



Carol Kitchens (2002), Jean Barkley (2003), and Norma Homesly (2001)

Rankin Horn Toad Round-Up

Seventy chili cooks from Arizona, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas gathered in the little West Texas town of Rankin and had one heck of a great chili cookoff!

Congratulations to all the winners. Jean Barkley took the 1st place chili trophy and her husband, Keith, got 1st place in show. Don Boone from Kansas City, Missouri, received the travel trophy, as he was 961 miles from home.

A big thanks to all you good folks who cooked and to those who helped in other ways to make this a successful event. Karen Baines did a wonderful job again year in getting the local people to judge chili. We are very proud that each year Karen has managed to have enough locals judging, so no chili cooks were required to judge.

CASI can also be proud of the results as \$1,800 was raised for the Rankin Museum. A special thanks to County Commissioner Tommy Owens, who helped set up the cooking area with electricity, firewood, etc., and the museum ladies for a great breakfast. Thanks, also, to Louis Gonzales and Richard Scott for stew and cornbread. Hey, that fried catfish Friday night wasn't too bad either.

After looking over the entrant's list yesterday, I see the names of some folks who I didn't visit with at the cookoff. I apologize for this and promise to do better next time. We hope to see all you good folks again next year.

Dave Boone

A Hearty Thank You to CASI from the Girl Scouts in Terlingua



The Girl Scouts in Terlingua were thrilled to receive a generous

donation from CASI last fall. The area formed four troops—with girls from Pre-K through 10th grade—last September, marking the first year of organized Girl Scouting in Terlingua.

The Terlingua troops plan to use the money from sponsors to pay for special activities, to help the Girl Scouts earn patches and badges, and to buy uniforms and handbooks for girls who can't afford their own. The Girl Scouts are excited about their upcoming weekend camping adventure at the Permian Basin Council's Camp Mitre Peak in the Davis Mountains, and the younger Girl Scouts are participating in the "Outdoor Kids" program sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The Girl Scouts need camping equipment—tents, sleeping bags, mess kits, silverware kits, unbreakable cups with handles, canteens, flashlights, outdoor cooking equipment, and the like. It's spring-cleaning time. Do you have camping gear you no longer use? The Terlingua Girl Scouts are excited about camping out and will put the equipment to good use!

Besides having fun, the Girl Scouts help the community through service projects, including a fall drive to collect food and supplies that were delivered to nearby border communities. Next, the girls, their leaders, and families are gearing up to help re-locate the Big Bend Mission Thrift Shop from Lajitas to Terlingua.

Support from sponsors like CASI enables us to provide opportunities for travel, learning, and personal growth that these girls might not experience without Girl Scouts. Thank you!

**CASI Hot Line
888-CASIHOT**



If you have a cookoff coming up in the month of **May** your cookoff information must be in the hands of the CASI Director - Upcomings by **March 15th** to meet the 30 day cookoff advertising requirement.

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ED Ponderings

I recently received a letter asking why a cook should join CASI? The writer stated that he could cook in and receive awards for placing in all sanctioned cookoffs, he could receive points for Terlingua, and he would have the same status whether he was a member or non-member. His question seemed to be, 'What do I get for my money?'

My first response accounted for the simple stuff. You can't cook in TICC without being a member, and you can't receive the *Terlingua Trails* without being a member. I don't think TICC was an issue for this cook, and I think TICC is not a top priority for many of our members because of travel and other reasons. That doesn't deter nearly two thousand chiliheads from counting themselves as CASI members.

The *Terlingua Trails* has evolved into an increasingly valuable publication. Along with the email AiDE, the *Trails* is our prime tool for disseminating important CASI information. It also has that all-important schedule of upcoming cookoffs, bragging space with cookoff results, and many interesting articles. If you think back a dozen years, you really appreciate the work of Myrl Coultas, Jim Stateczny, Bob Horan, and all of the contributors. The *Terlingua Trails* is a work in progress that just keeps getting better.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I give you the real reason to be proud of your CASI membership. Your CASI membership allows you to show support and be associated with the greatest chili organization in the world. This organization operates for the benefit of others, and we do a spectacular job. CASI cooks are the most giving people. Last year, hundreds of volunteers helped conduct 525 CASI cookoffs that raised well over a million dollars for local charities. We brought fun and festivities to many communities. We increased the educational support for young people with our growing scholarship program. I maintain there is no finer group of people than the CASI community. It's truly a privilege to be a member of this group.

Any time you hear a current member questioning the value of their membership or any chance you get to speak with new cooks, tell them to join in and start reaping the rewards.

Alan



Corporate Member Spotlight

P & R Spices

Pat & Raymond Pilchick bought a spice company from a CASI cook and recently sold it to CASI cooks (Bill & Tamara Dees). I want to recognize the Pilchicks contributions to CASI, not only as valued Corporate Members, but as CASI members, also. They have started chili cookoffs, trained some of us on how to run a cookoff (I was one of their students), and are always willing to help at cookoffs. They also taught many individuals how to cook chili; spending whatever time it took. The Pilchicks have retired from the spice business, and it came at the right time. Pat won TICC 2002 and is a most deserving champion. After all the years of helping, she has the SPOTLIGHT. Thanks from many of us to both of you, and enjoy your championship year!

Taylor Construction

This Johnson City, Texas, company is owned by Jimmy Taylor (CASI Director) and under the supervision and guidance of Barbara Taylor (Tooth Fairy Chili). When you are ready to move to the Texas Hill Country and have that custom home of your dreams built, give them a call. When not building homes, Jimmy is running chili cookoffs as the "head judge" or building/fixing things at the CASI ranch in Terlingua.

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This family-owned and operated RV park in Alpine, Texas has 93 sites including 71 which are pull-thrus. Sites are available to handle the RV "Big Rigs". The level, shaded sites, and a laundry, cable TV, 30/50 amp electric hookups make this a most attractive park to spend the night in on your way into or out of Terlingua. The park is conveniently located on Highway 90 in Alpine, which makes it easy in and out. Spend a few days, and enjoy the golf course nearby.

Ken





Tallymaster's Report

Year To Date Summary:

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALABAMA	6	2	30	1,500.00
ARKANSAS	12	11	308	9,917.00
ARIZONA	12	14	313	40,462.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	21	20,000.00
COLORADO	6	2	32	3,500.00
FLORIDA	9	5	108	14,198.00
IOWA	9	2	30	3,100.00
ILLINOIS	9	3	80	1,119.00
KANSAS	6	1	51	1,605.22
MARYLAND	12	3	45	4,850.00
MISSOURI	6	2	33	5,200.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	1	15	317.00
MEXICO	6	3	262	5,000.00
NORTHCAROLINA	9	3	58	5,500.00
NEWMEXICO	12	5	171	8,400.00
OKLAHOMA	12	3	53	2,100.00
OREGON	6	1	15	637.00
TENNESSEE	12	3	48	15,971.00
TEXAS	12	97	3,876	167,494.50
VIRGINIA	6	2	30	225.00
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1	20	1,500.00
GRANDTOTAL		165	5,599	312,595.72

DELINQUENT COOKOFFS

These are Cookoffs held before 01/01/03 that results have not been received for!

Dec 7, 2002-011 – Jamestown TN
Backpackers Titanium Chef CCO

Dec 7, 2002-012 - Whitney TX
1st Annual American Legion Cookoff

Dec 8, 2002-003 - Whitney TX
Second Day 1st Annual American



BY SPECIAL INVITATION:
Gunpowder Chili was served at
President Bush's Inaugural Ball

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Membership Report

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their annual dues. If you have a question about your membership, please call (817) 975-2200 or email me (mikiem@flash.net).

It is so encouraging to receive all the new membership applications – both individuals and corporate. To see our members renew and reaffirm their faith in the CASI organization is very gratifying. Thank you.

New CASI Members

Please welcome our newest CASI members. Make it a point to meet them and greet them.

Vernal Adams – Spring Branch, TX
 Jerry Andres – Richmond, VA
 Arlindo Baptista – Petaluma, CA
 Betty Cates – Malvern, AR
 Sharon Gibson – Memphis, TN
 Billy Hicks – Memphis, TN
 Daniel Higgins – Tiburon, CA
 John Huhtala – Westerly, RI
 Derrick A. Janisz – Tarpon Springs, TX
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 Seth Jones – Jefferson, WI
 Sandy McCraw – Dennison, TX
 Cliff Morris – Urbandale, IA
 Dennis Pesek – Shiner, TX
 Jacey Rutherford – Baton Rouge, LA
 Brenda Scott – New Braunfels, TX
 Gaye Stovall – Yorktown, TX
 Suzanne Tanalski – Petaluma, CA
 James L. Trietsch – Waco, TX
 George Walters – Baltimore, MD
 Nina Walther – New Braunfels, TX

Renewing Annual Members

CASI would like to welcome back these annual members and some of our past members who have joined us again.

John Alexander – Gulf Breeze, FL
 Chuck Arndt – Odessa, TX
 Karin Barnes – Houston, TX
 Phil Barnes – Houston, TX
 Yvon Bedard – Lufkin, TX
 Don Boone – Belton, MO

Nicole (FitzHenry) Borsack – Houston, TX
 Peter Borsack – Houston, TX
 Beverly Butschek – Houston, TX
 Gilbert Butschek – Houston, TX
 Danny R. Cannon – Marietta, GA
 Monty Carroll – Schertz, TX
 Debbie Gardner – Springdale, AR
 Jay Hill – Austin, TX
 Neil Howard – Ghent, NY
 Ted Hume – Dallas, TX
 Ovie Lambright – Palestine, TX
 Kelly Mosel – Austin, TX
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 Peggy A. Reese – Schertz, TX
 Randy Rheinhardt – Canyon Lake, TX
 Eloy Salamanca – El Paso, TX
 Ray Stone – Stephenville, TX
 Steve Stone – Lewisville, NC
 David L. Troughton, Jr. – Kennesaw, GA
 Richard Vogt – Schertz, TX
 Donnie Woods – Marshall, TX
 Sherry Young – Tucson, AZ

CASI appreciates your support and hopes that you enjoy every day as a CASI Member.

Mikie McGarity



CASI Corporate Members

PLEASE WELCOME BACK OUR RENEWING CORPORATE MEMBERS.

Doug Seelig Land Surveyors, P.C. – Austin, TX
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Whenever you see any of our Corporate Sponsors – SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!! They have invested in us – we should do the same for them.

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Address Changes and Updates

To continue to receive your Terlingua Trails and other important information concerning your membership, please send your changes to:

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To have your:

- 1) Terlingua Trails sent to you electronically
 - 2) Name added to the Electronic Cooks Register
- or
- 3) Update your email address,

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Fund The Cure U.S. Postage Stamp Program

It would be wonderful if 2003 were the year a cure for breast cancer was found! This is one note I'll gladly pass on. The notion that we could raise \$35 million by buying a book of stamps is powerful!

As you may be aware, the US Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland. It is important that we take a stand against this disease that kills and maims so many of our mothers, sisters, friends. This disease afflicts both men as well as women

The Texas Ladies State, Piney Woods Pod and Pasadena Pod are among many that support various Breast Cancer Organizations. As a national organization, we have the ability to affect this goal through the postage we all use for our newsletters, mailouts, etc. as well as each individually with the bills we pay and our personal mail.



Instead of the normal \$.37 for a stamp, this one costs \$.45. The additional \$.08 will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$7.40, this is \$9.00. It takes a minute at the Post Office and means so much. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$35,000,000 for this vital research. Just as important as the money is our

support. What a statement it would make if the stamp outsold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care. I urge you to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. E-mail your friends to do the same.

From the US Postal Service:

This stamp is currently available "online", in the "37-Cent First Class" section titled "Breast Cancer Research". This \$0.45 stamp has a postage value of \$0.37 with the difference of \$0.08 going to fund breast cancer research programs. It is sold in a pane of 20, and the item number on The Postal Store is #503140. This stamp should also be available from most Post Offices and directly from Stamp Fulfillment Services by calling 1 800 STAMP-24 (800-782-6724).

Through October 2002, the Postal Service has sold over 412.2 million stamps, raising more than 28.8 million for research! This type of stamp, where the proceeds partially go to the Postal Service and partially go elsewhere, is called a "Semi-Postal", and in general, semi-postals are prohibited. However - the Breast Cancer Research semi-postal was produced because of a direct mandate from the U.S. Congress. Congress authorized the release of this semi-postal and mandated that the stamp was to be issued for a limited period of time.



The Tejas Medicineman Presents: "Chili Chants"

It's a cold blustery, rainy day in South Texas; solitude and a touch of nostalgia set in today. I am sitting in my old travel trailer in the storage lot, smoking my peace pipe and watching the smoke curl through the dream catcher over the kitchen table. What memories have been filtered there. (No, it is only regular pipe tobacco.)

After paying homage to those things necessary, I set the pipe on the table and meditate for a while. I have a tough task ahead. "The Lair", as the trailer has been known, is in the final stages of being prepped to be placed for sale at a consignment lot. She has been in dry dock for the past year, because it was finally realized that her tongue weight was the prime cause of the destruction of my tow vehicles plus there were several other extenuating circumstances.

The memories flowed over me about the adventures we had experienced together on the chili trail. I purchased her second hand, a 1981 Coachman 32-footer. She had been in a flood in Arkansas and was on consignment in South Texas. They had removed all the floors and replaced them with marine plywood; she was sound and had possibilities. Her lifetime seemed to be connected with water, as you will see as we continue.

The night we went to pick her up, "The Who" and the MacIntoshes went along to help with the transfer of possessions from the little trailer I had first used on the chili trail. It came a terrible rainstorm. Chili cooks are tough, and we have helped each other in times of rain, mud, sleet, and snow. When you're young, it becomes an adventure.

We swapped the contents of the trailer, throwing stuff from door-to-door through the rain. We were able to remove the awning from the old trailer but had to take off the front window of the new one and slide the 15-foot long roller into the center aisle. The crew was magnificent, even after a lightning bolt hit the power pole right behind us and scared the bejesus out of us. We sat around later that evening at the Burger King and laughed at the experience, especially since it had by that time stopped raining.

In the following months, I added insulation below the floors and rebuilt the under deck. Remodeling the interior to hold all the necessary chili items like tables, pots, stoves, and generator was a work of love. Then came the chili trail.

"Hello, my name is _____, and I am a Pack Rat" as they would say in one of those help meetings. Things began to be collected and stuffed in every corner and closet. My chili family would always get on me to get in there, or they would, and throw most of the stuff out. That is what I have been doing today and nearing the end of the task. The items going into bags and boxes (some to storage, most to the garbage) have memories attached to every one.

Removing the buttons from the curtains was a real trip down memory lane. The years of Chillympiad marched along the bottom of the curtain with the gaps of those years I missed; the harsh memories of the bitter cold and snow of the Chili When It's Chilly Cookoffs in Baytown, Texas.

It was packing all the show team costumes and props that hurt the worst. The Medicineman costume is still in good condition and with a whole lot of help from my friends, I hope to revive the show one day before I get too old. It is time for somebody to give that #1 show team a taste of comeuppance.

All the cookware was a flood of memories, too. The old wok under the sink was showing signs of light rust. "The Who" and I used to love to cook Chinese food on those Saturday nights when away from home on the trail.

The rain is swirling around the old girl right now, and it makes it difficult to tote things to the truck. As I mentioned, water was always connected to her. A couple of years ago, I made an error in judgment in turning into the campgrounds at Schulenburg and bent both axles on a concrete culvert. "The Who" and I got new ones and got me home. The trailer people replaced the axles properly and by happenstance raised the trailer four inches.

The next year floodwaters came to her again, only this time she was just high enough to remain out of the water. Our main house was destroyed. While rebuilding, we had to sleep in "The Lair" for 6 months. (Sadly, the Butscheks had to go through the same experience due to the same flood.)

Time will now soon be upon me to put her on the lot for sale. Thanks for the memories on the chili trail. "The Lair" will be missed. Goodbye girl.



Chili Bites

Well, I'm getting this in on the last day. I usually do my article early in the month, but it has been an open house around here with a new bathroom and all of the folks coming in and out. Then I had cleaning people come and a new hard drive put in my 5-month old Dell computer. I don't know what the ones who are supposed to be working on my bathroom are doing, but it is not in my bathroom.

In a previous article, I mentioned that I would talk a bit about the beginning of the Folklife Festival and SAP-CASI. We weren't there at the beginning. Actually it was Chillympiad. They made their own chili then, not like now when we buy it. Life was a tad simpler. Tex was on Stage 1, and he decided he would like a chili booth over there and wanted it to be us.

So there we were, about 10 people working with some pretty makeshift stuff to cook on and use for serving. You should have seen the cooking stove. It was a sight to behold. I couldn't possibly describe it. I think we had one beer tap, and of course served out of the front window.

As I remember, we were not exactly crowded with customers but we got by and did make some money. One year the coupons got wet, and we had to count them by hand. How did they get wet? I'll leave that to your imagination but putting them in an empty ice chest didn't help.

We did all of the old chili games - the lemon roll, the egg toss. We had an old bathtub for people to bob for apples, and Karen Tate and Claudia Ball used it to rest their feet in on Sunday evening.

We all worked pretty much the whole day. If you tried to work just a shift and rest awhile, our Great Pepper put your name down as not really trying to kill yourself with work. I don't know what he intended to do with those names; maybe not let them work the next year. I know that my name was written down. I couldn't work from the time we opened until we closed. I haven't seen a lot of those who started with us in years.

There were some who didn't work at all. They were called the VIP's of SAP-CASI, but I can think of other names for them. They did, however, enjoy the beer. This was a time when you could park in the government parking lot and walk right over to our site.

We did have a lot of fun - dancing in the booth, Dottie Lehman throwing crackers at me. Can't remember why now, but I am sure there was a good reason - probably boredom. Dottie served at the front window, and I dipped the chili. I would end up with blisters because I did most of the chili dipping.

We also had the pleasure of listening to the performers on Stage 1. There was a jazz group that I enjoyed, and a quick shooter that we tired of listening to every year. We gave him a big round of applause when he was finished. He thought it was because he was good; we knew it was because he was finished. The applause was extra strong on Sunday night.

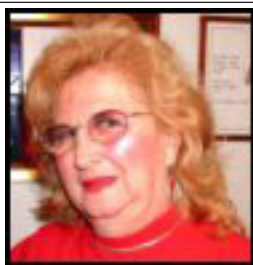
Back in those days, the last group on stage played "Will the Circle be Unbroken", and we all got in a long line and danced all over the place. They were still doing it when I quit working the Folklife Festival. I hope they still do.

That's it for now. Please keep your friendly spice folks busy selling you spices, the beer companies in business, and get those points. It's time to start asking a winner to mix your spices and give you their recipe.

Irene

"No diet will remove all the fat from your body because the brain is entirely fat. Without a brain, you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office."

—George Bernard Shaw



Bess's Best

Greetings once again. It is still winter time here in beautiful Lamar or at least for a couple of days. The late and great Marty Robbins used these words in one of the many songs he recorded back in the early 1960s - "One Day It Is Warm, The Next Day It Is Cold." That's what we've been having here in the central part of the United States.

Two days ago Harry and I sat on the front porch in short sleeves, and now we have snow and a very cold wind, but Harry and The Weather Channel say be patient; warm weather is on the return.

This may sound strange to many of you, while to others it may not. Shortly after we returned from Terlingua, our lives were changed in a very large way to what we had been used to living for the past 20 years. We now have our grandchildren living with us to help raise. How things have changed since our two children attended school.

The days of the 10-cent package of baseball cards or the Barbie doll and a complete wardrobe for \$5.00 are gone, or of turning them loose when you went to the local store and letting them amuse themselves looking and admiring toys until you were ready to leave.

This past week has been especially hard trying to explain to them the events of the space shuttle disaster and talk of the United States going in and taking Saddam Hussein, the leader of Iraq, out of power. Our grandson is in the 7th grade and the Granddaughter is in the 3rd grade.

Homework seems to be a thing of the past. If work is to be done, it is completed in class unless the child is out for illness. Then the parent or grandparent goes to school to get their work.

Harry tried to talk to the grandkids this evening about some of the space shuttle news, and they told us that things like the shuttle disaster and Iraq were not allowed and they didn't talk about things like that in school.

We noticed earlier when 9/11 occurred and the talk of invading Afghanistan was in the news that neither seemed interested. Harry even offered to let the grandson take a National Geographic map to school for current events.

When our children were in school, current events were always a big thing. The more events you brought to share with the class, the more important you were. From what Harry and I hear, that doesn't seem important any more (or at least not at school in Lamar.)

We are finding out that sports and going door-to-door selling items to raise money for the band, pep club, etc. are more important. Yesterday school was let out at noon due to the extreme cold and blowing snow, but we had to have the grandson back at the school by 4:00 pm to get on a school bus to make a 100-mile round trip to play a 7th grade basketball game.

When our kids went to school, they either went through the line and ate what the cafeteria offered (at Easter you got ham, then Thanksgiving & Christmas you got turkey) or you took your own lunch. Now lunch consists of money for a sandwich from the vending machine and a bottle of Coke.

Recently when Harry and I cooked and served chili for the Basketball Homecoming, some of the things and disrespect for the school and teachers we saw was hard to believe. Fifty percent I would say was coming from the parents.

Well, I have been on my soapbox long enough, but as long as we continue to have our grandchildren living with us they will not carry cell phones or beepers. If they don't like what is on the school menu, they will brown bag it with something more than a bag of chips. Some days it might be just a banana and peanut butter & jelly sandwich, but they will always remember their roots.

Hello, Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the ships at sea...or something close to that is how the widely known Columnist Walter Winchell used to open his 40's radio broadcast. This is Ole Harry, and it is up to me to finish this month.

Looking at all the notes that I have on the desk plus the spiral notebook that Bess has ¾ full of things for me to do; it looks like I am going to be a very busy man for a while. Bess is going into the hospital for surgery. This is going to be sort of like the old days back in Washington when I was in charge and ran things.

Oh, I will see that Bess and the kids are taken care of, as long as it doesn't cut into the time of my latest project. Last summer I redid the John Deere; looked just like brand new

until Bess put a big scratch on it getting too close to the neighbor's fence. Currently, I am restoring my Red Radio Flyer Wagon. With the price of gasoline increasing, the wagon is going to be hooked on behind the John Deere and that is going to be the transportation to the supermarket and Wal-Mart.

Yes, I am still going to school on weather. Each day seems to get a little harder, but it also gets more interesting and I want to thank Bess for all the support she has given me, even though she gives me fits for having several computer screens before me.

Having the kids with us kept us from going to Texas last weekend for the cookoff. Being one of the few people who saw it, I will never forget what appeared on the computer.

I normally run a satellite and radar along with a couple of other programs three times a day to try to stay up with what is occurring. I didn't get on-line until about 7:45 a.m. Saturday morning. I was running GOES-8 & GOES-10 Satellite along with Dallas/Ft. Worth radar, and it looked like it was going to be a wonderful day to cook in Texas when all Hell broke loose. I knew something had happened, and then Bess came in a short time later and told me they lost the space shuttle.

Thank You For Your Time This Time & Remember To Start Slow And Then Taper Off.

Bess & Harry

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Most chili cooks have seen all five of our grandchildren when they accompany us to cookoffs. The most frequent visitor is granddaughter Courtney, whose fourth grade "G.T." class in Edna, Texas, writes and publishes their school newspaper. The following article was written and appeared in the December issue. I was pleasantly surprised by her insights!

What Makes You Happy
by Courtney Schulze

My grandma and grandpa love cooking chili and so they travel to chili cook-offs. I like to travel with them to these places. It's really fun and all you need is yourself. My grandma, my mom and I all have the same bracelets. The charms on them all remind me of something from these trips. I go with them about every other weekend. I have been going with them for about 9 years. One time we went to a little town called Meyersville and right behind our campsite was this cement place that looked like a basketball court. My cousins and I cleaned the leaves off and played hockey. All we had to do was get some long, curved sticks that had soft edges. We used a ball as the puck. It was so fun. I think that my family also likes doing this. There is never a dull moment. This activity will always be special to me because it's always fun to go to new places and meet new people. It is also nice because I get to spend time with my family. Having a good time is what going to cook-offs is all about.

Betsy Schulze

Condolences

Condolences are extended to the following on the death of their loved ones:

The family of John Bell, Farmer's Branch, Texas
Anne Roberts, on the death of her brother
The family of Harold "Hal" Etter, Alamogordo, New Mexico

Old Town Spring Frontier Days

The morning dawned and stayed with a heavy overcast and a constant drizzle of rain. It did not clear off until just about turn in time at 2 PM. The sun came out for a brief period of time. Everyone was able to shed their rain gear and even their windbreakers. The real troopers came out to cook; there was a total of 18 cooks and of that at least 3 from out of the Houston area. No one wanted to brave the wind and rain for showmanship.

It was an unfortunate day for the vendors, but several of us were hungry for lunch and went grazing on the food wagons. I found an interesting stand that served a "CowBoy Sandwich", only \$6.50, really enough for two people. I opted for the



\$3.50 hamburger, which was almost twice as big as a Chilympiad 'Gil Burger' and was made with the fresh baked bread bun. It was about half the size of the CowBoy sandwich.

A lot of effort went into the cookoff organization and the table help from the Old Town Spring Association ladies was invaluable, and they should be commended for their efforts. They did an excellent job of handling the table tending, prize fetching, and all the other sundry (and thankless) tasks associated with a cookoff. There was only enough entries to run just one table. We had the minimum of 10 judges on final, all from the local area merchants. They commented that they all had fun. One fellow actually donated a few extra dollars to the charity when he got up from the table. We had another judge

that said that she had so much fun, she wanted to get involved in chili cooking - another new pod member!

Prizes were rather unique as they all came from the merchants of Old Town Spring. This was a laid-back awards ceremony, so it all ran well. All the levels were called out. Since there was no show for the day, there were a few prizes left over. We left all the prizes on the table, and 1st place on down got to pick their prize. With Ralph Hay breaking the ties on the computer, it turned out with two ties for 11th place and two for 12 place. I called out the two 12th places with no prizes, and awarded the two remaining prizes to the ties for 11th. Mayo Blair got one of the prizes, and of course the prize was a little girl outfit she could give to one of the grandkids. The other fellow got a Hummel type figurine, which would normally sell for \$30.00 or more.

After announcements, the ladies went shopping, and that evening the cooks were treated to a cooked to order Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, with sides by the owner at Puffabelly's Old Depot Restaurant. Some stayed on to enjoy the P.C. Cowboys band later that evening.

It was interesting to watch people's faces. There was a lot going on behind the eyes besides having fun cooking Chili among friends. Small talk today was a bit pensive. Most were subdued by the weather a bit. Others were concerned about all the Rodeo committee stuff and the upcoming trauma of the preparations for the HLS&R BBQ cookoff for next week. Talk of the war was still centered on duct tape jokes.

Our coordinators with the Old Town Spring Association had remarked how impressed they were with the cooks, that they would still brave the bad weather and help their association, unlike some of their vendors that never showed up. They were enthused enough at the end to want to set the date for next year. As anyone knows, if you are enthused at the end of the cookoff day, you have had a successful cookoff.

Donn Shands/Bob Horan

Passport America Helping CASI Scholarship FUND

Passport America out of Long Beach, MS will support the National Scholarship Fund with their new member referral program. Mr. Ray M Fernandez, President of Passport America is a pretty good "home style" chili cook and always is looking for a good way to help others less fortunate. I explained the efforts of the CASI Cookoffs, the money raised for charity and the scholarship program over the past couple of years. The pictures of TICC with all the RVs were impressive to him. Ray joined CASI as a Corporate Member in Nov 2002.

Passport America is a RV Travel Discount Program that gives its members 50% off the daily published rate at over 800 RV campgrounds/parks in the United State, 117 in Canada and 8 in Mexico. It is endorsed by Camping World, Newmar Kountry Club, Holiday Rambler, Flying J Value Club just to name a few of the leaders in the RV Industry. 50% off the regular published daily rate is a substantial savings - the best part is the cost to belong is only \$44.00 per year. Most people save the cost of a year's membership in 4 nights or less.

After discussing the benefits of belonging to CASI he saw a way to help the National Scholarship Fund. Making a donation to the fund for every person that joins Passport America that is referred by CASI whether they are a CASI member or not.

Passport America is providing CASI with Information/Membership Flyers to pass out which are all say "C.A.S.I. - \$10.00 of this membership purchase will be donated to the CASI National Scholarship Fund. With CASI members passing out these membership flyers to their friends, local RV Dealers and service shops and in their travels the scholarship fund will start benefiting. People picking these flyers up and mailing them in or calling the 800 number, CASI will receive \$10.00 for each one.

There are CASI members that have been using Passport America for a few years and saving. It's a basic program with no frills & saving 50% - but now its also about Scholarship money. The Board of Directors approved this program at their July 15th meeting.

Ken Rodd

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

—Mark Twain



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CASI Cookoff Winners

Nov 16, 2002-008 - Little Rock AR
Branding Iron Bar & Grill Cookoff, 19
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
 - 2 Tanna M. Jones, Walls MS
 - 3 Gary Nesler, Cabot AR
 - 4 Debby Cagle, Cabot AR
 - 5 Janie Rains, Proctor AR
 - 6 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
 - 7 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
 - 8 Wendy Rains, West Memphis AR
 - 9 Bob Cagle, Cabot AR
 - 10 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Jamaica Spice, Little Rock AR
Debbie Blanks
 - 2 Pam's Chili, Little Rock AR
Pam McGraw
 - 3 Chilly Chili, Memphis TN
Kelly Rains

Jan 1, 2003-002 - Gilchrist TX
Gilchrist EMS Chili Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Ralph Hay, Pasadena TX
- 2 Kevin Foley, Galveston TX
- 3 Tonsi Becker, Houston TX
- 4 Gilbert Butschek Jr., Houston TX
- 5 Dwain Landry, Groves TX
- 6 Ed Blair, Houston TX
- 7 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX
- 8 Tricia Landry, Groves TX
- 9 Pete Little, Houston TX
- 10 Kay Mallet, Baytown TX

Jan 10, 2003-001 - Amarillo TX
Tall in Texas Pod Cookoff, 48 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
 - 2 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
 - 3 Carol Lilly, Amarillo TX
 - 4 William E. (Bill) Riordan
Wichita Falls TX
 - 5 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
 - 6 Jimmie Boss, Amarillo TX
 - 7 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Mikie McGarity, Southlake TX
 - 9 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 10 Nelda Matheson, Amarillo TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX
Rodney Lilly
 - 2 Spice Kids, Amarillo TX
Dusty Kemp
 - 3 Campbell's Kids, Amarillo TX
Scott Campbell

Jan 11, 2003-001 - Houston TX

14th Annual Cy-Fair Metro Go-Texan, 71
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Phil Barnes, Houston TX
 - 2 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
 - 3 Meier Mathis, Houston TX
 - 4 Bob Horan, Tomball TX
 - 5 Keith Karaff, Houston TX
 - 6 Maxine Reed, Schertz TX
 - 7 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 - 8 Ava Horan, Tomball TX
 - 9 Gilbert Butschek Jr., Houston TX
 - 10 Lil Drake, Houston TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 King Kong Chili, Houston TX
Irvin Heminger
 - 2 Royal Flush Cookers, Houston TX
John Dumesnil
 - 3 Who Cares Cookers, Houston TX
Floyd Harris

Jan 11, 2003-002 - Amarillo TX
Tri-State Open Chili Championship, 112
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Melvin Sanders, Amarillo TX
 - 2 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 - 3 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
 - 4 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
 - 5 Ken Hormel, Amarillo TX
 - 6 Roy Huston, Wichita Falls TX
 - 7 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX
 - 9 Millie Bingham, Amarillo TX
 - 10 Jimmie Boss, Amarillo TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX
Rodney Lilly
- 2 Nakid Brothers Pawn & Loan
Monument NM
Gary Reid
- 3 Amarillo Hoggettes, Bushland TX
Paul Hamilton

Jan 11, 2003-003 - Buchanan Dam TX
Fuzzy's Corner Chili Cookoff, 28 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Joyce Jowers, San Antonio TX
 - 2 Kim Hiley, George West TX
 - 3 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX
 - 4 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
 - 5 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX
 - 6 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
 - 7 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
 - 8 Jessie Otto, Austin TX
 - 9 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX
 - 10 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Chingale Chili, Austin TX
Jessie Otto

2 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX
Sue Caffey

3 Spine Tingling Chili
Marble Falls TX
Carrie Kinnison

Jan 18, 2003-001 - Orland Park IL
Chilly Willie Chili Challenge, 36 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Charles "Bill" Thomas
Naperville IL
 - 2 Gloria Stevens, Homer Glen IL
 - 3 Todd Rizzo, Westland MI
 - 4 John Gastaldello, Downers Grove IL
 - 5 Gerald (Gary) Christensen
Cedar Rapids IA
 - 6 Kathy Martin, Huntley IL
 - 7 Mike Usiak, Chicago IL
 - 8 Gloria Molitor, St. Charles IL
 - 9 Jerri Dowdy, Kansas City MO
 - 10 Shari Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Team Millennium Chili, Berwyn IL
Lenny Harry
 - 2 Rapid Dispatch Chili
Cedar Rapids IA
Gerald (Gary) Christensen
 - 3 Diamond Coyote Chili, Batavia IL
Cheryl L. Pierson

Jan 18, 2003-002 - Johnson City TX
January In Johnson City Chili CCO, 72
CHILIS

- ## CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
 - 2 Maxine Reed, Schertz TX
 - 3 Sue Yates, San Angelo TX
 - 4 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX
 - 5 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
 - 6 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
 - 7 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
 - 8 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX
 - 9 Jessie Waguespack, Austin TX
 - 10 James Bauer, Leander TX
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Twin Sisters, San Antonio TX
Sue Ann Greive-Richter
 - 2 Special Ranger Randy's
Canyon Lake TX
Randy Evans
 - 3 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX
Sue Yates

Jan 18, 2003-003 - Rocky Point MX
Annual Rocky Point International, 120
CHILIS

- ## CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
 - 2 Kay Mallet, Baytown TX
 - 3 Ken Holmes, Cave Creek AZ

4 George "Rocky" Rockwell
Berryville VA

5 Beverly B. Butschek, Houston TX

6 Nelda Freedman, Tucson AZ

7 Willie Raven, Phoenix AZ

8 Mike Haskins, Tucson AZ

9 Hut Brown, El Paso TX

10 Sissy (Sally) Hill, Odessa TX

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Udderly Ridiculous, Snyder TX
Connie Collier
- 2 Brrrr Chili, Scottsdale AZ
Paul Castaldo
- 3 Asheep At The Wheel, El Paso TX
Carol Straughan

Jan 18, 2003-004 - Wichita Falls TX
10th Annual Wichita East Volunteer, 41
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Michelle Adams, Iowa Park TX
 - 2 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
 - 3 Mike Bryan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 4 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
 - 5 Dale Daniel, Denton TX
 - 6 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 7 Debbie Canon, Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 David Manske, Arlington TX
 - 9 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 10 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
 - 2 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
 - 3 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun

Jan 19, 2003-001 - Rocky Point MX
Rocky Point Baja Cantina Day After, 74
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Scott Johnson, Englewood FL
 - 2 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
 - 3 Dorathy Williams, Terlingua TX
 - 4 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 5 Hut Brown, El Paso TX
 - 6 Mary Ellen Scott, Glendale AZ
 - 7 Roy Ployhar, Brainerd MN
 - 8 Willie Raven, Phoenix AZ
 - 9 Rick Thomas, Oro Valley AZ
 - 10 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
- ## SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Pirates Gold, Sierra Vista AZ
Debbie Cornell
- 2 Doug's Road Show, Sierra Vista AZ
Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma
- 3 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor
Odessa TX
Phyllis Patton

Jan 25, 2003-001 - Las Cruces NM
Annual VFW 6917 Indoor CCO, 21 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX
- 2 Sue Seehusen, Alamogordo NM
- 3 Tom Ingram, Alamogordo NM
- 4 R.E."Clem" Clement, Alamogordo NM
- 5 Hut Brown, El Paso TX
- 6 Di Hughes, Alamogordo NM
- 7 Hugh "Cheech" Hughes, Alamogordo NM

8 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
9 Hal Etter, Alamogordo NM
10 Bill Asbury, Las Cruces NM
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 More Hal'acious & Momma Mina Alamogordo NM
Hal Etter
- 2 Texas Wrangler Chili, El Paso TX
Donna Von Gentz
- 3 N.Y. N.Y., Alamogordo NM
Hugh "Cheech" Hughes

Jan 25, 2003-002 - Canyon Lake TX
9th Annual Super Bowl of Chili CCO, 36 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
2 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX
3 Pat Dreibrodt, Comfort TX
4 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
5 Karen Reinke, Martindale TX
6 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
7 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX
8 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
9 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
10 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Spine Tingling Chili
Marble Falls TX
Carrie Kinnison
- 2 UNCLAIMED
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 25, 2003-003 - Sierra Vista AZ
High Desert 4H Fun Show & Chili CCO, 17 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
2 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
3 Genee R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ
4 Dick Bruce, Tucson AZ
5 Kathy "Kat" Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
6 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
7 Ron Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
8 Myrl Coultas, Tucson AZ
9 Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
10 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Hang 'em High, Sierra Vista AZ
John C. Johnson
2 Jack-O-Lantern Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
Guy Tennison

3 Doug's Road Show, Sierra Vista AZ
Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma

Jan 25, 2003-004 - Little Rock AR
Arkansas State Championship CCO, 72 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
2 Susan Kitrell, Little Rock AR
3 Stephen O. Moore, Farmington AR
4 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
5 Bobby Blankenship, Little Rock AR
6 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
7 Brian Powers, Cordova TN
8 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
9 Tanna M. Jones, Walls MS
10 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Cowboy Chili, Cabot AR
Bob Cagle

- 2 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun
- 3 Panda Chili, North Little Rock AR
Susan Hammack

Jan 25, 2003-007 - Pensacola FL
Warrington Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Randal D. (Randy) Moore
Gulf Shores AL
2 Kathleen Bernard, Pace FL
3 Eric Bernard, Pace FL
4 Renee F. Moore, Gulf Shores AL
5 Gary Salazar, Pensacole FL
6 Larry Joe Oliver, Pace FL
7 Lee Gardner, Gulf Breeze FL
8 Elaine Stryker, Elberta AL
9 Jimmy L. Maturo, Niceville FL
10 Paul Stryker, Elberta AL
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Renegade Chili Rovers
Fort Huachuca AZ
Tom Esford
- 2 Silver Wings, Niceville FL
Jimmy L. Maturo

3 Flamingo Fire, Elberta AL
Elaine Stryker

Jan 25, 2003-008 - New River AZ
Annual Roadrunner Steakhouse CCO, 17 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
2 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ
3 John Hansen, Glendale AZ
4 Preston Smith, New River AZ
5 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ
6 Dick Smith, New River AZ
7 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
8 Lylah Raven, Phoenix AZ
9 Willie Raven, Phoenix AZ
10 Patricia M. (Pat) Jones
Chino Valley AZ

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Happy Pat, Chino Valley AZ

Patricia M. (Pat) Jones
2 Alchemist Chili, Peoria AZ
Jerry D. Lee
3 Sharren's Weird World, Phoenix AZ
Sharren Christopherson

Jan 26, 2003-001 - Canyon Lake TX
3rd Friends of Texas Ladies State, 31 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
2 Traci Nix, Harper TX
3 Robert Lisherness, San Antonio TX
4 Jan Windrow, San Antonio TX
5 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
6 Fread E. Cielencki Sr.
San Antonio TX
7 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
8 Janice Stewart, Adkins TX
9 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
10 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX

Jan 26, 2003-002 - Little Rock AR
CAP-CASI Day After Cookoff, 38 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR
2 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
3 Susan Hammack, North Little Rock AR
4 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
5 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
6 Debby Cagle, Cabot AR
7 Richard Jones, Roland AR
8 Donna Jones, Roland AR
9 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
10 Gary Nesler, Cabot AR
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Saquaro Cactus Chili, Memphis TN
George Kunkle
- 2 2nd Wind, Tulsa OK
Mike Mayenschein
- 3 Waggie T's, Little Rock AR
Dick Wagner

Feb 1, 2003-001 - Waxahachie TX
2nd Annual "N.O.W." Pod CCO, 98 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Nan Strickland, Alvarado TX
2 Brent Burton, Waxahachie TX
3 Colleen Wallace, Plano TX
4 Bob Horan, Tomball TX
5 Blue Kriska, Ennis TX
6 G. Taylor Miller, Baytown TX
7 Roger Foltz, Mesquite TX
8 Michele Goodwin, Waxahachie TX
9 Terry Graves, Wichita Falls TX
10 Terry Guerra, Ovilla TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
2 JBC Chili Company, Waxahachie TX
John McNiel
3 Renegade Chili Rovers
Fort Huachuca AZ
Tom Esford

Feb 1, 2003-002 - Rankin TX
3rd Horn Toad Round-Up & Chili CCO, 70 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
2 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX
3 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
4 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX
5 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX
6 John Goforth, Comfort TX
7 Pat Dreibrodt, Comfort TX
8 Donna Hill, San Angelo TX
9 Sissy (Sally) Hill, Odessa TX
10 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Royal Flush, Weimar TX
Jean H. Barkley
- 2 Double LL, Odessa TX
Louis Gonzales
- 3 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor
Odessa TX
Phyllis Patton

Feb 1, 2003-003 - Nuevo Laredo, MX
18th Annual Mexico Int'l CCO, 68 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Cindy Brown, Austin TX
2 George D. Ralston, Decatur TX
3 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
4 Kristi Ralston, Decatur TX
5 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX
6 Beverly Caldwell
Clear Lake Shores TX
7 Chuck Taylor, Cedar Park TX
8 Susie Higgins, San Marcos TX
9 Cecil Mallet, Baytown TX
10 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

- 1 Terlingua Six Pack, San Marcos TX
Doug Higgins
- 2 Los Borracho's (The Drunks)
Clear Lake Shores TX
Beverly Caldwell
- 3 FU-KMA@yahoo.com, George West TX
Kim Hiley

Feb 1, 2003-004 - Goodyear AZ
Arizona Women's Open Chili Cookoff, 17 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ
2 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn
Sierra Vista AZ
3 Kim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Nancy Coultas, Tucson AZ
5 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
6 Sue Seehusen, Alamogordo NM
7 Genee R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ
8 Pamela (Pam) Diffin, Camp Verde AZ
9 Sylvia Demske, Phoenix AZ
10 Patricia M. (Pat) Jones
Chino Valley AZ
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Roadrunner Chili, Tucson AZ

Nancy Coultas
2 Sixty-six/"66" Best, Kingman AZ
Genie Ortiz
3 Mamacita Caliente, Kingman AZ
Shirley Yeargin

Feb 1, 2003-005 - Goodyear AZ
Arizona Men's Open Chili Cookoff, 23
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
2 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
3 Perry Sigler, Woodland WA
4 Dick Smith, New River AZ
5 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
6 Myrl Coultas, Tucson AZ
7 Bob Bell, Chandler AZ
8 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ
9 Dick Seehusen, Alamogordo NM
10 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Rubber Chicken Chili, Woodland WA
Perry Sigler
2 Jack-O-Lantern Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
Guy Tennison
3 Alchemist Chili, Peoria AZ
Jerry D. Lee

Feb 2, 2003-001 - Waxahachie TX
First Annual "N.O.W" POD, Too, 53
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
2 Keith Karaff, Houston TX
3 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
4 Anne Roberts, Red Oak TX
5 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
6 Terry Graves, Wichita Falls TX
7 Mike Rider, Richardson TX
8 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
9 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK
10 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Booze Brothers, Garland TX
Bill Lester
2 Tool Time Chili, Rowlett TX
Ray Medlin
3 Ranch Chili, Alvarado TX
Nan Strickland

Feb 8, 2003-001 - Gulf Shores AL
Bloody Mary Mix-Off, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Steven C Lindgren, Orange Beach AL
2 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
3 Renee F. Moore, Gulf Shores AL
4 Tom Lewis, Pensacola FL
5 Danny R. Cannon, Marietta GA
6 Lee Gardner, Gulf Breeze FL
7 Gary Salazar, Pensacola FL
8 Kathleen Bernard, Pace FL
9 Melanie Sutton, Gulf Shores AL
10 Barbara Cannon, Marietta GA

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Hobo Chili, Marietta GA
Danny R. Cannon
2 Silver Wings, Niceville FL
Jimmy L. Maturo
3 Dirt Road, Gulf Breeze FL
Lee Gardner

Feb 8, 2003-002 - Tucson AZ
23rd Old Tucson Studio CCO, 34 CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
2 Dick Swenberger, Mesa AZ
3 Wayne R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ
4 Karen Thomas, Oro Valley AZ
5 Trina Cabello, Tucson AZ
6 Perry Sigler, Woodland WA
7 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
8 Manny Garcia, Tucson AZ
9 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
10 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Roadrunner Chili, Tucson AZ
Nancy Coultas
2 Rubber Chicken Chili, Woodland WA
Perry Sigler
3 G Bar W Ranch, Tucson AZ
Wayne R. Jolliffe

Feb 8, 2003-004 - Medina Lake TX
Alamo Area Pod Charity CCO, 22 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Cynthia A (Cindy) Wilkins
Houston TX
2 Traci Nix, Harper TX
3 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX
4 Pat Dreibrod, Comfort TX
5 Sheila VanBuskirk, Canyon Lake TX
6 Jennifer Lee, San Antonio TX
7 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
8 Mary Ellen Gillen, San Antonio TX
9 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
10 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX
John Goforth
2 Twin Sisters, San Antonio TX
Sue Ann Greive-Richter
3 Traveling Hors d' oeuvres
Johnson City TX
Barbara C. Taylor

Feb 9, 2003-002 - El Paso TX
Annual Southwest Int'l Livestock CO, 17
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
2 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
3 Hut Brown, El Paso TX
4 Janie Owen, El Paso TX
5 Cheryl Campbell, El Paso TX
6 Jason Douglass, El Paso TX
7 Eloy Salamanca, El Paso TX
8 Earl Campbell, El Paso TX
9 Marcia Gamino, El Paso TX
10 Dorathy Williams, Terlingua TX

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Surf Chili, El Paso TX
Jason Douglass
2 Black Garter, El Paso TX
Eve DuMond
3 Renegade Chili Rovers
Fort Huachuca AZ
Tom Esford

Feb 9, 2003-003 - Medina Lake TX
Alamo Area Pod Charity Chili Cookoff, 23
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS

1 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
2 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
3 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
4 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
5 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX
6 John Goforth, Comfort TX
7 Joyce Jowers, San Antonio TX
8 Robert Lisherness, San Antonio TX
9 Traci Nix, Harper TX
10 Barry Shaw, Kerrville TX

SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS

1 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX
John Goforth
2 Pepper Girls, The, San Antonio TX
Mary Ellen Gillen
3 Buzzard Back, Kerrville TX
Terry L. Tenery

QUALIFIED!!

Cooks

1 Patricia (Pat) Pilchick, Bluffton TX
2 Cynthia A. (Cindy) Reed, Houston TX
3 Doris Coats, Irving TX
4 Barbara Taylor, Cedar Park TX
5 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX
6 James (Jim) McCraw, Colleyville TX
7 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
8 David J."MadJack" Garner, Mesa AZ
9 Ruby Ross, Marble Falls TX
10 Dorothy Spishock, Clear Lake Shores
TX
11 Gordon Forbord, Portland OR
12 Norma Forbord, Portland OR
13 Dale Sugden, Lake Oswego OR
14 Rick Thomas, Alto NM
15 Suzanne Wolfe, Hobbs NM
16 Ann Hanson, Las Cruces NM
17 Colleen Wallace, Plano TX
18 Pamela (Pam) Diffin, Camp Verde AZ
19 Randal D. (Randy) Moore, Gulf Shores
AL
20 George "Rocky" Rockwell, Berryville
VA
21 Alex Tanalski, Petaluma CA
22 Debbie Warford, Antioch CA
23 Tom Miller, Rohnert Park CA
24 Dave McCumbee, Great Cacapon WV

25 Kevin "Dewey" Mullins, Gerrardstown
WV
26 Bob Campbell, Berkley Springs WV
27 James Mosley, Little Rock AR
28 Bob Cagle, Cabot AR
29 Jim Smith, Little Rock AR
30 Maria "Chudy" Swicegood, North
Little Rock AR
31 Ragen Moore, Russellville AR
32 Donna Jones, Roland AR
33 Paula Arsement Tubb, Jackson TN
34 Carol Knight, Lebanon TN
35 Judi Cassini, Memphis TN
36 Richard Knight, Lebanon TN
37 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
38 Terry Hendrickson, Columbia TN
39 Daniel E. "Dan" Bauer, Alexandria VA
40 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
41 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
42 Phil Barnes, Houston TX
43 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA
44 Diane Spence, Henderson NV
45 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
46 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX
47 Drucella "Dru" Stewart, Hurst TX
48 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
49 Karin Barnes, Houston TX
50 David (Red Bean) Boone, Odessa TX
51 Tanna M. Jones, Walls MS
52 Rodney A. Jones, Walls MS
53 Larry Joe Oliver, Pace FL
54 Eric Bernard, Pace FL
55 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
56 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
57 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
58 Preston Nickle, North Little Rock AR
59 Susan Kitrell, Little Rock AR
60 Stephen O. Moore, Farmington AR
61 Ralph Hay, Pasadena TX
62 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
63 Melvin Sanders, Amarillo TX
64 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
65 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
66 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
67 Kay Mallet, Baytown TX
68 Ken Holmes, Cave Creek AZ
69 Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
70 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
71 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
72 B.J. McDonald, Odessa TX
73 Al McDonald, Odessa TX
74 Cindy Brown, Austin TX
75 George D. Ralston, Decatur TX
76 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
77 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX
78 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ
79 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn, Sierra Vista
AZ
80 Kim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
81 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
82 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
83 Dick Smith, New River AZ
84 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX

Show Teams

- 1 Bootleg Chili, Lake Oswego OR, Sugden, Dale
- 2 Red Wolfe Cookers, Hobbs NM, Wollfe, Suzanne
- 3 Gator Bait Chili, Port Charlotte FL, Garbutt, Chris
- 4 Grizzly Bear Chili, Warwick GA, Jones, Vann
- 5 Gold Ridge Elementary School, Rohnert Park, Uwins, Tracy
- 6 Toy Person, Marble Falls TX, Cook, Gayle A.
- 7 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX, Ralston, Jackie
- 8 Smurf Chili, Iowa Park TX, Jackson, Dennis H.
- 9 St. Mary's Hospital, Dover AR, Small, Jack
- 10 Big Brothers Big Sisters, Russellville AR, Latham, Beth
- 11 Heritage Hillbillies, Columbia TN, Beatty, Christy
- 12 Columbia Fire Dept., Columbia TN, Cummins, Chris
- 13 Danger Men Cooking II, Marshall TX, Woods, Don
- 14 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor, Odessa TX, Patton, Phyllis
- 15 Damn Yankee, Weesatche TX, Karnei, Nadine
- 16 Taz's Road Kill Chili, Inez TX, Horton, Dee
- 17 Asheep At The Wheel, El Paso TX, Straughan, Carol
- 18 Flaming Rojo, Boulder CO, Denny, Sherdon
- 19 Caliente Chili, Wichita Falls TX, Walker, Don
- 20 Nurse Ophilya Good, Wichita Falls TX, Hodge, Jan
- 21 Heartburn Chili, Wichita Falls TX, Barfield, Don
- 22 Bull Rush, Irving TX, Williams, Ginny
- 23 Black Garter, El Paso TX, DuMond, Eve
- 24 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX, Yates, Sue
- 25 Booze Brothers, Garland TX, Lester, Bill
- 26 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX, Caffey, Sue
- 27 Kings Hot Chili, Como MS, Murry, Lynn
- 28 Dr. Doubleshot Chili, Pace FL, Oliver, Larry Joe
- 29 Chillionaire Chili, Manchaca TX, Odom, George
- 30 Lone Star Chili Chix, Houston TX, Krenek, Pat
- 31 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX, Goodman, Robin
- 32 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX, Calhoun, Ray
- 33 Cowboy Chili, Cabot AR, Cagle, Bob
- 34 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX, Lilly, Rodney
- 35 Udderly Ridiculous, Snyder TX, Collier, Connie
- 36 Jack-O-Lantern Chili, Sierra Vista AZ, Tennison, Guy
- 37 Spine Tingling Chili, Marble Falls TX, Kinnison, Carrie
- 38 More Hal'acious & Momma M, Alamogordo NM, Etter, Hal
- 39 Royal Flush, Weimar TX, Barkley, Jean H.
- 40 Terlingua Six Pack, San Marcos TX, Higgins, Doug
- 41 Rubber Chicken Chili, Woodland WA, Sigler, Perry
- 42 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX, Goforth, John
- 43 Roadrunner Chili, Tucson AZ, Coultas, Nancy
- 44 Alchemist Chili, Peoria AZ, Lee, Jerry D.
- 45 Hobo Chili, Marietta GA, Cannon, Danny R.

Tied Off

(Iowa) Several years ago, an adventurous pair decided to take their ropes and rappel off the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad train over the Des Moines river. Words can't describe how breathtakingly high this narrow train bridge is over the river valley. The open train ride over the abyss is both stunningly beautiful and somewhat nerve-wracking.

Our adventurers had to be completely fearless, because they walked to the middle of this narrow railroad bridge, tied off their ropes, and began to rappel down. When the train came by on it's daily tour of the valley, their one mistake became apparent. They had tied the ropes to the sturdiest support possible: the steel train tracks...



A pilot for a Chinese carrier landed in FRA (Frankfurt, Germany) for an unscheduled refueling stop. The reason soon became apparent to the ground crew: The fan on the number 3 engine didn't look so good. This had apparently been no problem for those rascally engine mechanics back in China: they took some sturdy straps and wrapped them around both the fan blades and the structures behind, thus stopping any unwanted windmilling and associated uncomfortable vibration caused by the suboptimal fan. Note that the straps are seatbelts....how resourceful! Only a bit more drag.

Off they went into the wild blue yonder with another revenue-making flight on only three engines! When they got a bit low on fuel, they just set it down at the closest airport for a quick refill. That's when the problem started: Those Germans are kinda picky about this stuff, and they grounded the aircraft. The airline operator had to send a chunk of money to get the first engine replaced (took about 10 days), and the repair contractor had decided to do some impromptu inspection work on the other engines, none of which looked all that great either.

The result: a total of 3 engines were finally changed on this plane before it was permitted to fly again.



Man charged with stealing court computer to pay for rehab

By The Associated Press

(12/3/02 - Scranton, Pennsylvania) — An accused thief has blown an opportunity to clear his record.

Police in Scranton, Pennsylvania, say the man couldn't pay for a rehabilitation program, so he stole a courthouse computer.

Completing the rehab program clears the criminal record of first-time offenders. But it costs \$685 to enroll. Police say the man figured he could raise the money by pawning the laptop computer he stole from a court stenographer.

But the pawn shop refused to take it because the power cord was missing.

Police say the man returned to the courthouse to retrieve the cord. He was arrested after a stenographer spotted him with a wire dangling from his pocket. The man wound up before the same judge twice Monday. The first time, she accepted him into the rehabilitation program. The second time, she revoked his bail and ordered him to the county prison.

Sonoran Desert International Open Chili Cookoff

Imagine being on a beach, warm sun above, a gentle ocean breeze keeping you from feeling too hot, señoritas bringing you cold Tecate cervesa, friends all around, cooking chili... well, that's what happened on January 18 down in Puerto Penasco, Mexico (otherwise known as Rocky Point). One hundred twenty of CASI's best showed up and had a lot of fun raising money for the Professor Ventura G. Tena Elementary School.

It all started on Thursday night with a fish fry put on by the High Desert Pod of Cochise County, Arizona. It was a potluck with the fried fish and french fries provided by the HDP. Ted Fichtl and his crew cooked up a great batch of flounder and trigger fish for our enjoyment. Then on Friday night, Manny's Beach Club held the cooks' party serving us tacos, enchiladas, rice, refried beans, tortillas, beef with peppers, and mucho Tecate.

Saturday morning saw 120 folks setting up to cook our red. A few folks were kind of dragging after singing karaoke and dancing (to include some table dancing), but there was much enthusiasm and revelry as the sun warmed us and folks began to enjoy the scene of dolphins swimming by to watch our festivities. Vendors were available to allow the purchase of Mexican souvenirs such as pottery, carved wood, jewelry, etc. Manny's waitresses were bringing adult beverages around, show teams were keeping all entertained, who could ask for better?

After an eventful day of cooking, all were in anticipation. Who would win? I admit I had high hopes. Here are the winners:

CHILI:

- 1st Place – Connie Collier, Snyder, Texas
(Automatic Qualifier for TICC)
- 2nd Place – Kay Mallet, Baytown, Texas
(Automatic Qualifier for TICC)
- 3rd Place – Ken Holmes, New River, AZ
(Automatic Qualifier for TICC)
- 4th Place – Rocky Rockwell, Jacksonville, FL
- 5th Place – Beverly Butschek, Houston, TX
- 6th Place – Nelda Friedman, Tucson, AZ
- 7th Place – Willie Raven, Phoenix, AZ
- 8th Place – Mike Haskins, Tucson, AZ
- 9th Place – Hut Brown, El Paso, TX
- 10th Place – Cissy Hill, Odessa, TX

SHOW:

- 1st Place – Udderly Ridiculous, Connie Collier, Snyder, TX (Automatic Qualifier for TICC)
- 2nd Place – Brrrr... Chili, Paul Castaldo, Scottsdale, AZ
- 3rd Place – A Sheep at the Wheel, Carol Straughn, El Paso, TX



A HUGE cookoff for Connie Collier, First Place in both Chili AND Showmanship!!! Farthest traveled trophy went to Tom Smith of Maine. Tasting cups were sold in advance and at the cookoff (approximately 300 sold in advance and 250 on site) raising approximately \$2,500 for the school. We had a crowd of about 4,000 and judged 120 chilis. If you want to participate next Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, contact Ben Berry at (520) 378-2589 or email him at tberry@c2i2.com. Hope to see you all there next year.

Greg Monger

Baja Cantina Cookoff Raises Money For R.P. Xmas Club

On January 19, the High Desert Pod had the Number Two Chili Cookoff of the weekend at the Baja Cantina. Another great day, another chance at winning some points toward Terlingua, and another charity to help. This time, we raised almost \$1200 for the Puerto Penasco Children's Christmas Fund.

Just to give you an idea - for Christmas 2002, the group, run by John Fowler (one of the "J's" from JJ's Cantina in Cholla Bay) raised approximately \$35,000 to hold a Christmas party for 4,500 needy children, distribute 45,000 toys and 380 bicycles.

For this chili grind only cookoff, 73 cooks turned in some great pots of red grind chili. We had some fun as barbarians and pirates, and tattoos were the shows of the day, in addition to some quiet chuckles at some of our chili brethren who were, let's say, a little "tired" from the cookoff the day before... (see photos). Baja Cantina started the day for us with a breakfast of eggs, tortillas, refried beans and sausage and peppers. After turn-in, results were as follows:

CHILI:

- 1st Place – Scott Johnson, Englewood, FL
- 2nd Place – Patsy Elliot, El Paso, TX
- 3rd Place – Dorothy Williams, Terlingua, TX
- 4th Place – Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 5th Place – Hut Brown, El Paso, TX
- 6th Place – Mary Ellen Scott, Phoenix, AZ
- 7th Place – Roy Ployhar, Brainard, MN
- 8th Place – Willy Raven, Phoenix, AZ
- 9th Place – Rick Thomas, Alto, NM
- 10th Place – Tom Klug, Gold Canyon, AZ

SHOW:

- 1st Place – Pirates Gold, Debby Cornell, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2nd Place – Doug's Road Show, Doug Thuma, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3rd Place – Texas Chili and Tattoo Parlor, Larry Patton, Odessa, TX



Scott Johnson takes 1st in chili and Denise Saunders is farthest traveled, both from Englewood, Florida.



Baltazar Viscaino of El Paso takes a siesta.

Greg Monger

“As a matter of fact is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't.”

—Laurence Peter

Texas Hill Country Pod Donates to the CASI Scholarship Fund



The Great Pepper of the Texas Hill Country Pod (Steve Nadeau), in all his greatness and on behalf of the Pod, is presenting our beloved CASI Treasurer (Jim Stateczny), in all his treasure-ness, a check for \$500 for the Chili Appreciation Society International Scholarship Fund.

SAP-CASI's 29th Annual Chili Cookoff

March 15, 2003

**Converse American Legion Hall
Converse, Texas**

**Plenty of RV Parking, but NO HOOKUPS
Plenty of room for Day Cooks
Chili Entry \$18.00, Turn-in: 2:00 PM
For Additional Information contact:
George Jowers at (210)696-2555**



HOUSTON POD
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
32nd Annual Hal John & Judy Wimberly Memorial Chili Cookoff
April 26th ~ 27th, 2003

Friday Night Cooks' Party ~ Saturday AM Kick-Start Breakfast ~ Saturday Night Music & Pot Luck Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th

- Jackpot Beans Turn-In (100% Pay Back)
- Junior Chili Turn-In (Chili Grind Only)
- Salsa Off
- CASI Chili Turn-In
- CASI Showmanship
- Pot Luck (Bring a dish)
- Tenk & 42 Tournaments

Proceeds Benefit: The Houston Food Bank

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27th

- Breakfast Casserole
- CASI Chili Turn-In (Chili Grind Only)
- Houston Area Women's Center Clothing Drive
- CASI Showmanship
- Hot Wing Fry-Off

Proceeds Benefit: Houston Area Women's Center

REGISTRATION FORM

TTA

Head Cook: _____

Chili Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Office _____

Check appropriate box(es):

Sat April 26th

- Chili \$20
- Salsa Off \$5
- Showmanship
- Junior Chili \$5
- Jack Pot Beans \$5
- Tenk 42 Tournament \$5 each

Sun April 27th

- Breakfast Casserole-Whole Dish
- Chili \$17 (Chili Grind Only)
- Showmanship
- Hot Wings Fry-Off \$5

\$ _____ Total Endorsed



Baja Cantina Winners, Scott Johnson, Patsy Elliott, Dorothy Williams, Hut Brown, Denise Saunders



Connie Collier, Snyder, Rocky Point Winner



Udderly Rediculous, Odessa, TX, Show Winners at Rocky Point



Which is the real Chiligula?



Final Judges - Old Town Spring - Remember, Judge, don't eat

God Bless America!



1st Place Old Town Spring Frontier Days - Nathan Roe



Trail Ride Weather - I think I understand now!
Dan Grannan at Old Town Spring



But They said it never rains on a chili cookoff! Amy Doktor - Old Town Spring Association - Lady of all Tasks

Doris Greenlees and Mayo Blair at Old Town Spring



Trail Ride Weather at Old Town Spring Frontier Days



Teena? Ralph - Note - No Rain for Pasadena, OK?



Cooking With CASI



Mar 1, 2003-001 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks 16th Annual Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge, 2015 N Britain. Benefits Elks charities. CASI chili: \$17. CASI and Elks turn-in: 2:00 p. Beans turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to Elks Lodge # 2334. Cooks' party Friday night. Info: Horace Jones, (972)579-0005. This Lodge is a big supporter of CASI and its members - let's return its kindness and have a big turn-out for this cookoff. Free chicken fried steak dinner and band on Friday night for the cooks.

Mar 1, 2003-002 - Casa Grande AZ CASI. Arizona State Open Championship. Held at Dave White Mountain Municipal Park. Classic Car Show. Red and Peoples choice. Entry fee \$25. Includes T-shirt. Registration forms will be available in January. Dry camping. Friday and Saturday cooks party. Friday night bring your own meat to be barbecued. Info Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, 575 N. Marshall St. Casa Grande, AZ 85222 1-800-916-1515, Nancy Coultas 3640 Saguario Shadows Tucson, AZ. 85730. 520-298-6838.

Mar 1, 2003-003 - Austin TX CASI. 21st Annual Austin Lions Sightfest Chili and Bean Cookoff. Held at Travis County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena, S. Hwy 183 (just South of 812-183 intersection.) Benefits Austin Lions Sight Conservation Committee. Entry fee \$17. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM. Bean entry fee \$5. Turn-in 1 PM (60/40 payback). Cooks party Friday night, potluck Saturday night. See cookoff Sunday with cooks breakfast. Auction and silent auction and raffle. Bring your old eyeglasses. Contact John Caffey 512-446-2364 or email caffeycasa@msn.com. Come one, come all, we will feed you.

Mar 1, 2003-004 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Eagles #3580 13th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 1625 Archer City Hwy. corner of Archer City HWY #79 and Professional Dr. Benefits Eagle Charities. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. Bean turn-in 1 PM, show 12 to 1 PM. Cooks party Friday night 28th at 7 PM. Contact Linda Kent at 940-692-9816.

Mar 1, 2003-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. Flint Robbins Memorial Chili Cookoff. Held at 3710 Plains Blvd Sunset Center Happy Times Event Center. Charity Amarillo, Potter, Randall Law Enforcement Benefit Fund. Turn-in 6 PM Entry fee \$20. Checks payable

to APR Benefit Fund Contact John Hanke, Randall County Sheriff Dept. 9100 South Georgia. Info contact Richard Weathers or Jana Moore 806-378-3038 or Vickie Childers 806-355-738. Richard Weathers can also be contacted at 806-352-0877, casters@amaonline.com There will be a dance after the cookoff. Please bring extra chili for the tasting cups.

Mar 1, 2003-006 - Pearsall TX CASI. Pearsall Potato Festival & Pioneer Days Chili Cookoff. Being held at at Fireman's Park, Pearsall. Entry fee \$25. Turn-in 2 PM. Charity Chamber of Commerce. Pioneer Days Bean Cookoff. Contact David Collins 830-334-9414, davethejeweler@msn.com or dkcollins230@msn.com. Phone 830-334-4404 or 830-569-2977.

Mar 1, 2003-007 - Little Rock AR CASI. 15th Annual VFW Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 9095. Located at Kanis and Gamble Road. Little Rock. Benefits Veterans Home. Entry fee \$20, Turn-in 1 PM Checks payable to VFW Post 9095. Contact Jim Smith 5115 West 28th. Little, Rock, AR 72204. Contact phone 501-664-7843. Other contacts Linda Secrest or Don Helton at 501-225-9849.

Mar 1, 2003-008 - Houston TX CASI. American Legion 654 23rd Annual Cookoff. Held at 3105 Campbell Rd. Houston. Entry fee \$18 turnin 2 PM Dr. Feelgood Trophies for 1-10 Chili and 1-3 Show. Jackpot beans fee \$5 turn-in noon, 50/50 Payoff. Benefit American Legion Charities. Contact Herman Symank at home 468-5739, or Legion Hall 713-462-5290

Mar 2, 2003-001 - Austin TX CASI. Lions No Frillfest. Held at Travis County Sheriff's Rodeo Arena. Same location as Saturday cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 12 Noon. Entry fee \$17. We will feed you John Caffey's famous sausage gravy and biscuits Sunday morning. This alone is worth the trip to Austin. Come Friday and eat and meet with us all weekend. Contact John Caffey 512-446-2364. Come roar with us.

Mar 2, 2003-002 - Issaquah WA CASI. Independence of The State of Texas Chili Cookoff Celebration. Held at Chili's Bar & Grill 715 N.W. Gilman Issaquah. Charity TBA. Entry fee \$17, Turn-in 2 PM. Contact Lynne Brokaw 3542 N.E. 130th Seattle, WA. 98125-4606.

Mar 8, 2003-001 - Caballo NM CASI. Del Valle Eagles CCO. Held at Caballo Eagles Aerie. Entry fee \$15. Benefits Eagles Charities. Turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107. or TeamOrgan@zianet.com. Checks payable to NMCS.

Mar 8, 2003-002 - Ft. Worth TX CASI. 34th Annual Texas Men's State Chili Championship. Texas Motor Speedway, NW corner I-35 W & SH-114 Benefits Grapevine American Business Club. Turn-in 1 PM, Show 1:30-3:30 PM. Entry fee \$30. Payable to Grapevine AMBUC's. Contact Nick McGarity 817-975-0484 nick@mcgarity.org. Major goody bag item guaranteed, if entry postmark by 02/01/03. Include chili name, RV mfg. and length, shirt size. Top five Texas residents (chili) & top show team qualify automatically for TICC. All past Texas State Champions are comped. Cooks party Friday night. Overnight parking No hookups. People's choice, cash prizes, bring throwdown. Also Sunday Cookoff. No pre-registration deadline.

Mar 8, 2003-003 - Memphis TN CASI. Memphis VFW 4935 Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW 493, 1942 Lynn Brook Pl. Charity Men's & Womens VFW. Entry fee \$20. Turn-in 2 PM. Wings competition \$5 with Chili entry \$10 without. Turn-in 1 PM. RV parking no hookups. Cooks party Friday night. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Lynne Murry, 11CR 529, Como Ms. 38619. Checks payable to VFW Post 4935.

Mar 8, 2003-004 - Comfort TX CASI. Hermann Sons Retirement Home's 14th Annual Chili Cookoff for sanction cooks and amateurs and 9th Annual Bean Cookoff. Held at Hermann Sons Retirement Home, benefiting their Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$16, turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5. turn in 1 PM. Amateur Chili \$10, turn in 2 PM. Checks payable to Hermann Sons Retirement Home. Cooks' and visitors' party Friday night, food drinks and dancing. RVs welcome no hook ups. Info Edward Albrecht at 830-995-2724 or Tubby Wilson 830-995-4351.

Mar 8, 2003-005 - Burton TX CASI. Burton Cotton Gin Cookoff. Held at the Cotton Gin Museum in scenic downtown Burton. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry fee \$17. Benefits the Cotton Gin Museum. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Plenty of RV parking limited elec. hookups. Contact

Pete Little littlepete@chilitech.com or Menta Webb 979-289-3378.

Mar 8, 2003-006 - Fayetteville TN CASI. Fire-up For Literacy Cookoff. How hot can you make it? How hot can you take it? Benefits the Lincoln County Literacy Council. Being held at the Lincoln Country Fairgrounds. Entry fee Chili \$25, enter open, CASI and Salsa for \$35. RV parking. Contact Teresa Smith 1604 Huntsville Hwy, Fayetteville, Tenn. 37334. Turn-in 6 PM. Awards for judges choice, people's choice and showmanship. Call Teresa Smith 931-438-1475, or Jane Kusen at 931-625-2925.

Mar 8, 2003-007 - Sweetwater TX CASI. 14th Annual Jaycee's Rattlesnake Round-up Cookoff. Located next to World's largest Rattlesnake Round-up, with Gun, Coin, & Knife Show flea market, Arts & Crafts, a Carnival and West Texas Salsa Challenge. WTBA Brisket, Ribs and Chicken and Rattlesnake. \$1000 cash prize to overall champion cook. To qualify you must cook brisket, ribs, chicken & rattlesnake Rattlesnake will be used to determine overall winner is case of a tie Camp warming Friday Night. Free Friday night's Cook's feed at 6 PM at the KXOX Van, sponsored by Lone Star Transportation. Cooks meet at 8 AM. Entry all categories \$125. Brisket, Chicken & Ribs \$75 65% payback to top 3 places. CASI Chili \$25, 1-10 places awards. Rattlesnake only \$25, payback 65% top 3 places. Individual Meat \$35. RV parking first come basis. All campers, trailers and tents located in park must register. \$20 camp fee for RV's & camper trailers. Each team allowed one extra vehicle. All others will be towed away. NO ATV's 4 wheelers or golf carts. Contact Kay for more info 915-235-5488 or 1-800-658-6757.

Mar 9, 2003-001 - Ft. Worth TX CASI. Morning After Men's State Cookoff. Held at Texas Motor Speedway, NW corner I-35W & SH-114. Benefits Big Hats Club. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$20. Turn-in Noon. Payable to Grapevine AMBUC's. Contact Nick McGarity 817-975-0484. Email nick@mcgarity.org. Also Saturday Cookoff.

Mar 15, 2003-001 - Las Cruces NM CASI. Las Cruces Eagles Aerie CCO Held at North 17th Street, Las Cruces. Benefits Eagles Charities. Turn-in 2 PM, entry fee \$15. Check

payable NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107, TeamOrgan@zianet.com.

Mar 15, 2003-002 - Haughton LA CASI. Fred Raymond Memorial Chili Cookoff held at American Legion Post 388 5401 Hwy. 527, Haughton, La. Entry fee \$15. Benefits American Legion Fund. Turn-in 2 PM. Contact Carol Hudson. 318-987-2591

Mar 15, 2003-003 - Converse TX CASI. SAP-CASI 29th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Converse American Legion Hall. RV Parking no hookups. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry jackpot beans \$5. Turn-in Noon. Plenty room for day cooks. Friday night cook's party 7 PM. Margarita Off 8 PM. Saturday Irish Coffee 9 AM. Bloody Mary Off 10 AM Contact George Jowers 210-696-2555

Mar 15, 2003-004 - Emory TX CASI. Rains County Farmers Market CCO. Held at Hwy 276 from Lake Tawakoni or off Hwy 69 So., 1/4 mile West in Emory at Rains Co. Heritage Center Benefits local charities. Friday night supper 7-9. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 1 PM, CHILIGRIND ONLY. Beans entry \$5. 50/50 payback for first place, turn in 12 Noon. Checks payable to Rains Farmers Mkt. RV parking - no hookups. Contact Carl or Jackie Grose at 5640 Hwy 34 S. Quinlan, TX 75474-3228. Phone 903-883-4916

Mar 15, 2003-005 - Goliad TX CASI. Goliad County Fair & Rodeo Cookoff. Hwy 183 (south of Goliad) at the Goliad Fair Grounds. Plenty of RV parking. PRCA Rodeo Friday and Saturday night. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Goliad County Fair Assn. Contact Healani Bethke 361-564-9606.

Mar 15, 2003-006 - Rockport TX CASI. 2nd Annual Rockport American G.I. Forum Chili Cookoff. This Cookoff Has Been Cancelled.

Mar 15, 2003-007 - San Angelo TX CASI. St. Patrick's Day Cookoff. Contact Donna Hill 915-657-2979. This cookoff is CANCELLED, moved to March 22, due to conflicting cookoff dates.

Mar 15, 2003-008 - San Angelo TX CASI. St. Patty's Day Chili Cookoff. Held at 31st & No. Chadbourne. Entry fee \$20. Hot wings \$10. Jackpot pinto beans \$10. More info to follow 915-656-8258 or 915-655-2147.

Mar 15, 2003-009 - Memphis TN CASI. 1st Al Chymia Shrine Chili Cookoff. Held at 5770 Shelby Oaks Drive. Entry fee \$25. Turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Al Chymia Shrine Temple. Checks payable to the Temple. Contact Billy Hicks 901-272-1171. Motor home parking available, no hookups. Silent auction. Cooks party Friday night.

Mar 15, 2003-010 - Bartlett TN CASI. 3rd Annual Bartlett Animal Shelter Chili Cookoff. Held at 7266 Third St. Bartlett, TN. at the Singleton Community Center. Benefits the Bartlett Animal Shelter. Entry \$20 Junior Chili \$10. Turn-in 1 PM. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Makes checks payable to Bartlett Animal Shelter. Contact Joe or Wanda Cassini at phone 901-853-8811, 673 Silverman Collierville, TN 38017

Mar 15, 2003-011 - Laneville TX CASI. Texas Starr Chili Cookoff. At the Sands Bar Hills Ranch, 4405 County Rd. 447 West, Laneville, Tx. Right outside Tyler. Cooks welcome Friday night until Sunday. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 2 PM. Beans, winner take all \$5. Charity, Texas Blue Bonnet Chapter of Scleroderma Foundation. Contact Phil McDonald 5815 Victor, Dallas, Tx. 75214. 214-789-0742. For information email philstingray@sbcglobal.net, also at website www.scleroderma.org. Cookoff on advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Mar 15, 2003-012 - Nicksville AZ CASI. 17th Annual Nick's Place St. Pat's Cookoff. Held at Nick's Place, South Hwy 92, 8 miles south of Sierra Vista. Benefits Special Olympics. Entry \$15, turn-in 2 PM Checks payable to High Desert Pod. Cooks dinner Friday night. Contact Ben Berry, PO Box 1298, Sierra Vista, AZ. 85636, 520-578-3692. On Advertising Probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Mar 16, 2003-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Country Cabaret Spring Fling Chili Cookoff. Held at 839 FM 467. Charity TBA. Entry \$18 turn-in 1 PM CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Pat Irvine-King 830-303-1755.

Mar 16, 2003-002 - Claremore OK CASI. 6th Annual Choo Choo Chili Cookoff. **CANCELED** Contact Steve Snyder 3531 E. 4th Pl. Tulsa, OK, 74112, phone 918-834-2309.

Mar 16, 2003-003 - Alvarado TX CASI. 6th Annual American Legion Post 426 Chili Cookoff. Held at FM 3136, West of I-35W, call for directions if needed. Benefits local Post 426 charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot beans entry \$5, turn in 11:30. Contact American Legion Post 426. 817-783-8858 day & nite. CHILIGRIND ONLY. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Mar 21, 2003-001 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pod's 25th Annual Chili CCO Friday night kickoff celebration. Held at Michael J's, 2900 South Shaver. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 8:30 PM. Contact Ralph Hay 713-475-1660. rdhay16@juno.com or Teena Miller 281-576-5033, laskasc@aol.com. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Mar 22, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. 4th Annual Elks Cooks Children's Hospital. 4205 Seymour Hwy. Friday night catfish. All you can eat breakfast \$5. Inside cooking. Benefits Children's Hospital. Turn-in 2 PM CASI entry fee \$18. Jackpot beans \$5. Turn-in 12 noon. Checks to Elks Lodge #1105. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273 or Ray at Cell 781-5262. Saturday night dinner with super entertainment.

Mar 22, 2003-002 - Crawford TX CASI. St. Paul Memorial Park Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV Park, on Hwy 185 Entry fee \$18. turn-in 2 PM. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Beans \$5., dry pintos only, 50/50 split. Turn-in 12 Noon. Silent auction and raffle. Cooks party Saturday night. Benefits St. Paul Memorial Park. Working on cost of RV hook-ups. Info Mavis Nelson 254-486-2487, rdnmrn@hotmail.net Also, see cookoff next day same location.

Mar 22, 2003-003 - Somerset TX CASI. Cheap Charlie's Chili & BBQ Cookoff Held at 20295 Somerset Rd. On the right side of Somerset Rd., 1 mile (+/-) South of Loop 1604, 4 miles East of IH-35 South toward Laredo. Charity American Legion Post 443, Children's Charities. Turn-in time Beans 12 noon, Whole chicken 1 PM, Chili 2 PM. Pork Ribs 2:30 PM, Brisket 3 PM., Entry fees, Chili \$17, CHILIGRIND ONLY. Beans \$10, BBQ \$15 each category. Beans 100% payback. BBQ 70/30 Payback. BBQ TWBA Rules, Ken Large. Contact Nora Casias at 210-622-3011 or 210-722-3058 Cell. Cooks party Friday Night, 7 PM Tamales, Rice and Beans.

Mar 22, 2003-004 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pod's 25th Annual Cookoff Celebration. Held at Michael J's 2900 South Shaver. Entry fee \$20. Turn-in 2 PM. Beans (100% payback) \$5. Turn-in 12 noon. Contact Ralph Hay 713-475-1660, rdhay16@juno.com or Teena Miller 281-576-5033 email laskadc@aol.com. Also, a Junior Chili Cookoff entry fee \$5. turn-in 1 PM.

Mar 22, 2003-005 - San Angelo TX CASI. After St. Patrick's Day Cookoff, Chili and Beans. Held at Water Valley Park. Chili entry fee \$20. Jackpot Beans (Dry Pinto) Entry \$5. Contact Donna Hill 915-657-2979.

Mar 22, 2003-006 - Odessa TX CASI. 5th Annual St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Barbecue and Chili Cookoff Springfest at 1321 W. Monahans, Odessa. "West Texas State Barbecue Championship." IBCA Rules. Brisket, 1/2 Chicken and Pork Spare Ribs.. \$75 entry fee \$5,000 Cash Prizes. Trophies 10 places in each category Chili entry fee \$20. Set-up after 11 AM Friday. Information Ed Kelley 915-520-7117 or

teammidland@hotmail.com or John Ramos 915-332-9964 in evening. Church 915-337-2213.

Mar 22, 2003-007 - Anthem AZ CASI. 2nd Annual Anthem Day's Chili CCO and Arizona Junior State Championship CCO. Cooks meeting 9 AM. Junior State Championship turn-in 1 PM. Red Chili turn-in 2 PM. There will be Peoples Choice Chili from 11 AM to 3 PM. Showmanship and BBQ cookoff too. The Arizona State Junior Championship is being coordinated by the Yavapai Chili Society, call Jerry Lee at 623-486-4515. Other events are being coordinated by the Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona, contact Dick Smith for these events 623-465-9353. Dry camping, no hookups, no open fire.

Mar 22, 2003-008 - Dalhart TX CASI. Dalhart Rotary Roadkill & Rolands Chili Cookoff. Held at Lake Coliseum, Hwy 281 West. Benefits Dalhart Rotary Club. Entry \$20 turn-in Noon. RV parking no hookup Cook's party Friday night. Contact Jim Chandler 806-249-4523, 401 E 7th St. Dalhart. Lorren Hallmark H-806-244-3326, W-806-384-3311. xitre@xit.net.

Mar 22, 2003-009 - Murfreesboro TN CASI. Volunteer Horse Fair Chili Cookoff. Held at Middle Tennessee State University Miller Coliseum, on Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, Tn. Charity, Angel Heart Farm where horses and terminally ill children come together and wishes come true. Entry fee \$20 CHILIGRIND ONLY. Turn-in 1 PM. Send check to Susie Shaw P.O. Box 176 Parsons, TN 38363 make payable to HOT POD. Contact info Sheron Neeley 728 Spike Trail Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone 615-898-1885 or 615-207-1197. This cookoff held in conjunction with 14th Annual Volunteer Horse Fair. Three day event for horse-owners, horse-lovers, friends and family. Saturday night features the "Mane Performance", an evening of world class entertainment for the whole family. This Cookoff was previously advertised as March 15, 2003 which was in error.

Mar 23, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks National Foundation. Entry \$18. Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Glyn Gaines or Ray 940-767-2273 or 781-5262. Benefits Megan Ledue Gaurdian Angel Foundation. Breakfast Sunday morning. Checks payable to Elks. See you there, Glyn.

Mar 23, 2003-002 - Crawford TX CASI. Central Texas Pod Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV Park on Hwy 185. Entry fee \$14 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits the CTC Pod. Also, see cookoff previous day same location. Info Mavis Nelson 254-486-2487, rdnmrn@hotmail.net. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Mar 23, 2003-003 - Anthem AZ CASI. Anthem Chili Cookoff and Arizona State Hot Wings CCO. Cooks meeting 9 AM. Hot wings turn in Noon. Red Chili (CHILI GRIND ONLY) turn-in 2 PM. People's Choice Chili from 11 AM to 3 PM. Show times TBA. Hot Wing information contact Dennis Huff 602-789-1963. Chili info contact Dick Smith at 623-465-9353. Dry camping, no hook ups or open fires.

Mar 29, 2003-001 - Converse TX CASI. 10th Half Way Point Chili Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 593, West Legion Drive. Benefits Legion charities. Entry \$18. Turn in 2 PM. RV parking no hookups. Cake Walk. Auction & more. Cookoff next day same location. Info: Call 210-658-1111.

Mar 29, 2003-002 - Houston TX CASI. 1st Annual Paws for Chili Cookoff. Held at Blanco's Bar and Grill, 3406 W. Alabama (Buffalo Speedway and W. Alabama). Benefits Noah's Ark Sanctuary. Junior chili \$5. turn-in 12 Noon. Jackpot Pinto Beans (50% payback) \$10. Turn-in 1 PM. CASI Chili turn-in 2 PM entry fee \$17. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV parking, no hookups, no open fires. Checks payable to Piney Woods Pod. Info Bob Horan 281-357-0175, 14242 Turnervine, Tomball, TX 33735-4049, email shelty246@houston.rr.com. Further info at www.pineywoodspod.com or www.noahs-ark-sanctuary.org.

Mar 29, 2003-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post #169. Held at American Legion Post 4005 Lake Shore Drive. Benefits Legion charities. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$5. turn-in 12 Noon. Friday night cooks party, RV parking no hookups Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273. Checks payable to American Legion.

Mar 29, 2003-004 - Arlington TX CASI. 10th Annual Lost Patrol Chili and Bean Cookoff. Held at our new home at Arlington Elks Lodge, at corner of Matlock and Pioneer Parkway (Hwy 303). Cook's party Friday night. Entry fee \$20. Turn in 2 PM Jackpot beans \$5. Turn-in 12 noon. Trophy for Chili and Show. Information call Dean Reynolds 972-262-0160. Make checks payable to VVA #137. Benefits Veterans, Families, Hospitals, Vets and homeless Vets. Raffle items.

Mar 29, 2003-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. 4th Annual Holy Cross Catholic Academy Chili Cookoff. Held at 2000 N Spring at the Activity Center in Amarillo. Chili turn-in 2:30 PM fee \$18, Jackpot beans turn in 1 PM, fee \$5. Contact Alfred Lovato 806-373-6158, Rodney Lilly 806-373-9774. Lots of raffle items and food available at cookoff.

Mar 29, 2003-006 - Little Rock AR CASI. FOE #60 Chili Cookoff. Held at 65th St. at I-30 Little Rock. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. No outside alcohol, beverages are available at Eagles Bar. Contact Richard Jones 501-681-7228 day, or 501-868-8206 evenings. Address 8325 Barrett Rd. Roland, AR 73135. For CAP-CASI Great Peppers Meeting Make checks payable to CAP-CASI.

Mar 29, 2003-007 - Pensacola FL CASI. 2nd Annual Escambia High Band Booster's Chili Cookoff. Turn-in Noon. Cook's meeting 9 AM. Entry fee \$20. Held at Escambia High School in Pensacola. Contact Larry Oliver 850-995-9517 or email doubleshotchili@aol.com.

Mar 29, 2003-008 - Odessa TX CASI. West Side Animal Shelter Cookoff. Held at Becky Sam's Bar & Grill 2815 N. FM 1936, Odessa, Tx. Entry fee \$18. Turn in 2 PM. Special BBQ plates on sale during weekend. Contact Becky Sam 915-385-1908. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits West Side Animal Shelter.

Mar 30, 2003-001 - Converse TX CASI. 9th Ladies Auxillary Chili Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 593. West Legion Drive. Benefits Ladies Auxillary charities. Entry \$12. Turn-in 1 PM. Cookoff previous day same location. Info: 210-887-8827.

Mar 30, 2003-002 - Scottsdale AZ CASI. 2nd Annual Balloon & BBQ Festival- Fiesta Chili Cookoff. Held at West World of Scottsdale. Pima Rd and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. Entry fee \$15. Charity Events West. Turn in 2 PM. Also, People's choice chili \$1000. prize money. BBQ AZ State Championship KCBS Rules \$20,000. in prize money on 3/28 & 3/29. For BBQ info and packet call Roland Regeon 602-277-7306 or email R2chili@aol.com or fax 1-288-277-4468

Mar 30, 2003-003 - Houston TX CASI. Day After Paws For Chili Cookoff. Held at Blanco's Bar and Grill, 3406 W. Alabama (Buffalo Speedway and W. Alabama). Benefits Piney Woods Pod Charities. Entry fee \$17 Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. RV parking, no hookups, no open fires. Checks payable to Piney Woods Pod. Info Bob Horan 281-357-0175, 14242 Turnervine, Tomball TX, 33735-4049, or shelty246@houston.rr.com. Further info at www.pineywoodspod.com.

Mar 30, 2003-004 - Alvarado TX CASI. Cancer Aid & Research Annual Chili Cookoff. Held 1/4 mile west of I-35, South side of 67 at the VFW Post 9299, Alvarado, Tx. Benefits Cancer Aid & Research. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 12 Noon. Make checks payable to VFW Post 9299 Ladies Aux Contact Jo Watson

817 Lakewood Dr Alvarado, Tx. 76009. 817-556-2130 or 817-790-3112. There will be a dance and auction Saturday Night. Breakfast will be served Sunday morning 7 AM. Plenty RV parking no hookups.

Apr 5, 2003-001 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. Alabama State Chili Cookoff held at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Highway 59, Gulf Shores. CASI and open categories. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefiting zoo. Turn in 1 PM. Entry fee \$20. Checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. For more information contact Renee Moore, 251-949-7000 or moore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us.

Apr 5, 2003-002 - Clovis NM CASI. Clovis Elks Lodge #1244. This date of this cookoff has been changed. See April 26th listing. Bud Barrick 505-382-5107.

Apr 5, 2003-003 - Comfort TX CASI. Horseshoe Pub & Pizza Cookoff. Held at 429 Front St. Charity Golden Age/Comfort Youth Baseball. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry \$18. Jackpot beans turn-in 12 Noon. Entry \$10. 100% payback-top three beans. Contact Dennis Bynum 830-995-5150. Checks payable to Horseshoe Pub.

Apr 5, 2003-004 - Granbury TX CASI. Second Annual Canyon Creek Cannonball Chili Plunge. Held at Canyon Creek Clubhouse, 2300 Club Dr. Chili \$18 Turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5 Turn-in 1 PM. Salsa \$5 Turn-in 12 Noon. Free apron or cap to first 50 cooks registered. Cooks supper Friday nite. Homemade baked goods, sandwiches, drinks & snacks for sale. Pot luck dinner Sat. nite. Benefits Pecan Plantation VFW. From 377 in Granbury take 1445, go 63/10 miles turn left on Williamson Rd. Don Ayala's Mexican Restaurant, go 2 1/2 miles to Canyon Creek entry gate on left. Maps at gate. For info Canyon Creek POA 817-279-9022 or Billy, Kay Hutson 817-279-0465. Sunday cookoff same location.

Apr 5, 2003-005 - Tucson AZ CASI. Chiliheads of Arizona POD Cookoff. Held at 6901 N. Casa Grande Hwy. Turn-in 2 PM, entry fee \$15. The People's Choice 11 AM to 1 PM. Entry fee \$5. with competition or \$10 without competition. Checks payable to CHOA. Contact Peter Braly 520-574-0197. or email Peterjbraly@compuserve.com. Or Nancy Coultas at 520-298-6838. All proceeds from peoples choice entry fee go to charity.

Apr 5, 2003-006 - Katy TX CASI. 2nd Annual Bass Pro Shop Chili Cookoff. Held at Katy Mills Mall. Entry fee \$17. Turn-in 2 PM. Checks payable to Bass Pro Shops. Contact Karla Chando. Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, 5000 Katy Mills Circle Suite 415, Katy, Texas kkchando@basspro.com or phone 281-644-2200. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Pre registration March 29th. For the benefit of Ducks Unlimited Katy Chapter.

Apr 5, 2003-007 - Canton TX CASI. 4th Annual Buffalo Girls Chili Cookoff. Held at historic Buffalo Girls Hotel, (B&B), on The Mountain @ Old Mill Marketplace, HWY 64 East during the world famous 1st Monday Trade Days. Benefits Canton VFD. Trophies by Mountain artists and vendors. Raffle and silent auction items donated by vendors from the Mountain, the Pavillions, and the Villages. Live entertainment, cow boy shootouts, clowns and more. Overnight accommodations and RV hookups on site by reservation only Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. There is table top or booth cooking space only in front of the hotel along the boardwalk. Buffalo Girls Hotel 354 VZ CR 4108. Canton, Tx. buffalogirlshotel.com. Click on dancing chili pepper for info & entry blank. For parking discounts, oldmillmarketplace.com Contact Buffalo Girls Hotel 903-567-7829 Happy trails! Calamity Jane.

Apr 5, 2003-008 - Angleton TX CASI. Brazoria County Fair Spring Fair. Held at Brazoria County Fairground 901 S. Downing Rd. Benefits Brazoria County Fair Assn. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2:30 PM. Make checks payable to BCFA. Cooks meet at 10 AM. RV parking no hookups. BBQ cookoff-brisket-ribs-chicken. Begins 6 PM Friday April 4. Hours on April 5th 10AM to 7 PM. Entry fee \$100 per team. Boiled crawfish and shrimp plates for sale. Bull riding and several bands. T-shirts to first 25 entries. Information registration at www.befa.org or call Jerry Powell 979-848-8333 or chili@txbs.net. Or Fair Office at 979-849-6416.

Apr 5, 2003-009 - Weesatche TX CASI. 3rd Annual Weesatche VFD Cookoff. Held at Hwy 884 & 119 S, Weesatche Community Center. Jackpot beans \$5 (Dry beans only) turn-in 1 PM. Chili \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make check payable to Weesatche VFD (Charity) Contact Healani Bethke. P.O. Box 240 Weesatche, Tx 77993 or phone 361-564-9606.

Apr 5, 2003-010 - Muskogee OK CASI. 19th Annual Muskogee Exchange Club Chili & BBQ Cookoff. For the benefits of Hospice, Kids Space, Shoe & Coat Fund. Entry fee for pre-registration is \$15 per event, on site registration \$25 per event. Chili turn-in 12 Noon, BBQ Turn-in 12:30 open, Ribs turn-in 1:15 PM. Cook's party and dance Friday night 8 PM at the Civic Center. Contact and pre-registration, Mike Ebert 2900 Hill Top Avenue Muskogee, OK 74403. 918-687-0058, 918-682-9255.

Apr 5, 2003-011 CASI - Odessa, TX.

Annual Trans Pecos American Indian Assn. Chili & BBQ CCO. Held at Becky Sam's 2518 N. FM 1936, Odessa, TX.

Apr 6, 2003-001 - Granbury TX CASI. 2nd Day Cannonball Chili Plunge. See Saturday Cookoff listing for directions to 2300 Club Drive. Entry \$18 Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Indian Harbor VFD. Checks payable to Canyon Creek. Contact Canyon Creek POA 817-279-9022 or Billy, Kay Hutson 817-279-0465.

Apr 6, 2003-002 - Grand Prairie TX CASI. 28th Annual Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff and World Championship of Pickled Quail Egg Eating. Held at Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Rd. just off Hwy 360 between I-20 and I-30. Chili: \$30, turn-in 2 PM. Showmanship 11:30 to 1:30 Sunday. Bean cookoff on Saturday April 5th entry \$10: turn-in 2 PM. Cutoff for registration when it reaches 125. Contact Trader's Village phone 972-647-2331.

Apr 6, 2003-003 - St. Croix VICASI. United Way of St. Croix 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Divi Carina Bay Resort Hotel, 25 Estate Turner Hole. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 12 Noon. Benefits United Way of St. Croix. Make checks payable to United Way of St. Croix. Contact Ana Davila, United Way of St. Croix P. O. Box 223010, Christiansted, VI 00822, phone 340-773-0582.

Apr 12, 2003-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Texas Ladies' State Chili Championship. Held at Starcke Park. *This is a change from the usual 3rd Saturday in April due to Easter. Benefits The Rose Breast Cancer Center. Friday nights cooks party. RV parking, no hookups, no open fires. Top 3 Chilies and Top Show - Automatic TICC qaulifiers. Guaranteed goodie Bas/shirt for entries post-marked by March 8, 2003. Entry fee \$25 (no entry fee for current and former Texas Ladies State Champions.) Donations of canned goods will be collected for the Seguin Christian Cabinet. Checks payable to Texas Ladies State, c/o Anne Roberts, 3700 S. Hampton Rd., Red Oak, Tx. 75154. Info Boomer Kingston 915-366-1777.

Apr 12, 2003-002 - The Colony TX CASI. The Colony Lion's Club Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at the Lion's Club Park off Main St. Colony, Tx. easy to find, turn north off 121 at Wal-Mart into The Colony. Look for the sign. Entry fee \$20, Turn in 2 PM. Benefits The Colony Lion's Club. Jackpot Beans Entry fee \$5, turn-in noon. Contact Brenda Stefancik 6016 Turner St. The Colony, Tx. 75056. Please register by April 1st to receive cook's goodie bag. 469-384-1438.

Apr 12, 2003-003 - Beaver OK CASI. 9th Annual Cowchip Chili Cookoff. Being held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds at 1000 Douglas Ave. Turn-in 12 Noon. For info call Bill Greenfield P.O. Box 954 Beaver, OK. 739-0954 day phone 580-625-4270 or 580-625-4499 in the evening. Entry CASI Chili \$20 Open Chili \$25, cook in both for \$40. Make checks payable to OEMTA. There will be a People's choice Award, Firehouse Chili Award and Best Decorated Booth Award.

Apr 12, 2003-004 - Parsons TN CASI. Decatur County/St. Jude's World's Largest Coon Hunt Chili Cookoff. Decatur Co. Fairgrounds - 2 miles South of Parsons on Highway 69/641 Benefits St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to HOT Pod. Contact Preston Shaw P. O. Box 176, Parsons, TN. 38363. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Apr 12, 2003-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. Elks Lodge #923 Chili & BBQ CCO. Held at 932 Clyde St, Amarillo. Benefits Lodge Charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Checks payable to Elks Lodge #923. Cooks party Friday night. Meal and entertainment. BBQ categories Chicken, Pork Ribs, Brisket \$15 each or \$40 for all, 60/40 payback. Jackpot beans \$5, 100% payback. Silent auction, camping limited hookups. Contact Johnny Wiseman 806-670-0614 or Leesa Penland at 806-359-4264.

Apr 13, 2003-001 - Seguin TX CASI. CLASSIC CASI Chili Cookoff. Held in Starcke Park East. Benefits local charity. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Checks payable to Classic CASI. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Pat King P.O. Box 351 Seguin, Tx. 78156. 830-303-1755 Day, 210-860-0818 Evening, email pirtvine@the-cia.net

Apr 19, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. American Legion Post 653 Family Chili Cookoff. Held 55 miles south of Alpine on Hwy 118. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. Benefits American Legion Building Fund. Food, refreshments, arts and crafts, flea market and dance. Contact Ervin Laird 915-371-2570 or leave message, Ray Clark at 371-3058 before 2 PM.

Apr 19, 2003-002 - Pawnee OK CASI. Pawnee Folk & Springfest Chili CCO. Held at County Court House Lawn. Fee \$15. Turn-in 12:30. Benefits 8th Annual Folk & Springfest. Parade, square dancing, clogging. Contact Trailboss 918-762-4437 or Theodore Morgan 918-762-2493. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

Apr 19, 2003-003 - Tucson AZ CASI. Tucson Saguaro Rotary Club Chili Cookoff. Held at 6010 Morth Oracle Rd. Benefits Dunbar

Foundation. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$10. Peoples Choice 11 AM to 1 PM. Entry fee \$5. with competition, or \$10 no competition. All proceeds from peoples choice entry fee goes to charity. Contact Peter Braly 520-574-0197. email peterjbraly@compuserve.com.

Apr 19, 2003-004 - Kerrville TX CASI. Kerrville Chili & BBQ Classic. Held at Flat Rock Lake County Park 2804 Riverside Dr for Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. Entry fee \$18 Turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY Cooks party and dance Friday night. Local chili \$10, jackpot beans \$5. turn in 12 noon. WTBA BBQ cookoff w/cash prizes. Chicken, Ribs, Brisket \$25 each entry or \$65 for all three. Plenty of RV parking, no hookups. Vendors, music, food. Contact Karl Buechler 830-257-7833 day or 830-792-4270 night. Email buechler@krc.com or tracin@krc.com

Apr 19, 2003-005 - San Angelo TX CASI. 7th Annual Cooking For Hospice Chili and Bar-B-Que Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. Chili \$20 Brisket \$20. Spare Ribs \$20. Chicken \$20. JackPot beans \$10. Junior Chili Cookoff \$10. 50% pay back plus \$3000.00 added money in the Bar-B-Que. Pays top 10 places. Cookoff benefits Hospice of San Angelo. Contact Sammie 915-655-2147 or 915-656-8258, Teena 915-659-4951. More info to follow. WTBA and CASI Rules apply.

Apr 19, 2003-006 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 Ladies Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Held at 2701 East 8th St Odessa. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. \$2 cook's pot given to 4th place. Benefits the Ladies Auxiliary projects. Contact Larry or Phyllis Patton phone 915-362-3585.

Apr 19, 2003-007 - Hiawassee GA CASI. Hiawassee Serenity Cove POD Chili Cookoff. Held at Serenity Cove 834 Lower Bell Creek Rd. Hiawassee, Ga. Entry fee \$21, turn in 1 PM. Contact J. T. Pittman 2390 Fairburn Rd. Douglasville, GA 30135-1454. Phone 770-949-8218 Checks payable to GCCA Pod.

Apr 19, 2003-008 - Fayetteville AR CASI. 12th Occasional Springfest Chili Cookoff. Held at Walton Arts Center Parking Lot, corner of Dickson and West St. Benefits the Washington Co. Meals on Wheels. Entry fee \$15 (anything more person ally offends us). Turnin time 1 PM Make checks payable to Washington Co Meals on Wheels. Meat, nothing green or blue, please. We won't tell you what kind of meat to cook if you won't tell us what kind of beer to drink! Contact Joe Giles 479-267-2655, jd Giles 1950@aol.com. 12576 Hwy 170 Farmington, AR 72730.

Apr 25, 2003-001 - Garden City KS CASI. Mid America AG Network-3-1 Show Chili Cookoff. Held at the 3-1 Show Grounds. Charity TBA. Entry fee \$35 plus fee for non members.

Turn-in 7 PM. Make checks payable to Mid America Network. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Dane Daniel 1632 S. Maize Rd. Wichita, Ks. 316-721-8484. Preregistration by April 15th. ddaniel@maanradio.com.

Apr 26, 2003-001 - Houston TX CASI. 32nd Annual Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff being held at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston. Many events. Benefits Houston Food Bank Friday night cook's party and the Big Wheel. Saturday Kick-Start breakfast. Salsa off, entry \$5, turn in 11 AM. Jackpot beans entry \$5, turn-in 12 noon. Junior chili entry \$5, (Junior chili CHILI GRIND ONLY) turn-in 1 PM. CASI chili entry \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CASI show 2:30 to 4:30. Tasting cups, Silent Auction Raffle, Live Music and much more. Stay that evening for Pot Luck dinner, 42 Tournament \$5, and Tonk Tournament \$5. RV parking no hookups. Stay for Sunday Cookoff. Contact Keith Karaff. 281-995-2603 or email kdkone@aol.com. Please use subject line HPCCO32.

Apr 26, 2003-002 - Clovis NM CASI. Clovis Elks Lodge #1244 Cookoff. Held at 3rd & Sycamore Street Clovis, NM. Benefits Elks Charities. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry fee \$15. Checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107 TeamOrgan@zianet.com.

Apr 26, 2003-003 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Paul's Pub 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff Located at 1805 Paseo San Luis, one block behind Donovan Dodge on Highway 92 South. We will be Cooking in the field behind Paul's Pub. Dry camping available on Friday night. Benefits the Greater Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Contact Chuck Dugan 520-803-2065 P.O. Box 2571 Sierra Vista AZ 85636 email DuganC1@msn.com. Or call Jim Kuriger at 520-459-2254.

Apr 26, 2003-004 - Stephenville TX CASI. Larry Joe Taylor's 15th Annual TX Music Festival and Chili Cookoff. Held at Melody Mountain Ranch. More information to follow. Go to www.larryjoetaylor.com for latest details, or 254-968-8505 or email ljt@eastland.net.

Apr 26, 2003-005 - Little Rock AR CASI. Earth Day At The ZOO Cookoff. Held at the Little Rock Zoo, #1 Jonesboro Drive. Benefits Little Rock Zoo. Turn-in 1 PM, Entry fee \$20. Make checks payable to the Little Rock Zoo. Arrive early so you can setup by 9 AM, before Zoo opens. All cars must be out of the Zoo by opening time. Cars can only return inside the Zoo when officials allow it. Late arrivals will be met at the Service Entry Gate with a Zoo golf cart to ferry you to the

cookoff site. No RV parking or hookups. For animals safety, plastic lids or straws not allowed in Zoo. Only exception will be judging cups. Info, Bruce Smith 501-312-8715 or Shonna Green at 501-666-2406 ext 108 at the Zoo.

Apr 26, 2003-006 - Tyler TX CASI. Tyler Rotary Club's First Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 236 South Broadway in downtown Tyler. Start registering at 8 AM. Turn-in 1 PM entry fee \$15. Awards and prizes for chili and showmanship. Goody bags while they last. Must have fire extinguisher. Limited RV parking no hookups. Stay and enjoy Blues Festival on The Square. Held for the benefit of local, district state and international club projects. Please register on or before April 19, give name, chili name, phone number with area code. and address with zip. Send to Fran Hall, Exec Sec. P.O. Box 131444, Tyler, TX 75713. Make checks payable to Tyler Rotary Club. tylerrotarysec@hotmail.com. would prefer to receive email. Phone 903-561-8056.

Apr 26, 2003-007 - Macon GA CASI. Georgia State Chili Championship and Brunswick Stew Cookoff. Held at Shrine's Park in Macon, Ga. Cooks meeting 9 AM. Entry fee \$35, turn-in 2 PM. Cook's party Friday night. RV parking, no hookups. Contact Beth Edmundson 478-746-6286 or Larry Oliver 850-995-9517.

Apr 26, 2003-008 - Cedar Rapids IA CASI. Chiligans Chili Cookoff. Held at 912 1st Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids. Charity, ICAA POD. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 12 Noon. Also, Traditional chili \$10, or \$23 for both. Salsa \$5, turn-in 12 Noon. Contact Gary Christensen, 1222 10th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405. Phone 319-365-2944. Notice this is a new location, call Gary for directions.

Apr 26, 2003-009 - Gladewater TX CASI. 18th Annual East Texas Gusher Days. Held at 100 block of East Pacific, downtown Gladewater. Benefits the Gusher Park/Scholarships. Entry fee \$17, turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot beans \$5, turn-in 12 noon and people's choice, showmanship. Contact Glenda Grubbs, 6560 FM 1795, Gilmer, TX 75644. Phone 903-725-6921.

Apr 26, 2003-010 - Aberdeen, MD CASI Eastern Regional CCO. Information to follow. Contact Alan Dean, 410-879-6410 or pepperdean@comcast.net.

Apr 27, 2003-001 - 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. Breakfast Casserole Off, turn-in 9 AM, entry whole dish. CASI chili entry \$17 turn-in 12 noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. CASI Show- manship, Hot Wings Fry-Off, entry

\$5, turn in 2:30 PM. Live music, tasting cups, silent auction, and much more. Contact Keith Karaff 281-955-2603, email kdkone@aol.com please use subject line HPCCO32.

May 3, 2003-001 - Memphis TN CASI. Variety Club Cookoff. Being held at 3294 Poplar Avenue. Turn-in 1 PM Entry fee \$25. Charity Brave Kids. Hot wings contest turn-in 12 Noon. Entry \$10. 100% payback. Make checks payable to Variety Club Tent #20. Contact George Kunkle 901-327-9674 or Jerry Gwyn 901-323-2220.

May 3, 2003-002 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. 2nd Annual Smoke On The Water Chili Cookoff. Aransas Pass Community Park, 200 E. Johnson Ave. at State Highway 361. Benefits the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce. Turn-in 3 PM, entry fee \$18. Outlaw chili \$4. entry fee, turn-in 2 PM. Showmanship judging Noon. Jackpot beans \$10 entry, (80%) payback. Info, Brian Bondy 130 W. Goodnight Aransas Pass, TX 78336 or email info@aransaspass.org. Phone 800-633-3028 or 361-758-2750.

May 3, 2003-003 - Coldspring TX CASI. 6th Annual Hot Stuff Chili Cookoff. Held at Browder's 3278 Marina. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Checks payable to Coldspring Chamber of Commerce. Benefits Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce. Contact Betty Russo Box 980 Coldspring, TX 936-653-2184, ccc@txucom.net.

May 3, 2003-004 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 3825 Duck Creek Drive. Benefits Elk's Charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. 50/50 Jackpot beans \$5 turn-in 12 noon. 25 RV hookups w/electricity and water w/reservations \$10/night pre pay w/chili entry, and plenty of shade trees. Cook's party Friday night, entertainment on Saturday night. Goody bags for first 20 cooks. Make checks payable to Elks #1984 (mark for chili cookoff). Mail to Kay Watson 3825 Duck Creek Drive, Garland Tx 75043. Contact Neta Rohr for Directions and info. 972-495-3305 or neta27@attbi.com Moss 972-571-7870, or Roy Harper 972-226-6989 during business hours. Also, see Sunday cookoff.

May 3, 2003-005 - Marble Falls TX CASI. 32nd Annual Howdy-Roo Chili Cookoff - Bean Cookoff. 8th Annual CTBA Bar-B-Que Cookoff (Ribs, Brisket and Chicken). 6th Annual Business Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Park. Very limited hookups. Cook's party Friday night. Potluck dinner Saturday night. Entertainment both nights. Benefits local charities. CASI Chili \$17, Business Chili \$17 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5, turn-in 12 noon. BBQ \$20 each meat or \$50 for all three. Turn-in Chicken 1 PM, Ribs 2:30 PM, Brisket

3 PM. Arts and crafts \$25 for booth space. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Ruby Ross 830-693-3492. P. O. Box 934 Marble Falls, Texas Also, Golf Tournament on Friday at 1 PM (must sign up before 11 AM Friday). \$35 includes cart, green fees and practice balls. Contact Larry Kinnison 830-693-5502. Fees paid to Larry Kinnison P.O. Box 878 Marble Falls, Tx 78654. Look forward to seeing you!

May 3, 2003-007 - Amarillo TX CASI. Goodwill Industries Annual Cookoff. Held at 45th and Georgia. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Larry Guffy 806-331-3586.

May 4, 2003-001 - Garland TX CASI. Elks Lodge #1984 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 3825 Duck Creek Drive. Benefits Elk's Charities Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 12 noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Bloody Mary breakfast (donations) at 8 AM. Plenty of parking under shade trees and RV parking with reservations with Elect. & water. Make checks payable to Elks #1984 (mark for chili cookoff). Mail to Kay Watson 3825 Duck Creek Drive Garland, TX 75043. Contact for directions and info Neta Rohr at 972-495-3305 or neta27@attbi.com Moss 972-571-7870 or Roy Harper 972-226-6989 during business hrs.

May 4, 2003-002 - El Paso TX CASI. KBNA Rodeo Cinco de Mayo Celebration. El Paso County Coliseum 4100 E. Paisano, El Paso for the benefit of St. Judes. Turn in 2 PM. Entry \$15 chili, \$5 salsa Make checks payable to Pod Of The Pass. Contact Carol Straughan. caroleptx@aol.com.

May 4, 2003-003 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Day After Howdy-Roo Backbone Creek Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Park. Benefits local charities. Fee \$17 turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Info Ruby Ross 830-693-3492. P.O. Box 934 Marble Falls, Texas 78654.

May 4, 2003-004 - Berryville VA CASI. Virginia State Championship. Held at Veramar Winery, Quarry Rd Rte 612 (1 mile south of Rte. 7) Benefits local charities, Clark County Athletic Dept. Entry fee \$19, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to George Rockwell-ODPOD. Info Rocky Rockwell, 9085 Barrister Jacksonville, Fl. 32257. Email rockyrockwell@cs.com. Or phone 904-737-3723.

May 4, 2003-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. 1st Annual Randall County Fire Rescue Cookoff. Held at Club 26 at 26th and Paramount. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Brisket \$15, Ribs \$15,

both for \$25. Contact Justin Baker 806-359-1107 or leave message at 806-622-1137.

May 4, 2003-006 - Frontenac KS CASI. Blessing of the Bikes Cookoff. Held in Christmas Park (City Park) Crawford & McKay Sts, in Frontenac. Charity, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish/Civic Museum. Entry fee \$18, Turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please try to register by

April 25. Contact Paul Mendicki 107 E Lanyon, Frontenac, KS 66763. email mendicki@fament.com. This is a Sunday cookoff. Contact Paul if you need help with accommodations. CHILI GRIND ONLY...

May 10, 2003-001 - Jackson TN CASI. West Tennessee STAR Center Speedway Classic Chili Cookoff. Held at the Jackson Fairgrounds, about 70 miles east of Memphis and 140 miles west of Nashville, off I-40 exit 80A 5 miles south on Hwy 45 Bypass. Benefits The Star Center, largest non-profit assistive technology center in USA. RV park no hookups. Site open Friday after 5 PM and Saturday after 7 AM. Cook's meeting 10 AM. Entry fee \$19. Bring throwdown chili for crowd. Turn in 1 PM. CASI, Open, Showmanship divisions. Silent auction of Nascar memorabilia, some are autographed. Also chili items, toys, etc. Please bring anything NASCAR related for the Auction. Make checks payable to The Star Center. Info contact George Tubbs phone 731-424-8270 gijoechili@yahoo.com or Joanne Hughes or Trent Taylor phone 731-668-3888 at the Star Center. Goodie bags to first 15 paid cooks that register. Driver appearances and Autograph sessions. Local drivers and racing cars will be displayed. Live entertainment. CHILI GRIND OR GROUND ONLY.

May 10, 2003-002 - Denton TX CASI. Denton Elks Lodge Cookoff. Located 228 E. Oak, Denton. Entry fee \$18 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot beans \$5, turn-in 12 PM. Benefits Aubrey Area Youth. Make checks payable to Denton Elks Lodge. Contact Robert Bell 7118 FM 2931 Aubrey, Tx. 76227. Day phone 940-382-5360, 940-365-2504 night.

May 10, 2003-003 - Victoria TX CASI. Colet Inn Chili Cookoff. Colet Inn off Camp Colet Road. See detailed map www.coletinn.com or call for info. Benefits local charities. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Jr. chili entry \$5 turn-in 1 PM, BBQ Brisket entry \$15 turn-in 4 PM. Jackpot beans entry \$5 turn-in 12 PM. Salsa \$5, turn-in 11 AM. Jackpot Hot Wings \$5, turn-in 4:30 PM. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Springwood, Victoria, Tx 77905 or Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687 night, Robert Lowery 361-

575-6066 days, or Colet Inn 361-578-1360 night.

May 10, 2003-004 - Hot Springs AR CASI. Budweiser Hot Springs Chili Cookoff Held at Transportation Depot Plaza 100 Broadway Terrace, Hot Springs. Charity Smoke on the Water Festival Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Also, maverick chili. Bring extra chili for crowd. Phone Ron Cates 621 East 8th, Pine Bluff AR 71601, 870-536-8175. Register on-line smokeonthewaterbbq.com. Friday nights cook's party, goody bags. RV parking no hookups.

May 10, 2003-006 - Greensboro NCCASI. NC State Chili Championship. Held at Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, Greensboro. - Sandy Ridge Road exit off I-40. Turn-in 12 noon, entry fee \$20. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info, Adrienne Grant, aig@duke.edu or 919-403-9135, or Dick Steinert chilidick2@aol.com, 336-292-6580 or call toll-free the Epilepsy Info Service at 1-800-642-0500. Benefits The Epilepsy Foundation of NC Medication Fund. This is a new date and location for the official North Carolina State Chili Championship. See display ad in April Trails for details.

May 11, 2003-001 - Barstow CA CASI. Animals Like Chili Too. Held at 24704 Agate Rd. Barstow, Calif. Entry fee \$20, Turn-in 2 PM. Charity: Recycled Treasure Ranch Animal Rescue. Contact Donna Hinker 760-253-2975.

May 17, 2003-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Black Gold Chili Pod Cookoff. Held at Becky Sam's Tropical Bar & Grill 2518 FM 1936, Odessa. Entry \$20. Turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Black Gold Chili Pod. Contact Al McDonald 915-550-0304. Plenty of parking. No hookups. WTBA BBQ Cookoff, Brisket, Ribs, & Chicken. \$20 per category.

May 17, 2003-002 - Manchaca TX CASI. 4th Annual Giddy Ups Chili Cookoff. Held at Giddy Ups Saloon, Manchaca Rd., Manchaca, Tx. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 pm RV parking, no hookups. Contact Giddy Ups at 512-280-4732 or Ken Rodd 210-887-8827, sgmken@aol.com. Cookoff next day same location.

May 17, 2003-003 - Kemah TX CASI. 3rd Annual Fellowship of Eagles Lodge 4175 Chili Cookoff. Held at Lodge 4175, 805 FM-2094, Kemah, Tx. Benefits FOE Charities. Jackpot beans \$5, turn-in 1 PM. CASI chili CHILIGRIND ONLY \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Lots of tailgating space, sorry no RV's/trailers. From I-45, Gulf Frwy South, exit FM 518, continue through League City, continue on FM 2094 past South Shore Harbor Resort. Lodge on right side of FM 2094 next to

Convenient store/ gas station. Info: Bob Horan 14242 Turnervine, Tomball Tx. 77375-4049 phone 281-357-0175, or e-mail shelty246@houston.rr.com. Lodge phone 281-334-3310.

May 17, 2003-004 - Irving TX CASI. Top Of Texas Pod Cookoff. Held at Irving Elks Lodge, 2015 N. Britain Rd., Irving. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Elks Charities. Also, Novice Chili \$20 turn-in 2 PM, Junior Chili \$5 turn-in 12 Noon, Beans \$5, turn-in 12 Noon. Cook's dinner Friday night provided by the Elks. Breakfast Saturday Morning. 36 Hookups and ample parking \$5. Contact Sharon Neff 702 Oakland, Irving, Tx 75060. 972-580-4130.

May 17, 2003-005 - St. Charles IL CASI. Eleventh Annual Chillini Pod Chili Cookoff. Held at St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 N Third Street, St. Charles. IL. Benefits Pod Charities Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Salsa \$5, turn-in 12 Noon. Make checks payable to Chillini Pod. Contact Bill Pierson or Wes Carlson at 411 Illinois Ave. Batavia IL 60510 Bill 603-879-7934, ChilliniPod@aol.com. or Wes at 815-885-3470.

May 17, 2003-006 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Windemer Hotel Chili Cookoff Held at 2047 S. Hwy 92. Across highway from the Mall at Sierra Vista. Benefits American Cancer Society. Entry fee \$10, first time cooks free. Turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Dry camping, cook where you camp. Room discounts with free breakfast. Contact Larry Rau 7124 Rainbow Vista, Hereford AZ. 85615. Phone 520-378-7247.

May 17, 2003-007 - Mesquite TX CASI. Mesquite Youth Services Annual CCO. Held at City Lake Park, 403 South Gallaway, Mesquite. No RV parking available. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 12 noon. Make checks payable to Mesquite Youth Services, Inc. Contact Dana Mitchell MYS Director 1505 Edwards Church Rd. Mesquite, TX 75181. Chili Cookoff for Kids entry fee \$10, Dessert Contest \$10 entry fee. Raffle, games for kids, refreshments. For info call 972-222-3198, fax 972-222-4184.

May 17, 2003-008 - WSMR NM CASI. White Sands Chili Cookoff. All details to follow. Contact Bud Barrick.

May 18, 2003-001 - Manchaca TX CASI. 3rd Annual "FRIENDS OF TEXAS LADIES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP" Chili Cookoff Held at Giddy Ups Saloon, Manchaca Rd, Manchaca Tx. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Entry \$12. Turn-in 1 PM. Contact Giddy Ups at 512-280-4732 or Ken Rodd 210-887-8827, sgmken@aol.com Cookoff previous day same location

May 24, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship. Will be held at a new location, Wichita Falls RV Park on 5th St. RV Parking with full hookups & cable TV, swimming pool, showers for \$15 per night. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot beans \$5, with \$200 in the pot to start with turn-in 11 AM. Info Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273. Benefits Shrine. Friday night supper, breakfast Saturday morning, Supper Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning See Sunday cookoff same location.

May 24, 2003-002 - Spicewood TX CASI. Cast Off Chili Cookoff. Held at Krause Springs, Hwy 71 to Spur 191 North. Benefits Local Charities. Entry \$15 turn-in 1 PM CHILIGRIND ONLY. Cook's party Saturday night. Checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod. Contact Ruby Ross 830-693-3492. Camping info call Jane Krause 830-693-4181

May 24, 2003-003 - Broken Arrow OK CASI. Green Country Chili Pod Cookoff. Held at The Crawfords's, Hwy 51 between Broken Arrow and Coweta to Oneta Rd. turn S. to 111 St, turn W. 1/2 mile on S. side of road. Benefits Green Country Chili Pod. Entry fee \$23, turn-in 2 PM. This is a Cook's Cook Off. Makes check payable to GCCP. Contact Everett or Lorinda Crawford, 23400 E. 111 St. Broken Arrow, OK. Phone day or night 918-455-8655.

May 25, 2003-001 - San Antonio TX CASI. Return of The Queens Chili Cookoff. Return of the Chili Queens 3-day Festival Memorial Day Weekend, in Market Square in Downtown San Antonio. 30 Bands on 5 stages, Food and drink vendors. Shopping in El Mercado. Cookoff located at corner of Santa Rosa and Commerce Sts. Maps available on request. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry \$17. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Nora Casias 210-622-3011 home, or cell 210-722-3058. Benefits Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and Lulac Scholarship Fund.

May 25, 2003-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. Chili Legends Memorial Cookoff. Held on Sunday at Water Valley Park. Benefits CV Regional Food Bank. Entry fee chili \$20, Jackpot pinto beans \$5. Jr Chili Cookoff \$5. BBQ Cookoff on Saturday May 24 Entry fee \$15 per category for Brisket, Ribs Chicken. Open (any thing except BBQ) entry \$5. 80% payback on BBQ. Contact Laura Coad 915-944-7715

May 25, 2003-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. NOB POD Cookoff. Will be held at new location. Wichita Falls RV park on 5th St. With full hookups, & cable TV, swimming pool and showers, \$15 per night. Entry fee \$18, CHILIGRIND ONLY, Turn-in Noon.

Also, see Saturday cookoff. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273.

May 25, 2003-004 - Spicewood TX CASI. Laid Back Chili Cookoff. Held at Krause Springs, Hwy 71 to Spur 191 North. Entry \$15 turn-in 1 PM CHILIGRIND ONLY. Benefits CASI Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to Highland Lakes Chili Pod Pod. Info Ruby Ross 830-693-3492. Camping, Jane Krause 830-693-4181. These are fun cookoffs! Jun 7, 2003-001 - Trinidad CO CASI. Santa Fe Trail Chili Cookoff. Held downtown on Main Street. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. Charity Local Volunteer Fire Dept. Cookoff in conjunction with Annual Santa Fe Trail Festival. Also, Bean, Salsa, Green Chili, and Fire House open chili. Contact Laurie or Mike Parker 719-859-3060 Day 719-846-0494 Night. email at parkerprop@adelphia.net. Register by May 15 to receive comemorative goody bag. Checks payable to SFT Chili Cookoff.

Jun 7, 2003-002 - Alamogordo NM CASI. Alamogordo VFW Cookoff. Held at HWY 70 West. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 2 PM. Checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107, teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jun 7, 2003-003 - McDade TX CASI. Star Ranch Chili Cookoff. Held at Star Ranch, 166 Eely Rd. 35 miles east of Austin on Hwy 290. Turn left at white church onto Waco St., 4 miles across railroad track left onto Brown Rd. 2.5 miles to Eely Rd. Follow signs to Star Ranch. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 2 PM. Charity Mcdade Watermelon Festival Committee. Star Ranch is a clothing optional club. Cooks party Friday night. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact 512-273-2257, starranch@totalaccess.net. Make checks payable to C.O.G.

Jun 7, 2003-004 - Longview TX CASI. 2nd Annual One Hundred Acres of Heritage Cookoff. Held in down town Longview. Entry fee \$25 per team. Entry deadline May 16th. Turn-in 1 PM. Also, the AlleyFest, Arts & Crafts Music Festival. Info Casey Dirksen, Box 3721, Longview, Tx. 75606. See www.alleyfest.org for Chili cookoff application. Or Stacey Marino 903-236-0051, email smarino@fox51.com.

Jun 7, 2003-005 - Greer AZ CASI. Greer Days Chili Cookoff. Held at Snowy Mt. Lodge, Greer, AZ. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 3 PM. Benefits Greer Civic Assoc. Make checks payable to Alpine Chili Society. Contact Dick Seehusen P.O. Box 77, Alpine, AZ. 85920

Jun 7, 2003-006 - Houston TX CASI. Space City Chili Championship and Music Festival. Held at Blanco's Bar & Grill, 3406 W. Alabama. Chili, Jackpot beans, Music all day

Details to follow. Contact Walter Caldwell 281-334-0403, or email waltercaldwell@earthlink.net.

Jun 8, 2003-001 - McDade TX CASI. Next Day Star Ranch Chili Cookoff. Held at Star Ranch, 166 Eely Road, 35 miles east of Austin on Hwy 290. Turn left at white church onto Waco St. 4 miles across rail-road track, left onto Brown Rd. 2.5 miles to Eely Road. Follow signs to Star Ranch. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 12 noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Star Ranch is a clothing optional club. Cooks party Friday night. Make checks payable to C.O.G. Contact 512-273-2257, or email starranch@totalaccess.net.

Jun 8, 2003-002 - Alvarado TX CASI. American Legion Post 426 Chili CCO. Held at FM 3136, West of I-35W, call for directions if needed. Benefits Local Post 426 charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jack pot beans entry \$5, turn-in 11:30. Contact American Legion Post 426 817-783-8858 day or night. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Jun 8, 2003-003 - Houston TX CASI. 26th Annual Space City Pod Chili Cookoff. Held at Blanco's Bar & Grill, 3406 W. Alabama. Chili, Omelette Cookoffs. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Walter Caldwell waltercaldwell@earthlink.net, 281-334-0403. Details to follow.

Jun 14, 2003-001 - Chugwater WY CASI. Chugwater State Cookoff. 18th Annual State of Wyoming Chili Championship. Located town park. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Chugwater Economic Dev., Ambulance, Community Center and Historical Group. Contact Krista West 307-422-3493 M-W-F.

Jun 14, 2003-002 - Jonestown TX CASI. 23rd Annual SOT POD Cookoff. Held on Lake Travis. Entry fee \$17, Local Chili \$10, Beans \$10, Salsa \$5, Jr. Chili \$5. Also, see Sunday cookoff. Info Greg Martin. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cook's party Friday night.

Jun 14, 2003-003 - Iraan TX CASI. 11th Annual Alley OOP Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held in Iraan Park CASI & WTBA Sanctioned. Entry fees, Chili \$17, Beans \$5, Brisket \$15, Chicken \$15, Pork Ribs \$15. Benefits Ex-students Association Scholarship Fund. Contact Venetia Smith 915-639-2761, or email at margaritavenetia@yahoo.com. This is CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Jun 15, 2003-001 - Jonestown TX CASI. 2nd Day SOT POD Cookoff. Located on Lake Travis. Chili entry fee \$17, see Saturday cookoff. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Greg Martin.

Jun 20, 2003-001 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Ms Parker's Friday Night Social CCO & Jackpot Bean Cook Off. Held at Columbus Acres, 10201 Columbus Acres Rd (off AR Hwy 71 & Brooken Hill Dr). Entry fee \$15, turn-in 7 PM. Beans \$5. Benefits Belch Pod. Contact Guy Smith P O Box 5211, Fort Smith, AR 72913. Phone 479-646-9444. GROUND MEAT ONLY. See cookoff next day same site.

Jun 21, 2003-001 - Fort Smith AR CASI. 21st Annual Judge Issac C Parker Memorial Chili Cookoff (Midsouth Regional Open & Arkansas State Open BBQ Championship) at 10201 Columbus Acres Rd. (off AR HWY 71 & Brooken Hill Dr.) Entry fee \$20, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable Fort Smith Boy's Shelter. Contact Guy Smith, Hooch Pod, P.O. Box 5211 Fort Smith AR 72913. Cook's Bags first 100 cooks. Guy, 479-646-9444.

Jun 21, 2003-002 - Grand Lake CO CASI. 20th Annual State of Colorado CASI Chili Championship. Held in Town Park. Benefits Grand Lake Dive and Rescue Team. \$25 for CASI red or green chili; \$10 for green when entering red competition. Cook at 9,000 feet - all cooks who register and pay their fee by June 2, 2003 will receive a special 20th year momento. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Info: Lyman Wilkinson, (720)890-9600 or John Montgomery, (303)831-5000.

Jun 21, 2003-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Held at 4605 Lake Shore Drive. RV parking (no hookups). Indoor cooking available. Benefits Legion charities. Chili: entry: \$17, turn-in: 2:00p. Jackpot beans: entry: \$5, turn-in: 12:00 Noon. Checks payable to American Legion Post 169. Info: Glyn Gaines, (940)767-2273.

Jun 21, 2003-004 - Pine Bluff AR CASI. Smoke On The Water Chili Cookoff. Held at Hestand Stadium 420 North Blake St. Pine Bluff, AR. 71601. Make checks payable to Smoke On The Water Festival Assn., charity. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Also, maverick chili. Bring extra chili for crowd. Cook's party Friday night. Contact Ron Cates 621 E. 8th Pine Bluff, AR. 71601. CHILIGRIND ONLY. You may register online at smokeonthewaterbbq.com. Phone 870-536-8175. RV parking no hookup.

Jun 21, 2003-005 - Spring TX CASI. 3rd Annual Piney Woods Pod Cookoff. Details to follow.

Jun 21, 2003-006 - Yoakum TX CASI. Friends of the Blue Bonnet Youth Ranch, five miles East of Yoakum on 111. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot beans entry fee \$5, turn-in 12 Noon. Contact Don Hoy 3680 FM 3157, Cuero, TX 77954. 361-277-8687 or 361-275-0514.

Jun 22, 2003-001 - Spring TX CASI. Day After Piney Woods Pod Cookoff. Details to Follow.

Jun 28, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. EMS Chili Cookoff. Held at the Amercian Legion Post 533, Loop 150 E. Bastrop. Entry fee \$18, CHILIGRIND ONLY. Cooks party Saturday evening - RV park w/no hookups. Contact Crystal Deat 512-321-555. Chili cookoff next day same location.

Jun 28, 2003-002 - Adair OK CASI. Dalton Days Chili Cookoff Held in downtown Adair. Benefits the Chamber of Commerce. Details to follow. Contact Diana Kennedy P. O. Box 553, Adair OK 74330. 918-785-4242.

Jun 28, 2003-003 - Carthage TX CASI. Old Glory Freedom Fest Chili Cookoff. Held in Downtown Square in Carthage. Benefits the Carthage Main Street Orgranization Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2 PM. For info call Stephen Harned 114 E. Sabine, Carthage, Tx. 75633. Email stephen@studio-23.com. Phone work 903-694-2557, 903-693-5333 home. Please try to pre-register before June 21, 2003.

Jun 29, 2003-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. EMS Aux Chili Cookoff. Held at the American Legion Post 533, Loop 150 E. Bastrop. Entry fee \$12 - CHILIGRIND ONLY. Turn in 1 PM. RV parking w/no hookups. Contact Crystal Deat 512-321-5555. Chili cookoff previous day same location.

Jul 4, 2003-001 - Graham TX CASI. Red, White, and You Chili Cookoff. Held in Downtown Square in Graham. RV parking no hookups. May set up on Thursday PM. Participants must be in place before 9 AM Friday the 4th. CHILIGRIND ONLY, 2 lbs of chili grind will be furnished. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 4 PM. Other competition, Hot wings entry \$10, 50% payback first three places, turn-in 5 PM. Salsa entry fee \$5 100% payback first three places turn-in 3:30 PM. Beans entry \$5 100% payback first three places turn-in 3 PM. Novis (1st timer) entry \$15, 50% payback first three places, turn-in 4:30. Awards made 6 PM at gazebo. Contact Bob Sawyer 434 Oak, Graham, TX 76450, 940-549-7077. Make checks payable to Red, White and You, send to Bob Sawyer.

Jul 5, 2003-002 - Mount Snow VT CASI. Base Lodge Rodeo and Chili Cookoff. Friday, July 4: Cook's party at Snow Lake Lodge Cabana Bar 6 PM. Free drinks for cooks and judges. Saturday, July 5: Free coffee, bagels or danish during set up. Held in conjunction with rodeo. Rodeo is 3 day event, cooks get discount tickets. Friday rodeo will be late afternoon. You can view fireworks in Wilmington. On Saturday rodeo will start

after cookoff is over. Turn-in 3 PM Entry fee TBA. Charity Mount Snow Adaptive Ski Program, Helping handicapped people ski. Contact Alan Dean 410-879-6410.

Jul 12, 2003-001 - Schertz TX CASI. Summer Heat Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 8315, 1000 FM 78 Schertz, Tx. Charity, Voice of Democracy Scholarships. Entry fee \$17, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Cook's party Saturday night. Contact Peggy Reese, 533 Maple Dr. Schertz Texas, 78154. Stay over for Sunday Cookoff.

Jul 12, 2003-002 - Midwest City OK CASI. Oklahoma State Championship and Junior State Championship. Held at 102 Joe-Barnes Dr., off Douglas Blvd., Midwest City, OK. Benefits Midwest City Parks. Entry fee \$22, turn-in 1 PM. Junior entry \$5, turn-in 12 noon. Make checks payable to Hooch Pod. This is CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Jerry Dickerson 131 Amber Ridge Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801-3984, phone 405-214-9395. Ruth Ann Newman 405-282-3082.

Jul 13, 2003-001 - Schertz TX CASI. Sunday Summer Heat Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 8315, 1000 FM 78 Schertz, Tx. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 12 Noon. Charity, Youth Activities Make checks payable to VFW Post 8315. Contact Peggy Reese, 533 Maple Dr., Shertz, Tx. 78154

Jul 19, 2003-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. July Blowout Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. Benefits CVP Great Peppers Meeting. Chili \$20, Jackpot Pinto Beans \$5. Contact Sue Washburn 915-655-2546.

Jul 26, 2003-001 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Men's State Open CCO. Held at Ski Cloudcroft. Benefits NMCS and Local Charities. Turn-in 2 PM, entry fee \$15. Check payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107, TeamOrgan@zianet.com

Jul 26, 2003-002 - Austin TX CASI. 2nd Annual LONE STAR WEEKEND. Held at Austin Lone Star RV Resort 7009 S IH-35, Austin. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Entry \$85, includes 2 night full hookup RV site with cable TV, or (two nights in camping log cabin), 2 pancake breakfasts on Saturday and 2 pancake breakfasts on Sunday, 2 - 14 oz Prime Rib Steak Dinners (Grilled to order) on Sat evening. Turn-in 1 PM and 2 chili registrations on Saturday. Limit 30 entries/60 cooks. Contact Yolie Rodd at 512-444-6322 (resort office), Ken Rodd at 210-887-8827, sgmken@aol.com.

Jul 26, 2003-003 - Cloudcroft NM CASI. New Mexico Women's State Open CCO. Held at Ski Cloudcroft. Benefits NMCS and local charities. Turn-in 1 PM. Entry fee \$15. Check

payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107, TeamOrgan@zianet.com

Aug 2, 2003-001 - Zuehl TX CASI. Fourth Annual Aces Pod Cookoff. Held at Bexar Social Hall-Bowling Lanes, 1.5 miles from IH 10E on Trainer Hale Rd. 6.4 miles from Loop 1604 in San Antonio. Look for Cookoff signs. Benefits the St. Hedwig VFD. Entry fee \$20 on Saturday \$18 on Sunday or \$35 for both days. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM, Beans \$10 turn-in 12 Noon Local chili \$15, turn-in 2 PM. VFD Chili \$10, turn-in 2 PM. There will also be a CCO and showmanship held between area VFD. Should be interesting. Friday night cook's party-Saturday night pot luck and Sunday brunch. Contact Clyde Rogers 210-494-2666 or Janet Cielencski 210-661-3365. Make checks payable to ACES Pod.

Aug 3, 2003-001 - Zuehl TX CASI. Next Day Fourth Annual Aces Pod CCO Held at Bexar Social Hall-Bowling Lanes in Zuehl (San Antonio) 1.5 miles from IH 10E on Trainer Hale Rd. Trainer Hale Rd. 6.4 miles from loop 1604 in San Antonio. Look for Cookoff signs. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Charity La Vernia Food Pantry. Make checks payable to ACES POD. Contact Clyde Rogers 210-494-2666 or Janet Cielencski 210-661-3365.

Aug 16, 2003-001 - Wills Point TX CASI. 8th Annual CASI Cookoff. Held at Brown Bob's Hideaway Nudist Resort (clothing Optional). 3.2 miles N of 1-20 at HWY 64, left on CR 3403. Camping and RV hookups. Rooms also available. Clubhouse, swimming pool, jacuzzi, beautiful grounds. Entry fee \$20 Turn-in 2 PM, Bean entry fee \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Free ground fee for Head Cook and 1 Ass't, 4 members per showmanship team. All others \$30 for weekend. Info for RV and camping rsvn 903-873-3311, email b.b.s.hideaway@airmail.net. Web www.bbshideaway.com.

Aug 16, 2003-002 - Alpine AZ CASI. Four Corners Regional Chili Open Championship hosted by CASA Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona. Held at Alpine Rodeo Grounds. Benefits Alpine Fire Dept. Automatic Qualification for the Terlingua International Chili Championship goes to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners in competition chili and 1st place showmanship winner. Red chili turn-in 2 PM, entry fee \$20. Other events include showmanship, Time TBA. Jackpot bean entry \$5, BBQ Brisket entry \$5 and back by popular demand the infamous SPAM-O-RAMA contest, no entry fee. Cook's meeting 9 AM. Cook's party Friday night. Margarita contest Saturday evening followed by our ever popular "Evening with Jimmy Buffet" party. Free dry camping, no hookups. Cook where

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Aug 23, 2003-000 - Oklahoma City OK CASI. Tony Newcombe 23rd Annual Chili and Moonlight Party. Held at 4711 N. Tulsa, Oklahoma City. Entry fee \$20, Turn-in 7 PM. Make checks payable to Tony Newcombe. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Jerry Dickerson 131 Amber Ridge, Shawnee, OK 74801-3984. Phone 405-214-9395 or Alan 405-232-0022

Aug 23, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Bronze Buzzard Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at La Kiva. Benefits the Carolyn Hetjmancik Memorial Fund for the Terlingua School. Entry fee \$17. Turn-in 2 PM. BBQ \$20 per category, Ribs, Chicken and Brisket. Chicken turn-in 12 Noon Rib turn-in 1 PM Brisket turn-in 3 PM. Beautiful Bronze Buzzard awarded to 1st place Chili and BBQ Champion. Contact Dorathy Williams 371-2595 or Boomer Kingston at 915-563-5499. BBQ WTBA Rules apply 50% payback 1-3 BBQ.

Sep 14, 2003-001 - Cornudas TX CASI. Reach For A Star Chili Cookoff. Held Sunday 63 Miles East of El Paso Hwy 62-180. Full RV hookups limited. Fun, Games, Live Music all day. Saturday night buffet dinner, dance and live music. Breakfast Sunday morning. Other activities all day Sunday. Charity Reach For A Star. Entry \$15, turn in 2 PM. Contact Carol Straughan 3608 Buxton, El Paso 79928. email caroleptx@aol.com.

Sep 20, 2003-001 - Jackson TN CASI. West Tennessee STAR Center Second Annual KidsFEST Chili Cookoff. Held at Jackson Fairgrounds. About 70 miles east of Memphis, 140 miles west of Nashville, off I-40 exit 80A, 5 miles south on Highway 45 Bypass. All proceeds go directly to The Star Center, the largest non-profit assistive technology center in the country. RV parking, no hookups. Site open Friday after 5 PM and Saturday after 7 AM. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Kidsfest is an interactive event just for kids and their families. Petting zoo, crafts live entertainment, etc. Bring kids theme games, bring kids, grandkids. CHILI GRIND OR GROUND MEAT ONLY. Turn-in 1 PM. Please bring chili or child related items for the Silent Auction. CASI and Open Chili and Showmanship Divisions. Entry \$19. Make checks payable to The STAR Center. Contact George Tubb 731-424-8270 or gijoechili@yahoo.com, or James 731-668-3888 at The STAR Center. Please bring extra chili for crowd. Goodie bags for first 15 paid registered cooks.

Sep 20, 2003-002 - Johnson City TX CASI. Johnson City River Fair formerly Labor Day Weekend Cookoff held at Blanco County

Fairgrounds, Hwy 281 at Pedernales River. Make checks payable to Pod on the Pedernales. Charities - J.C. Blue Santa, CASI Nat'l Scholarship Fund, and Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans and Barbecue info to follow. Contact Barbara C. Taylor phone 830-868-2223. Also see Sunday CCO next day same location. Sep 20, 2003-003 - Lake Zurich IL CASI. Barn Burnin' Chili Cookoff. Held at Paulus Park, 200 S. Rand Road, about 1/4 mile north of RT. 222 & Rt. 12. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Checks payable to Village of Lake Zurich. Contact Karen Meyers Lake Zurich Park & Recreation Dept 200 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. 847-438-5146 Ext 10, fax 847-540-5081.

Sep 21, 2003-001 - Johnson City TX CASI. Johnson City River Fair formerly Labor Day Weekend Cookoff held at Blanco County Fairgrounds, Hwy 281 at the Pedernales River. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Beans and Barbecue info to follow. Make checks to Pod on The Pedernales. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits the J.C. Blue Santa, CASI National Scholarship Fund and Pod. Contact Barbara C. Taylor 830-868-2223 or email taylor@moment.net. Also, see Saturday Cookoff same location.

Sep 27, 2003-001 - Columbus NM CASI. Pancho Villa Last Chance CCO. Held at Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, NM. Benefits NMCS. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 2 PM. Check payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107 of TeamOrgan@zianet.com.

Oct 11, 2003-001 - Hockley TX CASI. More info to follow. Contact Bob Horan shelty246@houston.rr.com. phone 281-357-0175.

Oct 11, 2003-002 - Homosassa FL CASI. Southeast Chili Cookoff. Held at Natures Resort on West Halls River Rd. Entry \$20 Turn-in 2 PM. Benefiting Rotary Club Charities. Cooks party Friday eve. Cabin rentals and RV site rsvn call Freita 800-301-7880. Chili Cookoff next day same location. Contact Bill Garbutt 941-235-1303 or Ken Rodd 210-887-8827 email chiliflorida@aol.com.

Oct 12, 2003-001 - Hockley TX CASI. More info to follow. Contact Bob Horan 281-357-0175. shelty246@houston.rr.com.

Oct 12, 2003-002 - Homosassa FL CASI. Sunshine State Chili POD Cookoff. Held at Natures Resort on West Halls River Rd. Entry \$15. Turn-in 12 Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cookoff previous day same location. Info Bill Garbutt 941-235-1303 or Ken Rodd 210-887-8827, or email chiliflorida@aol.com.

Oct 18, 2003-001 - Lake Dallas TX CASI. First Ever in Lake Dallas Chili CCO Held at Willow Park, Lake Dallas. More info to follow. RV parking available, some hookups. More info to follow. Contact Linda or Bill Buschel 972-986-6211.

Oct 18, 2003-002 - Taylor TX CASI. Taylor Chili Cookoff. Held at SPJST Hall, FM 619 off HWY 79, Taylor, Tx. Benefits youth activities. Entry fee \$18, turn in 2 PM. Make checks payable to SPJST Lodge. Contact Edmond Tate 5101 FM 619, Taylor, Tx. 76574. 512-352-6223. Free dance Friday night and the grilled hamburgers aren't high. Saturday morning cooks breakfast. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Oct 28, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Sotol Pod Cookoff. Held at Rancho CASI de le Chisos. Turn-in 3 PM. Entry fee \$17. Make checks payable to Sotol Pod. Contact Dorathy Williams for info 915-371-2595, 1-888-CASI-HOT or Dorathy@Brooksdata.net.

Nov 1, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. 37th Annual TICC. Must qualify to earn invitation to cook. National Scholarship Day on Friday October 31, with hot wings, beans and salsa open competition. Saturday chili turn-in 12 Noon. See www.chili.org for more details and schedule of events. Phone for info at 1-888-CASI-HOT or Alan Dean at 410-879-6410. email, pepperdean@comcast.net.

Nov 8, 2003-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. Tucson Cowboy Music Roundup Chili Cookoff. Held at St. Mary Road & Granada (just off Interstate 10) Tucson. Benefits 4-H Club of Pima County. Entry fee \$10, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA Contact Peter Braly 8401 Kolb Road #433, Tucson, AZ 85706.

Nov 15, 2003-001 - Llano TX CASI. Llano City Park CCO held at Llano City Park. Benefits Llano County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund. Entry fee TBA Turn-in 2 PM. Contact Larry or Jessie Otto. 512-627-2581 evening 512-444-6971. Lotto@austin.rr.com

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Peppers are HEALTHY

*The Powerful Health Punch of the Mighty Pod by Dave DeWitt
Excerpted from the upcoming Pepper Encyclopedia (1998, William Morrow & Co.)*

Chile peppers don't have to be healthy to be fun to eat, but fortunately, they are. In fact, they have quite a long history as a folk remedy for all kinds of ailments, from anorexia to vertigo. Some of the more scientifically recognized medical applications of chile peppers include treatments for asthma, arthritis, blood clots, cluster headaches, post-herpetic neuralgia (shingles), and severe burns.

Chile peppers contain only a few calories (thirty-seven per 100 grams of green chile, about three and a half ounces), and possibly have the ability to burn off those calories and others as well. This intriguing possibility comes from researchers at Oxford Polytechnic Institute in England, who conducted an experiment in TEF, an acronym meaning "thermic effects of food." Twelve volunteers ate identical 766-calorie meals. On one day, three grams each of chile powder and mustard were added to the meals; on the next day, nothing was added. On the days chile and mustard were added, the volunteers burned between four to seventy-six additional calories, with an average of forty-five.

The researchers concluded that the test was "a possible lead to a different approach to weight reduction," but also warned that the effect had been demonstrated in only one small test. They also cautioned that six grams (1/5 ounce) of the chile-mustard mixture "may be a large amount for the average American. If you are used to Mexican, Spanish, or Indian food, though, it's reasonable."

A possible explanation for the process is the fact that certain hot spices—especially chiles—temporarily speed up the body's metabolism. After eating, the metabolic rate increases anyway—a phenomenon known as "diet-induced thermic effect." But chiles boost that effect by a factor of twenty-five, which seems to indicate that increasing the amount of chile in a recipe could reduce the effective caloric content—provided, of course, that one does not drink more beer to counter the added heat.

Another intriguing possibility has been suggested by T. George Harris, who wrote in *American Health* magazine that chiles stimulate the taste buds but not the sense of smell. Thus they "perk up food without adding fat." Harris added that he formerly made jokes about hot pepper diets, but now, "over the last couple of years, chile peppers have begun to emerge as the nutritional heroes of the future."

Most of the research on the nutritional properties of hot peppers has concerned the New Mexican pod types because they are consumed more as a food than a condiment. The long green pods are harvested, roasted and peeled, and are stuffed or made into sauces. Some of the green pods are allowed to turn red on the bush; after harvesting, these red chiles are used as the primary ingredient in red chile sauces. The green chiles are quite high in vitamin C, with about twice the amount by weight found in citrus, while dried red chiles contain more vitamin A than carrots. Vitamin C is one of the least stable of all the vitamins; it will break down chemically by heat, exposure to air, solubility in water, and by dehydration. Vitamin A, however, is one of the most stable vitamins and is not affected by canning, cooking, or time.

A high percentage of vitamin C in fresh green chiles is retained in the canned and frozen products, but the vitamin C content drops dramatically in the dried red pods and powder. Each hundred grams of fresh ripe chile pods contains 369 milligrams of vitamin C, which diminishes by more than half to 154 milligrams in the dried red pods. Red chile powder contains less than three percent of the vitamin C of ripe pods, a low ten milligrams.

The amount of vitamin A dramatically increases as the pod turns red and dries, from 770 units per hundred grams of green pods to 77,000 in freshly processed dried red pods. This hundred fold rise in vitamin A content is the result of increasing carotene, the chemical which produces the orange and red colors of ripe peppers. The recommended daily allowances for these vitamins are 5000 International Units for A and sixty milligrams for C. These allowances can be satisfied daily by eating about a teaspoon full of red chile sauce for A and about one ounce of fresh green chile for C.

Each hundred grams of green chile contains less than two tenths of a gram of fat, a very low amount. Since no cholesterol is found in vegetable products, peppers are free of it. The fiber content of fresh hot peppers is fairly high (between 1.3 and 2.3 grams per hundred grams of chile), and many of the dishes prepared with them utilize starchy ingredients such as beans, pasta, and tortillas. And the sugar in chiles is in the form of healthy complex carbohydrates.

Fresh green chile contains only 3.5 to 5.7 milligrams of sodium per hundred grams—a very low amount. We suggest that chile peppers can be very useful for the low sodium dieter. The substitution of hot peppers for salt makes gustatory sense because the pungency of the peppers counteracts the blandness of the meal resulting from salt restrictions. In other words,

the heat masks the absence of salt.

However, canned green chile peppers should be avoided because of the salt used in the canning process, which can be over a hundred times the amount in fresh or frozen chiles. For people on a potassium restricted diet, the opposite is true: canned chiles have one & a half the potassium content as fresh ones. Some experts blame this anomaly on the hot lye bath method of removing the tough pepper skins, a technique which provides additional sodium by absorption and reduces the potassium through leaching. It should be noted that some processors have switched to a high pressure steam treatment to remove skins; a far more healthy and tasty method.

Many varieties of the *Capsicum* species are not hot, or pungent. Most paprikas grown in Europe and bell peppers grown in the US have little or no pungency. These varieties are used fresh, or often used to color other foods. The wilder varieties, on the other hand, range from mildly to extremely pungent. This is entirely due to the substance capsaicin, or, actually, a group of similar substances called capsaicinoids. Pure capsaicin, or 8-methyl-n-vanillyl-6-nonenamide, is a whitish powder which is soluble in alcohol but insoluble in cold water, which is why drinking water to help alleviate the burning won't work. The capsaicinoids are unique compared to other "spicy" substances such as mustard oil (zingerone and allyl isothiocyanate), black pepper (piperine) and ginger (gingerol) in that capsaicin causes a long-lasting selective desensitization to the irritant pain by repeated doses of a low concentration or a single high concentration dose. This is familiar to most 'chile-heads' as an increasing ability to eat hotter chile peppers and foods.

Capsaicin, also known as N-Vanillyl-8-methyl-6-(E)-nonenamide, is the most pungent of the group of compounds called capsaicinoids isolated from peppers. It is sparingly soluble in water, but very soluble in fats, oils and alcohol. The second most common capsaicinoid is Dihydrocapsaicin:

Capsaicin and Dihydrocapsaicin together make up 80-90% of the capsaicinoids found in the fruit. In *C. annum* the total capsaicinoid content ranges from 0.1 to 1.0%, and the capsaicin:dihydrocapsaicin ratio is about 1:1. In *C. frutescens* (Tabasco peppers) the total content ranges from 0.4-1.0% with the ratio around 2:1.

Scoville Units were invented in 1912 by a pharmacist named Wilbur Scoville. These units measure the amount of capsaicin (the chemical that provides the heat) in a pepper. Measuring by Scoville Units is very subjective. To achieve a rating, it takes three out of five people to taste the heat in a diluted solution of alcohol and sugar water. The ratio of dilution is the Scoville Unit. For example, the Chiltepin is usually detected by 60 percent of the testers when diluted at a ratio of 1 part to 50,000 parts solution (1:50,000 and up to 1:100,000).

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Serrano - 5,000 to 15,000
Jalapeno, Mirasol, Guajillo - 2,500 to 5,000
Cascabel, Rocotillo - 1,500 to 2,500
Ancho, Pasilla, Negro - 1,000 to 1,500
Anaheim, New Mexico, Mulato - 500 to 1,000
Cherry - 100 to 500
Bell, Pimento - 0

Scale adapted from Moucka, Ronald B., "Turn Up The Heat With Chilies", *Zymurgy* (Vol. 17, No. 4). The Jan/Feb 1995 issue of *_Chile_Pepper_* magazine says: "A 1994 Red Savina Habanero from GNS Spices has tested an astonishing 577,000 Scoville Units and is believed to be the hottest pepper ever tested..." Incredible! This is about TWICE as hot as your average orange habanero!

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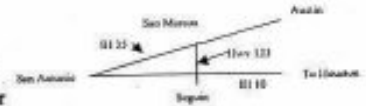


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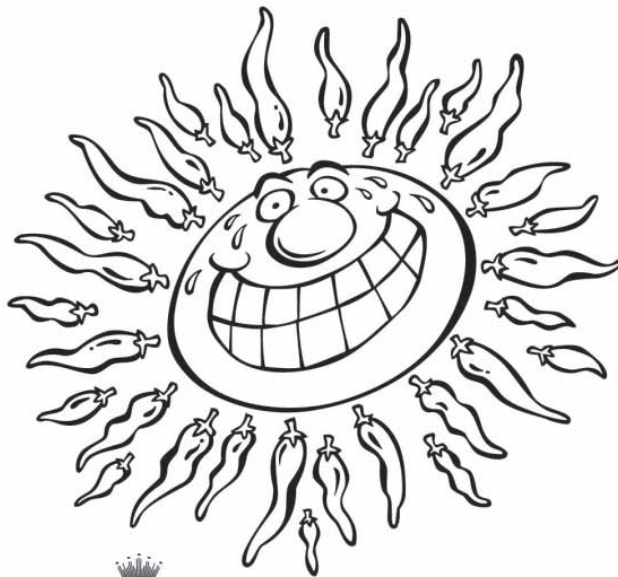


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CASI - Chili Appreciation Society International - Membership Application

(New Member) - (Renewal Member) - (Corporate Member) - **Circle One**
 Mail form and membership fee to **CASI - PO Box 92906 - Southlake, Texas 76092**
 Individual Membership: North American Annual Dues are \$15.00
 (US, US Protectorates, Canada and Mexico), International Annual Dues are \$30.00
 Lifetime Dues are \$225.00 (Not available to our International Members)
 Corporate Annual Dues are \$100.00 US.

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____ Your CASI No. _____
 (For Corporate Memberships - Owner Name) (Renewals Only)

Corporate/Business Name: _____
 (Corporate Membership Only - List as you wish on your Plaque)

Chili Team Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____ Telephone No:)(_____)_____

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Upcoming Cookoff Information Sheet

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO: CASI Upcomings - PO Box 39 - Terlingua, Texas 79852-0039
 Please list the following Upcoming Cookoff in the Terlingua Trails.

Date and City: _____

Cookoff Name: _____

Street Address/Location: _____

CASI Sanctioned: _____ Charity: _____

Turn-in Time: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Checks Payable to: _____

Information Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

Preregistration Deadline (If Applicable): _____ Special Meat: _____

Mail Judging Packet to: _____

Need Rule Book: (Yes) or (No) Chili Grind Only: (Yes) or (No)
 Send _____ Boxes of Terlingua Trails - Each box contains 25 copies of the Terlingua Trails

Send me CASI Judging Cup Tickets (no charge): Yes No , approximate number of tickets: _____

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