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Welcome to the Bluebonnet Banner

Welcome to the Blue Bonnet Banner, the Official newsletter of the Texas State Association of FCRV.

The Texas State Association of the Family Campers and RV'ers is an organization dedicated to camping fellowships, preservation of our international heritage and strengthening of family bonds through shared activities in the outdoors.

The Bluebonnet Banner will contain news about the Texas State Association of the FCRV and all affiliated camping clubs. The Bluebonnet Banner will be available free on the new Bluebonnet Banner website – bluebonnetbanner.org or bluebonnetbanner.com and will also be posted on the FCRV website under newsletters. Please feel free to refer family and friends to these websites to find out more about TSA and FCRV. Each club is being asked to send in news about your group – where you will be camping, how many families attended, new members, members who have passed on. This will be in addition to articles from the President, State Director, Regional Director, other offices within the TSA, calendar, articles that are relevant to campers, special campouts and more.

You can send your news and pictures to bluebonnetnews@yahoo.com for publication. Information should be sent in a Word attachment, pictures should include where it was taken and who is in it and be ready for publication. Articles may be edited for content and length.

A big thank you goes out to Chuck Cupp for everything he has done in the past – putting news about the TSA on the Bluebonnet Banner via the **Fiesta Campers**.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Dawn Cross,
Editor

President's Ponderings By George Cross

BLUEBONNET BANNER WEBSITE

I would like to thank each of you for inspecting the new **bluebonnetbanner.com** and **bluebonnetbanner.org** websites. We hope these sites will help each TSA member become more involved and informed of TSA activities and events. The TSA has paid for the first year for the domains (\$18.30). The Banner will be a useful tool in the future as we complete its format and receive additional information from all Chapters' on their activities. In the future, I will ask the leadership from each Chapter to select someone to inform the Editor of their Chapter's activities. The intent is to publish news from each Chapter that furnishes information. I also want to thank Jerry Reasner and Dawn Cross, both with the Humble Wildcatters, for creating the websites and defining the layout for the Banner. We also plan to have links to several other related websites in the future.

SPRING CAMPVENTURE - COME JOIN US

The Spring Campventure will be at the Lazy "L" RV Park from May 23 through 26. The campground is located about 15 miles west of Corsicana, Texas on Highway 31. It is advertised as being in Barry, Texas, but is several miles out of town. They have a very nice meeting room and we will have a great time! Registration and information are located in this issue of the Banner.

TSA NEWS

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Art Lindley, Corresponding Secretary, chose to submit his resignation on March 24, 2008. The resignation has been accepted. We would like to thank him for his hard work.

TSA CONSTITUTION

Balloting is underway to revise the TSA Constitution. The Tally Committee is made up of:

Bob Ownsbey (Chairperson) - **Melonbusters**

Dave Blair - **Longhorns**

Pete Wachsmann - **Penthouse Campers**

Ballot kits have been printed and mailed to each chapter. All votes should be returned no later than May 3, 2008 to the address provided in the kit. The expense of printing and mailing the kits have been submitted to the TSA Treasurer.

A NOTE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

Hello again. It has been a good while since I have written an article for the BBB. The problem is I just got out of the habit. This is going to be tough, because there are so many items I need to get the info out to you on, that if I did it would be seventeen pages long. Mine is hard enough to read if it is only one page long. Well here goes.....

The first thing I want to do is welcome three new members to FCRV, and TSA, and ***Penthouse Campers***. They are: Robert and Sheila Box from Hurst, TX, Larry and Pat Searcy from Rendon, TX, and then Doyle and Sandra Jones from Burleson, TX. I guess I am going to have to stop passing on new names to different chapters in the area. Then maybe my chapter would have a chance in getting a few new members also. But it doesn't matter what chapter they are in, the point is to get them in so they can have just as much fun and fellowship as we are having. Good luck and good camping to all three of you, and congratulations to ***Penthouse Campers***.

Before I forget it, I need some help from the chapters. I would like for all chapters to send me an e-mail listing of all your officers, delegate, and field director. Also on with each name, give me their address, phone number, cell phone, and e-mail address. On another e-mail give me all your camping dates and locations for the remainder of the year. In doing this we can send the major campouts to Camping Today, and we can put all of them in the *Blue Bonnet Banner* so everyone in the state will know when others are camping and where they are, and if they are in the area and have nothing better to do, they can stop by and have potluck with you (or at least a cup of coffee and a piece of cake).

I would like to personally thank George and Joan Cross for the time spent so far in the little span of time they have been at the helm of Texas State Association. They (yes, they) have been on a computer ever since they have taken office. They have spent countless hours typing and retyping, changing their minds, and typing again the changes they and the district directors have come up with on a new constitution update and revamp. In most cases they did not change the meaning of the section, just the wording so it could be more easily read and understood. And now that they have gotten that into the works to be voted on, now they and Dawn and Jerry are on the fly to get a website started and another place to put the BBB. Much work has already gone into this, and they will get the inaugural copy onto the BBB in May of this year (where you are reading this now, dummy).

In closing, let me remind you of the upcoming campouts. On May 23-26 TSA Spring Board meeting at Lazy L campground on Hwy 31. On June 19-22 our Regional Campout in Branson, MO at ABC Campground. On July 4-10 National Campvention in Center Hall, PA. And on Oct 10-12 TSA Fall Campventure at Canyon Trails South of San Marcus off I-35. Try to make as many as you can.

See you across the next bridge.....
Kenn and Paula Green
Texas State Directors

Send your campout information to be included in the next issue of the Bluebonnet Banner! If you have a favorite place to camp and would recommend, send us the location so other campers can check it out also!



Maddie Lawler
TSA Teen Queen

*Photo by
Warren Leigh*

At the FCRV
Campvention, a
Teen Queen
Pageant is held.
The Texas

FCRV Representative for 2008 is the
beautiful Maddie Lawler

TSA also chose a Teen King to escort their
Queen. The state associations also sponsor
princess and prince contests.

Picture of the
chocolate cake
Maddie made.
The cake was
auctioned at
the FCRV
Director's
Campout.



The cake was auctioned for \$150.00 and will
help pay her way to FCRV Nationals this
summer in Pennsylvania to represent Texas
as the State FCRV Queen. It was good
eating too, as well as beautiful. Maddie is
planning to attend UT's culinary baking
school after high school.



FCRV-TSA Princesses

Megan Lawler 2007
(left)
and
Caroline Cupp 2008

Texas Retiree Rally

The Texas Retiree Rally was held April 13-17 at Heartland RV Park in Huntsville on Hwy 19. We had a total of ten rigs and 16 people in attendance. We were down this year and really missed those who normally attend.

We toured the Texas Prison Museum and found lots to see and learn. The Prison Museum has lots of information on current prisons and prisoners. We also spent some time in the "Veterans Museum". There is personal information, pictures and uniforms of veterans who served in several wars where the United States Military personnel were sent to serve. This museum honors all veterans.

We played "Bocce Ball" outside in the cold windy weather and then we played "Hillbilly Golf" outside on a nice sunny warm day. We also played "42", "Jokers Wild", and "Mexican Train" indoors. We all had a good time. We also had a "test" to see "How Observant are You"? Those there did very well answering the questions and nearly everyone answered more than the average person.

On Monday at noon, we all brought finger foods and shared our meal. The restaurants in the area also did a good business as several people went to breakfast, made ice cream runs and some went to "A Little Pizza Heaven" and had steaks that they all agreed were so tender and the best they had eaten. Our catered meal was beef, sausage, ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, pickles and onions. This was very good barbeque.

We sure were sorry some of you missed such a good time. We will look forward to seeing everyone in 2009 for the Texas Retiree Rally on April 5 to 9. Make sure you put this date on your 2009 calendar and join us next year for fun, games, food and fellowship. We will secure an RV park soon and the place will be published in the Bluebonnet Banner. Look for more and future information in the Banner.



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REGISTRATION FCRV/TSA CAMPVENTURE

May 23 to 26, 2008

Lazy L Ranch RV Park, Barry Texas

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Number: _____

Special Needs: _____

Attending

Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Children: _____

Send to: Rita Blair

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Lancaster, TX 75146-9709

PARKING WILL BE HOBO -
IF YOU WANT TO CAMP TOGETHER, PLAN TO
ARRIVE TOGETHER

Directions: Lazy L Ranch RV Park
Between Waco and Corsicana on Hwy 31
12401 W Hwy 31, Barry Tx 75102
Phone: 903-673-2523

Contact:

Lawrence & Pam Phillips

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National Campvention - 2009

Bobby & Charla Yost, TSA Regional Director

To all State Directors and Team Leaders,

Please put this article in your newsletter and read it at your spring campouts. You might want to send it you your Chapters also. We hope to have each member see or hear it. Maybe we will have all the Chair positions filled by the 2008 Campvention so they can go and get an idea of what they will be doing at our 2009 Campvention.

NATIONAL CAMPVENTION 2009

Our Region is hosting the 2009 National Campvention in Sedalia, Missouri on July 3-9, 2009. We need your help in this endeavor. Several of you have already signed on as Chairperson and we thank you. There are still roles that need to be filled. Below is a list of roles that YOU can help fill.

Adult activities....you will need to plan activities for the adult You will work with the Retiree activities Chairman because share the building. Your activities should be geared to the year olds and up. You can schedule a variety of activities to all ages. It would be nice to have a younger person and an one Co- Chair this job.



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Building Set Upmake sure the rooms or areas for all the activities are in order. You will be given a request form from each Chairman who needs you help with the time and needs (tables and chairs) of their activities. The Fair Grounds will have the chairs and tables in the areas already, but they may need to be set-up or rearranged.

DAT...Coordinate activities with the National DAT Director. Schedule Seminars of Interest. You may set up a display using local Organizations.

Handicap Director.....Make sure those who are handicapped and need assistance in parking and on-grounds transportation is available. Ensure on-grounds transportation makes stops in the handicap area. Provide info and assistance as needed. You may provide other things if you want to.

Historian.....Coordinate activities with the National Historian Director. Make arrangements for set up of the area to display the scrapbooks.

Insignia... Responsible for setting up times to sell the patches and pins at Campvention. You will schedule volunteers to help you. A good time to sell products is before the evening program.

Religious Services....Schedule time for service. Post schedule for Jewish and Catholic services in town (we have a phone book to help you). The National Pastor will do the service.



SPC.....Schedule walks and have signup sheets for each walk. You can get a consignment of Vouchers from the National SPC Director.

Teen Sports.... Schedule the games, find ball fields, get officials, have water cooler and work with the National Teen Director. The Chamber of Commerce will help find fields and officials. You will turn in an order for the award medals you need. Purchase any missing equipment (*yes you have a budget*). Provide sign up sheets at central registration and volunteers at central registration.

Teen Activities.... We want to do this a little different this time. We would like for each dog might we think will also enjoy all several people to plan – a different person night. You could do a dance, games, hot supper, or some other activity the teens enjoy. A lot of the teens do not dance and this will better fill their needs and wants. It give the ones involved a better chance to the activities at Campvention. The need is for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday (after the Pageant maybe a teen noise parade), Wednesday (this is the Queens ball and all teens are invited). The Ball has a Chairman but you might like to help chaperone. The Pageant has a Chairman also. If you would like to plan for an activity pick a day and let us know.



On Grounds Transportation.....We are planning to multi-seated golf carts for people movers. This will getting volunteers easier than if we used the trams. would schedule volunteers for the open hours. Schedule special transportation as requested by Chairmen of events. Work with the Handicap for handicap transportation.



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Volunteers.... Set up an area to sign up volunteers as they arrive and through out Campvention. This could be done in the commercial area near the office.

ALL OF THESE POSITIONS REQUIRE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION THROUGH OUT THE PLANNING AND DURING CAMPVENTION.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Bobby and Charla Yost at fcvtx@flash.net or 817-247-3475 or your State Director.

May 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
					Fiesta Campers – May 9 to 11	
11 	12	13	14	15	16	17
Fiesta Campers						
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24
					TSA Campventure – Lazy L Ranch RV Park Barry TX	
					Humble Wildcatters – Combined with TSA Campventure – Barry TX	
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
TSA Campventure						
Humble Wildcatters						

June 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 
					Fiesta Campers - At Branson	
15  Happy Fab Day Fiesta Campers	16	17	18	19	20	21
				FCRV South Cenral West Regional Campout, ABC Campground, Branson Missouri June 19 - 22		
					Humble Wildcatters – Coushatte RV Ranch, Bellville TX – June 20-22	
22 Humble Wildcatters FCRV South Central, Branson MO	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30					

TSA SPRING CAMPVENTURE 2008

May 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2008
Lazy L Ranch RV Park Barry TX

Come join us for the TSA Spring Campventure, 2008. We plan to have a time of fun and fellowship. We will be at the Lazy L Ranch RV Park in Barry Texas – which is near Corsicana. Make sure you send in your registration form as soon as possible so we will have a count. The registration form can be found in the Bluebonnet Banner.

Here is a schedule of events –

Friday, May 23 –

On your own till 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be will supply wieners you bring the rest. After and then play games ‘til ???



hot dogs. We supper, register

Saturday, May 24 –

9:00 a.m. Breakfast ~ Hospitality by **Texas Longhorns**
10:00 a.m. Short Meeting of TSA
10:30 a.m. Regional Director will talk about National 2009
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Outdoor games
5:30 p.m. Fish Fry – we will get the fish and hush puppies and cook them, there will be a donation pot to help pay for the fish. Bring other goodies to share
7:30 p.m. Auction/fund raiser for TSA. After the auction – we will play games until ??

Sunday, May 25 -

9:00 a.m. Breakfast ~ Hospitality
10:00 a.m. Church services let by Paula Green
Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Indoor games



Bring your ice cream freezer and after the games, we will make homemade ice cream. Don't forget to bring your recipe to share! Afterwards, we will play Bean Bag Baseball.

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper and more games until ??