



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Shanna Weaver

Thanks goodness it's almost spring! The much needed rain was more than welcomed. It certainly won't take care of the drought situation that Texas faces, but at least it's a healthy step in the right direction. Even with the moisture received, a report released last week by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimates the current drought, which started in 2008 and continues today, is costing Texas agriculture nearly \$1 billion.

As we get into the full swing of 2009 – here are a couple of things you might want to make note of if you haven't already.

You'll no doubt see old friends, make new ones and take home valuable information during the 132nd TSCRA Convention here in Fort Worth at the Convention Center March 20 – 22nd. The schedule is loaded with activities, seminars, a trade show and more. For additional information, visit

www.thecattlemanmagazine.com/09Convention/index.html

. One of the many highlights of the convention will be the 15th School for Successful Ranching. This session is designed to help ranchers educate themselves so they can make informed decisions. And of course you can't have a gathering of this magnitude without a trade show – and the 34th trade show looks like it will be a great one with over 140 vendors on hand from handmade boots to fence repair companies and everything in between.

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 23. The Tarrant Ag. Scholarship Corporation (TAgSCo) is excited to announce the annual "Rendezvous at the River" (formerly held at the River Ranch) has moved "uptown" this year. The gala which raises scholarships funds for deserving Tarrant County Ag. students is moving to Bass Hall this year! Each Farm and Ranch Club member will receive an invitation in the mail in the next couple of weeks. If you have any items or services you would consider "donating to the cause" – there is of course both a silent auction as well as the live auction. It will be a terrific steak dinner and "fellowship" – all for a good cause. Watch your mail boxes for more details.

Looking forward to seeing you soon ~

Shanna Weaver

March:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, March 24

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Chicken Fried Steak - \$10.00

Speaker = Barron S. Rector: Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist for Ecosystem and Management Department at Texas A&M University

Topic: Natives vs. Introduced grasses

CLUB NOTES:

Save the Date – April 23: Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation Gala at Bass Hall! More details to come!





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

February 24, 2009

41 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Shanna Weaver

INVOCATION: Matt Brockman

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW:

Tim Parker was introduced as a guest. Sam Stavron was introduced as a new member.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shanna Weaver reported that the 2009 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo was a success despite the economy. Overall, the show had a great turnout, great weather and presented a great opportunity to showcase the ag industry.

R.L. Felt provided a report on the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show (TCJLS). A total of 447 youth showed a total of 1,083 animals at the 2009 TCJLS. The auction brought in \$195,600 and a total of \$219,000 was brought in by the show. Overall it was a successful year for TCJLS.

Tim Niedecken gave an update on the upcoming 132nd Annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention held in Fort Worth on March 20 – 22.

Paul Burroughs informed the club members that the Tarrant Agriculture Scholarship Corporation (TAGSCo) awarded a total of nine scholarships totaling \$15,000 in 2009. In addition he noted that the annual TAGSCo Gala will be held on April 23 at Bass Hall. Individual tickets are \$60 each. The gala will include a steak dinner and a live and silent auction.

Rosalind Sullivan gave the financial report. Our beginning balance for the month of February was \$ 10,444.97 and our ending balance for the month of February was is \$9,181.97

PROGRAM:

Mark Habiger from the Natural Resources Conservation Services Office in Temple spoke to the club about the changes in the 2008 Farm Bill verses the 2002 Farm Bill. He provided several useful handouts. For more information about the 2008 Farm Bill visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

DRAWINGS: Tim Niedecken, Hugh Ross and Sam Stavron each won a print. Gary Goodwin won the Lone Star Ag Credit gift bag. Roman Aday and Pam Wright each won a lead rope.

ADJOURNED: Shanna Weaver adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.