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WHAT'S UP...FROM THE PRES!

Good October to you!

What a month...September has come and gone and I'm still waiting for cooler temps and fall weather. I'm sooooo thankful for the rain that we've been given but we've had a small reservoir in our front yard and I'm a little tired of sweeping mud out of my kitchen and living area. Also, mosquitos have invaded our hedges and are taking over the front walkway. I would have been perfectly content if Noah had just swatted the two that made their way onto the ark!

September is a busy month for our family and very seldom are we able to attend campout for the month. Our plan was to make the drive to Corsicana for the dance on Saturday evening but as we were planning to leave, the bottom dropped out of the clouds and it **POURED** (again!). Another eleven inches that evening and we missed the dance. Heart of Texas Camping Squares hosted a Fiesta at American RV Park the weekend of September 21-23. I heard it was wonderful! Full of fun things to do, good things to eat and everyone having a grand time. Thank you, Heart of Texas for providing such an enjoyable campout!

We make our way back to Corsicana's American RV Park on October 12-14 with Ray and Evelyn at the helm. Don't forget about our "scary" movie afternoon, we'll have popcorn & Junior Mints... JoAn has a cute, pumpkin craft for those that would like to participate (I was lucky to get a sneak peek, I promise, you'll want one!). Remember your Halloween costume for Friday night too... See you next week!

Showers of blessings!!

Charles & Laura



2018 Calendar of Events

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

May 10-11

Coffee Creek
Santo

Happy Birthday

Cliff Vick – 7th

Deretha Starnes – 12th

Delton Sewell – 13th

Barbara Braddock – 24th



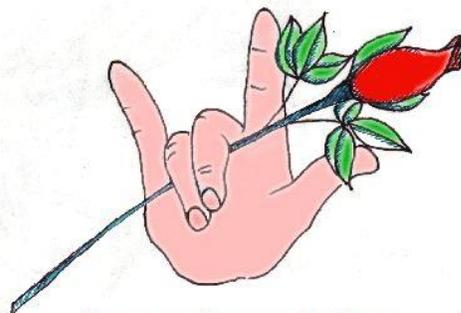
Happy Anniversary

NONE



Important Dates to Remember in October`

- 4th – National Golf Day
- 8th – Columbus Day observed
- 20th – Sweetest Day
- 31st - Halloween



Happy Sweetest Day
To You!

drawn by
Mikey



Sunshine Corner

- I haven't updated my birthday list in a couple of years, and I keep putting Sandy Alderson's birthday as October 16 in the newsletter and it is really September 16. So, forgive me and I will do better in the future. Sandy, hope your birthday was outstanding!!! If I'm messing up any one else's birthday, please let me know, so I can correct it.
- Bill & Jan McClure sent me note the other day letting me know that since they left NTCS they are doing good (Bill is still having some back problems) - just not dancing any more. She said they really miss dancing and seeing everyone at the campouts. She sent me this page (I shrunk it down) from a 1995 newsletter when they were presidents. Some of you guys can appreciate this "joke".
- Bruce's last set of shots in his back lasted almost 6 weeks before they started wearing off. He is scheduled to have his back procedure (roto-rootering inside a vertebra to allow more room for the nerves) Thursday, October 11. Hope this fixes him up. It's been nice having him able to do a few things that he had stopped doing because of his back. Can't wait to get back to camping and dancing!!

WANTED
WOMAN who can Cook,
Dig Worms, Clean Fish
 and owns
Boat & Motor




Please send picture of
Boat & Motor



Christopher Columbus Ships: Vessels that Discovered America

Christopher Columbus might have discovered America but Christopher Columbus' ships are the ones that deserve the primary recognition. In an era where ships were the only fastest mode of transport to travel across the world, Christopher Columbus Ships revolutionized the entire concept of ship travel completely. In the 15th century, when Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain, he had the very important support of three ships which are now famously known as Christopher Columbus Ships, and his ships' crewmen. With such support, Christopher Columbus finally managed to discover America and put the existence of a very important nation in the map of the world.

Santa Maria, Niña and the Pinta were the three Christopher Columbus Ships that have gained immense popularity and recognition in the modern times, not just because they helped Christopher Columbus find out about an entire nation but also because they gave water transport a new sense of achievement and purpose, especially today when water transport is not as popular as it was used to be earlier.

Out of the three Christopher Columbus Ships, Santa Maria was the adventurer's flagship. To put it in non-marine terms, a flagship is like a leader. Therefore, it can be simply said that out of the three Christopher Columbus Ships, Santa Maria was the leader-ship. A cargo ship weighing around 200-600 tons and measuring about 18 meters in length, 12 meters keel lengthwise, six meters beam wise and two meters draft wise, the Santa Maria had a crew of about 52 members. The original name of the Santa Maria was La Gallega, in reference to the place where the ship was built, but Christopher Columbus changed the name of the ship to Santa Maria de la Immaculate Concepción or in short - just Santa Maria.

Features wise, Santa Maria had three main masts each with sails. These masts were known as the mainmast, the foremast and the mizzenmast. And while this ship had these positive attributes, the main negative attribute about this ship was that its built did not allow Santa Mari to sail near the shallow waters and the coral reefs, thus providing a ship with a handicap.

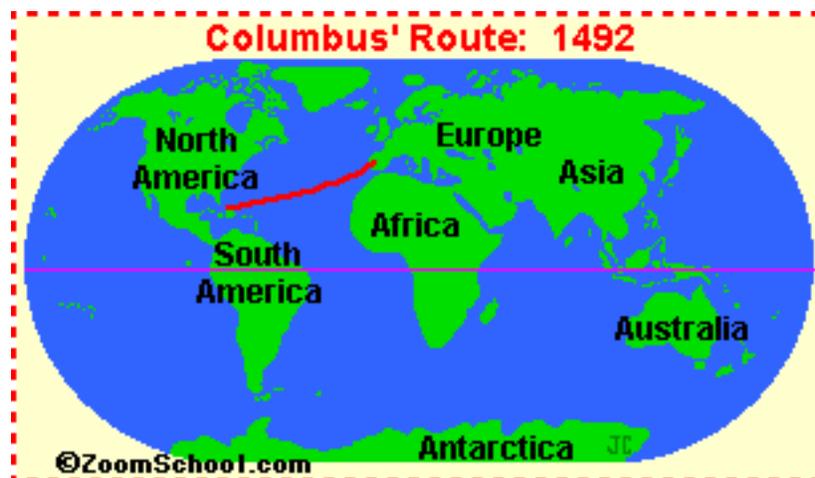
However, the other two ships Niña and Pinta solved the disadvantage that the flagship of the Christopher Columbus Ships provided and helped the adventurer to complete his adventure quite successfully. Niña, in Spanish means a girl and Pinta refers to the excessive paint job that was done to the third of the Christopher Columbus ships.

Niña and Pinta were caravel ships. Caravel ships were designed just to beat the disadvantage of sailing in the shallow waters and coral reefs that ships like Santa Maria encountered and were lightweight and easy to maneuver around. Around 18 crewmen formed the shipping entourage of the Niña and the Pinta. Of all the three Christopher Columbus Ships, the Pinta was the fastest reaching to a maximum top speed of about 8 knots a day (around 200 miles) while Santa Maria was the slowest, owing to its larger size.

Size wise, the Niña weighed around 50 -60 tons and measured around 15 meters lengthwise, 12 meters keel lengthwise, five meters beam wise and two meters depth wise. The

Pinta on the other hand weighed around 70 tons and measured around 17 meters lengthwise, 13 meters keel lengthwise, five meters beam wise and two meters depth wise

The Niña and the Pinta were offered as levy by the Royal Crown of Spain to Christopher Columbus because of a rule which spoke about asking of levy as punishment if and when the citizens had done a wrong deed against the Spanish Royalty. Furthermore, four of the crewmen on the Christopher Columbus Ships were criminals who were offered amnesty in lieu of their volunteering to be a part of the voyage by the Spanish Crown. Thus, with the help of the Spanish Royalty and Christopher Columbus, the three Christopher Columbus Ships pioneered their way into the oceanic waters, cruised and discovered a whole huge country in the West. In today's times, when air travel has become the norm and reaching out to the moon has become an ordinary achievement, the successful adventure of Christopher Columbus and Christopher Columbus Ships is a piece of history.



October 12-13 - Campout Information

<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 (Halloween costume)
9:30 PM	Games Following Dance
<u>Saturday</u>	
9:30 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

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