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Pepperdean Ponderings

This month I'd like to discuss using the internet to promote our Pods and cookoffs. Three very simple strategies can be easily employed to aid our cause. I'm going to suggest using email distribution groups, websites, and internet mailing lists to increase Pod membership and boost attendance at cookoffs.

When I first became Great Pepper of the Mason Dixon Pod, I felt we needed to build a stronger sense of community among the cooks who regularly participate in cookoffs in the East. We also needed a way to easily promote our cookoffs to them. I began to gather email addresses and place them into a single distribution group in my address book. As this list began to grow, I felt we had discovered a powerful promotional tool. I began to email announcements and reminders for cookoffs. Before long it was unnecessary to print flyers and mail them to cooks. We saved money on printing and postage while gaining the advantage of getting instant responses from cooks and being able to provide them with important information.

This, however, was just the beginning for this dynamic tool. The mailing list began to grow with email addresses of additional cooks, judges, chili friends, and spectators. Soon we were sharing cookoff information and news about members of our e-community on a regular basis. The regular cyber-visiting has encouraged friends to judge, judges to cook, brought us new cookoffs, and generally raised the CASI energy level in this neck of the woods.

Second, consider building a website for your Pod. It's really very easy and can give you a great deal of visibility. In a recent three month period, the Mason Dixon Pod website had 6000 visitors. We've added new Pod members and new chili cooks from spicy food fans who were surfing the internet. They printed out the membership form, completed it, and forwarded it to us with their check. We've received many emails requesting directions to cookoffs from folks who saw our online schedule. And (no kidding) just a minute ago as I sat here working on this article, my computer beeped me advising there was a new email. I checked it, and it's someone who clicked the email link on our website who would like us to help their organization put on a CASI cookoff.

Now I mean it when I say it's easy to build a website. I work as a music teacher and Realtor - not a computer professional. However, I think designing web pages is easy and fun. Almost anyone with internet access can host your Pod website. Another important fact is that it's FREE. Most internet service providers provide personal web space to their customers. To make it easy for members of their communities to get online, they even provide an array of fill-in-the-blank templates for you to use. You simply choose the style you like, type in the appropriate information, maybe choose a picture or two, and BAM!, you've got a website. Some free web-hosting services, like Tripod.com, have on-line hints and tips for making your website more interesting.

If you're in a more creative frame of mind, you can use programs like Microsoft's Front Page to build your web pages. Front Page is similar to a standard word processor with many effects to make your site appealing. You don't need any knowledge of HTML. All you need is the vision to organize the look of your page. If you want to be a truly artistic site creator, there are programs like Ulead PhotoImpact and Adobe Photoshop that allow you to build whatever you can imagine.

All of the elaborate designing, however, is unnecessary. The most important thing is that while the sky's the limit

for what you might create, getting your Pod or cookoff online is quick, simple, free, and provides a very effective source of promotion.

The third means of getting the word out about your events is through the discussion on the chile-heads mailing list. Discussion groups, or listserv groups, are similar to newsgroups and are formed for the discussion of a particular topic. They differ from newsgroups, because the discussion is carried on through emails that are broadcast to the entire community of subscribers with similar interests.

The chile-heads mailing list is maintained for all discussions of growing, cooking, and eating chile peppers, spicy foods, and general braggadocio of the "I can eat it hotter than you can" variety. I used to post notices about CASI cookoffs I would be attending and invite chile-heads to come say hello. Through these invitations, I was able to create a mutually beneficial relationship between folks who loved to eat spicy food and those of us who like to serve it up to appreciative eaters. A number of these chile-heads have become cooks and judges in our cookoffs. There are approximately 2000 chile-head members worldwide.

Another activity chile-heads are famous for is the hotluck. If you saw the Food TV Network show "Eat The Heat", you might know that a hotluck is just a potluck party for chile-heads where everyone brings their spicy specialty to contribute. We expanded the scope of a couple of our cookoffs by hosting a hotluck in conjunction with the cookoff. The chile-heads and their families provided extra spectators and a chance to sample delights like Red Savina bread and mango-jalapeno ice cream. Information on how to subscribe to the list and join in the discussion can be found at www.exit109.com/~mstevens/chileheads.html.

Please consider using the benefits of the internet to help your Pod or cookoff become more visible to prospective participants. If you have any questions on how to proceed, please email me at pepperdean@comcast.net and I'll either provide you with the information you need or direct you to what you're looking for. While you're thinking about it, please stop by and pay the Mason Dixon Pod a visit at <http://members.home.net/pepperdean/>.

See you on the 'net'.

Alan Dean

This is without doubt the worst disaster in the annals of Clan Duncan. I shudder to even THINK of this event. However, in retrospect it is amusing, though I thought I would just DIE at the time. My husband's relatives were coming for a visit on New Year's Day. The day before was cold, cold, cold, with snow falling off and on all day, so I thought I would make up a large batch of chili for them. The day came, the day went, and no relatives. The next day came and went, and no relatives. By this time, I had eaten as much chili as I could possibly stomach, and since it was very mild and meaty chili, had the bright idea of mixing it into the dog food! At this time I had about 15 adults and perhaps ten puppies. I mixed up the kettle of food at about six in the evening and fed everyone. The next morning when I got up to go to work, a powerful odor reached me. Arrrrgggh! Have you ever had 25 Shelties with severe cases of the runs? It was a disaster of epic proportions. The dogs looked fine. They were not in distress, but they, well — they squirmed! I called my boss and told him I would be in late. Verrry late. Now if you have never dealt with Shelties in the winter in a cold climate, this will not seem as great a disaster to you as it was to me. Think of it: January, no operational garden hoses, all the outside water frozen. Triple aaarrgggh. I will spare you the details, but our hot-yater bill that month was nearly \$100.00 higher than it

had ever been, and I do believe the final total was three bottles of Pine Sol and 42 rolls of paper towels!

Submitted by Bob Horan.

Bess's Best

Greetings to all from the Truman household where Ole Harry T & I are starting to suffer the effects of good old cabin fever - even the cat & dog are starting to show the signs. Cabin fever usually strikes us about two weeks after Terlingua and lasts thru the end of March but can extend on into April.

For those of you living South of the Truman home where the temperatures are warmer and milder, you may not notice the conditions. For those living North of us, I have heard that it is worse in some places and even forced people to travel to Texas or Florida to seek relief.

Some of the conditions bringing on cabin fever (or at least in our area) are temperatures in the middle 20's with wind...a north wind is very important and it has to be blowing at least 20 mph bringing down the chill factor to zero. This way you're not able to do outside work without dressing very heavily, limiting your movements, and causing you to return to inside the house.

Next you must have very cloudy & overcast days. The more days in a row you can go without sunshine, the better the chances of cabin fever striking. A couple or so years ago we went 20+ days with cloudy and overcast skies; I think that was El Nino time. Speaking of El Nino, the weather forecasters say El Nino is returning.

Sometimes I think the weather forecasters should be chili cooks or vice versa because when it comes to giving a Weather Forecast, it is about like a chili cook giving out their recipe. I won't say they lie, but they both have a tendency to stretch the truth.

By the time you read this column, Harry and I are in hopes to have been pushing the Old Jitney down the chili trail to some of the local cook-offs (local being anything within 250 miles of Lamar), but we are both unsure about our long distance trips.

Since Harry is no longer in office and we have left the White House, the Presidential jet is no longer accessible for long distance travel and now we must rely on the commercial airlines. We flew to Terlingua after the 9/11 attacks, and the increased security at the airports never bothered or caused us any trouble.

When Harry was in office, the news media did their part in keeping things messed up. Presently it seems about 2 or 3 times a week something is said about flying and the new restrictions that are going into effect. Well this gets Harry upset, so I call Southwest Airlines and so far what they tell me is not as harsh as the media reports it.

Hello AllI thought I would jump in and help Bess get this finished before the deadline. This must be finished before the 15th, because that is the day we set aside for bill paying here.

The government check came in the mail this morning, so Bess went to the grocery store to get the fixings for cornbread & beans. I told her if there was any extra money to get a jug of buttermilk, and we would invite the neighbors over tonight for beans, cornbread and buttermilk. Bess thinks I am weird when I tell her there is nothing more tasty or relaxing than a tall glass of buttermilk with ice cubes and salt and pepper in it.

I am now going to tell you something that comes as a shock to Bess and I. The more we cook and travel, the

more people we cross paths with who know where Lamar, Missouri is. All of the years I was growing up and going to school if someone asked where I was from or I lived, the instant response was Lamar, Missouri, the Birthplace of Former President of the United States Harry S. Truman.

Lamar is known for something other than being the town in Southwest Missouri where Harry S. Truman was born, or where Dixie Johnson, Terlingua 2000 winner lives, or the former home of Lawn Boy Power Mowers. It is known for a restaurant on the very western edge of Lamar where U.S. Highways 71 & 160 cross - The Blue Top Restaurant.

Highway 71 is the main route from Southwest Missouri to Kansas City and points north. For those who have stopped at The Blue Top, it is still in business and still serving the same old fashioned home cooked meals 45 years after the day it opened. I know this is not going to change the price of tea in China or a gallon of gasoline in West Texas, but I think I can safely say that over the last 10+ years, Bess and I have not attended a cook-off that we have not been approached by someone saying "Oh, I see you are from Lamar, Missouri. Is the Blue Top still there?" Then each has to relate a story about the Blue Top or Lamar. The Blue Top, like so many other places that serve old fashioned home cooked meals, is slowly falling along the wayside to the fast food industry. Just notice the next time you travel down the road and compare the fast food signs to the 'Eat at Joes' or 'Aunt Martha's Home Fixed Meals'.

Here we are almost 2 months into the New Year. How is everyone doing cooking? Better than I am, I hope. Bess and I have been out twice so far, and it just so happens both cook-offs have been very nice ones. We went to Shawnee, Oklahoma where Jerry and Donell Dickerson put on one super cook-off to help with medical expenses for heart transplant recipient Rebeca Mayhue. The other trip was to Fort Smith, Arkansas for the Belch Pod's Annual Cook-off benefiting The Gregory Kistler Fund. I am not sure how many years this cook-off has been held, but I remember as far back as 1990. That year Guy and Erma Smith got to take a little breather by letting new members of the Belch Pod oversee much of the cook-off. Good job, guys!

Note: For those of you out there not doing good - Don't Feel Bad - Ole Harry never made it off the first table of both cook-offs. I'm not going to say that I wasn't disappointed, but that is alright as I came home with a very big heart knowing I was able to help someone a little less fortunate than Bess and I.

Looking at the clock I see it is about time to go to the barn and start the chores for the evening. Before I depart I would like to leave you with a thought that Bess and I share about cook-offs. Traveling to a cook-off is like attending a family reunion. There is always a lot of work involved in preparing, but once we get there it is all worthwhile.

Upon arrival, you look to see who is present and are disappointed at who isn't. You spend every free moment before cooking and after turn in catching up on what is going on and what everyone has been doing. Then comes the sad part of the day when all part company saying, "Well, guess we'll see you down the road."

Bess and I hope the Good Lord does let us "See All Of You Down The Road" for many a day, and when someone asks you, "Who was that old man and woman that headed out in that silver GMC?" just smile and say, "That was Ole Harry T and Bess."

Thank you for your time. Until next time, remember To Start Slow and Then Taper Off.

Ole Harry T & Bess

The Tejas Medicineman Presents Chili Chants

Last month we began the discussion about what makes a good chili cooking pot. Before we progress, I might mention another thing about not using your chili pot for anything other than cooking chili.

One of the oldest codes of hygiene in the world came from Moses time when every household possessed special cooking utensils. Each family unit would carry a set of cooking bowls. Each of the bowls was used to cook only one type of food. Mutton was cooked in a separate bowl from beef, as well as fish and fowl, which kept the flavors from being tainted by cross contamination of elements being cooked. Historians still wonder who originated all those scientific hygienic laws for early man that are still valid in this century. More on chili cooking hygiene later, now back to pots.

What makes a good chili cooking pot? Anyone can go down to a local store and buy a cheap, thin, stainless steel stock pot and cook up a batch of chili. How well it turns out will either be pure luck or the cook would be like a test pilot who can fly (cook) anything they put their mind to. I have seen many sad disasters when a new cooking team would buy a thin cheap pot, put it on a blowtorch burner and ruin a pot of chili in 10 minutes by burning the chili across the bottom of the pot. So, lets talk about the best pot from the bottom up.

Previously we mentioned that most of the pots are still made with aluminum but are coated with a tough hide of space age material - Teflon or other proprietary name - or even baked enamel. The purpose of course is to prevent interaction with the food and the aluminum. The thickness of the aluminum portion of the pot changes the cooking characteristics. The thicker the bottom and walls, the more heat is distributed evenly around the surface of the contents being cooked. There is one brand that has a uniform thickness over the entire pot. Some people like this style, but it is the next to lowest rated of the pots.

The next type is the pot with a thick bottom and thinner sides. The thick bottom allows a small amount of flame to disperse the heat evenly across the entire bottom of the pot to prevent scorching of the bottom of the cooking area. The best pots will have a sandwiched piece of copper plate in the bottom. This is where the war of opinions really begins about who is cooking with the best pot.

Some cook with all glass pots, some with coated all aluminum, and others cook with stainless steel. Remember, we have not discussed the tops as of yet. Glass pots were a great novelty. They distributed heat well, but those of us who weathered the Corning Ware wars and keeping them clean steered clear of them. The coated aluminum pot has its merits, but it loses because, well, it's "ugly". The sleek stainless pot just looks like a quality cooking utensil. So, now you have a pretty, functional stainless cooking pot.

What makes or breaks a pot as a winner is the lid. The best lid is dome shaped and has a lip that curls under and seats within the pot rim. Other lids that sit in a slot and have a flat lip that sits on the top of the rim allow too much steam and flavor out of the pot. So, which pots win by having all the best elements? Chantal and Tools of the Trade. Both are stainless with copper core bottoms and dome curved lids. The Chantal offers a see thru top with the incurved metal rim. These pots are expensive, but the cooking results are worth it. There will be some world champions who will contest me on these thoughts, but like I mentioned, those are the ones who are the "test pilots" who can fly (cook) anything!

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A VIEW FROM THE TOP OF AN OLD CHILIHEAD

by H. Ray King

While sitting and waiting for my chili to cook at the Mexico International Cookoff, I started thinking about what I was going to write for this March issue of the Trails. As I was reminiscing and sipping a cold one several people came over and asked me questions about the history of this cookoff.

Having been over served for three straight days I was thinking a little slow when it dawned on me that the cooks had given me the subject of this article. I will share with you some of the experiences over the years that have taken place in this cookoff's history.

These will be out of chronological order and without backup documentation so it will not be a true history. I mention this because I don't want the history majors out there to get their knickers in a knot. These are some amusing experiences I recall from first hand observation.

The Mexico Chili Cookoff started in Guadalajara about 1976. It was not an International cookoff at that time. It was a promotional trip put together by Nancy Becker from San Marcos. In 1977 Vann York won the cookoff. Not having his six points to cook in Terlingua, he called Frank Tolbert and got it made an International so he could qualify to cook in Terlingua. I remember some of the winners but don't know the year they won.

Ann Angel won one year and they threw her in the pool. Then some of the drunk chili cooks decided she might drown and they started jumping in to rescue her. Ann, I think, was an Olympic swimmer once upon a time. Needless to say she needed no help! But, we had hell getting some of her drunk rescuers out of the water. Luckily, none of them drowned. That was the beginning of being thrown in the pool if you won in Guadalajara not the one in Nuevo Laredo. The one in Laredo came about in an entirely different way. I'm not going to mention the lady's name because I don't want to embarrass her. This lady won the cookoff and got so excited she wet her pants. To try and hide what had happened she jumped in the pool. That was the beginning of the winners going in the pool in Laredo. We Chiliheads do have some great traditions, don't we.

Back to El Tapatio in Guadalajara. The hotel had a sauna with a coal burning grill in the middle. The grill had a grate on top. Richard Horton had been told by his wife to quit drinking and stay in his room. Did he? Of course not. As soon as his wife was out of sight Richard decided to go to the sauna to sweat some of those impurities out of his body. He stumbled on the grill with his bare butt and it looked like he had stuck it in a waffle iron. This man was in pain. Was that his biggest concern? No. All he was worried about was that there was no way he could hide it from Joanne. Everyone has their own idea of pain.

One year Duffy Duffield won Guadalajara. Yes, Duffy used to cook chili. He cooked in Terlingua and I think won fifth place that year. Duff, Irene, Judie and I had been to England and Scotland on a three week vacation a short time before the cookoff and I had bought a quart of Bell's Scotch. I took it to Mexico. I gave it to Duff in the pool and he and Pat Irvine drank the whole thing. They were totally destroyed, physically and mentally. We were having a party in someone's room that night and Duff curled up in the closet and went to sleep. Pat went to her room and went to bed and locked herself in and had the key to the room with her also. Mom Roth had gone with her to Mexico and could not get in the room and we could not wake her up. The hotel could not get in with their pass key

because the doors were bolted from the inside. I can't remember where Mom finally spent the night. Oh the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

One year Judie King won the cookoff. I rented a horse from the security guard and put Judie on the horse. She was holding on like she was on a roller coaster. I led the horse and Judie into Bob Coat's room and tried to get the horse to take a big dump. He wouldn't do it. I gave up trying to train horses after that.

Guadalajara finally ran its course and there was not a Mexico Cookoff for several years. Then about eighteen years ago Larry and Janie Burruss and Bubba Reinke put together a new cookoff in Mexico. We took buses to Piedras Negras Mexico and stayed in a new hotel. It was a great cookoff because we did not cook chili. We just partied. The CASI swim team was formed at that cookoff. I don't think we ever had a captain. Skinny dipping in thirty degree weather is not smart. During that time you never saw Barbara Fox without a camera in her hand. She had a Polaroid and took a lot of pictures of drunks in the ladies rest room. There was not a chillhead there who could tear up a Polaroid picture. Most of us did not smoke so we couldn't burn them and those table knives in the restaurant will not cut those babies up either. Thanks Barbie.

The following year we went to Laredo to the Hacienda and had a cookoff. I won that year but it wasn't until the next year that it was designated as the Mexico International. There are a hundred more stories I could tell about Mexico, but space is limited in these articles. Someday, bring a case of beer and we will gather around a campfire and reminisce about the old days.

Until next month, I will see you on the Trail to Terlingua.

Chili Bites

I would like to express my sympathies to the family of Don Reed who passed away in January. He liked singing with the Karaoke machine and any other friend he could convince that they were the new singing group of the chili world. We all enjoyed Don's company and were happy being around him. He won't get that chance to win Terlingua, as he always wanted, so he would only have to cook once a year. He was a winner in our eyes. Don liked cookoffs and all of the friends he had, but he thought cooking got in the way of having a good time. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. I am sorry that He decided he wanted Don so soon. There are many chili friends who will miss him.

I would like to say a few words about showmanship. Well, I know it is hard for me to say a few words about anything (as all of my friends can tell you), but I do try. It will probably be more than a few words

unless a miracle happens and that is what it would take. Even Duff has a hard time getting a word in when we're talking.

Showmanship - to get back to where I started. I am a member of the Great Southwest Show Team; a group that Larry Burruss tried to keep under control but was never quite able to. Janie also tried and did a good job of it, too, but it was like trying to corral cattle; one or two always slipped away. Well, maybe more than one or two.

Larry was our captain, but sometimes his ship ran amuck. There were many of us and much time was spent doing a show that the audience would enjoy. Never mind that it just about killed members of the team, the audience enjoyed it. (Big smile here) We enjoyed doing the show as much as the audience enjoyed watching, however the best part was to watch back stage. I am not going into that now but maybe one day.

We started our chili early in the morning, so we could turn it off and prepare for show. This was a time consuming job. There was the stage, curtains and all of the props and other things that were needed. I am not a morning person (at least not back in those days), and my heart did not start to beat until 10:00 a.m. However, Janie Burruss got me jump started on cookoff days when we were doing show; back then that was an easy job.

Janie would open our motor home door and tell me to open the champagne. Strange as it may seem to you who know me, I had a very hard time appearing in front of an audience and doing show. Champagne helped a lot in getting me get over that! In fact, champagne can help you get over a lot of things, unless you are Norma Homesley. Elton will not let a drop of champagne touch her lips. He told me that if I ever gave her champagne, she belonged to me until the champagne had left her system. He didn't say it in quite those words, but I think you understand that Norma and champagne do not get along.

We all had a fun time doing show, and the team won Terlingua three years in a row and then retired. I was only with them the last two years. I will tell you this much though: Doing show in front of the portapotties is one way of making sure that you are seen by just about everybody. Another thing I will contribute gladly is 'do not walk through the crowd in front of the stage wearing a leotard, yellow shirt, fishnet hose and high heels'. I found that it makes for some interesting comments, lots of offers, and I think that every man in that group tried to pat my bottom. I am putting this in polite terms. I returned to our showmanship site through the second level balcony. This occurred at the mines where CASI was prior to the purchase of the Ranch. Also, having a garter snapped on your leg smarts after a while.

I did say something about a few words, didn't I? I would guess you disregarded that some time back. Again, to make a long story short, doing show with the Great Southwest Show Team was one of the better times in my life. The team has been asked to come out of retirement, but I doubt it will happen. We don't have the energy we once had. I, for one, would not look as good in a leotard and fish net hose as I did then. I will not speak for the others. We have also lost so many of our group - Karen Moriarty, Judie King, Carolyn Hetjmancik - that it would be hard for us that loved them to try to fill their places.

I can't forget our chili dogs. Two behaved and the third just liked to be happy doing whatever he could get away with. We had Susie, Ray and Judie King's dog. She let the burglars into their house but would not let the police in.

Phoebe was Karen and Pat Moriarty's dog. Actually there is not a lot to say about her, as she was a good dog and behaved. She probably spent a lot of time trying to understand what Blackie was up to. I expect Susie did, too.

The third, of course, was Duff's and my beloved Blackie. Blackie only listened to Duff and then only when he wanted to. He was not well behaved, but he had a lot of friends that put up with him anyhow. He loved everyone.

At one cookoff in Kerrville, the dogs were put into T-shirts that said "CHILIDOG". Blackie went under the motor home and would not come out. He was not going to be seen in public in an outfit like that. We had to drag him out and take the T-shirt off before he would show himself to the rest of the world.

I would also like to congratulate Ann and Bob Angel for staying married for 60 years. These days that is some type of a record. Ann and Bob are two of the nicest people to know. Ann's halo slips a bit when she plays dominos with Duff, however anyone who has a halo would have it slip when they play dominos or tonk with Duff. Maxine Henley never had a halo, and playing tonk with Maxine and Duff would try the patience of a saint. They were two peas in a pod in their attitude towards how to play. Their discussion of each hand in detail taught me words that I had never heard before!

I had planned on writing about showmanship - the difference between then and now. However, I think that I have written enough for this article.

I hope that all of you have a good month. Get those points to qualify for Terlingua. Greg, you really have to put some effort into it. I will even loan you my can of Crisco for greasing your pot if that would help.

Irene

Arizona State Jalapeno Pepper Eating Championship!

One again we had more fun than the next guy and also for the first time ever, we had a repeat winner for the State Jalapeno Eating Championship. Harry Fiebig! The purpose of this event is to help entertain the crowd for a few extra hours. Hopefully to keep them around so maybe we'll have more opportunity to make more money for the charity. In this regard we need to thank our contestants as they did a good job. They volunteer to do this and all they really get is a plate or two of Jalapenos and maybe bragging rights.

The event started out auspiciously enough with our first volunteer winning and then up-chucking ten Jalapeno peppers. After that we had maybe four other near accident. Our time keeper kept hastily stepping away from the stage as some contestants struggled for control. As usual an unbelieving and astonished audience hooted and roared every time someone threatened to lose it.

This year we had eleven contestants, five of which were women. We line our contestants up on stage and then run then through the contest one at a time. At each contestants turn we allow about a minute worth of intro. I try to prompt them into humorous statements about why they are doing this, like how this is their one shot for fame, or that they hope that it will improve their sex life. Whatever. Then we give the contestant a plate of Jalapeno Peppers. He or she has one minute to shovel as many peppers into their mouths as they can. With fifteen seconds to go we countdown the time so they can packed their mouths as full as they want. The later contestants have a limited advantage with this as they know what their predecessors did. But for the most part people don't want to wimp out in front of the crowd so they just jam as many into their mouths as they can. They finally have one additional minute to swallow everything in their mouths and they must keep it down. The event takes about 40 minutes to run. I figure that this is a good way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

As stated previously we had a repeat winner this year. Harry Fiebig won last year and this year did it again. As an observation a lot of people have trouble trying to cram a bunch of peppers down their throats. They seem to pack their mouths and then have to pause to swallow or gasp for air. Harry on the other hand seems smooth and steady in chewing and swallowing the peppers. It might just be genetics though as his daughter enter the contest and did at least eleven.

Our thanks to everyone who participated and helped.
-madjack

YEAR-TO-DATE COOKOFF STATISTICS

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALABAMA	6	1	15	300.00
ARIZONA	12	9	211	14,492.00
ARKANSAS	12	9	239	18,049.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	20	10,000.00
COLORADO	6	2	31	2,000.00
FLORIDA	9	3	36	860.00
ILLINOIS	9	3	76	783.00
IOWA	9	2	33	3,100.00
KANSAS	6	1	48	4,500.00
LOUISIANA	6	1	39	1,522.00
MARYLAND	9	4	66	3,963.00
MISSOURI	6	2	45	4,180.00
MISSISSIPPI	9	3	54	200.00
MEXICO	6	2	178	3,520.00
NEW MEXICO	12	5	170	8,700.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	3	56	1,094.00
NORTH DAKOTA	6	1	15	300.00
OKLAHOMA	12	4	94	5,600.00
OREGON	6	1	16	719.00
TENNESSEE	12	4	64	9,400.00
TEXAS	12	93	3,743	196,799.00
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1	15	350.00
GRAND TOTAL		155	5,264	290,431.00

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May 18, 2002
Ennis, Texas
Let's Get Cooking!**



**Goody Bags for
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The Top of Texas Pod's Annual Kickoff Cookoff Featuring:
CASI Chili - Local Chili - Junior Chili - Jackpot Beans - Salsa - Sunday Chili
Friday Night Cooks Party - Raffle - Entertainment
Benefiting Knights of Columbus Charities

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall - 350 South I-45, Ennis, Texas
Directions: From Interstate Highway 45 in Ennis, Take exit 251A (Creechville Road). From Creechville Road, get on I-45 service road (east side) going north. Knights of Columbus Hall is approximately 1/4 mile north of Creechville Road.
Saturday CASI Chili: Cut, grind, or mixed, your choice
Sunday (Morning After) CASI Chili: Grind only
Information: Coby Davis, Cell: 214-727-7445, E-Mail: coby_davis@hotmail.com
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 Beans - \$5
 Salsa \$5
 Morning After, CASI Chili \$17

Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Name of Head Cook _____ Name of Chili _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

On Site

Happy Spring!

We had a good meeting in Irving in February. Thanks once again to the Irving Elks for being very generous hosts. What a great Lodge and terrific supporters. It was fun the evening before the meeting - so many CASI members are members of this Lodge. I appreciate the opportunity to visit with the "North Texas" bunch.

Highlights of the meeting included a discussion of the Terlingua Trails and ways to better improve its relevance and delivery to the members. We also discussed last year's TICC and planning for this year's events. In prior years, the TICC Information Packet has been mailed out with qualifier cards; this year we will post it to the website and make the information available in the summer. This should help planning considerably! Overall, it was a positive, informative meeting.

By the way, it is not too early to consider whether you would like to run for the CASI Board of Directors. There will be four Board positions and the Executive Director position up for election this year. In the works are "job descriptions" for the Directors. Hopefully we'll have these together soon so that persons interested in running for the Board of Directors know what is expected of them.

The Great Peppers soon will receive minutes of this meeting; if you want further details, please contact your Great Pepper or me for a copy of the minutes.

As always, be safe out there.

Johnye

Address updates:

Alan Dean - new email address: pepperdean@comcast.net

Bill Garbutt - new email address: chilibill@comcast.net

Wes Watson - new email address: wwwatson2@cox.net

Please update your Great Pepper lists.

CASI COOKOFF WINNERS

Nov 10, 2001-007 - Nacogdoches TX
Student Foundation Chili Cookoff, 15

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Helen Simmons, San Augustine TX
 - 2 David (Dave) Trice, Hallsville TX
 - 3 Brenda Bishop, San Augustine TX
 - 4 John D. Oswalt, Marshall TX
 - 5 Debbie Russell, Nacogdochas TX
 - 6 Bill Bishop, San Augustine TX
 - 7 Don Woods, Marshall TX
 - 8 Paula Simmons, San Augustine TX
 - 9 Darrell Johnson Tubb, Tyler TX
 - 10 Sam Stanaland, Garrison TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Hot Cow Chili, Tyler TX
Darrell Johnson Tubb
 - 2 Grizzly Head Gravy, Hallsville TX
Chuck Darden
 - 3 Dr. Dave's VooDoo Stew
Hallsville TX
David (Dave) Trice

Jan 5, 2002-001 - Bastrop TX

1st Bastrop American Legion CCO, 41

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
 - 2 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX
 - 3 Irene Duffield, San Antonio TX
 - 4 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX
 - 5 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
 - 6 Patricia K. Irvine-King, Seguin TX
 - 7 Diane H. Barton, Round Rock TX
 - 8 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
 - 9 Gary Orsak, Liverpool TX
 - 10 Dusty DeBerry, Leander TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Bastrop TX
Margo Smith
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 6, 2002-001 - Bastrop TX

Bastrop American Legion CCO, 37 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
 - 2 Bob Windrow, San Antonio TX
 - 3 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
 - 4 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
 - 5 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX
 - 6 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX
 - 7 Ronelda Wendler, Marble Falls TX
 - 8 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
 - 9 Diane FitzHenry, Whitney TX
 - 10 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Bastrop TX
Margo Smith
 - 2 Windy's Chew Choo Chili
San Antonio TX
Robert E. Schrade
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 12, 2002-001 - Houston TX

13th Cy-Fair Go Texan BBQ & CCO, 86

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Meier Mathis, Houston TX
 - 2 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
 - 3 Vikki Evans, Katy TX
 - 4 Ava Horan, Cypress TX
 - 5 Keith Karaff, Houston TX
 - 6 Donna Leird, Houston TX
 - 7 Frank Fox, Houston TX
 - 8 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX
 - 9 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX
 - 10 Larry Wareham, Houston TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Club Chili, Houston TX
Angie Blache
 - 2 Foley's Follies, Houston TX
Kevin Foley
 - 3 Haggard's Country, Spring TX
Earl Haggard

Jan 12, 2002-002 - Amarillo TX

18th Annual Make-A-Wish CCO, 132

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Terry Massey, Joshua TX
 - 2 Mikie McGarity, Southlake TX
 - 3 Mary Lee Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 4 Belinda Massey, Joshua TX
 - 5 George D. Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
 - 6 Patti Cook, Garland TX
 - 7 Glyn Gaines, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Carol A. Kitchens, Lubbock TX
 - 9 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 10 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Spice Boyz, Amarillo TX
Chris Reed
 - 2 Amarillo City Limits, Amarillo TX
Rodney Lilly
 - 3 Rodeo Clowns, Highlands TX
B. Bingham

Jan 12, 2002-004 - Kingsland TX

Fuzzy's Corner CCO, 34 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
 - 2 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
 - 3 Sheila VanBuskirk, Canyon Lake TX
 - 4 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX
 - 5 Ronelda Wendler, Marble Falls TX
 - 6 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
 - 7 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
 - 8 Jessie Elshick, Austin TX
 - 9 Janie Burruss, San Marcos TX
 - 10 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Copenhagen Lady, San Antonio TX
Connie Sue Schrade
 - 2 Windy's Chew Choo Chili
San Antonio TX
Robert E. Schrade
 - 3 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Bastrop TX
Margo Smith

Jan 19, 2002-001 - Wichita Falls TX

Wichita East Volunter Fire Dept CO, 35

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 2 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
 - 3 Patricia (Pat) Sanders
Wichita Falls TX
 - 4 George D. Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
 - 5 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
 - 6 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
 - 7 Terri Edge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 9 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 - 10 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
 - 2 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
 - 3 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
Shirley Sexton

Jan 19, 2002-003 - Johnson City TX

January in Johnson City 3rd Annual, 69

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Nadine Borgfeld, Yorktown TX
 - 2 Reva Weatherly, Canyon Lake TX
 - 3 Bob Windrow, San Antonio TX
 - 4 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
 - 5 Jennifer Kosub, San Antonio TX
 - 6 Sue Yates, San Angelo TX
 - 7 Karin Barnes, Houston TX
 - 8 Kim Sharp, Bartlett TN
 - 9 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
 - 10 Gerald (Gerry) Harris, Del Rio TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Buzzard Back Chili, Kerrville TX
Terry L. Tenery
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 19, 2002-005 - Puerto Penasco MX

Sonoran Desert International Open, 113

CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Kristi Tanaka, Denver CO
 - 2 Bruce Pinnell, Anwaukeee AZ
 - 3 Norm Dunn, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 4 Larry Rau, Hereford AZ
 - 5 Cindy Dunn, Cornville AZ
 - 6 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
 - 7 Dick Seehusen, Alamogordo NM
 - 8 Nelda Freedman, Tucson AZ
 - 9 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 - 10 Baltazar Vizciano, El Paso TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Foley's Follies, Houston TX
Kevin Foley
 - 2 Surf Chili, El Paso TX
Jason Douglass
 - 3 Toss Your Cookies, Chandler AZ
Bob Bell

Jan 20, 2002-002 - Puerto Penasco MX

Baja Cantina-Day After CCO, 65 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Lylah Raven, Phoenix AZ
 - 2 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 3 Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 4 Walter Caldwell
Clear Lake Shores TX
 - 5 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ
 - 6 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
 - 7 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 - 8 Guy Tennisam, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 9 Richard R. Scott, Odessa TX
 - 10 Hal Etter, Alamogordo NM
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Doug's Road Show, Sierra Vista AZ
Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma
 - 2 TLC, Odessa TX
Joann Scott
 - 3 Bear Haven, Sierra Vista AZ
Leo Lemelson

Jan 26, 2002-001 - Shawnee OK

Give A Heart With Chili CCO, 45 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 - 2 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX
 - 3 Ann Marie Richards, Shawnee OK
 - 4 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
 - 5 Steven (Eric) Monroe
Oklahoma City OK
 - 6 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
 - 7 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 - 8 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 9 Gene Bond, Jones OK
 - 10 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
 - 2 Toad Chokin' Chili
Shawnee Mission KS
Colleen Lintner
 - 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson

Jan 26, 2002-003 - Orland Park IL

Chilly Willie Chili Challenge, 31 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Mike Stevens, Lockport IL
 - 2 Sarah Stevens Gust, Lake Zurich IL
 - 3 Cheryl L. Pierson, Batavia IL
 - 4 Bret Centers, Lisle IL
 - 5 Eric Shepherd, Montgomery IL
 - 6 Gloria Molitor, St. Charles IL
 - 7 Jeremy Britt, Sheridan IL
 - 8 Jim Filgut, Elgin IL
 - 9 Gloria Stevens, Lockport IL
 - 10 Jennifer Uhrin, Indianapolis IN
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Rapid Dispatch Chili
Cedar Rapids IA
Gerald(Gary) Christensen
 - 2 Spicy Mike's, Chicago IL
Mike Usiak

3 Diamond Coyote Chili, Batavia IL
Cheryl L. Pierson

Jan 26, 2002-004 - Sattler/Canyon Lake TX
9th Annual "Super Bowl of Chili" CO, 52

CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Dusty DeBerry, Leander TX
2 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
3 Greg Martin, Cedar Park TX
4 Karen Reinke, Martindale TX
5 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX
6 Bob Windrow, San Antonio TX
7 Sheila VanBuskirk, Canyon Lake TX
8 Janie Burruss, San Marcos TX
9 Raymond Pilchick, Bluffton TX
10 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Chingale Chili, Austin TX
Jessie Elshick
2 Windy's Chew Choo Chili
San Antonio TX
Robert E. Schrader
3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 26, 2002-005 - Minden LA

11th Annual St. Jude CCO, 39 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Jesse Mayo, Bullard TX
2 Coby Davis, Garland TX
3 Buddy Russell, Nacogdoches TX
4 Doris Coats, Irving TX
5 Robert E. (Bob) Coats, Irving TX
6 Ron Hudson, Doyline LA
7 David (Dave) Trice, Hallsville TX
8 Jerry R. Hunt, Shreveport LA
9 Ronnie Dorsey, Kilgore TX
10 Brenda Bishop, San Augustine TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Lake Trash, Ringgold LA
Patty Doles
2 Dr. Dave's VooDoo Stew
Hallsville TX
David (Dave) Trice
3 Grizzly Head Gravy, Hallsville TX
Chuck Darden

Jan 26, 2002-006 - Odessa TX

Odessa Shrine Club's 3rd Annual, 35
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
2 "Wild" Bill Henderson, Hobbs NM
3 Ken Large, Odessa TX
4 Gary Shook, Lamesa TX
5 Joann Scott, Odessa TX
6 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX
7 Michael W. Watson, Midland TX
8 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX
9 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
10 Wesley W. (Wes) Watson, Midland TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Red Savage, Odessa TX
B.J. McDonald
2 Fellowship Lodge, Odessa TX
Weldon Watkins
3 DJ's Darling, Hobbs NM
"Wild" Bill Henderson

Jan 26, 2002-007 - Little Rock AR

26th Annual Arkansas State Open CCO, 67
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Danny Jumper, Tull AR
2 Bryce Nall, Little Rock AR
3 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
4 Tracy Korte, Hensley AR
5 Wanda Cassini, Memphis TN
6 Scott Chudy, Conway AR
7 Tim Swicegood, North Little Rock AR
8 Jason Bagwell, Lonoke AR
9 Richard (Rick) Williams, Memphis TN
10 Jeannie Korte, Hensley AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 She Devil Chili, Okalona AR
Vicky Wingfield
2 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR
Debbie Blanks
3 Hillbilly Chili, West Memphis AR
Wendy Rains

Jan 26, 2002-008 - Sierra Vista AZ

HD 4H Club Celebrity Fun Show CCO, 18
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ
2 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
3 Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
5 Genee R. Jolliffe, Tuscon AZ
6 Kathy "Kat" Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
7 Roy Fisher, Hereford AZ
8 Don Mendenhall, Hereford AZ
9 Fran Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
10 Jan Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Hang 'em High, Sierra Vista AZ
John C. Johnson
2 Hubby Bear, Sierra Vista AZ
Leo Lemelson
3 Rattle Snake, Sierra Vista AZ
Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma

Jan 26, 2002-009 - New River AZ

5th Annual Roadrunner Steakhouse CCO,
25 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
2 Sharon Pinnell, Anawatakee AZ
3 Lylah Raven, Phoenix AZ
4 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
5 David J. (MadJack) Garner
Chandler AZ
6 Frank Head, New River AZ
7 Sylvia Demski, Phoenix AZ
8 Mary Ellen Scott, Glendale AZ
9 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ
10 Dennis Edwards, Prescott AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Alchemist Chili, Peoria AZ
Jerry D. Lee
2 Rev-Rind Will-I-Chil-I, Phoenix AZ
Willie Raven
3 Roland's Rollin' Wagon, Phoenix AZ
Roland Regeon

Jan 27, 2002-001 - Sattler/Canyon Lake TX

2nd Annual Friends of Ladies State, 46
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
2 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX
3 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
4 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX
5 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX
6 Andy Causey, Wylie TX
7 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
8 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
9 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
10 Janie Burruss, San Marcos TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Doc's Backbone Chili
Marble Falls TX
Larry Kinnison
2 Chingale Chili, Austin TX
Jessie Elshick
3 Hot Rodd Chili, Austin TX
Ken Rodd

Jan 27, 2002-002 - Little Rock AR

CAP-CASI Pod CCO, 28 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
2 Debby Cagle, Cabot AR
3 Greg "Oz" Iosbaker, Little Rock AR
4 Wanda Cassini, Memphis TN
5 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS
6 Debbie Gardner, Springdale AR
7 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
8 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
9 Joe R. Cassini, Memphis TN
10 Richard Jones, Roland AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR
Debbie Blanks
2 Grand Prize, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun
3 Love Me Tender, Memphis TN
Joe R. Cassini

Feb 2, 2002-001 - Waxahachie TX

Cotton Patch Chili CO, 79 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX
2 Dave Ewing, Richardson TX
3 Mark Sanders, Ennis TX
4 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
5 Neta Rohr, Garland TX
6 Ron Barnes, Euless TX
7 John Perry, Fort Worth TX
8 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX
9 Tracy Zellner, Garland TX
10 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
2 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun
3 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
Shirley Sexton

Feb 2, 2002-002 - Rankin TX

Second Horned Toad Roundup & CCO, 64
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Carol A. Kitchens, Lubbock TX
2 Mark Thompson, Snyder TX
3 Bill Dees, Midland TX
4 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ
5 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX
6 David (Red Bean) Boone, Odessa TX

7 Tamara Dees, Midland TX

8 Kathy Boone, Odessa TX
9 Gene Matthews, Denton TX
10 Roger Bains, Rankin TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Frank's Follies, Midland TX
Bill Dees
2 Scorpion Wrangler, Austin TX
Richard Willis
3 Redneck Chili, Big Lake TX
Nancy Jackson

Feb 3, 2002-002 - Statesville NC

Superbowl Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Kenneth (Kenny) Jones
Reidsville NC
2 Tim McCrickard, Eden NC
3 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC
4 Judy McCrickard, Eden NC
5 Pat Lundy, Statesville NC
6 Bill Lundy, Statesville NC
7 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC
8 Brent Lundy, Statesville NC
9 Richard J. Steinert, Greensboro NC
10 Freddie W. Gann, Charlotte NC
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Foot Stompin' Chili, Eden NC
Ann Barrington
2 Pat's Comanchero Chili
Statesville NC
Pat Lundy
3 Damifino Chili, Reidsville NC
Kenneth (Kenny) Jones

COOKS QUALIFIED AS OF 02/13/2002

55 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX
56 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
57 Sarah Stevens Gust, Lake Zurich IL
58 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
59 Bob Windrow, San Antonio TX
60 Kristi Tanaka, Denver CO
61 Bruce Pinnell, Anawatakee AZ
62 Norm Dunn, Sierra Vista AZ
63 Danny Jumper, Tull AR
64 Bryce Nall, Little Rock AR
65 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR

SHOWTEAMS QUALIFIED
AS OF 02/13/2002

26 Chingale Chili, Austin TX
Elshick, Jessie
27 Grizzly Head Gravy, Hallsville TX
Darden, Chuck
28 Foley's Follies, Houston TX
Foley, Kevin
29 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
Calhoun, Ray
30 She Devil Chili, Okalona AR
Wingfield, Vicky

DELINQUENT COOKOFFS - These are
Cookoffs held before 01/01/02 that
results have not been received for!

None

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TICC Critique

Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the TICC Critique Sheet. The Board really does read and consider your comments and tries to implement changes in accordance with your observations. The majority of the comments were positive this year. One area I see needing addressed as we grow is the involvement of more and more CASI members. TICC is simply getting large. You'll hear more about this later in the year.

Friday's events seemed to be fine. (For those of you who participate in these events, the timing of the events will be the same at TICC 2002.)

The vast majority of cooks cooked in the Old 320, and it was indeed a sight. Congratulations to you all.

Almost everyone who responded thought the services were adequate or better, as were the vendors.

Boomer - as always - did a great job. We did get a few comments about the volume from the stage not being great enough.

We're looking at all the comments on the "What did we do wrong" response. We had a few comments about the band, traffic in the Old 320, and the policing entities. The comments on the parking situation were mixed.

All in all, the comments were positive. I truly appreciate your input - no one can see everything that happens at TICC, and we appreciate that our members take the time to let us know what they observe. These comments are very important!

If you would like a copy of the full compilation of the Critique Sheet comments, please let me know.

Johnye

CASI Book of Lists

In last month's issue, I reported that the CASI Book of Lists would be "serialized" in the Trails. For space reasons, it was decided not to print the Book, but rather post it to the website. For those of us who do not have computers or access to the internet, or for those who simply want a hard copy of the Book, please let me know. I'll be reprinting in March, and would be happy to send you a copy. If any of the original recipients have corrections or additions to the Book they have not yet submitted, please get your input to me soon. Thanks, as always.

Johnye

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOVE

The Cooks Register and Goat Gap Gazette, along with Debbie & Wayne Turner, are on the move. As of February 21st, the new

address for all will be: PO Box J, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0356. New phone number: 972-351-0022. New Fax number: 972-351-0024. The e-mail address changed in December, but for those who did not know the new e-mail address is: goatgapgazette@aol.com. The new house is not yet ready, but the address and phone numbers will be good after the final move.

To answer an often-asked question, "Yes, this is the year for a new Cooks Register." Updates to your records are always welcome (see above address). Application forms will be sent this summer with the deadline being the usual, September, and books ready by Terlingua.

To our chili friends and family,

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to our chili friends for all of your calls, cards, e-mails, thoughts and prayers during the past few weeks due to the loss of Don Reed.

We have lost a great man who always had a passion for everything that was important in his life: his family, his honor, his integrity, and his love for promoting chili. Always helpful and friendly to newcomers to our chili world, he loved to give chili advice about cooking and many other things.

Every weekend was another adventure on the chili trail for the Reeds, and it is wonderful to know that so many people were part of that adventure. Thank you to the Terlingua Trails for their tribute to a fine husband and father, a man who will be missed, but not forgotten.

Thanks for being with us,
Maxine, Cindy and Don, Jr.

**THE CHILI FRONTIER
PART 3**

The cookoff location and date has been set - the cookoff chairperson has been identified. The chairperson is rounding up 16 prizes for the cookoff. We need 16 prizes - 10 of them for the top 10 CASI chili's, 3 for Showmanship, and 3 for TOP THREE LOCAL Chili. Always have a local division for a couple of reasons. The organization knows about CASI, how the cooks compete on a regular basis to qualify for TICC as well as cooking for charity and the friendship. A local division allows the local people a chance to compete against themselves and feel they have a chance. For the local entries, allow them to enter one cup in the local and one cup in CASI - Yes, TWO CHANCES TO WIN for one entry feel - a selling point to the local people to come out and try it. Also, it stimulates more interest in the organizations membership to come out to the cookoff and see how their friends do. Now lets start looking for chili cooks and people to cook chiii

Send in the cookoff announcement to the Terlingua Trails as soon as the cookoff date has been set. You never know where some CASI members might be residing, on vacation in the area at the time of the cookoff – or as happened in Homosassa, Florida last month – a chili cook from Houston, Texas working at a job 75 miles from the cookoff location.

Also, take advantage of the AIDES that our CASI ED puts out over the internet – Send in a short paragraph about the cookoff, its location, the charity and whatever else can be of interest to cooks. As the cookoff gets closer, send in updates – Thru the Aides alone, I have had cooks email me about family members in the area – had another family member get me a nice raffle item for the cookoff –

Send an email or letter to Mike Strack, membership chairman for CASI, to see if there are any CASI members in the area of your cookoff. I surely was surprised when I did as I found out there were 7 CASI members residing within a 150 miles of a new cookoff. Send them a letter about the cookoff and BINGO had a couple of more people wanting to cook. Remember, some people come across the CASI WEB SITE and join without ever having cooked in a cookoff or at least a CASI cookoff.

Also, send off a request to the Goat Gap Gazette – Debbie is a great help in locating cooks in the area – The Goat Gap Gazette has readers that cook in ICS, Tolbert and

non-sanctioned cookoffs as well as BBQ cooks (BBQ cooks cook chili now and then also). Debbie had some names and I sent them a letter – BINGO a couple of more people interested.

This is not just about finding people to cook, this is also about telling people about the cookoff who in turn will tell other people. I like talking to new cooks at cookoffs and asking them "How did you hear about the cookoff?" – it is just amazing what they will tell you. Try it at the next cookoff your at. Also, like Irene Duffield said in her column last month – TALK TO THE NEW COOKS and make them feel welcomed. Well, this could be a way to start a conversation after you say "Hello".

Now that we have done some things to find "Chili Cooks", next month we will go out and find "People to cook chili" – Is there a difference in the two? Find out next month.

Last Month was really busy, and I rushed to get the membership articles in on time. Needless to say, I picked the wrong file for the Trails. Last month's Membership Note was from a year ago. This month I have two notes.

MEMBERSHIPNOTE-JANUARY

CASI Corporate Members – We would like to welcome a new Corporate Member for 2002. You may know the Irving Elks have

supported us in so many ways. Now the Irving B.P.O Does are added to our list. They, too, support us. Thank you for becoming a Corporate Member. Please welcome the:

Irving B.P.O. Does No. 201 – Irving, TX

Additionally, we'd like to welcome back for the second year these Corporate Members:

Doug Seelig Land Surveyors, P.C. – Austin, TX
Long Draw Pizza – Terlingua, TX
Silverado Productions, Inc. – Arlington, TX
Tennessee Filly Promotions – Parsons, TN

Whenever you see any of our Corporate Sponsors – SAY THANKS!!!! They have invested in us – we should do the same for them.

Annual Members – We would like to WELCOME these new annual members, and some of our past members who have joined us again. A whole bunch of these used our Credit Card Option. Hint. Hint.
(This is still a good hint!)

Bob Allison, Jr. – Knoxville, TN
Brian J. Bondy – Aransas Pass, TX
James Davis – Gordonville, TX
Carmen Faulkner – Royse City, TX
Marshal Lloyd Galvez – Anton, TX
Roy Harper – Garland, TX
Robert Hedstrom – Orland Park, IL

Keith Holbrook – Abingdon, MD
Mark Hopkins – Indianapolis, IN
Cory James – Brooklyn, NY
Kurt Klaus – Yorkville, IL
Bob Morris – Arlington, TX
Megan Murphy – Austin, TX
Timothy Nelson – San Antonio, TX
Becky Noake – Lakeland, FL
Dave Noake – Lakeland, FL
Randy Reese – Amarillo, TX
David Strobridge – Arlington, TX
Lawrence Trimmer – Croydon, PA
Charles Welch – Red Lion, PA
Tammy Williams – Mesquite, TX

We hope you enjoy every day as a CASI Member.

Mike Strack, Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIPNOTE-FEBRUARY

CASI Corporate Members – We'd like to welcome back for the second year these Corporate Members:

Chisos Mountains Lodge (Ron Sanders) – Big Bend, TX
Mild Bill's Jelly & Salsa (Bill and Tamara Dees) – Midland, TX
Terlingua Trading Co. (Bill C. Ivey) – Terlingua, TX

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7th Annual

City of White Settlement Chili Cookoff March 2, 2002



Prizes Awarded To

1st, 2nd & 3rd Local Winners

1st thru 10th CASI Winners

The first 20 registered receive goodies

\$17 Entry Fee

Goodie Bags for first 20 entries

REGISTER NOW OR ON SITE AT 8 A.M. ON DAY OF COOKOFF

Cookoff Site:

White Settlement Municipal Complex

8211-15 White Settlement Road

Southwest corner of White Settlement Rd and Meadow Park Drive

For more information call 817-246-5012

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Hugh Alexander – Richmond, TX
 Maureen Barrett – Orland Park, IL
 Scott Barrett – Orland Park, IL
 Jeremy Britt – Sheridan, IL
 Bert Centers – Lisle, IL
 Bret Centers – Lisle, IL
 Brian Chambers – San Antonio, TX
 Cindy Childress – San Angelo, TX
 Kevin Christians – Boone, IA
 Chuck Darden – Hallsville, TX
 Jim Domiano – Chicago, IL
 Gene Enke – Ottawa, IL
 Kary Fieseler – Irving, TX
 Anthony Galvez – New Deal, TX
 Jacquelyn Galvez – Anton, TX
 Robert Galvez – Andrews, TX
 Thomas Girard – Williamsburg, VA
 Douglas Hill – Odessa, TX
 David S. House – Yuma, AZ
 Cory Jones – Brooklyn, NY
 Barry Karnei – Weesatche, TX
 Carl “Crow Dog” Le Claire – Fort Worth, TX
 Dirk Lindsey – Seminole, TX
 Bob Morgan – Pottsboro, TX
 Mel Neff – Irving, TX
 Sharon Neff – Irving, TX
 Larry Nolan – Carpentersville, IL
 Charlie Rickey – Fishers, IN

Francis P. Robles – Tallahassee, FL
 Ollie (Olive) Ross – Odessa, TX
 Thomas M. Shea – Moberly, MO
 Terry Skipper – Waxahachie, TX
 Vince Slominski – Weimar, TX
 Ed Smith – Destin, FL
 Trinidad-Las Animas County CofC – Trinidad, CO
 Terri J. White – Odessa, TX
 Ida Wygant – Lockhart, TX

We hope you enjoy every day as a CASI Member.

Mike Strack, Membership Chairman

To all CASI members and supporters,

On behalf of the TICC Security Staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our task is not the easiest one. As the yearly event grows each year, it brings in more participants as well as spectators.

As you may have seen, there was an increase in Law Enforcement presence this last November. The increase was due to officers that are not a part of the normal security operation of TICC. These officers included TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) Officers, Brewster County Sheriff's Office Deputies, and the usual Texas Department of Public Safety Officers.

THESE OFFICERS ARE THERE ON THEIR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AND DO NOT FALL UNDER CASI.

TABC is allowed by law to enter the property as a beer license was issued to sell beer on the property. The Brewster County Sheriff's Office is allowed to enter the property as they work in conjunction with TABC and other Law Enforcement Agencies. Let's not forget the Texas Department of Public Safety, as their Troopers are allowed to enter the property in conjunction with the local authorities.

I hope the future of TICC continues to be prosperous and that everyone can come to compete, judge, or participate while having a good time safely. With your continued help and support, our goal is to keep everyone's experiences memories that will be cherished in years to come.

Thank you, from your TICC Security Staff



P R A I R I E D O G

CHILI COOKOFF

World Championship **27** Pickled Quail Egg Eating

April 6th ~ 7th, 2002

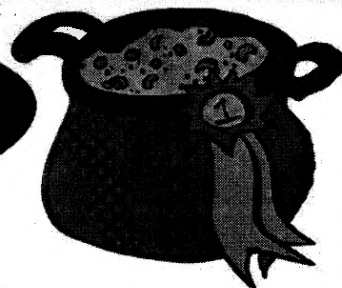
<p>SATURDAY, 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranch Style Beans "Winner Take All" Pinto Bean Blowout! Entry Fee: \$10 • 100% Payback to 1st - 10th places Plus \$500 added money to 1st Place • 1st - 10th Places Junior Chili Trophies & Special Awards Entry Fee: \$10 	<p>SUNDAY, 7th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-10 Places Chili – 1st Place Winner receives special award. Entry Fee: \$30 • 1-10 Places Showmanship – 1st Place Winner receives special award 	<p>EGG EATING CONTEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF PICKLED QUAIL EGG EATING • Event held each day, Entry Fee: \$10 • Sunday Final Winners Receive 1st Place \$300 CASH PRIZE 2nd Place \$200 CASH PRIZE 3rd Place \$100 CASH PRIZE
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Traders Village

For more information call or write:
 2602 Mayfield Rd. • Grand Prairie, TX 75052
972-647-2331

ROAM'S RED HOT CHILI COOK-OFF

SANCTIONED BY CASI



Chili Cook-Off benefits the **NEW BRAUNFELS LIONS CLUB**. Saturday kick-start breakfast; 50/50 jackpot beans; CASI Chili, CASI Showmanship; tasting cups; live music; great awards; participant gift bags; over-night parking (Friday or Saturday - no hookups). 2:00 p.m. turn-in time. For more information and nearby RV park details, please call Melissa Krause at 830.620.4600.

Saturday, April 13, 2002

RV Parks Nearby

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Covered Pavilion for Cooks

Please print or type

Head Cook: _____ Team Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ e-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

I plan to cook ___ CASI Chili. Entry Fee \$20.00 enclosed (mail before April 5, 2002) or ___ will pay upon arrival.

I plan to cook ___ Beans. Entry Fee \$5.00 enclosed (mail before April 5, 2002) or ___ will pay upon arrival.

I need electricity (20 AMP service maximum) for an extra charge of \$10.00 enclosed (mail before April 5, 2002) or ___ will pay upon arrival.

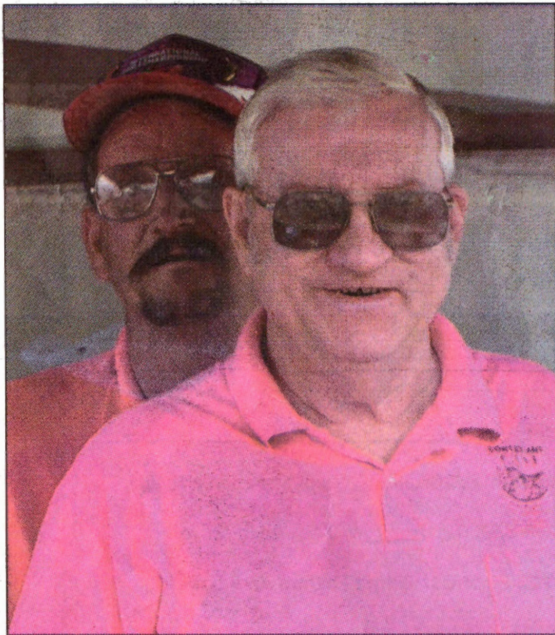
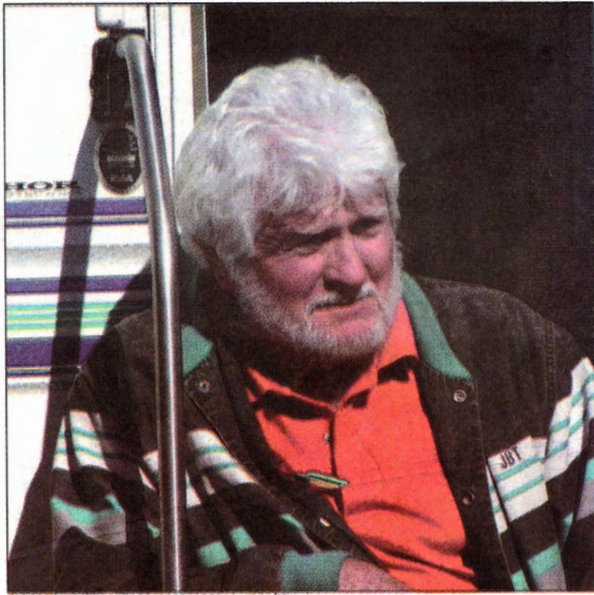
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"COOKING" WITH CASI CALENDAR



Mar 2, 2002-001 - Austin TX CASI. 20th Annual Lions Sightfest 2002. Held at Travis Co. Sheriff's Posse Arena, South of Austin on Hwy. 183 South near FM 812. Saturday chili & bean cookoff, live auction & raffle. Sunday Chili Cookoff only. Chili Grind only. Cooks party Friday night. Breakfast on Sat and Sun. Pot luck Saturday night. Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses to Sue and John anytime. Info John Caffey, 2256 CR 434 Loop, Rockdale, TX 76567-5431.

Mar 2, 2002-002 - Casa Grande AZ CASI. Arizona State Open Championship. Held at Dave White Municipal Park. Registration forms available in January. Charities to be named. Dry camping. Info: Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, 575 N Marshall St., Casa Grande, AZ 85222, (800)961-1515, or Nancy Coultas, 3640 S Saguaro Shadows Dr., Tucson, AZ 85730, (520)298-6838. www.casagrandechamber.org.

Mar 2, 2002-003 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks Annual Cookoff. Held at 2015 N Britian. Benefits Elks charities. CASI chili: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans turn-in: 12 Noon. Elks Division turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Elks Lodge #2334. Cooks party on Friday, March 1. Chinese exchange for trophies, great fun. Info: Diane or Mel FitzHenry, Box 564, Terlingua, TX 79857, (254)694-5441 or (915)371-2163; or Horace Jones, (972)579-0005. This Lodge is a great supporter of CASI - let's return their kindness and have a great turn out for this cookoff!

Mar 2, 2002-004 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Eagles 3580 Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at the Eagles Lodge, 1625 Archer City Highway at Highway 79 (phone: 767-5331). Benefits Eagles Charities. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in 12:00 Noon. Showmanship: 11:30 a. Inside cooking in case of bad weather. Overnight parking (no hookups). Info: Linda Kent, (940)692-9816.

Mar 2, 2002-005 - Pearsall TX CASI. Pearsall Potato Fest Chili Cookoff. Held at the Lions Club Civic Center, 418 Horizon West Drive. (From San Antonio, take the first exit - 104 - into Pearsall; turn left under overpass; right on CR 1005 (Powerplant Road) as you crest a small hill; approx 1.5 miles and turn right on Horizon Drive). Use West fence entry at back gate, open at 8:00 a. Checks payable to Pearsall Chamber of Commerce. Turn-in: 12:30 p. Info: Juanita Blankenship, (830)334-9414, pearsall@grandriver.net, 501 South Pecan, Pearsall, TX 78061.

Mar 2, 2002-006 - Houston TX CASI. 22nd Annual American Legion CASI. CCO. Held at 3105 Campbell Road. Benefits American Legion School Awards. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Chili: Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Will also have our famous "Wheel of Fortune". Info: Lyndon Howell, 1630 Springwood, Houston, TX 77055, (713)249-5034 or (713)464-0781.

Mar 2, 2002-007 - Coldspring TX CASI. 5th Annual Hot Stuff CCO. Held at 3278 Marina & Campgrounds on FM 3278 (near Lake Livingston Dam). Benefits Coldspring Chamber of Commerce. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Open chili: \$15. Beans: \$5. Margarita Competition: \$5. Bloody Mary Competition: \$5. Info: Betty Russo, (936)653-2184 or ccc@txucom.net.

Mar 2, 2002-008 - White Settlement TX CASI. City of White Settlement Chili Challenge Cookoff. Held at 214 Meadow Park. Benefits Parks and Recreation. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to City of White Settlement. Info: Parks and Recreation Department, 8213 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108, (817)246-5012.

Mar 2, 2002-009 - Little Rock AR CASI. 14th Annual VFW 9095 CCO. Held at VFW Post 9095, Kanis and Gamble Roads. Benefits VFW charities. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Sgt. Maj. Burks, (501)225-9849 or Paul Rowlan, (501)847-0901.

Mar 3, 2002-001 - Austin TX CASI. Austin Lions Sightfest. Held at Travis Co. Sheriff's Posse Arena, south of Austin on Hwy. 183 South near FM 812. Saturday chili & bean cookoff, live auction & raffle. Sunday Chili Cookoff only. Chili Grind only. Cooks party Friday night. Breakfast on Sat and Sun. Pot Luck Saturday night. Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses to Sue and John anytime. Info John Caffey, 2256 CR 434 Loop, Rockdale, TX 76567-5431.

Mar 3, 2002-002 - Issaquah WA CASI. Texas Independence Day Celebration CCO. Held at Chili's Grill and Bar, 715 NW Gilman Blvd. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to: Lynne Brokaw. Info: Lynne Brokaw, 3542 NE 130th, Seattle, WA 98125-4606, (206)364-4606.

Mar 9, 2002-001 - Grapevine TX CASI. 33rd Annual Texas Men's State Chili Championship. Held at the Ranch of Lonesome Dove. Benefits Grapevine AMBUCs. Major Goody

Bag item guaranteed if entry postmarked by 02/15/02. Top 5 Texas residents and top show team qualify automatically for 2002 TICC. Include name of chili, RVMfgr., RV length and shirt size with entry. All past winners comped. Cooks party on Friday night. Overnight camping, no hook-ups. Turn-in: 1:00 p, Show: 1:30-3:30 p. Entry: \$25, payable to Grapevine AMBUCs. People's Choice (bring throwdown) for cash prizes. Info Nick McGarity, 2050 N. Shady Oaks Dr., Southlake, TX 76092, (817)975-0484. Email nick@mcgarity.org.

Mar 9, 2002-002 - Caballo NM CASI. Del Valle FOE 4308 CASI CCO. Benefits FOE charities. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

Mar 9, 2002-003 - Comfort TX CASI. Hermann Sons Retirement Home's 13th Annual Chili and Bean Cookoff. Held at Hermann Sons Retirement Home and benefits Hermann Sons Retirement Home Scholarship Fund. Entry: CASI chili: \$16, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Amateur chili: \$10. Checks payable to Hermann Sons Retirement Home. Cooks' and visitors' party Friday evening, with food, drinks and dancing. RVs welcome (no hookups). Info: Edward Albrecht, (830)995-2724 or Tubby Wilcox, (830)995-4351.

Mar 9, 2002-004 - Nicksville AZ CASI. 16th Annual Nick's Place St. Pat's CCO. Held at Nick's Place, South Highway 92 (8 miles south of Sierra Vista). Benefits Special Olympics. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. Info: Ben Berry, PO Box 1298, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636, (520)578-3692.

Mar 9, 2002-005 - Memphis TN CASI. VFW Post 4935 Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 4935, 1942 Lynnbrook Drive. Benefits VFW Post 4935. RV parking available (no hookups). Chili entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Wings contest \$7 with chili entry, \$15 w/o chili entry, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans contest \$7 with chili, \$15 without chili, turn-in 12:00 Noon. Friday night cooks party; pool table and shuffleboard available. Auction on Saturday after judging. Goody bags for first 30 prepaid chili entries. Checks payable to VFW Post 4935. Checks to and info: Lynne Murry, 11 CR 529, Como, MS 38619, (662)526-5722.

Mar 10, 2002-001 - Grapevine TX CASI. Morning After Men's State CO. Held at The Ranch of Lonesome Dove. Benefits Big Hat's Club. Turn-in 12:00 Noon. Entry fee

\$17.00, payable to Grapevine AMBUCs. Chili Grind only. Info: Nick McGarity, 2050 N. Shady Oaks Dr., Southlake, TX 76092. (817)975-0484. Email: Nick@McGarity.org.

Mar 10, 2002-002 - Claremore OK CASI. Choo-Choo Chili Cookoff. LOCATION CHANGE: American Legion Post 141, 1411 N Highway 88 (phone: 918-341-1330). Entry: \$20, turn-in: 3:00 p. Benefits and checks payable to "40 et 8". Info: Steve Snyder, 3531 E 4th Place, Tulsa, OK 74112, (918)834-2309, or post1steve@aol.com.

Mar 10, 2002-003 - Sweetwater TX CASI. 13th Annual Sweetwater Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup Cookoff. Held at Newman Park. Chill on Sunday, but more competition on Saturday, March 9. BBQ - all categories: \$140; brisket, chicken or ribs - \$75 each; CASI chili: \$25; Rattlesnake (meat provided): \$25. Jackpot beans: \$15; individual meat entry: \$35; Open cookoff: \$20. Benefits and checks payable to Sweetwater Jaycees. Saturday turn-ins: Open: 11:00 a; Chicken: 12:30 p; Ribs: 2:00 p; Brisket: 3:30 p. Saturday awards approx. 5:00 p. Sunday: Beans: 10:30 a; CASI chili: 11:30 a; Snake: 12:30 p, awards approx. 2:30 p. Flea market, games, dance at the Park on Friday and Saturday nights. Goody bags, cooks' party Friday night. Parking pass required, with 1 additional vehicle allowed. Info: Kay Berryman, PO Box 1148, Sweetwater, TX 79556, (915)235-5488.

Mar 16, 2002-001 - Boerne TX CASI. SAP-CASI 28th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Alamo Fiesta RV Park. (From San Antonio, take first exit for Boerne - RV park on the access road prior to the exit. Turn right once you get off IH-10; RV park will be on your left.) Full hookups available, and plenty of area for day cooks. Reservations and info: (210)698-7300. Chili entry: \$17, checks payable to SAP-CASI. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Friday, March 15, Cooks party at 7:00 p., Margarita Off at 8:00 p. On Saturday, Irish Coffee Off at 9:00 a., Bloody Mary Off at 10:00 a., Jackpot beans at 12:00 Noon (\$5 entry). Silent auction on Saturday. Info: Sue Ann Greive, (210)699-0106, sgreive@utsa.edu.

Mar 16, 2002-002 - Bartlett TN CASI. 2nd Annual Bartlett Chili Cookoff. Held at Singleton Community Center, 7266 Third Road (Indoor Cookoff). Benefits Bartlett Animal Shelter. CASI chili: entry: \$20; local chili: \$10; junior chili (ages 13-17): \$10. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Bartlett Animal Shelter. Info: Joe or Wanda Cassini, 3700 Socorro CV., Memphis, TN 38128,

(901)386-2159.

Mar 16, 2002-003 - Odessa TX CASI. American Indian CCO. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Benefits TPRC. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Vic Silvester, PO Box 1712, Odessa, TX 79760.

Mar 16, 2002-004 - Tacoma WA CASI. St. Patrick's Red and Green CCO. Held at Freighthouse Square, 25th and "D" Street. Charity: Caboose Club. Entry: \$17 red or green chili, or \$22 for both. Turn-in: green: 1:00 p, CASI red: 2:00 p. Anything goes for green chili; cut meat or chili grind for CASI red. Checks payable to Ken Peach. Info: Ken Peach, 3125 148th St. E, Tacoma, WA 98446-1565, (253)537-4591, kmpeach@aol.com.

Mar 16, 2002-005 - Emory TX CASI. Rains County Farmers Market CCO. Held at Rains County Heritage Center (Highway 276 from Lake Tawakoni or off Highway 69 South, 1/4 mile on 276 West Emory). Benefits local charities. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon, 50/50 first place only. Checks payable to Rains Farmers Market. RV parking (no hookups). Friday night supper, 7:00 - 9:00 p. Info: Carl or Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916.

Mar 16, 2002-006 - San Angelo TX CASI. St. Patrick's Day Chili Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. Benefits Boys Detention Center - Sports Equipment. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot pinto beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Laura Coad, (915)944-7715.

Mar 17, 2002-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Country Caberet Spring Fling Cookoff. Held at 839 FM 476. Benefits Christian Free Clinic. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Classic CASI. Info: Pat Irvine-King, 165 Alexander, Seguin, TX 78155, (830)303-1755.

Mar 17, 2002-002 - Ennis TX CASI. Top of Texas/Knights of Columbus Mixer CCO. The Knights and TOT are warming up for the big one! Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 S I-45. Benefits the Terlingua School Van Fund. Entry: \$17 (bargain!), turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Terlingua School Van Fund. No preregistration deadline - just come on down! Info: Coby Davis, PO Box 450335, Garland, TX 75045-0335, (214)727-7445, coby_davis@hotmail.com.

Mar 17, 2002-003 - Alvarado TX CASI. 5th Annual American Legion Post 426 CCO. Held at Post 426 (From north - I-35 to Maple exit; right at bottom of ramp; go straight until you have to make a left - FM 3136. Keep going until you see the Post on the left. From the south, Maple exit, turn left, turn right on 3136 and go!) Saturday night with Tommy Alverson and Band from 8 -

Midnight - \$10 cover per person. Entry: chili: \$17, beans: \$5. RV parking (no hookups). Cooks dinner Saturday at 6:30 p. Kitchen open Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Bingo on Saturday at 3:00 p. Info: (817)783-8858 or (817)783-2184.

Mar 17, 2002-004 - Miles City MT CASI. St. Patrick's Day Chili Cookoff. Benefits local cancer patient. Info: Kathy, (406)232-1599.

Mar 23, 2002-001 - Las Cruces NM CASI. FOE Aerie CASI CCO. Held on North 17th Street in Las Cruces. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits FOE charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

Mar 23, 2002-002 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pod 24th Annual CASI CCO. Held at Boomers Sports Bar, 4933 Spencer Highway. Benefits Pasadena Pet Adoption. CASI chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, 100% payback, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Silent auction and a super raffle. Potluck supper Saturday night; brisket will be furnished - bring a covered dish. Plenty of RV parking (no hookups). Checks payable to Pasadena Pod. Info: Ralph Hay, 2505 Easy Street, Pasadena, TX 77502, (713)475-1660, rdhay16@juno.com.

Mar 23, 2002-003 - Somerset TX CASI. 7th Annual Cheap Charlies Cabrito Cookoff. Held at the American Legion Post 443, Somerset

Mar 23, 2002-004 - McGregor TX CASI. First Annual Central Texas Pod CCO. Held at the McGregor Rodeo Grounds. Benefits McGregor VFD. Friday night cooks' party. Saturday morning breakfast and potluck Saturday night. GROUND MEAT ONLY. CASI: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Local chili: entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Junior chili: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Beans - dry pinto beans only - entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon; 50/50 split going to 1st and 2nd places. Lots of RV parking (no hookups). Next day cookoff same place. Info: Mavis Nelson, (254)486-2487, rdnmn@hotmail.net.

Mar 23, 2002-005 - Parker AZ CASI. People's Choice Chili Cookoff. Held at the La Paz County Park "At the River". Benefits Rotary Charities. Chili: Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Arizona State Barbecue entry: \$5. Salsa and people's choice, too! Contact: Roland Regeon, 635 Hazelwood, Phoenix, AZ 85013, (602)277-7306.

Mar 23, 2002-006 - Grand Prairie TX CASI. HRA Chili Cookoff. NEW LOCATION: Held at Traders Village. Benefits Helping Restore Ability. CASI: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Local/Youth chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Beans: entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Salsa: turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Goody bags to first 50 registered cooks. Drawings, contests and entertainment. Call Traders Village (972-647-2331) if you need overnight parking. Info: Dave Watson, 1635A W Division, Arlington, TX 76102, (817)469-1977.

Mar 23, 2002-007 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. 3rd Annual Elks Children's Hospital CCO. Held at Elks Lodge, 4205 Seymour Highway. Jackpot beans, jackpot salsa. Our famous catfish at the cooks' party Friday night. Music and dance, also. All-you-can-eat country breakfast (\$3) Saturday. Inside cooking if desired. Painted stove raffle (two-day). Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RVs and campers welcome - giant lodge and grounds. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2272 or Ray Nipper, (940)761-4944, (940)781-5262 (cell), BBQ4YALL@aol.com, PO Box 3717, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

Mar 23, 2002-008 - Odessa TX CASI. 4th Annual St. Anthony's Catholic Church Barbecue and Chili Spring-fest. Held at 1321 W Monahans. CASI chili: \$17. Barbecue will use IBCA rules. Brisket, 1/2 chicken and pork spare ribs: \$60 entry. \$3,000 cash prizes for barbecue, trophies 10 places in each category. Set up after 11:00 a on Friday. Info: Ed Kelley, (915)520-7117, teammidland@hotmail.com; John Ramos, (915)332-9964 (evenings); or St. Anthony's Church, (915)337-2213.

Mar 24, 2002-001 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pod Cookoff. Held at Boomers Sports Bar, 4933 Spencer Highway. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Pasadena Pod. Info: Ralph Hay, 2505 Easy Street, Pasadena, TX 77502, (713)475-1660, rdhay16@juno.com.

Mar 24, 2002-002 - McGregor TX CASI. First Annual Central Texas Chili Pod Cookoff. Held at the McGregor Rodeo Grounds. Benefits CTC Pod. CASI: entry: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Info: Mavis Nelson, (254)486-2487, rdnmn@hotmail.net.

Mar 24, 2002-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Texas Elks Children's Services CCO. Held at Elks Lodge, 4205 Seymour Highway. Custom charbroiled cheeseburgers with waffle fries and ice cream before the dance at Saturday night's cooks' party. All-you-can-eat country breakfast (\$3) Sunday. Indoor cooking if desired. Entry: \$17, turn-in: Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Painted stove raffle (two-day). RVs and campers welcome - giant lodge and grounds. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273 or Raymond Nipper, (940)761-4944, (940)781-5262 (cell), BBQ4YALL@aol.com, PO Box 3717, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

Mar 30, 2002-001 - Converse TX CASI. 9th Annual "Half Way Point" CCO. Held at American Legion Post 593 on West Legion Drive. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Prizes for best-dressed male and best-dressed female chili cook. Jackpot Beans - Entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Benefits Legion charities. RV parking (no hookups). Info: Post 593, (210)658-1111 or Ken Rodd, (210)887-8827,

email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff next day at same location.

Mar 30, 2002-002 - Irving TX CASI. 9th Annual Lost Patrol Chili CCO. and Bean Cookoff. Held at Mountain Creek Preserve Park (corner of Nursery Road and Hunter Ferrel Road; both roads dead end at park entrance. Take Nursery Road South off Shady Grove Road to Park, or take Hunter Ferrel Road east off Macaulder Road to entrance). Entry: Chili - \$17, Jackpot beans - \$5, payable to VVA 137, benefits Chapter activities and programs to help needy Vets and their families - all Vets of all Wars and eras. Overnight camping (no hookups). Friday night party. Info: Dean Reynolds, (972)262-0610, PO Box 224746, Dallas, TX 75222.

Mar 30, 2002-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Cookoff. Held at 4605 Lake Shore Drive. Benefits Legion Charities. Chili: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to American Legion 169. Cooks' Party Friday night, March 29. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273, No. 7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76302.

Mar 30, 2002-004 - Canton TX CASI. 3rd Annual Buffalo Girls CCO. Held at the Historic Buffalo Girls Hotel (Bed & Breakfast Texas style) on the Mountain at Old Mill Marketplace, Highway 64 East, during the World Famous April 1 Monday Trade Days. Benefits Women's Shelter at East Texas Crisis Center in Canton. Custom trophies by Mountain artists, goody bags, raffle, silent auction, and high-energy entertainment by Lisa Rago. Overnight accommodations and RV hookups. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Set up limited to table top. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Buffalo Girls, mail to Buffalo Girls Hotel, 354 VZ CR 4108, Canton, TX 75103. Info: Susan, (903)567-7829 or www.buffalogirlshotel.com - click on the chili pepper for info re: the cookoff. Happy Trails!

Mar 30, 2002-005 - Kerrville TX CASI. 23rd Annual CASI Chili Classic & Easter Fest. Held at Flatrock Lake County Park on the beautiful Guadalupe River, 2804 Riverside Drive. Benefits local children's charities. Cooks' party Friday night. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Hill Country Pod. BBQ (chicken, ribs and brisket) with 75% payback. Each BBQ entry \$25, or \$65 for all three. Central Texas BBQ Assn will sanction the BBQ cookoff. Washer pitching, Easter egg hunt for the children. Plenty of RV parking (no hookups). Potluck dinner Saturday. Info: Karl Buechler, (830)792-4270, for chili, or Bret Kaiser, (830)257-7833, for BBQ.

Mar 30, 2002-006 - Dalhart TX CASI. Dalhart Rotary Roadkill Chili Cookoff. Held at Lake Coliseum, Highway 281 West.

Benefits Dalhart Rotary Club. Entry: \$20, payable to Dalhart Rotary. Turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Jim Chandler, 401 E 7th St, Dalhart, TX 79022, 806-249-4523, xitre@xit.net.

Mar 30, 2002-007 - Conowingo MD CASI. 3rd Annual Conowingo Chili Challenge. Held at Sweeney's Tavern. Entry: \$17, made payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, peppertean@comcast.net.

Mar 30, 2002-008 - Venice FL CASI. Suncoast Humane Society 4th Annual Furry Skurry Pet Walk and Adopt-A-Thon. Held at the Blalock Park on the Island of Venice behind the Venice Community Center. Chili entry: \$15, turn-in 2:00 p. Cooks' meeting at 9:00 a. Info: Bill Garbutt, (941)235-1303 or chilibill@comcast.net.

Mar 31, 2002-001 - Converse TX CASI. 8th Annual Ladies Auxiliary CCO. Held at American Legion Post 593 on West Legion Drive. Entry: \$10. Chili Grind only. Turn-in 1:00 p. "Breakfast Taco-Off", entry: \$5, traveling judging starts at 9:00 a. Benefits Auxiliary charities. Info: Post 593, (210)658-1111, or Yolie Rodd, (210)887-8827, email yolielr@aol.com. Cookoff previous day same location.

Apr 6, 2002-001 - The Colony TX CASI. The Colony Lions Club Annual CCO. Held at Lions Club Park, 6016 Turner. Benefits The Colony Lions. Chili: Entry \$20, turn-in 2:00 p. Beans: Entry: \$5, turn-in 12:00 noon. Preregistration by March 15 insures goody bag. Info: Brenda Stefancik, (469)766-3421.

Apr 6, 2002-002 - Clovis NM CASI. BPOE 1244 CASI CCO. Held at Third and Sycamore Streets in Clovis. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits BPOE charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: cblakeley@yucca.net.

Apr 6, 2002-003 - Granbury TX CASI. Canyon Creek CCO. Held at 2300 Club Drive, Canyon Creek (Highway 144 between Granbury and Glen Rose; turn on Williamson Road by Don Ayala's Mexican Rest.; approx 2 miles to Canyon Creek on left). Entry: \$17, payable to Canyon Creek POA. Benefits Indian Harbor VFD. Turn-in 2:00 p. 50/50 Jackpot beans - \$5 entry, 12:00 p turn-in. Cooks' Party Friday night. Info: Kay and Billy Hutson at 817-279-0465 or 817-573-3371; or Canyon Creek POA Office.

Apr 6, 2002-004 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. Alabama State Chili Cookoff. Held at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Highway 59. Benefits Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17, turn-in 1:00 p. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. Info: Renee Moore, (251)949-7000 or rmoore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us.

Apr 6, 2002-005 - Odessa TX CASI. 4th Annual MCM Elegante Hotel Chili and Barbeque Cookoff. Held at the MCM Elegante Hotel (formerly the Radisson Hotel), 5200 E University. Benefits SafePlace of the Permian Basin. CASI chili entry: \$20. WTBA barbeque: \$25 per category, 50% payback with added money in chicken, pork spare ribs and brisket. Corporate categories: \$50 per category. Special \$49 room rate and other special events for cooks and families. Info: Marca Washburn at MCM Elegante, (915)368-5885 or Boomer Kingston, (915)563-5499.

Apr 6, 2002-006 - Weesatche TX CASI. 2nd Annual Vol. Fire Dept. CCO. Held at the Weesatche Community Center, Highway 119 South and FM 884 East (35 miles west of Victoria). Benefits Volunteer Fire Department. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in Noon. BBQ brisket: entry: \$15, turn-in: 4:00 p. Checks payable to Weesatche Vol. Fire Dept. Info: Healani Bethke, PO Box 240, Weesatche, TX 77993, (361)564-9606.

Apr 6, 2002-007 - Muskogee OK CASI. 18th Annual Muskogee Exchange Club Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Entry: \$15 preregistration per event; \$25 on-site registration per event. Turn-in: CASI chili-12:00 Noon; Open BBQ-12:30 p.; ribs-1:15 p.; brisket-2:00 p. Cooks' party Friday, April 5, 8:00 p. at the Civic Center. Benefits E. Oklahoma Hospice and Kids Space. Info: Eric Fleak, (918)682-7788, PO Box 2488, Muskogee, OK 74402.

Apr 6, 2002-008 - Kingman AZ CASI. Arizona Veterans Open CCO and Arizona State Salsa Championship. Held at VFW Post 3516, 2826 Wikieup Avenue. Benefits VFW. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Tim Wasik, (928)681-2567, PO Box 8202, Hualapai, AZ 86412.

Apr 6, 2002-009 - Kingsland TX CASI. Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce Cookoff. Held at Fuzzy's Corner, Highways 1431 and 29, Buchanan Dam. Benefits Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce, checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Sharon McCall, (915)388-6211, PO Box 465, Kingsland, TX 78639.

Apr 7, 2002-001 - Granbury TX CASI. Canyon Creek CCO. Held at 2300 Club Drive, Canyon Creek (Highway 144 between Granbury and Glen Rose; turn on Williamson Road by Don Ayala's Mexican Rest.; approx 2 miles to Canyon Creek on left.) Entry: \$17, benefits Pecan Plantation VFD, checks payable to Canyon Creek POA. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Chili Grind only. Info: Kay and Billy Hutson at 817-279-0465 or 817-573-3371; or Canyon Creek POA Office.

Apr 7, 2002-002 - St. Croix VICASI. United Way of St. Croix 1st Annual Chili Cookoff.

Held at the Divi Carina Bay Resort, 25 Estate Tiner Hole in St. Croix! Benefits United Way of St. Croix. Entry: \$25, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to United Way of St. Croix. Info: Ana L. Davila, United Way of St. Croix, PO Box 223010, Christiansted, VI00822, (340)773-0582 or Georgeann Peters at fortunaran@yaho.com.

Apr 7, 2002-003 - Kingsland TX CASI. Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce Cookoff - Day II. Held at Fuzzy's Corner, Highways 1431 and 29, Buchanan Dam. Benefits Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce, checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Sharon McCall, (915)388-6211, PO Box 465, Kingsland, TX 78639.

Apr 7, 2002-004 - Grand Prairie TX CASI. 27th Annual Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff and World Championship of Pickled Quail Egg Eating. Held at Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road, just off Highway 360 between I-20 and I-30. Chili: \$30, turn-in 2:00 p. Showmanship 11:30 a - 1:30 p. (Bean cookoff on Saturday, April 6; entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p.) Registration cuts off when 130 teams have registered. Info: Trader's Village, (972)647-2331.

Apr 13, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. First of 2002 Chili Cookoff. Held at Elks Lodge, Highway 90 East. Preregistration: \$15 before April 10; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits Elks Lodge. Turn-in: 2:00

Apr 13, 2002-002 - Amarillo TX CASI. Elks Lodge #923 Chili & Bar-B-Que Cookoff. Benefits Elks Lodge charities. Children's activities. More info to follow. Info: Lees Penland, mudflap@nts-online.net.

Apr 13, 2002-003 - San Angelo TX CASI. 6th Annual Cooking for Hospice Chili and BBQ Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. Benefits Hospice of San Angelo. Chili: \$17, jackpot beans: \$10. BBQ brisket, chicken and pork spare ribs: \$20 entry for each. Pays back 80%, plus \$2,500 added money to top ten places. WTBA Rules on BBQ. Junior chili cookoff, also. Sponsored by SACA Chili Pod and the Harley Riders of the Concho Valley. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147, Shelby, (915)653-6426, or Renee (915)653-7597.

Apr 13, 2002-004 - Phoenix AZ CASI. 5th Annual North Valley Festival CCO and Arizona State Hot Wings Championship. Held at 1501 West Bell Road at Turf Paradise Race Track. Benefits Deer Valley Pride Scholarship Fund. Entry: \$10, plus large pot of People's Choice chili. Great prizes for 1-3 in People's Choice, 1-10 CASI chili and 1-10 in hot wings. Goodie bags to first 25 cooks. Dry camping Friday and Saturday nights. Cooks' party Friday night - bring a side dish, meat will be furnished. Info and parking passes: Lylah Raven, (623)445-6633 (days) or (623)934-7143

(evenings).

Apr 13, 2002-005 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 Chili Cookoff. Held at 2701 East 8th, American Legion Post 430. Info: Larry Patton, 2846 Cambridge, Odessa, TX 79761, (915)362-3585.

Apr 13, 2002-006 - Comfort TX CASI. Annual Horseshoe Pub Cookoff. Held at the Horseshoe Pub & Pizza, 429 Front Street. Benefits the Senior Center of Comfort, TX. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to the Horseshoe Pub & Pizza. Cooks' party Friday night. Raffle following judging. Info: Dennis or Mickey, (830)995-5150, 429 Front St, Comfort, TX 78013, mickey_standefor2001@yahoo.com.

Apr 13, 2002-007 - New Braunfels TX CASI. ROAM's Red Hot Chili Cookoff. Held at ROAM Open Air Market, I-35 Exit 182, Engle Road. Entry: chili: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Entry: beans: \$5. Checks payable to ROAM Open Air Market. Benefits New Braunfels Lions Club. Saturday kick-start breakfast; showmanship; tasting cups; live music; great awards; participant gift bags. Overnight parking (Friday or Saturday - no hookups). Info: Melissa Krause, ROAM, (830)620-4600, 55131-35S, New Braunfels, TX 78132, mkrause@ROAM-markets.com. See ad for more information.

Apr 13, 2002-008 - Beaver OK CASI. 8th Annual Cowchip Chili Cookoff. Held at the Beaver Fairgrounds. Entry: CASI: \$20, open: \$25, or both for \$40. Turn-in: 12:00 N. The Log Cabin Boys will provide musical entertainment after showmanship. People's Choice and Best Decorated Booth awards. Clearly "one of the best kept secrets in the five-state area". Info: Bill Greenfield, (580)625-4499, PO Box 954, Beaver, OK 73932-0954.

Apr 13, 2002-009 - Parsons TN CASI. St. Jude - World Largest Coon Hunt CCO. Held at the Decatur County Fairgrounds, 2 miles south of Parsons on Highway 69/641. Benefits St. Jude Research Hospital. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HOT Pod - CASI. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

Apr 13, 2002-010 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Chi Omega Hot To Trot Chili Cookoff. Held at Wichita Falls Museum #2 Eureka Circle. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Benefits Chi Omega charities and Make-A-Wish. Info: Roy Huston, (940)691-5643.

Apr 13, 2002-011 - Alvarado TX CASI. 17th Annual Chillihead Soiree and Cookoff. Held at Alvarado VFW, Highway 67. RV parking after 10:00 p Friday night due to bingo.) Benefits Cancer Aid and Research. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to LA VFW Post 9299. Breakfast served 8:00-9:00 a. Info: Jo Watson, (817)790-3112 or (817)556-2130, 817 Lakewood Drive,

Alvarado, TX 76009.

Apr 13, 2002-012 - San Antonio TX CASI. 5th Annual Brush Fire CCO. Held at Tylers Tavern (formerly Antler Bar & Gameroom), 12023 Potranco Rd (1 mile west of Loop 1604W). Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Friday night cooks' party, plenty of parking (no hookups). Info: Bob Stealin, (830)931-2125.

Apr 14, 2002-001 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Pod of the Pass Cookoff. Held at the Lariat Lounge, 8601 Dyer. Benefits Pod Charities. Entry: \$12, turn-in 2:00 p. Checks payable to Pod of the Pass. Info: Carol Straughan, (915)852-3599, 3608 Buxton, El Paso, TX 79928, or Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041, 4617 Tumbleweed, El Paso, TX 79924.

Apr 14, 2002-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. SACA Pod Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. Chili: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147 or Shelby, (915)653-6426.

Apr 20, 2002-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. CHOA Pod CCO. Held in conjunction with the Junior Drafter Open at SIR at the Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S Houghton Road. Benefits CHOA Pod. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 2:00 p. Junior Chili for kids up to 18 years of age. Chili must be prepared from scratch by the junior at the site. CHILI GRIND ONLY FOR JUNIORS. Junior entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to CHOA. Info: Peter Braly, 8401 S Kolb Road #433, Tucson, AZ 85706, (520)574-0197, peterjbraly@compuserve.com.

Apr 20, 2002-002 - Seguin TX CASI. Texas Ladies State Cookoff. Held at Starcke Park. Friday night dinner by Harvey West and crew. Beautiful park full of pecan trees. Open to cooks Thursday. Golf course within walking distance. Chili judging run by Glyn Gaines and Roy Huston. Fun-filled weekend for the ladies. First, second and third places in chili and first place in show win stoves and qualify for Terlingua. Info: Terry Massey, (817)558-8922 or (214)366-8461, email: tmassey@ars.com.

Apr 20, 2002-003 - Fayetteville AR CASI. 10th Occasional Springfest CCO. Held at the Walton Arts Center parking lot, Dickson and West Streets. Benefits Meals on Wheels. Entry: \$15 (anything more personally offends us), payable to "Joe Giles - Loose Stool Chili". Turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Joe Giles, 12576 Highway 170, Farmington, AR 72730, (479)267-2655.

Apr 20, 2002-004 - Hiawasse GA CASI. Hiawasse Cookoff. Held at Sesity Cove, Lower Bell Creek Road. Entry: \$20, payable to GCCA Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: JT Pittman, 121 Bradshaw Rd, Hiawasse, GA 30546, (706)896-4093.

Apr 20, 2002-005 - Charlottesville VA CASI. 2nd Annual Dogwood Blues Festival Chili Cookoff. Held Downtown Charlottesville.

Benefits Habitat for Humanity. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Roger Koltz, 53 Ponderosa Ln, Palmyra, VA 22963, (434)589-5387, cowboychili@cs.com.

Apr 20, 2002-006 - Pawnee OK CASI. Pawnee Folk and Springfest Chili Cookoff. Held at Pawnee Bill Ranch and State Park. Prizes for top three places in chili and show. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 12:30 p. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Info: Theodore Morgan, (918)762-2493.

Apr 20, 2002-007 - Odessa TX CASI. Patti Pearson Memorial CCO. Held at South Fork Ranch (from I-20 in Odessa, take East Loop 338 south for 6 miles. Right through gate to South Fork Ranch.) Benefits Patti Pearson Memorial. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Sam or Suzette Holloman, (915)335-0278.

Apr 21, 2002-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI's Pete Armstrong, Carol Roy, Pop Roth Memorial Cookoff. Held at Starcke Park East. Benefits: Christian Free Clinic. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Classic CASI. Info: Pat Irvine-King, 165 Alexander Dr, Seguin, TX 78155, (830)303-1755.

Apr 27, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. 31st Annual Houston Pod Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff. Held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway. Benefits the Houston Food Bank. Friday night cooks' party. Saturday Kick-start breakfast, 100% payback on jackpot beans, junior chili cookoff - chili grind only, junior showmanship, CASI chili, CASI showmanship, salsa cookoff, tasting cups, silent auction, Mexican Fiesta pot luck dinner, Tonk tournament, 42 tournament, live music. Entry: Beans: \$5; Junior chili: \$5, CASI chili: \$20; salsa: \$5; Tonk: \$5; 42: \$5. RV parking (no hookups). Stay for the Sunday cookoff. Info: Keith Karaff, (281)955-2603, kdkone@aol.com - use subject line: HPCCO 31.

Apr 27, 2002-002 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Paul's Pub 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff Held at 1805 Paseo San Luis (one block behind Donovan Dodge on Highway 92 S). Cooking in the field right behind Paul's Pub. Dry camping on Friday. Entry: \$10, payable to High Desert Pod - 1st time cooks not required to pay entry! Benefits the Greater Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Register by March 1 to get your name printed on your shirt. Info: Chuck Dugan, PO Box 2571, SV AZ 85636, (520)803-2065, Duganc1@msn.com, or Jim Kuriger, 1805 Paseo San Luis, SV AZ 85635, (520)459-2254.

Apr 27, 2002-003 - Cleburne TX CASI. 5th Annual American Legion Post 50 CCO. Held in conjunction with Cleburne's Springfest (activities all day Saturday). 313 W Chambers - one block from all the activities! Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p.

CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: Noon. Friday night supper and cooks' party with live entertainment. More live entertainment on Saturday night. Benefits Cancer Research. Overnight camping (no hookups) on cooksite in large fenced parking lot. Top winners merchandise awards. Don't miss this weekend of fun earning points! Info: Ken or Willie, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033, (817)645-6053 or (817)641-0814. Preregister at Attn: Cookoff, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033. Mark your calendars now!

Apr 27, 2002-004 - Meridian TX CASI. Larry Joe Taylor's 14th Annual TX Music Fest & Chili Cookoff. Benefits Bosque County EMS. Camping available (254-435-6113 for camping reservations). Chili entry included with festival pass. Advance tickets (per person): \$25 for three-day pass; \$18 for two-day pass (Friday & Saturday only). Advance ticket requests must be received by April 12, payable to: Larry Joe Taylor, 4217 CR 423, Stephenville, TX 76401. Info: (254)968-8505, www.larryjoetaylor.com, or ljt@2-cool.com. (On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.B.5.)

Apr 27, 2002-005 - Stanton TX CASI. 6th Annual Martin County Museum Chili Cookoff. Held at 301 N St. Theresa at the Martin County Community Center. Benefits Martin County Museum, checks payable to Martin County Museum. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Barbara Conaway, (915)756-2669, PO Box 1143, Stanton, TX 79782.

Apr 27, 2002-006 - Seguin TX CASI. Buffalo Roam's 2002 Annual Ultimate Cookoff Event. Held at 8301 FM 20. Benefits Buffalo Roam/A Sanctuary. Entry: \$15 for one event; \$27 for two events; \$38 for 3; and \$48 for 4 (save 20%!). Showmanship included in entry fee. Turn-in: chili-1:00 p.; beans-1:30 p.; chicken-2:00 p.; briкет-2:00 p.; ribs-3:00 p. Checks payable to Buffalo Roam/A Sanctuary. Overnight camping on Friday, check in beginning at 4:00 p. Restroom facilities available, but no hookups. Cooks' party Friday night. Preregistration until April 7. Info: Judy Savage, (830)372-4747, 8301 FM 20, Seguin, TX 78155, buffaloroam@the-cia.net.

Apr 27, 2002-007 - Macon GA CASI. Georgia State Chili Cookoff. Held at Shrine Park. Benefits Shrine's Children's Hospital. Entry: \$35 per category - CASI chili, open chili, Brunswick stew. 10x10 booth space with each entry. RV parking at cooking site (no hookups). Mandatory head cooks' meeting at 10:00 a. All categories turn-in at 2:00 p. Live entertainment all day. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Beth Edmundson, (478)746-6286 x223; or Larry Oliver, (850)995-9517, doublehotchili@aol.com.

Apr 27, 2002-008 - Gladewater TX CASI. East Texas Gusher Days Chili CO. Held in Downtown Gladewater, off Highway 271. Benefits Gusher Days Scholarship Fund.

Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5. People's choice and showmanship, too! Checks payable to East Texas Gusher Days. Info: Glenda Grubbs, (903)636-4351, PO Box 897, Big Sandy, TX 75755, bshjournal@aol.com.

Apr 27, 2002-009 - Avondale AZ CASI. Avondale CCO. Benefits American Legion. More info next month. Contact: Tim Wasik, (928)681-2567, PO Box 8202, Hualapai, AZ 86412.

Apr 27, 2002-010 - San Angelo TX CASI. Lonesome Dove Chili Cookoff. Held at 3300 N. Chadbourne. Benefits Meals for the Elderly. Chili: \$17, jackpot beans: \$10. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147.

Apr 27, 2002-011 - George West TX CASI. 1st Annual George West Chili Fest. Held at Smith's Trailer Village and RV Park, Highway 281 N, 1/2 mile north of George West (phone: 361-449-1498). Benefits Live Oaks Lions Club Outreach. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV hookups available. Cooks' party Friday night. Jackpot beans: \$10, turn-in: 12:00 n. Raffle. Potluck on Saturday night. Info: Eldon or Kim Hiley, (361)449-1903, oremail: kdhiley@yahoo.com.

Apr 27, 2002-012 - Cedar Rapids IA CASI. 2nd Chili N Blues CCO at 3rd Street Live. Iowa Chili Appreciation Assn Pod CCO. Held at 1202 3rd St SE. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:30 p. Checks payable to ICAA. Info: Gary Christensen, (319)365-2944, 1222 10th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405.

Apr 27, 2002-013 - Little Rock AR CASI. Little Rock Zoo Earth Day CCO. Held at #1 Jonesboro Drive. Benefits the Little Rock Zoo. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Little Rock Zoo, mail to Peri Doubleday, #1 Jonesboro Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Info: Peri Doubleday, (501)666-2406 x 108, email: pdoubleday@littlerock.state.ar.us; or Bruce Smith, email: hbchili@aol.com.

Apr 28, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. Annual Houston Pod Trader's Village Cookoff. Held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway. Benefits Houston Area Women's Center. Sunday Breakfast Casserole-off, CASI chili - CHILI GRIND ONLY, CASI showmanship, Hot Wings Fry-off, silent auction, live music. Entry: Breakfast Casserole-off: whole dish; CASI: \$17; Hot Wings: \$5. Info: Keith Karaff, (281)955-2603, kdkone@aol.com - please use the subject line HPCCO 31.

Apr 28, 2002-002 - Cleburne TX CASI. 5th Annual American Legion Post 50 Day After CCO. Held at 313 W Chambers. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Saturday night live entertainment. Benefits Boys' State. Overnight camping (no hookups) on cooksite in large fenced parking lot. Cookoff previous day - same

location. Top winners merchandise awards. Don't miss this weekend of fun earning points. Info: Ken or Willie, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033, (817)645-6053 or (817)641-0814. Preregister at Attn: Cookoff, PO Box 141, Cleburne, TX 76033. Mark your calendars now!

May 4, 2002-001 - Pyote TX CASI. 12th Annual Aunt Jackie's Place Chili & Barbeque Cookoff. Held at Aunt Jackie's Place, 111 Highway 80 East, Pyote. CASI Chili: \$17. WTBA barbecue: \$17, 50% payback. Beans: Jackpot with \$10 entry. Raffles, auction, cooks' party Friday night and dance Saturday night. Benefits Christmas in July. Contact: Aunt Jackie's Place, (915)389-5569, Mark Zocher, (915)389-5722, or Connie Zocher, (915)580-0541.

May 4, 2002-002 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. Smoke on the Water Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Community Park, 200 E Johnson off Commercial St (State Highway 361). Sponsored by Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce and City of Aransas Pass, and benefits Aransas Pass for Youth, Inc. Cooks' meeting 10:00 a. CASI Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Outlaw chili: entry: \$3, turn-in: 3:00 p. Show judging at Noon. People's choice award from "tastes" sold to benefit AP for Youth - separate competition. Special Friday Night Shrimp Gumbo Cookoff, \$5 entry (minimum of 5 entries needed for this event). Info: Brian Bondy, (800)633-3028 or info@aransaspass.org. Celebrate this new event in South Texas!

May 4, 2002-003 - Midwest City OK CASI. Springin' Into Summer Chili Cookoff. Held at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park, 8700 East Reno (Exit I-40 at Douglas Blvd., North on Douglas 2 miles to Reno; West (left) on Reno. Park is on south side of Reno). Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a., showmanship 12:00 p. Checks payable to MWCAF. Info: Amy Evans, (405)739-1293 or (405)739-1288, PO Box 10570, Midwest City, OK 73140-1570.

May 4, 2002-004 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 First Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge, 3845 Duck Creek, 1/8 mile south of Centerville Road. Benefits Elks' Charities. 25 RV spaces with full water & electric hookups - \$5/day. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00. Cooks' party on Friday, May 3. Raffles, silent auction. Reservations and info: Roy Harper, (972)226-6989; Neta Rohr, (972)495-3305; or Gary Kennedy, (214)868-5112. Checks to Elks Lodge #1984, 3825 Duck Creek, Garland, TX 75043, Attn: Kay Watson. Goody bags to first 20 cooks signed up. Sunday morning Bloody Marys and breakfast. Elks Lodge, (972)278-5300, overnight camping allowed.

May 4, 2002-005 - Accokeek MD CASI. 3rd Annual Watch Your Step CCO. Held at Hard Bargain Farm. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Benefits Alice Ferguson

Foundation. Turn-in: 2:00 p. For info and directions: Charlie Walstrom, (301)292-5403, email: charleswalstrom1@comcast.net.

May 4, 2002-006 - Marble Falls TX CASI. 31st Annual Howdy-Roo Chili Cookoff & Jackpot Bean Cookoff. 7th Annual CTBA Bar-B-Q Cookoff (ribs, brisket, chicken). 5th Annual Business Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Park. Limited hookups. Cooks' party Friday
May 4, 2002-007 - Memphis TN CASI. Variety Club Cookoff. Held at the Variety Club, 3294 Poplar. Benefits Children's Charities. Entry: \$25, payable to Variety Club. Chili turn-in: 2:00 p. Hot Wings contest (wings furnished): \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Friday night cooks' party, 7:00 - 11:00 p., with live music. Some RV parking, or contact Tanna or George for more info on RV parking. 1st place chili - TV; 2nd - 10th unusual trophies. Info: Tanna Jones, (662)781-1414 or George Kunkle, (901)327-9674.

May 4, 2002-008 - Angleton TX CASI. Brazoria County Fair Spring Fair. Held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds on Downing Road. Benefits Brazoria County Fair Assn. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:30 p. Gumbo: entry: \$20, turn-in: 3:00 p. Cooks' meeting at 10:00 a. RV parking available at site (no hookups). Boiled crawfish - \$6 per plate. Entertainment from Noon until 10:00 p - 4 different groups. T-shirts to first 25 entries. Info and registration available at www.BCFA.org. Info: Jerry Powell, (979)848-8333 or chile@mastnet.net.

May 4, 2002-009 - Pasco WA CASI. 13th Annual Preston Premium Wines CCO. Held at 502 E Vineyard Drive. Benefits Tri-Cities Hospice Center. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Preston Premium Wines. Info: Cathy Preston-Mouncer, (509)545-1990, 502 E Vineyard Dr., Pasco, WA, or email: cp@prestonwines.com.

May 5, 2002-001 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 Morning After Chili Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge, 3845 Duck Creek, 1/8 mile south of Centerville Road. Benefits Sweethearts Children's Diagnostic Center. Full water and electric hookups for RVs \$5/day. Breakfast and Bloody Marys. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Elks Lodge #1984, Attn: Kay Watson, 3825 Duck Creek Rd., Garland, TX 75043. Info: Roy Harper, (972)226-6989; Neta Rohr, (972)495-3305; or Gary Kennedy, (214)868-5112. Elks Lodge, (972)278-5300.

May 5, 2002-002 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Backbone Creek Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Park. Benefits local charity. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654.

May 5, 2002-003 - El Paso TX CASI. KBNA

Cinco de Mayo Chili Cookoff. Held at 4100 E Paisano. Benefits St. Jude's. Entry: \$12, turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Earl Campbell, (915)755-1041, 4617 Tumbleweed, El Paso, TX 79924.

May 11, 2002-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Black Gold Pod CCO. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. More info to follow. Info: Wes Watson, 4904 Melville Dr, Midland, TX 79705, (915)687-2170.

May 11, 2002-002 - Greensboro NC CASI. TRIAD County Cookoff. Held at Farmer's Market, Exit 208, I-40, Sandy Ridge Road. Benefits Epilepsy Foundation of N.C. Entry: \$15 for Pod members, \$20 for non-members and restaurants; payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Info: Dick Steinert, (336)292-6580 (home) or (336)335-6930 (business), 3221 Forsyth Dr., Greensboro, NC 27407.

May 11, 2002-003 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. 2nd Annual Mo's Landing Cookoff. Held at Mo's Landing, 18068 Highway 182. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Renee Moore, (251)949-7000 or rmoore@ci.gulfshores.al.us.

May 11, 2002-004 - Victoria TX CASI. Colet Inn Chili Cookoff. Held at the Colet Inn on Camp Colet Road (call for detailed map, or visit www.coletinn.com.) Benefits local charities. Chili entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans (dry pintos only): entry: \$5, turn-in: 11:00 a. Pork spare ribs: \$15, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. BBQ brisket - "Go Texan brisket" - turn-in: 4:00 p. More info to follow. Junior chili: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to VASA Pod. Info: Linda McDonald, (361)578-2575, 619 Springwood, Victoria, TX 77905; Robert Lowery, (361)575-6066; Colet Inn, (361)578-1360.

May 11, 2002-005 - Winthrop WA CASI. 16th Annual CCO and BBQ. Held at City Park, benefits local charities. CASI entry: \$22, and \$5 for People's Choice. Turn-in: 2:05 p. Checks payable to PNWBA. Info: Bob Lyon, (425)643-0607, 4244 134th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98006, email: bslyon@att.net.

May 18, 2002-001 - Kemah TX CASI. 2nd Annual FOE Eagles Lodge 4175 CO Benefits FOE charities. Chili Grind only. Entry: \$17. Sorry, no RV parking available. More information to follow. Info: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817 or email: pineywoodspod@mindspring.com.

May 18, 2002-002 - White Sands MR NM CASI. WSMR Sizzler CASI CCO. Held at Highway 70. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits Army Morale charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

May 18, 2002-003 - Manchaca TX CASI.

2nd Annual Giddy-Ups Chili Cookoff. Held at Giddy-Ups Saloon, Manchaca Road. Entry: chili only, \$17; chili and showmanship: \$14. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in: 2:00 p. RV parking (no hookups). Info: Nancy, (512)280-4732 or Ken Rodd, (210)887-8827. Chili cookoff same location next day.

May 18, 2002-004 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista West End Fair CCO. Held in the parking lot next to the VFW parking lot (behind the World Famous Sorry Gulch Saloon), 549 West Harvey Drive. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. First-time cookoff. First-time cooks' entry waived. This is the second of back-to-back cookoffs in Sierra Vista - first is Friday night at Veterans Memorial Park for the Walk for Life. Space limited, so arrive early!! Info: Greg Monger, (520)417-9948, mongo@theriver.com, 4930 Marconi Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

May 18, 2002-005 - Ennis TX CASI. Top of Texas Pod Annual Cookoff. Held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 S Interstate 45. CASI chili: entry: \$25, turn-in: 2:00 p. Local chili: \$20, turn-in: 1:00 p. Junior chili: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Salsa: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Friday night cooks' party, entertainment, raffle, morning after cookoff, goody bags to first 100 registered cooks. Plenty of RV space (no hookups). Benefits Knights of Columbus charities. Directions: From I-45 in Ennis, Exit #251-A (Creechville Rd). Get on service road going north (east side). Knights of Columbus Hall is on service road approx. 1/4 mile north of Creechville Road. Mail entries to: Top of Texas, 1254 Hidden Ridge, #1012, Irving, TX 75038. Info: Coby Davis, (214)727-7445, coby_davis@hotmail.com.

May 19, 2002-001 - Manchaca TX CASI. Giddy-Ups Saloon Chili Cookoff. Held at Giddy-Ups Saloon, Manchaca Road. Benefits "Friends of Texas Ladies State". Entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Nancy, (512)280-4732. Cookoff previous day same location.

May 19, 2002-002 - Berryville VA CASI. Berryville Barns Festival. Held adjacent to Rose Hill Park, Downtown Berryville. Benefits Barns of Berryville Restoration Project. Entry: \$25, checks payable to Downtown Berryville, Inc. Features a \$200 Terlingua expense "IOU", payable at Terlingua this November to the winner or highest placed finisher from Berryville cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Hot Rod Car Show, 5K Run, Home Beer Contest, Music, Arts & Crafts, and Children's Activities. Info: Jim Kelly, (540)955-4632; Downtown Berryville, Inc., (540)955-4001 or DBI@shtel.net.

May 19, 2002-003 - Ennis TX CASI. Top of Texas Pod Morning After Cookoff. Held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 S Interstate

45. CASI chili: \$17, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Plenty of RV space (no hookups). Benefits Knights of Columbus charities. Directions: from I-45 in Ennis, take Exit #251A (Creechville Road). Get on service road going north (east side). Knights of Columbus Hall is on service road approx. 1/4 mile north of Creechville Road. Mail entries to: Top of Texas, 1254 Hidden Ridge, #1012, Irving, TX 75038. Info: coby_davis@hotmail.com.

May 25, 2002-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship. NEW LOCATION: Near downtown, with RV hookups (fee for electricity and water). More details to follow. Info: Don Walker, (940)691-0108 or Glyn Gaines (940)767-2273.

May 25, 2002-002 - Spicewood TX CASI. Cast Off Chili Cookoff. Held at Krause Springs, Highway 71 to Spur 191 North. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Cooks' party Saturday night. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654. For camping reservations, call Jane Krause, (830)693-4181.

May 26, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Chili Legends Memorial Chili CO. Held at Water Valley Park. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Chili: \$17, Beans: \$5, Junior chili: \$5. Info: Sue Yates, (915)944-1403. Charity to be determined. More info to follow. On

Saturday, May 25, BBQ cookoff - brisket, ribs, chicken - 80% payback plus \$250 additional payout. Open category - desserts and whatever. Entry: BBQ: \$15 each category, Open: \$5.

May 26, 2002-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. NOB Pod Annual Chili Cookoff. Follows Southwest Open. New location: Near downtown. Details to follow. Info: Don Walker, (940)691-0108 or Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

May 26, 2002-003 - York PA CASI. 13th Annual York Jaycees CCO. A great cookoff with a large corporate division. Lots of fun for the whole family. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

May 26, 2002-004 - Spicewood TX CASI. Laid Back Chili Cookoff. Held at Krause Springs, Highway 71 to Spur 191 North. Benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 1:00 p. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info: Larry Kinnison, (830)693-5502, PO Box 878, Marble Falls, TX 78654. For camping reservations, call Jane Krause, (830)693-4181.

May 26, 2002-005 - Tombstone AZ CASI.

Wyatt Earp Days Chili Cookoff. Held at 4th Street, between Allen and Toughnut. Benefits Tombstone Lions Club. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:00 p. Checks payable to High Desert Pod. Cooks' party Saturday the 25th at the Helldorado Building - dinner, beer and sodas. T-shirts to the first 40 cooks. Info: Ron Phillips, (520)378-6519 or (520)678-3915, 4273 S Kino Road, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-9142.

Jun 1, 2002-001 - Alamogordo NM CASI. VFW Post 7686 CASI CCO. Held at 700 Highway 70 West, Alamogordo. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits VFW charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: rec@zianet.com.

Jun 1, 2002-002 - Houston TX CASI. Space City Pod 25th Annual CCO and BBQ. Held at 3406 W Alabama (Blanco's). Benefits Houston Food Bank. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 noon. Pork ribs: entry: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. Brisket: entry: \$10, turn-in: 3:30 p. Payable to Space City Pod. Raffle and silent auction. Plenty of parking (no hookups). Info: Sandy McIntosh, (281)931-9157, email: sandymac@ev1.net, 915 Mierlanno St., Houston, TX 77088.

Jun 1, 2002-003 - Greer AZ CASI. Arizona Men's Open. Held at Snowy Mountain Inn.

Entry: \$15, payable to Alpine Chili Society. Dry camping. Info: Dick Seehusen, PO Box 77, Alpine, AZ 85920, (928)339-1840. More info to follow.

Jun 1, 2002-004 - Greer AZ CASI. Arizona Women's Open. Held at Snowy Mountain Inn. Entry: \$15, payable to Alpine Chili Society. Dry camping. Info: Dick Seehusen, PO Box 77, Alpine, AZ 85920, (928)339-1840. More info to follow.

Jun 1, 2002-005 - College Park MD CASI. Maryland State Championship. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

Jun 1, 2002-006 - Adair OK CASI. Adair's Dalton Days Celebration. Held at Sam's Town USA. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. BBQ: entry: \$50 for three events; open turn-in: 12:30 p.; ribs turn-in: 1:00 p.; brisket turn-in: 1:30 p. Car show, tractor pull, music and much, much more. Benefits Adair Chamber of Commerce. Info: Diana Kennedy, (918)785-4242. Preregistration to: Adair Chamber, PO Box 377, Adair, OK 74330-0377.

Jun 1, 2002-007 - Tyler TX CASI. 22nd Annual Rose City Chili Cookoff. Held at East Texas Fairgrounds. Benefits Smith

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Jun 2, 2002-001 - Houston TX CASI. Space City Pod 25th Annual Day After Cookoff. Held at Blanco's, 3406 W Alabama. Benefits various charities. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Omelets: entry: \$8, turn-in: 10:00 a. Omelet judging: \$10. Open BBQ: \$10, turn-in 12:00 Noon. Payable to Space City Pod. Info: Sandy McIntosh, (281)931-9157, email: sandymac@ev1.net, 915 W Mierianne St, Houston, TX 77088.

Jun 7, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. Cannons and Cookpots CCO. Held at Exit 108 on I-40 (same site as 6/8/2002 cookoff). Benefits PCBA - Ladies Auxiliary. Entry: \$15, turn-in 8:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to HOT Pod - CASI. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208 or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676.

Jun 8, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. Battleground - Mid South Regional Held at Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield, Exit 108 on I-40 (halfway between Memphis and Nashville). Entry: \$20, benefits Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield Assoc.; advance checks payable to HOT Pod. Chili turn-in: 1:00 p. TICC 2002 expense money to Top 3 chilis and Top Show. Civil War reenactment, Saturday night cooks' dinner. Music & dancing. RV space (no hookups). See ad for more details. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208, or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676. HOT Pod, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

Jun 8, 2002-002 - Iraan TX CASI. Alley Oop Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Iraan County Park. Benefits Ex-Students Association. Chili entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ex-Students Association. CHILI GRIND ONLY. WTBA BBQ, too! 1/2 jointed chicken, pork spareribs, brisket: \$15 each, 80% payback. Dry pinto beans: \$5 entry. Info: Venetia Smith, (915)639-2761 (h) or (915)639-2543(w), PO Box 933, Iraan, TX 79744.

Jun 9, 2002-001 - Parkers Cross Roads TN CASI. HOT Pod Cookoff. Held at Parkers Cross Roads Battlefield, Exit 108 on I-40 (same site as 6/8/2002 cookoff). Entry: \$15, payable to and benefiting HOT Pod. Turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info: Preston Shaw, (731)847-7208 or Richard Knight, (615)449-6676. HOT Pod, PO Box 176, Parsons, TN 38363.

Jun 9, 2002-002 - Issaquah WA CASI. 2nd Annual Wildfire Ranch CCO and BBQ. Held at Wildfire Ranch, Gilman Village. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:30 p. Checks payable to PNWBA. Info: Ken Peach, (253)537-4591, 3125 148th St E, Tacoma, WA 98446, email: kmpeach@aol.com.

Jun 14, 2002-001 - Fort Smith AR CASI.

Miss Laura Friday Nite Social. Held at Columbus Acres, Highway 71 South and Broken Hill. Benefits BELCH Pod. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 7:00 p. Checks payable to BELCH Pod, mail to Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

Jun 15, 2002-001 - Las Cruces NM CASI. BPOE 1119 CASICCO. Held at 1119 Elk Drive, Las Cruces. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits BPOE charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jun 15, 2002-002 - Grove OK CASI. Smoke on the Water BBQ & Chili Blast. Held at the Grove Civic Center, benefits Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. Chili entry: \$20, payable to Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. BBQ, too - sanctioned by KCBS and will include brisket, pork ribs, chicken and pork shoulder/butt. Info: Doris Trosper, (918)786-5980 (home) or (918)786-2223 (work), 25351 S 603 Road, Grove, OK 74344.

Jun 15, 2002-003 - Fort Smith AR CASI. 20th Annual Judge Isaac C. Parker Memorial Cookoff and Arkansas State BBQ Championship. Held at Columbus Acres, Highway 71 South and Broken Hill. Benefits Fort Smith Boys' Shelter. Entry: \$20, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Fort Smith Boys' Shelter; mail to Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

Jun 15, 2002-004 - Austin TX CASI. 22nd Annual SOT Pod Cookoff. Benefits Central Texas Food Bank. Junior cookoff, too! CHILI GRIND ONLY. More info to follow. Info: Greg Martin, (512)257-9799 or John Caffey, (512)446-2364.

Jun 16, 2002-001 - Austin TX CASI. SOT Pod Day After Cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. More info to follow. Info: Greg Martin, (512)257-9799 or John Caffey, (512)446-2364.

Jun 22, 2002-001 - Grand Lake CO CASI. 19th State of Colorado Championship Held in Grand Lake, Colorado. Benefits Grand Lake Dive Team. Top ten CASI places, top 3 Green places and top 3 Showmanship awards. Entry fee \$25.00 for CASI/red or green, or both for \$35.00. Cook at 9,000 feet in the town park. All cooks who sign up and pay their entry fee by June 01, 2002 will receive a special memento. Info Donnie Kern (970)672-8428, Lyman Wilkinson (720)890-9600 (w), or John Montgomery (303)831-5000 (w). Entry to Colorado Chili Pod, c/o John Montgomery, 1600 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202.

Jun 22, 2002-002 - Conroe/Houston TX CASI. 2nd Annual Piney Woods Pod Chili Cookoff. Information to follow. Contact: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817.

Jun 22, 2002-003 - Bastrop TX CASI. River

Runners Chili Cookoff. Held at the Bastrop American Legion. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$17. Benefits Bastrop American Legion. Free cooks' dinner and dance Saturday evening. RV parking (no hook-ups). Info: Fred Mertink, (512)253-6335 or Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff next day same location.

Jun 22, 2002-004 - San Angelo TX CASI. Rolling Thunder Racetrack Chili and BBQ Cookoff. Benefits Hospice of San Angelo. More info next month. Info: Sammie Plant, (915)655-2147.

Jun 23, 2002-001 - Conroe/Houston TX CASI. Morning After PWP Chili Cookoff. Information to follow. Contact: Bob Horan, (281)376-4817.

Jun 23, 2002-002 - Bastrop TX CASI. River Runners II Chili Cookoff. Held at Bastrop American Legion. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: \$10, benefits River Runner charities. Cookoff previous day same location. Info: Fred Mertink, (512)253-6335 or Crystal, (512)321-5555.

Jun 23, 2002-003 - Rochester WA CASI. Lucky Eagle Casino CCO. Held at Lucky Eagle Casino. Benefits local charities. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to Ken Peach, 3125 148th St E, Tacoma, WA 98446. Info: Ken Peach, (253)537-4591, email: kmpeach@aol.com.

Jun 29, 2002-001 - Stanton TX CASI. 2nd Annual Cookin for Kids Chili Cookoff. Held at 301 N St. Theresa, Martin County Community Center. Benefits Martin County School Activities, and checks payable to same. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Kim Conaway, (915)756-2669, PO Box 1143, Stanton, TX 79782.

Jun 29, 2002-002 - Flanders NJ CASI. 2nd Annual CCO and Microbeev Festival. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

Jul 6, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. 4th of July Blowout Chili Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry: Chili: \$17, Jackpot Beans: \$5. Charity to be determined. Info: Laura Coad, (915)944-7715. More info to follow.

Jul 6, 2002-002 - Statesville NC CASI. Big Yankee Day Cookoff. Held at 2646 Old Mocksville Road. Benefits Piedmont Pepper Pod. Entry: \$15 for Piedmont Pepper Pod members, \$20 for non-members and \$5 for free-style chili. GROUND BEEF ONLY. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info: Charlie Salem, (704)546-2935 or Brent Lundy, (704)876-2681.

Jul 13, 2002-001 - Ft. Washington MD CASI. 5th Annual Up The Creek CCO and Party. Entry: \$22, payable to Mason Dixon

Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Charlie Walstrom, (301)292-5403, email: charleswalstrom1@comcast.net.

Jul 13, 2002-002 - Schertz TX CASI. Summer Heat. Held at 1000 FM 78. Benefits VOD Scholarships. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Cooks' party Saturday night, July 13. Showmanship: 11:00 a - 1:00 p. Checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Info: Peggy Hale, (210)659-1107, 10312 Flatland Tr, Converse, TX 78109.

Jul 14, 2002-001 - Schertz TX CASI. Summer Heat Sunday. Held at 1000 FM 78. Benefits Youth Activities. Entry: \$15, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Showmanship: 10:30 a. Info: Peggy Hale, (210)659-1107, 10312 Flatland Tr, Converse, TX 78109.

Jul 20, 2002-001 - Vaughan NM CASI. 1st Ever Vaughan CASI CCO. Highway 54 N in Vaughan. Entry: \$15, payable to the NMCS. Benefits local charity. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jul 20, 2002-002 - Greenville TX CASI. 4th Annual Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Highway 34 (Cash, Texas area). Benefits local improvements. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon, 50/50 (1st place only). Goodie bags to first 30 paid entries. Limited hookups. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks to or info: Carl and Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916 (days and evenings until 9:00 p). See Sunday cookoff, also.

Jul 20, 2002-003 - Golden City MO CASI. Missouri State Open Chili Cookoff and Second Annual Junior Chili Cookoff. Held at City Park - Golden City. Entry: CASI: \$20, Junior: \$5. Turn-in: 12:00 p. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Checks payable to Golden Harvest Days. Goody bags to first 25 cooks. Overnight camping available (no hookups). Info: Dixie Johnson, (417)682-5432, jrj8@ipa.net, 601 Truman, Lamar, MO 64759.

Jul 21, 2002-001 - Greenville TX CASI. 4th Annual Morning After Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Highway 34 (Cash, Texas area). Benefits Children's Hospital charities. Chili: entry: \$13, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks to or info: Carl and Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916 (days and evenings until 9:00 p).

Jul 21, 2002-002 - Fair Hill MD CASI. 2nd Annual Cecil County Fair CCO. Entry: \$17 payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

Jul 27, 2002-001 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Men's State Open CCO. Get a break from the heat! Come and cook in the high pines of New Mexico. Held at Ski Cloudcroft, Highway 82. Entry: \$20, payable to the NMCS. Benefits NMCS and local charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Potluck Friday night. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels available close to cookoff site. Info: hchechhughes@hotmail.com.

Jul 27, 2002-002 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Women's State Open CCO. Get a break from the heat! Come and cook in the high pines of New Mexico. Held at Ski Cloudcroft, Highway 82. Entry: \$20, payable to the NMCS. Benefits NMCS and local charities. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Potluck Friday night. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels available close to cookoff site. Info: hchechhughes@hotmail.com.

Jul 27, 2002-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Post 120 Fairway Cookoff. Held at Lake Wichita. Benefits Veterans' Programs. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Inside cooking available. Friday night cooks' feed. Saturday morning breakfast donation. Info: Peggy Gahagan, (940)691-3798.

Aug 3, 2002-001 - Bel Air MD CASI. Mason Dixon Pod CCO. Entry fee includes Pod membership dues, party, unique awards. Entry: \$17, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

Aug 3, 2002-002 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Fun in the Park. Held at 1 Belle Point, Belle Point Park (under Garrison Avenue Bridge). Benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Entry: \$20. Checks payable to BELCH Pod, mail to: Guy Smith, PO Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. GROUND MEAT ONLY. Info: Guy Smith, (479)646-9444.

Aug 10, 2002-001 - Lewisville TX CASI. Texas Open CASI Chili Championship Held at Lewisville Lake Park. Chili: \$25, turn-in: 1:00 p. Local chili: \$25, turn-in: 1:00 p. Junior chili: \$10, turn-in: 1:00 p. RV reservations: \$17 (Friday & Saturday nights). Charity to be determined. Goodie bag deadline: June 15, 2002. Mail entries to: Texas Open, 2050 N Shady Oaks Dr, Southlake, TX 76092. Info: Doris Coats, (972)254-5920 or Mikie McGarity, (817)975-2200.

Aug 17, 2002-001 - Alpine AZ CASI. Four Corners Regional CASI CCO. Let's go to the Cool Pines of Alpine, Arizona! CASI chili, backyard brisket (don't care about a smoke ring) and jackpot beans. Entry: Chili: \$20, brisket: \$10, beans: \$10, payable to the NMCS. Benefits Alpine, Arizona and New Mexico charities. Dry camping only (unless it rains). Motels close by (book early!). Info: alpineinn@cybertrails.com; teamorgan@zianet.com; or

hchechhughes@zianet.com.

Aug 17, 2002-002 - Will's Point TX CASI. 7th Annual CASI CCO. Held at B.B.'s Hideaway Nudist Resort (clothing optional), 3.2 miles north of I-20 on Highway 64, left on CR 3403. Camping and RV hookups available. Rooms also. Clubhouse, swimming pool, jacuzzi, beautiful grounds. Benefits the Myrtle Springs VFD. Entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. Chili: CASI and/or local: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 1:00 p. Free ground fees for head cook plus one assistant, 4 members on Showteams. Guests: \$30 each for the weekend. For RV, camping, room reservations: (903)873-3311, b.b.s.hideaway@airmail.net, or www.bbshideaway.com.

Aug 17, 2002-003 - Lamesa TX CASI. Mike Blakeley - Jimmy Sanders Memorial Cookoff. Held at Old Weaver Gin, west of Lamesa on Highway 180 1/4 mile. Benefits Crime Victims Assn. Chili: entry: \$20, turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. BBQ: \$20 per category; beans: \$5. Checks payable to Crime Victims Association. Info: Dennis or Gwyn Brackeen, (806)872-2376 or (806)759-7268, 202 N 13th, Lamesa, TX 79331.

Aug 24, 2002-001 - Timonium MD CASI. 3rd Annual Fire on the Midway CCO. Held at the Maryland State Fair. Entry: \$22, payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info and directions: Alan Dean, (410)879-6410, email: pepperdean@comcast.net.

Aug 24, 2002-002 - Cedar Rapids IA CASI. 19th Annual Iowa State Championship Chili Cookoff. Held at Hawkeye Downs Fairgrounds (new location). Chili: \$20, Junior Chili: \$5, Salsa: \$5. Turn-in: 3:00 p. Proceeds to Tanager Place, an organization for abused children and their families. Hot air balloons in nearby Amana Colonies. Cooks' party following announcements. Checks payable to ICAA Pod, mail to: Jerry Christensen, 374 Cambridge Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Info: Jerry, (319)373-4804, email: jerrychris10sen@juno.com.

Sep 14, 2002-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. 8th Annual Chili by the Lake Chili Cookoff. Held at Tawakoni City Park, 9 miles east of Quinlan on Highway 276. Benefits Tawakoni Park Board for park improvements. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 1:00 p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: Noon, 50/50 (1st place only). Goodie bags to first 30 paid cooks. Cooks' party Friday night, 7:00 - 9:00 p. Limited paid electrical hookups - first come, first served. Free camping (no hookups). Info: Carl or Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916. See Sunday cookoff.

Sep 14, 2002-002 - Tucson AZ CASI. Old Tucson Chili Cookoff. Held at 201 South Kinney Road. Charity to be determined. Entry: \$10, turn-in: 2:00 p. Checks payable to CHOA. Info: Mike Haskins, (520)748-

7464, 6501 E Fordham Dr., Tucson, AZ 85710.

Sep 15, 2002-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. Morning After 8th Annual Chili by the Lake Chili Cookoff. Benefits Merchants' Association for merchants' local charities. Entry: \$13, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to the City of West Tawakoni. (No bean cookoff on Sunday.) Info: Carl or Jackie Grose, 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, (903)883-4916. See Saturday cookoff.

Sep 21, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Dave Stichler Memorial Cookoff. Held at Elks Lodge, Highway 90 East. Preregistration: \$15 before September 19; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits local charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. CHILI GRIND ONLY. John J. Burns, john.j_burns@magna.on.ca, (830)703-3618 (days), HCR 3, Box 25, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840-9201. Cooks party Friday night, September 20. Limited RV hookups.

Sep 28, 2002-001 - Columbus NM CASI. Last Chance CASI CCO. Held at Pancho Villa State Park. Need a point? Come on down! The best potluck in CASI Friday night. We'll eat leftovers Saturday night. Entry: \$15, payable to NMCS. Benefits NMCS charities. Turn-in: 2:00 p. Info: Teamorgan@zianet.com.

Oct 12, 2002-001 - Homosassa FL CASI. Southeast Regional Chili Championship Held at Nature's RV Campground and Resort, West Halls River Road. Entry: \$20. Cooks' goody bag guaranteed to first 60 entries. "First Southeast Regional Championship" golf shirts to first 25 paid entries. Cooks' party Saturday night. Rental cabins (sleep 6) and full hookup RV sites available. Early registration recommended for cabins (call 800-301-7880). Info: Bill Garbutt, (941)391-1303, email: chilibill@home.com or Ken Rodd, (210)887-8827, email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff next day at same location.

Oct 13, 2002-001 - Homosassa FL CASI. 2nd Annual Sunshine State Pod CCO. Held at Nature's RV Campground and Resort, West Halls River Road. Entry: \$12. Cooks' party Saturday night. Chili Grind only. Info: Bill Garbutt, (941)391-1303, email: chilibill@home.com, or Ken Rodd at (210)887-8827, email: sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff previous day at same location.

Oct 19, 2002-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Water Valley Chili Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Dry pintos beans and BBQ, too! Entry: Chili: \$17, beans: \$5, BBQ: \$15 each category, 80% payback on BBQ. Info: Sue Washburn, (915)655-2546. Charity to be determined. More info to follow.

Oct 19, 2002-002 - Eden NCCASI. CASI

Chili Chowdown. Held at Eden Mall on Meadow Road. Benefits Eden Fire Department Auxiliary. Entry: \$15 if Piedmont Pepper Pod member, \$20 if not Pod member. Free-style entry: \$5. Turn-in: 1:00 p. Checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Preregistration deadline: September 22, 2002. Info: Judy McCrickard, (336)623-4851, 209 Bedford Dr., Eden, NC 27288, or Brent Lundy, (704)876-2681.

Oct 25, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Friday Terlingua Bound CCO. Held at Holiday Trav-L Park, Highway 90 West. Preregistration: \$15 before October 23; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits Great Peppers' Meeting. Turn-in 8:00 p. Info: John J. Burns, john.j_burns@magna.on.ca, (830)703-3618 (days), HCR 3, Box 25, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840-9201. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday night, October 25, during cookoff. RV hookups available - (830)775-7275.

Oct 26, 2002-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Saturday Terlingua Bound CCO. Held at Holiday Trav-L Park, Highway 90 West. Preregistration: \$15 before October 23; \$17 thereafter. Checks payable to D.R.I.P., benefits local charities. Turn-in 2:00 p. Info: John J. Burns, john.j_burns@magna.on.ca, (830)703-3618 (days), HCR 3, Box 25, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840-9201. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday night, October 25, during cookoff. RV hookups available - (830)775-7275.

Nov 2, 2002-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. 36th Annual TICC. This is the big one! Must qualify to earn invitation to cook, but plan on being at the party! Info: Johny Harriman, 1-888-CASI-HOT or rhjshow@aol.com.

Nov 9, 2002-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Veterans' Day CCO. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00 p. Benefits TPRC. Info: Vic Silvester, PO Box 1712, Odessa, TX 79760.

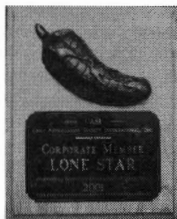
Jan 4, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. 2nd Bastrop American Legion Chili Cookoff. Held at Post Home on Loop 150 and Route 21 (across from Bastrop State Park Golf Course). Benefits Legion Charities. Entry: \$17. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV parking on solid ground. Cooks' party Saturday night. Info: Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff next day same location.

Jan 5, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. 2nd Bastrop American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Held at Post Home on Loop 150 and Route 21 (across from the Bastrop State Park Golf Course). Benefits Auxiliary charities. Entry: \$10. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks' party Saturday night. Info: Crystal, (512)321-5555. Cookoff same location previous day.

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PLEASE WELCOME AND THANK THESE CASI MEMBERS.

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CASI Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement
January 1, 2002 thru February 18, 2001

Income Statement

Revenues	
Terlingua International Chili Championship	80.00
Membership Dues	2,420.00
Money Received from TICC Sponsors	2,500.00
Terlingua Trails	130.00
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees	1,385.00
CASI Cookoff Packets	190.00
Interest Earned	180.06
Miscellaneous	0.00
Transfer from GP Meeting Fund	0.00
Great Pepper's Meeting Reserve Fund Revenues	
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees	1,385.00
CASI Scholarship Fund	
Transfer from General Fund	0.00
Contributions	0.00
Interest Earned	0.00
Total Revenues	8,270.06

Disbursements	
Terlingua International Chili Championship	531.07
Terlingua Trails	3,346.87
Charitable Contributions	0.00
CASI Director's Expenses	1,142.64
Chilicity Expenses	0.00
Membership Expenses	212.52
Tallymaster Related Expenses	150.42
Rancho CASI de los Chisos Expenses	1,050.07
Printing of CASI Rule Books	148.80
Director's Liability Insurance	0.00
Internet Expense	14.67
Old 320 Expenses	0.00
Old 320 Monument Expense	0.00
TICC Memorial Board Expense	0.00
GP Meeting Fund Transfer to General Fund	0.00
GP Meeting Money Paid to Sponsoring Pods	0.00
GP Meeting Directors Expense	0.00
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	0.00
CASI/Tex Schofield Scholarships	500.00-
CASI National Scholarships	500.00-
Miscellaneous	0.00
Total Disbursements	5,597.06

Net Income 2,673.00

Balance Sheet

Assets	
General Operations Fund - Cash in Bank	28,943.99
Great Peppers Meeting Reserve Fund – Checking	8,562.69
CASI Scholarship Fund – Checking	34,628.29
Life Membership Reserve Fund – Cash in Bank	15,000.00
Total Cash in Bank	87,134.97
LMRF Loan to CASI	45,000.00
Office Equipment	6,854.00
Trailer and Sign	1,500.00
Land and Land Improvements	102,523.48
Building at Rancho CASI de los Chisos	98,360.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	23,045.00-
CASI Trademark Fees	2,070.00
Total Non-Cash Assets	235,114.48

Total Assets 320,397.45

Liabilities	
LMRF Loan to CASI	45,000.00
CASI Scholarship Fund – Funded by CASI, Inc.	
CASI/Tex Schofields Scholarships	
1998 – Jessica Garcia	0.00
1999 – Justin Wells	1,000.00
2000 – Kade Killingsworth	2,000.00
2001 – Money Available	3,000.00
2002 – Valedictorian	4,000.00
2002 – Matching Fund Scholarships	2,000.00
Total	12,000.00
National Scholarship Program	
2001 – Shem Peachy	3,000.00
2001 – Ben Kinnison	3,000.00
2001 – Mathew Jones	3,500.00
2002 – Scholarships – 3	12,000.00
Total	21,500.00
Combined Fund Balancing Account	239,224.45

317,724.45

Net Income 2,673.00

Total Liabilities 320,397.45

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Date and City: _____

Cookoff Name: _____

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Checks Payable to: _____

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Contact Phone Number: _____

Preregistration Deadline (if Applicable): _____ Special Meat _____

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Don't Need Judging Tickets

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Mail form and membership fee to CASI, PO Box 3204, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-3204. Individual Memberships: North American Annual dues are \$15.00 (US, US Protectorates, Canada and Mexico), International Annual dues are \$ 30.00 US, or Lifetime dues are \$225.00 (not available to our International Members). Annual Corporate Membership is \$ 100.00 US.

Please print clearly.

Name: _____ Your CASI No. _____
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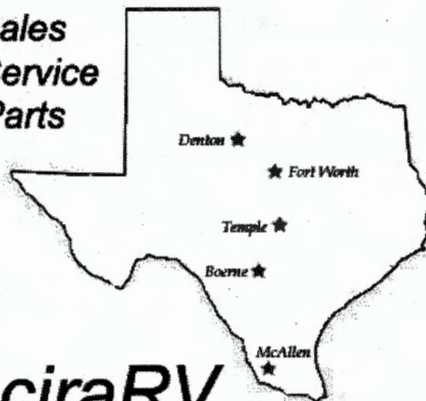
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