

OK HitchHikers

Twin Fountains RV - OKC

December 3-6

The News:

The Barratieres, Callahans, Erby Cheatham, Marshes, Maxwells, Owens, Griffins and Rileys, Thrailkills, and Tuckers braved the elements to attend our final campout of the '09 year. Most checked in on Thursday and the "nippy" weather turned down right COLD for the remainder of the weekend. Friday we all traveled to Edmond where Barry and Lou had arranged lunch at The Delta Cafe. We then toured Barry's office and had a short business meeting. After the meeting Barry had scheduled a tour of the Boys' Ranch Town, a Southern Baptist sponsored home for 40 young boys from ages 7 to 15. Randy Pickle, the ranch's Development Director, spoke to us about the ranch and provided a tour of one of the cottages (housing 8 boys) and the commissary. Jim Owens presented Randy with a donation check from the Club and Randy said it may be used to purchase badly needed horse blankets. The members were extremely impressed and many voiced an opinion that the Boys' Ranch Town would be an excellent choice for our 2010 Christmas contributions. At noon Saturday we were delighted to have Christine Roberts, Ann Hopkins, Pete and Emiline Peterson, Doc and Susan Holiday, the Harrisons, Halls, Johnsons, and Wests join us for an excellent buffet at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. We owe a big "atta girl" to Inez for finding such a great place for our Christmas Dinner. The food was delicious, including what 90 percent of us thought were potatoes only to find out it was a pineapple/corn dish which, after the initial shock, we enjoyed. We enjoyed games each night and watching the football and basketball games on the park's big screen television. As in years past, significant "goodies" provided NUMEROUS calories for the entire Club.



Spread the Stupidity

Only in America.....do people order double cheeseburgers,

large fries, and a diet coke.

Business Meeting:

The meeting followed Friday's lunch and was led by VP Owens. The November secretary's report was accepted. The Club had not established a recipient for our Christmas donation at the November meeting. After a short discussion it was unanimously approved that this year our contribution would be given to the Boy's Ranch Town in Edmond. A motion was made and passed that the funds collected through the year for our Christmas donation be matched with funds from our treasury. With the addition of extra contributions, Lou Ann reported a contribution of \$416 to be donated to the Boy's Ranch Town, leaving an account balance of \$1,447.96.

Only in Americado drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Next OUTING:

The January 9 Dinner will be held at the INTERURBAN RESTAURANT in Yukon. The restaurant is at 11316 West Reno Avenue (corner of Reno and Mustang Road - (405) 324-8362). We will eat at 5:30. If you cannot make the January dinner, please notify Drewman Marsh.

Only in Americado banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Diane Johnson	January 2
Mildred Boelte	January 10
Ron Griffin	January 24
Zane and Lou Ann Callahan	January 15
Gene and Karen Thrailkill	January 31

Only in Americado they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

2010 Dues:

Lou Ann reports the only people that have paid their dues (\$30) are the Johnsons, Harrisons, and Ann Hopkins (for her monthly newsletter). Dues can be sent to Lou Ann and hopefully before our bank accounts "bottom out" following the holiday season.

**Ever Wonder.....Why the sun lightens our hair,
but darkens our skin?**

Special Thanks to Martha Marsh for providing the Club rosters including numerous updates!

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

A Christmas Visit to the Trailer Park

After the Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holiday. Here is one boy's reply.

"We spent Christmas with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live up north in a big house, but Grandpa retarded and they moved to Florida. They live in a park with lots of other retarded people. They all live in tin huts. They drive tricycles that are too big for me."

"They all go to a building they call the wrecked hall, but it's fixed now! They all do exercise, but not very well. They play a game with big checkers and push them around the floor with sticks."

"There is a swimming pool, but I guess nobody teaches them – they just stand there in the water with their hats on?"

"My Grandma used to bake cookies for me, but nobody cooks there. The all go to restaurants that have cheap senior citizen discounts."

"When they come into the park, there is a dollhouse with a man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them."

"I guess everybody forgets who they are because they all wear badges with their names on them. My Grandma says Grandpa worked very hard all his life to earn his retardment. I wish they would move back up north by me, but I guess the man in the dollhouse won't let them out!"



One December day several years ago, my six year-old daughter, Alisha, selected an unusual Christmas gift for my wife. It was a huge candy cane the size of a lawn ornament. Alisha would not change her mind, despite her brother's and my insistence that she consider something else. When Christmas arrived, my wife opened her present from Alisha. I unwrapped my gift from Alisha, a can of chips. They were soon eaten.

Six months later, Alisha died.

Two Thousand years ago, God sent us a gift, a poor child laid in a manger and surrounded by unlikely people and even animals. God's unlikely gift was Jesus. We still celebrate his strange and beautiful entry into our world which he came to save.

Each Christmas season as I look at the candy cane hanging in a place of prominence in our house, I remember that unlikely gifts can have great significance. Jesus truly is the best gift we can give or receive.

Aaron Swaverly (Pennsylvania)

**May we all make a conscious effort to wish everyone a Merry Christmas
this year Our way of saying that we are celebrating the
Birth Of Jesus Christ.**

