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President's Comments...

In the last issue of our newsletter, I mentioned how excited I was that fall was making an appearance. At this writing, I am very much looking forward to spring. This has certainly been a long, cold winter for all of us, north and south Texas, it even snowed here in Willis, Texas. Fortunately, Mike and I were on the WIT Puerto Penasco Rally enjoying the sunshine.

Our winter meeting in Montgomery followed a long, hard freeze which disabled many of our coaches, and created dangerous driving. We who made it just cozied up inside and enjoyed being with our "extended" family once again. The Astrobagos entertained us with a Baby Boomer Trivia Contest (that really stretched the old brain cells). We also had a "Race to the Beach" which provided us with a lot of laughter watching friends in strange clothing and swim fins trying to hurry to the beach. One intrepid soul ended up crawling to the finish, hooray for her. It was another fun gathering for Texas W. The Astrobagos have just celebrated their 35th Birthday which is quite a milestone, congratulations to them. The Bluebonnet Travelers will be celebrating their 25th Birthday in March, another great event.

It was recently announced that Winnebago Industries was still the Number One retailer for motor homes, by a higher percentage than last year. It's always good to hear news like that when you drive one of their products. I'm also proud to see that Texas W membership is solid at 110 members.

Is everyone giving some thought to the Grand National Rally and what Hollywood Legends we want to portray? There are so many "greats" to choose from. Also, we had so much fun last year participating in the Happy Camper Cook-Off, so all you gourmet bar-b-que chefs let me know that you want to get in on it this year and we'll get a Texas team together. After all, Texas and grilling hamburgers are synonymous.

I hope all of you are healthy and ready to meet with the Nor-Tex Travelers for Friendship in Bloom in Mineola. They have some great pre-meeting events planned, so come early and we'll see you there.

Kathie Todd, Texas "W" President

Upcoming Meetings & Rallies

April 16-18, 2010
State Meeting ♦ Mineola Civic Center ♦ Mineola, TX

July 18-23, 2010
Grand National Rally ♦ "Hollywood Legends" ♦ Forest City, Iowa
Meet us on the Texas Row

**General Meeting ♦ Texas W Club
 Lake Conroe KOA ♦ Montgomery, TX
 January 16, 2010**

Kathie Todd, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Steve Ferguson led us in an opening prayer. Kathie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

There were no Charter members, out of state guests, or WIT representatives present. Former state officers and Chapter officers were recognized. There were three new members for Texas W present: Stanley and Virginia McIntyre, Cecil and Marjorie Lawrence, and John and Taunia Hults. One visitor was Don Hazen.

Kathie thanked the host chapter, the Astrobagos. She also recognized the chapters who helped co-host: Bluebonnet Travelers, Centex Travelers, Heart of Texas, Nor-Tex, and Red River Wranglers.

Kathie Todd reported that 43 rigs were on the ground.

Roll call was taken, and the following were present:

	Chapter	Total # of Rigs	Total # of Rigs at Rally
1	Alamo Winnies	18	3
2	Astrobagos	8	7
3	Big Thicket Winnies	9	6
4	Bluebonnet Travelers	21	6
5	Cen-Tex Travelers	11	7
6	Heart of Texas Winnies	31	7
7	Lone Star Travelers	14	3
8	Nor-Tex Travelers	16	6
9	Rambling Rose Travelers	--	--
10	Rear View Mirrors	10	1
11	Red River Wranglers	13	4
12	Sparkling W	--	--

The minutes were read by Martha Callaway. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes will be filed as read.

Treasurer Delilah Parsley gave the Quarterly Treasurer’s Report. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes will be filed as read.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Future Meeting/Rally locations and hosts were announced, and they are as follows:
 April 15-17, 2010 Nor-Tex Travelers at Civic Center in Mineola, TX
 October 22-24, 2010 Bluebonnet Travelers in Lake Conroe KOA in Montgomery, TX
 January 2011 Heart of Texas – location TBA
 April 2011 Red River Wranglers – location TBA

Members of the Nor-Tex Chapter passed out flyers on their April 16-18, 2010, Texas W Meeting in Mineola, Texas. Gary Rigsby urged everyone to come and discussed the many planned activities, including a visit to a Nature Preserve, an Amtrac trip to Dallas, a Tiger Rescue Preserve, a brown bag lunch with a presentation by Sue Hernandez, and an auction with all the proceeds going to the Shriner hospital. Gary requested that all chapters who had not yet volunteered to help at the April meeting to do so.

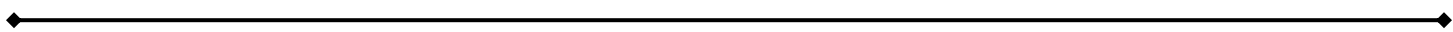
General Meeting Minutes Continued:

Kathie Todd reported that Jim and Shirley Christelles had received approval as honorary members and that members of the Alamo Winnies would present the certification on Monday, January 18.

Don Kipp of the Astrobago Chapter questioned the advisability of continuing the January meetings. Kathie Todd advised that the Executive Committee had discussed this at great length at their meeting on January 15. Following discussion on January meetings, including reasons for keeping and reasons for stopping January meetings, Kathie stated that the January meeting could be dropped from the Texas W agenda with approval of members. However, she also agreed to check the WIT by/laws to make sure this could be done. Since this meeting had such a small attendance, it was decided to wait until April to take a vote on this issue.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Callaway
Secretary



Welcome



New Members

William and Betty Lancaster
San Antonio, TX

Cecil & Marjorie Lawrence
Arlington, TX

James and Rose Smart
Beaumont, TX

Stanley and Virginia McIntyre
Pensacola, FL

John and Terry Gallemore
Houston, TX



In January Kathie Todd joined the Alamo Winnies and presented Jim & Shirley Christelles, with their Honorary Membership certificate.



Just a gentle reminder...
Please pick up after your
pooch. All dog owners as well
as non-pooch owning people
will thank you.



Come join all your friends for a fun filled Texas "W" Club State Meeting, April 16th thru 18th, 2010 at the Mineola Civic Center in Mineola, Texas. The theme will be "Friendships Bloom". Your hosts for this event will be the Nor-Tex Travelers, and they will be encouraging everyone to make new and old friends, while enjoying all of the fun and festivities that has been prepared.

Early arrivals will have the opportunity to visit several nearby local attractions including the Mineola Nature Preserve, on the Sabine River, which is the "birding capital of East Texas" with walking trails, fishing, and wildlife viewings. (There will be carts available weekdays to accommodate your needs). If you've never ridden on the Amtrak Railways you can take it to downtown Dallas one day during the week, and return in the afternoon. Another exciting adventure that you shouldn't miss will be to visit The Tiger Creek Big Cats Rescue Center, east of Mineola that has tigers, lions, leopards,

etc. They even have one of Michael Jackson's tigers donated to this facility from his NeverLand Park in California. How about a round of golf? There is the Mineola Golf course that we can get you and your friends on for a day of fun and competition. Finally, there's the downtown Mineola area that will get your attention because it's a very quaint town with antique shops, many good eateries, a historical museum, and the Select Theatre which is one of the oldest continuously operating theatres in Texas.

Thursday evening we have a potluck dinner planned followed by a rousing game of Card Bingo, and then you can play any games of your choice until closing.

After the opening ceremonies Friday morning, you'll hear about "The History of Mineola" while a hospitality table opens up with snacks and drinks while you visit with your friends across Texas. We're having a "bring your brown bag" for lunch while listening to Sue Hernandez, from the Nor-Tex Travelers, talk about her "new" heart replacement experiences and the Organ Donation Program (there just may be a special guest that Sue will introduce you to at this time). Your evening entertainment will be a live auction conducted by a real live auctioneer and his beautiful "girl" helpers.

Saturday morning after breakfast, and the Texas "W" Club general meeting, there will be plenty of competitive games followed by an Ice Cream Social. After dinner game winners will be given their awards, followed by our planned evening entertainment.

Directions to the Mineola Civic Center: Take I- 20 to Hwy 69 (Exit 556), turn north on Hwy 69 thru Lindale and on to Mineola. When you reach the Hwy 69/37 split stay right on Hwy 37 or N. Pacific Street, then turn right on Lilly Street (you will see a Brookshire's grocery store and a McDonalds restaurant to your left) and go to N Newsom Street where you can enter the park. You can also take Hwy 80 from Dallas to Hwy 69 just south of Mineola and come to the park that way. You can also Google this address for instructions.

We would really like to see as many of you that can make it to this Texas Meeting, and certainly all of you from out of state are more than welcome to attend.

Be sure to turn this page over for the registration form and more details.

