



Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2006

May Newsletter

The President's Corner



Kathy Helwick

I wrote last month about spring being a time of renewal and challenged each of you to make some time for yourself to renew your spirit.

This month, I'd like to challenge you to do your part to help Texas North Star Sams renew its spirit. For all practical purposes, we've lost Brian and Cheryl to retirement and their interest in traveling. We're still reeling from the loss of Marge to a cancer we didn't even know she had. Foitek and Helwicks are gone from the club for the summer while they seek adventure in workamping experiences.

And yet, the club will go on. We have two new couples expressing an interest in joining us at the May campout. We have a list of potential members that need to be contacted. All these people represent an opportunity for renewal of our club membership. And so it falls to those who are here to keep the club going. I challenge you to keep the spirit alive and growing this summer!

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments.

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Wagon Master:	Lew Foitek		

April Meeting:

The North Star Sams met under sunny skies, with temperatures in the 70's at Hickory Creek in Lewisville, Texas. We began with an invocation and were called to order by Kathy Helwick. In attendance were the Foitek, Helwicks, Youngs, Duerrs, and Morans. Visitors were Jim & Jackie Reid, Don & Sandy Powers, and Allen & Laura LaTurner.

Minutes for the March meeting were read, accepted, seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, accepted, seconded and approved.

Lew Foitek, Wagonmaster, made the following report:

The May campout will be at Cedar Mills, Lake Texoma, with the Youngs as hosts. Anyone planning to attend should notify the Youngs ASAP. The June campout will be at Pilot Knoll, Copper Canyon, with the Duerrs as hosts. 5 sites are being held in the Duerrs' name, but individuals must make reservations and pay ASAP. No other changes or additional information reported on future scheduled 2006 campouts at this time.

Pat Foitek reported that lap robes are still being made and will be given to the Cancer Center in Carrollton for Special Projects. We will also collect bears in November at Whispering Pines for donation to Denton's Children Advocacy Center in December.

Sherry Young made the Sunshine Report that flowers were sent to Marge Bailey in the hospital, and a birthday card was sent to Sherry Moran.

Webmaster, Tim Moran, asked for pictures of everyone's summer trips so they could be posted to the website. He will also take pictures of the new rigs with each couple. Newsletter Editor, Sherry Moran, also asked for pictures from summer trips for the newsletter, plus short paragraphs of the trips.

Under Old Business, a 50/50 was held and won. Kathy Helwick furnished a list of new Good Sam members located in the area. The list was divided according to city location of "prospective members." They are to be asked to the Greet, Meet & Eat events. The question was asked if we should wait until summer travels are over and they can meet everyone.

The Garage Sale is to be held at the Duerr's on Saturday, April 29, from 8 am until 2 pm. Items are to be brought on Friday or by Saturday morning, and signs will be placed on Saturday morning. Breakfast & lunch will be provided for members.

Under New Business, our next Meet, Greet & Eat is Wednesday, May 3 @ 6:30 pm at the Spring Creek B-B-Q restaurant across from Vista Ridge Mall in Lewisville. Refer to the website for a map. We decided to again take a "long trip" out of the area. It was voted to be Galveston, Texas for the weekend of Feb. 16-18, 2007. We will stay at the Dellanera RV Park. Mention "east end" sites when making reservations. Website is <http://www.galveston.com/dellanera>

We have been asked by Barb Delgado, ASD, to help man a booth at Camping World in Denton, May 12-21. We chose May 12th, from 10am-5pm. Anyone who has time to help out is to contact Kathy Helwick. We will be handing out literature and answering questions about Good Sam's and taking names to help people find a local chapter.

The Foitek's are leaving for the summer earlier than anticipated. They will be in Leavenworth, Washington.

Special thanks to our weekend hosts, Dave & Kathy Helwick. The theme was "cooking outdoors." We also had a great bonfire on Friday evening after dinner.

The birthday this month was Tim Moran 4/23.

It was moved, seconded and approved that we adjourn.

Wagonmaster

Lew Foitek



May Campout:

! CANCELLED !

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

June Campout:

JUNE 16th – 18th – Pilot Knoll Park, 218 Orchid Hill Ln., Argyle, Tx. 76226 Phone # 940-455-2228

Directions: from Lewisville – 35E – Main St. – RIGHT on Chinn Chapel Rd. to end of road – go RIGHT – takes you directly into park entry kiosk.

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There will be NO Campouts in July & August

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Happenings:



Marjorie Joan Bailey

10/3/34 – 4/24/2006

Wife - Mother
Good Sam Friend

On March 28, we received news that **Marge Bailey** was in ICU in Weslaco with a high heart rate, low blood pressure and a high temperature. The many tests could not pinpoint the cause of her problems. Eventually, it was decided to remove her gall bladder, but things still didn't change.

Jim kept us all informed throughout the ordeal, and we sent many prayers and thoughts their way.

Finally, the diagnosis of Mononucleosis was made and plans were made to air-flight Marge back to Plano as soon as she was strong enough.

Marge was brought to Presbyterian Hospital in Plano where it was finally determined that she had a very aggressive lymphoma.

Marge passed away on April 24, 2006, and was buried in Smithville, Missouri on April 27. She will be remembered as a much-loved wife, mother, and grandmother, as well as a very active member of the North Star Sams. We will all miss her. Please keep Jim and their family in your thoughts.

Past Events

Campout: Hickory Creek on Lake Lewisville was the site of our campout and the weather was wonderful! We shared the pavilion and area with local Boy Scouts, and our hosts, the Helwicks showed us all how to "cook outdoors."



Pat, Sherry, Visitor Jackie Reid, Visitor Sandy Owens, Kathy, Del, and Sherry Young at the Duck Inn in Lake Dallas for dinner.



Greg, Dave, Visitor Don Owens, Visitor Jim Reid, Tim, and Lew at the Duck Inn in Lake Dallas for dinner.



Lew Foitek did his Boy Scout thing and made us the "BEST" campfire on Friday night!



Puff-cheeked Tim Moran is blowing out the candles on the cake for his 67 Birthday.



Kathy, Del, Jackie & Jim, Steve & Sherry attend the morning business meeting.



Lew and Kathy chat as Steve & Sherry share a morning hug.

Garage Sale: The sale was a great success! It was held in the Colony at the home of Del and Greg Duerr. Those with items brought them on Friday and Saturday and signs were placed everywhere! Breakfast and lunch were provided for the workers and the sale went from 8 am until 2 pm.



Just some of the Garage Sale Goodies



Dave, Kathy, Sherry Young, and Del are waiting for victims, err... Customers.

Meet & Eat: At the Spring Creek B-B-Q in in Lewisville



Visitors Allen & Laura La Turner , Jim, Dave, Greg, Sherry Moran, Kathy and Steve



I finally got Del and Sherry Young's attention.

Happy Birthday !



Brian Lloyd – May 19

Happy Birthday !



Greg Duerr – May 26

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.

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