

TEXAS HIGHLAND LAKES UNIT



“Take Me Back”



Photo by: Wendell Fleming of Diane Bailey’s beautiful 1948 Wee Wee Wind

Hill Country Camp-Out at Fleming

Many memories made thanks to our hosts, Windy and Shirley Fleming

By: Jimmy Mooney, THLU President

The weekend of April 4-8 at the Fleming’s Ranch outside of Cherokee, TX turned out to be one of the very best Camp-Outs Texas Highland Lakes Unit has ever had after what was feared might be a “wash-out.” Our hosts, **Windy** and **Shirley Fleming** kept an eye on the

weather, and earlier in the week would be long gone before anyone arrived for the Camp-Out. And the little bit of much needed rain they did receive in Cherokee

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Big Red Barn Rally
May 2-5, 2013, Staway RV Ranch in Murchison, TX

Unit Luncheon
May 7, 2013 – Luby’s at 13817 US Hwy 183N, Austin

Unit Luncheon
June 4, 2013 – Luby’s at 13817 US Hwy 183N, Austin



Service

When Community Service Chairperson, **Kay Fisher Irwin** contacted **Shirley Fleming** about a Project for this month, Shirley immediately recommended the Cherokee Home for Children. When the folks at Cherokee Children's Home heard we were targeting them for our Community Service Project this month, they insisted that we come out and tour their facilities and have our picture taken.

Food and money were donated to this very worthwhile ministry and we encourage everyone to learn more about Cherokee Home for Children at www.chc4kids.org.

Sparkling Aluminum Dotted the Countryside in San Saba County

flow sufficient for the kayakers. A light jacket might be needed early in the morning and after the sun went down but it was short-sleeved weather after that.

Other hosts helping **Windy** and **Shirley** for the weekend were **Jim** and **Paula Haddox**, **Jim** and **B Bailey**, **Ed** and **Shirley Sherwood** and **Johnny** and **Erlene Shelly**.

You know what they always say about food tasting so much better when eaten outside? Well, the hosts all made short order to everyone's diets because we ate very well under the blue skies and fresh air in San Saba County.

A big thanks to **Ed** and **Shirley Sherwood** for

bringing out a load of kayaks for the Airstream campers to enjoy. I noticed that several people went home with a new kayak at the end of the weekend. Thanks **Ed** and **Shirley** for the great bargains!

The "big winner" for the weekend had to be **Jim** and **B Bailey** who returned to their home in the Valley with a brand new transmission in their truck! Thank goodness the old one worked long enough for them to reach the Fleming Ranch before giving out.

Thank you to **Pat and Linda McDowell**, **Diane Bailey**, and **Sharry and Henry Kahanek** from the Heart of Texas Unit for joining us too!

It's not easy getting ready to host a Rally!

Though we were parked in several different locations around the ranch, **Windy Fleming** had strung wire and set electrical boxes for everyone who wanted electricity at this Rally. Not only that but he provided a way for everyone to obtain water too. Unfortunately, a water line demanded some repairs during the Rally.

Windy made a trip into San Saba for the needed supplies and he had ample volunteers to dig in and help.



BIG RED BARN RALLY

STAWAY RV RANCH, MURCHISON, TX
MAY 2-5, 2013

Wednesday, May 1 – Hosts arrive

Thursday, May 2 – Arrival at Rally Site. Members check in at office upon arrival and pay for their sites. Parkers will show you to your sites.

- 4:30-5:45 p.m – Happy Hour. Members with last names beginning A – L bring LIGHT snacks.
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner provided by hosts (Stuffed baked potatoes with all the “fixins”) Dessert – homemade cookies
- Games on your own

Friday, May 3 –

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. – Breakfast provided by hosts (cereal, fruit, yogurt, pastries)
- First Monday in Canton
- Golf at Echo Creek Country Club for those who are interested in playing. Contact Richard Gallagher rgall@ktc.com (830-896-8016) by April 29
- 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at the Shed Café, Edom, TX

Saturday, May 4 -

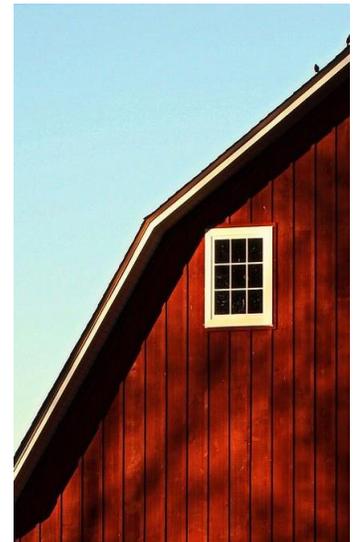
- Breakfast on your own at the RV park restaurant or in your rig
- 9:00 a.m. – Pay Rally Fees
- 9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting
- Sightseeing, Tyler Rose Garden, First Monday, Fishing in the lake
- 4:30-5:45 p.m. – Happy Hour – Members with last names beginning M – Z bring LIGHT snacks
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner Brisket provided by hosts (Jim Latham). Members bring sides and desserts.
- Crazy Bridge

Sunday, May 5 –

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 a.m. - Devotion

The park is holding 30 sites for us and we have to give them a final count no later than April 22. Please contact Sheila Gallagher at rgall@ktc.com (830-896-8016 H, or 830-377-1411 C) for reservations.

Sheila needs to know before April 21st that you plan to attend!



The address for Staway RV Ranch is 10101 State Highway 31, East, Murchisson, TX. The website is <http://www.stawayranch.com> for more information

There is a restaurant on site that is open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. It has an extensive breakfast menu at very reasonable prices.



View from the Fleming's Deck

“Very well may be the most beautiful camping spot in Texas” - Marque

Rally hosts this last weekend at the Fleming's Ranch were (l-r) Jim and Paula Haddox, B Bailey, Shirley Fleming, Jim Bailey, Windy Fleming, Ed Sherwood, Erlene Shelly, Shirley Fleming and Johnny Shelly. Thanks guys!



Kathy Kachilla is our new Chaplain for THLU and she led us in a wonderful devotion-al on Sunday. It was attended and enjoyed by a large group of the campers and it was made even more special being held under that huge oak tree over-looking the Fleming's vast Ranch. Windy Fleming led a group of hikers on a walking tour of the Ranch following the devotional services.





Shirley Fleming is showing an example of her latest hobby – Penny Rugging! Shirley’s just one of our many talented members!



Welcome New Members

Jenny and Clyde Finley of Midland, TX (upper right) and **Misty and Wes Perryman** (and daughters **Sunny Jayne** and **Stella Jewel**), of Moody, TX (below)

Both **Jenny and Clyde** are Petroleum Engineers. **Clyde** works for Kinder-Morgan and **Jenny** is a stay-at-home mom trying to get the last of their three kids raised. Youngest daughter, **Holly**, is currently a student at Baylor University.



Wes Perryman is a family farmer and has the Wes Perryman Band. He performed for us during the recent Camp-Out at the Flemings and is a very talented musician. **Misty** is a photographer and her beautiful works can be seen at www.winterwheatphotography.com. They both have a full time job keeping up with **Sunny and Stella!**



Photo by Windy Fleming of Ed

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THLU PLANS A 2014 NEW MEXICO BALLOON FIESTA



Marty Berdan is pleased to announce that THLU will host a 14 Night/15 Day (1,300+ total miles) New Mexico Balloon Fiesta WBCCI Numbered Caravan departing from South Llano River State Park, Junction, Texas on Sunday, September 28, 2014 and ending on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Bottomless Lake State park, Roswell, New Mexico.

The Caravan will feature six stops which include: 1 night at South Llano River State Park, 1 night at Balmorhea State park, 2 Nights at Carlsbad KOA Resort, 5 Nights in Albuquerque at the New Mexico Balloon Fiesta Site, 3 Nights at Santa Fe Skies RV Resort in Santa Fe, and

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY MAY, 2013

Caravan Leaders

Harvey and Gail Craig and Marty and Cindy Berdan

include: all parking charges, some lunches, dinners, tours at all stops, RV parking where one can sit outside their Airstream and watch the balloons ascend and fly over their airstream with unlimited access to the Balloon Fiesta Site and the Balloon field, and a memorable farewell dinner in Santa Fe.

The Caravan will be limited to a total of 20 rigs including the leader. The Caravan Leaders will be **Harvey and Gail Craig** with **Marty and Cindy Berdan** as back-up Caravan Leaders. The estimated deposit fee is \$500 with a total estimated Kitty Fee of \$1,000 per couple in a rig. Specific information such as: registration, exact Kitty Fee, deposit amount, deadline for cancellation, cancellation charges, and last Caravan payment date will be announced and published at the THLU May Rally and Business Meeting in Murchison, TX.

Interested members may complete registration forms and pay deposits during that rally or find registration forms and information on the THLU website within a few days after the conclusion of the rally.

Harvey Craig indicates that members should expect an earlier than normal deadline for: registration, cancellation of registration, and last Caravan payment dates because of the early payment deadline to guarantee Balloon Fiesta site parking; thus, specific Caravan information and registration is opening in May, 2013 instead of the usual November, 2013.



Neva Bone received some discouraging news this last week. The Tumor Board at M.D. Anderson has reviewed her case and declined her doctor's request to perform surgery. Their decision is based both on the fact that her cancer involves a lymph node and because of her age. Please continue to lift **Neva and Lyman** up in prayer!

Followed by a prayer of thanksgiving that **Ardell Mayton** came through his last month's heart procedure with flying colors and orders from his doctor to "hit the road."

Arliss McNeely has been talking with an Ophthalmologist about having cataract surgery. He's hoping to get it scheduled soon so they can join us again on an upcoming camping trip.

Harvey Craig had carpal tunnel surgery on one of his hands in Houston on Tuesday. He's already home in Austin and getting ready for his upcoming Estate Sale.

Marilyn and David Blakey are staying close to home (and Austin) awaiting the arrival of identical twin granddaughters. An April 30th goal will get them to 36 weeks.

Carlos Leach recently underwent back surgery for two ruptured disks. Hope he's up and recuperating – he and **Rosemary** have a filled Maple Leaf Trail Caravan to lead immediately following the International Rally!

PARTYLINE

The old-fashioned way of THLU members to stay connected along the lines of this year's theme –
Take Me Back



Harvey Craig invites everyone to his Estate Sale at 805 Castle Ridge Road, Austin on April 19-21 (8 am-5 pm) conducted by AAA Estate Sales of Austin. Everything will be sold including: furniture, rugs, mirrors, pictures, paintings, stereo equipment, movie & CD collections, executive office furniture, equipment & supplies, computer & equipment, dishes & glassware, pots/pans & utensils, linens, towels, bedding, exercise equipment, Christmas lights & decorations, tools & lawn items.

THLU's very own **Miranda Lambert** (owner of THREE Airstreams) won Song of the Year, Single of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year at the Recent Academy of Country Music's Awards!

Ken Callahan has recently released his newest (19th) book, entitled *Living in Grace*.

http://www.amazon.com/Living-In-Grace-Kennon-Callahan/dp/1481200887/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1365788236&sr=8-1&keywords=living+in+grace

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



5/1 – Buzz and Cynthia Hempel
 5/1 – Matthew Shepard
 5/1 – Michael Wich
 5/2 – Jennifer Findlay
 5/3 – Colin Melton
 5/6 – R. Lee Steele
 5/7 – Jimmy Mooney
 5/7 – Gary and Marilyn McClanahan
 5/7 – Doug and Pat Thomas
 5/8 – Billy Walker
 5/9 – Bradley Hempel
 5/9 – Michael Aillet

5/11 – David and Cindy Skinner
 5/11 – Becky Arreaga
 5/14 – Terry Clopper and Gayle Shonley
 5/18 – John and Susan Sheridan
 5/19 – Jim Haddox
 5/20 – Philip Spruell
 5/20 – Jason and Maribeth Wolf
 5/23 – Annie Fisher
 5/25 – Wes Perryman
 5/26 – Frank and Yvonne Rising
 5/28 – Debbie Trimble
 5/28 – Ron Plaxco

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