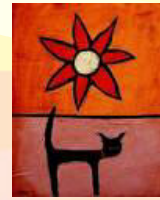


# Ridge Harbor Floater

## Spicewood, TX 78669

July /August \* 2006



By Sherri Curry

Almost missed getting this published in the July/August timeframe because of a *six-week vacation* on a friend's boat traveling from Seattle, WA to Canadian waters between Vancouver Island and Canada mainland. We spent the 4th of July right in front of the barge that launched fireworks against the Seattle skyline with the show starting at a late 10:30 PM (past husband John's bedtime)--didn't get dark enough until then. And just as the symphony band in the nearby park struck up the *America the Beautiful* tune to commence the show, we heard the whump, whump, whump of a helicopter. Dangling about 150 feet from a pole suspended below the helicopter was an enormous American flag spotlighted as it was flown around the whole viewing area. It gave us all goose bumps!

We left Seattle to return on August 10, the day the extraordinary security measures were implemented at the nation's airports. We had not been very aware of this development before

leaving for the airport...just got a call from a friend saying we could not bring any liquids or cosmetics in carry-on luggage on the plane. Arriving even before the 1-½ hour check-in time, we found amazing lines snaking all the way into the parking garage. We joined this hoard of passengers waiting to be cleared through security. Bottled water was made available, but few takers were willing to risk having to lose their places in line to visit restrooms. Finally after a 2-hour wait, we cleared security and ran to the gate to see if we were too late. Nope, the airplane was going to be way over 2 hours late--but we could try a standby for two other flights.

We did, but with a throng of other potential candidates. Missed both standbys but finally our originally scheduled plane (now over 5 hours late) arrived and we, of course, missed our connections in Denver and ended up spending the night there after a frantic search for available lodging. At last we were able to secure a room--a suite-- that had shuttle service. Yes! We took it and husband, John, was pleasantly

surprised to find the small refrigerator in the room stocked with all sorts of stress-reducing beverages. He immediately toasted our good luck in finding a room and we were able to finally get information from the television news on what caused the heightened security alert.

After being told to arrive at the airport a good two hours early, we departed our suite around 6 am and were through the security line and at the gate in less than 20 minutes--go figure! Had plenty of time to people watch!

Through all the security ordeals that passengers had to endure, there was very little grouching from anyone. Seemed all were very thankful and everyone cooperated with all security requests gladly and moods were not angry or upset...just resigned to the extra inconveniences of flying. It was gratifying to see the cooperation and upbeat camaraderie that the group reaction to a perceived danger and it was very good. A fit ending to a wonderful vacation!

A **blow-torch summer** seems to have graced our state this year, lowering water levels, increasing fire dangers and turning all vegetation very brown and dry. Lake Travis is at a present level of 648.2. Since moving here in 1993, the lowest we have seen the lake was in 1996 so we have seen the lake 8 feet lower. The LCRA site stated that if the drought continued without any significant rainfall, Lake Travis could drop at the rate of one foot per week. In checking the records from the LCRA site, the following data was found:

### Lake Travis

(full elevation is **681**)

(July 1, 1952) **614.85**  
 (Aug. 14, 1951) **614.18**  
 (Nov. 8 1963) **615.02**  
 (Sept. 16, 1964) **616.42**  
 (Dec. 31, 1950) **627.66**  
 (Oct. 7, 1984) **636.58**  
 (Aug. 14, 1996) **651.82**  
 (Oct. 15, 2000) **640.24**



Sixteen major floods have crashed down the Colorado River or its tributaries in the past 100 years, including six in the 1990s. Most recently, a November 2000 deluge

added 36 feet to Lake Travis in two days -- breaking a drought that had drained the lake to a 16-year low.



**View of the Ridge Harbor Boat Ramp and Marina - 8/14/06**

### Recaps of Minutes from Board of Director's Meetings

Recaps of the POA Board meetings are currently put on Ridge Harbor's website after each meeting by the editor of this newsletter. The board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM. There will be a link on the home page to the latest recap as well as recaps of past meetings. **These are not official minutes** and have not been voted on as approved by the Board. The official minutes are taken and approved by the Board at the next meeting and are available after they have been approved. Again, residents are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The dates, times and places for the meetings are published in the recap.

**If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the Property Manager, Mary Lynn Ray before the next meeting.**

**Emergency - 911**  
**Burnet County Sheriff - (512) 756-8080**  
**Spicewood VFD-EMS - (830) 6936-7136**

#### Burn Pile

Please make sure there is not a **Burn Ban** in effect before burning the pile. Do not pile any brush in the trailer parking area. The Burn Pile is located more toward the lake--not in the parking area. Some residents have been using the old area to pile brush in. If not sure, please ask someone.

#### Link for Burn Ban by County is:

<http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/DecBan.jpg>

**Each resident is responsible for burning their own brush.**

#### Gate Information

**To change your gate code or get a new one for a service such as construction, lawn care or housecleaning: Notify Mary Lynn Ray, Property Manager or Sherri Curry (830 693-8327)**

**Remember, you can have a guest or service dial your number from the gate directory. The phone will ring in your house acting like an intercom. You can press "9" on your phone and it will open the gate.**

For complaints of loose dogs in the neighborhood, the POA Board has recommended the following.

If you know who the owner of the dog is, the Property Manager can be contacted to write a letter to this owner before calling Animal Control. If owner is not known, call:

**Burnet County**  
**Animal Control Number:**  
**(512) 756-8080**

#### Ridge Harbor Contact Information

Email: [shernet@gmail.com](mailto:shernet@gmail.com)

Phone: (830) 798-2270

#### Ridge Harbor POA Board Members:

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#### Ridge Harbor Floater Information

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**(830) 693-8327 or [shernet@gmail.com](mailto:shernet@gmail.com)**

## Two Long-Term Families Have Moved



**Sandra and Lou Nicholson** moved in July to a furnished apartment near where they are building a home in Steiner Ranch off Hwy 620. They first owned a Tennis Villa home as their lake house while living and working in Houston. Later, they bought a lot in The Point and built their home there. They were among the first residents that lived in The Point area. Lou and Sandra enjoyed boating on the lake and having their ever-growing families visit and enjoy the amenities of Ridge Harbor. Lou had served on the POA Board both as a member and the president.

**Mary Lynn and Don Ray** are in the process of moving to Meadow Lakes in Marble Falls. Mary Lynn and Don built their home in The Point and were friends with Sandra and Lou Nicholson when in Houston. Mary Lynn is presently the POA Manager and will continue to serve in this capacity. She owns two Curves Studios--one in Marble Falls and one in Burnet. Don continues to work in the construction industry. Don and Mary Lynn have had Don's mother, Hazel, living with them for the past several years. She is now living in an assisted living community in Kingsland that has a special Alzheimer unit. They will be close to her for continued care and visits.



Steve Laney has found a way to fool Mother Nature during the drought!

His beautiful new palm tree is drought resistant--made of metal and the coconuts clustered underneath the fronds actually contain outdoor lights.

**How cool is this!**



## Welcome New Neighbors:

**Jerry and Betty Kanka** bought Keith & Rosie Norwood's home in August. They formerly resided in Horseshoe Bay and in the Houston area before that. They found this community when they accompanied their son to look at a house in Ridge Harbor. They liked our community so well they decided to sell their house to their son and find one in Ridge Harbor for themselves. They have a grown son, Jason, daughter-in-law, Barbara, and two grandchildren. Their son has a landscaping business and the Kanka's, therefore, have guaranteed yard maintenance. Jerry is retired from BP Oil and worked in Alaska for many years. He enjoys restoring cars and hotrods. Betty is an avid collector of antiques and collectibles and loves to prowl antique stores. She also is a geneologist. Welcome to Ridge Harbor!

### Spicewood Library



If you are interested in helping with the library, meetings are held the 1st Saturday of every month at the Spicewood Community Center or donations are accepted:

Friends of the Spicewood Community Library      Please make your checks payable to FSCL  
P.O. Box 463, Spicewood, TX 78669      (Friends of the Spicewood Community Library)

### Volunteers needed to help to get ready for September 30th Book Sale

The donated books are being reviewed for those needed for the library. Duplicate books or books not suitable for the library will be sold at the Spicewood Community Center on Saturday, September 30th. Help is needed to get ready for that sale. If you have some time to spare, please call Dottie Yturri at (830) 693-7721 or any officer or voting member.

### Donate Library Content

We are always interested in great content for the library - for both children and adults. The library will accept books (hardback or paperback), Videos in DVD or VHS formats, CDs and Audio Books on CD or cassettes. Content not used will be sold in book sales with proceeds being directed towards content needed but not donated. If you have content to donate, please contact:

Wilma Swann at (830) 693-6574 or by E-mail at [wswann@thegateway.net](mailto:wswann@thegateway.net)  
Dottie Yturri at (830) 693-7721 or by E-mail at [yturri@moment.net](mailto:yturri@moment.net)

Contact one of the committee names below to get involved in any facet of the Spicewood Library.

- Volunteer/Membership** Marge Fink (830) 693-5766 [fxjr2@aol.com](mailto:fxjr2@aol.com)
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## Upcoming Activities



**Bee Cave Farmer's Market**  
On Hwy 71 next to Papa Joe's Pizza.  
Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm



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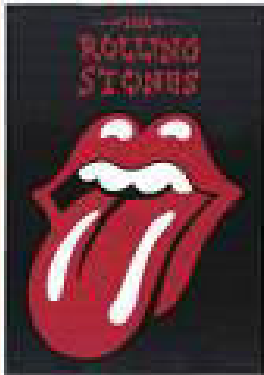
### Annual Spicewood EMS Destruction Derby

**Saturday - September 16, 2006**

Gates Open at 2 PM  
Derby Starts at 6 PM

**Book Sale - September 30, 2006**

**Spicewood Community Center**



**Double Concert October 22, 2006 in Zilker Park**

**Rolling Stones and Dave Matthews Band**

Tickets range from lowest General Admission of \$149 to  
Preferred Seating of \$1225 (WOW!)

### **FALL MARKET DAY in Marble Falls** **September 16, 2006**

Over 100 vendors with a variety of merchandise and food. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy live music with the band Corporal Punishment from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Merchandise vendor applications are now available.**  
**Call 830-693-2815 or**  
**email [kerri@marblefalls.org](mailto:kerri@marblefalls.org) for more information**

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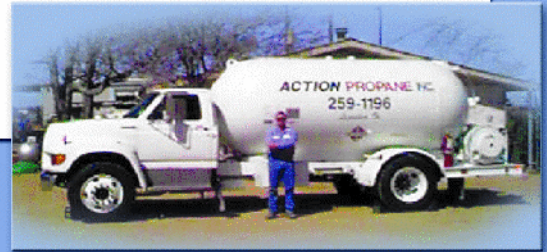
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