



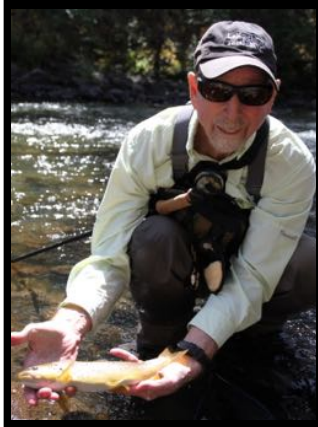
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The President's Corner

Your president was a happy man as I was reeling in the trout in Colorado during September! We had a wonderful trip and enjoyed the coming of Fall with the changing of the aspen leaves. Now I know why all the signs say, "Welcome to Colorful Colorado!"

We had a nice turn out for our Fair on the Square Rally in Huntsville this last weekend. The weather was gorgeous and our hosts, the Gilberts and Couches, provided us with lots of fun and great food. A big thank you to these folks for their hard work and planning. Be sure to note the picture of our hosts in prison stripes! You can read all about the fun in Rae's Rally Report in this newsletter.

There are a couple of upcoming things I need to remind members about. First of all, if you have not renewed your membership online, you should do so as soon as possible. In order for your name to appear in the directory, you must be registered by November 15, 2016. It is quite easy to renew or join online. Just go to WBCCI.org and click on the "Renew Online Today" button. Fill in the information as requested and pay with your credit card or Pay Pal account when completed. Be sure to select our unit, **Region 9, Texas Coastal Plains, Unit 155**, from the drop down list.

Also, if you have not already signed up to attend the November rally at Lazy L & L Campground in New Braunfels, you should make plans to join us. Our hosts need to know how many people to prepare for, and they need head counts for the winery tour and glass blowing demonstrations by **October 17**. If you have not been to Wimberly Glass Works, you should really plan on doing this tour. So please let HV Martin or Don Teegarden know if you will be doing either of the tours (even if you have already signed up to attend the river rally at one of our previous rallies).

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Renew your WBCCI membership
ASAP at WBCCI.org

Nov. 17-20: A River Runs Through
It Rally at Lazy L & L Campground,
New Braunfels.

Contact: HV Martin
hvmrtn25@gmail.com

Don Teegarden
hdteegarden@verizon.net
Register by Oct. 17

December 8-11: Christmas
Celebration and 2017 Officer
Installation. Advanced RV Resort,
Pearland.

Contact: Vernon Goodwin
vhg3@aol.com

See You Down the Road!

Jim Mercer



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Plains Unit

Unit Website: <http://tcpu155.wbcci.net>



Our Hosts: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Stephen & K D Couch

Fair on the Square RALLY 2016

Huntsville State Park, Huntsville, TX

by Rae Gilbert

If what they say is true; “When you’re lucky, you’re lucky” then TCPU is blessed. Clear skies and temperatures in the low 80’s during the day and down to 60 in the mornings is just what the Hosts were wanting. Despite the fact that a rumor was going around that there was “some kind of a dance that was done during a full moon” — and one will never know, prayers are answered. Huntsville State Park is just a great place to camp. If you missed this rally, check it out when you have an opportunity. This 2,083 acre park lies just south of Huntsville off I-45 at Exit 109. Boating, (canoe and kayak rental available as well), fishing in Lake Raven which boasts bass, catfish, perch, and some crappie, birding, hiking, biking, or just simply sitting at the campsite under the shade trees watching the water and relaxing is wonderful. We even observed an alligator at the fishing pier. He was trying for the bait and sometimes the catch. Several folks saw gators from their kayaks as well. Sunrises and sunsets were great. Our rally was divided between a nice screened shelter with picnic tables, electricity and lights and the Lodge, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Lodge has a wonderful patio, but no fire ring. The inside has a fireplace and a full kitchen and plenty of room for a rally.

Thursday our Hosts: Ronn & Rae Gilbert and Stephen & KD Couch were joined by: Bob & Dorothy Cooney, Alan & Bernadine Billard (Ashley was busy earning THREE Gold Medals in swimming. Congrats!) Lyle & Peggy Snow, Bill & Dorma Kindle, Red & Nancy Childers, Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Russell & Nancy Dionne, Tom & Caron Bundy, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, and Jim & Barbara Mercer. In addition, Robert & Lisa Hansen (members of TAMI) and Ron & Janice Lange from Huntsville (hopefully newest members) joined the group. We all headed to the Group Shelter and Happy hour commenced. Our Hosts served chili with all the toppings and fritos. Ice cream and brownies topped off the meal. We all enjoyed the waterfront view and cooler breezes. By 7:30 it was getting dark, so luminaries were by the steps. Thanks KD and Steven for making your neighbors drink all that milk! HA

Friday a tour of the TEXAS PRISON MUSEUM was planned for 10:30. It was just off I-45 at Exit 118. Thirteen couples traveled to the Museum. What a treat. It’s mostly a self-guided tour, but we were fortunate to have a talk by Jim Willet, former Warden of the Walls Unit. Walls was named for its twenty foot high red brick walls. It was the oldest Texas prison and opened in 1849. Originally only Caucasians were housed here as the only penalties available to Blacks was whipping and hanging. Inside the Walls was the textile factory where prisoners produced tents and uniforms for the Confederate forces during the Civil war. “OLD SPARKY” (the electric chair) was housed here from 1924-1964. From 1982 until present time, executions were done by lethal injections. Huntsville has the most active execution chamber in the United States with 537 executions as of 4/16. The displays are very well done. A gun found in the death car of Bonnie and Clyde, prison contraband showing the craftiness and cleverness of prisoners to hide weapons, inmate artwork and articles of leather craft and woodwork and wood carving are very interesting. We all enjoyed learning about and some even remembered attending the PRISON RODEO. It was a very popular event. Bareback basketball, bronco riding, bull riding, calf roping and wild cow milking were some of the events. The Rodeo

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began in 1931 and continued until 1981. The money brought in was utilized for prisoner education and other programs. It is said that it ended because the State began getting funds from the federal government for these programs. Also, the stadium was in need of repair, and the legislature felt it was not affordable. If you ever see the film URBAN COWBOY, the Rodeo is featured in the film. Several made purchases in the gift shop.

After the tour, folks went to lunch and other places. When we returned to the campground we were joined by: Steve & Ginger Zeringue, Rob & Nelda Tope, Jerry & Irene Lyddon, and on Saturday by the Reeves. Dinner was in the Lodge built partially by the Civilian Conservation Corps. They worked in the park constructing the boathouse, the dam and spillway, and some cabins. Lake Raven was formed from the dam. WWII ended the CCC work but the Works Progress Administration workers and others completed many projects. Guess we need to reinstate the CCC? Ginger told of how her great grandmother and grandfather lived on the lodge site. Her great grandmother prepared meals for the campers etc. Our dinner was served by members of the TCPU "CHAIN GANG". Our hosts provided each unit with a roasted chicken and then potato salad, baked beans and dessert were available. Everyone continued to enjoy visiting with one another and meeting with new folks.

Saturday morning, a breakfast of French toast, sausage, and orange juice was served. We wanted folks to have stamina for the FAIR ON THE SQUARE. The Chamber of Commerce gave us a tip that many followed: park in the stadium lot at the college and catch a free shuttle to the fair. It ran every 15-20 minutes. EASY. FAIR ON THE SQUARE happens the First Saturday in October. WOW, 350 booths, a food court, wine tasting, a beer garden, live entertainment and so many craft booths. Overwhelming to say the least. Some folks took in the Sam Houston Museum and the Sam Houston Statue. You have probably all seen it at one time or another. If you have traveled north on I-45. "GENERAL SAM HOUSTON FOUGHT FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE ." This is the tallest statue of an American Hero. This "Tribute to Courage" is a 67 ft. statue and it stands on a 10 foot granite base. They say one can see it from six miles away. The Chamber still has brick pavers for sale (\$100-\$5000) and the proceeds go to maintaining the statue.

Saturday night a salad and baked potato bar was served for dinner with a nice assortment of cookies. Jim Mercer had the drawing for our "Red, White, and Blue" charity. The "Chain Gang" wines and the tee shirts (THE WARDEN IS ALWAYS RIGHT...I AM THE WARDEN, and OLD SPARKY) seemed to be popular. We are now referring to Steve Zeringue as "Old Sparky" and Eloise as "the Warden." LOL Don Reeves reviewed his rally schedule and recruited for co-hosts. Looks to be another fun year ahead. Check out his schedule to see where you can volunteer to fill a need.

Sunday morning we were back at the screened shelter. Everyone graciously brought their own coffee and egg/sausage sandwich, banana nut bread, and left over French toast and sausage were served with orange juice. AND THEN... another treat. Steven Couch gave a wonderful devotional. It was an interaction for all to get to know others better. Questions were asked of the group like: "ALL WHO HAVE READ A GOOD BOOK IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS STAND IN THIS GROUP"; to "WHO HAS CAMPED IN FIVE OR MORE NATIONAL PARKS?" After the fourteen questions we certainly knew each other much better. It was fun and we thank you, Steven.

The Hosts thanks all the participants and hope you have safe travels.
See you NOVEMBER 17-20 IN NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS FOR "A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT" RALLY.



Our HARD WORKING Hosts!



Dorma, Peggy, Bernadine

Raven Lodge



Eloise and Caren



*Nancy Dionne
and Lisa Perkins*



The Snows, Zerinques, and Kindles



*Ronn, Bob & Dorothy Cooney,
Joletta and Alan*



The Topes and Childers



*James & Tonia Goodwin, the Reeves, and
Ron and Janice Lange*



*Did the Aggies score? Of course!
Vernon & Joletta*

Huntsville State Park



*The Calverts, Bob & Lisa Hansen,
Nancy & Russ Dionne*



Gator Sighting



Texas Prison Museum Tour



A model of the Walls Unit explained by Jim Willet, former Warden



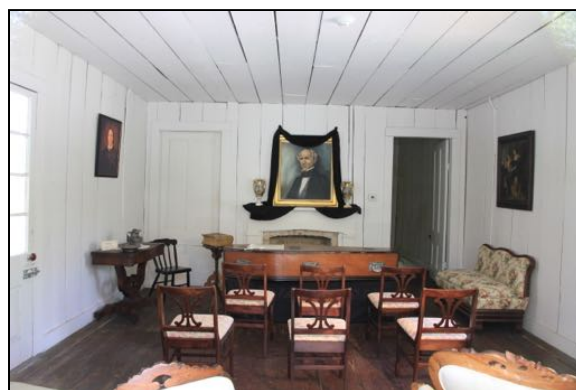
Inmate Art: Toilet Tissue Rose Bouquet



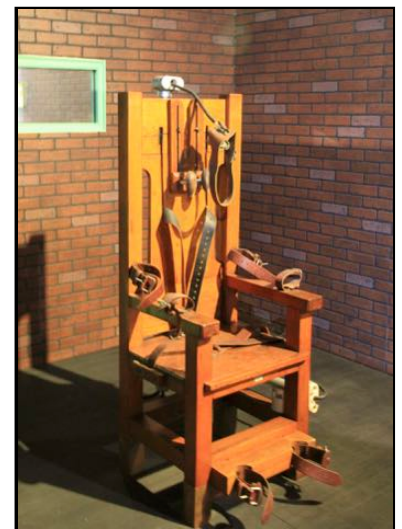
Replica of Prison Guard House Do you know the purpose of the bucket?



Steamboat House Sam Houston's Huntsville Home



Parlor in the Steamboat House where Sam Houston's Funeral Was Held— Located at Sam Houston Memorial Museum



Old Sparky

Huntsville

Sights



*Morning on Raven Lake
Huntsville State Park*



*Sunday Morning Coffee
with the Guys*



Bob & Lisa Hansen with Jo Goodwin



*Our hosts getting Sunday morning breakfast
ready—egg and sausage on a bun. Yummy!*



Sunshine Corner

We are so sad to report the passing of Ron Bernucho's sister, Trudy Bernucho Case, on September 15. Our sympathy and prayers to Ron, Susan and all his family.

We are happy to report that Fred Walschburger had successful knee surgery on September 19 and is recovering nicely. Here's hoping he is back on the road again soon and joining us at a rally.

Please contact me if you know of anyone in need of a call, card, or prayer.

Nelda Tope
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neldatope@gmail.com



October Birthdays

10-01 Tom Kershner
 10-03 Mary Etta Zander
 10-05 John Boerner
 10-05 Rae Gilbert
 10-07 Till Brown
 10-07 Kent Miller
 10-07 Deanna Shepard
 10-13 William Mercer
 10-14 Vern Goodwin, Jr.
 10-14 Susan Warner
 10-17 Alan Billard
 10-23 Deana Lee
 10-27 Elizabeth Clifford
 10-27 Nelda Tope
 10-29 Kathy Spillman
 10-30 Nancy Childers



October Anniversaries

10-24 Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill

Booo!!!

Only 2 more rallies left in 2016.
 How long since we've seen you?

Make your plans now to attend
 in November or December!!!

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 One Year Trustee: Sherry Miller
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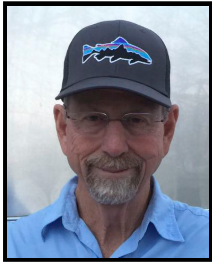


TCPU Committee Chairpersons, 2016

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 Technical: Don Teegarden
 New Member Mentor: Ronn Gilbert



Happy
 Halloween
 TCPU



2016 Texas Coastal Plains Rally Schedule

Jim Mercer, President

Thursday, December 31, 2015-Sunday, January 2, 2016--New Year's Rally, Coushatta Recreation Ranch, Bellville, TX; HOST: Hub & Sherry Miller; CO-HOSTS: Tom Harris, Fred Walschburger, Don & Eloise Reeves

January 10-15--IBT, Rayne, LA

Saturday, January 23, 2016--Annual TCPU Luncheon at Brady's Landing. HOSTS: Arnold & Mary Zander, John & Lavaughn Luker, Don & Helen Teegarden

Thursday, February 4-Sunday, February 7, 2016--Winter in the Woods Rally. Magnolia Lake RV Park, Goodrich, TX. HOST: Tom Harris; CO-HOSTS: Fred Walschburger, Don Hardman, Hub & Sherry Miller

Thursday, March 3-Sunday, March 6--Pre Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, TX. HOST: Rob & Nelda Tope; CO-HOSTS: Red & Nancy Childers, Hub & Sherry Miller, Don & Helen Teegarden, Bill & Joanne Miller

Monday, March 14-Saturday, March 19, 2016--Region 9 Rally, Shawnee, OK

Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17, 2016--Gator Gonna Getcha Rally, Brazos Bend State Park, Damon, TX. HOST: Tom & Caren Bundy ; CO-HOSTS: Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Jack & Beverly Williams

Thursday, May 26-Monday, May 30, 2016--Mission Trail Memorial Day Rally, Travelers World RV Resort, San Antonio, TX. HOST: Bill & Dorma Kindle; CO-HOSTS: Bill & Joanne Miller, Hub & Sherry Miller, Lyle & Peggy Snow

June 26-July 4, 2016--International Rally, Lewisburg, WV

Thursday, September 1-Monday, September 5, 2016--Labor Day Rally, Johnson Creek RV Resort, Kerrville, TX. HOST: Don & Eloise Reeves

Thursday, September 29-Sunday, October 2, 2016--Fair on the Square Rally, Huntsville State Park, Huntsville, TX. HOST: Ronn & Rae Gilbert; CO-HOSTS: Stephen & K D Couch

Thursday, November 17-Sunday, November 20, 2016--**A River Runs Through It Rally**, Lazy L & L Campground, New Braunfels, TX. HOST: H V & Pat Martin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Beverly Williams, Don & Helen Teegarden, K D & Stephen Couch

Thursday, December 8-Sunday, December 11, 2016--**Christmas Celebration and 2016 Officer Installation Rally**, Advanced RV Resort, Houston-Pearland, TX. HOST: Vernon & Jo Goodwin; CO-HOSTS: Jack & Autumn Isbell, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill



TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

Don Reeves, President

Friday, December 30, 2016 - Monday, January 2, 2017 — New Year's Rally, Coushatte Recreation Ranch, Bellville, Texas—HOSTS: Walschburger & Harris, CO-HOSTS: Alan & Bernadine Billard

Monday, January 16 - Saturday, January 21, 2017— IBT, Tucson, Arizona

Saturday, January 28, 2017— Annual TCPU Luncheon, Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, Houston, Texas—HOSTS: Don & Helen Teegarden, CO-HOST: Zanders, CO-HOST: **NEEDED**

Thursday, February 16 - Sunday, February 19, 2017— Winter Rally, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas—HOSTS: Ronn & Rae Gilbert , CO-HOSTS: James & Tonia Goodwin, **NEEDED**

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2017 — Pre-Region Rally, Rusk KOA, Rusk, Texas—HOSTS: Hub & Sherry Miller, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Monday, March 20 - Sunday, March 26, 2017 — Region 9 Rally, Perrin, Texas

Thursday, April 20 - Sunday, April, 23, 2017 — Creole Nature Trail, A+ RV Park, Sulphur, Louisiana—HOSTS: **NEEDED** CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, May 25 - Sunday May 29, 2017 — Memorial Day Rally, Oakwood RV Park, Fredericksburg, Texas—HOSTS: Tom & Caren Bundy, CO-HOSTS: Rob & Nelda Tope, Red & Nancy Childers

Saturday, July 22 - Saturday, July 29, 2017 — International Rally, Escanaba, Michigan

Thursday, September, 14 - Sunday, September 17, 2017 — Hummingbird Festival, Ancient Oaks RV Park, Rockport, Texas—HOSTS: Jerry & Tracey Calvert, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, October 19 - Sunday, October 22, 2017 — Pecan Jam, San Saba River RV Park, San Saba, Texas—HOSTS: Ronn & Rae Gilbert, CO-HOSTS: Blanchards, Calverts

Thursday, November 9 - Sunday, November 12, 2017 — Goliad Market Days, Coletto Creek KOA, Victoria, Texas—HOSTS: **NEEDED**, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

Thursday, December 7 - Sunday, December 10, 2017 — Christmas Celebration and 2018 Officer Installation Rally, Advanced RV Resort, Pearland, Texas—HOSTS: Jim & Barbara Mercer, CO-HOSTS: **NEEDED**

A River Runs Through It Rally
LAZY L & L CAMPGROUND
11699 River Road, New Braunfels, Tx.
November 17-20, 2016

Directions: From Houston: I 10 W to Seguin. Take exit # 607 for Hwy 46 to New Braunfels. At I 35, turn right onto I 35 Frontage Rd. Keep right to stay on I 35 Frontage Rd for 1.1 miles. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto FM 306 for 12 miles. Turn left onto FM 2673 W for 1.5 miles. Make a sharp left onto River Rd at the traffic light. Travel 2.8 miles on River Rd. Lazy L & L Campground will be on your right.

No parking till 1:00 p.m. Check in at the office and pay rally fee. Tell park you are with TCPU. Bring table service to all meals. **Notify HV Martin if you plan to attend at hvmrtn25@gmail.com.** Also, notify HV if you are attending either of the following trips: **Wimberly Glass Works on Friday, or the Winery on Saturday!**

You do not need to notify the park.

HOSTS: H.V. & Pat Martin, Don & Helen Teegarden, Jack & Beverly Williams, Stephen & K.D. Couch, & Russ & Nancy Dionne

Thursday, November 17

- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at club house, bring snacks
- 5:00 p.m. Assemble to caravan to the Sea Island restaurant in New Braunfels, I-35 & 306, dinner on your own.
- 7:30 p.m. Meet in club house for dessert and announcements regarding activities for the rally.

Friday, November 18

- 7:30 a.m. Early Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Caravan to The Wimberley Glassworks for a glass-blowing demonstration. \$2 per person to be collected beforehand. 6469 R.R. 12, San Marcos, Tx.
Lunch on your own. In Wimberley, The Leaning Pear Restaurant can handle large numbers. The Blue Hole and Jacobs Well on Cypress Creek are good to visit. There are many shops and the Wood Creek golf course.
- 4:00 p.m. Gather at the river for a fly casting lesson by Stephen Couch
- 5:00 p.m. Social hour at club house. Odd numbers bring appetizers.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner is an "Alabama Corn Boil" provided by the hosts
- 7:30 p.m. Dessert & games of choice. Joker, Mexican Train, Spinner, etc.

Saturday, November 19

- 7:30 a.m. Early coffee
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Biscuits & Sausage gravy, fruit, juice
- 9:30 a.m. Pay rally fees (\$15 per person) plus first night's parking (approximately \$30)
- 10:15 a.m. Caravan to the Dry Comal Creek Vineyards & Winery. Prepay \$5 each for winery tour. 1741 Herbehin Road, New Braunfels.
- 11: a.m. Tour of the winery. Tasting on your own. Lunch on your own. Ask your wine hosts for local favorites.
- 5:00 p.m. Social hour in club house. Even numbers bring appetizers.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner by hosts, Spaghetti & Meat Balls. Bring your wine. Dessert provided.

Sunday, November 20

- 7:30 a.m. Early coffee
- 8:30 a.m. Lite Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Devotional

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Please contact Harry at 713-910-2949 for an appointment.