

Texas State Camping Squares

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President' Corner

Fellow Camper Dancers,

Spring is Here!!!!!! Time to shake off the cabin fever blues. Punxsutawney Phil has made his prediction. Six more weeks of winter. Well maybe not, in the last 29 years since NOAA has tracked old Punxsutawney Phil he has shown a 29% accuracy rate. Not high enough I would think that we all should cut another cord of wood and lock ourselves in the cabin. So let's get out there and do a little camping, dancing, fellowshipping, dining.

Houston Area Camping Squares has a great spring campout planned for us. Jamie & Terry Pimm, camping coordinators for our Spring campout, have put together a fun weekend for all of us. So drag out the rigs and air-up the tires and let's roll on into the Coughatte RV Ranch, in Bellville, March 10-12, 2017. Where we can start off the camping year with a fun weekend at "The Greatest Show On Earth", come a day early and Jamie tells me we will feast on Baked Potatoes with all the trimmings and then relax to popcorn and a movie, followed by what! games.

Spring campout is the place where Texas State Camping Squares elect our new officers for the coming year. So make your plans to be there at the meeting to show your support of the new officers.

See you in Bellville March 10-12 and happy trails as you travel.

Texas State Camping Squares President,
Howard & Sandra Rowan

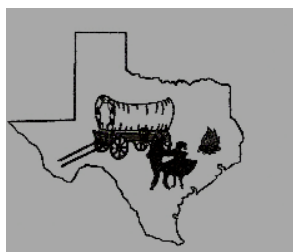
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*Spring TSCS Campout
Coughatte RV Ranch
Bellville, TX
March 10-12, 2017*

Texas State Camping Squares Past Presidents

1969: Tom & Flora Wiley
1970: Bill Corgan (July- Sept)
1970: Lawrence Thomasson
1971: Walter & Willie Roberts
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1973: Glen & Joyce Pockdrus
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1977: Len & Judy Richardson
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1979: Durward & Jerry Pledger
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1983: Lou & Barbara Quates
1984: Paul & Modell Whiteley
1985: Bill & Dorothy Decker
1986: Leneigh & Maude Spurlock
1987: Wayne & Bettye Deaton
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1989: James & Pat Smathers
1990: James & Pat Smathers
1991: Francis & Velma Strickland
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1993: Dean & Dee Carpenter
1994: Homer & Marilyn Roff
1995: Merle & Donna Maiden
1996: Leon & Ada Cox
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1998: Doug & Ann Pohler
1999: Ron & Shirley Alexander
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2001: Bob & Jackie Palmer
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2002: Bob & Jackie Palmer
2003: Ted & Sharon Glowacki
2004: Ted & Sharon Glowacki
2005: Jack Isdale & Deretha Starnes
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2007: Frank & Hazel Reeves
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2009: Charles & Avis Raney
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2011: Jerry & Nanette Tucker
2012: Jerry & Nanette Tucker
2013: Keith & Kathie Malone
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2015: Howard & Sandra Rowan
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Houston Area Camping Square

Come on down to Bellville... We are ready for all of you square dancing campers. The bi-annual TSCS meeting is scheduled for March 10-12, 2017 and we can't wait for all you guys to get on down here. We are hosting "The Greatest Show on Earth" at our home park of Coushatta RV Ranch. We are attaching a flyer with all the information and schedule.

Thursday, we have a few things planned for the early birds among us. The local golf course in Bellville calls itself semi-public, so we set up availability to play for any of you campers who are interested. We also have info for other fun side trips like to antique stores, Blue Bell, and restaurants. At 6 PM, we will have some baked potatoes to share. We will provide the potato, butter, sour cream, scallions, and bacon along with coffee and water. And, you can bring sides, meat, desserts...whatever suits your taste. After we've eaten, we will show RV with Robin Williams and the Lucy classic about camping in The Long, Long Trailer. Of course, we will have popcorn and lots of tables for those wanting to play games. The hall will be open from Thursday afternoon until Sunday after breakfast (\$3 a person) and devotions.

On Friday, wander over for coffee and then caravan with all of us to Tony's Restaurant for lunch. We plan to meet there in Sealy at noon. Tony's is on HWY 36 a block north of and off I-10. Then, Howard has scheduled an executive meeting in the afternoon.

We will have donuts and coffee, a garage sale, and lots of games Saturday morning. We did have to cancel one "event". We had planned a pet parade for Saturday morning, but the management said no dogs in the building (except service animals, of course).

Check out the flyer for the complete schedule.

And, of course, bring your dancing shoes, smiling faces, and appetites.

HACS is gearing up for this event. We will have a flyer table, so bring those so we will know what's happening in your clubs. Brice Hesche is the Caller MC and Terry Pimm is the Cuer MC. Any and all callers and cuers who are members of a Texas camping club can take the stage, so invite your favorite callers and cuers to come on down.

We might get a little dolled up for our afternoon games and circus midway and you are invited to join in the fun. BUT, no clown make-up or costumes, please. They bother some people and we want everyone to enjoy the event.

See you soon.

HACS





Houston Area



Camping Squares

**Hosts
the Spring Campout/Dance
for**

**Texas State Camping
Squares**



Presenting



**The Greatest Show on Earth
March 10-12, 2017**

**Coushatte RV Ranch
2812 Nelius Road
Bellville, TX 77418**

*Coushatte Recreation Ranch is located in beautiful Austin County
between Belloville and Pealy, Texas:*

*From Belloville: 36 south to Coushatte Rd, at the light take a left, go over railroad
trucks, take a right you are on Coushatte Rd, go 5 miles to Nelius Rd, take a right, go
one mile to campground entrance.*

*From Houston: I-10 west, exit 720 to Pealy,
36.45 miles to Fdd 331, right down 331, go 5
miles, turn left on Coushatte Rd, 1 mile to
Nelius Rd, left on Nelius Rd, go 1 mile to
campground entrance.*

Brice Hesche, Caller MC

Terry Pimm, Cuer MC

Jamie Pimm
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Come to the Circus The Greatest Show on Earth

Coushatte RV Ranch
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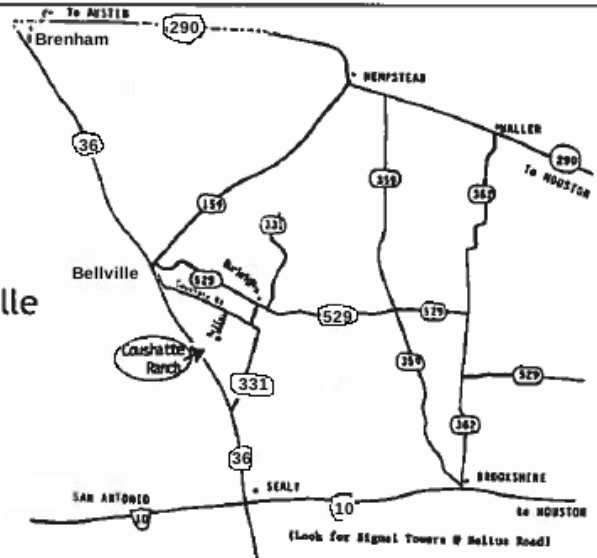
DAY	TIME	EVENTS ACTIVITY
Thursday	Noon	Optional tour and lunch
	6:00 PM	Baked potato, butter, cheese, sour cream provided; you bring sides Movie, pop corn, and games until ?
Friday	Morning	Games
	Noon	Lunch at Tony's in Sealy
	7:00 PM	Early Rounds
	7:30 PM	Dance (casual attire)
Saturday	9:30 PM	Games
	8:00 AM	Coffee, donuts, flea market
	10:00 AM	Pet Parade (weather permitting)
	Noon	Pot Luck
	12:45 PM	TSCS General Meeting
	Afternoon	Games, workshops, crafts
	7 PM	Early Rounds
	7:45 PM	Grand March/Opening Ceremonies
8:00 PM	Dance (Square Dance Attire, please)	
Sunday	10:00 PM	Afterparty, Games
	7:30 AM	Breakfast in the Hall
	8:15 AM	Devotional & Goodbye

Area Motel/Hotels

Holiday Inn Express	(979) 877-0700	Sealy
American Best Value	(979) 885-3707	Sealy
Super 8	(979) 885-2121	Sealy
Countryside Inn	(979) 885-7407	Sealy
Budget Inn	(979) 865-9121	Bellville



No Clown makeup, please



Camping Squares of East Texas

Hey Gang – We have a great schedule lined up for 2017! Come join us for camping as we dance to some of the best callers and cuers around!

January.....	No Campout
February 17-18.....	Jasper
Camping at Sandy Creek, B. A. Steinhagen Lake No dancing	
March 10-11.....	Bellville
Camping at Coushatta RV Ranch (979-865-5897) Texas State Camping Squares, Spring Festival	
March 24-25.....	Marshall
East Texas Festival, Marshall Civic Center	
April 7.....	Tool
Camping at Promenade Hall Plus Dancing, Jerry Story Weekend	
May 5-6.....	Gladewater
Camping at Antique Capital RV Park (903-845-7378) Dancing Friday at Ayres Pairs & Saturday at Rambling Roses	
May 19-20.....	Fredericksburg
Camping at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park (830-997-4202) Dancing, Hill Country Happenin'	
June 8-11.....	Wichita Falls
TSFSRD State Festival	
June 23-24.....	Gladewater
Camping at Antique Capital RV Park (903-845-7378) Dancing Friday & Saturday at Antique Capital RV Park Friday, Single Hinges & Saturday, Yam Jammers	
August 16-19.....	
Dancing Wednesday at Dynamite Squares; Thursday at Dogwood Squares; Friday at Pea Pickers & Single Peas; Saturday at Jacks 'n Jills	
September 8-9.....	Gladewater
Camping at Antique Capital RV Park (903-845-7378) Dancing only Friday at campground with Red's Rompers; Saturday at Good Times Ltd.	
October 20-21.....	Gladewater
Camping at Antique Capital RV Park (903-845-7378) Texas State Camping Squares, Fall Festival	
November 10-11.....	Tool
Camping at Promenade Hall Plus Dancing, Jerry Story Weekend	
December.....	No Campout
For more information – Contact Clifford 903-295-1013 or Howard 903-312-3713	

Hope you can join us!
Linda and Jerry Boren
Camping Squares of East Texas

North Texas Camping Squares

We're looking forward to "The Greatest Show on Earth" March 10-12, 2017 at the Coushatta RV Ranch in Bellville. We know that the Ringling Brothers closing won't dampen any spirits and we pass along our thanks to the Houston Camping Squares for their effort to ensure that everyone will have a great time.

On the same day we inaugurated our 45th President, January 20th; the North Texas Camping Squares descended on Corsicana and began setting up for a full weekend of dance and fun. With warm weather no one worried about freezing pipes or heavy coats. We know Art & Karen are still getting used to their new camper and we were surprised to see Butch & Lonnie drive up in a new Class B. Ray & Evelyn arrive and got to work fixing a minor water leak before heading to the hall to call Friday evening. Both nights were great fun and Ray did a wonderful job teaching some basic moves enabling our guests to enjoy both patten and singing calls. Carly's patriotic table decorations were a hit and brightened the hall all weekend. Carly also delivered our Sunday morning devotional playing both the piano and accordion for all to sing along to. Then we headed off the El Mexicano Grill for a filling breakfast. Watching Bruce tackle the habanera hot sauce was great fun but he didn't even break into a sweat.

For our Valentine weekend, we had a great time with Toby Thomason on the mike at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. Mixing it up with square, line, and round dancing, Toby kept everyone moving, smiling and laughing. Carly's fun Valentine table decorations kept everyone busy munching Hershey Kisses all weekend long! Saturday's Pot Luck with the rolling slide show from our past couple years of dancing and camping was a hit. And, the group tour of the Roadside America Museum brought back memories for all. Of course, the beautiful Sunday devotional delivered by Sandy with Terry & Carly providing the music lifted everyone before breakfast and our departure.

We've been working on our 2017-2018 calendar and it's coming together. Here's where we'll be the remainder of this year.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Caller/Cuer</u>
April 21-22, 2017	Texan RV Park, Athens, TX	Ray Stenger
May 12-13	Coffee Creek, Santo, TX	Toby Thomason
June 16-17	Winstar World Casino RV Park, Thackerville, OK	Danny Blagg
July 14-15	Bedrock RV Park, Grand Saline+, TX	Ray Stenger
August 18-19	Choctaw Casino RV Park, Durant, OK	Danny Blagg
September 15-16	N. Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro, TX	Danny Blagg
October 20-21	TSCS, Antique Capital RV Park, Gladewater, TX	State Callers
November 10-11	<u>48th Anniversary Dance</u> , Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, TX	Toby Thomason

As you can see by our schedule, we like to mix it up and enjoy what each site near the DFW Metroplex has to offer. Please join us for fellowship and dance as often as you can.

See you in a square,

Bob & Carly Tassan

President of North Texas Camping Squares

www.northtexascampingsquares.org

Heart of Texas Camping Square

Clarence and I had a nice campout in January at LaGrange for nominating meeting. We did not camp in February. Our caller Dale smith has had health issues. Clarence is recovering from shoulder surgery. HOT are looking forward to the spring campout.

Wanda Baker