



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jim Bradbury

I suspect that everyone has a place that they like to slip away to and escape from the drumbeats of work. When you deal with lawyers all day, having such a place is a necessity. My hideaway is the Sid Richardson Museum on Main. It's only about forty steps outside my front door, but it's a 200 year trip. You cannot look at any of those paintings and not be captured, if not haunted by the way things were. The world has a lot of museums and even more paintings, but Russell and Remington were different. They were both on one long trail ride and just happened to be pretty good at drawing and painting what they saw: Indians, stagecoach robberies and a favorite of kids, the skunk in a camp. While they would surely be locked up in twenty minutes, I think that it might do us all some good if a few cowboys road down Main shooting guns and scaring the daylights out of the suit and tie crowd.

While I was in there, I picked up a short book of Charles Russell's boyhood drawings. I gave it to my boys for their birthdays but not before giving it a thorough look. You can see where he was headed at a very early age. He could draw, but he loved chaps, horses and showing what it looks like when a rider tosses off the front of a horse. One of his drawings caught me more than any other. It showed three buffalo, one standing on a railroad track. The telegraph wire has already been strung. What caught me was something more than just wishing those buffalo were still here. It was the fact that the buffalo were just doing what they were supposed to do: eat grass, find water and well...make more buffalo. But they had no idea what that track and that wire was bringing their way.

A few weeks ago, I was headed down the trail next to the Trinity River, on a mountain bike not a mare. But as you get down below Hulen you pass into an area of the Edwards Ranch that becomes somewhat secluded. The sky was at last light and you could hear more than you could see. But the grass was moving and so were the trees. Off in the distance you could hear the few cows left on that property. And for a moment or two, it was all still there just like it used to be.

September:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Brisket/Sausage - \$10.00

Speaker = Bob Moorehouse – Mr. Moorehouse will discuss a variety of topics on his ranching heritage.

CLUB NOTES:

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting with the TCU Ranch Management Class of 2010 on November 17, 2009.





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

Aug 25, 2009

31 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Bradbury

INVOCATION: Buddy Almy

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:

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

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ken Leiber announced that they were taking nominations for the Bill King award until September 8th.

Jim mentioned that the annual meeting with TCU Ranch Management would be held on Nov. 17th.

Treasurer's Report from Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,530.91

PROGRAM:

Jennifer Barrow a wildlife biologist serving Wise, Jack, Cooke, and Denton Counties Texas came and talked about the services that the Texas Department of Wildlife offers landowners.

Programs offered:

- Manage lands Program
- Manage lands Deer Permit Program
- Landowner Incentive Program
- Comprehensive Wildlife Planning Guidelines

Jennifer also talked about how she spends a vast majority of her time conducting wildlife valuations for agriculture tax exemptions.

Interesting facts:

- 4 million deer in Texas
- 400,000 deer harvested on an annual basis
- 5,500 properties totaling over 20 million acres are working with the TPWD

More information about the TPWD can be found on their webpage www.tpwd.state.tx.us

DOOR PRIZES:

Guest Drawing – John Robins, free lunch

Member Drawings: Seth Denbow – Duck Print, RL Feldt – Duck Print

ADJOURNED: Jim adjourned our meeting at 1:05PM