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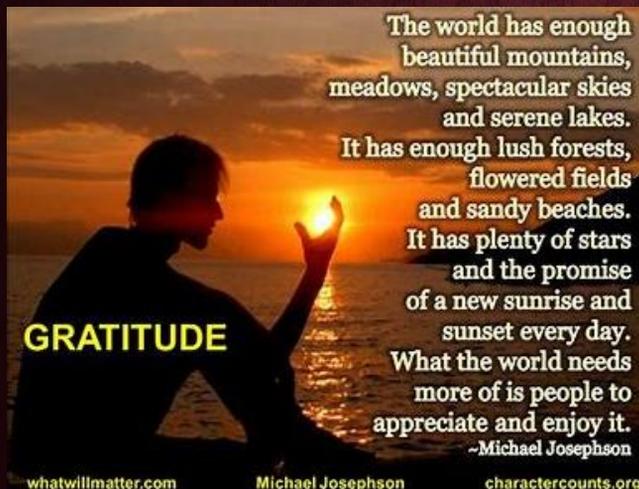
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Texas Good Sam Chapter Standard Operating Procedure: Article I - It is the purpose of the TEXAS GOOD SAM CHAPTERS to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities. The State Organization shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, non-racial, non-denominational and non-discriminatory, and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the ideals and principals of the Good Sam Club.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2021



What a great evening we had. We had a pretty full house. This year, we brought ornaments and cookies to exchange. The cookies were delicious - shared recipes are included in this newsletter. Thank you everyone for an evening filled with friends, fun, and fellowship.



Wilson
(outgoing President)
administering the
oath to
Victor
(incoming president)



2022-24



Installation of officers



Our new president, Victor, administering the oath to new officers:
Wilson (vice-president), Kathy (treasurer), Ginny (secretary), and Bob (Wagon Master)



Ana 12/7
Jim 12/14



Nelson & Ana 12/29

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, several of us gathered at Fort Bliss National Cemetery to participate in the national Wreaths Across America event. This event began in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery and is now observed in all 50 states. The mission of the event is to “Remember, Honor, Teach.”

Bordertown Sams sponsored 10 wreaths and placed them at the gravesites of former BTS members, family, and friends.

Thank you Tim and Daphne for providing breakfast burritos to start our day.

Already looking forward to next year’s event. Save the date: December 17, 2022





Wreaths Across America



Remembering and honoring
family and friends
who served



Member News & Happenings

- Funeral services for Edgar's brother, Joe, were held on December 1, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery
- Let's keep Victor and Melinda's granddaughter, Addy, in our thoughts as she continues to heal from her surgery
- Tim and Ginny joined West Texas Military on their Christmas outing (thanks for inviting BTS members, Willie)
- Parmans and Masseys enjoyed Christmas decorations in Scottsdale.
- Jim and Lisa headed to Phoenix to see the Colts' win over the Cardinals.
- The Linvilles and Beaulieus went tailgating to the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl – the only day it wasn't sunny in El Paso. It was downright cold, but Bob and Kathy know how to keep things warm...and mostly dry. What a great weekend.



Christmas on the Pecos





Christmas
in
Scottsdale



Off to the game...
GO COLTS!!!



Lisa's Saguaro imitation



Hello from
Duncan, AZ



Tony the Tiger
Sun Bowl Tailgate



CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPES

Christmas Cookies

Submitted by Kathy

Ingredients:

- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened but not melted
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp almond extract (I sometimes use vanilla)
- 2 cups flour
- ¾ cup finely chopped pecans
- Preserves (I usually use raspberry)

Preheat oven to 400°F

Instructions:

Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in extract. Add flour, mix well. Roll level measuring tablespoons of dough into balls. Roll in nuts. Place on ungreased baking sheet and flatten slightly. Indent center. I use my thumb or the back of a spoon. Fill with preserves. Bake at 400°F for 10-12 minutes.

Best Cream Cheese

Frosting (Use on Cranberry Bliss Bars)

Submitted by Ginny

Ingredients:

- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened (113 g)
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened (brick-style, not spreadable) (226 g)
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp orange extract
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 cups powdered sugar (500 g)

Instructions:

1. Combine butter and cream cheese in the bowl, and beat until creamy, well-combined, and lump-free.
2. Add vanilla and orange extracts and salt. Stir well to combine. (when using the recipe for something other than cranberry bliss bars, use 1 tsp vanilla extract and omit the orange)
3. With mixer on low, gradually add powdered sugar until completely combined.
4. Use to frost completely cooled cranberry bliss bars, or cupcakes, or cake.

Website: <https://sugarpunrun.com/cream-cheese-frosting>

CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPES (CONT.)

Cranberry Bliss Bars (Starbucks Copycat)

Submitted by Ginny

Ingredients

Bars:

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, melted	1 tsp baking powder
1 ½ cups packed brown sugar	½ tsp salt
2 eggs	2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp orange extract	1 cup white chocolate chips
1 tsp vanilla extract	¾ cup Craisins
½ tsp ground ginger	

Frosting and Topping: use Best Cream Cheese Frosting

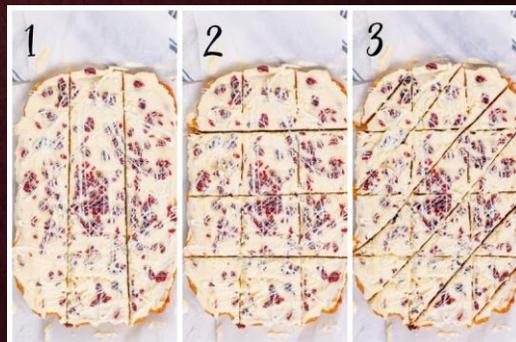
1/3 cup Craisins, roughly chopped
2 squares baking chocolate or almond bark, melted

Directions:

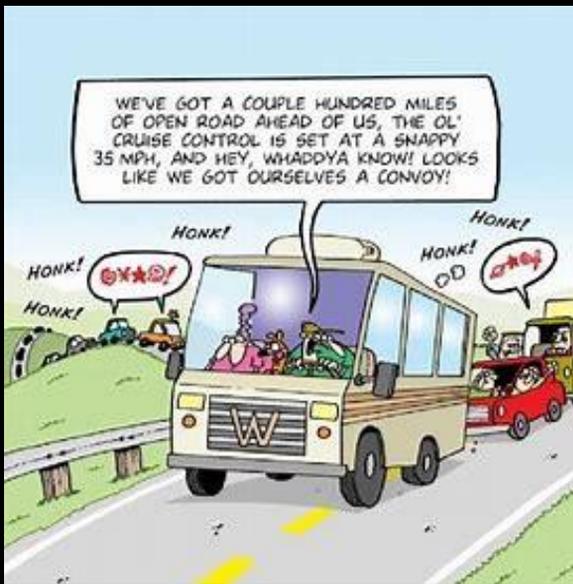
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 15x10-inch jelly roll pan (rimmed cookie sheet) with parchment paper.
2. Beat together melted butter and brown sugar over medium speed with an electric mixer. Add in eggs, 1 tsp orange extract, and 1 tsp vanilla extract. Beat until mixed well. Add in ground ginger, baking powder, salt, and flour, beating until just blended. Do not overmix.
3. Stir in white chocolate chips and Craisins by hand. Spread evenly into the bottom of prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven for 18-22 minutes (20 is perfect) until set and golden brown at the edges. Don't overbake or bars will be hard. Remove from oven and place pan on a wire rack to cool. Allow bars to cool completely before topping with frosting.
4. Top cooled bars with frosting.
5. Sprinkle with chopped Craisins and drizzle white chocolate over the top with a fork. Dip the fork into melted chocolate; then, shake gently over the top of the bars to create little streaks.
6. You can either slice right away and enjoy, or place the bars in the refrigerator for about an hour to help them set up before cutting. Cut into triangles and enjoy.

How to store: once the bars are sliced, place them in an airtight container and store in refrigerator up to five days.

How to freeze: prepare and slice as directed. Place the bars in the refrigerator for at least four hours, then cover tightly in a container with both plastic wrap and aluminum foil. Freeze the bars up to three months. Thaw the bars overnight in the refrigerator before serving.



Cutting instructions



Just for giggles

RVing Tip...

Remember when...

On Memorial Day, 2007, we circled the RV's for dry camping in Mimbres. We had to pass by the old saw mill, and cross a small stream to get to the camp area.

Ginny and Chuck Steele were there, thanks to Edgar Beck driving them there, as Chuck could no longer drive. Chuck and Ginny had been members of Bordertown Sams for MANY years.

Chuck really exemplified the "Good Sam-aritan" motto. They were always helping someone. They use to loan their RV to the El Paso police to act as a support vehicle for a marathon across Texas. He was always there with the right tool or a good suggestion. At Mimbres, he brought out a metal wash tub from a washing machine. We were all a little confused. But when you fill it with wood, and light it, it is the perfect fire pit.

I remember that outing so well, because I got to walk with Ginny and listen to her tell the stories. She had grown up in this area. She remembered each hill and path we walked. Her father had gone around installing the windmills at the stock tanks. She talked about being snowed in, and crawling out a window. She was a beautiful soul. She wrote and published poems about her beloved Mimbres and Silver City area. She had written articles for El Paso Times. I am attaching one of my favorites.

(Thanks for sharing Lisa – this is awesome)
Photos and poem on next page.



Mauldins & Rodriguezes

Mimbres 2007 (memory)



Holly & Susie



Jim T.
confused



Terry slingshot
competition



Sunset with a storm



Steele's Rig

THE MILKY WAY

Star light, star bright..

I saw the Milky Way, last night.

They are the stars of my childhood.

They bring to mind, old neighborhoods.

Clouds of stars drift through the night.

The moon reflects only a stars light.

I look in wonder from where I lay.

Last night, I saw the Milky Way.

In cities with electric lights,

People see only reflections, not stars at night.

To see a cloud of stars, the place, the countryside.

Stars cluster, to fill the sky so wide.

They are jewels so bright.

Some say, they're windows of heavens light.

They are diamonds, others say.

Yes, Last night, I saw the Milky Way.

Deming, NM

Sept. 1998

December 7, 2021 - Meeting Summary

Wilson called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Bob led us in The Pledge.

November minutes were read and accepted. Kathy presented the treasurer's report.

Birthdays (Ana 12/7, Jim 12/14) and anniversaries (Nelson & Ana 12/29) were recognized.

Dues and current roster were sent to Donna Mann, Texas Good Sam Secretary.

2022-24 Officers were installed. President: Victor Lopez, Vice-President: Wilson Mendez, Treasurer: Kathy Linville, Secretary: Ginny Beaulieu, Wagon Master: Bob Linville.

Victor Lopez agreed to accept position as Area 11 ASD.

Bob covered upcoming outings.

BTS decided to participate in this year's Wreath Across America Event at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Motion was made and carried to sponsor 10 wreaths (\$150).

Ginny presented information from Irene's Embroidery in regards to BTS apparel. The group was in favor of moving forward.

Weebly site is updated.

Melinda collected the men's gently worn/new jackets, hoodies, and coats for homeless vets in El Paso (sponsored by the VA).

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM, and the Christmas party with cookie and ornament exchanges ensued.



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2022 Outing Destinations

<https://bordertownsams.weebly.com/outingsevents-calendar.html>

Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	Picture
January	28-30 FRI-SUN	Caballo Lake, NM 116 miles	<u>Caballo Lake</u> 575-743-3942 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
February	18-21 FRI-MON <i>(President's Day)</i>	Tombstone, AZ 299 miles	<u>Tombstone RV Park & Campground</u> 520-457-3829 (Kim)	
March	25-27 FRI-SUN	Roswell, NM 219 miles	<u>Bottomless Lakes</u> 575-988-3638 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
April	7-10 THU-SUN	Canton, TX 690 miles	Canton Civic Center <u>TexasGoodSam.com</u>	
May	5-8 THU	Tucumcari, NM 326 miles	<u>Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park</u> 575-815-4085 (Silvio)	
June	24-26 FRI-SUN	Capitan, NM 164 miles	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
July	15-17 FRI-SUN	Mayhill, NM 125 miles	<u>Deer Spring RV Park</u> 575-687-3464 (Sandy)	
August	18-21 THU-SUN	Grants, NM 325 miles	Lavaland 575-287-8665 (Zack)	
September	23-25 FRI-SUN	Fort Davis, TX 199 miles	<u>Davis Mountains State Park</u> 432-426-3337 (park) 512-389-8900 (reservations)	
October	20-23 THU-SUN	Bulverde, TX 538 miles	<u>TX 281 RV Park</u> 830-980-2282 (Betty)	
November	18-20 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM 130 miles	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Barbara)	
December	2-4 FRI-SUN	Las Cruces, NM 51 miles	<u>Hacienda RV Resort</u> 575-528-5800 (Jenny)	

- See minutes or Wagon Master (Bob) for more information
- All mileage is from El Paso International Airport
- Months in "red" should be looked at to add extra days due to distance



Just a reminder...

Those of you who are out and about (traveling), let me know. Send some pictures, and tell me what you're doing. I will add them to the newsletter (with your permission).

Additionally, if you have events going on you would like to share; such as, but not limited to: milestone birthdays/anniversaries, surgeries, close family member happenings, please share.

Have any places you would like to visit or think are a must to visit; share them. I'll include the in the "Next Stop is..." section of the newsletter.

You know me, I am always looking for recipes to include in our newsletters, so I'm reaching out to everyone. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, email it to me, and it will make it into the newsletter.

Keep those memories coming. Thanks for sharing, Lisa.

If you have a cute Rving joke you'd like to share, send it to me, and I'll include it.

If there is anything else you'd like to see in our newsletters, shoot me an email, and I'll get on it.

Wagon Master message

Looking forward to camping in 2022. Hope we have large turnouts at our outings. Even though we haven't had our first outing of the new year yet, let's start thinking about next year (2023). Let's create a wish list of outings and maybe get a committee together in March/April to start working on a schedule.

Sunshine & Cheer

Barbara,

We just want to tell you "Thank you" for all the cards you send to raise spirits and let our members know we are thinking of them. The individual notes you write makes the card and the sentiment even more personal. Thank you on behalf of all of us.