

# RED RIVER ROVERS



## "Triple R" News

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### CORSICANA RALLY

The April rally with the Red River Rovers at Corsicana was a blast. Twenty-Two motor homes met together and the usual visiting with one another was a special treat. Several places in the area took the attention of some - like going to the Pioneer Village, shopping at the Russell Stover Candy factory, Collin Street Bakery and the outlet mall that had several stores selling their goods at reasonable prices. Other museums in the area showed features that were of interest to several of our members, and a highlight for the ladies was the luncheon in the beautiful three-story bed and breakfast facility that Hazel booked in place of the usual craft session.

Kathy Mabry had made plans to get everyone out of their motor home at 9:30 on Friday morning for what she called a "game". It ended up being a scavenger hunt that everyone had to find items from

### FIRST MONDAY

Our rally at Canton is going to be upon us before we get unpacked from the last rally in Corsicana. If you've not yet registered do so now as Mike needs to know how many sites to add or if there are sites to be released. In Canton the world's largest outdoors trade days takes place Thursday through Sunday before the first Monday of every month. Spend some time exploring the website before you arrive to help you enjoy the experience of First Monday. Visit [www.firstmondaycanton.com](http://www.firstmondaycanton.com).

Mike suggests you also go to [www.cantonmarketplace.com](http://www.cantonmarketplace.com) to visit the website of the market place adjacent to where we will be camped. He has been told that you may be able to download coupons for some of the vendors at that location.

Most of the vendors selling new merchandise will take a credit card but many other vendors deal in cash only.

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*Great ideas originate at gatherings between coaches!!!*

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their vehicles that were on the list. It turned out that Jill and Ron Allen had the most when the time was up and won the prize, which ended up being a bag of prunes! Lots of laughs.....and it is decided that something should be done each rally so that no one is staying in coaches when all should be having a good time together. Thanks Kathy!

The hosts for the rally included Bill and Hilda McGuire, Jack Schultz (without Brenda who was caring for her daughter with a brand new baby) Floyd and Carol Decker and Don and Gladys Longpre. Their food for all meals was delicious. Friday evening McGuires had made the sauce for spaghetti that was served with green salad and garlic bread, and brownies topped it off for desert. Saturday morning pancakes and sausage filled the stomachs with coffee and juice. That evening, brisket was the main dish with salad, beans, rolls and cobbler topped with ice cream. Coffee and tea are usually made with most meals and of course was available during this rally. Sunday's quicker meal for early morning consisted of rolls, donuts and muffins and a big bowl of fruit. After our devotional, led by Snoopy Campbell, an action was held to rid the club of left-over items that would not need to be stored for next meetings.

The weather was so nice (except for wind) that most people sat outside between coaches just "shooting the bull". When 5:00 came each day, everyone met together for social time and some brought extra goodies to consume before time for the regular meals. That's always a fun time.

The club business meeting took place on Friday morning and one of the duties that had to be done was to vote on a Nominating Committee

for selecting candidates for officers for 2011. Those on the nominating committee are Jim Guess, Chairman, Jan Newby and Ron Hamel. The month for the election is September. If you are one who would like to work as an officer with the club, give your name to one of these committee members. The chapter also approved up to \$1200.00 for the purchase of a new Public Address System. Darrell Gilliland, Jim Guess and Ron Hall were chosen to check the best price and quality for this purchase. The evenings are filled with laughter from the ladies who are playing games such as Skip-Bo, but the men playing poker would rather have a quieter room. There are other games played sometimes but at this rally during Skip-Bo everything said seemed to be funny. There was a tired feeling the next morning and that had to be the reason.

by Grace

## "WHO WAS THERE"

Members attending and enjoying the April Rally were:

Ron and Jill Allen  
Grady Bass and Judy Lewis  
Mike and Donna Bennett  
Ken and Barbara Blackshear  
Snoopy and Susan Campbell & Granddaughter Karisa  
Ken and Joyce Daugherty  
Floyd and Carol Decker  
Darrell and Grace Gilliland  
Ben and Hazel Graham  
Jim and June Guess  
Ron and Carol Hall  
Ron and Norma Hamel  
Don and Gladys Longpre  
Gary and Kathy Mabry  
Earnest and LuAnn Marchisin  
Bill and Hilda McGuire  
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Dennis and Erika Moore  
Jerry and Shirley Nelson  
Frank and Jan Newby  
Leo and Nita Rollins  
Jack Schultz

## SCAVENGER HUNT'S BIG WINNERS!



*Left to Right: LuAnn Marchinson, Jill and Ron Allen, and Barbara Blackshear.*

## GUY STUFF

Corsicana has so many things to see and do that I decided to forgo the usual technical seminar on Saturday in favor of a visit to a museum about technology. I discovered by research on the web that there is a telephone industry museum in Corsicana owned and operated by a retired Western Electric employee. Since I worked for Southwestern Bell for 30 years I knew I would find the tour to be interesting and informative and I hoped some members of the RRR would also enjoy a tour of the museum.

Our tour of the Capehart Communications Collection was lead by Don Capehart. Don retired from Western Electric, which was the manufacturing and installation arm of the Bell System before the breakup of the Bell System in 1984. After that time they were owned by AT&T until they were spun off as Lucent Technologies in 1996. Don's presentation was both interesting and entertaining. To call the collection a communications collection is a bit understated. Don not only has examples of telecommunications equipment from Western Electric but also many other companies both domestic and foreign.

Much to my surprise, Western Electric also used to make home and commercial appliances. The U.S. government forced them to split off all non-communication based equipment manufactured goods back in the 1920's. The company that was formed to continue those goods was Graybar. I have been in a Graybar store and never knew that they were once part of the Bell System.

Everyone who attended agreed that the tour was great fun. The

tour is free and by appointment only. If you didn't get to attend and find yourself in Corsicana with a couple of hours to spare, you should go and see Don's collection and visit with him.

On Friday a small group of RRRs went to the Corsicana Field Aviation Heritage Foundation. We were lucky to arrive in time to watch the installation crew put the final touches on the new statue honoring the Army Air Corp trainees who trained there starting in 1941. At present the Foundation's collection consists of two small rooms in the Municipal Airport Building with maps, photos, old newspaper articles, and various items used by the trainees and their trainers. Sarah Farley runs the airport FBO (Fixed Base Operator) and is happy to answer questions about the items in the memorabilia rooms. Her husband Gary Farley an A & P mechanic (Airframe and Powerplant) leads the tour when you get to the hanger to see the vintage planes that are examples of the craft used for training during the camp's operational days.

There are two examples of the PT19, which was the primary trainer and both are airworthy. There are also several other planes from that era stored in the hanger and in the process of repair or restoration. Gary gave us an entertaining and informative presentation. I am afraid we may have made him miss his lunch. It is obvious that these old aircraft are his passion and that he wants to honor the men who trained there and fought during WWII. The museum and hanger are open to all Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm. Gary and Sarah do a great job and if you haven't visited their collection, you should do so next time you are in Corsicana.

Ron Hall  
Technical Committee Chairman

## REMAINING 2010 RALLY SCHEDULE

**MAY (April) 29 - May 2, 2010**  
Canton Market Place  
Canton, TX

**JUNE 17 - 20, 2010**  
Choctaw Casino KOA  
Durant, OK

**AUGUST 11 - 14, 2010**  
FMCA'S 84<sup>th</sup> Int. Convention  
Redmond, OR

**SEPTEMBER 23 - 26, 2010**  
Staway RV Ranch  
Murchison, TX

**SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3, 2010**

*Six-State Area Rally*  
Shreveport, LA

**OCTOBER 14 - 17, 2010**  
Cedar Valley RV Park  
Guthrie, OK

**NOVEMBER 11 - 14, 2010**  
Oak Creek RV Park  
Weatherford, TX

**DECEMBER 4, 2010**  
Christmas Luncheon - TBA

## GOLF

Bill McGuire will be in charge of the golf for the remainder of the rally year. Hazel is giving up the responsibility of securing the course and negotiating green fees each month. She says her eyes don't allow her to play any more. Hopefully that will change with her cataract surgery which is scheduled this summer.

Bill would like those interested in playing Friday to give him a call at 940-569-3399. He is investigating available courses in the area and getting information on green fees.





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## GET REGISTERED

It is important that if you know you are going to Canton, register now. The Registration Form and Agenda are on our chapter website [www.redriverrovers.com](http://www.redriverrovers.com).

With only two weeks between rallies this month's Newsletter has been rushed.

We may someday have a contest to see who can find the most Newsletters errors.

## President's Message

Even though we gained four (4) new members in March we are still actively seeking new members. Our present membership roll stands at 50 and we would like to get back to a number approaching 60. That should be a healthy number ...and with about 45 – 50 percent of our members attending each rally this should keep the monthly attendance around 25 to 30 coaches. Historically we have a higher percentage attend the first rally of the year.

I am keeping a database of "prospective members" who are sent an email each time we post a new Newsletter to our website. Those potential members come from many of you, from inquiries made to FMCA, and as responses to a letter sent to non-chapter members in nearby zip codes. I have requested that those getting my email advise me if they would like to be removed from the list. I have received none at this time.

I am hoping that some of these prospective members come to our Canton Rally and we will have an opportunity to meet.

Remember, we are also looking for non-fmca members. We have two "free" FMCA memberships for that non-member who wants to join our chapter.

*Darrell*

*Photographs by Gary and Kathy Mabry*



*The "Gathering"*



*Preparing for what we do best .... Dinner!*