

TEXAS W CLUB

WINNEBAGO - ITASCA TRAVELERS

March, 2008

President's Comments



Wintertime in Hempstead certainly lived up to that theme. This January event brought us rain, a little mud, and **freezing** temperatures, but it didn't keep you home. Many of us suffering from "cabin fever" were ready to visit with our WIT friends. Could there be a better place to do it than Red Oak Ranch where we had a great clubhouse with a massive fireplace? Angel Hernandez kept the fire blazing for three days. We thank him for the warmth and ambiance. The park had 74 WIT coaches with some of us doubling up on sites. Thanks for your cooperation on that issue. The work becomes fun when everyone enjoys it so much.

We owe the success of this event to chapter presidents and their members. Without a host chapter for Hempstead, I asked chapter presidents to each do a part. We had a great time and no one chapter bore the burden of hosting the event alone. This raised the question, "Why don't we do all events like this?" With that thought in mind, a committee was formed and chaired by Sonny King. Sonny's committee will study the feasibility of hosting events this way and make recommendations to the Executive Board in April.

Our next event will be in Corsicana at the American RV Park. Once again Heart of Texas is ready to show us a good time so check our website for details - www.texasw.org/. Even though the year has just begun, it's never too early to think about GNR 2008. At our business meeting January 19th it was approved to rent a larger shelter this year. We have secured a 15' X 30' this year instead of last year's 10' X 20'. Plans will be in place to have the Sunday afternoon welcome BBQ again so send your reservation in for this year's 50th anniversary of the Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa!

With membership up 14% over last January, 2008 will be another exciting year for Texas W Club. We will schedule another craft contest at our October rally and *best of show* winner will go on to GNR 2009. The website trivia will continue, you never know when or where the "gold nugget" will appear. December went by and no one found Santa and the Merry Christmas graphic to win a Cracker Barrel certificate. As always we need and welcome your input to the website. Remember, this is your website, send us a picture and/or article. I also would like Texas photos for the banner page on the website, send me one, landscape format works best. If your photo is used you will receive a \$10 gift card to Cracker Barrel. We look forward to seeing everyone in Corsicana. *-Mike and Kathie*

Texas W New Additions



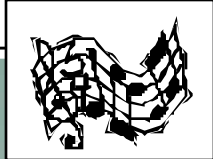
I would like to welcome the following members who joined or returned to Texas W Club since November

-Mike Todd

Dick & Bev Stanford
Bobby & Carolyn Brewer
Joe & Donna Risley
Tommy & Betty Hamilton
R.S. & Gail Robertson (return)
Jim Phifer

Thanks to Gail Miller who regaled us with her fabulous talent and her equally fabulous Casio key board, which provided a whole orchestra of instruments and special effects for our entertainment.

Below, Kathie Todd watches Gail's magic fingers glide seamlessly over the key board.



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Upcoming Meetings and Rallies

April 18 – 20, 2008
American RV
Corsicana, TX

July 20 – 25, 2008
Grand National Rally
Forest City, Iowa

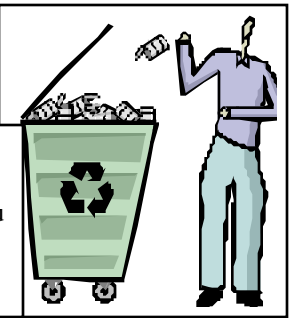
October 17 – 19, 2008
Staway Ranch
Murchison, TX

January, 2009
Braunig Lake Resort
near San Antonio, TX



Tabs for Tots

Remember to recycle your aluminum cans, but before you do, pop off that little tab and save it. They are easy to carry and add up quickly when you bring your tabs to Texas W events for recycling with proceeds benefiting Ronald McDonald House.





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Mike Todd and his able assistant "Vanna", pictured below left, kept the membership laughing while presenting three couples competing in "The Olde Wed Game". With leading questions like, "Has your wife ever used a headache as an excuse to avoid a romantic encounter?" or "What was the first car you bought after you were married?" Brenda and Gary Rigsby, Jim and Shirley Christilles and Bobby and Marty Pearson shared the details as they remembered them while most of the audience probably played along. Contestants had to match answers with their spouses about their married lives. Brenda and Gary, pictured right, (after he answered "Chevy Pinto" to the car question) were the runaway winners with 7.5 right answers (Yes, answers came in halves, too.)

Editorial opinion: Mike could make a little extra on the side doing impressions of Tony Orlando in that get-up. Mike, can you sing? Has anybody got a karaoke machine for our next meeting?!



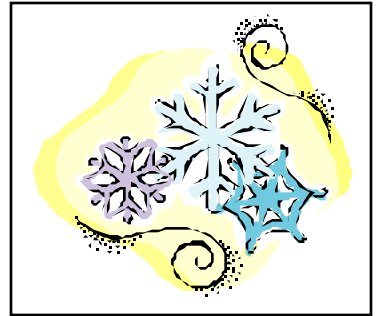
Fun and Games
Les and Tommy enjoy dominoes with friends, left. Joker is always fun on a lazy Saturday when it's the guys against the gals, right? Wonder what her opponent just did to Bernie's marble in this picture?



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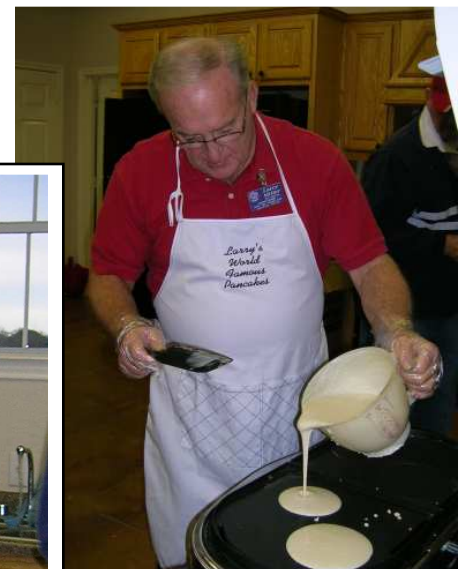


A preview to spring was apparent after the craft class on Saturday displayed their clever fabric flower arrangements. Using glue, wire and fabric they created flowers for the focal point of the bouquets, and added a few silk posies to fill in the spaces.

Texas W Nominating Committee

Your club officers are the grease on the wheels of an efficient, functioning organization. Every office is important. The 2009 nominating committee, Larry Miller and Stephanie Mosley, would like your input for officer candidates for the upcoming year. Holding one of these offices is fun, rewarding and provides an excellent opportunity to get to know and interact with our fabulous members in Texas W. Contact Larry, larryvandcharvn@verizon.net or

Pancakes Galore



Thanks to Larry Miller, above right, and his able kitchen crew, left, Angel Hernandez, Mike Strandlie and Mike Reid, Larry's Famous Pancakes and sausage were the order of the day for a great breakfast. Although Larry was the chief cook, we can't forget chief bottle washer, Sharyn Miller, pictured center. Another cog in the well functioning wheel was Sue Hernandez who was so involved in serving the sausage that she didn't get in the picture. We appreciate all the NorTex Travelers who helped make this meal a success.