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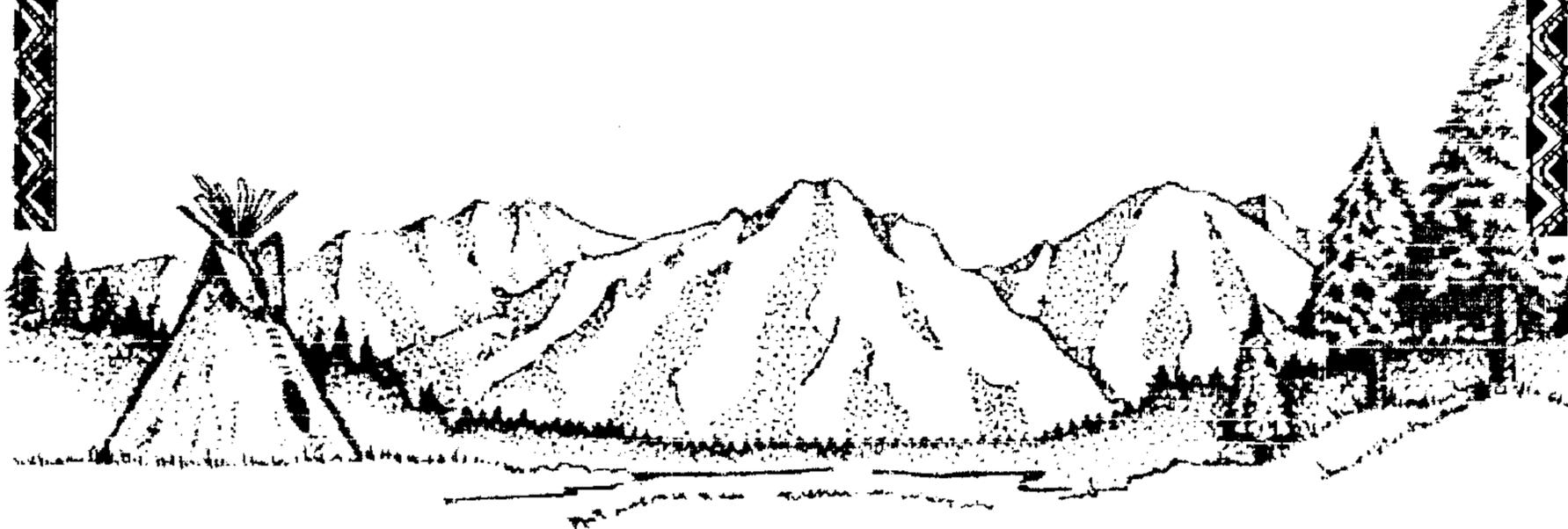
*Life and times of the North Texas District Shawnee Trail Chapter*

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## President's Page

I'm not going to give you a target to throw at this time!

Wasn't that a good Family Days! The last time we had a Family Days camp at Fort Parker Leon "Shorty" Wills was your FCF president in 1976. Hopefully we won't wait that long to get back! It was a beautiful backdrop for atmosphere and picture taking. We had about 120 people at this camp, which is excellent! The next time you see me, tell me what your wives thought about the camp and what we can do to make it more exciting for them and you. Our next Family Days camp will be at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. Make plans now to be there and to get your ideas ready for your camp!

This year we have our Territorial Rendezvous! It will be in the beautiful Hemmez Mountains of New Mexico again this year. You have probably heard a lot of us talk about the grand time we have had at this rendezvous. Its all true! This year Cecil Prewitt, our Territorial Rep, has moved this years rendezvous to July 7-11, a week before Sarge Sellers Training Academy, so all those guys that would like to take a family vacation and attend the rendezvous can do so. Yes, that's right! Families are welcome at the Territorial Rendezvous! It will be a vacation your family will talk about for years. I cannot tell you how beautiful it is, with the mountains and stream running through camp, Ohhhhhh, I can't wait to get up there one more time! There will be shootin, throwin, talkin, woods walks, get-down-prayer-meetins at night, and a time to renew old acquaintances. Please try to make plans to make this rendezvous, and bring your family!

The Brush Poppin' is just a few weeks away. The theme is "One Day From Rendezvous" and there will be another walk you can participate in and try to survive! It will be across the road from where you normally turn into the Lakview camp. There will be some great prizes to be won, if you can survive! There will be a friendship stew waiting on you when you come in Friday night. So make plans to get there early and do some tradin and yarn swappin with some of your friends. We will have some pickin and grinnin Friday night and might even have a stump preacher. The cost will be \$10 a head and the date is March 7-8.

Cecil Prewitt is organizing a Pathfinders trip into Mexico to rebuild the roofs on several churches. This is a life changing experience. The dates he has for the trips are March 8-15 and March 22-29. If you are interested in this trip please contact Cecil @ (713)449-9594. As soon as we finish the building at Lakeview Camp, we can start on our own Pathfinders trip. So lets put in a little time at the Lakeview Camp when we can.

There is a special in this issue on one of our members that has gone to the great rendezvous. Steve Peters was a great man, husband, Christian, ranger, and father. Please continue to pray for strength for Denise and his family. Steve will be missed.

I have heard that our great commander Derwood DuBose has come through surgery well! Please continue to pray for him and his family. Karen Wills has also come through her surgery well. Please continue to pray for her, David, and their family.

Well, lets make this a great year! Pray for Revival in your district, state, country, and the whole world! I love you guys and I look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

## Due's Due's Due's

Come on guys, let's get those due's in! The due's are \$10 for young bucks and \$20 for old timers. The yearly due's are due at the FCF Christmas Banquet every year. You do not have to be present at the banquet to pay your due's, you can send it to: Gary Bierschwale, Five Carey Lane, Lucas TX 75002, and it will be applied and you will be sent a current membership card. These due's allow FCF to put on camps, perform Phase 1 testing, Phase 2 - The Frontier Adventure, Mailings, callings, and many other tasks that cost money. Please support your local FCF chapter, if you are going to wear the FCF pin on your uniform.

## *Black Powder Shooter's Class*

If you would like to learn how to shoot and handle a black powder firearm safely, please contact your local National Royal Ranger Shooting Sports Representative, Ken "C.O.A.L." Harris @ 817/632-4007. Ken performs several NRA classes throughout the year. Give him a call and he will let you know when the next class will be taught.

## *Black Powder Hog Hunt*

All people interested in a hog hunt this summer please give me a call. We have an FCF member that has some property close by, that has many hogs he would like to be rid of. We will make a camp of this and hopefully have hog meat for supper one night! Both young bucks and old timers are invited to respond. You must have a NRA Black Powder Shooters Card to attend. Call Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale @ 972/442-1325.

# BRUSH PIONEER 1997

## *"Last Day to Rendezvous"*

Are ya'll ready to compete against nature and your fellow frontiersmen? Well, it's that time again when we all get together and have a knee slappin, jaw jackin, foot stompin, good time in the Lord!

Friday night will start it all off with a great big pot o' stew while you are coming in and gettin a good place to spend the night. After supper Friday night we will have some pickin and grinnin (grinnin supplied by C.O.A.L.) and a wonderful word from our one and only, first ever elected North Texas District, fine outstanding and good looking, (...so his mamma says!) National FCF Scout, Eli "Blazing Heart" Harris.

Saturday will begin the games! There will be only one big activity along with other little activities going on all day. The big event is a trail walk that will be full of little "Gotcha's" along the way. There will be some great prizes for those that are worthy!

The cost of this camp will be \$10 a head and will include insurance, a patch and the opportunity to camp with "Old Trapper" (...and I hear he is really gettin old lately!). There will be a meeting during this camp that will discuss the future of FCF in this District, so come and make your vote count! See Ya There, March 7-8, 1997.

*In Memory Of*  
**Commander Peters**

One of the Royal Rangers' most dedicated workers left this world on October 9, 1996, to be with the Lord in heaven. Steve Peters, at the age of 41, ended a long struggle with the many physical problems that had kept him wheelchair-bound for many years. Today, he walks the streets of gold in perfect health, scouting out a rendezvous site with other Rangers who have gone on before.

Steve began his Royal Ranger ministry at Carrollton First Assembly of God in 1961, where he was a Pioneers and Trailblazers commander. He became a member of the FCF in 1977 and was a dedicated and caring leader, mentoring more than 10 other young men as he helped them grow and develop into the caliber of Rangers desired by FCF. Among those Rangers that looked to Steve for his leadership are Jerry Rogers, Terry Mathis, Chad Land, and Donnie Cagle.

Steve became a training chief so that he could teach L. T. C. classes and so help many other Ranger men and boys grow spiritually and mentally.

In 1986, at National Rendezvous, Steve suffered a heat stroke that affected his eyes and left him partially blind for the rest of his too short life. Steve's health began to deteriorate as he developed diabetes and suffered kidney failure, undergoing a kidney transplant in 1992.

Steve Peters was an extraordinary man and an outstanding example of a Royal Ranger leader. In spite of his extreme physical difficulties, Steve seldom missed any of the FCF or Royal Ranger functions. Even when primitive camping became impossible for him, he still attended every class, every camp, every function that he could. Steve's wife, Denise, as faithful as Steve, helped him by driving Steve to functions in their mobile home and ministering to her husband in her quiet, gentle way.

Steve and Denise adopted a baby girl only a couple of years ago, as always looking ahead to foster another being into the family of God. Steve never flagged in his desire to lead people to Christ, to support the FCF and Royal Rangers, and to be a shining example of how men can serve God in spite of tremendous obstacles.

Steve was a good man, an exemplary Ranger and a beautiful Christian.

*We will miss you, Steve.*

# FCF Membership Ranks

## Buckskin

Wes "Texas J Hawk" Burns  
Bill "Spoke" Eoff  
Kyle "Rain Shadow" Griffis  
Ken "C.O.A.L." Harris  
Steve "Big Crow" Norcross  
Danny "Bobcat" Price, II  
David "Grey Eagle" Villalpando

Mike "Running Turtle" Eddy  
Lee "Prospector" Fogleman  
Eli "Blazing Heart" Harris  
Terry "Yap Trap" Mathis  
Jerry "Cooper" Peschke  
Mike "Old Hickory" Roberts  
Leonard "Medicine Man" Ward

## Wilderness

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale  
Tom "Spring Buck" Essary  
Ollie "Silver Fox" Henley  
Sammy "Long Horn" Kellum  
Dwain "Skimmer Horn" Klopfenstein  
David "String Bean" Lowry  
Paul "Old Trapper" Patterson  
Rev. John "Catfish" Smith  
Jonathan "Big Foot" Trower  
Randy "Shofar" Woods

Jamie "Dull Knife" Eitson  
Bill "Tinker Bell" Harrison  
David "Arctic Fox" Kellum  
James "Hawk" Kemp  
Rodney "Grizzly" Krumnow  
Sherman "Road Runner" McDaniel  
Jearl "Wabbit" Poorboy  
J.C. "Lightfoot" Spence  
David "Jeremiah Tailor" Wills

# WANTED

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Your Stuff! I know you guys (Buckskin and Wilderness Members) make things. Let's get it advertised here in the want-ads and get some of that nice stuff out there in our District .



District FCF has a Cast Iron Cook Set for sale @ \$45. The set includes: a 7" and 10" skillet, a 9"x12" griddle, and a 10" three legged dutch oven (lid has lip for coals). We also have various enamel ware (blue) for sale @ \$2 each piece including: cups, plates, laddles, spoons (large cooking), and more. We have large enamel coffee pots @ \$15 each. We have gray wool blankets @ \$10 each. We have excellent quality polo shirts with the FCF stuff embroidered on it @ \$25 each. Don't forget the FCF pens (a great testimony tool) @ \$2 each. Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale @ 971/442-1325.



Baker's Tent for sale. Nice, large, Panther Primitive lodge for sale. It will include poles and carrying bag. Call Jerry "Frog" Rogers @ 214/620-2620.



Hand-Made Back-Pack Baskets for sale or trade. Donny just got into FCF and he thought he would try his hand at this. I hear he's doing real good! This is an art his grandfather taught him. Donny Sapp @ 903/759-6777

# FCF Crafts and Skills Worksheet

When you advance to Buckskin within the ranks of FCF, you are required to develop a skill or craft that you will be known for. I have listed all Buckskin and Wilderness members within this newsletter. If you find your name on this list, please complete the form below and send it back to me so I can update our database with this information. If your name appears on the Buckskin/Wilderness list and you do not return the form below within two weeks, I will be calling you. If you do not have a craft or skill you are practicing as a Buckskin/Wilderness member, we may have to reevaluate your rank within FCF. Send the completed form to Gary Bierschwale, Five Carey Lane, Lucas TX 75002. A new updated list of skills/crafts of our people will be published in the next news letter.

## Skills / Crafts Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank:  Buckskin     Wilderness    Age:  Old Timer     Young Buck

Skills you are practicing:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Skills you would like to learn:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have goods for sell or trade?     Yes     No

If yes, bring them to Brush Poppin for Selling or Trading.

If no, why not?

Going about my fathers business . . .



*Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale*  
*NTD FCF president*  
*Five Carey Lane*  
*Lucas, TX 75002*

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