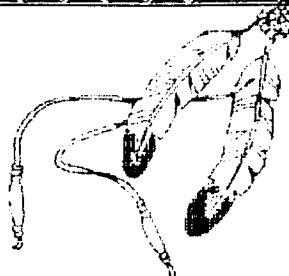
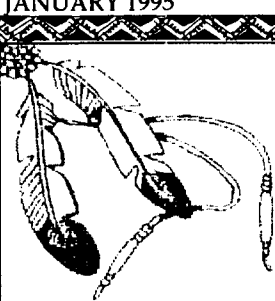


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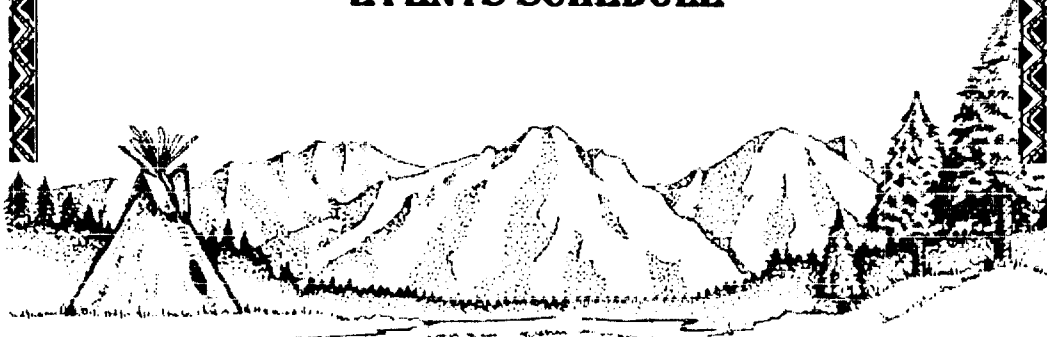
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Life and times of the North Texas District Shawnee Trail Chapter

BASIC RANGER TRAINING

BRUSH POPPIN'

EVENTS SCHEDULE



Hey, don't forget about Basic Ranger Training.

You may have heard about it, but here it is again. On Feb. 24-25 at Van A/G the Shawnee Trail FCF will put on a Basic Ranger Training School. It's more than just a bunch of classes, it's more like combat readiness training. If you have never been to one, or if it's been a while, you need to come to it.

All FCF members are invited to do any of the following things...help with a class or two, teach something, attend and learn, help set up and take down displays, be available for assisting those who are already doing these things, pray for the success of all the classes being taught, offer somebody a ride, lend equipment or experiences, or anything else that an active member should already be doing.

Nobody is invited to stay at home. If you simply can't make it, that's one thing. But

if you can, and then don't what that says is, essentially, that you don't care. And brothers, Jesus commands us to care. You can be for or against something, but you have to care.

"He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Mt. 12:30

In a nutshell, and without any descriptions of Greek words, you understand this already, but what it can mean with respect to Royal Rangers is that if you aren't working for the Lord, by learning, teaching, and being a good example, you are working against the Lord.

Be mad at me for pointing this out if you wish. Fume. Call me names. But, brethren, if the shoe fits, well, you need to have your feet worked on. That's a bad shoe.

'Nuff said. Feb. 24 7PM to Feb. 25 4:30PM. Van A/G.

Directions to Van Assembly of God:

Van is located between Canton and Tyler on I-20, East of Dallas. (courtesy of String Bean--) To get to first Assembly in Van: take I-20 to Hwy 314 Van Exit. Go north on 324. The Hwy dead ends at Main Street. Take a right (go east) to the light. take a left. The church will be on the left approx. 1 mile after your turn.

Call David Lowry for more information at (903) 498-7245

And now a word from Prez Wild Wind

Greetings,

I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday as I did. It wouldn't have been possible if certain people were not so giving. I saw the holidays in a new light; I saw it the way it was meant to be! My family and I would like to say *Thank You!* very much to those who gave love gifts to us over the Holidays. You have a special place in our hearts.

Well, I'm looking forward to our New Year! We have a lot of new things in the works, and I hope you will like them.

The Christmas Banquet we had in Waco this year was really fun! We had some wonderful food and great fellowship. The quilt we gave away this year was really nice; I hope Ken Harris and family enjoy it. The quilt is our fund raiser that gives us our needed dollars for the following year, but due to the low turnout we didn't get much this year. I would like to hear from everyone about how you liked the format of the Banquet and any ideas you would like to discuss to make it better next time.

The next event we have coming up is the Basic Ranger Training (BRT). BRT is intended for men and boys that

are in leadership positions. The content will be skills needed to run an outpost, take your boys camping, proper dress, award ceremony, etc. If you have concerns or problems with your outpost this would be an ideal time to ask an experienced Royal Ranger Commander. See other article for more details.

Brush Poppin is March 10-11. We have some exciting events planned! You Old Timers need to brush up on your skills so those Young Bucks won't show you up! (I hear those Young Bucks are cookin' something up for the Old Timers)

There will be a special meeting at Brush Poppin' Friday Night discussing some amendments we would like to change on our Bylaws. The First amendment to discuss is dues. Currently they are \$10, and with less than 100 current, paid-up members, we are always running out of money before year's end. We would like to raise the dues.

The second amendment to discuss is the qualifications of the FCF Staff. Currently they are deacon standards (1 Tim 3:1-13), but we think that is a little stiff. Read this passage and be thinking and praying about this and give us some input.

We will also discuss anything you want at this time. We will be voting on these items, so get paid up and be there or you will lose your vote.

Don't forget the Territorial Rendezvous is this year. Barry Roberts, our Territorial Rep has talked the Rivermen Territory into joining us for our Rendezvous in the New Mexico Mountains near Santa Fe. This will be a first, and you won't want to miss the excitement! Barry has been bragging to the Rivermen Territorial Rep, Paul Rainwater, about the superiority of the North Texans. Now he's backed himself into a corner, and it's up to us to help him out.

So let's not miss this Rondy: let's make the North Texas boys a household name in FCF skills. If you need a ride up there let me know. The dates are July 26-28, Wed-Fri.

I am excited about the new campgrounds and especially about the new FCF Village. Starting with the New Year, we will have camp workdays every weekend (and also during the week if you want). Ken Harris and his family will welcome you any time you would like to work. Ken is trying hard to get things together for us, but he can't and shouldn't have to do it all alone.

So if you have some spare time, put it to good use and help us build a wonderful camp grounds for the kids. You can call Ken at (214) 938-9751 to make arrangements. We are also in need of building supplies and equipment, so if you have

something or know someone who needs a tax write-off, call Ken.

Well I've probably pulled on your ear enough, so I'll end this and let you read some of the neat stuff in this letter. I don't know about y'all, but I sure would like to hear another Black Beard yarn! I love all you ornery knotheads and I pray for your success and happiness.

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale
[editor's note: he means Greybeard. OK, OK, I hear ya]

And from the Vice Prez:

Yeah. What Wild Wind said.

David "String Bean" Lowry

And from the Scribe:

It wouldn't be too bad if some others sent in information, ideas, stories, reports, and such as that. I know I wouldn't mind. It's not as simple as some think to get a newsletter. They don't just hop out of the printer all by themselves.

Now men, I know there's something going on at your outpost. Bound to be, and some of the problems you've solved are the very ones we're working on in OUR outposts. Help us out. And if you have problems that you can't solve, well, maybe someone else in the District has already won that battle. Let's work together and move forward.

I KNOW there are things you'd like to see (more, less--choose one) of at our camps. We won't know unless you tell us what you think, and it will more than likely not get heard unless you put it on paper.

See, it doesn't do much good to come up to a staff member and say, "You know, we oughta..." because usually there's so many things they have to work on all at once that it is pretty well impossible to remember all the things that get told us. Just write it down on anything. Make sure you put it in one of our hands and stay and watch us put it in some kind of storage place. That way we can call you later and say, "Er, you know that paper you gave me? did you see where I put it?" We're like that.

And as for the Greybeard story, well, it's in the works. Maybe next time he'll let you know just how that arrow got into his knee, and what REALLY happened to Old Blood Hawk up in the Palo Duro. And maybe not. Greybeard is a bit hard to pin down. And he doesn't like interruptions.

See you at the Brush Poppin. Hope things work for you till then, but if not, keep looking Up. Our redemption is drawing nearer and nearer

David "Jeremiah Tailor" Wills

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 24, 25..... BRT, Van, TX
Mar 10, 11..... Brush Poppin Lakeview
Mar 25 Dist RR of Year Testing
Apr 2..... Daylight Savings time begins
Apr 16..... Easter
May 13..... Lakeview Work Day
May 20..... Reg RR of Year Testing
June 2-4..... Dist Pow Wow Lakeview
July 16-22 JLTC Sarge Sellers
July 26-28..... Territorial Rendezvous

Let us hear from you!

Whatever your outpost is doing, whatever events your local community has scheduled that might be useful as an outreach, we all need to know about it. Otherwise, we won't be able to help you. Get in touch with us about whatever is on your mind. Maybe we can all get better for it.

And pay your dues! Most folks are delinquent.

Don't make me print a list in the newsletter of who hasn't paid, and don't think I won't. I will.

—JT

Classified Ads--

If you would like to list a service or item(s) for sale, just send your information to the Scribe, Jeremiah Tailor, Rt 2 Bx 75-H Manor, TX 78653, (512) 272-4232. It will get in a future issue of the Long Tom. Honest.

STRING BEAN IRON WORKS. David "String Bean" Lowry is an old time blacksmith that makes all sorts of iron ware the way it used to be done at a very reasonable price. Call for his free catalog at (903)

BUSHWHACKERS. Mike & Helen Murdock Proprietors. Things of Old. Custom gun work and buckskinning accessories. (817) 763-5058.

J.TAILOR MERCANTILE. Made to order clothing, eventually delivered. Leather and cloth, but I don't do beads. Nor hats. (512) 272-4232

BIG CROW beads, and stuff like that. Honest information on antique beads, and good conversation about 'em. Steve Norcross (214) 288-5530

HAVE MESSAGE, WILL TRAVEL Mike Eddy Ministries. Preacher with or without FCF theme. Revivals and other church meetings (903) 342-6794

Hey staff members. Send in your totems so we can scan 'em.

Just write or draw it and we'll get it recorded in a computer file. Then we can stick it under your articles you submit. Which brings me to the next point...about those monthly articles, staff members...?

GET READY FOR BRUSH POPPIN!

If you miss this one, you'll be sorry you did. Can't think of anything better than to go on a woodswalk with the likes of you guys. What? Never been on one? Well, you gotta do it! (see flyer enclosed)

The general upshot of a woodswalk for those who don't know, is this: you are a member of a team perform tasks that will be as close to the real thing as can be managed, and you'll have to think your way through problems. There will be dangers from snakes, Indians' arrows, and who knows what else. You'll have to make a fire by flint & steel, shoot various targets under unusual conditions or circumstances, hunt food, and follow instructions precisely. You will have a guide to help you stay on track. Be wise or be "killed". Practice, brethren. Dust the rust off'n your 'hawk. Sharpen that knife.

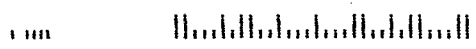
...this just in...there will be a black powder shooting and qualification course the same weekend as BRT...course will be held at Ken Harri's house in Maypearl...if you don't have the shooting card, you can't shoot. This law will be enforced promptly and firmly. Better get your card. Contact Ken at 214-938-9751 for more information. Cost is twelve dollars. Classroom and shooting will be on the same premises, and will be completed Feb 24-25. You need to attend this if you aren't already qualified, or aren't going to BRT.

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Frontiersman Camping Fellowship PRESENTS!



ROYAL RANGERS

Basic Ranger Training

Date: February 24-25

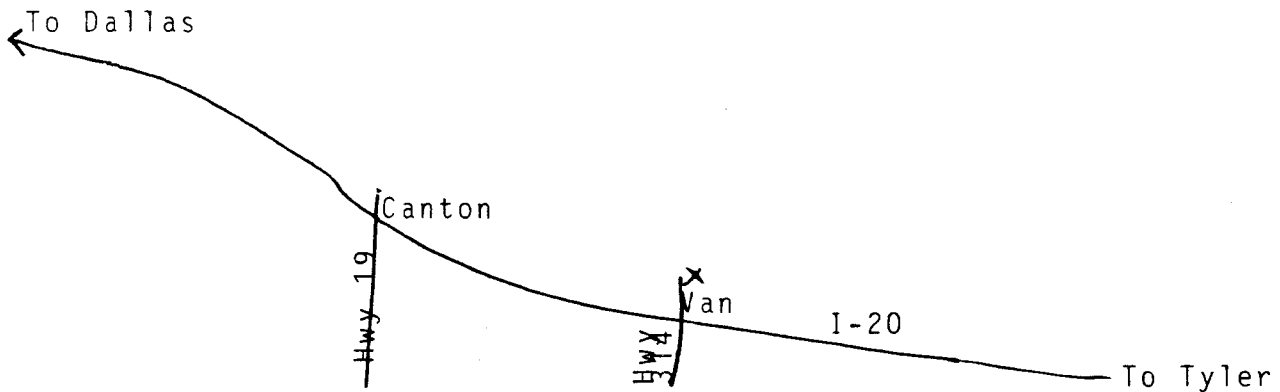
Time: Fri 7:00p - Sat. 4:30p

Place: Van Assembly of God

Cost: measly 5 bucks

Bring: yourself & everyone else you
can talk in it!

Lodging: camp in church or outside,
bring your bed roll. or stay in an
area motel.



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Please post this on your Church Bulletin Board or Royal Rangers Outpost Bulletin Board so folks won't forget about it. OK!

**March 10 & 11—Theme this year: *Survival*—Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, TX
Cost \$5.00 for camp, and an additional \$5.00 for the optional Woodswalk**

The year is 184.. You've been chosen to be a member of a team of militiamen sent to rescue the British Ambassador's son, who's been captured by Comanche. The Regular Army is busy with the uprising along the Mexican border, and you are the only ones available to take charge of the rescue operation. The Republic of Texas needs funds and treaties with the Europe. The British Crown has sent its Ambassador to negotiate trade agreements. No treaty will be signed while this kidnapping issue is left unresolved. The Republic is depending on your success.

Every able bodied Texas Patriot is hereby ordered to report to Lakeview Camp on March 11, bringing his throwing knife, tomahawk, rifle, and eight rounds of ammunition, along with everything needed for sustenance for the duration of the encounter. Be ready to make fire, render first aid, shoot quickly and accurately and keep your head, as the Comanche will not give up the boy willingly. You will have to proceed with extreme caution: the Comanche are on the warpath.

Remember, team success is not always dependent on the individual. Work together with your teammates to find the boy and bring him back alive. The eyes of all Texas are upon you. Do not fail. Keep your top eye open for Indian scouts, as there will be many positioned to hinder you on the trail. Good luck and Godspeed.

Samuel Houston

*All FCF members and their guests are invited to attend
and participate in this woodswalk.*