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2026

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RRR Rally The Vineyards RV Park Fredericksburg, TX

The first Red River Rovers Rally of 2026 was held in Fredericksburg, Texas. A favorite spot for many in our Chapter. Those attending included: Judy, Tom & Bill Burroughs, Kathy & Patrick Duvall, Nickie & Raymon Gardner, Faye & David Lackey, Terri & Randy Lane, Shirley & Bill Parish, Marsha & Gene Pyeatt, Pam & Dean Settlemyer, Linda & Mike Underwood, and Sandy & Tom Woodling. The Rally Hosts were Linda & Mike Underwood and Marsha & Gene Pyeatt.

Many of those who arrived early for the Rally enjoyed dinner on Wednesday, March 4th, at Rathskeller’s Bistro in downtown Fredericksburg. There was a lot of catching up to do with each other’s winter adventures.



2026

Rally Schedule

Mar 5 - 8: The Vineyards at Fredericksburg RV Park | Fredericksburg, TX

Apr 16 - 19: Loyd Park | Grand Prairie, TX

May 14 - 17: Northside RV Resort | Waxahachie, TX

Jun 9 - 11 (Mon.-Thurs.):
[26th Anniversary Rally](#)
Choctaw RV Park | Durant, OK

Sep 10 - 13: Rusk KOA Holiday | Rusk, TX

Sep 14 - 17: FMCA South Central Area Rally "Six State" | Camp Margaritaville Crystal Beach, TX

Oct 8 - 11: Lake Athens Marina & RV Park | Athens, TX

Nov 5 - 8: Lake Dewberry RV Resort | Victoria, TX

Dec 5: Christmas Luncheon | Location TBD

On Thursday, March 5th, many took advantage of the pleasant weather to shop, sightsee or wine taste in the area. Marsha & Gene Pyeatt hosted an Open House for their new Newmar Dutch Star Coach in the afternoon. Afternoon refreshments were served in the Rally Room. Thursday evening's dinner was held at a favorite German restaurant, The Auslander Restaurant. Following dinner many met in the Rally Room for games of Poker, Skip-Bo and MahJongg.

Friday, March 6th, started with several in our group meeting for a wonderful breakfast at Woerner Warehouse Cafe. After breakfast many enjoyed shopping, sightseeing and, of course, wine tasting. A Dinner of French Onion Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Sourdough Bread and Sticky Goopy Toffee Cake with Whipped Cream for dessert was provided by our Host Team. We also had a Birthday Pie for Dean Settlemyer, our President. After dinner we played several rounds of Nickels.

On Saturday, March 7th, The Breakfast Boys worked their magic to provide a scrumptious Breakfast of Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Fresh Fruits, Juice and Coffee. The Breakfast Boys were Mike Underwood, Randy Lane, Gene Pyeatt, and David Lackey. Following Breakfast, Dean Settlemyer led a business meeting to discuss the health of Red River Rovers, brainstorm new ideas and vote on several items. For details please see the Business Meeting Notes at the end of this Newsletter. Following the Business Meeting many Ladies toured the Seaquist House an old Victorian home in Mason, TX. Randy Lane led a Tech Session at 1 pm. The Tech Talk Summary is included at the end of this Newsletter.

Saturday evening's dinner was Southwest Style Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Cornbread and an assortment of Homemade Cookies for dessert. After dinner, Gene Pyeatt called three rounds of Card Bingo. The lucky winners were Linda Underwood, Mike Underwood, and Patrick Duvall. Following Bingo, games of Poker, Skip-Bo and MahJongg finished out the day.

Sunday morning breakfast was a table full of leftovers from the previous Rally meals which included Biscuits,

Special Events

Anniversaries:

March

Bill & Shirley Parish

April

Gene & Marsha Pyeatt



Birthdays:

March

Connie Carrington
Raymon Gardner
Dean Settlemyer

April

Gene Pyeatt



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President’s Message

Our first rally of the 2026 season was a huge success. We had a great group in attendance in Fredericksburg, TX. I was honored to preside over my first Business Meeting. It was a longer than usual meeting but I think we got a lot accomplished and made some much needed decisions and updates. I am looking forward to the next Rally and can't wait to see and fellowship with each one of you.

Notes from the Business Meeting can be found at the end of this Newsletter. Here is a summary of the items voted on and passed.

- Move group dinner time up to 5:00 pm (from 6:00 pm) to allow more evening time afterwards for games, cards, etc.
- Saturday breakfast will begin at 8:30 am (was 9:00 am) to allow more time for Business Meetings or other activities.
- Raised the Annual Fee to \$100 effective immediately. Each F-Number to send an additional \$76 to Linda Nicodemus, Treasurer.
- The Rally Fee raised to \$50 per person.
- Removed the Host Team’s exemption from paying the Rally Fee beginning with the next Rally.
- Sunday morning, beginning at 8:30 am and concluding by 9:00 am, will be the Devotional and any left-over foods. The Host Team will no longer provide a Continental Breakfast.
- Update the Bylaws to remove the requirement for Rally locations to be within 250 miles from Denton, TX.
- A November Rally was added back to the 2026 Rally Schedule.

Dean Settlemyer, President

[Rally Article continued...](#)

Eggs, Sausage, Meatloaf, Casserole, Fruit, Cake, and Cookies. Linda Underwood provided the Sunday Morning Devotional. The topic was on Selfless Service and how Jesus Christ showed us what Selfless Service looks like and the “right” order of Service...for God’s Glory, for Others Gain, and for our Good (from the Wake-Up Call, by J.D. Walt at Seedbed.com).

Our April Rally dates and location have changed to April 16 - 19th at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie, TX. Please see the 2026 Red River Rovers Rally Sites on page 8 for the address and phone number of Loyd Park.

Linda Underwood

2026 RRR RALLY HOSTS

We still have Rally Host spots open for 2026! We need four people to host per Rally.

September 10 - 13: Rusk KOA Holiday; Rusk, Texas

October 8 - 11: Lake Athens Marina & RV Park; Athens, Texas

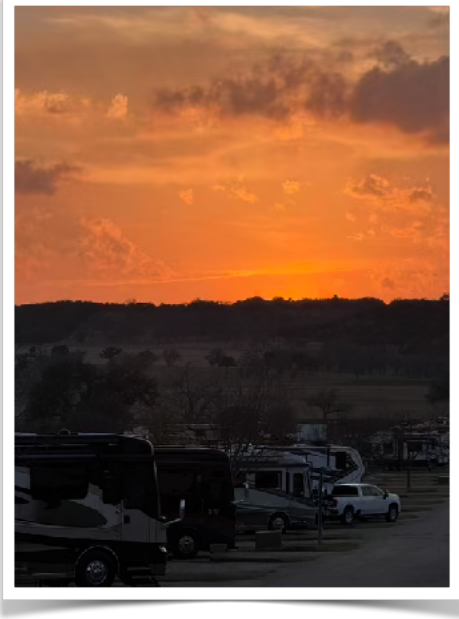
November 5 - 8: Lake Dewberry RV Resort; Victoria, Texas

Please contact Randy Lane at orlane@att.net if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions, please call him at **(214) 882-6900**.

RED RIVER ROVER "MEMORIES"







2026

RED RIVER ROVER RALLY SITES

March 5 - 8

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park
2647 N. US-87
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
(830) 992-1237

Hosts: Pyeatt and Underwood

April 16 - 19

Loyd Park
3401 Ragland Road
Grand Prairie, Texas 75052
Call Dean Settlemyer at (972) 742-7511
to reserve your spot!

Hosts: Settlemyer

May 14 - 17

Northside RV Resort
200 E. Butcher Road
Waxahachie, TX 75165
(972) 908-0040

Hosts: Lane and Gardner

June 8 - 11 (Mon. - Thurs.)

26th Anniversary Rally
Choctaw Casino & Resort RV Park
3650 Enterprise Blvd.
Durant, Oklahoma 74701
(580) 642-9600

Hosts: Parish and Lackey

September 10 - 13

Rusk KOA Holiday
745 FM 343 East
Rusk, Texas 75785
(903) 683-6641

Hosts:

September 14 - 17, 2026 (Mon. - Thurs.)

FRVA South Central Area (Six State) Rally
Camp Margaritaville Crystal Beach
796 TX-87
Crystal Beach, Texas 77650
(409) 515-1970

October 8 - 11

Lake Athens Marina & RV Park
5401 Marina Drive
Athens, TX 75752
(903) 675-7275

Hosts:

November 5 - 8

Lake Dewberry RV Resort
85 Tate Road
Victoria, TX 77904
(361) 431-3124

Hosts:

December 5 at 11:00 am

Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange
Italian Bistro
501 East Byron Nelson Blvd.
Roanoke, TX 76262
(817) 491-9000

Hosts: Settlemyer and Duvall

TECH TALK

The topic for the March Rally's Tech Talk centered around RV electrical systems and in particular Inverters, Converters, and House Batteries. We had a round table discussion about how each of those systems rely on each other.

RV house batteries power 12V lights, appliances, and water pumps when not plugged into shore power, with three main types: Flooded Lead-Acid (budget-friendly, high-maintenance), AGM (sealed, mid-range), and Lithium (lightweight, long-lasting, high-cost). Lithium is best for boondocking (\$500-\$1500+), while AGM (\$200-\$500) and Flooded (\$100-\$200) suit casual, shorter-term use. Please note that when charging flooded lead acid batteries the Equalization (High Voltage Overcharge) feature may be used to clean the battery plates. However, AGM batteries should never be Equalized.

An RV converter (or power converter/charger) is an essential electrical component that transforms 120-volt AC shore power (from a campground pedestal or generator) into 12-volt DC power. It powers the RV's 12V DC systems—such as lights, water pumps, fans, and refrigerator control boards—while simultaneously charging the RV's house batteries.

Key Functions and Facts:

- AC to DC Conversion: It acts as the bridge between high-voltage park power and low-voltage cabin appliances.
- Battery Charging: It acts as a smart charger, ensuring 12V batteries remain charged, preventing deep discharge.
- Standard Feature: Almost every modern RV comes equipped with a converter.
- Converter vs. Inverter: Converters change 120V AC to 12V DC (AC to DC), whereas inverters take 12V DC from batteries and turn it into 120V AC for household outlets (DC to AC).
- Failure Symptoms: If the converter fails, 12V lights and appliances will not work even when plugged into shore power, or the battery will die quickly.

Modern converters often feature multi-stage charging (bulk, absorption, float) to protect and extend battery life.

An RV inverter is a device that converts 12-volt DC power stored in batteries or solar panels into 120-volt AC power, allowing you to run household appliances (microwaves, TVs,

laptops) while off-grid or traveling. It is essential for dry camping/boondocking, providing a cleaner, quieter alternative to generators.

Key Aspects of RV Inverters:

- Function: Converts DC (battery) to AC (household outlet) power.
- Types:
 - Pure Sine Wave: Produces clean, safe power for sensitive electronics (laptops, TVs, modern appliances).
 - Modified Sine Wave: Less expensive, but less compatible with sensitive electronics.
 - Inverter-Charger: A hybrid unit that converts DC to AC while boondocking and charges batteries when connected to shore power.
- Capacity: Ranges from small (e.g., 400W for phone charging) to large (e.g., 3000W-4000W for AC units/microwaves).
- Difference from Converter: An inverter turns 12V DC into 120V AC, while a converter (standard in most RVs) turns 120V AC into 12V DC to charge batteries.

Using a quality inverter allows for a more comfortable, "home-like" experience without needing to be plugged in.

Randy Lane, Rally Master

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

RED RIVER ROVERS BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

The meeting began at 9:30 am, with Dean Settlemyer, President, welcoming everyone. He asked for everyone to feel free to voice their thoughts and opinions.

Dean explained he would be creating a group Text for each Rally so we could easily communicate and invite folks to join for different outings and share places of interest. He encouraged everyone to spend time together.

Dean had previously asked all Red River Rovers to share ideas on what they liked about our chapter and changes they would like to see. He discussed the feedback he had received and everyone present at the meeting interjected their thoughts.

Two things that were suggested and agreed upon were moving the group dinners up to 5:00 pm to allow more evening time afterwards for games, cards, etc. Everyone also agreed the Saturday breakfast would begin at 8:30 am to allow more time for Business Meetings or other activities.

The following motions were voted on and approved by a majority:

1. Mike Underwood moved and Randy Lane seconded that we raise our annual fee to \$100 per year effective immediately. Each F-Number will send an additional \$76.00 to Linda Nicodemus, Treasurer.
2. Randy Lane moved and Shirley Parish seconded that we raise the Rally Fee to \$50 per person, beginning with the next Rally. The provision for no Rally Fee for the Host Teams will be eliminated beginning with the next Rally.
3. Mike Underwood moved and Randy Lane seconded our current Sunday morning Devotional and Breakfast (Rally left-overs) would continue at 8:30 am with the goal of concluding by 9:00 am.
4. Mike Underwood moved and Gene Pyeatt seconded the requirement to schedule Rallies within 250 miles of Denton would be removed from the By-Laws.
5. Mike Underwood moved and Pam Settlemyer seconded that a November Rally would be added back to the 2026 Rally Schedule.

After some discussion regarding the cost and benefits of remaining a FRVA Chapter, it was decided to pay the 2026 fee and weigh our options for 2027.

Hosting was a big topic of discussion. Since some Host Teams do not want to cook and others do, it was decided to allow the Host Team for each Rally to decide whether to cook, cater, plan dinners out or Potluck dinners. Regardless, the Host Team is responsible for two dinners and one breakfast.

There was a lot of discussion about scheduling Rallies in new locations while keeping some of the current locations. Members indicated they would travel to New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Big Bend, Galveston and other locations. The November Rally will be held in Victoria, TX and Kerrville will be added back in as a Rally location.

Nickie Gardner, Secretary