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PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS

FALL CAMPVENTURE

The Fall Campventure is planned to take place during the Thanksgiving Holidays at the Lazy L RV Park near Corsicana. Everyone needs to submit their registration form as soon as possible. A GREAT time is planned.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One of the things we need to discuss at the Fall Business Meeting is to start a **membership drive**. Other FCRV membership drives have been successful and we need to double our current membership. FCRV has a good training program to assist in learning the procedures. The membership drive consists mainly of setting up a booth at local RV shows and inviting attendees to join FCRV. If some of our TSA members could attend the major RV shows in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, and San Antonio area, we could reach a majority of current and future rig owners. Most of these shows run for about 5-7 days, so we will need about 3 couples from each city to attend the show in their area. I would like to have a volunteer to head this task. If you are interested in participating and/or managing this task, contact me at the Fall Campventure. This will be a "fun" project and an opportunity to meet future RV owners at the shows.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues was due to the TSA Secretary by November 1, 2008. A Microsoft Excel form was emailed to each Chapter Secretary in early October. Please forward the completed form and dues to Rita Blair. If she has not received your information yet, please do so immediately.

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The TSA Business Meeting Policy states that the introduction of new business must be approved by the Executive Board prior to the meeting. Anyone that needs to bring up new business must submit the topic and objective of that business to me prior to the meeting so that it can be added to the meeting agenda. Send new business requests to tsacamping@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH

I am looking forward to seeing you at the November Campvention. I will have some fun activities planned. I hope you will consider participating in the Princess and Prince Pageant on Friday evening. We will be making posters for the National Camping is and Conservation contests. So be thinking of ideas.

Come have fun!!!
Youth Director, Judy Elenburg

TURBANS

By Pam Phillips

The Texas State Association of the FCRV is a giving and caring association. Over the years donations have been made of pull tabs from soft drink cans, blankets to nursing homes and other things.

This year, we would like to make caps/turbans for those who are undergoing cancer treatments and have lost their hair. We ask that each person who attends the Fall Campventure bring soft, knit materials to the campout. We have a pattern and will be sewing them up while we are there. If you know of someone who has undergone treatment or perhaps you have yourself, you know how welcome these turbans will be.

If you would like more information on what we are looking for or would like to suggest a group to donate these to, please contact me at pamphillips@netzero.com

FCRV/TSA FALL CAMPVENTURE

NOVEMBER 27-30, 2008

REGISTRATION

Lazy L RV Park Barry TX

12401 W. Hwy 31 Barry, Texas 75102

Phone 903-673-2523

It's almost time for the Fall Campventure. If you have not registered, it's not too late. Let Lawrence know you are coming and send in your registration form (copy in the Banner).

We have one hospitality planned so far. We will also have a cake walk, auction, bingo, Thanksgiving potluck. Don't forget the Teen Queen pageant, indoor tournament games, outdoor games and even more!

Bring goodies for the Goodie Walk, door prizes and auction items (nice, not junk).

For the Thanksgiving potluck – the turkey will be furnished – you bring the rest. We will also have a potluck on Saturday night.

For more information, email Lawrence at pamphillips@netzero.com

Lawrence

Texas Member Updates

In the Texas Member Update section, we will use this to recognize special occasions or to let you know what is going on with Texas members. Send updates to the Bluebonnet Banner at bluebonneteditor@yahoo.com

October, 2008

Nancy Bechner –Forwarded from Jennifer Bechner on the Oct 7

Hello Everyone!

For those of you who didn't know Mom Bechner had Brain Surgery about a Month ago. She was having stroke like symptoms. When they discovered it wasn't a stroke but some kind of infection in her brain they decided that she needed the surgery to make sure that it was cancer. We finally got the test results and it came back that she has Central Nervous System Vasculitis. This is a rare disease that shrinks the blood vessels in the brain. We were very fortunate to diagnose it at its early stages or she could have died. She is currently staying with PJ. (Steve's younger brother) since she is not able to take care of herself and/or Dad Bechner. Come to find out she was over dosing on her medications without realizing it. We are not certain what the future holds for her right now. She is having problems with her short term memory. I am trying to stay positive that she will get better especially because she is a fighter.

We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers during this rough time. We are extremely luck to have such wonderful Friends and Family.

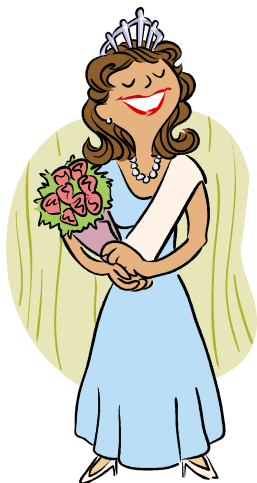
Love Always,
Jennifer Bechner

Walter Gibson long time member of the Texas Longhorns passed away Tuesday October 7, 2008. The services were Saturday October 11, 2008 at the Lords Missionary Baptist Church, 6722 Bexar St. Dallas TX. Walter will be missed by all.

Cards can be sent to: Mattie Gibson, 2859 Fernwood Dallas TX 75216.

Please keep **Dave and Rita Blair**, member of the Texas Longhorns, Penthouse Campers and Retirees Chapter 89, in your prayers. Dave's sister passed October 23 and the Blair's may have to travel to New York.

Bobby Guerra of the San Jacinto Campers had a massive heart attack on Sept 11, 2008. He did have a history of heart problems. Bobby was a great guy. Always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. He will really be missed.



TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION -
TEEN QUEEN PAGEANT

November 28, 7:00 p.m.

NAME _____
BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____

The object of the Texas State Association Teen Queen Pageant is to select a Teen Queen, King, Princess and Prince to represent the State. The Queen will compete at the National Campvention Pageant. If for some reason she cannot go, the First Runner-up will take her place. The Teen King can also go to National and will be introduced on stage at the Pageant. He also acts as an escort at the National Pageant and the Texas Teen Queen. The Princess and the Prince do not compete at the National Campvention but may be introduced on stage. They may also be asked to help at the National Pageant. The Pageant will be during the Fall Campventure in Barry Texas.

RULES TO ENTER THE PAGEANT

1. Teen Queen Contestants must be 13-19 years old on the day of the National Pageant. They are judged on talent, poise, personality, sportswear, interview and questions on stage. They will need to have a nice outfit for the interview, party dress and sportswear that represent their favorite sport and an outfit for their talent.
2. Teen King Contestants must be 13-19 years old on the day of the State Pageant. The contestants are judged on poise, personality, interview and questions on stage
3. Princess must be 7-12 years old on the day of the State Pageant. They are judges on talent, poise, personality, sportswear and interview. They need a nice outfit for the interview, party dress, sportswear that represents their favorite sport and an outfit for their talent.
4. Prince Contestants must be 7-12 years old on the day of the State Pageant. They are judged on poise, personality and interview.
5. Queen and King Contestants must be members of FCRV under their parents/guardian membership or their own.
6. Princess and Prince Contestants parents/ grandparents or guardian must be FCRV members.

We hope you will consider entering the State Pageant. It is our desire that all contestants come away with great memories, more confidence and a lot of new friends.

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And How Much Do You Weigh?
By Warren Leith

No, this is not a comment on our body weight, but information about your motor home or 5th wheel weight.

Much to my surprise I discovered during an insurance seminar, at a recent Discovery Motor Home Convention, that in many states if your motor homes max GVWR is over 26001# that you need a special CDL license in order to be driving it legally. In Texas a CDL class B license is definitely required for any RV vehicle with a GVWR a one **or combined with what your towing** that is over 26001# registered & licensed in Texas. I've been a full-timer since March 2003 in Texas and was not aware of this special license requirement in order to drive my RV. I wonder how many others aren't either in their state? I'm told many states have similar license requirements. Perhaps an article in our FMCA magazine on this issue would help others determine if were legally licensed to be driving our heavy diesel pusher motor homes in their state? Some insurance companies are denying coverage for accidents if drivers don't have the correct driver's license.

People also need to check their registration to see what it shows. Mine shows empty and max weights as the same which would make a 0 # CCC. I think the dealers may be registering vehicles this way in order to avoid the license requirements. This in its self is not legal if a law officer checks your registration you're over loaded when you step in the door.

The FMCA web site below is very clear regarding drivers license types required for driving a motor home in all states with a GVWR over 26K#'s as of Jan. 08. If we don't want to go to the trouble of getting this CDL license will need to move to Michigan. I thought that Florida was a hold out but they now have an even worse drivers license requirement than us for RV's. Texas has a reciprocating agreement with other states. Some states do not -WOW !

A state trooper told me you fall under this law too with a combined GVWR so if you have a heavy 5th wheel and a big truck pulling it check it out. This case is not covered in the FMCA document below. If you have a gas MH rated below 26K#'s GVWR and tow a car and the 2 combined are over 26K# GVWR maybe you'd better be checking your drivers license needs too.

<http://www.fmca.com/fmc2008/janmag/regulations/index.asp>

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12401 W. Hwy 31 Barry, Texas 75102
Phone 903-673-2523**

Deadline to pre-register: November 10, 2008.
Pre-registration Fee: \$5.00 (after November 10 - \$10.00)
Adult Activity Fee: \$2.50 per activity (pay with pre-registration)

CAMPING FEE: \$17.00 per day payable on arrival

For more information, contact: Lawrence & Pam Phillips
10294 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
Terrell, TX 75161
Phone 214-668-4825
Email pamphillips@netzero.com

Name _____

Spouse _____

Others _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Chapter Name _____ Number _____

Special Needs _____

Attendees: Adults _____ Teens _____ Youth _____

Make checks payable to TSA

Pre-registration fee \$ _____

Activity fee \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____ Check number _____

Mail To: Rita Blair
1508 Brookview Dr.
Lancaster, Texas 75146-9707

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

Paid check number _____ date _____