventures. Of course, many enjoyed the challenge of the slot machines at the casino. A few of us armed with a list of stores provided by Jeannette Idell headed for Sherman to spend, not win money. Obviously, Jeannette spends time in the stores on the list because the salespeople knew her.

Friday evening we were surprised by a dinner gift from the hosts. A jar of apple jelly made by Carol Hall using apple juice left from a previous rally or fruit from her plum tree were on the tables for each coach. Friday dinner was pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed salad, rolls, banana pudding cups and drinks. Gary Mabry's Friday night "Stories for Dessert" was told on Melissa and Bill Armstrong.

There was a business meeting Saturday morning following a pot luck breakfast (the Secretary's

minutes are attached). Michael Hillhouse, Wagon Master, announced the 2016 rally schedule and Curtis Buchhorn announced plans for a (non rally) trip to Big Bend in March of 2016 following the rally at Coffee Creek. John Sharpe wants to form a quartet and would like for interested members to contact him if interested in singing.

Saturday night, after a dinner of grilled bacon-wrapped filet, baked potato, cucumber salad, anniversary cake, ice cream cup and drinks, host Dennis told the story of how, early in the life of this chapter funds had to be raised when something was needed, such as a microphone. One of the methods for raising funds was by auctioning items donated by members. At one of the auctions, Billy Idell was outbidding everyone for an item he forgot Jeannette had donated. Another method of raising funds was by horseracing (a game introduced by Darrell Gilliland). For the sake of nostalgia, the horse racing game was played Saturday and enjoyed by all participants with all proceeds going to the winners.

Curtis Buchhorn thanked the charter members for all their work for RRR and recognized the four charter members who have served the chapter as president.

Grace Gilliland thanked the chapter for their support and caring, and for making them feel so welcome at the rallies. Grace said attending the rallies is a help to Darrell because he spends all his time taking care of her.

Curtis Buchhorn, along with Jeanette and Charlie Trahan did a skit depicting the proposal of marriage of Robert and Rita Landrum. Although it wasn't a true story, Robert claims it was close to the truth. Following the skit, Gary told a "Stories for Dessert on Donna Bennett. Gary

told a short story on each of the charter members, but this time they were true stories of things that have happened during the past 14 years.

It was a very busy, fun rally and anniversary celebration of the Red River Rovers.

Have a wonderful and safe summer wherever your travels take you. See you in September

Maureen Robinson

2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

Michael Hillhouse has completed making contracts to secure sites for the 2016 Rally year. We will return to some of the chapters favorite sites, and, he has scheduled one extended rally in "Hill Country".... Buckhorn RV Park, Kerrville, TX.

2016 RED RIVER ROVERS

MARCH 10 - 13
Oak Creek RV Park
Weatherford, TX

MARCH 17 - 20
FMCA International Conv.
Perry, GA

APRIL 14 - 17
Riverview RV Park
Colbert OK

MAY 11 - 15
Buckhorn Lake Resort
Kerrville, TX

JUNE 9 - 12
Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

SEPTEMBER 8 - 12
Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

SEPTEMBER 14 - 18
Six-State Area Rally
Shawnee, OK

OCTOBER 13 - 16
Coffee Creek RV Park
Santo, TX

NOVEMBER 10 - 13
Little Turtle RV Park
Eufaula, Ok

DECEMBER
TBD

"WHEN SPARKS FLY"

Have you ever been deprived of sleep from too many passing trains? It seems it is a prerequisite that most RV parks must be within close proximity of active train tracks. The rumble and whistles of the train's seem to resonate inside some motorhomes; thereby causing a lack of sleep. This lack of sleep could cause a person to do some pretty dumb stuff.

One of those times might be to cause a few sparks to fly in an otherwise calm surroundings.....that said, let's get to the real story.....

It started with a Tech Session's topic being how to use different types of test equipment to measure electrical current, voltage, etc.

Do you know what happens when a dead short is put on an electrical outlet? With a flash, pop and a puff of smoke, everyone in the room

diverted their attention and focused on Curtis "Sparky" Buchhorn at a wall electrical outlet. Wonder if he was this inquisitive as a child?

"Sparky" was showing Patrick how to use his **NEW** meter he had just been given as a prize at the tech session.

Perhaps "Sparky's" failure to notice the meter was set to measure amps.....instead it had been set to measure A/C volts! Was this oversight due to sleep deprivation from all the trains throughout the night?

If that is his excuse, he can claim it as long as he thinks it will hold water.

Wait.....water and electricity don't mix!

Curtis "Sparky" Buchhorn you are the recipient of this month's DA (Dumb Ass) Award.

Gary



John Sharpe gladly passes one the DA Award to Curtis at the June Rally. John had "won" the award in May.

YARD SIGNS

Yard signs, like the one in the photo below, are available at a cost of \$20.00 dollars each. Chapter signs are an asset when camping together in a park, both as an identification of our members, and also to promote the chapter to neighbors in the park who might be potential members.

To order your sign contact Mike Bennett at 817-439-0362. Mike needs an order of 5 to get this low cost.



JULY/AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Melody Beall
Snoopy & Susan Campbell
Kenneth & Joyce Daugherty

BIRTHDAYS

James Adams
Kenneth Blackshear
Tom Burroughs
Ben Graham
Mickey Holbrook
Ann Kriesman
LuAnn Marchisin
John Sharpe
Peggy Weygandt
Jean Wright

AUGUST

Tom & Mary Jean Lantz
Gordon and Peggy Moore
John & Robina Sharpe



Steve Beall
Keith Grasso
Dee Holloway
Rita Landrum
Jim McCollum
Peggy Moore
Jerry Nelson
Donya Poole
Ben Sasser
Robina Sharpe
Connie Tucker

JUNE RALLY ATTENDEES

Adams, James & Mary Ellen
 Armstrong, Bill & Melissa
 Barker, Tom & Kaylee
 **Bartl, Bruce & Sue
 Bass, Grady & Judy Lewis
 *Bradshaw, Mack & Patricia Lay
 Beall, Steve & Melody
 Bennett, Mike & Donna
 Blackshear, Ken & Barbara
 Buchhorn, Curtis & Marva
 Burroughs, Tom & Judy
 Campbell, Snoopy & Susan
 Daugherty, Kenneth & Joyce
 *Dennis, Richard & Yong
 DePuew, Ben & Donya Poole
 Dreher, Mike & Kerry
 Duvall, Pat & Kathy
 Elam, Bill & Beth
 Gilliland, Darrell & Grace
 Grasso, Keith & Jayne
 Guess, June
 *Harrison, Kaitlin
 Hall, Ron & Carol
 Hamel, Norma
 Helmick, Carlton & Marion
 Hillhouse, Mike & Donna
 Holloway, Dee
 Idell, Billy & Jeannette
 Kriesman, Bob & Ann Marie
 Landrum, Robert & Rita Rae
 Lantz, Tom & Mary Jean
 Longpre, Don & Gladys
 Mabry, Gary & Kathy
 Marchisin, Ernie & LuAnn
 McCollum, Jim & Pat
 McGuire, Bill & Hilda
 McMillan, Mike & Cheryl
 McNeas, Roger & Barbara
 Moore, Dennis & Erika
 Nelson, Jerry & Shirley
 Peadon, Cookie
 *Walton, Tom & Marci
 Robinson, Robert & Maureen
 Sharpe, John & Biny
 Trahan, Charles & Jeanette
 Weygandt, Peggy
 Woods, Glen & Wanda

* Visitors

** Former Member

JUNE RALLY PHOTO'S



THANKS GRADY/JUDY

Thank you to Grady and Judy (Lewis) Bass for providing handle bags complete with goodies for each coach owner at the anniversary rally. Although Grady and Judy were not able to attend the entire rally we were pleased to have them back after a medical absence. Judy is recovering from her second back surgery and Grady recently experienced a stroke followed by carotid artery surgery. Thanks for the thoughtfulness!

2016 NOMINEES

As reported in the minutes of the June Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee has placed the names of the chapter officers who currently lead the chapter on the ballot for reelection for the year 2016. The election for 2016 officers will be in September at Riverview RV Park. Nominations can be made from the floor. As a reminder, if nominating someone from the floor you must first get that person's consent.



JUNE TECH SESSION

The June Tech session was supposed to be a demonstration of the smart phone app TiKL Touch to Talk. This app is a Push to Talk or walkie talkie app. My intent was to give our members a tool that could be used in place of CB radios when three or more members were caravanning to a destination.

Cb radios have a very limited range when attached to our mostly fiberglass motorhomes. It is easy to get separated by too many miles or hills when traveling in a group. Short of convincing all of our members to earn a HAM radio license, I think walkie-talkie apps may be our best tool. With a push to talk app, multiple contacts can all talk as if they were on one radio channel as long as they have a good cellular data signal and distance is irrelevant since the cell network is doing all of the heavy lifting.

TiKL was to be the first in a group of three apps that I found that might fit our needs. However, on my phone and my 'beta' testers' phones in the weeks preceding the rally TiKL worked so well that I decided to devote all of my research time to this one app. When the attendees of the Tech Session tried to install the app I found out that I had not tested a broad enough group of phones. Pandemonium resulted. I never really got a handle on why our members had so much trouble with TiKL.

On the plus side, the session generated a lot of interest and I hope that our members will continue to experiment with these type of apps. I have already received word that the VOXer app seems to work better on iPhones, or at least some models, than TiKL.

Since iPhone users outnumber Android users in our membership by a large factor, perhaps members traveling to the high country this summer should try the VOXer app.

Ron Hall

FLAG DAY

Jeanette Trahan told Donna Bennett it might be a nice gesture to recognize Flag Day by making and giving each member who has served in the military a U.S. flag made out of yarn and plastic canvas.

They started on the project and soon realized a lot more members have been in the military than they thought so they had a lot of stitching to do. Making the 8x10 flag takes a bit of time for each one, so LuAnn Marchisin pitched in to help when she wasn't busy in the kitchen as part of the host team.

Charlie Trahan made the announcement for those having served our Country to come forward and receive a flag. In all thirty flags were presented by the ladies who made them. It was a nice gesture indeed.



SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

Webmaster - Darrell Gilliland.

Darrell designed and maintains our chapter website. This sounds simple, until you go to our website and see the amount of chapter and rally information that is posted. Darrell has added some icons, so please check them out and while you are on the website click each of the topics listed to familiarize yourself with information location. You will gain an appreciation for all the work that has been done and continues to be done to keep the website current.

Historian – Kathy and Gary Mabry.

Kathy and Gary maintain a scrapbook containing photos, information and activities about each RRR rally, grouped by year. Take time to look through the scrapbooks and review what we have done and how much fun we have had since 2001. Kathy and Gary carry all the scrapbooks with them to each rally and the most current book is always available in the rally room. They also maintain a book of past members. When the rally room permits, all books are available at our anniversary rally in June. This could be a resource for you rally hosts!

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2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

MARCH 12 - 15

Coffee Creek RV Park
Santo, TX

MARCH 26 - 29

FMCA International Conv.
Pomona, CA

APRIL 16 - 19

Staway Resort
Murchison, TX

MAY 7 - 10

Little Turtle RV Park
Eufaula, OK

JUNE 11 - 14

Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

JULY 29 - AUGUST 1

FMCA International Conv.
Madison, Wisconsin

SEPTEMBER 10 - 13

Riverview RV Park
Colbert, OK

OCTOBER 1 - 4

American RV Park
Corsicana, TX

OCTOBER 7-11

Six-State Area Rally
Conroe, TX

NOVEMBER 12 - 15

Coyote Ranch RV Resort
Wichita Falls, TX

DECEMBER 5

New China King Buffet
Denton, TX

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The June rally was the largest attendance we have experienced to date and the rally hosts made our 14th Chapter anniversary super special with decorations, activities, special touches and of course, terrific food.

We welcomed visitors, former members and members who had been absent for several months due to jobs or health issues. It was good to see every one of you and hope you enjoyed the rally as well!

Many of you will be off and away on fun travels this summer and we want to enjoy your fun through photos, so remember to send a few to Darrell for the web site or end of summer newsletter.

Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating birthdays in July and August – remember, its just a number!

Remember to register for the October South Central Area Rally in Conroe, TX, October 7-11th which will follow our October 1-4th rally in Corsicana, TX. Billy and I went to Conroe for a rally preview and think it will be one you will like. As you will see on the registration form in the FMC Magazine, the theme will be western, so dust off those hats and boots and join the fun. Those who plan to attend will caravan from Corsicana to assure we will be parked together at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds in Conroe. There will be email correspondence on this during the summer.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling face at River View RV Park in September.

Jeannette

JUNE RALLY HOSTS



L to R: Pat and Kathy Duvall, Ernie and LuAnn Marchisin, Ron and Carol Hall, Ken and Joyce Daugherty, and Dennis and Erika Moore.

**JUNE 17, 2015
Business Meeting
June 13, 2015**

President Jeannette Idell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jeannette reported that the minutes of the last meeting were published in the April 2015 Newsletter. Darrell Gilliland moved that we approve the minutes of the last meeting. It was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Curtis Buchhorn. Starting balance on December 31, 2014 was \$8,326.77. Income was \$2,804.25; Expenses were \$3,032.64; and ending balance on May 31, 2015 was \$8,098.38. Darrell Gilliland moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report for file. It was seconded and carried.

Vice President Michael Hillhouse reported on the rallies for 2016.

March will be in Oak Creek.

April will be at Riverview in Colbert.

May will be out of the area at Buchhorn Lake Resort in Kerrville. The rally room has a full kitchen and the park will give us 3 days before or after the rally if you want to stay there.

June will be at Choctaw.

September will also be at Choctaw.

6 State will be the next weekend in Shawnee, Oklahoma

October will be at Coffee Creek.

November will be at Little Turtle in Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Darrell explained about the Standing Rule. The Bylaw Committee moved that "Annually the chapter will reimburse the voting representative the amount equal to the early-bird international convention registration fee for their attendance at both morning and afternoon sessions of the annual Governing Board meeting. The reimbursement will be suspended in years when the Governing Board approves its own reimbursement". Coming from a committee this needs no second. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Mike Bennett read the Nominating Committee Report on slate of officers for 2016 and asked each nominee to stand up. The Nominating committee consisted of Mike Bennett, Jim McCollum, and Darrell Gilliland. The Nominating Committee proposed the following 2016 Chapter Officers:

President	Jeannette Idell
1 st Vice President	Patrick Duvall
2 nd Vice President	June Guess
3 rd Vice President	Mike Hillhouse
Secretary	Ann Kriesman
Treasurer	Curtis Buchhorn
National Director	Charles Trahan
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Announcements:

6 State Rally is in October. There were brochures on the display for review.

Expenditures not authorized in Standing Rule #11 need to be submitted for approval to the Board prior to expense being incurred if member expects reimbursement.

Curtis would like to organize a trip to the Big Bend area, leaving from the March 2016 Rally

There being no further business, Mike Hillhouse moved that we adjourn. It was seconded and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kriesman

Ann Kriesman, Secretary 2015