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WHAT'S UP...FROM THE PRES!

It's always great to visit a familiar spot and for sure Coffee Creek is one of those! We had 9 rigs and those who made it on Thursday wound up eating twice at the Braos River Catfish Café. And every-one enjoyed those pies. Visitors this month included James & Carolyn Ehlinger, NORTEX Area VP; George Smith & Lila Bunnell, Pioneers; and Greg Wood & Lillian Redden. It was a surprise when Grover & Barbara came for the Pot Luck Grover & Barbara came for the pot Luck with Jimmie & Janice Cole in tow. No one seemed to miss not having deserts but that's why they call it a 'pot luck.' Toby did a great job calling both nights and sometimes kept everyone guessing. And, how about that six-couple square? It was fun for everyone. After Sunday's devotional we enjoyed that famous Maverick breakfast before everyone began their trek home.



As you know, elections were held at the May campout and your new officers include: President - Charles & Laura Wright; 1st VP - Terry & Sandy Alderson; 2nd VP - Jack Isdale & Deretha Starnes; Treasurer - Joey & Nikki Barrett; Secretary - Tommy & JoAn Meyer. They will begin their term in office this month.

This month will be a busy one at the Texan RV Park in Athens June 8th-9th. With anniversaries to celebrate and new officers to install we'll look forward to a fun-filled weekend. Ray Stenger will handle the heavy-lifting and keep us moving round the floor and, we have good information that he won't be totin' his pistols to take care of stray dancers, lol!

Did you know: In the People's Republic of China, square dancing is an exercise routine performed to music in squares, plazas or parks. It's popular with middle-aged and retired women who have been referred to as "dancing grannies." Due to its low cost and ease of participation, estimates show to have over 100 million participants. Beginning as early as 5:30 a.m. they dance to a variety of music dancing near supermarkets to position to them bargain for fresh vegetables when the markets open. In the evening they dance after dinner; typically, not to be too far from their homes. Some dances are complicated and demanding, but the majority are low-impact routines that primarily consist of holding the dancer's arms in front of the body in varied positions. Ok Ray, here's your challenge for this month!

As our three-year term as Presidents of what we believe to be the best square dance club around, we want to say 'THANKS' for the guidance, encouragement, and support. It has been fun serving ya'll and while we are taking our break, we want to wish the incoming officers all the best and offer whatever assistance they need to continue our successful camp/dance weekends. Bless each of you...

Now for all you health conscious folks just think about this: "I choked on a carrot the other day and all I could think was: 'I'll bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me!'"

Take care,
Bob & Carly Tassan

The History of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their **praises**
As often as we should...
But **FATHERS** are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving **compliments**
And accolade of praise,
For the only reason Dad aspires
To **fortune** and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**
And like our Heavenly Father,
He's a **guardian** and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day

2018 Calendar of Events

June 8-9

Texan RV Park
Athens

July 16-18

Community Center
Red River, NM

August 10-11

Choctaw Casino RV Park
Durant, OK

September 21-22 – TSCS (HOT)

American RV
Corsicana

October 12-13

American RV
Corsicana

November 9-10 – 49th Anniversary Dance

Destiny RV Resort
Denton

December 9 – NO DANCE

Christmas Party

2019 Calendar of Events

January 11-12

American RV
Corsicana

February 8-9

Bedrock RV Park
Grand Saline

March 15-16 – TSCS

Oakdale RV
Glen Rose

April 12-13

NT Airstream
Hillsboro

Happy Birthday

Jimmie Cole – 1st

Carly Tassan – 5th

Keith Malone – 14th

Debi Blagg – 28th

Janice Cole – 29th



Happy Anniversary

Ray & Evelyn Stenger - 8th

Toby & Judy Thomason - 8th

Bill & Cheryl McDonnell - 17th

Bruce & Barbara McElmon - 26th

Bill & Sue Prather - 30th



Important Dates to Remember in June

14th – Flag Day

17th – Father's Day

21st – 1st day of summer





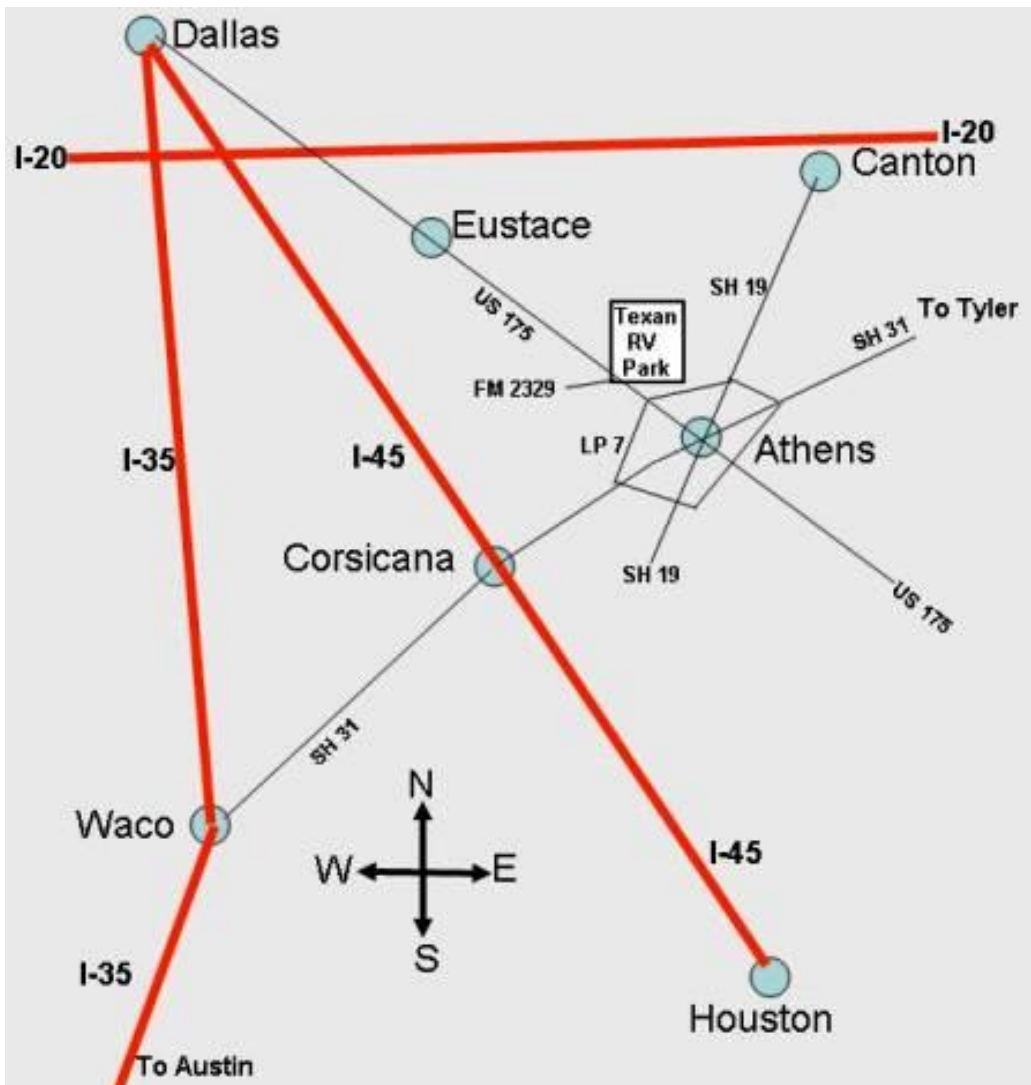
Sunshine Corner

- Congratulations to our new officers. Always remember to ask the officers if there is anything they need help with or anything you can do to make things easier for them. Offers of suggestions and help are always appreciated. A big THANK YOU to our outgoing officers - you all did an outstanding job!!
- We finally got to put our new boat in the water and the ride was outstanding. Looking forward too many more good times on the water. The dogs love running on the beach and playing in the water and if you've never slept with a dog that's been rolling on a sandy beach, you haven't lived yet (good exfoliant!!!) Penny (the 16-pound chiweenie with short hair) is the one I'm talking about.

S U M M E R
IS TIME FOR WARM NIGHTS
WATERMELON
BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES
SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS
RIP EPICNICS CAMPFIRE
TOMATOES LEMONADE
LIGHTENING STORMS LOVE

June 8-9 - Campout Information

Texan RV Park
9024 US Highway 175
West
Athens, Texas
75751-5333
(903) 677-3326



Coming from Dallas, go east on US Hwy 175 (in Dallas, it is C.F. Hawn Freeway) through Seagoville and Kaufman. Continue on to Eustace. When you drive through Eustace, look for the brown Purtis Creek State Park sign at the signal light (FM 316) as you leave town. From that point, drive 5.3 miles and you will see the Texan RV Park sign on your left. Drive 7/10 of a mile further and make a U turn onto westbound Highway 175 to return to the park entrance at 9024 US Highway 175 West, Athens, TX. The U turn is pretty close to the road to Tara Winery. If you are coming from Athens, drive about 2.6 miles west on Hwy 175 from the Loop 7 intersection to Texan RV Park.

Camping weekend schedule of activities

<u>Friday</u>	Arriving (if you didn't come Thursday)
AM	Fun Activities (golf/shopping/sightseeing/sleeping)
PM	Afternoon Free
7:00 PM	Early Rounds
7:30 PM	Square Dance (casual attire)
9:30 PM	Games Following Dance
<u>Saturday</u>	
9:00 A.M.	Board Meeting
12:00 Noon	Pot Luck Lunch with General Membership Meeting to Follow
7:00 PM	Early Rounds
7:30 PM	Square Dance (square dance attire)
9:30 PM	Games Following Dance
<u>Sunday</u>	
8:29 AM	Devotional with Breakfast to Follow
11:00 AM (ish)	Break Camp - Homeward Bound

