



WELCOME TO MINEOLA, TEXAS

Beautiful Fall weather greeted us as we rolled our coaches into the Mineola Civic Center and RV Park. Each person picked their own parking space after checking in at the office. Coaches parked around a horseshoe shaped area with grass filling the middle. We had 35 coaches registered. Historic Mineola is a National Main Street City with lots of shops and restaurants with good food.. The afternoon and evening were free, so we got out our chairs and sat between coaches under the awnings enjoying the beautiful day and cool breezes. Talk soon centered on places to eat, someone recommended the "East Texas Burger Company"; they've been in business for over 100 years. Some of us went to try it out, as we sat waiting for our order, more and more Rovers kept show-

ing up. It was a fun evening.

THURSDAY: Breakfast on your own meant that some of us slept in and the early birds were treated to coffee prepared by the host team. Cowburners BBQ drew quite a few Rovers, to give their BBQ a try for lunch. Some people went to the Mineola Nature Preserve on the Sabine River; it's the home to East Texas critters that can fly, walk, crawl, and slither plus 193 species of birds. There is a very large totem pole that was carved by "Chainsaw Willie", who routinely carves items at Canton Trades Day. The Preserve is owned by the city of Mineola; this is part of a development plan to protect wildlife for the future. Pot luck dinners are always a favorite and the one this even-

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L to R Front row: Maggie Grinstead, Donna Bennett, Judy Burroughs, and Sharlot Matthews. Back Row: Jim Grinstead, Mike Bennett, Tom Burroughs, Craig Matthews, and Robert Landrum.

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ing, did not disappoint. After Grace was said, we were treated to a wide variety of dishes, including Lasagna, fried chicken. Green bean casserole and chili sauce meat balls to name a few. The rest of the evening was spent visiting, playing cards and Poker.

FRIDAY: Breakfast and Lunch on your own today. Some Rovers ate out and some cooked. Gary Marsh made great waffles; they were enjoyed by those camping by him. Today was for seeing the town day for most of us. We set off with coupons provided for us by the Civic Center. There are some wonderful shops, antique stores and a great quilt shop; we sure couldn't pass up the coupon from "Between Friends", for the made in the store Fudge. Oh my Goodness, there were so many flavors it was hard to decide. Mineola Station is currently served by Amtrak; the train station was originally built in 1906 and is now restored. Many Rovers visited the station and museum. Marion Helmick was standing very close to the window, looking out over the tracks, when to her a surprise a train raced by right next to the window. This caused her to jump back quickly. The evening meal was prepared by the host committee; that consisted of Maggie and Jim Grinstead, Mike and Donna Bennett, Craig and Sharlot Matthews, Tom and Judy Burroughs. Jim and Pat McCollum were on the host team, but due to ill health could not make the rally. Our hosts had a special challenge to prepare food for 60+ guests; the center does not have a kitchen. They had a two burner stove and apartment size sink with no counter tops and a home refrigerator in another room. Luckily there was a room with tables where they could work. They served us Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken patties, fixin's, chips, baked beans and ice cream for dessert. The hosts called out table

numbers to tell you when it was your turn to go to the food line. Tucker was so hungry; he kept hoping they would call table number 2, in desperation he told Patrick if he would call table number 2, he would hug his neck. The next person drew "Number 2". Tucker jumped up and ran to hug Patrick's neck, while we all laughed. Maggie handed out a paper that had all of our names in a grid; we were supposed to find them all and circle for a prize. We played cards and visited for the rest of the evening.

SATURDAY: Breakfast Bell rang at 8:30 A. M. We ate scrambled eggs, sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, jellies, juice and coffee. Right after breakfast a business meeting was called to order. The main thing on the agenda was the election of officers for 2018. The nominees were approved; more information is in the secretary's report. The afternoon was spent at leisure, shopping or sight seeing. Men's Tech session was held at 1:00 P.M. and the Ladies craft time at 2:00 P.M.. Connie Tucker had kits made up for making, "A beaded Iris", she had many colors available. There was the usual laughter and fun while the ladies learned how to make the iris. The hosts provided a wonderful evening meal of Brisket, Charro Beans, potato salad, coleslaw, brownies and lemon cake. The Civic center provided door prizes Friday and Saturday evening. Gary announced the D.A. award went to Ken Daugherty. You just can't beat "Skipbo", we had three tables playing plus Poker that evening.

SUNDAY: Rallies always seem to go by awfully fast! Breakfast was at 8:30; sweet rolls, juice, peaches and coffee. Snoopy provided a devotional,

we had a food auction and then it was time to head home or on to new adventures.

Dee Holloway

RALLY ATTENDEES

James & Mary Ellen Adams
 Russ & Gladys Anderson
 Grady Bass & Judy Lewis
 Mike & Donna Bennett
 Curtis & Marva Buchhorn
 Tom & Judy Burroughs
 Snoopy & Susan Campbell
 Wendell & Connie Carrington
 Bill Clyde
 Kenneth & Joyce Daugherty
 Rick & Yong Dennis
 Pat & Kathy Duvall
 Keith & Jayne Grasso
 Jim & Maggie Grinstead
 Ron & Carol Hall
 Norma Hamel
 Carlton & Marion Helmick
 Michael & Donna Hillhouse
 Dee Holloway
 Bob & Ann Marie Kriesman
 Robert & Rita Rai Landrum
 Randy & Terri Lane
 Dan & Doris Lyons
 Gary & Kathy Mabry
 Ernie & LuAnn Marchisin
 Gary Marsh
 Craig & Sharlot Matthews
 Bill & Hilda McGuire
 Dennis & Erika Moore
 Jerry & Shirley Nelson
 Robert & Maureen Robinson
 John & Biny Sharpe
 Tuck & Connie Tucker
 Peggy Weygandt
 Glen & Wanda Woods

DA AWARD



Most of us are getting a little "long in the tooth" and Patrick that means we are getting older. We pull into a park and quickly are reminded that over the summer we might have gained a little and because of inactivity, acquired some stiff joints. The routine after pulling into a park is the hookups; first the electric is plugged in so that you can get the air-conditioning going so that the wife is cool, next the water and sewer. In this case our DA nominee waited until last to level his coach. With all that done it's time to relax.

Before getting settled he's told there is no water in the coach. There definitely was water at the site because he had run it briefly before hooking up the hose. By this time he's getting more expertise....Dennis Moore looks to see if he can see anything wrong. He says "I've had that trouble also." By now there were many others all looking for the source of the problem, perhaps a closed valve in one of the basement compartments. None of the "elders" in the group could figure it out.

Then the youngest of the bunch, Mr. Hall, bends over to look under the coach. He fixes the problem by lifting the leveling jack....our DA candidate had put his leveling jacks down last and right on his water hose.

Ken Daughterty is our October DA Award recipient.

Gary

THANKS!

Dear Red River Rovers,
I am so appreciative of the way this RV club tries to take care of its members with care and thoughtfulness. Some of you, knowing that I had been struggling with some health issues, met us at the September rally and assisted Susan and I with setting up our coach.

It is the thoughtful gestures and actions such as these that make the people of this club such a wonderful group to be associated with. You show your consideration to so many in the club with cards, phone calls, prayers and in so many other ways. Thank You, each one of you, for being the kind of people you are. God Bless you all and the Red River Rovers.

Snoopy Campbell

WHOSZAT!

The young lad pictured below is the Member of the Month for October. Recognize him? If you think you know who this person is, email Darrell Gilliland at darrellgilliland0@gmail.com.



OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

Curtis & Marva Buchhorn
Don & Betty Delman
Bill & Becky Gerick
Michael & Donna Hillhouse
Gary & Kathy Mabry

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ellen Adams
Marva Buchhorn
Carol Decker
Beth Elam
Becky Gerick
Craig Matthews
Shirley Nelson
Charles Trahan
Tom Woodling



THE SECOND HALF

*I turned forty a while ago
and came dribbling out of the locker room
ready to start the second half
glancing up at the scoreboard
I saw that we were behind
7 to 84
and it came to me then
we ain't gonna win
and considering the score
I'm beginning to be damn glad
this particular game ain't gonna to go on
forever*

*but don't take this to mean I'm ready
for the showers
take it to mean I'm probably gonna play one
hellava second half*

*I told this to some kids in the court
next to mine and they laughed
but I don't think they understood
how could they
playing in the first quarter only one point
behind*

ric masten

MAGGIE GRINSTEAD'S MACARONI SALAD

You can adjust the amounts to suit your tastes. Just remember dice the veggies small. This is a big salad!

- 1 # SMALL elbow macaroni
- 1 Large Green Pepper
- 1 Medium onion
- 4-8 Carrots

Cook elbow macaron - when done, drain, fill same pot with macaroni & cold water. Add 8-10+ ice cubes to cool macaroni. Leave in water until totally cool & ready to use.

HINT: I cook my macaron about 7 minutes after water comes back to a boil. Don't overcook.

Dice peppers, onions & carrots in small chunks.

The Salad Dressing

- 1 can Egel Brand Milk
- 1 cup Sugar
- 2 cups Mayonnaise
- 1 cup White Vinegar
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Pepper
- 8-10 drops Tobasco Sauce

Mix together. Makes enough for 2 salads.

Drain Macaroni & pour into a "large" mixing bowl, add veggies, pour on enough dressing to coat well then chill until ready to use. Add more dressing as needed. Make up salad early enough for flavors to merge. It can be made up the night before. Stores well in sealed bag or container.

NOTE: More dressing may need to be added before serving. Do not serve dry. The dressing makes the difference!

From the kitchen of Maggie Grinstead

SHIRLEY NELSON'S CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

First of all – Important! have a very deep pot/w lid to cook this in! Also, spray bottom of pot with Pam. If your pot is not deep enough when you put the lid on it will boil over and make a huge mess! Voice of experience!!

Boil a whole chicken (or opt for what particular pieces you want) in about 8 cups of water. Don't use can chicken it is dry and awful!!

When the chicken is done, remove from broth, skin, and debone it.

Strain the broth to get all the "yucky" stuff out. Set aside.

You will need"

About 7 1/2 cups of the chicken broth

1 regular size can of Cream of Chicken soup. Do not dilute

1/2 cup diced celery

1 cup diced onions

1 large can of the Homestyle Grand Biscuits (do not get "butter tastin" or flaky, one is too greasy the other falls apart.

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Salt and pepper

Sage – to taste. (I probably use at least 2 teaspoons.)

Bring broth, chicken pieces, onions and celery along with salt, pepper and sage to a boil. Add Cream of Chicken soup. Stir well. May have to use a whisk to dissolve soup. Cut biscuits into 6 pieces each biscuit. Drop into boiling chicken ingredients and put a lid on your pan for 10 minutes. (Don't lift lid to peek.)

Remove lid and cut heat down to a low simmer for at least 20 minutes. Stir to keep from sticking but don't stir so much you tear the dumplings up.

Hint: If the broth has too much fat scoop some of it out. If you don't have enough add butter or margarine. Also, if you don't have enough broth, just bring a cup of water to boil in the microwave and add one chicken bouillon cube. Dissolve and add to other broth.

Sometimes I cook and prepare my chicken a day ahead. Bag it separate from broth and let set over night. That way you can easily scrape off the congealed fat off of the broth and make the dumplings fast since the hardest part was done ahead.

RED RIVER ROVERS
Business Meeting
September 16, 2017

President Bob Kriesman called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. He welcomed everyone.

Officers Reports:

Secretary Ann Kriesman reported that the June 2017 Business meeting minutes were circulated in the Newsletter. The minutes were accepted for file.

Treasurer Rick Dennis gave the Treasurer's Report. Starting balance on June 1, 2017 was \$8,604.13; and ending balance on September 1, 2017 was \$8,604.25. The Treasurer's report was accepted for file. National Director Connie Tucker gave a report on the Convention in Indianapolis and the many amendments that had been proposed. She placed particular emphasis on the towable amendment. She had ballots for those that have not yet voted and passed them out. She then placed these unseen ballots in one envelope which she then closed and will mail. She will do this again next month for those who have not yet voted and are not here this weekend.

Old Business: Bob introduced the current board members and their jobs description. President – Bob Kriesman: 1st Vice president – John Sharpe: 2nd Vice President – Jayne Grasso: 3rd Vice President – Mike Hillhouse: Secretary – Ann Kriesman: Treasurer – Rick Dennis: National Director – Connie Tucker: Alternate National Director - Jim McCullum.

He then introduced the nominations from the nominating committee for the new year. The nominations are the same except that Jim McCullum will be replaced by Gary Marsh as Alternate National Director. He then asked for additional nominations from the floor for any of these offices. As there were none, he asked for a vote to accept these officers for 2018. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

There was no new business.

There being no further business, President Bob Kriesman adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.
Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kriesman

Ann Kriesman, Secretary 2017

2018 Member Dues Due in October

The forms for renewal dues are on the website below the October Registration forms. You may fill out the renewal form and remit with your rally registration and mail to the Treasurer at the address listed. You can also pay the renewal fee at the October rally. If not attending the October rally, fill out the form and mail with the \$24.00 renewal fee.

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2017 RED RIVER ROVERS

MARCH 2 - 5

Coyote Ranch RV Resort
Wichita Falls, TX

MARCH 7 - 10

**95th International Conv.
Chandler AZ**

APRIL 5 - 9

Rusk KOA
Rusk, TX

MAY 3 - 7

Wanderlust RV Park
Eureka Springs, AR

JUNE 8 - 11

Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

JULY 12 - 15

**96th International Conv
Indianapolis, IN**

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Mineola Civic Center
Mineola, TX

OCTOBER 19 - 22

Choctaw KOA RV Resort
Durant, OK

OCTOBER 25 - 28

**Six-State Area Rally
Texarkana, AR**

NOVEMBER 9 - 12

Little Turtle RV Park
Eufaula, OK

DECEMBER 2

New China King Buffet
Denton, TX

OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the limited time I attended the rally it sounded like everyone was enjoying themselves. This being another new location there was a lot to see and do. The management at Mineola Civic Center gave us a warm welcome. Head hostess' Jim and Maggie Grinstead, faced with limited kitchen capabilities, did a remarkable job.

It's now on to Choctaw for our October rally. After that many members will travel from there directly to Texarkana, Ark. for the 6 state rally.

Bob



The ladies above proudly display their Beaded Iris that was made in the September craft class.