



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Nan Fidler

I am grateful for the rain we have had the past few weeks. It is welcome as we head toward summer. Wow! It was great to see so many of you at the May meeting. We really had an interesting program with Mr. Tom B. Saunders. All of you know how much I love Texas, and it's history.

If you were not there, motions were made, seconded, and passed to donate \$1,000.00 to the TCJLS and \$1,000.00 to Pizza Ranch for 2005. We also voted as a club to donate \$500.00 to set up a 501(3)C corporation that will overlook and award scholarships to TCJLS finalists. A board and officers will be formed when the State gives the paperwork "OK" for this 501(3)C.

I know all of you are as proud as I am of the Stock Show and Mr. Watt's commitment to see that the integrity and fairness of it's livestock- judging programs are maintained. Our hats are off to you.

On June 1st, I attended the really good and fun 123rd Annual Luncheon for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. The whole event was masked in secrecy. It was called Mission Possible and our speaker had the code name "Ranger". After Secretary of State, Roger Williams introduced our speaker and pointed to the West door, we gasped thinking it was President Bush. After he walked by me and I could see his makeup, I knew we had been bedazzled. It was the gentleman who appears on the Jay Leno Show and Saturday Night Live Show. He was extremely entertaining. He had all the looks, mannerisms, missed pronounced words, etc. down to a T. He had done his homework. The Chamber presented the 2005, Spirit of Enterprise Award to Sundance Square. This award initiated in 1975, recognizes local companies that have made significant contributions to the development of our community. We can all see the change in the core of downtown Ft. Worth in the past 25 years. It is now recognized as one of the liveliest and most successful downtown areas in America.

This year Fort Worth moved to the Top 20 List of largest cities in the U.S., Fort Worth being the fastest growing of these. Although we have grown so dramatically, I am proud to say we still recognize and embrace our agricultural roots. Without them, Fort Worth would not be the great city it has always been and will remain.

I hope all of you will bring a guest to the June 28th meeting.

Nan Fidler

JUNE MEETING:

Hugh Ross

Tuesday, June 28th – 12 Noon
TSCRA Brand Room
1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth 76107

BBQ Brisket/Turkey - \$10.00

Our speaker this month is Roger Stiles who will tell us of early life on the south Texas King Ranch. Roger's late brother, Leonard Stiles, was the general manager of the King Ranch for 40 years. He was also a brand inspector in the early days of cattle rustling and collected branding irons as he traveled around our state. Many of his irons were used to create the branding room we meet in each month here at the Cattle Raisers Museum. The King Ranch was also noted for developing a new Santa Gertrudis cattle breed. Roger has a few interesting stories that he will share about how it was to grow up on this south Texas icon. Santa Gertrudis were developed on King Ranch to function in hot, humid, and unfavorable environments. The Santa Gertrudis was developed by crossing Indian Brahman cattle with British Shorthorns. In 1920, years of experimentation culminated with the birth of Monkey, a deep red bull calf. Monkey became the foundation sire for not just a superior line of cattle, but an entirely new breed. In 1940, Santa Gertrudis was recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the first beef breed developed in the United States. Even today Santa Gertrudis are referred to as America's original beef breed.

CLUB NOTES:

Texas Cowboys, by Tom Saunders, last month's speaker, tells the cowboy story with pictures, poems, short stories and drawings. Taking over 4 years to complete, the book celebrates the cowboy lifestyle with photos of 23 of Texas' oldest and most beautiful ranches, 150 different cowboys, herds of livestock, and native wildlife. If you are interested in purchasing this book, check out your local Barnes and Noble or get it online at amazon.com. It would make a great gift for your favorite cowboy!





FARM & RANCH CLUB MEETING MINUTES

TEXAS & SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS MUSEUM, BRAND ROOM
TUESDAY, April 26, 2005

38 Members and Guests Present

CALL TO ORDER – Nan Fidler

INVOCATION – Walt Richburg

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION-

Tony Cummings introduced his wife Gloria.

Britt Boozer introduced Kyle Collins, Intern, Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company

Hugh Ross introduced his wife Kathy and brother Albert Ross, an attorney in Arlington.

Mike Lansford introduced Wes Welch of Bank One.

Doug Johnson, new employee of the TSCRA, introduced himself.

Gene Manning was our special guest from the Chamber.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Treasurer's Report – Ending Balance of \$9620.58.

It was moved by Robbie Robertson and seconded by Patti Beckham to approve the minutes as written.

Old Business – We have voted in a previous meeting to give \$1000 to the Tarrant County Pizza Ranch and \$1000 to the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Association.

New Business – Paul Burrough announced the new 501(c)3 created as a scholarship fund for the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Association. Bylaws must be drawn up and an application must be approved for the IRS designation. Recipients of the scholarships become eligible by exhibiting a project at the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and must give a panel interview. The Farm and Ranch Club has agreed to pay the \$500 fee to offset the costs of applying for the IRS designation.

PROGRAM – Tom Saunders, author of *Texas Cowboy*

“The cattle business is not a business; it's a way of life. Some days it's beef steak and some days it's beans.”

Tom Saunders family arrived in Texas in 1850. Great, Great Grandfather Saunders settled in Gonzales and made his first cattle drive at age 8. During this time, Texas was open range, full of wild cattle brought in by the conquistadors of the 1500's. Early settlements had problems with guarding their cattle herds from the Mexicans and their horses from the Comanche. Not until Sam Colt developed the Walker Colt, did the Anglos take a foothold over the Comanche. Texas at this time had no money, but lots of cattle, therefore, cattle drives became inevitable when the largest packing outfits developed in the north. Between 1867 and 1884 about 5 million head of cattle were driven out of Texas for sale. Cowboy's biggest fears on the cattle drive were enemy raids, river rampages and stampedes. It wasn't until Tom's grandfather came to Fort Worth in 1902 that the cattle industry began to boom. Swift and Armour moved in and the Stockyards began. Over time, the Stockyards would move over 150 million head of livestock.

DOOR PRIZES – Gloria Cummings won a free lunch.

A.J. Fidler won a binocular set donated by Albert Ross.

Pam Wright won a pocket knife donated by Albert Ross.

Ken Johnson won a beautiful picture pin donated by Nan Fidler.

Mike Lansford and Randall Ward won T-Shirts donated by the Dairy Museum.

ADJOURNED - Nan Fidler adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.