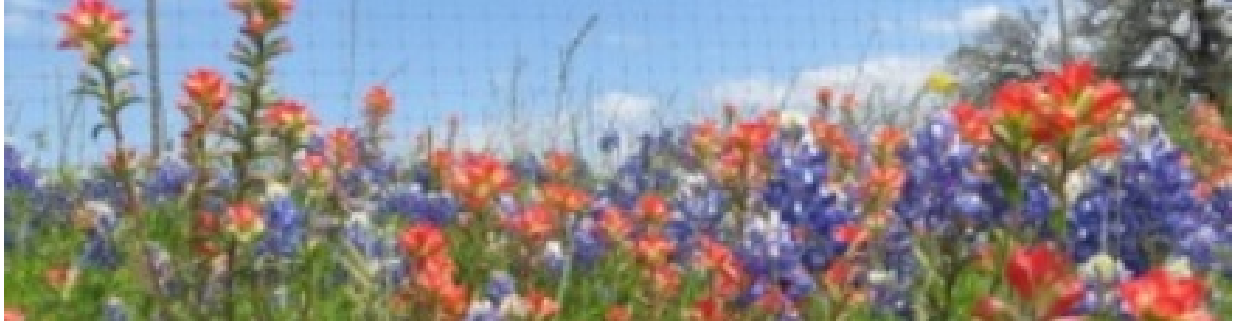




TEXAS HIGHLAND LAKES UNIT NEWSLETTER

May 2016



President's Message

Many Thanks to Keith Ferry, our corresponding secretary, for preparing this fantastic newsletter.

Was that a gunshot I heard or just an exploding tractorbattery? Those of you attending theFleming Ranch Rally, April 7 - 10, will know the answer. It was a tractor battery. We had a fun and relaxing long weekend at theFleming Ranch near Cherokee, TX. Theweather was most cooperative. Weenjoyed campfires with s'mores, storytelling, jokes and visiting.

One unbelievable treat that we all enjoyed was the drive to therally and the sites there. I am talkingabout the wildflowers that were truly at their peak. It made me think how grateful I am for LadyBird Johnson's efforts to beautify our Texas highways.

Many members enjoyed a walk/hike lead by Wendy. He shared a wealth of knowledge about hisland, including the Native Americans' influence and the geology.

I want to thank all of the hosts who helped make this rally oneto remember. They were:

Cindy andMarty Berdan

Kayand John Irwin

Jeanand Tom Beebe

Chereand Ed Addicks

Finally, a huge thanks to Wendy and Shirley for all the workthey did to get ready for us. You areawesome. Let's all put the bug inWendy's ear to host International in 2018. LOL!

Hope to see you in Galveston! Have a wonderful Mother's Day as you celebrate with family!

Rick

THLU RALLY INFORMATION

Galveston Island Rally Schedule ~ Galveston RV Resort ~ May 5 -8, 2016

We still have room for more!

Contact: Rick and Debbie Trimble ricktrimble17@gmail.com 214-298-1009

Thursday, May 5: Arrive

5:00 pm: Happy Hour on the deck.

Bring some easy snacks along with your paper plates and beverages. Rick & Debbie will share

information about "Things to Do" along with others that have been to Galveston in the past.

7:58 pm: Sunset

Great views of Galveston Bay sunsets from the deck.

Friday, May 6

8:00 am. Come for "Coffee Talk" and "Talk amongst yourselves" plans for the day.

Coffee at the rally room/deck. Regular "leaded" coffee only.

Lunch on your own.

5:00 pm. It's 5:00 in Galveston!

Bring some easy snacks along with paper plates and beverages. Share your day's experiences.

Maybe make dinner plans or take in Galveston nightlife with others. Dinner on your own.

7:59 pm. Sunset

Saturday, May 7

8:00 am. More "Coffee Talk".

"Now talk amongst yourselves" ideas for our Christmas Charity Donation.

Coffee at the Rally Room. Regular "leaded" coffee only.

1:30 pm. **Potluck Lunch on the Deck. BYOS.**

7:15 pm. Bring your favorite beverage to toast the sunset and a great weekend!

Sunday, May 8

8:30 am. Devotional: Share pictures and memories of moms.

11:00 am. Check-out time Safe travels!

10th Anniversary Vintage Rally ~ Belleville, TX ~ April 27-30, 2017

A special celebration is being planned for the rally's tenth anniversary. Myron Fischer will be heading the program and would appreciate your ideas and suggestions. Contact Myron at fisch963@earthlink.net.

THLU 2016 New Mexico Balloon Fiesta Caravan

The Balloon Fiesta Caravan is full with no one on the standby list. Harvey Craig, caravan leader, is accepting names of those interested in being on standby for this event. The caravan originates in Hillsboro, TX on Sept. 23, 2016 and ends in Santa Fe, NM on October 8, 2016. For more information contact Harvey Craig at eharv@msn.com.

Christmas Rally & Auction

This year's Christmas Rally & Auction will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 4 at Leisure Resort on the San Marcos River in Fentress, TX. That weekend we will be able to enjoy the local "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" festivities which include carnival rides, arts & crafts, pictures with Santa, local school performances, a live Nativity scene and a food court. Rally hosts are Stanley & Cinda Brooks, John & Sherry Parten, Gene & Kathy Blanchard and Ed & Chere Addicks. Thanks for volunteering. We still need **one more** host couple. To volunteer to host or **help with the auction**, please contact Rick Trimble at ricktrimble17@gmail.com or 214-298-1009.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected THLU Officers

President:	Rick Trimble	Trustee: 2 Year Term
1st Vice President:	Ed Addicks	John Irwin
2nd Vice President:	Peter Sajovich	Shirley Fleming
Recording Secretary:	Keith Ferry	Trustee: 1 Year Term
Corresponding Secretary:	Debbie Trimble	Wendy Fleming
Treasurer:	Marty Berdan	Cindy Berdan

Constant Contact is being used to send out emails, newsletters, and rally event information. Here are a few tips for using Constant Contact for rally registration.

Rally Sign Up Information

For a rally (event):

1. **You will receive an email invitation to the rally. You will be able to *get more information, register or decline* from this invitation.**
2. **Register for the rally: Fill out the registration form. This step adds you to the list of attendees. Your registration will let the president and hosts have an accurate count of who is coming.**

After registering you will receive Registration Notifications:

- **Confirmation Page:** Shows the message that you have successfully registered.
- **Confirmation Email:** All registrants receive a confirmation email that includes information from the registration form, event time and location, and other information, including how to do your campsite registration.

If you have questions, please contact the person on the *invitation* or on the *confirmation email*.

If your plans change, please let the contact person know you are not coming so there is an accurate account for planning meals and activities.

Cancelling with the club does not take care of your camping reservation. You will need to contact the park to cancel your reservation.

Note: If you do not use email, please call Rick Trimble at 214-298-1009 to register.

Flemings' Ranch Rally



Wendy Fleming leading a tour of the ranch.



Marilyn McClanahan warming up by the campfire.



B Bailey, Cecilia Gulick and friends enjoying a spring day.



Happy Hour in the big, green barn.



THLU May Luncheon

The next THLU luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 3 at The County Line (on the Lake) Bar-B-Q restaurant located at 5204 Ranch Road 2222 in Austin. We gather at 1:30 PM. Come join us!

Save the Date

- May 5-8, 2016 THLU Galveston Island Rally at Galveston Island RV Resort
- June 28-July 5, 2016 59th International Rally in Lewisburg, WV
Registration information at WBCCI.org
- Sept. 23-Oct. 7, 2016 THLU 2016 New Mexico Balloon Fiesta ~WBCCI Numbered Caravan
Contact Harvey Craig at charv@msn.com
- Nov. 3-6, 2016 THLU Installation Rally at North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC), Hillsboro, TX

Dec. 1-4, 2016	THLU Christmas Rally & Auction ~ Leisure RV Resort ~ Fentress, TX
Jan. 16-21, 2017	International Board of Trustees (IBT) Pinial Fairgrounds & Event Center Casa Grande, AZ
Feb. 9-12, 2017	THLU Rally ~ Brazos Bend State Park, Needville TX
April 27-30,2017	THLU 10th Anniversary Vintage Rally ~ Belleville, TX
May 18-21,2017	THLU Rally ~ Radcliff Lake near Crockett, TX in Davy Crockett National Forest
July 12-29, 2017	60th International Rally in Escanaba, MI More details to be announced

Birthdays

Matthew Shepard (5-1)	Jimmy Mooney (5-7)	Phil Spruell (5-20)
Jennifer Findlay (5-2)	Billy Walker (5-8)	Annie Fisher (5-23)
Warren Capps (5-3)	Mike Aillet (5-9)	Marve Ball (5-24)
Colin Melton (5-3)	Teresa Atchley (5-10)	Ron Plaxco (5-28)
Marjie Riggio (5-5)	Milby Hartwell (5-14)	Debbie Trimble (5-28)
Jim Haddox (5-19)		

Anniversaries

Gary & Marilyn McClanahan (5-7) David & Cindy Skinner (5-11) Mike & Betty Richards (5-23)
Douglas & Patricia Thomas (5-7) John & Susan Sheridan (5-18) Frank & Yvonne Rising (5-26)

Party Line & Prayers/Concerns

Marty Berdan is home and recovering from hip replacement surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Prayers are requested for **Dana, daughter of Janie Haddaway**. She is having serious issues in her battle with cancer.

Rick's mom, **Lucille**, is having some eye problems. She has "wrinkles" on her cornea that cause painful scratchy eyes.

Please send prayer concerns and blessings to Keith Ferry at ferry_keith@hotmail.com to include in the newsletter.

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