

## **"The Grapevine"**

### COMING EVENTS:

2007

November 11-17, 2007 International Rally Branson, MO

2007

November 29, 30, December 1,2,3, 2007 Fredericksburg, TX

Clarence & Evelyn Knighton will be our Trail Masters.

We will see the Lighted Christmas Parade, Shop in the many

Interesting shops, Visit the Johnson Ranch and many other

interesting things.

2008

March 26 – April 20, 2008 Arizona Rolling Rally

Trail Masters - Open

Call Hazel @ (210) 213-9072 if you are thinking about going.

We will start our rally in Benson, AZ and continue on to Tucson,  
Casa Grande, Yuma, Sedona Area, Sun Valley and end up in Kingman, AZ.

We will take the train out of Sedona to the Grand Canyon  
and many other planned activities.

We will end our Rally in Kingman, AZ.

This will be close to Las Vegas for those continuing on to Las Vegas

for the International Rally April 21-25, 2008

2008

May 12-17, 2008 South Padre Island (Part 1)

May 17-22, 2008 Kingsville, TX (Part 2)

Ron & Hazel Riffel – Trail Masters

We will take a sunset dinner cruise on a tall ship,

tour the King Ranch

and other activities are being planned.

2008

June, 23-28, 2008 Back home International Rally Goshen, IN

This Rally will be one of our State Chapter Rallies so please try to attend.

2008

October – 2008 Tyler, TX Tyler Rose Parade Rally

(Third week in October)

Donna & Bill Smith Trail Masters

2008

November 28, 29, 30 – Dec 1,2, 2008 Kerrville/Bandera, TX

Trail Masters - Open

Notice: The Grapevine is now being done by a new member; Donna Smith. I will need all the input sent directly to me @ [dkm1942@yahoo.com](mailto:dkm1942@yahoo.com) My phone number is 903-769-3864

I WILL BE UPDATING QUARTERLY

I would like to get everyone to update their information ASAP. So please bear with me and send me the following:

Name, address, phones (including cell #'s', spouse name, email addresses, birthdays, anniversary date, make & model of rig along with tag number and info on your tow vehicle.

WELCOME TO:

NEW MEMBERS:

Fred & Par Koritta  
Jay & Danielle Sender  
Bill & Donna Smith  
Philip & Marolyn Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

November:

Bailey Barton 11/11  
Julie Belgrave 11/18  
Joyce Hodshire 11/01  
Sonia Kadlec 11/03

December:

Joe Cashon 12/14  
Awanda Koval 12/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Dolores Schreiber

If your birthday or anniversary is not correct, let me know and I will amend the newsletter next issue.

“Would you like pictures of group gatherings in the newsletter with the Rally Re-caps?”

Please work with me on making this an interesting newsletter for all the members.

Let me know if you have an announcement such as a new grandbaby, etc.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER>>>HELP ME KEEP IT INTERESTING FOR EVERYONE

## RECAP OF OUR GRAPEVINE RALLY

**Grapevine Rally October 18 – 25, 2007.** Eight rigs pulled into Northlake Village RV Park in Roanoke, TX. The RV Park was just a short distance from Grapevine where most of our activities took place. Six rigs pulled in on Thursday afternoon and two more followed in the next two days. We had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming two new members to our group, Bill and Donna Smith. By the end of the rally we all felt they were old friends and looking forward to seeing them again soon at future events.

Thursday evening we started off the Rally with a “Burger Burn”. We set up in the open grassy area in the park. Nelson Van Noy and Tony Beeler grilled up plenty of hamburgers and hot dogs. Club members brought a wonderful variety of dishes to share ranging from vegetables to sugar free apricot dessert and much more. We enjoyed the warm weather filling our tummies and sitting around catching up with everyone’s news and visiting until well after dark.

Friday morning the club officers met at Ron and Hazel Riffel’s RV for an Officers meeting. Later the whole group traveled a short distance to have lunch in Roanoke at a quaint little restaurant named the Prairie House. The food was great and we all enjoyed ourselves. We met back at the RV Park for an afternoon of visiting and getting ready for our potluck dinner that evening. Nelson and Carol prepared a brisket and the rest of the table was more than filled from club members with wonderful dishes such as homemade Broccoli soup, baked beans, potato salad and so much more. After enjoying more food than we should have eaten, we played bingo. I don’t know if we laughed more or played bingo more, but we ended the evening with smiling faces and added another good memory to an ever growing list of cherished memories.

Saturday some of the group left for the Alliance Air Show. The day was clear and warm but a little windy. There was a big array of military and private planes for our viewing. We had an added bonus of the B-2 bomber fly over. The B-2 bomber is such an awesome aircraft that it sends chills down your spine just to see it. We were also entertained by a variety of stunt pilots in single and biwinged planes. Jet fighter pilots also impressed us with their maneuvers. The Blue Angels left us spell bound and in awe with their precision flying. Much to our disappointment, it was too windy for the Golden Knights to do their parachute jump. Saturday evening we dined on great Italian food at Vinny’s in Trophy Club. After dinner members played a pitching game outside. The wooden free standing game board and bean bags were made by Tony and Jeanette. After much cheering and laughter the girls won after eleven innings. The guys wanted to know how many innings we were playing and the women told them as many as it took for us to win. By that time everyone was worn out from laughing and having fun.

Sunday morning it was “All Aboard” the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, which left from the Cotton Belt Dept. for a trip to the Stockyards National Historic District in Fort Worth and back. We traveled in an open air 1920’s and 30’s Victorian-style coach that was both pleasant and breezy. A group picture was taken while we were on the train and we now have another memory to add to our many others. On our two hour layover at the Stockyards we were on our own to enjoy shopping, dining, eating ice cream and sightseeing. Clarence returned to the train wearing his new straw cowboy hat! The ride back passed quickly as a train attendant coordinated all the coaches to try and get points accumulated for getting car and truck horns to honk at us at all the crossings along the way. So here we were, hanging out the side pumping our arms up and down trying to get the horns honking. What a sight that must have been from the out side! We finished off the evening by going to Guadalupe’s Mexican Restaurant in Grapevine.

Monday morning brought rain, wind and cool weather. We changed our schedule from the tour of Texas Motor Speedway and went shopping at the indoor Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall and Bass Pro shops instead. After lunch we returned to camp and the rain continued. The evening found us again in Grapevine where we ate at the Salt Grass Steak House. Someone in our group said we should change our club name to The Texas Freedom Eaters.

Tuesday brought cool weather and clear skies. We spent the morning visiting then after lunch we finally got to go the Texas Motor Speedway. Wow!!! Were we ever impressed!!! Some of the women didn’t finish their shopping on Monday at the outlet mall and went back for the things they missed. While at the race track the rest of us were taken by a Texas Motor Speedway van for a tour of the track and facilities. A

few of the race car drivers were there test driving their cars, consequently, we could not ride around on the actual track. The tour was very informative and we did get to visit the garage areas, pit row and Victory Lane. At victory lane we saw all of the previous winner's plaques. The infield is large enough for ten football fields and the race could go on at the same time. Our guide told us that there is a ten year waiting list for an RV parking space in the infield and that they are no longer taking names; just in case anyone is interested. Finally, we toured a luxury suite and were told that there is also a ten year waiting list for one of them also. We departed the race track and returned to the RV Park to have our Members Meeting. We discussed future rallies, this rally, and had a door prize drawing. Following the meeting we were off to the famous "Babes" in Roanoke for dinner. This restaurant is where most of the race car drivers go after the races. Many of their pictures are on the walls. We arrived at Babes at 6:00 P.M. and had to wait for a table, where the population is less than 5,000, and there was still a waiting list outside at 8:00 P.M. (Keep in mind Babes is no small place). Each of us dined on one of their two main selections, only "Fried Chicken or Chicken Fried Steak". We started off with a great salad and the home made biscuits were to die for, there were mashed potatoes, gravy and creamed corn all served family style. Consequently, no one left hungry and some of us had to go bags with them on their departure.

Wednesday morning we made our way to the nearest Cracker Barrel where we enjoyed a full breakfast complements of the club. From our farewell breakfast, we traveled to the Vetro Glassblowing Studio and Gallery in Grapevine for a live demonstration. We observed glass heating, blowing, and forming from our stadium seating. We had a close up view of everything that was happening plus closed circuit TV showing really close ups of the piece being worked on. It was fascinating to see a glob of clear molten glass on the end of a blowing stick combined with breathtaking artistry that transformed it into a beautiful, large, fluted multi colored bowl fit for any collector. After the demo, since we were all still stuffed from our big breakfast, we decided to skip lunch and return to the RV Park for some R & R. Our evening meal was at Dickey's Barbeque and again we all had all we could hold.

**All of us hope you can join us for future rallies with the Texas Freedom Streamers RV Club. Or is it the Texas Freedom Eaters RV Club? We do have a lot of fun.**

**By: Carol VanNoy**

### **RECIPE CORNER**

#### **EASY CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP (PER DONNA SMITH)**

**2 (10 OUNCE) PKGS. FROZEN CHOPPED BROCCOLI  
1 CAN CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP (CAMPBELLS')  
1 CAN CREAM OF CELERY SOUP  
1 CAN CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP  
1 CUP HALF & HALF  
3/4 TEASPOON (LEVEL) GARLIC POWDER (NOT GARLIC SALT)  
1/2 TEASPOON BLACK PEPPER**

**COOK BROCCOLI ACCORDING TO PKG. DIRECTIONS, OMITTING SALT  
(DO NOT DRAIN)**

**ADD REMAINING INGREDIENTS, STIRRING WELL  
REDUCE HEAT AND SIMMER FOR 1 HOUR  
SERVE HOT....**

**"YOU CAN DOUBLE THE RECIPE...JUST DO NOT DOUBLE THE GARLIC POWDER AND  
BLACK PEPPER"**