

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



▲ JANUARY NEWSLETTER

2005 ▲

HOG CALENDAR JANUARY EVENTS

New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31

9pm - ?? - Hosted by Dave & Milton
713-868-7991 • texdave@msn.com

Breakfast - Harry's Jan. 08

Tuam @ Brazos
9am - Sponsored by Bill & Thomas
713-560-9794

General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout..... Jan. 25

7:30pm - Don & Ray: 713-522-7809

Bring in the New Year with other HOG members and friends. Dave & Milton are hosting a New Year's Eve party on December 31st

from 9pm to post midnight.

They will provide soft drinks and champagne for the annual New Year's toast.

If you to attend, please bring something in the line of food to share with the group. It would be great to share the time together.

To RSVP, contact Dave and Milton at
713-868-7991

or email Dave at: daveT1008@aol.com

Hope to see you there!

From the President ...

With the new year here we all are wondering how 2004 slipped by so fast. During the past year hopefully we all have laughed as well as pondered the the more serious times causing each of us to have grown individually and relationally with other people in our lives. As GLBT people I hope we have come to appreciate, understand and support each other more.

The Houston Outdoor Group is just one organization to help us develop relationships with others who also happen to enjoy the outdoors. Looking back it can also be said that we are a group that likes to eat. After all we met together for 12 breakfasts and 12 pot luck meals. I have yet to hear of anyone getting sick from eating a member's new must-try recipe. In fact the only harm that may have taken place was the gaining of some unwanted extra pounds. Talking about closeness, a large number of us slept together not for one but two nights. This happened in November when we shared a farmhouse in the Texas Hill Country.

All joking set aside, looking back at 2004 I find myself reflecting on times shared and memories made with my friends from the group with great value. I also know that in 2005 there are bound to be more good times ahead. There will be more camping trips, more meals shared and more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with all of you.

All our events are planned by the members of the group who are willing to sponsor an activity. Please consider what you can do—whether it be planning a camping trip, planning a day trip, hosting a monthly pot luck or perhaps something new to the group. Sure it takes work and some planning on your part but the rewards are well worth it and are appreciated.

Hoping everyone has a safe and Happy New Year.

Dave

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HOG Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary!

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, the Houston Outdoor Group will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary with a party at Baba Yega Restaurant from noon to 3 pm in the Jasmine Room

The menu will feature succulent breast of chicken, covered with a mushroom cream sauce seasoned with Marsala wine as the main dish.

This main course will be served with variety of julienne vegetables such as broccoli, baby carrots, zucchini, yellow squash, red bell pepper and accompanied by herbed rice.

Coffee, tea, or soft drinks are included.

The cost will be \$18 per person. HOG members are paying for the food only and we are getting the space included in the price of our lunch.

We need to get reservations by deadline of January 22nd!

Please RSVP Jeanne & Judith @ 281-829-9532
so that we can get an accurate count.

We need to get the money ASAP. If you pay by personal check make it out to: Authur Gonzales (*same as when you pay dues*)

Mail your payment to: Houston Outdoor Group
PO Box 980893
Houston, TX 77098-0893

Please do not just mail a check because we need to hear from you as well to make sure you get counted! *Your call is very important!*

We will be submitting press releases to the various glbt publications around town to announce the party, and we encourage you to spread the word as well. Hope to see you at Baba Yega's!

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE



My name is Russell Ben Williams and I am a newsletter junkie! Seems I can't join an organization without ending up on their newsletter committee in some way, shape or form. I have, at one time or another, been responsible for cranking out newsletters for the **Houston Pride Band**, the **Lesbian & Gay**

Band Association, the **GLBT Chamber of Commerce**, the **Pride Committee of Houston**, the **National Gay Pilots Association** and currently for the **Houston Outdoor Group**. Who's next?

I am originally from South Texas (Kingsville) but have lived in Houston for the last fifteen years. In my time here, I have been extensively involved with my band and have enjoyed performing with them locally and on international stages with other bands. I have also become quite the avid tent camper over the years. Any excuse to get out into the wilderness is good enough for me—Labor Day Weekend, Halloween or even Ground Hog Day if the mood strikes! Hell, what are you doing on Flag Day? I don't know about you, but I'm going camping!

I work for House of Coleman as a graphic designer/type-setter. At that job, I'm responsible for layout and design of various projects like programs for The Diana Awards and A Christmas Songfest and other fun projects.

In my spare time, I bartend private parties and social events throughout the glbt community. I work independently and for various caterers as well. If there's a gay party in town, chances are that I'm standing behind a makeshift bar serving up cocktails.

I have a twenty-year-old daughter named Alexandra (or "Sandra" for short because I'm too busy for all those syllables! And yes, she read this before I published it and she thought it was funny!). She and older brother, David, are a big part of my life and I hope to introduce them to you (if I haven't already) at the next campout or social.

While my participation with the HOGs has been very limited because of my weekend work schedule, I have truly enjoyed being a part of your group and working on your newsletter. I have enjoyed many potlucks and socials with this group and look forward to many future camping adventures as well.

Thanks for having me on board!

RBW

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12-3 PM - in the Jasmine Room

Hosted by the HOG board

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713-682-4165
www.RainbowRanglers.org

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Phone: 713-523-6381

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<http://MontroseSoftballLeague.com>
713-867-3913

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409-257-1885

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Individual or couple at same address - \$20 / year

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ADDRESS: _____

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☐ New member

☐ Renewal

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HOG?

Make your check payable to: ARTHUR GONZALES

MAIL TO: HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP
P.O. BOX 980893
HOUSTON, TX 77098-0893

The HOG mailing list is confidential, but you can sign up to be on our phone list. Only members who sign up receive the list.

E-MAIL: _____

I would like to receive the newsletter at the above email address instead of by U.S. Mail: ☐ YES ☐ NO

PHONE #: _____

Include me (us) on the phone list: ☐ YES ☐ NO

I, the undersigned, agree to hold the Houston Outdoor Group (HOG), its officers, volunteers, members and guests free from any liability for injury to myself or others or damage to property as a result of my participation in HOG activities. I further agree that I shall do nothing intentionally to jeopardize the health or safety of myself, HOG members and guests, that I have familiarized myself with all of the necessary precautions for safe participation in HOG activities, and that I will take such precautions.

SIGNATURE(S) REQUIRED

Signed: _____ date _____

Signed: _____ date _____

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



▲ MARCH

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HOG CALENDAR MARCH EVENTS

March 5

Breakfast - Le Peep

S. Shephard (across from 59 Diner)

9:00 am - Don & Ray: 713-522-7809

Day Trip - Azalea Trail (after Le Peep's breakfast)

Sponsored by Dave & Milton

713-868-7991 • dave77008@aol.com

March 12

HOG Potluck

Hosted by Dwayne

281-655-5447 • djkcpa@aol.com

March 19

Day Trip - Mercer Arboretum / Plant Sale

Sponsored by Dwayne

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March 25-27 (Easter Weekend)

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March 29

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From the President ...

I don't know about you but I had a great time at the Houston Outdoor Group's anniversary luncheon. If you were not there you missed out on a wonderful meal with some wonderful friends. It's good to look at our past and it is also good to look into the future.

2005 is starting to shape up with some fun outdoor activities from weekend camping trips, day trips and our usual monthly breakfast and pot lucks. If you know of something that you enjoy there are probably others in the HOG who would enjoy the same activities. Please consider facilitating a function. The greater the number of people planning events the greater the variety of things we have to do.

Do read your newsletter. Do read your emails. Do use the Houston Outdoor Group's yahoo site.

LET'S JUST DO IT!

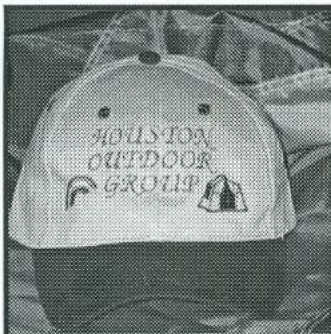
Dave



The HOGs are meeting for breakfast on March 5th at 9:00am. We will be meeting at **Le Peep** on Farnham where we always get good and friendly service from Larry and his crew.

After breakfast we will be touring the **Azalea Trail**. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the door. If you want to purchase a ticket ahead of time they are available from several inner loop businesses for \$15 *before* March 5th. These are two separate events back to back so you can do one or both.

Hope to see everyone on that Saturday.



We still have HOG hats for sale. The going price is \$18. They are all cotton construction, kaki and green colored, adjustable velcro back strap and stitched embroidered. What a great look for those up coming sunny HOG functions! If you absolutely have to have one contact Dave at dave77008@aol.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Messina Hof Winery Tour

February 26

A day trip is planned on February 26th for a tour of the Messina Hof winery in Bryan, Texas. Sponsors Dave and Milton will be serving a light breakfast of bakery items, fruit, coffee and tea at 8:00 am.



We will head out for the winery around 9:00 am. The trip is about one and a half hours allowing us enough time to be on the 11:00 tour. Cost of the tour is \$5. Afterwards we will eat lunch at the restaurant located at the winery. Entrees are \$10-\$15. If you are interested in going please call Dave or Milton at (713) 868-7991 or email dave77008@aol.com or mressmann@aol.com. It is important to inform us if you are going as we need to let the winery know so they can be properly staffed.

For more information about the winery, visit their web site at www.messinahof.com.

Pot Luck

March 12, 2004

Warning: Pot luck outside of the loop—worse yet outside the Sam Houston Toll Rd. *Apply for passport immediately.* And yes, there are actually HOG members living in areas outside of Montrose!



V.P. and Director of Member Records, Dwayne, is hosting a St. Patrick's themed pot luck on March 12 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Dwayne at **281-655-5447** for directions and food assignments.

Day Trip - Mercer Arboretum

Saturday March 19, 2004

A trip to Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens is planned on Saturday, March 19th at 9:00 am. Mercer's annual plant sale event will be going on also. After checking out the gardens, exhibits, trails and plant sale we will head over to the **Potato Patch** for a late lunch.

Plants from around the world, including those found in tropical rainforests, deserts and wetlands are found at Mercer. Located Humble, the gardens showcase Texas' native plants, including wildflowers, meat-eating plants and endangered species.

The plant sale is an annual fund-raising event held by The Mercer Society. This is one of the Texas Gulf Coast area's largest horticulture events, which features a huge selection of more than 2,000 varieties of quality plants rarely found at local retail nurseries. This event is conducted by hundreds of volunteers and more than 120 experts will be on hand to answer horticultural and gardening questions.

Plan on meeting the group at the front gate at 9:00 a.m. If there is enough interest we will meet as a group and carpool to the Arboretum. Please contact Dwayne @ 281-655-5447 if you would like to attend this event.

More information about Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens and the plant sales can be found on their web page at www.hcp4.net/mercer.

Camping ~ Easter Weekend Pedernales Falls State Park

March 25-27, 2005

We still have spots available for the HOG's camping trip to **Pedernales Falls**. We have reserved 3 camp sites with each site holding up to eight people and two cars. You can bring your dogs, but you must have them on a leash at all times and you must bring your papers to show the rangers you have had your dog vaccinated. If you have a pop-up trailer other type of trailer, you must make your own reservations.

Pre camp meeting will be March 20th at 1:30 PM at Café Express on Kirby. Information about the campsites, maps, directions etc. will be handed out at that time. If you can't come to the pre-camp meeting, please let us know and we can either email you the information or send it by snail mail.



For more information and to sign up, please call Jon or John at **713-290-0220** or email Jon Gray at jonrussell@houston.rr.com.

Happy Anniversary!

The Houston Outdoor Group celebrated its 20th anniversary with a luncheon on February 5, 2005. The event was held at the Baba Yaga restaurant in the Jasmine Room with over thirty HOGs in attendance.

The first hour was spent socializing and catching-up on the news of many who were there but have not seen for a long while. Many brought albums with photos of past memories. Jon and John displayed other visual materials from the past.



A buffet lunch was served consisting of grilled chicken breast with a wine and mushroom sauce, seasoned rice and julian style sauteed vegetables.

Two sets of Rockets/Trailblazer tickets were awarded as door prizes and two individuals won camp chairs.



The program also took time to recognize four original members in attendance—Peter, Dennis, Bruce and Don. They were honored by cutting the anniversary *tres leches* cake.

All those present had an enjoyable afternoon. A special thanks goes to Jeanne, Judith, Art, Milton, Jon, John and Dave for their efforts in making this event happen.



HOG SEEKS WEB MASTER

The Houston Outdoor Group web site needs a facelift and we need someone with the skills to volunteer for this task. If you have the ability and time to update our site, please contact Dave at dave77008@aol.com.

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9:00 a.m. -- for details and directions, call:

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April 15-17

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May 20-22

Camping at Huntsville State Park

Sponsored by Russell, Dave & Milton

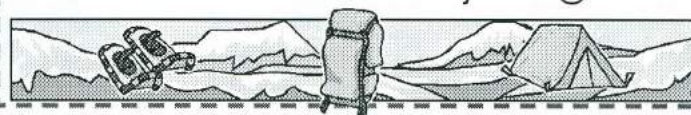
A weekend to Huntsville State Park is being planned for May. More information to follow in next month's newsletter. Mark your calendars and stay tuned!

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GAY & LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD HOUSTON

Nobody expects to leave the house and be the victim of a sexual assault or a hate crime. Nobody expects the wonderful person they just met may result in an emotionally or physically abusive relationship. Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston an entry point into Montrose Counseling Center's Anti-Violence Program, can provide an advocate to accompany someone to the hospital or police department if he or she is the victim of a hate crime, sexual assault, or living in a same-sex domestic violence situation. The Anti-Violence Program also provides emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, case management and counseling services to persons needing to leave an abusive same-sex domestic relationship, and information about these services is available through Montrose Counseling Center or Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston. Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston provides information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services to Houston's GLBT population. For more information, call 713.529.3211



THE RAINBOW FISHING CLUB

The Rainbow Fishing Club has a new Coordinator, **Lee Sirois**, who has been active with the club for the past eight years as a Trip Leader. Her first 2005 deep sea fishing trip from Galveston is **Saturday April 23rd** on the New Buccaneer, which is the biggest party boat in Texas (takes 100 people).

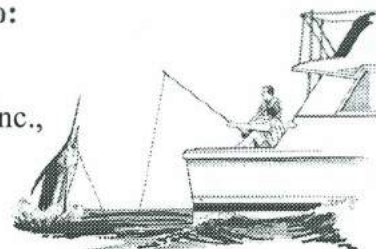
The cost is \$75 for the 12-hour trip. This is the first weekend of the Red Snapper season. The boat supplies all equipment and bait, and has a cook & grill on board and a huge sundeck upstairs. No license is needed as we fish in federal waters.

We have six people going and four more spots available for this trip. Lee is looking for helpers to help her run the club. For more information, to RSVP or to volunteer to help run the club, call Lee at **713-498-2741** or email her at rainbowfishingclub@hotmail.com.

\$75 fee must be received before Feb.25th.

Payment can be sent to:

Andy Hernandez
Galveston Party Boats Inc.,
Pier 19
Galveston, TX 77550



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One of the best feelings of the approaching warm weather is slipping on that favorite pair of worn jeans shorts. We all cross our fingers hoping that they still fit after several months of inactivity and holiday feasting. Let's be frank—the warm sun on the body and a warm gentle breeze on the face comes to feeling not quite but almost as good as sex!

We are the Houston "Outdoor" Group with several outdoor activities taking place in the next few months. Make plans to participate and make friends with others who have the same interest as you have. We can always use different people to organize and facilitate activities. If you plan on attending an event please let the host know and make sure you share your appreciation with a thank you for their efforts.

Keep smiling,

Dave



Upcoming Campout

On **May 20-22, 2005**, the Houston Outdoor Group is headed out to **Huntsville State Park**. This weekend outing is sponsored by Russell, Dave & Milton. We will be inviting campers from other organizations to join us at this campout.

Huntsville State Park is less than an hour away, so you can make a weekend of it, or simply come up for a day trip and join us as we go hiking through the nature trails or take the canoes out on the lake.

If you are interested in joining us for this campout, please contact us so that we may get an early headcount to make reservations and plan group meals. For more information, please contact:

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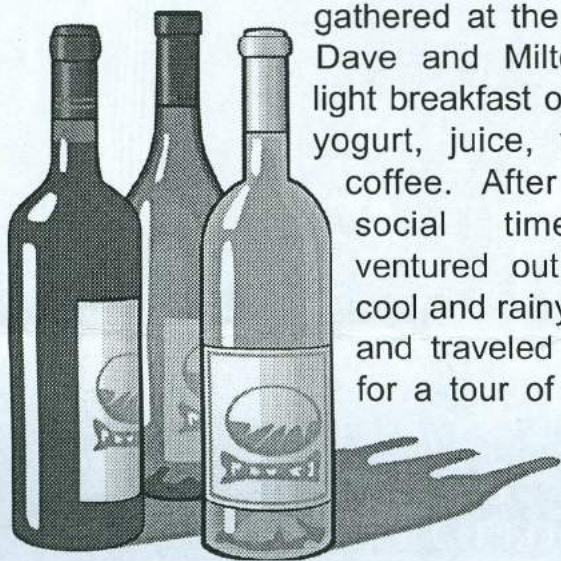
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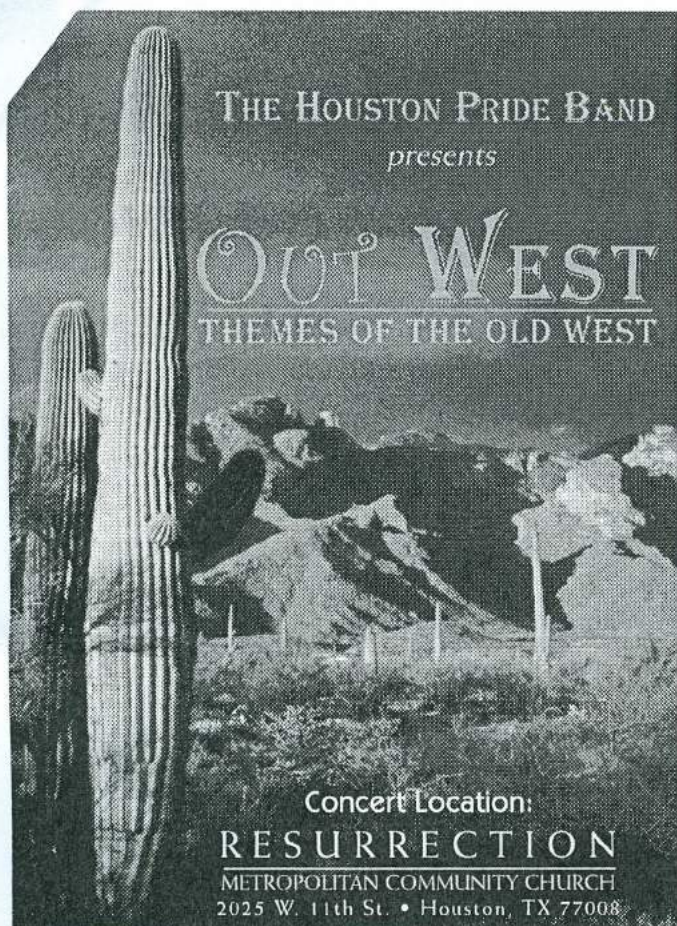
Winery Tour Recap

On Tour February 26th, 2005, twenty plus HOG members and guests gathered at the home of Dave and Milton for a light breakfast of muffins, yogurt, juice, fruit and coffee. After a brief social time, they ventured out into the cool and rainy morning and traveled to Bryan for a tour of **Messina**

Hof Winery. The tour began at 11 a.m. with a history of the winery, a tour of The Villa, a 10-room bed and breakfast. Due to the rain we were not able to venture out into the vineyard. The tour included information on wine making and concluded with a sampling of four different wines. The day concluded with lunch at the Vintage House Restaurant.

Paul Bonarrigo, winemaker welcomed the HOG members and spent a short time visiting. In spite of the cool rainy weather, everyone had an enjoyable time.





On April 23, 2005, the Houston Pride Band presents **Out West**, a tribute to the American Wild West. Saddle up and gallop back in time to a Wild West tempo. The concert takes place at 7 p.m. at Resurrection MCC at 2025 W. 11th Street in the Heights. Admission is \$10.

The concert will include special guest emcee, **Gene Mikulenska**, the Houston rodeo star featured in the documentary, *American Cowboy*. Also featured will be a lariat exhibition by members of the **Texas Gay Rodeo Association** and line dancing by the **Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club**.

Out West explores the history and myth of the American West. From Aaron Copeland's *Hoedown* to Ferde Grofé's *Grand Canyon Suite* to John Williams' *The Cowboys*, the Houston Pride Band will take you on a musical journey through time as they pay homage to the *vaqueros* and *rancheros*, the cowboys and the Indians who helped shape this colorful, diverse land of ours.

So saddle up! *The Wild, Wild West* beckons ... next stop—Dodge City!

For more information about the Houston Pride Band or the **Out West** concert, please contact Russell Ben Williams at 832-265-3346 or RussellBW@aol.com ... sorry, pony express service no longer available.

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A weekend to Huntsville State Park is being planned for May. More information to follow in next month's newsletter. Mark your calendars!

Russell: driftw@aol.com

Dave & Milton: dave77008@aol.com

June 18-19

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HOG will staff a booth at this annual convention sponsored by the GLBT Chamber of Commerce. Stay tuned for more details.

June 25

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You know where to be for this big event ...

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April 3rd, 2005

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HOG CALENDAR MAY EVENTS

May 13/4

HOG Breakfast - Le Peep

9:00 a.m. --

3810 Farnham - across from 59 Diner on Shephard

For more info, call Don & Ray • 713-522-7809

May 20-22

Camping at Rockin' R RV Park & Campground

Make your reservations at: www.rockinrranch.net

Camp Coordinators:

Russell - russellbw@aol.com • 832-265-3346

Dave - dave77008@aol.com • 713-868-7991

May 31

General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout

7:30 pm - Don & Ray: 713-522-7809

From the President ...

A big thank-you goes to Howard for organizing what has become an annual Enchanted Rock campout. We had the perfect weather, warm days and cool nights. The sky for the most part was clear making it possible to view brilliant sunsets and multitudes of stars at night.

There is another campout planned for May 20-22. It was originally planned for Huntsville State Park (closed for repair), then moved to Brazos Bend (no camp vacancies), and now moved to the gay-owned **Rockin' R Ranch**. The location is just over an hour's drive northwest of Houston (seven miles from the Texas Renaissance Festival site). More details on page two.

Once again the plea is out for members to host or even co-host an event. With summer around the corner there are all kinds of possibilities. All our events are member-sponsored so that means your participation is what makes it all happen.

Dave

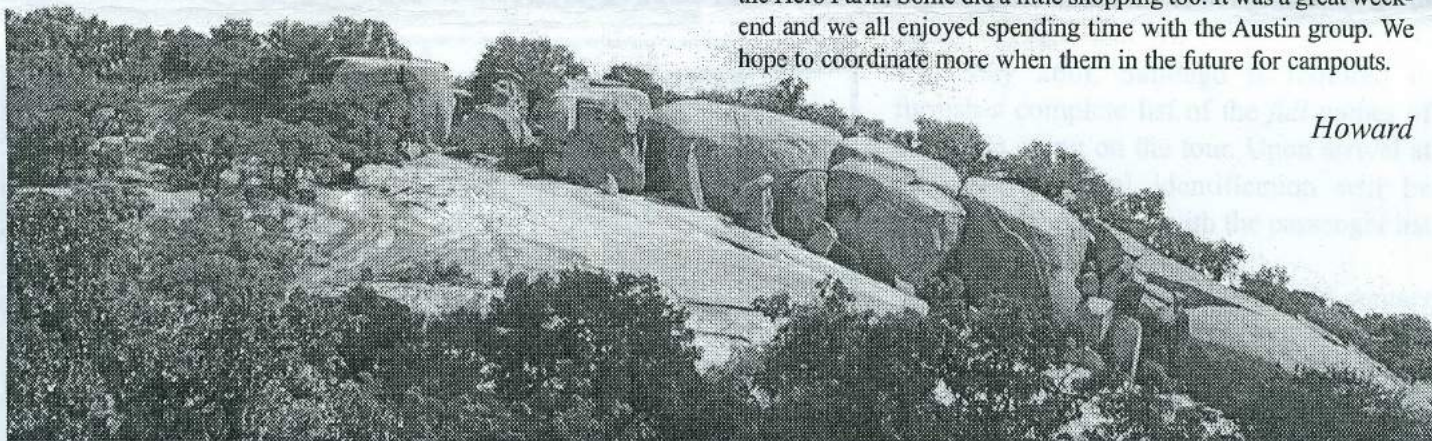
Enchanted Rock Camping Weekend

On April 15-17, fourteen campers from Houston and fourteen more from Austin got together for a weekend at Enchanted Rock. We had great campsites near the rock with lots of nice shade trees. Several of us stopped at the Luling BBQ place in Luling on the way.

The drive to Fredericksburg had incredible wildflowers including bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes. The daytime temperature was in the 70's and evening temperatures was in the 50's which was great for sitting around the campfire, visiting and eating smores.

We took several hikes on the rock and in the park. Saturday evening, several of us drove into Fredericksburg to eat and go to the Herb Farm. Some did a little shopping too. It was a great weekend and we all enjoyed spending time with the Austin group. We hope to coordinate more when they return in the future for campouts.

Howard



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Rockin' R Ranch

Well, who knew camping could be SO complicated? As you've read in Dave's note on page one, the camping location for May 20-22 has changed a couple of times for reasons well beyond our control.

We are now **FIRMLY** committed and confirmed to camp at the gay/lesbian-owned Rockin' R Ranch campground. This private campground is not too far from Houston - just about an hour and fifteen minute drive.

If you've never been to this campground, you might want to give it a try. They've just opened their huge above-ground pool and the weather's been absolutely beautiful the last couple of weeks. Let's go camping before it gets too hot!

The HOGs are being joined by a couple of other folks from various other camping groups like the North Texas Camping Club and the Houston Camping Group.

This will be a great time to meet people from other groups, compare outdoor activity suggestions and possibly go things together more often.

The campground owners have offered us a special discount for the weekend. Tent campers normally pay \$12.50 per person per night for a site with electricity & water, but for our campout, they have discounted our price to **\$7.50 per person per night**. A great savings for us!

RV Campers pay \$26.50 per night (up to two people) - each additional person \$10.00 per night. Includes 30 amp electric and water.

If you would like to come up for a day trip on Saturday, you can get a Day Pass for \$5.00 per person

You can visit their website for more information at

www.rockinranch.net/index.html.

We are planning group meals for breakfast and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. If you would like to participate in the group meals, we are asking a contribution of \$5 per meal (**\$15 total**). Dave & Milton will take care of our shopping and we'll all participate in the cooking and meal preparation.

For Saturday, we are planning a breakfast with scrambled eggs, sausage, croissants, fruit, plus juice and coffee. Lunch is on your own, and dinner will follow with grilled burgers, potato salad and beans. We'll also supply basic soft drinks and water.

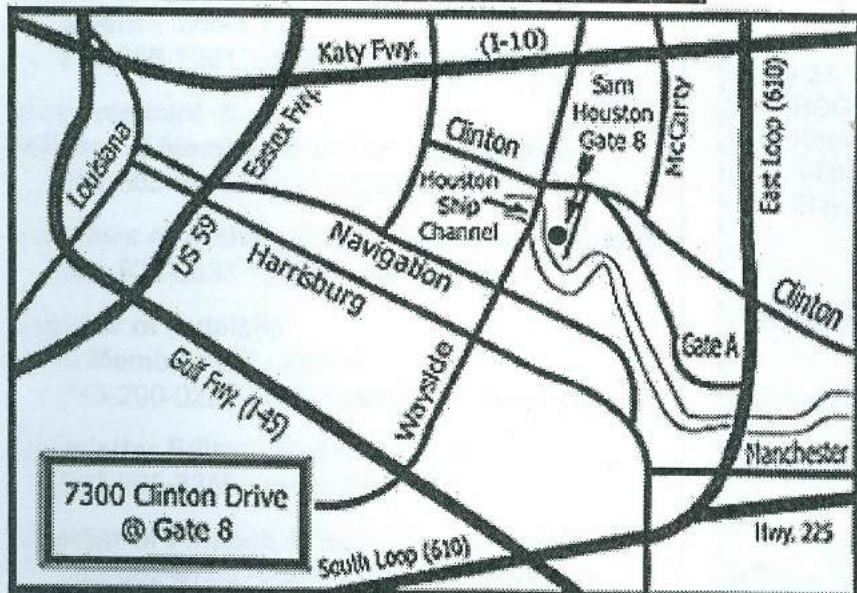
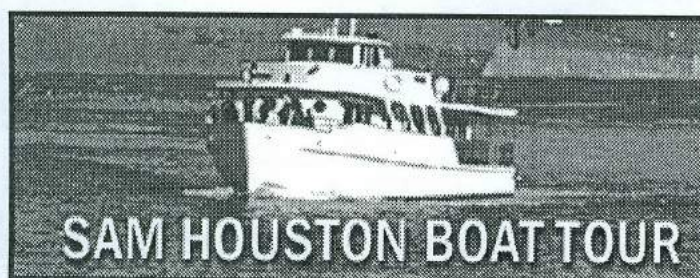
On Sunday, we'll have breakfast with fried eggs, ham and cheese served on English muffins, with hashbrowns, juice and/or coffee.

If you are interested in camping with us, please make your reservations by going online and filling out the reservation form -- and **make sure that you mention the Houston Outdoor Group so that you'll get your discounted price.**

Dave & Milton will be collecting our meal money so that they may go shopping the day before campout. Please call **Milton at 713-831-3583** to make arrangements to send money to him.

And please let us know when you've made your reservations online so that WE know you're coming -- even if you're only coming for a day trip. Hope to see you soon!

Russell • Dave • Milton



The Port Authority of Houston offers free boat tours of the Houston Port and ship channel. The tour is on a boat called the *SS Sam Houston*. The tour leaves from a dock on the ship channel inside Loop 610 (near Clinton and Wayside).

Santiago has made reservations for 20 people for the 10:00 a.m. tour for Saturday, **June 4, 2005**. The tour will last about 90 minutes, after which the HOG group can go to lunch together.

On May 26th, Santiago is required to furnish a complete list of the *full* names of everyone going on the tour. Upon arrival at the port, personal identification will be required and checked with the passenger list to gain entrance to the area.

Anyone interested in going should contact Santiago as soon as possible so that he can include you on the list. Unfortunately the group size is limited to 20 participants—the first 20 to call Santiago will be added to the reservation list. For more information, call:

Santiago

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Guadalupe River Rafting Trip

June 10-12, 2005

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HOG CALENDAR JUNE EVENTS

June 4

Sam Houston Boat Tour

Coordinated by Santiago

713-385-6989 • santipersonal@yahoo.com

See page two for more info.

June 10-12

Rafting the Guadalupe and camping

Hosted by Ed B. • 713-529-6661

See page three for more info.

June 18- 19

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George R. Brown Convention Center

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June 25

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8:45 p.m. - midnight

Westheimer (from Woodhead to Whitney Streets)

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June 28

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From the President ...

The sure signs of summer are upon us. We can all tell it for the fact that school is out, schedules at work are in constant change because of vacations and then there is dreaded Houston heat and humidity. We all go into reverse hibernation looking for air conditioning or in the outdoors, we look for relief in the form of water fun.

On June 4th, Santiago will be coordinating a boat tour of the Houston Ship Channel, and the following weekend, June 10-12th, Ed will be facilitating the annual Guadalupe River rafting trip in New Bruansful.

On July 4th, Bill and Thomas are hosting a 4th of July potluck and on July 16th, a Galveston beach party is being planned by Russell and Dwayne. Peter F. wraps up the month of July with a pool party on Saturday, July 23rd.

On August 20, Milton and myself will be hosting a pool party which will coincide with the annual election of officers.

If you have never recently held an office please consider giving the small amount of time it takes to give to the group. New people bring new and fresh ideas. **The success of the Houston Outdoor Group depends on the involvement and participation of its members!**

This year there have been some hard working people on the board who have planned successful events. Many thanks goes to them.

Please read all of your newsletter for more information about all of the above mentioned events and stay tuned as more updated information is published online.

If you have not subscribed to the Houston Outdoor Group's **Yahoo Group**, please do so by sending an email to Russell at driftw@aol.com. The Yahoo Group is a great way to stay up-to-date with HOG's ongoing activities and last-minute announcements.

See you at the next scheduled event!

Dave



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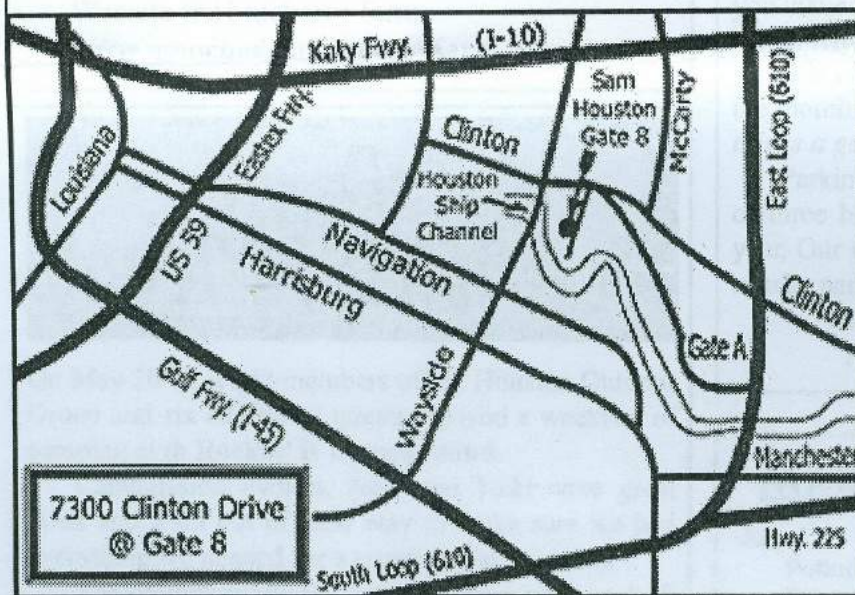
The deadline to participate at this event has expired.

For those of you who confirmed your participation, the tour is on a boat called the *SS Sam Houston*. The tour takes place this **Saturday, June 4th** at 10:00 a.m. from a dock on the ship channel inside Loop 610 (near Clinton & Wayside).

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The tour will last about 90 minutes, and the HOG group go to lunch afterwards. For more information, contact Santiago at:

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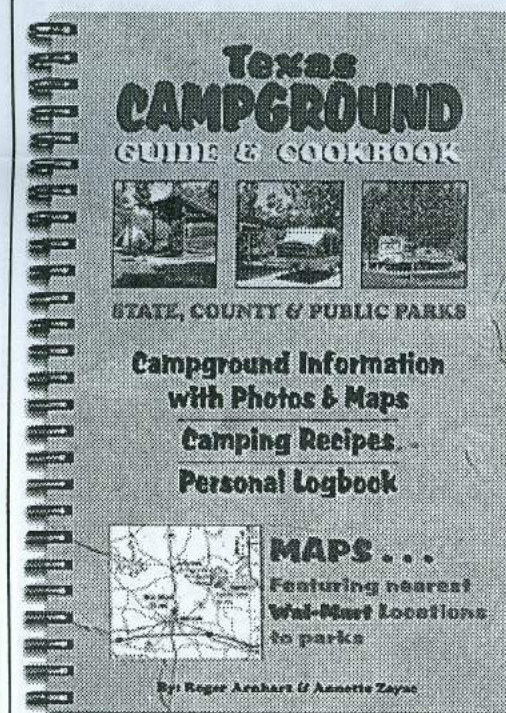
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Call Ed to RSVP and for more information at **713-529-6661**.



If you are serious about camping, here is an interesting book I found online. The book is a compilation of over 250 Texas State Parks, Corps of Engineer Parks and other places for tent and RV camping.

The book includes 450 color photos to show what the campsites and parks look like before you get there! It even includes listings and maps for Wal-Mart locations nearest each park for your camp shopping needs, and a cookbook for campsite cooking.

Break away from your routine and cook up something special at your next campout from recipes submitted by park personnel, camping and RV businesses and fellow campers.

The book sells for \$17.95 + shipping and handling and can be purchased online at <http://tgicamping.com/g/>

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On May 20-22, eight members of the Houston Outdoor Group and six additional guests enjoyed a weekend of camping at th **Rockin' R Campground**.

Campground owners, John and Todd were great hosts and went out of their way to make sure we had everything we needed for a comfortable weekend.

The swimming pool provided a nice way to cool off in the summer heat and everyone participated in the group meals and enjoyed each other's company throughout the weekend. If you haven't been to the

Rockin' R, you should check it out. It is a very short drive from Houston and well worth the trip. For more information about the Rockin' R, go to:

www.rockinrranch.net



POTLUCK & FIREWORKS

For the fifth year in a row, Thomas and Bill will host the July 4th social at their place in Midtown. **The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m.**

Potluck dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. The big downtown fireworks show is at 9:30 p.m. Last year there was a good view from the rooftop of the apartment complex parking garage directly across from their townhouse.

Feel free to bring your own cold beer or wine. Softdrinks and ice tea will be provided.

Contact Bill to RSVP and get a food assignment. If you have an all-American picnic favorite you want to bring, tell him or he tell you what is needed.

Bill will post a map to the HOG Yahoo Group later in the month. *(If you haven't signed up for the Yahoo Group, this is a good reason to do so. Contact Russell!)*

Parking can be hard to find. You may have to walk two or three blocks—although most everyone was lucky last year. Our 6:30 p.m. start time will make it easier to find a nearby parking space before the crowds show up later.

For further information Bill's email is:

713-560-9794 • billpctx@yahoo.com

MAKE A DATE WITH HOG:

July 4

Potluck

Enjoy the downtown fireworks display with your HOG friends.

Hosted by Bill & Thomas

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MONTHLY MEETING

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Currently registering for the summer co-ed league. Come to practice to get details and sign up! The registration fee is \$40, and spots are filling up quickly. For more information, contact Michael Moore at **832-433-9534** or info@montrosesoccer.org



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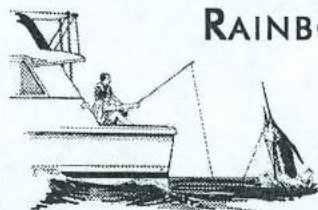


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Galveston / Freeport

Lee Sirois – Coordinator/President.
713-498-2741 • rainbowfishingclub@hotmail.com.

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HOG CALENDAR JULY EVENTS

Monday, July 4

Potluck & Fireworks

Hosted by Bill & Thomas

6:30 pm – Social

7:30 pm – Dinner

To RSVP: 713-522-7809 or billpctx@yahoo.com

Saturday, July 16

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Hosted by Peter

4-8pm • 281-448-5533

Call to RSVP and to get food assignment.

Tuesday, July 26

General Meeting & Newsletter Mailout

7:30 pm – Don & Ray: 713-522-7809

Saturday, July 30th

Rainbow Fishing Club

Fishing on the new Buccaneer of Galveston.

Coordinated by Lee Sirois.

For more information, see page two in this newsletter or contact Lee at 713-498-2741

From the President ...

For those of you not able to go on the annual Guadalupe River rafting you missed one of the summer's highlights. Including the three hot bare chested men from the Austin group we numbered sixteen. This time there were only two women with us. What gives ladies? We missed you! As a result of the dry spring the water level of the river was low making dodging rocks and the rapids more challenging. There were a few rafts that lost crew members, some that took on water and some that over turned. Rumor has it that Art, Byron and Bill know of someone who got totally wet three times. Members Jerry, Joel, John and Oscar decided on tubes. From early afternoon they were never seen or heard of again. Guys did you pass us up as some of us were baling water and fishing loose items from the river?

After adventuring on the river we went into Gruene to visit the shops and eat at the Gristmill. We were all able to sit together at a large table under the shade of trees enjoying good ol' Texas style cooking, swapping stories and laughing. It's amazing how much people talk after few drinks!

A big thanks goes to Ed for organizing the event. If you were unable to be with us don't forget about next year. You will not want to miss out again.

Read the newsletter about details concerning July's Galveston beach party, pool social at Peter's golf course community estate and a Fourth of July gathering at Bill's and Thomas' for potluck viewing one of the nation's largest fireworks displays (Houston's own).

With August just around the corner comes the HOG election of officers. If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone please call or email me. This will take place on August 20. Milton and myself will be hosting.

Whatever your plans are for the month of July or for the holiday be nice to yourself and play safe. Don't forget to cover ALL area with sun screen!

Dave

The Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) is a social group for gay men, lesbians and gay-friendly persons who enjoy the outdoors. Activities are organized by HOG members, individually or by ad hoc groups, and are reported in the monthly newsletter. Events may be typical sports activities (camping, hiking, etc.) but can also include any social activity, whether indoors or out. Call the Hogline at (713) KAMP-OUT for information, a free trial newsletter or write to HOG, PO Box 980893, Houston, TX 77098.

There are no formal membership requirements except for the annual fee of \$20 per household to cover the cost of the newsletter. HOG is affiliated with the IGLOO (www.radix.net/~erewhon/igloo/rindex.html)

POTLUCK & FIREWORKS

For the fifth year in a row, Thomas and Bill will host the July 4th social at their place in Midtown. **The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m.**

Potluck dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. The big downtown fireworks show is at 9:30 p.m. Last year there was a good view from the rooftop of the apartment complex parking garage directly across from their townhouse.

Feel free to bring your own cold beer or wine. Softdrinks and ice tea will be provided.

Contact Bill to RSVP and get a food assignment. If you have an all-American picnic favorite you want to bring, tell him or he tell you what is needed.

Bill will post a map to the HOG Yahoo Group later in the month. *(If you haven't signed up for the Yahoo Group, this is a good reason to do so. Contact Russell!)*

Parking can be hard to find. You may have to walk two or three blocks—although most everyone was lucky last year. Our 6:30 p.m. start time will make it easier to find a nearby parking space before the crowds show up later.

For further information Bill's email is:

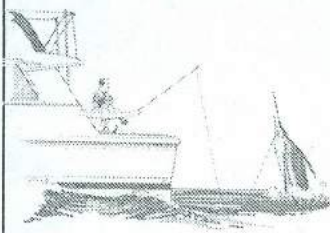
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RAINBOW FISHING CLUB NEWS

Rainbow Fishing Club President, Lee Sirois, has booked the New Buccaneer of Galveston for **Saturday, July 30th** for 20 spots. The New Buccaneer has just returned to service with new and faster engines. Cost is \$75 paid in full in advance. The boat starts boarding at 6:00 a.m. and leaves at 7:00 a.m.

Captain Tommy Henricks will be guiding the trip. The boat has a cook and grill on board and a spacious sun deck upstairs.

No alcohol allowed. No checks or credit cards. Mail your payments by money order to **Galveston Party Boats, Inc., Pier 19, Galveston, TX 77550**. The reservations are booked under Lee Sirois' name -- be sure to mention that.



Deadline is July 18th for payments to secure your spot. Please let Lee know if you are going at **713-498-2741** or for any questions.



Six HOG members hopped in a van together and drove to Moorehead's Blueberry Farm to pick some berries.

David, Terry, and I each picked about twelve pounds of berries each. Terry was the champion!

There were so many blueberries, you could not believe. Every so often a nice cloud came over to shade us from the hot sun.

Afterwards, we all ate at a Mexican restaurant in Porter, Texas.

It was a fun day for all and hope that more HOG members can join us next time.

Howard K.



HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP CALL FOR INFO:

713-K-A-M-P-O-U-T

www.geocities.com/houstonoutdoorgroup

MAKE A DATE WITH HOG:

August 20

HOG Officer Elections & Pool Party

Hosted by Dave & Milton

713-868-7991 • dave7008@aol.com

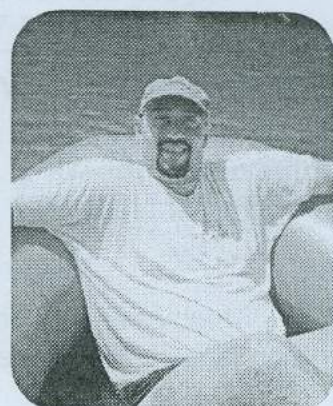
Please call for food assignment and to RSVP.

TO HOST AN EVENT FOR HOG, PLEASE CONTACT OUR
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PHOTOS FROM THE
GUADALUPE RIVER RAFTING & CAMPING
June 10-12, 2005



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HOG NOTES

MONTHLY MEETING

The HOG General Meeting is held in conjunction with the newsletter mailout on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30 - 9pm at Don & Ray's.

Call 713-522-7809 for directions.

Members and non-members are welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit articles, photos and/or ads before the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's edition of the HOG Newsletter.

Contact Russell at 832-265-3346

or send email to driftw@aol.com

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

MONTROSE SOCCER CLUB

Currently registering for the summer co-ed league. Come to practice to get details and sign up! The registration fee is \$40, and spots are filling up quickly. For more information, contact Michael Moore at **832-433-9534** or info@montrosesoccer.org



HOUSTON TENNIS CLUB

www.HoustonTennisClub.org

713-522-1053

MONTROSE SOCIAL GROUP

is making new friends, having fun and building community

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MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

713-529-0037

www.MontroseCounselingCenter.org

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BIKE FOR A BETTER CITY

Houston Area Bike Rides

Contact Aaron at 713-861-3898

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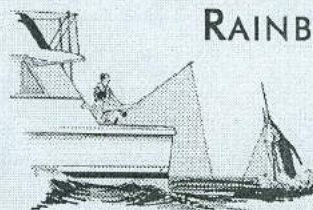
The Montrose Softball League *Houston*

<http://MontroseSoftballLeague.com>

713-867-3913

Houston Women's Softball League

409-257-1885



RAINBOW FISHING CLUB

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Galveston / Freeport

Lee Sirois – Coordinator/President.

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SEPTEMBER 2005

Changes with The HOG for the coming year:

The group will have a governing committee this year. None of last year's officers wanted to continue their positions and no members stepped forward to run for an office. At the annual election social Jeanne agreed to serve as President of the group and chair the committee. Any member is welcome to join the committee. At present we will be meeting the last Tuesday of each month at Don and Ray's to discuss club activities and mail the newsletter. Committee may be asked to take on any jobs that need to be done. Please join us at any time to help out.

Speaking of the newsletter: This is an abbreviated version for this month. A more complete newsletter should be ready for October.

September/October Activities

September 10th—Breakfast at LePeep's @ 9 a.m.--3810 Farnham—That's across from the 59 Diner near Shepherd & 59. For more information call Don & Ray: 713-522-7809 [To make sure we have enough places at the table, it is always nice to hear from you if you are coming to breakfast.]

September 24th—HOG Potluck & Planning Session at Terry & Howard's @ 5 p.m.—Howard says this will be truly "potluck": Bring your favorite dish! We know we have some great cooks out there so show us your stuff.

Please RSVP @ 713-528-6174

Need to take special note!!!!!! Can't park in the 200 block of Stratford after 5pm unless you have permit. Must park @ 300 Block of Stratford or ON Mason.

October 1st—Breakfast at LePeep's @ 9 a.m.--3810 Farnham—That's across from the 59 Diner near Shepherd & 59. For more information call Don & Ray: 713-522-7809

October 8th – A NITE OUT IN GALVESTON--Check your schedules for Saturday, October 8th. That is the night for one of the Galveston Art Walks. The art galleries along Post Office Street will stay open late with special exhibits. Some serve wine and snacks along with the art.

Bill and Thomas will host this group event that will begin with dinner at the Bistro LeCroy at 5:30 p.m. You may want to go early and spend some time walking along The Strand before our early dinner. Bistro LeCroy is located at the east end of The Strand at 2021 Strand.

Bill and Thomas need to know how many will be there so the Bistro can have a table ready for the group. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 2nd. Bill's email is billpctx@yahoo.com or call him at 713-560-9794.

There was a large group for the Art Walk last year so please RSVP to make sure there is room at the table.

October 15th –SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH DAN—Explore some of our urban landscape with a walk through the Menil Museum area and a stroll through the Sculpture Garden at the MFAH. We will meet in the parking lot of the Menil in the 1500 block of West Alabama at 10 a.m. After the Menil visit, Dan will lead us over to the MFAH Sculpture garden followed by a late lunch at Café Express in the MFAH. For more information contact Dan at 713-992-5010.

This is our short list of upcoming activities. If you can host the October potluck on either October 22nd or 29th please let us know at one of the upcoming events.

Our regular newsletter should return for October.