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# Triple Creek RV Music Park Newsletter



OUR FAVORITE NATIVE:  
PILEATED "WOODPICKER"

Always check our web site for current activities and schedules!!!

## HERE THEY COME!

Triple Creek's own family of the Redhead Express will be here January 9th, 2016.

Folks, they only keep getting better.....and lager (they now have some new family members). The girls have grown up after all the years of appearing here at Triple Creek, and started families of their own. However, the extended family is traveling and contributing to this wonderful family of music. As usual, they will be providing workshops, so come early, and plan to

stay late as you get to mingle and work with this group of professionals. Its certainly going to be a great time as they come home and share with us their life's many adventures. Pack plenty of cash to donate so they can continue in their education and travels.



The Walker Boys are growing up as well, and will be performing also! Help us to welcome them back to their Texas Home!! Mark the date!



### Music Schedule:

- 1st Saturday weekend:  
Gospel
- 2nd Saturday weekend:  
Open Jam (Pickin')
- 3rd Saturday weekend:  
Classic Country
- 4th Saturday weekend:  
Bluegrass
- 5th Saturday weekend:  
Open Jam (Pickin')  
unless Special Activity  
planned (see Website)

### Work Campers

Please take time to thank the many work campers that make their way through Triple Creek. Each has been a great fit who enjoy long-term camping and add a little extra adventure to their trips.

**THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE. THE GIVERS AND THE TAKERS. THE TAKERS EAT WELL, THE GIVERS SLEEP WELL.**

### POT LUCK DINNERS!

Please remember that the events on the weekends are all FREE. We also ALWAYS have a Pot Luck dinner before we kick off the music playing. If you weren't able to pick up something for the Pot Luck, just donate cash to the Pink Pig. Donations are used for Jam Shack supplies, as well as the ever growing cost of electricity that is used by the A/C, lights, etc.

Those providing the dinner will appreciate everyone participating.



# Join Us for Pickin' in the Pines!



OUR WOOD CARVER "Deadwood Dan" did not create these. However, with his talent, and that of our current resident and instrument maker Jerry, I bet this can be developed. We also have tall Dale Mitchell that makes instruments. As a result, I'm guessing that once the group puts their heads to-

gether that this instrument could be gracing the Jam Shack of Triple Creek, Texas.

Mrs. Audrey hasn't endorsed this product yet, but the editor of this newsletter is willing to bet that this will soon be a product out of her kitchen.

Can't you see the practicality in such a wonderful item. They are obviously very soft, and once you have worn them enough, simply toss them outside for the birds to enjoy. Mrs. Audrey will keep a constant supply on hand. In fact, she can stick a penny on the top and give the name Penny Loafers an entirely new concept.

Just remember, it happens only at Triple Creek!



Bob and Jeri Weeks!

OK, follow this trail. Per the previous months post, Robert and Barbara Anderson decided to sell their park model and travel the roads. Well Bob and Jeri decided they have seen the roads, so they purchased the park model so they could settle down here at Triple Creek, and call it home. As a result, they now have this LARGE motor home for sale. It could be yours. Talk to the owners and find out all about it. They have loved it while they had it, so you could be parking it at Triple Creek. Come and join the fun!

2001 National Tradewinds LTC. 39 foot, 2 slides. 330 cat, 63,000 miles. 7.5 KW generator.



## Triple Creek Adds work!

Our friends Robert and Barbara Anderson purchased this wonderful park model from Pat and Floyd. However, soon after decided they enjoyed places like Triple Creek so much, they wanted to take their 5th wheel on the road and see what else is out there. Well, last month we listed this as FOR SALE, and now our Winter Texans all the way from the state of Kansas have purchased the place. Welcome home Bob and Jerri.



BTW, Bob is the ONLY person that Mrs. Audrey has ever allowed in her kitchen. This speaks highly of Bob.



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## Sabine River Bend



Always remember our homegrown Bluegrass band Sabine River Bend with our very own Brad Hight on the standup! FYI, if you don't recognize him, he is the big ol' boy in yellow.



Sabine River Bend consists of : Brad Hight, Reuben Maddox, Earl Cochran Jr, Randy Parks, Eddie Ortego, Elton Brindley, Jordan Kishbaugh and Matthew Tessier.

They currently perform shows in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Arkansas. For booking, contact Earl Cochran Jr at [earl@sabineriverbend.com](mailto:earl@sabineriverbend.com)

Leo! As you know, Leo is the newest resident of Triple Creek. He patrols the many roads and paths that bring in the public as well as **Big Foot**. We are outfitting his golf cart with an array of emergency lights to aid and assist in bagging that chicken stealing Big Foot. Leo, we welcome you to Triple Creek. BTW, he is already thinking of getting himself a larger place to stay in. He is really settling in! Barney Fife, was Leo's childhood hero.



## Jerry and Suzanne

Well, here is our "Goodbye" picture of Jerry and Suzanne. They were leaving on July 1st, but are staying yet another month to enjoy the summer sunshine here in Texas. Remember they are from Oregon, so this is a new experience for them. Actually, they are planning on going with Tommy to the Texas City / LaMarque area next month to entertain in the vast nursing homes that are in that area. That is the location where Tommy's nephew is building a new RV resort, so they will be in on that project..



## Mr & Mrs Tug Boat Joe!

Would you all look at this. Joe is a Tug Boat captain that lived at Triple Creek. While living here, he earned the affectionate name of Tug Boat Joe, or "Tug" for short. Tug was a very key member out on the deer lease during his time off. In fact, it was Tug that initiated the feeder out there on the pipeline near the road so we can all see the wildlife.

Tug has now taken a wife. He has also settled down and acquired a boat dispatching job so he can be home every night. As we all know, a lady in our life will certainly change us all. We wish you to many years of happiness!



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## In The News!

- Dudley and Mrs. Audrey are moving to Winnaway, but she said she isn't giving up her spot as Chief Cook on Saturday. So those big cat head biscuits and cream gravy are going to continue to be served up at 9:30 am on Saturday. Everyone is invited, but be sure and support Mrs. Audrey's cooking habit with a financial donation into her tip jar..
- Lela the Louisiana Lady is back. She has been traveling and living with family, but will be home at Triple Creek for a month. She really sings with ENTHUSIASM! Come listen to her belt out those contemporary songs.
- Editor received a note from Carl Stump— Carl is in Maine, looking for a house to buy, got to get away from too many New Yawkas. Then back to Florida where the Stump Hollow band has come out of retirement. That's about it... And yes, he will be back to Texas, as he still thinks of "Ya'll" often.
- Tommy is very busy with his various music endeavors. He will soon be more of a temporary resident as he splits his time between Triple Creek and his nephew's new RV Resort in Texas / La Marque.
- Miss Ethel is doing fine. She is no longer driving, but she has a host of friends that take care of her. She is a wonderful lady, and always has a smile on her face. Neighbors go grocery shopping for her and deliver to her door. Now that is service.
- If you have any news about people that have passed through Triple Creek, please let the editor know, and it shall be published. Editor can be reached at [info@triplecreekrv.com](mailto:info@triplecreekrv.com)
- Ricky and family are now the Triple Creek Park Hosts. As we all know, they have that New England accent. How we hope that us East Texas people can understand them as they greet others. They are real friendly people, but my gosh they have a heavy thick accent. I just grin, shake my head and eat that special dish that they bring to pot luck...but I rarely understand them!
- Deadwood Dan has his mother coming to live with us here at Triple Creek. She recently came down for a visit, and that Kenny showered her with his attention at the Jam Shack, that she decided to call our place home. She is coming to live with us. No she's not. Yes she is. No she's not. For sure she is. Oh, we guess only time will tell! Welcome home!
- Jamie and her dogs have moved on. She has decided to settle in the area, so she isn't far from home. Jamie, if you need anything, let us know. Once at Triple Creek, its just hard to leave! What an adventure home buying has been! Five years in the planning and six months, in the process, whew! Who knew? But it is definitely going to be so worth it, because as the adventure progressed, this has evolved into more than just "a house buying" thang. -) She writes the following:

Closing was supposed to be on July 10th, but the seller, his real estate agent and my lender couldn't hit a target date if it was the broad side of a barn. Closing has been delayed (again!) til the 14th. So until then, I am campin and fishin, got my hammock up! WOOT! barefootin' and the bass fishin' has been totally awesome.

I will be receiving a sustainable agriculture grant to install "no till, zero carbon footprint" vertical organic and heirloom gardens using solar power and rainwater collection and hydroponics and I will be hiring guys with ponytails and students from SARE and TAMU Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering to do most of the construction and data recording.

If all goes as planned, the results of this project will all be returned in it's entirety to the Tyler County community in a year or two as a charitable produce co-op. Since my lil farm is technically a federally funded project, they are requiring me to install some high tech security systems and they are assigning two (possibly three) protection trained guard dogs for the premises. One of them is named Kraken and the other is named Karma. It sure is a good thing I really like dogs and already know my way around programmable controls!

- Bob Honey and Sue Baby are returning from Pittsburg to Triple Creek early this year. They will be arriving October 14. As we all know, Bob Honey is in continuous movement. They were our first Park Hosts at our RV park in Holly Beach, Louisiana. It's a shame the hurricane washed that place away, as it was sure different being there on the Cajun Rivera.
- Coach/Lance Standley, and his lovely wife Sheryl, and daughters (Ella, Tatum, and Farah) are in the process of moving in to Triple Creek... Coach is the new head baseball coach for the Woodville Eagles, and is already thinking and proposing new ideas for getting Triple Creek RV more involved ... They are a great addition to the TCRV family! More later in this issue...
- Sheldon and Susan Strackbein have found a house in Jasper but will be here a few more months before closing... We will miss them, but they assure us they will be back to visit! Best of luck with the new home!
- Our Hunters and Hunting Season will be returning starting in September! Let's get ready to welcome them back as well!!!!

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## In The News! - Continued

Chuck and Sharon—Chuck wrote this, and I'm surely glad that he did, as he and Sharon have that Minnesota accent that it sure makes them difficult for us Texans to understand. Well, here is Chuck!

Howdy from Sin City,

As you all realize by now, we moved to L.V. last Sept. At first I was hard-pressed to find anyone to jam with, besides the Hawaiian that lived next door, who, by the way, was very accomplished at playing the ukulele. We had no idea what songs each other were playing, but at least it broke the boredom, until he moved back to Hawaii. I also found a "jam" that I had to travel about 1 Hr. to get to, and that turned out to be 40 or so, mostly guitar players, that rushed to get in their one song in before the 2 Hr. limit was up. You could barely hear or understand what some one was playing across the huge circle that they formed. ( not worth the gas)

Karin, my daughter-in-law, knew a friend of a friend that knew of a jam in the Arts District. They met twice a month and was run by a "folk" singer a few years younger than myself, with a few older (50's to 60's) pickers that played and sang. Although they were a cordial group, and accepted my brand of country/bluegrass, there were several genre of music represented there, ( Folk, blues, soft rock, jazz, etc.) and we mostly sat and listened to each other play and sing. While playing along with another singer wasn't prohibited, it certainly wasn't encouraged. That in itself, got me through last winter, and, as word spread this spring, we started to pick up various talented people from the "open mike" crowd. There's a young married couple that does Simon and Garfunkel type songs, a shy blues playing family man, and once in a while, a young man that sits in his chair, staring at the floor until his turn, then "plays" his guitar like he's strumming it with a railroad spike and shouts out some non-intelligible words. The younger crowd seem to know what he's "singing", but I had no idea and when I asked him who recorded that particular song, (just to make small talk) he just glared at me and said, "*Charles Manson*". I didn't bother asking again. Lately a retired keyboard player has been attending providing us with "lounge" music when its his turn, but otherwise he sits with his earphones on, and his volume off, and amuses himself with songs we'll never hear. The last jam I went to there was like attending a rock concert without the marijuana smoke. A few more "open mikers" showed up and played, (they were all great guitar players) and I felt as though I was in a race and got left at the starting gate. I probably sat there with my best open-mouthed deer-in-headlight look on my face. Although it's hard for me to imagine that everyone doesn't enjoy country music with it's easy tunes and messages, I've come to the rash realization that my music is as foreign to them as theirs is to me.

But anyway, all is not lost! I found a group of Bluegrass/Country musicians a few months back, that play once a week for about two hours, and they're only about 5 miles away. They consist of members of a Bluegrass Assn. and I feel as though I'm at least back in my own element. They have the traditional circle and everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter what skill level they are. There is usually a dog house bass, fiddle, a few mandolins, 1 or 2 banjos and assorted guitars. Just my kind of people!!! I can play some of my old song and a few they haven't heard out here yet. I even wrote a song called "Bobby's Wildwood Flower", about the people I jammed with down in Texas. I've had a request to play it again at one of the jams, so I guess it's tolerable.

I sure miss "pickin' and grinnin' with y'all and hope that everything is much, much better than it should be. I realize I'm not too prolific at writing, therefor the extra long note.....so.....Take Care, and may GOD Bless.



Its Lela!

If you don't know Lela, make a point of spending some time with her, as she is a lovely Lady that is full of tales. She has a lovely Cajun accent that sets her apart and when she talks you can hear the musical sounds of New Orleans dancing in your ears. Lela comes sings with us in the Jam Shack, and believe me, she can't sit still and sing. She is great! Welcome home Lela.

**You can thank the work campers for all that they do as well! They are all a big help to keep Triple Creek RV the wonderful place we all enjoy... THANKS!**

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The Standley family.

Pictured as Coach/Lance, Sheryl, and Farah... Tatum and Ella are at church camp this week..

Coach Standley just landed a new position here locally, and decided to bring his family to Triple Creek to call home. They are living next to DJ, so stop by and welcome them. Actually Sheryl has music in her background, and did sing in the circle the first night they were visiting here. We are thinking that we will see more of her, and the girls in the circle after they get settled in. Welcome!



**New Triple Creek Park Hosts** Rick and Cathie Riel. Folks, we will tell you up front, they are from New England, but they have spent 1.5 summers here in the Texas heat AND STAYED, so I guess they are OK. They have even put TEXAS license plates on their vehicle. Notice that I didn't use the word "car", because they don't pronounce it that way. To them it's a "caaa". Actually Ricky has been doing real good on his TEXAS pronunciation, however, Karen isn't quite ready for the new Park Hosts to answer the phone. It's so interesting to hear both of them talk. You have to listen close to distinguish if they are saying "faaaaaar" (far), or "faar" (four). There are only subtle differences to help us southerners understand them.

In the '70's Creedence Clearwater Revival had a song. The lyrics go, "*Jeremiah was a bullfrog, he was good friend of mine, I never understood a single word he said, But I helped him drink his wine.*" Well, I fell the same way with Cathie and Rick. I never understand a single word they say, but they are friends of mine!

### **Winnaway Bed & Breakfast**

Our good friends David and Susie Winn operate Winnaway Bed & Breakfast adjacent to Triple Creek. Equipped with a private bath, kitchenette, and a big fireplace. It has two queen sized beds and has dish network and high speed internet. You have access to a pond for relaxing, fishing or canoeing. They have over 40 acres to hike with beautiful trees and a creek that runs through it. Weather you need a place to stay while you are working in our area or a weekend to catch your breath, they will be happy to provide your lodging needs.

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### **Monthly Show**

The BABA monthly show is held on the third Saturday of each month at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center (except July and December) at 300 W. Walker, League City. The stage show begins at 7:00 PM, but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier.