

TEXAS W CLUB

WINNEBAGO - ITASCA TRAVELERS

President's Comments

What a great time was had by all who attended the 2008 GNR! Thanks to our Texas members for your support of this rally. Texas ROCKED THE REUNION with a reported 87 coaches on the grounds. Our sign expressing **Texas Rockin'** was on National TV on the Early Show. Having a social hour each day provided Texas attendees an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. We had a great turnout for the *Sunday Welcome BBQ* serving 135 Texans with Texas brisket and closed out Thursday with a pizza party. It sure was great having the 15 X 30 shelter this year shielding us from the sun. The only person not liking the tent was Pete (section B parker), but the abuse I suffered was worth it.

Kathie & I want to thank everyone who helped with head of row activities while we worked the front gate both weeks. It is great to have your friendship and willingness to help out. Thanks to Bill Miller for organizing our Texas Bean Bag Baseball team. We won our first game against Ohio but lost to Washington in the HEAT.

Our October Rally at Staway Ranch is approaching fast. Big Thicket and Cen-Tex are putting things together for you to have a good time. Check out the pre-rally events sheet with this newsletter. Get your costumes ready, bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate ahead of time, and, yes, there will be prizes like \$150 total in Flying J fuel cards. Check your schedule for the following week because it's the Louisiana State Rally. Many of us plan to caravan directly to Rayne to support their club and we hope to see Louisiana coaches at Staway.

We all feel the squeeze of high fuel cost and no one knows where it will end. With oil prices down a little we might see some relief at the pump but we have to agree on one thing: we all enjoy the RV lifestyle and our WIT friends, so please don't let go of that. Please continue to support our local chapters and our state club. We can always adjust to meetings close to home but above all we need to keep WIT alive in Texas.

Here is the sad part of this newsletter; these are my final comments as president. Where did the two years go? I want to thank everyone for the support you have given Kathie & myself as president and your support of Texas W Club. You are a great group of people, and our WIT family. I want to thank my officers for their support, Sandi for some great newsletters, Delilah's continued book keeping, Mimi and Les being there when needed and Steve for being our chaplain.

Mike & Kathie

August, 2008



Texas W New Additions

I would like to welcome the following members who have joined Texas W Club.

- Mike Todd

**John & Jane Canfield
Bob & Karen Thayer
Rosalie Greenspan**



Remember!
Save your aluminum can tabs and bring them with you to the October Rally.



Tabs for Tots

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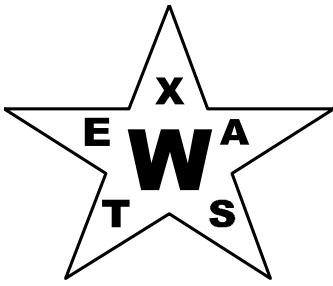
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Upcoming Meetings and Rallies

**October 17 – 19, 2008
Staway Ranch
Murchison, TX**

**January 16-18, 2009
Braunig Lake Resort
near San Antonio, TX**

**April 17 – 19, 2009
Lake Conroe KOA
(formerly Haven's Landing)
Conroe, Texas**



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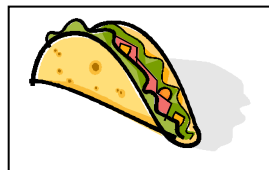


Texas W Rally
Stayway Ranch
Murchison, Texas
October 17-19,
2008

There will be opportunities for pre-rally tours and pre-rally parking is only \$14. a night. Look for details and registration blanks for the pre-rally tours and the rally in this newsletter or check the website at www.texasw.org. How about this rally rate? \$85 will get you two nights parking and 4 meals. Thanks to dealer support this rate is lower than budget as we continue to give back to members and provide you with real value.

. Tuesday's "Row Party" at GNR was a big success thanks to Mimi Philips who planned and passed out over 175 taco salads. Here is the recipe for the taco meat that made them taste so great that visitors from all over the United States will be talking about their "Texas Treat."

Dissolve **2 beef bouillon cubes** in **1 cup of water**. Set aside. Sauté **1 chopped onion** in **2 tablespoons of oil** until soft and remove from pan. Brown **2 pounds of ground beef** and drain fat. Add bouillon liquid, onions, **2 teaspoons garlic powder**, **2 tablespoons cumin and salt and pepper** to taste to meat. Simmer until liquid is gone. Add **¼ cup of finely chopped green pepper** to meat. This freezes well and can be used for tacos, taco salad, chili or sloppy joes. Sounds like a great idea to have some of this in your freezer in the RV or for a quick meal at home!



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WIT# W-000000
Expires **October 31, 2009**

Get your 2009 model now!

Pay your 2009 dues and receive your membership card. Texas W Club dues are due October 1 and we will print cards prior to the October rally to be distributed there or send out with the next newsletter. If you are registering for the October Rally, there is a line on the registration form for your convenience to add your dues to the rally fee. If you received your 2009 membership card with this newsletter your dues are paid for 2009.

Chapters of Excellence

Congratulations to 12 of our 13 Texas Chapters on receiving their Chapter of Excellence award for 2008 showing outstanding participation. Texans can hold their heads high, thank you. Shown is Grace Miller receiving the award for Heart of Texas Winnies from Guy & Marianne Andenoro, Central Area Reps, at GNR.

