



# FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Breinn Richter

It's STATE FAIR time again! I wonder what they are going to cook up this year? Who's idea was it to fry a Twinkie? And what a great excuse to get out of the office...the opportunity to break bread (does a fried Twinkie count?) with our very own Commissioner of Agriculture...

The Dallas Agricultural Club will have their annual State Fair of Texas meeting on October 8, 2007 at 12:00 noon at the Old Mill Inn on the State Fair grounds across from Big Tex. This year's speaker is Todd Staples, Texas Agricultural Commissioner. The lunch is \$20.00 and includes free admission to the Fair and free parking. Please send checks made out to Dallas AG Club to Jim Miller at 6 Queensview Ct., Dallas, TX, 75225-1827. For more information, you can email Jim at [jimmiller6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimmiller6@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 214-361-5233. When he receives your check, he will put the parking pass in the mail to your return address.

Commissioner Staples knows first hand the dedication, commitment and hard work of a dawn-to-dusk Texas agricultural producer. He began his public service career on the Palestine City Council, served 3 terms as State Representative and was elected State Senator in 2000. While serving in the state Senate, Staples was a strong protector of private property owners' rights, natural resources and the agricultural industry. He served on the Senate Natural Resources Committee and was Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee. He worked with farmers, ranchers, and agricultural organizations, including the Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, to ensure that the property rights of all Texans are protected. Staples brings leadership and vision to the Texas Department of Agriculture gained through his life long involvement with the Texas agricultural industry.

If you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Todd Staples, I encourage you to do so (he's interesting, funny and not too terrible to look at, ladies)...and what a great opportunity to get into the Fair too! All guests are welcome (don't forget to buy them a ticket for lunch) and the dress is State Fair casual.

Please show your support, and represent the Fort Worth Farm and Ranch Club with your attendance...

*Breinn Richter*

## SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Shanna Weaver

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth

Brisket/Sausage- \$10.00

**Speaker = Tim Hogan of Timothy Hogan's Longhorn Woodcarvings Studio, Fort Worth, TX**

Come meet local Fort Worth artist Tim Hogan and hear about his ranching experience and why he chose the longhorn as his primary subject. His collection consists of woodcarvings and paintings mainly of longhorns – but also does other wildlife including whitetail deer, eagles, etc.

## CLUB NOTES:

Encourage someone you know to join our club for lunch!





## FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

August 28, 2007

31 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Breinn Richter

**INVOCATION:** Walt Richburg

**WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:** Jacorey Burnett joined us for lunch as a guest of Manuel Martinez.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ken Leiber, Chairman for the Bill King Award, informed the club that Nan Fidler had been added to the Nominating Committee.

Breinn Richter reminded everyone that we had agreed to pay the one time \$400 filing fee for TASCOS – and that invoice came in.

Treasurer's Report given by Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,316.27.

**PROGRAM:**

Texas Farm Bureau agent Jeff O'Neal and Parker County Agency Manager Sonny Black visited with the club about the TFB and all the benefits of being a member, not to mention what a beneficial tool for folks in agricultural industry the TFB is. While most people recognize them as an insurance agent, they are much more than that. They deal with issues from the grass roots level clear to legislative issues affecting Texas rural lifestyles and livelihoods. Sonny also touched on the fact that TFB wants to ensure the future of agriculture is strong and have a program called Agriculture in the Classroom. There is a wealth of information on their website – for more information go to [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org)

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Guest Drawing – Jacorey Burnett - free lunch.

Member Drawings:

Al Lock won a TFB mug donated by Sonny Black and Jeff O' Neal.

Manicure set was won by Manuel Martinez; Roman Aday received a hot/cold beverage container and Mark Green – waterfowl artwork – all kindly donated by Albert Ross.

**ADJOURNED:** Breinn Richter adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM