

What a great rally we had in Austin! The weather was a little cool and windy but by the end of the rally the weather was great. We had an open rally area with a fireplace and heaters scattered around the room which made the area very pleasant. Seventeen rigs attended this rally which made for a wonderful time with friends! Those that attended were: T. & Janis Avery, Alan Baker & Carin Patterson, Jim and Marla Beddow, Richard Brock & Connie Dupree, Tommy & Bonnie Carter, Leon & Carolyn Douglas, George & Lorraine Fox, Dave & Janice Moore, Winston & Catherine O'Neal, Abe & Sheila Racine, Bill & Betty Ratterree, Bill & Susan Smith, Michael & Nancy Smith, Joe Bob & Monica Taylor, Allen & Carol Thomas, Jim & Diane Woosley, and Mike & Denise Zehr. It was good to see George and Lorraine and Jim and Marla after missing some rallies. The return of Winston, Catherine, Jim and Diane after the Galveston rally was great! Many of us had not met Tommy and Bonnie – so glad they came to Austin!

The rally began on Thursday evening with our social time of greeting our friends and catching up on each other. Wonderful hamburgers were served with all the trimmings and sides brought by our members. More visiting during dinner and then we were entertained by one of our own NEW members, Winston O'Neal. We sang and clapped to a lot of old songs and we really enjoyed his singing and stories.

Friday morning began with coffee and rolls and this was followed by the women making "Pop-Top-Tab jewelry. Carin had gathered many pieces of very attractive jewelry made from pop-top tabs and then we all made a lanyard for our name badges. Be sure and look at the finished lanyards at the next rally! I am sure each one can tell you how to make one! We all had a lot of fun! A Putting Tournament was held that afternoon with prizes given to winners. Betty Ratterree and Leon Douglas had a hole-in-one with Bill winning the tournament. We gathered again for social time and more visiting. Another wonderful catered meal of "Down Home" BBQ was enjoyed by everyone and some even returned for seconds. Winston returned for more singing and we really enjoyed having him entertain us at this rally!

Saturday morning began with the best breakfast tacos in Austin!!!! Can you believe – we ate ALL the tacos! Following our tacos, we had our Business Meeting. Minutes are on the website. After the meeting, Alan had arranged for an RV Maintenance & Repair Workshop. The afternoon was free so many went touring with information provided by our Hosts. We gathered to head for Rocco's Grill. The food was outstanding and the restaurant really did a great job of taking care of us.

Sunday was devotional time and farewells. Sunday is always optional but what a wonderful group we had at this rally. Thank you for the support you give to T.

Again, what a wonderful rally we had in Austin!!! Our Hosts, Alan and Carin did an outstanding job and we thank you for all that you did for us. Their co-hosts were Mike and Denise who are pros at co-hosting and we thank you for all your help. Door prizes were provided at all the events and were enjoyed by many.

Hope to see all of you back in September at Kiepersol Winery outside of Tyler, September 19-22nd. Our Hosts will be Rex & Carolyn Tillery with their co-hosts, Mike & Yvonne Davison. **I need to hear from you if you would be interested in a Lonestar Cruise for June, 2014.** Please e-mail me at jka9802@swbell.net. Janis Avery, VP

