



Wanna-go's Newsletter



March 2021

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Mardi Gras in Mineola

Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas

February 28 - March 5



Rally Masters::

Jerry Garner & Judy Crews

2021 Club Officers:

President = Tommy Watters

1st Vice President = Henry Divin

2nd Vice President = Gary Perkowski

Secretary/Treasurer = Judy Crews

National Director = Jimmy Pate

Club Appointed Volunteers:

Web Master = Mike Reaves

Newsletter = Bob Erickson

Members Handbook = Jan Erickson



There were 23 coaches in attendance including first timers Paul and Linda Davidson. We also had a guest, Larry & Anne Lighthill, attend our Crawfish Boil and later joined our club. Table decorations in the Civic Center were donated by Jim and Celina Kratzer and were a big hit.



Sunday night was the Crawfish Boil held at the outdoor covered pavilion and was a resounding success. Event hosts were Paul and Linda Davidson and were assisted by Jim and Celina Kratzer. Paul and Jim enjoyed preparing crawfish and shrimp for the hungry crowd. Some members came decked out in Mardi Gras regalia.



Monday afternoon was free time with many of the group going shopping in Mineola. The evening entertainment was a presentation by Paul Shaw of the Mineola Nature Preserve on Star and Planet locations in the night sky. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate for the outdoor presentation limiting it to an indoor slide show.



The top photos show our RV's parked on Saturday afternoon, one with happy hour in progress. Lower photo is Sunday mid-afternoon before the crawfish boil.

Sunday evening each coach picked a Mardi Gras prize box, three contained a King Cake baby. Cleone Gund, Darlene Divin and Dot Perkowski were the happy recipients.

Tuesday morning was craft time with the ladies making tops for their Mardi Gras prize boxes.



Tuesday afternoon schedule included an outdoor Ice Cream Social featuring Coke or Root Beer floats or just plain ice cream with lots of visiting and story telling.



The night's entertainment was "Dance the Night Away" by Second Childhood. Good music for all to enjoy and dance to.



After the Ice Cream Social Tommy Watters had an unfortunate accident near his MH resulting in a broken arm. He was taken to a local clinic where his arm was examined, bandaged and placed in a sling then told not lift anything and to see an orthopedic surgeon when he got home.

With a smile and a drink in his good hand he is toughing it out! Tommy, you would make John Wayne proud!! We're all just glad it wasn't a more serious accident and that he will recover quickly and without permanent effects.



The men's and golfer's breakfast was held at Uncle Bubba's Grill House before departing for golf at the Garden Valley Golf Course in Lindale. Golf consisted of three teams and all finished with very close scores. Team-3 (Phil, Gary, John & Charles) won with a score of 74. Team-1 (Dale, Walter, Albert McKinley & Larry Pippin) placed second with 75. Team-2 (Jack, Debby, Henry, Larry & Tommy) came in last with 76.



Wednesday was the Ladies Luncheon at The Roseland Plantation. With hand painted frescos, pre & post civil war history including freedom granted to former slaves and land willingly deeded to them by plantation owners.



Wednesday night was game night with LCR (left, Right, Center) being the preferred game. Each table had 6-8 players with each player to ante-up \$5.00 per game. The big winners were Walter Gund who won two games and Dale and Carolyn Clark with one game each. Even our Rally Master, Judy, won a game. It was a lot of fun even for us losers.



Thursday started out with the membership meeting after breakfast. Then several of the men went to Rose City Flying Clays Shooting Range in Tyler with Gary Souter. The range offered target shooting for pistols along with clay, skeet and trap for those preferring to practice their shotgun skills. Gary said he was “dead on perfect”???

The Women were free to go shopping, take in some of the local sights or just relax. The evening concluded with some bidding fun with auctioneer Phil Carrell enticing the group to bid on left over bar supplies including soda, beer, wine and whiskey.

Besides the Rally Masters it takes numerous volunteers to make a rally successful many of which have been mentioned on previous pages but I did not want to forget our many bar volunteers, some of whom are shown in these parting photos.



Friday morning we said our goodbyes and wished everyone safe travels. It was another great rally with a lot of fun and friendship. The next rally will be held on May 2-7 at Cedar Oaks RV Park in Grove, Oklahoma. Our hosts will be Hugh & Judy Hollowell and Art & Sylvia Couch. We hope to see all of you there.

“HAPPY TRAILS - - - TILL WE MEET AGAIN”

Ya’ll be safe in these crazy times of the Covid pandemic!