

Ridge Harbor Flitter from the Floater

Spicewood, TX 78669

March 15, 2010



By Sherri Curry

Yes, here's another Flitter because of the many activities going on this month. Spring break is upon us with excited residents enjoying the sunny spring weather and visiting the full lake. What a joy to experience warm weather and see new growth peeping up; boats on the lake; the marina back in operation and see the spring thunderstorms whisk across the hills with the dramatic thunder and lightning providing nature's light show.

The Volunteer Fire Department is having their Fish Fry and Auction this month:

The Spicewood VFD-EMS Annual Fish Fry/Auction

Time: March 20, 2010 from 6pm to 9pm Location: Spicewood VFD-EMS Fire Hall Organized By: Donna Wall

We will serve Catfish, French Fries, Hash Puppies, beans, and all the trimmings. The price is by donations. If anyone would be interested in donating to the auction call 830-693-4726. Auction will start around 7:30.

The VFD would appreciate any auction items you might want to donate for this event...a great time to do your spring cleaning and provide your treasures a new home.



Kathleen Hendersen, the "Tomato Lady", has opened her Oak Creek Star Market for the season. She will be open starting this weekend and will have tomatoes, fresh salsa, spinach dip and all kinds of stuff! Sounds like Tomato Happy Hour might be starting soon! Oak Creek Star Market is located on Haynie Flat Road right after Barton Creek Lakeside - on the left-hand side of the road.



Spicewood Lions Club First Anniversary Celebration

Time: June 16, 2010 from 6pm to 9pm
Location: Spicewood Vineyards Event Center
Organized By: Julie Weiss

Please join us for our First Anniversary Celebration and Induction of New Officers!
6:00 to 7:00 Silent Auction
7:00 - 9:00 pm - Dinner and Meeting

The new Event Center is beautiful and will be serving Spicewood Vineyards wines along with a catered dinner. We will be inducting our new officers and summarizing our accomplishments for 2009/2010.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Spicewood Lions Club and celebrate our first year of service to Spicewood, which included donating over **\$4000 to Spicewood charities, \$1000 to Texas Lions Camp, Child's Vision Screening Clinic, 4th of July Parade** and participating with **volunteers at Spicewood VFD Destruction Derby and Spicewood Arts Society Chili Cook off**. The Lions Club can also use some silent auction items. They meet twice a month in the evenings of the first and third Thursdays at *Ilsa's Kitchen Bavarian Restaurant*.



The **Spicewood Library** is needing auction and garage sale items. I have posted this at the request of **Kathy Blanchard**, a Ridge Harbor resident who is active in helping the library: **830-798-2215 Cell: 713-301-7244 Email: Kathybl@hillcountryweb.com**

Contact person for auction items is Bettie Jackson at 693-2976. Any garage sale items may be dropped off on **March 27 or April 10 from 10:00--2:00 p.m. at Storage Unit #12**, just across from the Spicewood Post Office. We've not had many donations thus far and would greatly appreciate assistance from the community. Many thanks to the Ridge Harbor neighborhood for its past support!

Here is your chance to clean out garages, attics and storage units for auction items for the three above mentioned organizations!

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Cowboys & Poetry – Together in One Place!!

Ever heard of **Sul Ross State University** in **Alpine, Texas**? We hear it's the oldest AND SMALLEST of our state's universities—with about 2000 students, and it's a beautiful campus; we had never been there UNTIL the last weekend in February. Ridge Harbor's **Gene & Kathy Blanchard**, two couples of their Airstream Club buddies, and **David and I** had long-planned to stop by there in our RV's while we were visiting the Big Bend area, touring the awesome McDonald Observatory (I never knew it was associated with UT Austin!), and walking around the old Fort Davis in 50 mph winds (!). I even got to take a snowy ride (in our Jeep) around "the Three Sisters," which are among David's favorite famous (infamous?) motorcycle-friendly routes—county roads 335, 336, and 337 in a big circle drive of desolately gorgeous real Texas, near Junction – we stayed an extra night there on our way out west, because there was snow and BLACK ICE between us and Alpine the Tuesday that Spicewood had its snow! AND I now have two new cowboy hats – I wanted to look the part! BUT no, I don't yodel!

Each February (this is the 24th year), **SRSU** hosts the annual **Cowboy Poetry Gathering** for three days of cowboys, music, poetry, and good fellowship – **many** dozens of people present their work, many **hundreds** listen to them, and Alpine residents grin and bear it! We even got to see "Washtub Jerry" play the washtub – a **real** kick for us firt-timers! We already plan to go back next year!

On Friday and Saturday (2/26&27), there were eight sessions held, in ten classrooms and in the grand auditorium at SRSU – we all felt like we were changing classes in college again – move at the end of the hour! . The "big name" Cowboy Poet this year was **Red Steagall**, whose haunting, sometimes-sad, but always well-presented poetry has made him famous (he was staying in **his** RV on campus!). There were probably nearly 100 cowboy poets &/or musicians.

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Red Steagall



Craig Carter



The Milners



Cowboy Celtic with that great backdrop



Eli Barsi and her husband



Washtub Jerry and Glenn Moreland

Cowboys & Poetry, Continued

. The four fun couples (one from Canada!) in our group managed to see and hear over 40 of the artists, who had come from all over North America to participate! Most classrooms were standing room only, which tells you how popular this has become. Some of our favorites include **Eli Barsi** and her husband from Saskatchewan by way of Branson, native Texan **Craig Carter** on his guitar, the well-loved **Cowboy Celtic** with that fabulous state-of-the-art graphite harp that breaks down to fly! The classrooms also sported wonderful **painted murals** which served as backdrops for the performances – some really good art!

AND the Blanchards and we ran into **Ann and Bill Kiely**, friends of Ridge Harbor who live in **The Place!** We saw them in the parking lot on our way to “class” on Saturday! Evidently they attend every year – **small world!**

The poetry of cowboys spans all of life, from the “Cowboys, Horses, and Dogs” to “Around the Campfire” to the “Rope Burns and Rodeo” AND the “Embarrasin’ Moments” but we enjoyed all of it and hope to go back NEXT year (**2/25-26-27/2011**) again to be WOWed by the Cowboys!

Ruth & David Henderson

Many thanks to **Ruth & David Henderson** for contributing this article with pictures. Sounds like our Spicewood friends and neighbors had a good time and enjoyed running into each other during this event.

Remember to visit our website, www.ridgeharbor.com to see the latest minutes from the POA Board meetings. Also, visit our Sponsors’ Page, our Classified Ads (under Resident Area) to find computer repairs, window cleaning, etc..all sorts of information pertaining to Ridge Harbor.

Also, if you wish to visit the Ridge Harbor **Facebook** page, you can see pictures of people, places and events in our community...and, if you can certainly join us on **Facebook** if you have some good pictures to share or comments you wish to make regarding our community!

The Board established **Saturday, March 27th as a community work date**. Painters are needed to help with the gates, signs and speed bumps (Joe Koury to coordinate). Trash picker-uppers are also needed. Members who want to help are to meet at the pool at 9am that day. Gennaro will acquire the necessary materials (paint).