

## August 2006 Kudos

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### DONATION KUDOS:

- To John “Bubbles” Dye and Dan “Balls” Lindquist, Lone Star Nudist Group, for donating an answering machine for the TCC phone in the kitchen.
- To John Szewczyk, Houston Firedancers, for donating railroad ties for use as stringers for the Kitchen to Shower Building Bridge Project.

### KITCHEN VENT HOOD INSTALLATION PROJECT

The purpose of the Kitchen Hood Installation Project was a weeklong project to install the stainless steel commercial hood, previously donated by Hal Pryor, to vent heat and smoke from the kitchen and provide a more fire safe cooking environment.

The installation was a major effort that involved cutting out the existing roof section over the stove and grill, constructing a new raised roof section, and shoring up the existing building structure to support the considerable weight of the hood.

Hood installation involved removing the stove and grill from the Kitchen so the hood could be brought inside. The hood was then manually hoisted overhead and suspended from the reconstructed roof structure.

The Kitchen's existing electrical wiring was revised to accommodate the hood's blower motor and lighting and associated switches and relocation of the existing electrical outlets.

For fire safety, the wooden wall behind the stove and grill was removed and replaced by a sheet metal wall and sheet metal was used for the walls and roof of the newly constructed roof tower surrounding the hood.

### KUDOS:

- To Jim Newsome, Lone Star Leathermen, for drawing up the plans for, supervising, and putting in much labor into the complex task of installing the Kitchen vent hood.
- To Hal Pryor, TCC Independent, for his personal labor on the project and

coordinating the blower motor installation and construction of the associated ducting by an outside vendor.

- To Jack Elsbree, Lone Star Leathermen, for his electrical expertise in installing the building wiring and switches and for using his carpentry expertise and labor throughout the project.
- Bill Carey, Austin Gay Nudist, Randal Louk, Lone Star Leathermen, and Ken Witt, TCC Independent, and guest Patrick, for lending their labor and help with every phase of the project from the heavy lifting of moving the hood into and the kitchen equipment in and out of the kitchen, cutting and sawing lumber and sheet metal.
- To Dan Murdoch, TCC Independent, and Bill Carey, Austin Gay Nudist, for cleaning the kitchen of the dust and debris of the project and making things ready for the Austin Gay Nudist Campout immediately following the hood installation.

### THE POLE BARN STAIRS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The purpose of the project was to replace the deteriorated step handrails and anti-slip tape on the steps and adjust the step placement to provide an equal width tread for all steps.

#### KUDOS:

- To Dale Arndt, TCC Independent, and Bill Carey, Austin Gay Nudist; for drawing up the plans for, acquiring the materials for, and putting their personal labor into the project.

### THE KITCHEN-TO-SHOWERS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The project involved removing the old narrow deteriorating ridge between the Kitchen area and the Shower Building with a new wide bridge.

#### KUDOS:

- To Larry Perry, Trinity River Bears, for drawing up the plans for, supervising, acquiring the materials for, and putting his personal labor into the project.
- To Dan Murdoch, TCC Independent, for digging out the ditch under the ditch and using the dirt to back fill the new bridge approaches.
- To John Szewczyk, Houston Firedancers and Bill Carey, Austin Gay Nudist, for drilling pilot holes in the bridge deck planking then installing the screws to secure the planking to the bridge stringers.
- To Lobo, Chain of Command, for digging out fill dirt for the bridge approaches from Firedancer's Hill, hauling it down to the bridge site,

spreading and tamping it, then raking a protective layer of gravel over the dirt.

### INDIVIDUAL KUDOS:

- To Ken Witt, TCC Independent and Landsite Caretaker, for doing the multitude of tasks necessary to keep the Landsite buildings, grounds, utilities, and equipment safe and functional between events.
- To Tom Simmons, TCC Honorary, for continuing to donate his time, materials, and professional skills to insure the integrity of the Landsite's electrical grid and planning and executing electrical system expansions for the benefit of the TCC and its members.
- To Mark Skruhak, TCC Honorary, for continuing his much appreciated ongoing efforts to rid the Landsite of litter.
- To Jim S. and Ron Malone, Chain of Command, for their often unsung but unceasing donations of effort and materials to maintain and improve the Compound.
- To Ed Burleson, Heart of Texas Bears, for removing a broken handle from the Fire Pit Rake and replacing it with a new handle.
- To Ed Burleson, Heart of Texas Bears, for tending to the scattered kindling wood in the Fire Pit woodpile.
- To Larry Perry, Trinity River Bears, and Lobo, Chain of Command, for hauling rocks for the continuing project to line the banks and define plant beds along the ditch between the Kitchen and Walk-In Cooler.
- To Dale Arndt, TCC Independent, for reconstructing the unstable step platform along side the Walk-In Cooler used as a step up to the vendor supplied soda fountain used during Landsite events.
- To Dan Murdoch, TCC Independent, for working on the uphill portion of the continuing project to realign and reshape the storm water drainage flow between landmark cedar tree alongside the entrance road and the crossroad culvert adjacent to the Bunkhouse to minimize erosion.
- To Ray Moore and Bill Carey, Austin Gay Nudist, for digging out the storm water drainage ditch between the Restroom and the Bunkhouse.

### MEAL/BEVERAGE KUDOS:

#### Saturday's Pre-Quarterly Meeting Lunch:

- To John "Bubbles" Dye and Dan "Balls" Lindquist, Lone Star Nudist Group, for providing the ingredients and cooking up a hearty dish of Rice-A-Roni and hamburger with a cheese topping and a green salad.

#### Saturday Dinner:

- To John Szewczyk, Houston Firedancers, for coordinating Saturday night's meal and bringing beef brisket cooked to a turn and cooking up ranch style beans to go with it.
- To Tom Simmons and Mark Skruhak, TCC Honoraries, for bringing chicken enchiladas for all.
- To Peter Reid, Heart of Texas Bears, for whipping up his cabbage and apple Coleslaw specialty.
- To Ron Denning and Dan Bullion, Cowtown Leathermen, for their apple and cherry cobblers.
- To Jerry Garcia and Jack Elsbree, Lone Star Leathermen, for their ambrosia cake.
- To Ed Burleson, Heart of Texas Bears, for providing the dinner rolls, BBQ sauce, and tomatoes and cucumbers to add to the dinner salad.
- To the Austin Gay Nudist and John "Bubbles" Dye, Lone Star Nudist Group, for the ice cream and sherbet left over from the previous weekend's Austin Gay Nudist Campout and Bubbles cocktail party, respectively.

#### Sunday Lunch:

- Lori and Ann, Bound By Desire, for whipping up a skillet of stir fried vegetable and brisket and other leftovers for the weekend's late stayers.

#### Beverages:

- To John Szewczyk, Houston Firedancers, for brewing up and maintaining large coolers of Iced Tea and Gatorade throughout the weekend.
- To the Austin Gay Nudists for the left over beverages from their Campout.

**THE FOLLOWING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, RESUPPLY, REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE UNDERSIGNED:**

#### Purchases from Petty Cash:

- Motor oil to replenish the supply for mowers and tractor.
- Jumper cables to facilitate starting the riding mover.
- Rake handle for broken Fire Pit rake.
- Appliance light bulb to replenish spares.
- Sharpening of the TCC chain saw chains.
- Rid-X septic system powder to replenish on hand supply.

## Maintenance, Repairs, Replacements:

- Replaced burned out appliance light in Walk-In Cooler.
- Replenished depleted TCC Forms Applications stock in Kitchen forms rack.
- Treated septic system with Rid-X.
- Drained and returned to storage the hard sided blue wading pool.
- Washed, dried, and folded soiled kitchen linen.

## SUGGESTED TASKS FOR THE AUGUST ACTIVITY WEEKEND:

- Cut up and haul to the wood pile the previously cut down tree located across the road from the Bunkhouse. Note: This task may be expanded due to the discovery of additional dead trees that are on the list for cutting down and may be felled over the weekend.
- Hauling rocks for the continuing project to line the banks and define plant beds along the ditch between the Kitchen and Walk-In Cooler.
- Helping hands for the continuing project to realign and reshape the storm water drainage ditch of the entrance road downhill from the landmark cedar tree at Seth's site to minimize erosion.

## CARRYOVER PROJECT LOOKING FOR A COORDINATOR & HELPING HANDS:

**Walk-In Cooler Door Seal Replacement:** The previous plan to replace the seals suggested removing the old seals and replacing them by drilling out the old rivets securing the flanges holding the seals in place and blind riveting the flanges in back in place to secure the new seals. Probably because this plan required the use of specialized tools and uncommon technical skills, no takers stepped forward to accomplish this task. Therefore an alternative plan of accomplishment has been proposed to simplify the process and eliminate the need for special tools and skills. The new plan is to find a commercial business capable of removing and replacing the seals then transporting the four doors there for seal replacement. Since the Walk-In Cooler is in continuous use and cannot be turned off, it is proposed that one door at a time be taken off, taken serially for seal replacement, and a plywood close out panel be put in place while each door is away.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August Activity Weekend.

Dan Murdoch