



North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS “Signal Fire”

July 1995

POW WOW - JUNE 1995

I appreciate you and the spirit of cooperation that we had at Pow Wow. The move to the west side of the lake went well. We did not get water until 11:00 AM Saturday morning but it sure felt good and cool.

The chiggers were a problem and we are working on ways to get rid of them. Putting aside all of the difficulties, the Spirit of the Lord was tremendous! The Master's Commission prayed for this time as well as Ranger Commanders, and you could see the results at the altar time. When you let the Holy Spirit have His way, things change and they did. There were 34 confirmed saved Friday night and 112 recommitted their lives to God. Saturday night and Sunday morning more were saved and over 275 filled with the Spirit. We had some individuals that did not get back to camp until 2:30 AM on Sunday.

Start now in prayer for Royal Rangers and Pow Wow 1996. This year there were 851 that registered. On Friday night, there were 1,020 in attendance and Saturday over 900. PRAISE THE LORD!

Don't forget Thursday 9:00 PM prayer time!

In His service,

Commander Paul
District Royal Ranger Commander

COMMANDERS

We are moving forward!!

As you found out at Pow Wow, we are doing a lot of building. WE NEED YOUR HELP, TIME, AND MONIES TO SEE OUR CAMP COMPLETED. . . The plans for restrooms and showers can be seen or if you are interesting in funding one, we will send you a copy of the blueprints. The cost of the restrooms and showers is approximately \$4,000.00. This seems to be high, but this includes the septic tanks, etc., that goes with it.

If you are interested, give me a call and we will try to answer your questions. We need all of you to be involved. When you are an active participant, you will feel more of a part of the Royal Ranger Ministry.

In His service, Paul Patterson

1995 District Calendar

Aug.	26	Sectional Commander's Conference
Sept.	9	Instructor Certification Seminar
	29-30	Commander's Campout - Lakeview
Oct.	27-29	FCF Family Days
Nov.	17-18	Winter Camps Divisional
Dec.	2	District Staff Christmas Banquet
	9	FCF Christmas Banquet

1996 District Calendar

Jan.	6	District Staff Meeting
Jan.	26-27	Reg. Training Seminar, Calvary Temple, Irving
Feb.	16-17	District Instructor Certification Seminar
	23-24	FCF Basic Training
Mar.	8-9	FCF Brush Poppin - Lakeview
	16	District Ranger of the Year Testing
	21-23	National Council, Springfield
Apr.	26-27	Commander's Conference/Awards Service
May	18	Work Day for Pow Wow - Lakeview
May 31-Jun.	2	District Pow Wow - Lakeview

WHY CHARTER? ? ?

Yes, it's that time of the year again . . . the new chartering year begins October 1 and runs until September 30, 1996. Why charter your Royal Ranger Outpost?

The benefits include:

1. Effective September 1, 1995, all chartered churches may camp at District functions at a discounted rate! For example, at the Division Winter Camps in November, the registration will be \$7.00 per person. For chartered churches, the registration fee is reduced to \$5.00 per person!
2. Chartered churches also receive the "District Rate" when using the Lakeview Camp facilities at Maypearl.
3. In chartering your outpost, you are a part of a larger group of leaders and boys in this vital ministry. You feel renewed, inspired, and encouraged when meeting with other leaders in Royal Rangers!
4. Charter fees are used to support and promote Royal Rangers on the District as well as the National level.
5. Each chartered outpost receives recognition in the form of a charter certificate to display in the outpost meeting room.
6. Leaders and boys will receive official membership cards. Valid membership cards must be obtained before the Royal Rangers uniform can be worn.
7. All Royal Ranger leaders will receive a quarterly publication called ***High Adventure Leader***. It contains up-to-date information, new ideas, nationwide new events, additional devotions, a quarterly planning guide, crafts, and other information vital to a commander. **This information is distributed only to chartered outposts!**

All chartered boys will receive a copy of ***High Adventure***, also published quarterly. It contains adventure stories, current issues, devotions, crafts, games, and much more.

8. The chartered boys are eligible to participate in the Ranger of the Year, and commanders participate in Outpost Commander's Award program.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS will be mailed the end of July. This will give you more than two months to mail your charter to the District Office. If you have a question, you may call the office at 817-284-4856 or metro 817-589-0082.

HOW YOUR OUTPOST CAN RAISE THEIR CHARTER FEES???

Here are a few suggestions for fund raisers:

- 1) **Sandwich Shoppe** - After service on Sunday evening is the best time to have this Sandwich Shoppe because of the fellowship it promotes. Ask the moms and dads of your Rangers to provide the goodies. Asking for a donation at the door is usually the best approach but use what works best for you.
- 2) **Spaghetti dinner or Ice Cream Shop** - Again, these can be done on a donation basis and promotes fellowship in the church.
- 3) **Car Wash** - This is an excellent time of the year for a car wash, but it takes a lot of effort and hard work. It can pay big dividends with a good location and plenty of workers.
- 4) **Candy Sales** - Your outpost can certainly raise funds selling candy, but keep in mind our heat with chocolate candy. If this is a fund raiser you want to try, stay with non-chocolate items. (Please note: once school starts, they will begin their candy sales and you would not want to have one at the same time.)
- 5) **Rummage Sale** - Yes, this one can bring in the funds, but it requires advance preparation and organization. Ask for donations of furniture or household items from the church family.
- 6) **Save aluminum cans** - You can also pick up cans along the road.
- 7) Ask your pastor if a special **offering** can be taken.
- 8) **Mow lawns.**
- 9) **Offer to do work or chores at the church** in exchange for a donation toward chartering fees.
- 10) **Royal Ranger Work Day** - Your Rangers can mow an individual's yard, clean out the garage, etc. for a donation to Royal Rangers.

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

September 8 & 9 at First Assembly of God Church in Waxahachie. This seminar is by **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY**. Because of the size and content of the LTC Teaching Guide, we can only accept your application by **PRE-REGISTRATION**. Contact your Sectional Commander for a Pre-Registration form and mail it directly to the District Office at P.O. Box 1188, Hurst, TX 76053-1188. If you have a question, please contact the office. THANKS!!

The SECTIONAL COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE is coming up August 26...

Location:	First A/G, Colleyville, TX
Time:	8:30 am (Lunch will be provided)

A special THANKS goes out to David Lowry, Randy Woods, Curtis Earp, Darrell Russell, Mark Oliver, Robert Shuck, Jerry Channel, and Wayne Word for all their help building the Registration Office and General Store. Without your help and others, we would have been out in the sun.

I would like to thank the following outpost for pulling nails out of the lumber. They are: Outposts 53, 57, 145, 188, 266, 293, 426, 445, 446, and 512. All together, these outposts pulled 56 pounds.

The Pow Wow was great and exciting to be a part of it. There were 34 boys who accepted Christ for the first time and over 100 boys and leaders rededicating their lives to God Friday night. Tommy Bennett received a divine healing on his right ankle. We give all the praise to God!

It was a blessing to see all of the visitors at the camp! These include Brother Dubose, Wayne Klopfenstein, Brother & Sister Patterson, and all the commander's families.

If anyone took pictures, please send a copy to Robert Johnson at 1511 Speedway, Wichita Falls, TX 76301. Thank you for your help.

Robert Johnson

Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Leadership Training Course

Rick Martinez, South Ft. Worth, is planning on starting a course in the near future. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Jonathan Trower at (817) 848-5965. The classes will be held closer to the Waco section.

There is also a training course in session at Colleyville in North Ft. Worth. There are currently 4 men involved in receiving this training. There is still time to join this class if you are interested. Please contact Dwain Klopfenstein at (817) 281-0081, if you are interested.

NEW HANDBOOKS

In case you have not heard yet, the National Office has completely revised the advancement program for Pioneers and Trailblazers, and has revised the concept of Air, Sea, and Trail Rangers. A “road map” for the new advancement trail was just published in the Summer issue of *High Adventure*.

Because of these changes, new handbooks will be coming soon for Pioneers and Trailblazers. The new handbooks for the AST Rangers will not be out for a year or so. As of June 1, Gospel Publishing House has the new manuals, and a new *Leaders Manual*.

Work Days at Lakeview Camp

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done at Lakeview Camp. Those of you who attended the Pow Wow saw how much work had already been done, but you now have a good feeling for what still needs to be done. Every weekend between now and Sarge Sellers Training Academy there will be people working at the campground. If you could get together several men and older boys from your outpost and go spend a Saturday, it would be most appreciated. You can contact Ken Harris, the caretaker of the property, ahead of time to let him know you are coming and to find out exactly what your group can do to help. His phone numbers are: 214-938-9751 (home) or 214-244-9561 (mobile). Even if you cannot come until after Sarge Sellers, please contact Ken to find out which Saturday you can assist with the on-going projects. Normally, every weekend there are men working on improving the campsites for OUR District.

“ BETTER THAN DISNEY WORLD”

Our outpost went to the North Texas District Pow Wow this weekend. There was a mighty move of God's spirit that I want to share. We went with 11 people. At the Pow Wow there was such a move of God that SIX of the 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time. Praise the Lord!

As Senior Commander, I have been praying along with many others in the church for a real revival, not one that was just for the show. We thank the Lord that this revival is beginning. We returned to our church for communion last night and God's spirit continued moving among the boys. Two of the adults were renewed in their Spirit and rededicated their lives. We have such a hunger among the young people as a result of God's work.

Sometimes, you know, this gets very tiring and you wonder where it is going. Well, I have to tell you that it is all worth it. I always try looking at things from a very logical point of view by planning and analyzing but this weekend has reminded me that what God really wants is our seeking His face. After about 30-45 minutes of praying at the council fire, it looked like nothing was going to happen from the natural point of view. We were encouraged by the speaker to keep pressing in. About 10-15 minutes later, God's Spirit fell on the place and boys were slain in the Spirit talking with other tongues. It was almost 2 hours later after midnight before we ever left the council fire. The boys thought they were only up there about 30 minutes total.

I asked the boys how they liked the Pow Wow and they individually responded it was good especially Saturday night. Not one of them mentioned the games, the fishing, or the hiking but they responded that Saturday night was the best thing that has ever happened to them. Praise God! These are boys that have been to Disney World and still God's Spirit was the best thing. We are going to have a testimony service next Sunday at the request of these boys (ages 10 - 14) that want to share what God has done for them. Keep us in your prayers that God keep this fire burning and that it spread like wild fire across the country.

**Cliff Crouch, Outpost 519
Calvary Worship Center, Austin**

Royal Rangers Resources on the Internet

A lot of attention has been given recently to the internet, or the information superhighway. Much of what is reported on the nightly news or published in the newspaper is hype, and doesn't affect the average person. However, there are several resources on the internet that Royal Rangers commanders will find very useful, if you have access to the internet. As an individual, you may find that you have access to some or all of the resources mentioned below through your computer account at work, or through an on-line service such as CompuServe, America On-line, or Prodigy that you access from home.

Electronic Mail

One of the key resources on the internet, at least for me, is electronic mail, or e-mail. With e-mail, I correspond with people throughout my firm and around the world, and with my connection to the internet, at least, it doesn't cost me anything (some of the on-line services may charge a small fee per message). For example, this morning I sent a message to a commander in Austin (I don't even have his phone number, but I have his e-mail address). I also correspond with one of the other divisional commanders quite frequently via e-mail. If we could develop a directory of e-mail addresses for commanders in the North Texas District, that could lower the long distance phone bills for many of us.

Discussion Group

Through e-mail, you can also access another of the Royal Rangers resources on the internet, the Royal Rangers discussion group. With the discussion group, a single message is sent to every one that subscribes to the discussion group. If any single person responds to the message, the reply is broadcast to everyone. The article by Cliff Crouch in this same issue of the *Signal Fire* was first posted to this discussion group. I found it early on the Monday morning after Pow Wow. If you have an internet e-mail account, and would like to join this discussion group, send an e-mail message to royal-rangers-request@tango.rahul.net. The body of the message should be blank; the subject line should have the single word **subscribe**.

Usenet News Group

If you have access to the USENET news groups, there is a news group devoted to Royal Rangers. The name is alt.org.royal-rangers. News groups are similar to the discussion groups discussed

above. The key difference is that the messages are not delivered to your e-mail account; you have to use a news reader to read the messages. I have managed to snag many good devotional ideas off this news group, as well as other tips and suggestions. If you don't have access to the USENET news groups, or like me don't have access to the alt news groups at work (my employer blocks all of the alt groups for some reason), you can use either Gopher or a WWW browser to read the RR news group at Michigan State. The URL is: <gopher://gopher.msu.edu:3441/1threaded%20alt.org.royal-rangers>

World Wide Web

The World Wide Web is the fastest growing part of the internet, and Royal Rangers has a very nice page on the web. The URL for the page is: <http://www.rahul.net/rangers/> This page is maintained by John Martinez in California. It contains a wealth of information for Royal Rangers commanders, and John has plans to continue adding resources to this page over time. If you have access to the World Wide Web, this definitely is a resource you want to check out.

If you want to contact me, you may e-mail me at Jonathan_Trower@Baylor.edu, or you can check out my WWW page at <http://hsb.baylor.edu/html/trower>

FCF NEWS

Salutations to all you pilgrims! I heard some of you old timers got a mite confused when you were looking for the FCF village at the Pow Wow. I saw primitive shelters scattered all over creation. Well, we were hiding over by the registration shack trying to educate some Greenhorns.

We had a real good "Frontier Adventure". The Greenhorns that came through this time were sharper than Ol' Dull Knife's skinning knife. And Ol' Dull Knife can do a right nice job with those Tyler rocks he keeps in his pocket. We had 15 Greenhorns step up to the challenge of the Adventure and they all passed with room to spare. Jeremiah Tailor even made the testing harder, but it didn't phase them. Welcome aboard Greenhorns, I look forward to the rendezvous', friendly competition, and fellowship we will have at the next doin's.

Well, when you get this letter I will be at the Territorial Rendezvous in the mountains of New Mexico. There will be good frontier music, brush arbor meetings, trading, not-so-friendly competition, trading, great fellowship, and more trading. I will be thinking of you guys at Sarge Sellers... wishin you were with me up there in those cool mountains. If you have never been to a Territorial Rendezvous, you will have to try and make the next on in 2 years. To fellowship, compete, and worship God with FCF brethren of other districts

and states is very special. The Power of the Holy Spirit at these camps is awesome!

I look forward to the FCF functions coming up. There will be Family Days the end of October and the Christmas Gathering in December. We have some really neat tuff planned for Family Days! It will be hard to out do last years camp... but we are going to try. We will have another FCF quilt to auction off at the Christmas Gathering. The quilt will be fully finished and quilted by the FCF president. So don't miss out! The squares will be mailed out soon so watch for them (and get them back as soon as possible... please).

Nuff said. Don't forget to pray for your District Staff each Thursday night. Pray a special prayer for Paul Patterson and his lovely family and also Ken Harris and his lovely family. I love you all very much and I am honored to call you friends.

Take the basket off your candle and let it shine! Help someone... Pray for someone. Spreading the Good news,

Your Servant,
Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

A n o t e t o p a s t o r s .
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Dear Pastors:

Why should I take the LTC?

The LTC refers to the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course. But why should a pastor take the course?

- 1) We lead by example: Throughout our fellowship pastors are having the problem of recruiting men to be commanders. One of the excuses is "I'm not qualified." Then take the LTC with them (lead by example). Give them no excuse!
- 2) Knowledge: When asked questions about the Royal Rangers ministry by young boys, far too many pastors cannot answer them. Why? Because they know little or nothing about the program themselves. (Is that being an example?)
- 3) On a personal note, one of my proudest possessions is my LTC diploma that hangs on my office wall. I feel very deeply that getting involved was the right thing to do.
- 4) Fact: More boys are saved through Royal Rangers than any other "program" offered by the Assemblies of God.
- 5) Pastor, wouldn't you like to know more about and be more a part of such a great ministry? Then get involved and take the Leadership Training Course.

Pastor Paul Rawls
First Assembly of God, Marlin
Waco Section Royal Rangers Staff

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**Praise and Worship
with Masters Commission of Dallas**

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