



# FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Nan Fidler

It certainly is good to see some showers, even if they are few and far between. With the very hot weather we have had, please watch for dehydration and heat sickness in yourselves, neighbors, and pets. Don't forget to replenish liquids.

Remember to get your letters of nomination together and send them to : Ken Leiber, Chairman of the Bill King Award Committee, c/o National Finance Corporation, 410 E. Weatherford, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, or fax to 817-882-4717. There are many who deserve this award. The deadline for nominations is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

I appreciate Melinda Adams, Fort Worth's City Forester doing our July program. We all learned the benefits of a green belt in the city as well as the proper time and way to trim our trees.

With "Rustlers on the Prowl", I would like to print the theft prevention tips listed in the TSCRA NEWS UPDATE by Larry Gray, Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

- Brand cattle and make sure the brand is recorded with the County Clerk.
- Count cattle regularly.
- Don't establish a routine when feeding; vary the time when you feed.
- Don't feed in pens.
- Don't build pens close to a roadway.
- Lock gates.
- Be cautious of who you give keys and combinations to.
- Participate in neighborhood Crime Watch programs.
- Display TSCRA member sign on gates and entrances.

If cattle are missing, call the TSCRA inspector in your area. Gray advises, "A map and contact information are available on TSCRA's Web site under 'theft protection' or call 1-800-242-7820."

If you have a copy of the August TEXAS HIGHWAYS, take a few minutes to scan the article about Rocksprings. Since my ranch is located there, I found it very entertaining.

Gather your guests for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, I look forward to meeting them.

*Nan Fidler*

## AUGUST MEETING:

Hugh Ross

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 12 Noon  
TSCRA Brand Room  
1301 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth 76107

Lasagna/Pasta - \$10.00

Rick and Judy Samaniego – Bird B Gone

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As a result of our last meeting concerning trees, it was suggested that we need to be updated as to the consequences of creating a habitat for noxious birds that tend to move into our urban forest and displace the song birds that we all enjoy. Our speakers will be Rick and Judy Samaniego, owners of the local company "Bird B Gone", who will tell us the new innovative methods that are now in use to deal with this problem.

## CLUB NOTES:

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Come enjoy lunch with the Dallas Agricultural Club and help them welcome guest speaker Dr. F.C. (Buddy) Faries, D.V.M. and Extension Veterinarian, College Station.

**Monday, October 10, 2005**

**12 Noon**

**Old Mill Inn – State Fair of Texas**

**1121 1st Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75210**

The cost is \$20.00 per person and you receive a parking pass/entrance to the fair for the day.

Please remit to: Patti Beckham, Sec/Tres, Dallas Ag Club  
%Lone Star Land Bank, ACA  
P.O. Box 1479  
Weatherford, Texas 76086



# FARM & RANCH CLUB MEETING MINUTES

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

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30 MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nan Fidler

**INVOCATION:** Lamar Guthrie

**WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Nan Fidler welcomed the following guests to our luncheon.

Albert Ross and Paul Krey guest of Hugh Ross.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer Rosalind Sullivan reported that all bills are paid leaving us a balance of \$ 7,396.44.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved as written.

**PROGRAM:** Vice President Hugh Ross introduced Ms. Melinda Adams the City Forester for the City of Fort Worth who presented a program about the importance of trees in our urban forest. It is very necessary that our city maintain a viable tree forest to provide oxygen, to reduce carbon dioxide, to shade our city, to catch and hold storm water to decrease flooding and to enhance the overall beauty of Fort Worth. During the development of a city trees are usually cut down to make room for construction structures and paved areas. This has caused the creation of "Heat Islands" of concrete and asphalt that have actually raised the temperature of the city. It has been recommended that a city should have 40% of its area under the canopy of vegetation in order to reduce the heating effect. Melinda encouraged us all to take care of our trees and plant native varieties that will last for a long time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Bill Ward & Marty McKinzie - a Pizza Ranch T-Shirt donated by Dairy Max

Lamar Guthrie – a magnifying glass, A.J. Fidler – a flashlight, Ken Leiber & Hugh Ross

**ADJOURNED:** Nan Fidler adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM