



# Country Coach Texans

Spring 2022

## Good Times By the Bay in San Leon

*From Club President  
David Schnautz*



Another successful rally has come and gone. But the memories will always be there. Thanks to our rally hosts **Richard and Sarah Bishop** and co-hosts **David and Danna Faerber**, for a wonderful rally. The area around San Leon had plenty to offer in both sights and the all important food selections. Weather was, well..., let's just say if you could stand on your own, the temperature was perfect. The wind definitely let us know it was present. Even with that, plus a little improvising, we had a wonderful time. Our planned visit to the San Jacinto Battle Ground was a wonderful experience and very informative. There was a lot of history to cover in 3 short hours! The folks that attended now know exactly how it takes time to make history.

The remainder of the week was fun, fellowship and day trips. Some went to Galveston, the NASA Space Center, Astros game and Kemah. Thanks to our many guests in attendance. This rally was almost dubbed the "visitors rally", as we had so many wonderful guests. We hope each of them will find their way back to us (or even join our ranks).

Thanks again to our rally hosts and co-hosts for the great job they did putting it all together.

*David*



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## Spring Rally Highlights

*From Rally Hosts Richard & Sarah Bishop  
and Co-hosts David & Danna Faerber*

The 2022 Spring Rally was held May 2-6, at **Big Spot RV** in San Leon, TX. The hosts for the rally were **Richard and Sarah Bishop** along with co-hosts **David and Danna Faerber**. It was so good to get together, seeing "old" friends along with meeting and making new friends.

San Leon is a quaint area along the Galveston Bay. Within a 25-miles radius, our members and guests were able to take in the sights, adventures and food of Galveston, Kemah, NASA Space Center and the Houston Ship Channel. Some of us arrived early to begin our adventures a day or so before the start of the rally. We definitely took advantage of the abundance of restaurants with good food in the area.

Big Spot RV didn't have a rally room, so we had our on-site meals and happy hours in the nice breezy patio area underneath the office and facility building. We set up tables and chairs supplied by the RV park, **Pat Turpin** and **David Schnautz**. We quickly realized that the amount of "breeze" was a bit much, so



**Sizemore**, Big Spot manager, and her employee, **Annette**, helped and supported us. All we had to do was request something and it was done.

The rally began, Monday afternoon, with the registration of our attendees. We had 15 RV's with 29 attendees, made up of 19 members and 10 guests joining us for the rally. This was the first rally for new members **Danny and Dorothy Greenhaw**. Our guests were **Richard and Nancy Brinlee**, **Don and Beckie Endebrook**, **Jan Loman**, **Jerry and Vicki Priess**, **Keith and Linda Scharwath**, and **Trudy Timian**. Everyone received a rally bag which included the rally agenda, list of the attendees, maps and brochures of "things to do" in the area, along with a highlighter, courtesy of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, a picture frame and a Mary Kay lotion set, donated by **Danna Faerber**.

Following registration, was our Happy Hour/Margarita Party. **Richard Bishop** had called **Lonny Stevens** to get "the special" recipe he and **Lavada** use to make the margaritas, since they weren't able to come to the rally. That evening, our club President, **David Schnautz**, welcomed our members and guests. We enjoyed a great barbeque dinner, catered by **Red River BBQ**. Our meal included beef brisket, ribs,

chicken, link sausage, baked beans, potato salad and dessert of peach cobbler and banana pudding. We began our drawings for the door prizes, which continued each night. We had enough door prizes for at least one per RV.

Tuesday morning, we all gathered in the patio area to enjoy a delicious breakfast of breakfast burritos, with all of the add-ins, a large bowl of fresh cut fruit with a special maple cappuccino dip and assorted pastries. This meal was catered by **Southern Elegance** and served by **Chef Pat**. After breakfast, we had our CCT Business Meeting. The day continued with free time, until meeting at the **Monument Inn Restaurant**, along the shore of the Houston Ship Channel. Our time there began with a friend of Richard Bishop's, **Joel Whitaker**, giving us a history lesson and guided tour of the San Jacinto battlegrounds. Though the sun was a little warm and standing was a little tiring, we appreciated Joel taking his time to come give us



David made a trip to the store to purchase two large tarps, which he and several others put up, to block some of the breeze, which made the area very pleasant. Thanks to **Blaine Fortin** for his expertise in knot tying. We can't say enough to express how much **Samantha**



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lots of information. After the tour, we all met back at the Monument Inn Restaurant for dinner in one of their private dining rooms. We made our selections from a custom menu of four entrees, all included salad, baked potato and dessert. It was a very enjoyable meal and evening.

We began Wednesday having breakfast with Chef Pat of Southern Elegance again serving us a wonderful breakfast casserole, along with red and green salsa, a large bowl of fresh fruit with dip and pastry tray. After breakfast, the day was free time to enjoy on your own with some going to NASA, Kemah, Minute Maid Field to watch the Astros baseball game, and other places of interest. We all met at **La Brisa Mexican Grill** for happy hour and a nice buffet of fajitas and all the trimmings. Sopaipillas were served as dessert. We continued our drawings for door prizes. After returning back to the RV park, a number of us played the game "Left, Right, Center," brought by our guests **Richard and Nancy Brinlee**. The winners were **Blaine Fortin** and **Nancy Brinlee**. It was a fun time.

Thursday was an open day to go and do whatever your heart desired. Some of our group went to Galveston for breakfast and sightseeing. Others went to Kemah to enjoy the fun and sights there. That evening, we had dinner at **Top Water Grill**, along the shore of Galveston Bay. Seafood was the big choice of everyone, which is always good. After dinner, we met back at the RV park for an enjoyable evening of entertainment with guitarist and singer **Randy Meadows** and "**Bad Bob**" playing the fiddle and singing "oldies but goodies" of country, a little soul/blues, and rock. A little excitement was experienced when a storm blew in, with the wind breaking our CCT banner loose, knocking a couple of people in the head and blowing everything off the



tables. A few people said that the ghost of **Dusty Hill** (ZZ Top fame) came to see us! His vacated mansion is directly across the street from the RV park. Could it have been? We will never know, will we? See more about that later in the newsletter.

A special thank you to our rally sponsors **David Schnautz (Clark Freight)**, **Greg and Barbara Ricketts (Gre-Bar Ventures)**, **Dave Miller (Texas Custom Coach)** for their contributions towards the rally, **David & Danna Faerber (Christian Brothers Automotive Cedar Hill)**, **RV Glass Solutions** for our rally bags, **FMCA** and **Craig Dorsett (Motorhomes of Texas)** for the nice chairs, insulated cups, and hats. A big thank you, to everyone that helped, in any way, to make this rally happen. It took a team helping each other and it was a success.

Our 2022 Spring Rally was brought to a close on Friday morning at our continental breakfast. We said our goodbyes and so longs until next time. We all look forward to the next time. Hopefully, more members can attend the 2022 Fall Rally (date/location tbd).

Until then, so long...

**Richard, Sarah, David & Danna**





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**Special thanks to photo contributors:**  
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## Did We Experience a Paranormal Event?

*by Pat Turpin*

Dusty Hill (ZZ-Top fame)'s mansion is the giant green mansion across the road from the Big Spot RV park (Dusty died last fall) . The walls around the grounds are falling down, and as the tale goes, the mansion was sold to the former mayor of Kemah, who was indicted for abuse of official capacity. The house is abandoned and "said" to be haunted.

On Tuesday during the rally, Lisa Fortin and Beckie Endebrock, decided to walk down the Big Spot's fishing pier, which runs adjacent to the mansion. Curiosity set in and they decided to walk over to the mansion and peer in the windows... When they got back to the boardwalk, suddenly a huge wind/water spout blew up out of nowhere, with such force that they had to hold onto the railing of the boardwalk to keep from blowing off the pier. They had noticed a hose coiled on a hook on the outside of the pier on their way over. On their way back, the hose was strewn all over the boardwalk and they had to step over the twists and turns to keep from tripping. None of us at the park saw or felt anything different from the "regular" wind. So, they thought that they had "disturbed" something by "visiting" the house grounds.

Fast forward to Thursday night... We knew there was a storm coming; however, decided it wouldn't hit until later in the evening. The park manager told us that "usually" the storms didn't disturb those under the cover of the building. We had our tarps up to protect us from the prevailing wind; all was well.

Our entertainers for the evening, Randy Meadows and Bad Bob, were playing with their backs to the protecting tarps and we were having a great time listening to a variety of music: "Silver Wings," George Strait, Merle Haggard, "I Got Friends in Low Places," etc. Well, the storm did come, with rain coming straight down, however our tarps protected us from the prevailing wind and the rain. Someone asked Randy to "sing a Dusty Hill song, since his former mansion is right across the road." They played a ZZ Top song and shortly after they finished, the wind made a 180 degree turn at about 30mph! The force of the wind tore our CCT banner loose from its ties and the ropes and bungee cords holding it were beating the people at the end of the table closest to it (Danny & Dorothy Greenhaw), until some could get control of it. As quickly as it blew in, it seemed to go back to the previous "prevailing" direction.

After-the-fact, with the added story of Lisa and Beckie's experience, could we have "upset" something, which resulted in the wind change. Paranormal event? Or, normal coast??? :-)

## Welcome New Members



**Nancy Blackwood**  
Kerrville, TX



**Gerald & Jana Davidson**  
Cleveland, TX



**Rick & Sharon Gibbs**  
Belton, TX



**Danny & Dorothy Greenhaw**  
Forney, TX



**Keith Purvis & Millie Good**  
Pasadena, TX

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and Officer Reports are posted  
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