GARLAND SAMS

Newsletter, Area 17

February Campout 2012

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February 2012 Attendees:
17 rigs
1 visiting rig

A Salute to our Presidents

Happy Valentine's Day
Well folks, it is my pleasure to say that I was just a regular attendee at this here last campout!!!!!

Me and my Deputy Jay and our pet, Roberta/Robbie, arrived at the campout on Friday late afternoon. Just in time to go to the La Mesa Mexican Restaurant with the rest of our hungry crowd.

We were seated close by the Diebolds (you know how much help poor Ken needs with supervisin his mischievous Mary) and gutsy John and Bobbie McCurry (gotta check out these new folks you know). At the next table were scrappy Garland and Janelle Fielding with our brave visitors, Vaughn and Janie Linders, and lots of other Chapter members. It was a downright pleasant experience all the way around!

After we all stuffed ourselves we all headed back to the campground for telling tall tales, swappin information and tryin to best others at games of luck and a lotta skill. I hung around to make sure all was playin together nicely, then I left Deputy Jay in charge while I went back to our rig. I was plumb tuckered out after ropin and corrallin in Garland all day. Knew I needed my rest for Saturday for any tomfoolerly that might be hatched up that I’d have to deal with.

Friday night was downright freezin!!! Our rig’s heater ran might near all night long at full speed tryin to keep it warm!!!

Saturday mornin Deputy Jay and I got up bright and early ready for a full day!!! Had to drag Roberta/Robbie off the couch kickin and screamin to get ready for the day!!! We been tryin to tame that gal for the last 30 years, it has been some struggle and challenge, I tell ya. But, we persisted and won out and got her and ourselves to the 10:00 a.m. Chapter meetin on time.

The meetin was right lively and Sylvia Thomas won the pot luck drawin. Way to go Sylvia!!! Sorry, Joe, she spent it all before you got back from Garland. That’s what happens when you leave your Darlin unattended!!!

Dear Phillip Powell drove in for the Saturday meetin, leavin his sweet Mary, at home recoverin from knee replacement. Then Phillip went back home afterwards and bless his heart, he came back Sunday to deliver the Devotional—and boy, did I need that lesson! We’ll talk some more about that later. But, what a Chaplin we have to follow in Joe Thomas’ footsteps. We are so blessed to have such fine, upstandin men in our Chapter!!
At the meeting also, we talked about lots of folks that weren’t there!!! That’s what happens when you are not around!!! Jim and Dottie Bothwell were at the campout and dinner on Friday, but were not there on Saturday—don’t know why they had to leave, hopefully to have some other fun, but we talked about our sunny couple, and what a good job they do on the Sunshine Committee—sure did miss ‘em. We also talked about our musical and historical couple, Bob and Wanda Price – missed them, too. Our retired prison chaplains, David and Trisha Arnold, were not in attendance either, did ya go back to prison again to bring in some more converts – bless your hearts!! Our dear, new, inexperienced, member, Wendy Sheriff was sure talked about a lot---in fact, she has been elected for a job—that’s what you get when you’re not there to stand up for yourself—just wait until she hears what she was elected to do!! Our terrific newsletter team, Charles Roy and Mable Gilmore, were sorely missed. The excitin rumor going around about our computer genius webmasters, Larry and Patsy Irby, is that they have been accepted as hosts for the Eisenhower State Park—Congratulations—hope ya don’t have to miss too many campouts because of work!! Also, was told they were in Colorado where Larry is burnin up the ski slopes—Go Larry!!! Sweet Ed and Linda Dolby were not at the campout, we missed them, but they were doin their excellent food tastin marketin at Target. Bob and Joyce Dickey were MIA, unknown why they weren’t there--too new to the Chapter to speculate and/or makeup tales on—hopefully they were off havin fun somewhere else---can’t wait for them to come back so we can get to know them better. Christeen Beauchamp was missed at the campout—several campouts ago she came with a friend—sure enjoyed seein her and her friend (whose nephew works with Deputy Jay and me at the department). A.C. and Jo Ellen Blair were MIA at the campout, also, hope they were out because of fun elsewhere or maybe A. C. was out on one of his huntin events again---bringin home the meat! Jim & Carolyn Palmer, new members also, were MIA, prayin they were havin fun somewhere else as well, gotta get to know them better also, so we can tell tales on them! We missed you Mary Powell, hope that knee gets better! Well, I’ve gotta say it’s a lot more fun talkin to our members instead of talkin about them!! Hope to see you all next month!!

I also still think about our retired members: our lovin Howard and Betty Light, our lively Max and Betty Bradford, our adventurous Carlton and Joann Simmons and our wild Canadian renegade, Joe Pontbriand (who I have heard got kicked outta the Mac-Cafe?). Come visit when you can. You are all loved and missed.

During the meeting Wayne Brush wanted to know why we didn’t bring our dog, Victor, to the campout—cause he sure likes Victor. Jay had to explain that we can only bring one pet at a time in the rig and this time we brought our longtime pet, Roberta/Robbie. Whose parents, by the way, still owe us back child support for all our years of foster care for her!!!

The Saturday night dinner and entertainment was an outstandin Valentine’s Day theme!! Our precious Oma and Lucille Bean, dedicated Wayne and Lou Brush, and new outstanding members Tim and Carol Duke did a great job!!! They served us ham and brisket and had a chocolate fountain!!!! The games after the delicious supper were a sight to behold. Don’t think I’ve ever seen anything like it and I’m not sure I can describe it, but I’ll give it my best shot!!
The first game was a potato race between patient Dale Thurman, new outgoing member Bud Toleos, steady Joe Thomas and good natured visitor Vaughn Linders with their beautiful and faithful brides supervising, Zona Thurman, Elaine Toleos, Janie Linders and Sylvia Thomas. The fellas each had a large onion inside the leg of a panty hose that was tied around their waist, which they used as a club to hit a large potato to move it to the finish line. Bud competently and decisively knocked his potato across the finish line with great supervision from Elaine! They won the treasured prize of a can of potatoes and a teddy bear!!! Hurrah for Bud and Elaine!

The second game was a carrot race between sporty Kyle Clevenger, Deputy Jay Delmar and new good humored John McCurry with their loyal and traumatized brides supervising, Beverly Clevenger, Gloria Delmar and Bobbie McCurry. Each fella had a carrot tied to a string that was tied around their waist and each guy was blindfolded and had to dip his carrot into a soft drink bottle twice with the verbal guidance of his bride. Well, all my years of directin traffic and supervisin Deputy Jay paid off!!! We quickly won the race. For our efforts we were awarded a can of carrots and a teddy bear!!!

The third game was wives identifyin their husband’s bald head. The contestants were good sports Ken and Mary Diebold, gamers Jim and Beth Beasley, loyal Oma and Lucille Bean, playful Tim and Carol Duke, friendly Raymond and Sheryl Hazlewood, and joyful Paul and Mildred Pittman. Each wife was blindfolded and guided into the room and touched the head of each of the competin husbands. Amazingly each wife was able to identify her own husband!!!! Wow, impressive work, gals, ya’ll got them branded good!!!!

The fourth game involved all the attendees. Each was given a large paper sack and was asked to put it over their head and remove any item from their person that they didn’t really need at the time. Some folks removed their shoes, their keys, their glasses, and such. Fortunately, no one felt the need to remove anything vital!! Some folks were amazin!!!
Saturday night was another bone-chillin cold night and again our heater ran full blast all night tryin to keep our rig warm.

Sunday mornin arrived, cold and crisp, and we headed back to the clubhouse to sing, “Pass It On” and “Love Lifted Me” led by my sweet Deputy Jay. Thank you Lord that You only ask for a joyful noise, cause that’s what comes outta my throat, certainly Deputy Jay has all the vocal talent!!!

Dear, dedicated, Chapter Chaplin Phillip Powell had returned to give us a great message written by Paul in Corinthians Chapter 13, “The Way of Love”. Phillip reminded us that God has told us how to love in detail and that He talks about givin love, not seekin love, because love is a gift. Love is a gift that must be passed on to not only lift up the recipient, but uplift the giver as well.

This Chapter passes on upliftin love in so many ways to so many folks. Every campout is Valentine’s Day over and over again.

We're so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Love,

Sheriff Gloria Delmar and Deputy Jay Delmar

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Texas Good Sam website: [www.garland.texasgoodsam.com](http://www.garland.texasgoodsam.com)

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Area 13 & 17 Mini Rally (Canton) September 13-16, 2012

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2012 Spring Samborees

Texas - April 5-8, 2012
Arkansas - April 19-22, 2012
Kansas - May 3-6, 2012

Louisiana - April 12-15, 2012
Oklahoma - April 26-29, 2012
Missouri does not hold a Spring Samboree