



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jim Bradbury

Every now and then the paper has a piece of news that makes you smile. When I picked up today's paper to read the latest debate on something, there was a picture that stopped me in my tracks. Not a tank, exploded car or the latest report on "Dancing with the Stars." A two foot tall young man in his jeans and coat was hugging a catfish bigger than he was. It was not really clear who was getting the better of the wrestling match, but that boy was smiling from ear to ear. He caught it in the Trinity, and for the betterment of the fish and his own health he pitched it back.

If you missed last month's meeting, you need to congratulate this year's recipient of the Bill King Award. Jim Link is one of us in many ways so if you see him tell him congratulations.

Put Monday, November 16 on your calendar for the date of the joint meeting with the TCU Ranch Management School. While we had looked at the 17th, that date would have eliminated chicken fried steak as an option in favor of quiche or something like that. Few thought that I would survive this long as President and I did not intend to get shot over a serious topic like lunch. So please come, even if you are busy and have not seen us in awhile. It's a great gathering and good for both groups.

Best,

Jim

October:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
12 Noon
TSCRA Brand Room
1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Enchiladas/Tacos - \$10.00

Speaker = Nancy Gill, from Superior Livestock will give us an overview of Superior Productions and Superior Livestock Auction as well as discussing the TV show, The American Rancher on RFD.

CLUB NOTES:

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting with TCU Ranch Management on Monday November 16, 2009.





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

Sept. 25, 2009

38 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Bradbury

INVOCATION: Buddy Almy

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Bradbury welcomed members and guests to the September 2009 meeting.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ken Leiber announced that Jim Link was selected as the next Bill King award winner. The award will be presented at the Livestock Appreciation Luncheon in January during the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Jim mentioned that the annual meeting with TCU Ranch Management would be held on Monday Nov. 16th.

Mayna Haggard reminded everyone that they are selling floral boot decorations as a fundraiser for the TCJLS.

Treasurer's Report from Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,476.51.

PROGRAM:

Bob Moorhouse gave the club a wonderful account of his years of working on the historic Pitchfork Ranch in west Texas. Bob went to work for the ranch after graduating from Texas Tech University and spent the next 35 years working on the ranch until he stepped aside to let the current manager, Ron Lane take over. Bob still is actively involved with the management of the ranch as a board member.

The Pitchfork Ranch comprises an estimated 180,000 acres, 113 windmills, 6 camps, and 8,000 acres of farm ground. Although cattle remains the primary focus of the ranch they also are known for their guided hunts, and top quality ranch horses that they raise and sell at several sales each year.

Bob is also an exceptional photographer as a collection of his photographs titled "Hoofbeats on the Pitchfork Ranch" has traveled all over the United States and Europe.

DOOR PRIZES:

Guest Drawing – David Kirk, free lunch

Member Drawings: Brent Morton – Cattle Raisers Gift Basket

ADJOURNED: Jim adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM