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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Thursday, April 14-17: Gator Gonna Getcha Rally at Brazos Bend State Park. **Contact Tom Bundy by April 5. (281-250-7644)**

April 17 departure. TCPU Spring Caravan to Big Bend (7-10 days) **Contact Jerry Lyddon: 281-344-0709**

Thursday, May 26-30: Mission Trail Memorial Day Rally at Travelers World RV Resort, San Antonio. **Contact Bill Kindle (713-907-2700)**

June 26-July 4, International Rally



The President's Corner



We all need to praise TEAM TOPE for hosting a great rally in Rusk. I overheard Fred Walschburger comment that this was the kind of rally he really enjoys. I'm sure we would all agree that it was certainly enjoyable! We also need to praise Red Childers for making the best coffee in Cherokee County! And while we are praising, kudos to TEAM GILBERT (our New Member Mentor Chairpersons), Jo Goodwin, and all TCPU members for making our new members welcome at our Rusk rally.

The April rally is at Brazos Bend State Park, and I betcha, "The Gators Are Gonna Getcha" if you don't sign up soon. Tom Bundy needs to know you are coming. Don't delay.

Good news. Jerry Goodwin has agreed to fill in our third Vice President vacancy for 2016, and be our next second Vice President. Now, we need a volunteer for third Vice President for 2017. I am asking for someone to step up and volunteer before our May business meeting. See me or Tom Bundy for details.

I am looking forward to seeing the whole club at the April Rally.

Jim "Gator" 



Gator came to Rusk ready to ride the Texas State Railroad!



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TEAM TOPE: Hub & Sherry Miller, Rob & Nelda Tope, Nancy & Red Childers, Joanne & Bill Miller, Helen & Don Teegarden

Spring Is In the Air Rally Report

by Nelda Tope

We were welcomed by beautiful weather and very accommodating camp managers, Bill and Pam, at the Rusk KOA. Twenty rigs attended the rally. Attendees included: Jim (Gator) & Barbara Mercer, Nelda & Rob Tope, HV & Pat Martin, Hub & Sherry Miller, Bill & Joanne Miller, Fred & Searcy Kracke, Tom & Caren Bundy, Ronn & Rae Gilbert, Fred Walschburger, Helen & Tom Teegarden, Tom Harris, Bill & Dorma Kindle, Jerry & Irene Lyddon, Ron & Susan Bernucho, Nancy & Russ Dionne, Debbie & Clark Gardner, Melissa & Kevin Katz, Joletta & Vernon Goodwin, Red & Nancy Childers, and Jan & Dave Rightmyer.

Thursday evening we set out the grills and brought sides to share. Hosts served cakes and ice cream for dessert. On Friday thirty four of our group greeted a beautiful day to caravan out to Caddo Mounds State Historic Site for a guided tour of the museum and mounds. Friday afternoon Sherry Miller led our talented group of ladies as we worked on our totem poles for the Region 9 Rally. That night was soup and grilled cheese sandwiches with strawberry shortcake for dessert. We played a National Holiday trivia game. We each drew a day of the month of March and took turns reading what National Holiday was designated for each day. Some of these were humorous, and we had a good laugh.

Saturday morning found the co hosts and friends in the kitchen grilling Canadian bacon, muffins, and scrambling eggs. We enjoyed Egg McMuffins, juice, and fresh fruit for breakfast. Work continued on the totem pole project, and a Maintenance open jam session was hosted by Don Teegarden. Later we feasted on a salad bar, shepherd's pie, and garlic bread, with banana pudding for dessert. We were happy to welcome guests staying in the park from Region 5, Angie and Robert. They were friends of the Krackes from some of the caravans they took. Following dinner we played a game called, "Where are you going?" We divided into two teams, red and black. Team captains, Barbara Mercer and Kevin Katz, kept their teams in line as they tried to guess the destination from clues given by their driver. Referees, Rae Gilbert and Dave Rightmyer, made sure we played by the rules. Hub & Sherry Miller were the score keepers and time keepers. The red team was victorious by about 34 seconds! Scott Mercer had loaned his vintage Mustang steering wheel for the trip.

After our Sunday morning breakfast of assorted home baked sweet breads and fresh fruits, including strawberries and cream, Joanne Miller presented a fabulous and very theme appropriate devotional. The weekend included a book exchange, a "renew a friendship" card table, and the RWB charity donation for door prizes which raised over \$100. Attendees were encouraged to take seed packets scattered on the tables home to plant. The weekend was fun, the weather was wonderful, and we all enjoyed our stay at the Rusk KOA.



Our TCPU Group at Caddo Mounds



Caren asks, "Where Are We Going?"



The group at Caddo Mounds



Dorma and Jo work on their totem pole.



Do Gooder's Corner

by Sherry Miller

Thank you all for all your work and for your contributions of bags, blankets & hats for the Shriner's kids. I will turn them all in next week at our Regional Meeting in Shawnee, OK.

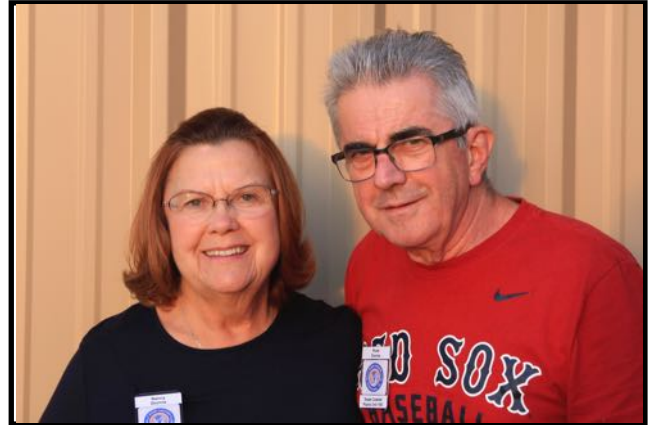
I have neglected to mention tab tops! I will have a jar at the April & May Rallies to collect any tabs you have been saving. I will turn them in at International.

Also, if you have any greeting cards (Christmas, Birthday, Thank you, Get Well, etc.) Please bring them to a Rally. I'm collecting them to send to Jude's Ranch for Children. They use the fronts of cards to make new cards that they sell on line.

That's all for this month. See you all in April!

Sherry Miller
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P.S: Call, text, or email if you have any questions.



Welcome New Members

We were so happy to have new members, Russ and Nancy Dionne, at our "Spring Is in the Air Rally" in Rusk. They have a 23 ft. Flying Cloud and make their home base in Seabrook. We are so happy to have them in our group and look forward to seeing them at many more TCPU functions.



SUNSHINE REPORT

By Nelda Tope



Our thoughts and prayers go out to members LaVaughn and John Luker in the loss of their daughter recently. Also to LaVaughn, who it was reported fell and broke her collarbone—Speedy recovery to you. Our sympathy also to Sherry Miller on the loss of her son-in-law.

We continue our prayers and well wishes for Tracy Calvert who is recuperating from surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Several club members lost their pets recently, and we want to pause and say how sorry we are – our pets become our family, and we are sorry for your loss.

As always, please let me know of anyone who needs a card, a prayer, or word of encouragement. Email me at neldatope@gmail.com or call me at 210-724-2478.

Best wishes,
Nelda Tope



April Anniversaries

4/01—Scott & Sally Mercer
 4/06—Isreal & Millie Gonzalez
 4/06—Hub & Sherry Miller
 4/07—Dale & Kathy Spillman
 4/15—Jerry & Irene Lyddon
 4/16—Gene & Kathy Blanchard
 4/17—Jim & Barbara Mercer
 4/23—Richard & Mary Lynne Collier
 4/30—Don & Pat Hardman



April Birthdays

4/03—Bob Hutson
 4/04—Joanne Miller
 4/05—Belinda Hale
 4/05—Cathy Cates
 4/09—Jerry Calvert
 4/12—Grady Ferry
 4/13—Charles White
 4/14—Pat Nimmo
 4/15—Ronn Gilbert
 4/17—Keith Grady
 4/17—Jill Kershner
 4/17—Fred Walschburger
 4/19—Doris Meier
 4/20—Mitch Newton
 4/21—Cheryl Wimberly
 4/23—Susan Bernucho
 4/25—Hub Miller
 4/27—Bill Kindle
 4/29—Heidi Newton
 4/30—Cheryl Jacobs
 4/30—LaVaughn Luker

Bob Jones

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TCPU Big Bend Caravan Update

Departing Sunday, April 17, from TCPU Rally at Brazos Bend State Park with stop Sunday night at Garner State Park.

April 18—Arrive at Stillwell Ranch (approximately 8 miles from the Park's north entrance)

Expect caravan to be approximately a week duration. Tours, activities to be finalized at unit rally or in Big Bend based on participants' interests.

Contact Jerry Lyddon for information: 281-239-9114 or glyddon@prodigy.net



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: Tom Harris, David Jr. & Kelli Rightmyer

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

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, Jerry & Carol Goodwin



Gator Gonna Getcha Rally
April 14-17, 2016
Brazos Bend State Park
21901 FM 762 RD
Needville, Texas 77461

Directions: Take US 59 South and exit for FM-2759/Tx-99. Turn Left onto TX-99/Crab River Rd. Go 11 miles and turn left onto FM 762. Go 5.8 miles and turn right onto Park Road 72

Hosts: Caren and Tom Bundy, Rae and Ronn Gilbert, Searcy and Fred Kracke, and Beverly and Jack Williams

Thursday

5:00 PM - Happy Hour at dining hall:

6:00 PM - Bring something to grill and a side to share. Hosts will provide dessert.

Friday

Arrivals all day

8:30 AM - Guided Bird Watching Hike - Meet at 40 Acre Lake

5:00 PM - David Heinicke, Park Ranger, will give a talk about the park

5:30 PM - Happy Hour at dining hall (Even Number Rigs bring appetizers)

6:00 PM - Dinner provided by hosts. Bring table service and bowls

7:30 PM - Activity

Saturday

7:30: Early coffee

8:00: Breakfast provided by hosts, Bring table service

9:00: Pay Rally Fees

9:30: Enjoy the park during the day. Lunch on your own.

3:00: Dutch oven cooking seminar

5:00: Happy Hour (Odd Number Rigs bring appetizers)

6:00: Dinner provided by host. Bring table service and bowls

7:30 Activity - George observatory - \$10 fee payable at observatory

Sunday

7:30: Early Coffee

8:00: Breakfast

9:00: Devotional

9:30: Rally ends

Please let Tom and Caren Bundy know you are coming by E-Mail: Tom-Caren@SBCglobal.net or by calling 281-250-7644. Let us know your WBCCI #, rig length and number of attendees. The deadline making reservations is April 5th. We will release extra camping sites after the deadline.

Fees: Meals - \$15/person. RV site and dining hall fees: \$70 for Friday arrivals, \$90 for Thursday arrivals. Dining Hall Fees will be adjusted depending on total rig count. The Club will be charged a \$20 cancellation Fee for reservations cancelled less than 4 days before the Rally.