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## SPEEDWAY RALLY

Rally at the Racetrack activity started at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was in awe, seeing the beautiful place with a very small tunnel to go through with their motor homes. Now we know why Darrell and Grace didn't come to the rally. One driver thought the left lane looked wider than the right so he went barreling through it. It was a very windy day but all sat outside visiting anyway. Social hour started at 5:00 o'clock with dinner of Hors D'oeuver in the café which was decorated in a race car theme.

Friday morning started with car pooling to the Lonesome Spur Restaurant in the town of Justin. L.E and Mary Clark met the group there for breakfast. A tour through the Bureau of Engraving took place at 11:00.....comments regarding that trip were good. Friday evening by car took us to the Great Wall of China. The food was really good and everyone left with full tummies. Games and poker were played at the café back at the racetrack which always seems to be the fun thing to do to enjoy the rallies.

Everyone was awakened Saturday morning by the loud motors of cars racing on the track. The garage for the cars were kept right behind where the motor homes were parked. Excitement to behold and people headed for Pit Road. Jerry Nelson, Mike Bennett and Ben Graham were dressed in their racing suits to drive 10 laps at 150 mph. It was heard that Jerry was

## HILL COUNTRY

In May our chapter will be making its fourth trip in the past ten years to Kerrville and the Guadeloupe River RV Resort. We previously held rallies in the "Hill Country" in 2002, 2007 and 2008. Those who attended all or some of these rallies will tell you that Kerrville and the Guadeloupe River RV Resort rank up there as some of the best times we have had together. Other rallies and locations that bring back wonderful memories are: Ruidoso, NM, Eureka Springs, AR, Ft Collins, CO, and Santa Fe, NM. Why is it that those memorable 5-day events are of longer duration and farther from our home area?

In the President's Message, Jim mentioned some must places to visit, such as, the German town of Fredericksburg and the Nimitz Museum, the LBJ Historical Park near Stonewall, and local shopping, shopping and shopping. For Grace, her shopping will be in San Antonio because whenever we are in the area she must visit the SAS shoe factory. Each time she goes it is with the attitude that she may not get back soon. I'm not really sure she's opened all the boxes from our last visit ...which was in June of 2010.

I like some of the drives you can take from Kerrville to explore and experience some of what is unique to the "Hill Country". One of my favorite is continuing on Hwy 16 to Bandera via

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going to need a "little" Vaseline to get into his car.....but Mike was going to need the WHOLE jar! Ann and Morris Cates rode with a race car driver at 180 mph for four laps. (Ann was still in one piece when the race was over.) There was also a limo race car which ran the track for three laps at 60 mph. Several had that experience with some more than one time. Thirty-three of our group took the tour of the Race Track complex and it was most interesting. Jill and Ron Allen came out on Saturday afternoon to visit and have dinner. It was a great day with friends.

Sunday morning a continental breakfast was served in the café with a devotional given by Jerry Nelson on Love. Some special guests, Wayne and Lois Bowman were present for the rally, met everyone and were given an application in hopes they will join our Red River Rover chapter. We also had guests of our Oklahoma friends who are part of the Happy OK Wandereres. Those couples included Tommy and Rita Team, Paul and Liz Hlavaty, Ben and Charlene Sasser and Faye and Barbara Shelton. The greatgrandson of Kathy and Gary Mabry, Jakob Koch also was there and fun to watch with all the activity going on.

Hosts for the rally were hailed for the great job they did and included Mike and Donna Bennett, Ken and Barbara Blackshear, Ben and Hazel Graham and Jerry and Shirley Nelson. Other members of the RRR club were Bartls, Buchhorns, Cates, Daugherty, Deckers, Gregorys, Guesses, Halls, Hamels, Holloways, Idells, Longpres, Mabrys, McCollms, Moores, Newbys and Tuckers.

*Kathy*

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Madina....in your car. This is a road that you want to leave the motorhome in the park.

We have spent many days in Boerne and have found a very unique place to dine. For the Adventurous, visit the Lost Maples State Park north of Vanderpool.

Of course, if we get to San Antonio a brief stroll on the river walk is neat this time of year, and our trip always takes us to El Mercado for a stroll through the many shops in this three block district, culminating in a visit to our favorite Tex-Mex restaurant. If I'm driving my Margarita limit is one.

Perhaps my meandering has brought back some of your good memories of the area. Grace and I will be coming from Arkansas and we will look forward to seeing each of you there.

*Darrell*

## 2011 RALLY SCHEDULE

### May 3 – 8

Guadalupe River RV Resort  
Kerrville, TX.

### June 9 – 12

Choctaw Co Historical Society  
Hugo, OK.

### August 10 – 13

FMCA International Convention  
Madison, Wisconsin

### September 22 – 25

Coyote Ranch Resort  
Wichita Falls, TX.

### September 28 - October 2

Six-State Area Rally  
Hutchinson, KS

### October 13 – 16

Choctaw Casino KOA  
Durant, OK.

### November 3 – 6

Canton Market Place  
Canton, TX.

### December 3

Christmas Luncheon TBA



DA Award Winner: Marva Buchhorn - Certificate Winner: Curtis Buchhorn.

## APRIL "DA" AWARD

There is really no way to make this month's DA presentation in a manner that the recipient doesn't know right away that either the husband or wife are the winners for the month of April. This is especially noteworthy in that they "screwed up" only months after joining the chapter.



You should remember last month we didn't have the Dumb Ass Award for Darrell, as it hadn't been returned from last November's winner, Connie Wells. After making many phone calls to track down the traveling donkey, Connie said she gave it to Curtis Buchhorn who was close by and volunteered to bring the DA award to the March rally.

NOW this wasn't a short phone call ....and there were many, and the STORY gets a little cloudy. In one of our many phone calls Curtis says "I don't have it" ...and Connie says "I gave it to you, I don't have it!! More phone calls.

Back to Curtis who now says

something about the Dumb Ass award is floating around in the back of his mind. Though he kind of remembers something like what Connie is saying he knows he hasn't seen it... SOOOooo here inters MARVA into the picture;

she seems remembering about it but can't recall where she saw it.

In one of our phone calls I hear Marva in the background "IT MIGHT BE IN THE MOTOR HOME", Curtis says he will check in the motor home when they go to the farm. Well, seems Marva, to protect the award, had put it with the clothes to be washed.

Now the Buchhorns have had the Dumb Ass Award for over 4 months but not properly displayed. Now they can keep it for one more month. Marva come get your award..... Curtis gets an honorable mention and certificate.

*Gary*

## 10TH ANNIV. PARTY

A reminder that our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red River Rovers will be in Hugo, Oklahoma June 9 - 12. A Special highlight is that the city of Hugo, through its Chamber of Commerce, has arranged "guided" tours of locations in the area including the historic Frisco Depot Museum, the Harvey House Restaurant, and Ft Towson on Friday. Hugo Oklahoma is "Circus City USA, home to five world class circus troupes. Saturday after lunch we will visit one of the largest elephant breeding facilities in the US and tour "Showman's Rest", the final resting place of many of the great circus performers and 3 World Champion Cowboys. You won't want to miss this special rally.

*Your Hosts*



## MAY CRAFT SESSION

This months Crafts will be taught by Jeannette Idell. She is going to teach her students to make a beaded purse necklace. The cost of the materials will be \$6.00. All materials furnished.

*Jeannette*

## MAY TECH SESSION

The May Tech Session topic will be "diesel exhaust fluid as it relates to owner maintenance of new diesel coaches." The time of the session will be scheduled around other activities taking place in Kerrville and surrounding locations.

*Ron Hall*

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

L. E. and Mary Clark  
Henson and Elaine Dunn  
Douglas and Joyce Gregory  
Ron and Carol Hall  
Charles and Marcia Souter

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

L. E. Clark  
Bill Elam  
Billy Idell  
Robert Landrum  
Gary Mabry  
Fran Monk  
Marcia Souter  
Judy Watts



*Thanks go out to the host committee who planned and implemented an outstanding weekend. Special thanks go to Mike and Donna for their long hours of effort to make this work. L to R Back Row: Jerry Nelson, Ken Blackshear, Ben and Hazel Graham Front Row: Shirley Nelson, Mike and Donna Bennett, and Barara Blackshear.*

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A meeting in the Hot Rod Café.



NASCAR Wanabes - Cates, Graham, Nelson, Bennett and Jakob.

## President's Message

Hello Red River Rovers,

By the time you read this, we will have finished our rally at the Texas Motor Speedway. Thanks to Mike and Donna and the hosts team for all of their hard work and a great rally.

It is time to focus on our May rally. Come enjoy the beautiful Guadalupe River and surrounding areas. This is considered our 5-day, (out of state) rally. You can lay back, relax, and enjoy yourself.

If you haven't been to Kerrville in recent years, I am sure you will find shopping and great food that is unique to the area.

Don't forget the German community of Fredericksburg, which is less than a 20 mile drive. Of course, it is noted for great food. There are several museums, including the Admiral Nimitz Museum. The Nimitz is a must see. The LBJ State Historical Park is located near and is an interesting place.

Get your RV packed. June and I hope to see each of you at Guadalupe River RV Resort May 3-8.

*Jim*

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HERE WE COME!  
May 3 – 8, 2011**



Jerry Nelson being "poured" into Jack Daniels.