

Terlingua Trails

CASI AND TERLINGUA 40 YEARS AND COUNTING

Welcome to Terlingua

A big Terlingua welcome to all of the CASI cooks and the visitors to the Terlingua International Chili Championship; truly the greatest spectacle in the World of Chili. All of you have an important impact on both Terlingua and West Texas in many ways.

First of all, the economic impact is tremendous. Motels, restaurants and campgrounds are full of happy chiliheads. Stores and fuel stops prosper. The banking community tells us that this is an event like no other in West Texas. Additionally, many chiliheads find that the beauty and activities of the Big Bend justify other trips during the year.

Another impact is in the assistance given by CASI to the Terlingua School and area services. Scholarships donated by CASI have enabled students to achieve brighter futures. Monies received by the Medics and Fire Department help to assure their continued operation. Many other groups and entities have been beneficiaries of the generosity of the CASI cooks.

Perhaps the greatest impact is in the many, many friendships formed between local people and the folks who attend the CASI events, both at TICC and other events held during the year. CASI is an important part of our community and local folks look forward to the arrival of our friends.

Tom Williams



TERLINGUA

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

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President's Message to the Great Peppers Austin, Texas - September 9, 2006

Welcome delegates, directors, and guests. I hope you have come with an open mind and creative spirit to this, the business meeting of CASI. It is an honor to preside over this prestigious gathering of the

chili world.

We convene this meeting at the 9th hour of the 9th day of the 9th month of the 9th year since I was elected to serve on this board. Nine years ago, I never thought about being in this position. The officers and delegates that preceded us have done a fine job laying the ground work. The Board of Directors is the heart, but you are the life blood that invigorates as it carries the oxygen and stimulates our growth. Everyone who has ever been involved has left a mark in our book. It is gratifying to look back and see an idea become part of our fabric.

I am very proud to serve with the ladies and gentlemen at this head table. Each of them has poured countless hours into their respective CASI duties. Each has a valuable presentation that I hope you will pay close attention to. They cannot stand up here today and tell you what a fine job they do, but I can.

What once was a publicity stunt to draw people to a real estate venture is now an international organization celebrating its 40th event. The original chili challenge is now a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Federal Charity. It has raised millions of dollars for worthy causes. CASI has established debt free facilities on a 320-acre site and become a good corporate citizen of Brewster County, Texas.

We must recognize, document, and honor our heritage. The Memorial Board at Rancho CASI de los Chisos is filling too rapidly with the names of Chiliheads who no longer answer the call of the chili trail. I am calling for the establishment, on our grounds, of a museum facility to house, showcase and preserve that heritage. So much is being lost as we wait. The pledges of sponsors in our Legacy Program and interested chili groups will fund this endeavor. Too much talk has gone on for too long. It is time to make this a reality.

The state of the Chili Appreciation Society is good. It is vibrant, but it must grow. Our finances are sound. I salute you for taking your time to be here today. I hope you will return to your Pods with the spirit of this meeting. Keep the members informed.

Thank you very, very much!

Jim Ezell
CASI President



Alan Dean's Chili Hot News is now available on the web at:

www.chotnews.blogspot.com/

This newsletter is updated almost daily with the latest news about CASI, cookoffs, cooks, and much more.

CASI INSURANCE

Please make note: the contact for obtaining insurance certificates for cookoffs has changed. To get a certificate (proof of insurance) for your cookoff, please contact Michelle Moreau-Account Manager, Consolidated Insurance Center, Inc., 11403 Cronridge Drive, PO Box 0664, Owings Mills, MD 21117-0664, Phone: 410-356-9500, Fax: 410-363-3520, Email: mmoreau@cicinc.com



ED Ponderings

"At precisely 11:43 of the clock on a fair October morning in 1967 two male humanoids stood on the veranda of a crumbling adobe building in the ghost town of Terlingua, Texas, and listened to the thump of a wooden spoon against an ancient washboiler.

The dull thump signaled the start of an event that all but eliminated international tensions and domestic tribulations from the front pages of Texas newspapers. It was the bitterly fought contest called The Great Chili

Confrontation..."

That first cookoff pitted Wick Fowler (inventor of the "Two-Alarm Chili" Mix) against Dave Chasen of Beverly Hills. Chasen became ill and was replaced by humorist, H. Allen Smith who had written an article in *Holiday Magazine* that year entitled "Nobody Knows More About Chili Than I Do." Do you think that roused the passion in the hearts of Texans everywhere?

That first cookoff was declared a draw when the third judge and swing vote declared his taste buds paralyzed by Smith's chili and was unable to judge the second entry. The second cookoff, in 1968, was also declared a draw when the ballot box was stolen by masked men with guns. C.V. Wood won the third competition in 1969 and Wick Fowler won in 1970.

And thus it began.

Forty years later, the passion still exists. The competition has moved down the road to Rancho CASI de los Chisos and has grown into an event of epic proportions that match the enormous bragging rights up for grabs. The event is now a week long communion of chiliheads and fun-lovers. Thousands come to play and to witness the shenanigans, the Friday Scholarship Day competitions in hot wings, beans, and salsa, as well as the main attraction, the Terlingua International Chili Championship on Saturday.

This is an event not to be missed. I'll see you there.

Alan

¹H. Allen Smith, *The Great Chili Confrontation*. (New York: Trident Press, 1969), 11.

Scholarship Recipient Update

Dear Members of CASI.

Thank you very much for the Scholarship money. I am very grateful to receive this and appreciate your generosity.

I will be doing some traveling this semester before entering college. However, this money will be very helpful when I enroll for studies at Sul Ross State University.

Again, many thanks. Sincerely,

Sam Walker

Terlingua Trails

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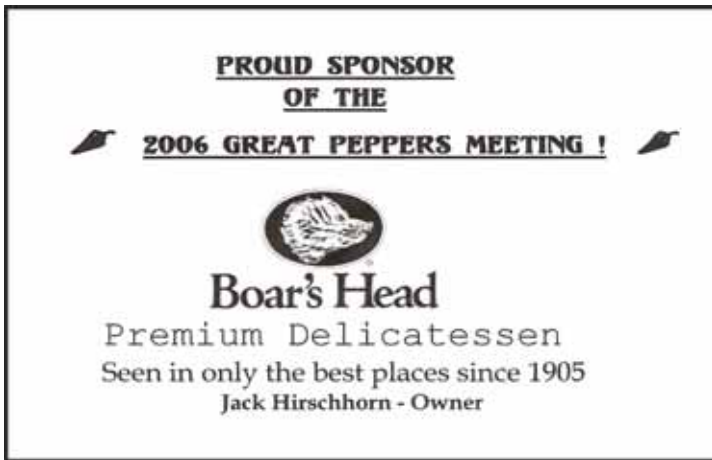
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TALLYMASTER'S REPORT

YEAR TO DATE COOKOFF-OFF STATISTICS

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALABAMA	6	2	30	1,800.00
ARKANSAS	12	21	482	54,689.00
ARIZONA	12	28	611	44,049.00
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	2	39	7,500.00
COLORADO	6	6	117	10,300.00
FLORIDA	9	7	135	35,495.00
GEORGIA	6	1	15	5,000.00
IOWA	9	7	142	6,581.00
ILLINOIS	12	14	297	20,808.00
INDIANA	6	2	51	25,900.00
KANSAS	6	5	117	4,984.00
LOUISIANA	6	1	50	2,456.00
MARYLAND	9	7	127	5,025.00
MISSOURI	6	5	99	22,220.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	3	51	1,500.00
MEXICO	6	4	186	4,751.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	9	150	35,975.00
NEBRASKA	6	1	25	2,500.00
NEW MEXICO	9	12	279	10,070.00
NEVADA	6	1	15	300.00
NEW YORK	6	1	15	2,875.00
OKLAHOMA	12	18	324	43,870.44
OREGON	6	2	32	763.83
PENNSYLVANIA	6	1	15	150.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	6	1	15	12,000.00
TENNESSEE	9	14	303	37,405.00
TEXAS	12	321	10,087	542,021.06
VIRGINIA	9	5	90	1,150.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	6	1	18	14,000.00
WASHINGTON	9	6	102	2,850.00
WYOMING	6	2	58	7,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		510	14,077	965,988.33

That was Then – This is Now

I must say that when President Ezell asked for each Board member to contribute to the October special edition of the *Trails* that I was at a loss for words (if you can believe that). Just when I had about given up, I received Mikie's article and decided to piggy back on her theme (thanks, Mikie).

My first trip to Terlingua was as a member of a qualified show team in 1984. In those days, a majority of those traveling from the Austin, Houston, and San Antonio areas rendezvoused in Del Rio on Wednesday, spent Wednesday night across the border (imagine that), and caravanned into Glen Pepper's Ranch in Terlingua on Thursday. Can you even imagine getting a parking place at the Ranch today on Thursday?

There were few stores in which to shop and fewer restaurants to grab a bite to eat if you didn't feel like cooking. If there was somewhere to fill up with water and then dump prior to leaving, I don't know where it was.

Since there was only one facility with public showers (La Kiva), those without shower facilities (and there were very few motor homes) went there - but not necessarily every day. We did use a lot of deodorant and perfume. J

Cooking and show was done, primarily, in "the bowl" unless you were fortunate enough to have a camp site on "the ledge". The Bottom of the Barrel Gang had a bird's eye view of everything happening in "the bowl".

Come Sunday morning, the whole operation worked in reverse. The Austin, Houston, and San Antonio area attendees made their way to Del Rio, many trying to beat others there to ensure they got a motel room and a much needed shower. Everyone spent Sunday night across the border, yet again, and headed home on Monday.

Did we have fun? You bet we did. Did we envision that one day CASI would own its own site? Not me. We've come too far to turn back now. I can only imagine what our great organization will be in 10 more years.

Renee Moore

Did You Know?

In the past five years, CASI has made charitable contributions in the Terlingua area that have totaled \$101,700.00. These donations have gone to the Sul Ross Rodeo Club, Brewster County, Terlingua Medics, Terlingua Volunteer Fire Department, Terlingua School, Terlingua Area Matching Fund, CASITex Schofield Scholarship Fund, and various other groups in the Terlingua Area. CASI - making a difference through chili!

DELINQUENT COOKOFFS - These are Cookoffs held before 08/01/06 that results have not been received for!

- Jul 15, 2006-009 - Del Rio TX
Rough Canyon Lighthouse Inn CCO.,
- Jul 29, 2006-008 - Decatur TX
Game Hunters Expo, Gun Show,

TICC Merchandise 2005

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CASI Membership Report

Mikie McGarity - Membership Chairperson



Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their annual dues. If you have a question about your membership, please call me (817) 975-2200 or email me (mikie@mcgarity.org.) 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. If you see any of these members at cookoffs in your area, I encourage you to make a new friend and extend a warm CASI welcome. Thank you. **PLEASE NOTE: ADDRESS FOR MEMBERSHIP--150 CR 3579, Paradise, TX 76073**

New CASI Members

George Baum – Dallas, TX
 Nancy Calhoun – Stanton, TX
 Valerie Castritis – Streamwood, IL
 Kathryn Cavender – Stafford, TX
 Jim Cooper – Jefferson City, MO
 Ray Crawford – Amarillo, TX
 Delana Gierisch – San Angelo, TX
 Debra High – Arlington, TX
 Frank Hollomon – Caruthersville, MO
 Sebert Jascckson Jr. – Indianapolis, IN
 Gordon Jett – Laredo, TX
 Jeff Johnson – San Angelo, TX
 David Lazarus – Killeen, TX
 Dena Martinez – San Angelo, TX
 John Mateja – King of Prussia, PA
 Ann McGregor – Alpine, AZ
 Robin Miller – Madison, NC
 Donnie Ostrom – St. Thomas, VI
 Debra Paxton – Arlington, TX
 Beau Poteet – Stanton, TX
 June Roberts – Chandler, AZ
 Cheryl Rupp – Gering, NE
 Brenda Sabo – Lukeville, AZ
 Lemuel Sinclair – Boerne, TX
 Sherrie Sutton – Indianapolis, IN
 Carlos Tovar – Petaluma, CA
 Keith Tubbs – Snoqualmie, WA
 James C. Wolfe – Cedar Rapids, IA

Renewing Members

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

Lori Abbotts – St. Thomas, VI
 Erik Ackerson – St. Thomas, VI
 Kyle Adams – Iowa Park, TX
 Ashdown Antique & Merchants Assoc – Ashdown, AR
 Karen Bains – Rankin, TX
 Arlindo Baptista – Petaluma, CA
 Jean Barkley – Weimar, TX
 Jackie Barta – Sierra Vista, AZ
 Mark Bass – Skiatook, OK
 Jeremy Bauer – Clifton, VA

John Behrens – Leander, TX
 Bob Bell – Chandler, AZ
 Dennis Bertling – Cedar Rapids, IA
 Shari Bertling – Cedar Rapids, IA
 Richard Bethell – Georgetown, TX
 Millie Bingham – Amarillo, TX
 Ron Black – Somerset, TX
 Ed Blair – Houston, TX
 Mayo Blair – Houston, TX
 Peggy Bocanegra – Houston, TX
 Dave Boone – Odessa, TX
 Cindy Brown – Memphis, TN
 David Brown – Catoosa, OK
 Michael Brown – Memphis, TN
 Scott Brown – Cordova, TN
 David Burns – Tucson, AZ
 Denise Cabello – Tucson, AZ
 Vincent Capozzi – Binghamton, NY
 Wes Carlson – Loves Park, IL
 Joe Cassini – Collierville, TN
 Wanda Cassini – Collierville, TN
 Sharren Christopherson – New River, AZ
 Janet Cieloncki – San Antonio, TX
 Kim Conner – San Angelo, TX
 Tom Cook – Marble Falls, TX
 Lorinda Crawford – Broken Arrow, OK
 Jo Anna Dahl – Shoreacres, TX
 Coby Davis – Garland, TX
 Roy Davis – Pasadena, TX
 Stacey Davis – Pasadena, TX
 Glenn Dickey – Farmington, NM
 Pam Diffin – Camp Verde, AZ
 Becky Sam Dixon – Odessa, TX
 Lisa Doty – San Angelo, TX
 Betty Duff – Port Coquitlam, BC
 Angie Duke – Valley Mills, TX
 Marleen Dykhuis – St. Thomas, VI
 Bobby Elliott – El Paso, TX
 Patsy Elliott – El Paso, TX
 Heidi Erwig – St. Thomas, VI
 Bob Essner – Grandview, MO
 Sam Essner – Grandview, MO
 Jerry Fickling – San Angelo, TX
 Kary Fieseler – Irving, TX
 Flatonia Chamber of Commerce – Flatonia, TX
 Debbie Fulbright – Little Rock, AR
 Marcia Gamino – El Paso, TX
 Fred Gann – Salisbury, NC
 A.J. Glass – San Angelo, TX
 Pilar Gonzales III – El Paso, TX
 Jimmy Goodson – Alvarado, TX
 Terry Graves – Wichita Falls, TX
 Philip Greenlees – Houston, TX
 Sue Ann Greive – San Antonio, TX
 Bob Griffin – Endicott, NY
 Judy Griggs – Gering, NE
 Ann Grossman – Corning, NY
 David Grossman – Corning, NY
 Kyle Haberman – Scottsbluff, NE
 Mike Hallenbeck – Broken Arrow, OK
 Ann Hanson – Las Cruces, NM
 Rick Hanson – Las Cruces, NM
 Marshall Hartman – St. Thomas, VI
 Mike Haskins – Tucson, AZ
 Mary Hernandez – El Paso, TX
 Bill Hill – San Angelo, TX
 Sissy Hill – Odessa, TX
 Jeanette Hodon – San Antonio, TX
 Larry Hodon – San Antonio, TX
 Dixie Johnson – Lamar, MO
 Junior Johnson – Lamar, MO
 Kenny Jones – Reidville, NC
 Rex Jones – Dallas, TX
 Janet Keirseay – Tulsa, OK
 Beverly King – Woodbridge, VA
 Richard King – Clifton, VA
 Jenny Lawler – Baltimore, MD
 Fred Lazarus – San Angelo, TX
 Steve Lee – Longmont, CO
 Robert Lisherness – San Antonio, TX
 Margaret Lopez – Pampa, TX
 Steve Lopez – Pampa, TX
 Larry MacMillan – Tucson, AZ
 Jim Martin – Alpine, AZ
 Kathy Martin – Huntley, IL
 Bob Massarelli – Forest Hill, MD
 Mike Mayenschein – Owasso, OK
 Doug McCoy – Cedar Rapids, IA
 Laura McDaniel – San Antonio, TX
 Amanda McDonald – Amarillo, TX
 Bill McDonald – Amarillo, TX
 Mikie McGarity – Paradise, TX
 Nick McGarity – Paradise, TX
 Georgeann McNicholas – St. Thomas, VI
 Paul Mendicki – Frontenac, KS
 Keith Miller – Madison, NC
 James Mosley – Little Rock, AR
 Annie K. Murphy – Houston, TX
 Frank Murphy – Houston, TX
 James Murry – Como, MS
 Lynne Murry – Como, MS
 Mel Neff – Terlingua, TX
 Sharon Neff – Terlingua, TX
 Brad Nelson – Crawford, TX
 Jack Nichols – Wichita Falls, TX
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 Mike Parker – Trinidad, CO
 Roger W. Patteson – Canyon Lake, TX
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 Mary Phelan – Alpine, AZ
 Rick Poston – Paris, TX
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Lee Pruiett – Garland, TX
 Maurice Ranc – York, PA
 Marvin Richard – Gering, NE
 Rocky Rockwell – Rochester, NY
 Ruben Rodriguez – Knickerbocker, TX
 Charmaine Rogers – San Antonio, TX
 Clyde Rogers – San Antonio, TX
 Norman Schoenrad – New River, AZ
 Candy Schultz – Quinlan, TX
 Sue Seehusen – Alpine, AZ
 Don Seifert – Houston, TX
 David Sexton – Grand Prairie, TX
 Thomas M. Shea – Moberly, MO
 Carson Smith – Tucson, AZ
 Cheryl Smith – Atascosa, TX
 Dick Smith – New River, AZ
 Doyle Smith – San Antonio, TX
 Mary Ellen Smith – Glendale, AZ
 Melodie Smith – San Antonio, TX
 Carol Straughan – El Paso, TX
 David Strobridge – Arlington, TX
 Frances Sullivan – Ennis, TX
 Johnny Sullivan – Ennis, TX
 Charles Sutton – Indianapolis, IN
 Alex Tanalski – Petaluma, CA
 Suzanne Tanalski – Petaluma, CA
 Ruth Teal – Pasadena, TX
 Charles "Bill" Thomas – Naperville, IL
 Ken Thomas – Austin, TX
 Christina Thompson – Ft. Worth, TX
 Linda Todd – Scottsbluff, NE
 Travis Tonzi – Fountain Hill, AZ
 Carlos Tovar – Petaluma, CA
 Larry Velasquez – Mission, KS
 Peggy Velasquez – Mission, KS
 Don Walker – Wichita Falls, TX
 Judy Walker – Wichita Falls, TX
 Larry Wampler – Terrell, TX
 Patricia White – Cuero, TX
 Eric Williams – Terrell, TX
 Mike Williams – Mockville, NC
 Tammy Williams – Terrell, TX
 Tommy J. Williams – Arlington, TX

Please remember if you're moving, let us know. Your *Trails* will not follow you without an address change. You can either call me (817-975-2200) or email me at mikie@mcgarity.org.

Need to know when your membership expires or how to get in touch with a friend? Visit the CASI Information Site (CIS). It can answer those questions and a whole lot more! I hope each of you will take the time to add your phone numbers and email addresses to your data. You never know who might give you a call!!!

Need to know when your membership renewal is due? Need a friend's email address? The information is available to you on CIS.

Mikie McGarity
 Membership Chairman



Corporate Membership

Mikie McGarity - Membership Chairperson

**PLEASE WELCOME
AND THANK THESE
CASI MEMBERS.**

KC's Quick Mart/RV – Alpine, TX
 The Knifeman – Houston, TX
 La Posada Milagro Guesthouse – Terlingua, TX
 Lorina's Cantina – Del Rio, TX
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 Mockingbird Hill – Terlingua, TX
 Monosite, Inc. – Odessa, TX
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They have invested in our Society as Annual Corporate Members. If you live in their area, PLEASE stop by and thank them personally.

Please Welcome Our Newest Corporate Members:

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 Nooksack River Casino – Deming, WA
 Saltwater Cowboy Cantina – Terlingua, TX

Corporate Members

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 Austin Lone Star RV Resort – Austin, TX
 Bee Mountain Hardware – Terlingua, TX
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 Big Bend Resort – Big Bend National Park, TX
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 The Boat House – Terlingua, TX
 Hut Brown, Director Emeritus – El Paso, TX
 Canyon Lake Medical Center – Canyon Lake, TX
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 Doug Seelig Land Surveyors, P.C. – Austin, TX
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 El Paso Kid – Terlingua, TX
 Far Flung Outdoor Center – Terlingua, TX
 Frontier Roadhouse – Terlingua, TX
 Irving Does #201 – Irving, TX
 Irving Elks Lodge #2334 – Irving, TX

How Things Do Change!!!

I'm always amused at some of our "young-uns" as they muse over the fact that they are about to travel to the end of the earth to cook chili. Granted, Terlingua can seem like an incredibly distant and remote place but let me assure you, it's changed a lot in the 20 some years that I've been involved in chili.

In the "olden days", we would caravan from the DFW area, leaving at noon and stopping for the night at the parking lot of the football stadium in Alpine. The road from that point on was so deadly that no one tried to navigate it at night.

It used to be that there were very few "creature comforts" awaiting you when you arrived. We now take for granted that our cell phones will work in the desert. Back in the olden days, we left the number of the Sheriff's Office in case of emergencies.

Need to check your email or send a message? There was no such thing. Tallying chili results was done manually as personal computers, and most particularly laptops, didn't exist.

Today we have Crazy Flats – back then we had Crazy Hill. Let me assure you, Crazy Hill was one place that no self-respecting chili cook found himself. It was tough and tumble.

One of the traditions that we had for many years at Terlingua was the Spaghetti Cookoff. This was the brain child of Ginny and Hugh Bivona and generally held the Thursday of Terlingua week. Each contestant was provided with 1 lb. of dry spaghetti and asked to cook their sauce from scratch, which seldom happened. Salad and bread were provided by the promoters and everyone with an appetite served as a judge. One common problem was that it took forever to cook the spaghetti because of the altitude. Everyone was encouraged to come in costume and socialize while we waited for the meal (judging). This was the forerunner of today's Halloween party.

Yes, indeed, Terlingua has changed. If for one really miss some of the old traditions but welcome the new improvements. What will it be like for the 50th Anniversary?

Mikie McGarity

TICC WRISTBAND ISSUANCE

In an effort to simplify wristband issuance at TICC, qualified cooks and Old 320 members can obtain their wristbands at TICC on Tuesday, October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the pavilion area. If you are unable to get your wristband at that time, they will be available at the Front Gate beginning Wednesday.

A SPECIAL THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the get well cards and prayers I received during and after my hip replacement surgery. I love all of you.

Fae Paske

EDITOR'S NOTE

If your family is receiving more than one copy of the *Terlingua Trails* and you don't need more than one, please contact Mickie McGarity at mikie@mcgarity.org to cancel the extra copies. This will be a small but worthwhile savings for CASI.

Thanks,
Bucky



Proud Sponsors of the 2006 Great Peppers Meeting

Jack Hirschhorn - Boars Head Austin Division

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NOBODY TOLD ME

Maybe nobody can tell you about Terlingua; maybe you just have to experience it for yourself. Maybe it's more than a chili cookoff, or a campout, or a party, or a convention. Maybe it's a little bit of all of these things, and maybe it's a lot more.

I'm a babe-in-the-desert at Terlingua since I've only been going there since 2001; but I'm hooked. I'll continue to make the trek as long as I can qualify to cook, and maybe even when I don't qualify.

I don't own an RV of any type. I once owned a trailer, but we started doing other things that didn't go well with a camping trailer, and after a few years of storage, I sold the trailer. Now I wouldn't use an RV more than about two weeks per year and that's not enough to make me want one. So, we camp in a tent. It's kind of like sleeping in a cheap motel.

We usually drive into Rancho CASI de los Chisos on Wednesday morning because that fits the requirements of the work life that I used to have, and that's when the Port-a-Potties are installed. Now I'm retired, and I understand that the Port-a-Potties are showing up on Monday and Tuesday. Maybe I'll start arriving earlier.

My mentors, Virgil and Roylene Johnson, are always there when we drive in. Friends are a good part of the Terlingua experience. Some friends are seen only at Terlingua, some are seen at many cookoffs during the year, and others are near constant companions. But they're all friends. If I run out of coffee, or other beverage, I can count on those friends to loan, or give, me whatever I need. I can count on them to put me to bed when the evening gets too long.

Okay, so I see all my friends at Terlingua. After about 4 hours of shaking hands and smiling, what do you do? After all, you're in the middle of a desert and things are pretty primitive. I guess you could go to your RV and spend the rest of the day watching television. But why not go to another Pod's camp area and attend their party. You've got a choice of about four parties every afternoon and evening. You can find barbecued food, stew, hamburgers, snacks, wine, beer, and if you can find the Black Gold Pod, they've got homemade ice cream and pie on one afternoon.

Or, take a walk to the pavilions where the awards are held and the judging takes place. They're pretty quiet most of the time, but that's where you can buy the bare necessities - beer and ice. Or, you can buy souvenir Tee-shirts, hats, posters, caps, and other trinkets from the CASI merchandise stand.

You can also find a bunch of outside vendors selling jewelry, hats, trinkets of all kinds, and any number of other things that you just have to have. There's usually a booth, or maybe two, selling hot sauces. Four or five booths will be selling hot dogs, burritos, barbecue, and some delicacies that Gringos may not want to eat.

Around the corner and across the ravine, there's a place called "Krazy Flats" where the spectators and hard-core party animals stay. I almost said that they sleep in Krazy Flats, but I'm not sure those people ever sleep. You can see a lot of crazy stuff in Krazy Flats. It's changing now, so if you want to see the true craziness, visit Krazy Flats this year. It will probably be a better place when the changes take hold, but it will be different.

Those first few days also bring the contests for things other than chili. I think we still have a Margarita "Mix-Off", and I know that there will be a salsa contest, a beans contest, and a hot wings contest.

Halloween evening brings a costume party for the real kids. There are lots of categories, from the funny to the ridiculous to the outrageous; but nudity is not allowed.

And there is an event called the Tequila Rose Party, exclusively for the ladies. I don't know what they do, but they come back happy. The men have a similar party called "Tequila in Terlingua," more commonly recognized by its initials.

We have live music for dancing almost every night until about midnight on the main stage, and several small shows in several camp sites, usually with fewer inhibitions than in the sanctioned shows.

If you qualify to cook at the Terlingua International Chili Cookoff, Saturday is the big day. Much of the cooking is done on the Old 320 grounds. If you don't recognize the Old 320, find your copy of the September issue of the *Trails* and read



TallyWhackers

In preparing for this issue of the *Terlingua Trails*, celebrating our Fortieth TICC, I thought I'd look back at the gentlemen who shaped my position of TallyMaster.

TICC has always been an invitational championship, but with the advent of the points system in 1977 it was necessary for someone to keep track of all those points. One thing that jumped out at me was consistency. In the thirty years of the points system,

there have been only seven TallyMasters. That same period has seen nine CASI Presidents.

In the beginning, the job was done by Hal John Wimberly, Editor and Publisher of the *Goat Gap Gazette*. Hal John was not a CASI Director and in 1982, Richard Knight became the first CASI TallyMaster. Richard was followed by Rex Jones in 1985 and then Ralph Hay in 1989. I received my first qualification card from Ralph.

In 1995, Harvey West took over and in 1997 the job went off-Board again when Elton Homesley was named TallyMaster. When Elton stepped down in 2001, I was asked to take his place. With my election as a Director in 2003, the position returned to the Board.

Each TallyMaster has brought new ideas to the position and put his stamp on it. At first, the points were tracked by hand with file cards and probably the floor. During Ralph's tenure, the computer entered the picture. Computer programs of that day were not exactly "user-friendly" so I imagine there were plenty of anxious moments. The program was refined during Harvey's term and then Elton got to break-in a new program. When I took over from Elton, many procedures that he established made the job easy to pick up.

The computer program was a different story. About a year and a half ago we rolled-out the CASI Information System (CIS). A major effort was undertaken to make this work, but it was felt that the benefits to the CASI membership were worth it. They were. I can't fathom doing the TallyMaster job by hand as it was years ago, not with today's volume. I never met Hal John Wimberly, but I know all the other TallyMasters. I am humbled and honored to be in their company, and thank them for the foundation they laid.

All year, discussions of the CASI Board are focused on making each TICC better than the last one. We have tried some different methods of registering cooks and show teams over the past couple of years and I think we've got it. Consequently, there will be no changes in the registration process this year.

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my column. If you don't own a place in the Old 320, surely you have a friend that has a place in the Old 320. If you don't already have a friend to cook beside, make one in your first three days in Terlingua.

If you compete in showmanship, you will be assigned a place to cook and show.

You can also cook at your campsite, but you will probably be lonely. During the actual cookoff, most people patrol the Old 320 and the showmanship area. The Show Teams are active after turn-in time, and it will take at least a couple of hours to participate in all of the shows.

Sometime during the afternoon, the awards ceremony starts. The cookoff awards don't come on until about 5:00 pm, or maybe later, but a lot of non-cooking awards must be presented. CASI honors a whole bunch of people for good deeds and contributions to the world of chili, and you might be surprised.

You really have not experienced everything in life until you've experienced TICC. If you can't have fun there, you're just not trying.

Steve Dowdy

CASI & KIDS

CASI and chili cooks have made a huge impact for our kids here at Terlingua CSD. Since 1992, Terlingua School has been blessed to have been involved with CASI. We have been the recipient of school supplies, toys, scholarships, a basketball court, help with the library, a Suburban, cash donations, books for kids at the Book Fair, golf clubs, balls, dance troupe donations, and specific scholarships for students in need. You are always there to provide a helping hand.

With your help, we have been able to provide opportunities for our students they would not otherwise enjoy. We are able to take them on field trips, to plays, and to visit colleges, universities, and technical schools. The scholarships have helped our students from impoverished homes to continue with post-secondary education. 80% of our students fall below poverty level. Many of our students do not have the financial means to pursue a college education. The scholarships make a difference on whether they get to go or not. The toy campaign provides our students in grades PK-4 with toys for Christmas. The toys provided by chili cooks are often the only ones some kids receive. This also applies to books purchased at the Book Fair. The majority of our families do not have books at home.

CASI and its members are synonymous with CARING and GENEROSITY. The things you do make a difference. What more can one hope for than knowing that you have made an impact in a child's life? You have done just that here in our school.

Thanks you for all you do. I look forward to seeing you at TICC. Please stop by the school if you have an opportunity.

Kathy Killingsworth

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Got Judges?

It's that time of year when the TICC Judges lists are updated, invitation letters written, and envelopes are addressed, stuffed and mailed. The judging process at Terlingua is a huge undertaking and every effort is made to have non-cooks on the judging tables whenever possible.

If you know of someone who would like to be invited to judge at TICC, please provide their name and address to: Diane FitzHenry at melfitzhenry77@bigbend.net or by snail mail to P.O. Box 564, Terlingua, TX 79852-0564, telephone 432-371-2163.

When providing the prospective judge's name, mention your name, if the person is a non-qualified chili cook, or something that will alert Diane as to the source of the judge.



"A VIEW FROM THE TOP OF AN OLD CHILIHEAD"

by H. Ray King

I'm sitting here in my room at the GP Meeting in Austin, so it seemed like an apropos time to write an article for the Trails. Listening to the people in the hospitality rooms can make you think of a lot of things that need to be written and clarify fact from fiction. Besides, I have all of my Christmas shopping done and nothing else to do but work and try to make a couple of bucks to support my chili habits.

Controversy and Chili. That's what C & C stands for. Some of you probably thought it meant Crown and Coke. Those two words have gone hand in hand since the first pot of chili was ever entered in a chili contest. CASI was born out of controversy and chaos.

Our esteemed Texas Governor, an Aggie soon to be replaced by Kinky Friedman our beloved Texas Jew Boy, has signed a proclamation to pardon the cheater that won the Behind the Store Cookoff a couple years ago. Instead of tar and feathering his ass and running him back under what ever rock he came from, the BtS Cookoff is more or less honoring him. They are welcoming this blasphemous rascal back to their cookoff in lower Terlingua to cook again.

This has been the hot topic of controversy for the past few weeks and is probably up close to the top of the list at this meeting. What most chili cooks don't understand, is this is the mentality that created the BtS Cookoff. If Francis X. Tolbert were still alive he would be loving every minute of this. Not because he was mean spirited or didn't like chili cooks, but because Frank loved controversy as much as he loved his Sum Bitch Stew. That boy could cook up the best stew I ever had the pleasure of eating. Frank loved controversy because it gave him the opportunity to write numerous articles about what ever the subject of controversy was. The BtS Cookoff has struggled to get participants for the last several years, so this is the mentality of someone in their group that thinks this will get them attention and more attendance. It has gotten attention, but it has all been negative. I do not believe Kathleen Tolbert-Ryan had any thing to do with this and I would bet she is not happy this occurred. Kathleen is a very intelligent lady with too much class to be a party to this. Some mental giant probably thought (or did not think) this was a great idea. It was all negative. For the good of all of us involved in chili, let it rest. Someone made a mistake and we can't change it, but we can ignore it. Ignore it and it will go away.

It was unfortunate circumstances similar to this that caused the split back in 1983. Frank and I were both surrounded by a lot of people that had their own personal agendas. They were full of ideas and most of them were bad. I watched my people and got rid of the bad apples. Frank didn't and some of his ran amuck. I have always said that the BtS cookoff would not have lasted past that first year if Frank had been around longer. He and I were going to meet in Athens, Texas in April at some event he liked to attend, black eyed pea festival I think, and get things straightened out. Unfortunately Frank died in January and we did not have the opportunity.

It gave those people he did not get rid of a free hand to go wild. Then the chaos started. I told all the CASI people then: "Ignore it, keep your mouths shut and let it play itself out and we will come out on top." For the most part they did. Look at CASI today and compare it to what the BtS people developed. Was I right or wrong?

See you on the trail to Terlingua ~ **Ray**

Qualified As Of September 15, 2006

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| 248 Delana Gierisch, San Angelo TX | 364 Ruthann Newman, Guthrie OK |
| 249 Kim Conner, San Angelo TX | 365 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK |
| 337 Andrea Aerison, Scottsbluff NE | 366 David Brown, Catoosa OK |
| 338 Michael G. (Mike) Horton, Omaha NE | 367 Aaron Wade, Cedar Rapids IA |
| 350 Mike Parker, Trinidad CO | 368 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA |
| 340 Cheryl Rupp, Gering NE | 369 Lisa Zimmerman, Forest Hill MD |
| 341 Debbie Fulbright, Little Rock AR | 370 Brian W. Smith, Pylesville MD |
| 342 Joe R. Cassini, Collierville TN | 371 Dick DeiTos, Fairfax VA |
| 343 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN | 372 Pat Jakelski, Towson MD |
| 344 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX | 373 Douglas Johnson, Harrisburg PA |
| 345 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA | 374 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ |
| 346 Lynne Brokaw, Seattle WA | 375 George K Jowers III, San Antonio TX |
| 347 Keith Tubbs, Snoqualmie WA | 376 Jo Bachmeyer, Houston TX |
| 348 Dennis Bloomfield, Issaquah WA | 377 Jim Johnson, Grand Prairie TX |
| 349 Glenda Johnston, Maumelle AR | 378 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ |
| 350 Karen Bains, Rankin TX | 379 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX |
| 351 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ | 380 Teena J. Friedel, Irving TX |
| 352 Cindy Reed Wilkins, Houston TX | 381 Pat French, Wichita Falls TX |
| 353 Julie Cloninger, Deer Park TX | 382 Clint Wooster, Wichita Falls TX |
| 354 Roy Davis, Pasadena TX | 383 Grier Goldsby, Port Coquitlam BC |
| 355 Bob Steinle, San Antonio TX | 384 S Ian Bayliss, Burnaby BC |
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| 362 Darrell Hopper, Kemah TX | |
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SHOW TEAMS

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| 153 Prairie Fire, Scottsbluff NE | 161 Jo Mama, Houston TX |
| Hain, Sara | Bachmeyer, Jo |
| 154 Red Cock Chili, Little Rock AR | 162 Jalapeno Casino, Parsons TN |
| Sumrall, Eddie Wayne | Shaw, Preston |
| 155 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX | 163 Rapid Flow Chili, Cedar Rapids IA |
| Lilly, Rodney | Christensen, Jerry |
| 156 Wild Oats Chili, Little Rock AR | 164 G Bar W Ranch - Outhouse |
| Smith, Linda | Livingston TX |
| 157 Miasis Dragon, Chaparral NM | Jolliffe, Wayne R. |
| Buck, Gary | 165 Bull Rush, Irving TX |
| 158 Katie Man, Stafford TX | Williams, Ginny |
| Cavender, Kathryn | 166 Duck Blind Chili, Kansas City MO |
| 159 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX | Dowdy, Steve |
| Goforth, John | 167 Athletic Supporter, Boerne TX |
| 160 El Paso Kid, Englewood FL | Davis, Rick |
| Garrison, Victor | |



Bess' Best

Hello to all from beautiful Lamar, Missouri. The old town is starting to look a little better after all those triple digit temperatures and no rain. A couple or three little showers and 60-degree night time temperatures have started bringing the fall colors to Lamar early this year. But I guess fall is not that far off. The sun is setting more and more to the south side of the highway, the days are getting a little shorter, and that means it's Terlingua time.

This year will be the 21st year that we have made that magical journey to a small place in South Texas on the western edge of Big Bend National Park and not far from the Rio Grande River. Some things have changed in that 21 years, but there are others that haven't and that is why Terlingua holds a very special place in our minds.

Our first year we drove to Terlingua and it seemed like it took us forever and ever to get to Alpine, and we still weren't there. We had been told so many things about Terlingua and what to take, that we really didn't know what to expect; we stopped in Alpine to pick up any last minute items that we may have forgotten. Our kids went with us that first year, so that stop for a few things ended up filling all available space inside the van and Harry ended up tying what was left on top.

Twenty-one years ago the road from Alpine to Terlingua was something else! Remembering back, Harry thinks it was no more than a wide one lane dirt road with blacktop in a few places. Arriving in Terlingua was like walking from one room of a house to another; you took a beautiful step back in time. Any minute you expected to see Roy Rogers, Zorro or the Calvary come riding down the mountains or across the desert.

Terlingua - a place of Naked Mountains (our daughter calls the mountains naked because they do not have snow cover on the tops and trees like other mountains of the Rockies chain). Terlingua - a place where all people become equal that first Saturday of November each year to cook chili.

A few years ago, a baseball movie came out about a baseball field created in the midst of an Iowa cornfield. One of the actors asked the other if it was Heaven, and the reply was, "No, this is Iowa".

If someone were to ask Harry and me if this place called Terlingua was Texas, we would have to say "NO, this is Heaven."

For now I must close, but Harry and I would like to invite all out to the Ranch to meet us and see for yourselves why so many people come to Terlingua each year.

Thank you for your time this time & until next time "Remember to Start Slow & then Taper Off".

Bess & Ole Harry T



AED Training at TICC

Many thanks to the individuals, Pods and organizations who donated funds for the purchase of three Automatic External Defibrillators for use at TICC. The AEDs have been ordered and the next step is to have individuals certified to use them if the need should arise.

Greg Henington of the Terlingua Medics will be on site on Wednesday, November 1, to conduct two training classes in the pavilion area. Each class is limited to 18 participants. One class will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and the second class will be from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in either of these classes, please contact Renee Moore at rmooore@gulfshoresal.gov.



Tales from the Ranch

Orale, CASI, que pasa y how's everybody? If you missed the Great Peppers' Meeting, you missed a good time. The hosting Pods did an excellent job with the event. Everything went smooth and was well organized. The Meeting itself was very informative, orchestrated with great professionalism and forethought.

Your holyness, Mr. Jim Stateczny, has done a tremendous job with the new CASI CIS web site. You will have to contact Alan Dean for login information. It's a very good tool.

As for the rest of activities, some had more fun than others. The jolly good times seemed to occur in the late evening hours on or around the 7th floor.

Well, folks, it was forty years ago that CASI was born. Thanks to pioneers like Larry Burruss, Ken Large, Richard Knight, Ray King, etc., CASI was put on the map in a small town in Texas called Terlingua - Big Bend Country. I wonder if these gentlemen had the slightest idea that they were awakening a sleeping giant.

What they actually did was create an organization that has turned out to be one of the largest fundraisers in the entire United States, Virgin Islands, and Germany. All of this hoopla over a bowl of red chili. Don't that beat all? Who would have ever thought, and it hasn't stopped growing either, ya'll.

With a little bit of involvement by each CASI member, it will continue to grow. I hope Garnier Albus has a computer that does big words and great big numbers, cause he's going to need it. For those of you not familiar with Board member functions, Garnier, he do da books.

Anyway, folks, it's been a great forty years and I hope I'm around for the next forty. It took a whole lot of dedicated people to get us where we are today and I'm sure the next generation will keep the chili world going. All it takes is one little nudge.

I was a spectator down in Krazy Flats for several years before I started cooking. One of the Black Gold members from Odessa, Texas, asked me one day that if I was going to show up at TICC every year, why didn't I cook. I kind of looked at him poco funny looking and said, "Hey, I was raised cooking menudo and caldo de res. I ain't gotta clue what goes in chili." I used to see it on the menu at the city cafe in downtown Stanton, Texas, when I was growing up, but I didn't know what it was.

Well, my Black Gold buddy handed me a recipe written on Big Chief notebook paper and it was called Chili Magic. Yeah, he did. It was written in English so I figured it had to be legit. I studied it for a few days and said what the heck; I'll give it a whirl.

Soon after, I entered my very first CASI sanctioned chili cookoff. Yo, Rita. It was at this motorcycle shop in Odessa, Texas. I remember setting up and I was cooking next to this gentleman that I had never met before. His name was David Boone and he was also new to the CASI world.

Now at that time I was not a CASI member and neither was Mr. Boone, but we were both going to give this CASI thing a try and see what happened. After it was all said and done, Dave and I both got a point that day; yep, a real official CASI chili point. I got 7th and I don't remember what Dave got, but on that cold, windy day on a Saturday in Odessa, Texas, we got hooked and that day I will never forget — my first CASI point.

Several hundreds of dollars later, my trusty companion and fellow rancher, Dave Boone, and I have traveled all over the United States, Mexico, and Baja, Mexico, slept in motels infested with spiders, gone down roads that weren't supposed to be roads, drank questionable beverages that we will probably regret someday, owned and managed a horned toad ranch down in Marathon, Texas, and all for the hopes of maybe, just maybe, winning a little bitty thing called a CASI chili point. Yes, sir, and all of this was due to a little nudging from a Black Gold friend from Odessa, Texas.

Well, here I am a CASI life member of one of the finest organizations in the world and guess what? This is all because of an idea that was carried out forty years ago by some of the people I mentioned at the beginning of this article.

Remember, all it takes to recruit a new member is a little effort and, in some cases, a simple invite.

Bueno, everybody. I'm running out of English. I've got a report on the hen house but that will be my next article. Orale, adios.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

1. Rectitude: The formal dignified demeanor, assumed by a proctologist, immediately before he examines you.
2. Abdicare: To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Louis Gonzales
Mattheisen Ranch
Paint Rock, Texas

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I would like to personally thank the Terlingua Area CASI Corporate Sponsors for their support of CASI. Their donations have a meaningful impact for the future of CASI in the Terlingua Area.

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Most Sincerely,
Dorothy Williams
CASI Director

Vendors for TICC

If you are interested in being a Vendor at the 40th Terlingua International Chili Championship, now is the time to sign up. With the addition of Krazy Flats, we now have two vending areas. On a first come-first serve basis, we try to give as much exclusivity to your product or service as possible.

The fee which includes parking and admission is:
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Come on out and get a front row space for all the action.

Contact: Jim Ezell jezell8642@aol.com 214-392-3499

Viva Terlingua, 1969

Writer's Note: Each time I leave Odessa and drive south out of Alpine to the beautiful desert country of Terlingua, I am amazed at the changes that have taken place since my last visit. (I read on the internet that Terlingua is the shortened version of Tera Lingua, an Indian word for "three languages", as spoken by the Spanish, Anglo and Indian). And here I'll use one of Steve Dowdy's lines, "nobody told me"; but I digress. The changes are a new motel, a new house, or something to indicate that the area is rapidly expanding. My first visit to Terlingua had nothing to do with chili, but it is amazing at how the places I visited all tie back to the Chili World.

I was working for Murphy Drilling Company out of Midland, Texas, when I got the opportunity to visit Terlingua for the first time. Our boss, Lee Murphy, was negotiating a contract with the Federal Government to explore for cinnabar in Brewster County and had occasion to fly to the area and look at some land. In the process, he met an official of the Terlingua Ranch who wanted him to bring a rotary rig down and drill some water wells for him.

We took a Mayhew 1600 drilling rig, that used either air or water to return the shavings to the surface, and set out looking for a road by a windmill tower painted white about 60 miles south of Alpine on Highway 118. I later learned the locals referred to it as "White Mill Road."

Terlingua Ranch consisted of some 220,000 acres and was owned by race car designer Carroll Shelby. (I don't know anything about his race car designing, but he designed the Shelby GT Ford Mustang, so he was alright by me). Carroll mostly used the Ranch as a place to fly his big-shot friends in from California, where they could party and hunt black tail deer. Tiring of this, he wanted to sell the Ranch but didn't know how to go about it.

Some say it was Tom Tierney, a friend of Shelby's, who suggested a chili cookoff as a publicity stunt to lure people to the area where they could examine the ranch first hand and perhaps buy an acre or two. To make a long story short, it worked out as the ensuing publicity brought an estimated 1,000 or so onlookers to the first "Chili Confrontation" held in the Ghost town of Terlingua. (By the time I came to the Ranch in 1969, land sales were well under way as the Ranch Manager was seeing from 8 to 10 potential customers a week.)

Arriving at the Ranch, the Ranch Manager had several sites staked for us to drill. We took up temporary residence in the basement bunkhouse which was about 30 feet long and some 12 to 15 feet wide and would accommodate quite a few sleepers. (This was the same bunkhouse where H. Allen Smith and others who wanted to get some sleep before the first chili cookoff two years earlier stayed.) He later wrote, "We got into our bedrolls and sleeping bags and got the lights turned off. Then someone crept up, opened a door, drove a herd of goats inside, slammed the door shut and slapped a padlock on it. I can't remember any worse pandemonium anywhere in the half dozen wars I have covered."

After the first few days we had to find a more permanent place to stay, so we drove to Study Butte. There was a café pretty close to the "T" in the road and behind it, a single story barracks-type building that had been walled off into motel rooms. This was to be our permanent home, until we finished our work.

The café was a real working man's café. It opened early for breakfast, would fix you a sack lunch, and had plenty of cold beverages when you came in from a hard day's work. The only other business on Highway 118 was a Gulf Service Station located approximately where the cemetery is on the east side of the road. A Post Office was located approximately where the Terlingua School now sits.

We met Glenn Pepper, who had leased Villa de la Mina and was trying to eke out a living in the tourist business and taking what the land had to offer. Glenn had a partner named Gil Felts, who is the same Gil Felts who built La Kiva in the early 80's. (There is a very funny story with Glenn, Gil and Antonia White being the principals in a book by Blair Pittman titled *Tales from the Terlingua Porch*, a must read for chiliheads or anyone visiting the area).

Glenn wanted a couple of wells drilled at Villa de la Mina (site of the CASI TICC from 1983 to 1989) when we finished at the Ranch. We drilled the first well southwest of the mines by a small muddy pool of water that was being heated by anything in the area that would burn. Two braceros were gathering candelilla plants

and cooking them in the pool until the wax formed on the surface. Then they would skim off the wax and place it in molds until it hardened. Wax from the candelilla plant was used in cosmetics and as a binder for chewing gum. As we drilled the well, Glenn would catch a sample about every five feet or so to determine if we would drill thru a vein of anything of value. Sorry, Charlie.

Finishing at the mines and with no cinnabar contract, we returned to the oil patch, not to return to Terlingua for a few years.

Ken Large



Good Stuff Remembered as Told by Farmer to Fetch

I hesitated to have my "Secretary" pen my memories because compared to a bunch of you, I am not an "ole timer". My adventures with chili and CASI started in 1984, when several of us ventured to Chilympiad to cook in the Men's State Cookoff. I

cooked in a huge aluminum 8-quart pot and cooked 8 pounds of hamburger meat.

Needless to say, I won nothing but really had a great time, drank lots of beer, and saw some very funny shows, and decided I wanted to do this more than once a year.

Several weekends later, I heard about another cook off in the Austin area. Eight or ten of us took off and headed out there to cook some chili. There we met a bunch of folks, but mainly Natha Caldwell was the person who enticed us in joining the SOT Pod.

At our first Pod meeting, we were introduced to bunches of other folks including founding members Red Caldwell, Lynn & Carolyn Hejtmancik, and Larry & Janie Burruss. We liked what we saw and started attending the Pod meetings monthly. At one meeting it was decided there would be chili judging for the benefit of the "newbies." Sue was later laughed at because she gave a 10 to the one that had cheese in it. I have tried to keep her away from the judging tables ever since, other than monitoring.

My first trip to TICC was at Glen Peppers in 1985, and we pulled in at the crack of dawn Friday morning. There were eight of us making that first trip. We were told to park anywhere we could find room. Even though the front area was not level, we did not have to worry.

All cooking was required to be done in the pit or up on the sides. No cooking at the motor homes was allowed. We had one qualifier that year and the rest of us huddled around the stove to keep from freezing. Lily Hackworth came by and tasted our chili, said it was good, but too much tomato sauce; our first hint. We won nothing that day.

Next morning on the way down the slope on the road out of the mines, we hit a bump. The black holding tank was full; the pipe broke, causing it to drag. We pulled over and it was so heavy, we could not lift it, so we had to empty it there, to our embarrassment. Others leaving saw this and started pulling over and emptying their tanks. We were surprised we all got to come back the next year, but the grass was much greener in that area.

We started judging chili, saw that hamburger was not even on the agenda, and this was not spaghetti sauce that was competing. We got us a recipe, started using those cubes of meat, and started winning a lot. Then folks got curious as to what we were doing.

We had formerly used all fresh ingredients and soon realized that powders and granules were the way to go. Two Lynns - Lynn Weber and Lynn Hejtmancik - helped us a lot and so did Lily. Judy King was a phenomenon at recognizing a bad spice, too much spice, a good spice, etc.

As I wanted to learn more and more about chili, I soon asked to be an Area Referee. The "proving grounds" for a new referee in SOT, was always the UT Silver Spurs Cookoff. If you could get over this one, you could survive anything. Right after we parked that morning, a City inspector came over and tried to go in my motor

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ALCALDE REPORT

I want to thank the Austin, San Antonio and surrounding areas for the wonderful job they did in putting on The 2006 Great Peppers Meeting, you can pat yourselves on the back!!

It's hard to realize that Terlingua time is almost here. The Great Peppers Meeting seems to remind each of us how little time we have left of this year to have everything ready for TICC; it also gives the Directors and the Alcalde a chance to finalize their schedule for the big event.

As in the last few years we have once again been given permission to have a drawing for \$250.00 to be given to some lucky cook that is cooking in the Old 320 Area. I would love to see at least 250 Cooks cooking in the Old 320 Area this year. We need this support from each of you in order for CASI to make a good showing for the Sponsors.

I will be up in the Registration Area beginning Thursday, when Registration opens to check in Old 320 Members and issue name badges. I am again asking those of you who are not going to TICC this year, or will not be cooking on your spot, and you won't mind someone else cooking on it, please contact me so I can assign your spot to a cook to use. Also, if you have already given permission for someone else to use your spot, please let me know. You can reach me by phone or e-mail. Please contact me as soon as possible.

There have been some questions about swapping sites with another old 320 Member, that will be fine as long as you have written permission from both parties involved, to give me, to put in my records.

Please remember that we will have our annual Old 320 Meeting on Friday morning in the Judging Area as soon as the Terlingua School is finished. Please try to be in the Judging area and ready to start the meeting immediately as a lot of you will be competing in the Scholarship events and it makes our meeting time run short. This is election year to elect the Alcalde for 2007, and 2008. I have announced that I would like to continue another term as your Alcalde and would appreciate your support.

I am in the process of trying to get a Data Base set up for the Old 320 Members. I am asking each of you to please update your profile, aka, current address, phone number, e-mail address, and contact person. I want to thank those of you that have been passing the word for me to gather this information. I really appreciate it. See you in Terlingua, have a safe trip.

Ralph Hay



Stop, Drop, & Roll Chili Cook-Off & Festival

October 14, 2006 8 am-5 pm
(10 am-5 pm for general public)

- What:** The WPIFF annual Stop, Drop, & Roll Chili Cook-Off & Festival
- When:** October 14th from 8 am-5 pm
- Where:** The Bass Pro Shops in Grapevine, Texas
- What Else:** Chili contest (grind only), cold beer & soft drinks, silent auction, firefighter competitions, live music, and fun! **Entry Fee \$20**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in chili and show
Everyone takes home a cook's bag!

► Go to www.wpifirefightersfund.org for more info and to download the team application

All donations will go to the families of fallen firefighters and volunteer fire departments through the WPI Firefighters' Fund.



The Celebrity Judges

Michelle Jones
Miss Teen Texas
International 2006
Chili Judge



Lindsay Stanford
Miss Texas International
2006
Chili Judge



The Guidelines

► Download the application at www.wpifirefightersfund.org

Grind only; don't forget your throw down chili for sampling cups!

All spaces are 10 x 10 ft. Space decoration and artistic presentation are strongly encouraged.

Turn in time for CASI 2 pm. Turn in time for Novice and others 3 pm.

Additional guidelines provided on the downloadable application.

Questions? Email robin.williams@williams-pyro.com or call 817.870.8006

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Cook Off Winners



Jul 15, 2006-006 - Gering NE
20th Annual Nebraska State Open, 25
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Andrea Aerison, Scottsbluff NE
- 2 Michael G. (Mike) Horton, Omaha NE
- 3 Mike Parker, Trinidad CO
- 4 Lyman Wilkinson, Loveland CO
- 5 Cheryl Rupp, Gering NE
- 6 Kyle Haberman, Scottsbluff NE
- 7 Cindy Misner, Gering NE
- 8 Teresa Casadas, Alliance NE
- 9 Deb Crookshank, Bon Carbe CO
- 10 Linda Wilkinson, Loveland CO

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Prairie Fire, Scottsbluff NE
Sara Hain
- 2 Hot Trottin' Chili, Scottsbluff NE
Scott Harris
- 3 Wild Willy's Hot Dam, Laramie WY
W.E. "Bill" Britton

Jul 22, 2006-001 - Cloudcroft NM
16th Annual Cloudcroft Cookoff, 40
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 2 Michele Estrada, Albuquerque NM
- 3 Karen Bains, Rankin TX
- 4 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- 5 Mildred Thompson, Seagoville TX
- 6 Dick Rogers, Livingston TX
- 7 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
- 8 Jim McKee, Canyon Lake TX
- 9 Barbara "BB" Burton, Livingston TX
- 10 Mel Burton, Livingston TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Black Garter, El Paso TX
Eve DuMond
- 2 Triple JJJ, El Paso TX
Joe Talamantes
- 3 Miasis Dragon, Chaparral NM
Gary Buck

Jul 22, 2006-005 - Odessa TX
Trans Pecos Renewal Center, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Gregg Wilson, Odessa TX
- 2 Amy Patton, Odessa TX
- 3 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX
- 4 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX
- 5 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX
- 6 Don Clevenger, Odessa TX
- 7 Chisum Bill, Odessa TX
- 8 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
- 9 Keith Patton, Odessa TX

10 Mike Tracy, Odessa TX

Jul 29, 2006-007 - North Little Rock AR
Elk's Lodge 1004 Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
- 2 Debbie Fulbright, Little Rock AR
- 3 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
- 4 Glenda Johnston, Maumelle AR
- 5 Allen Stotlar, Little Rock AR
- 6 Cliff Miller, San Angelo TX
- 7 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
- 8 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
- 9 Bob Cagle, Bigelow AR
- 10 Tim Swicegood, Maumelle AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Red Cock Chili, Little Rock AR
Eddie Wayne Sumrall
- 2 Girls Night Out, Little Rock AR
Roxann (Ann) Kyzer
- 3 Pseudo Chili, Little Rock AR
Lee Jackson

Aug 5, 2006-002 - Fort Smith AR
Fun In The Park, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bob Cagle, Bigelow AR
- 2 Dara Hopson, Fort Smith AR
- 3 Debby Cagle, Bigelow AR
- 4 Rheaba Thames, Fort Smith AR
- 5 Stephen O Moore, Bella Vista AR
- 6 Erma W. Smith, Fort Smith AR
- 7 Guy E. Smith, Fort Smith AR
- 8 Joe Giles, Farmington AR
- 9 David Anderson, Greenwood AR
- 10 Tony Taber, Van Buren AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 B-Squared, Fort Smith AR
Dara Hopson
- 2 Sooner Chili, Greenwood AR
David Anderson
- 3 Line Gang Chili, Fort Smith AR
Guy E. Smith

Aug 5, 2006-005 - Memphis TN
Al Chymia Shrine Center 4th, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Scott Brown, Cordova TN
- 2 Joe R. Cassini, Collierville TN
- 3 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN
- 4 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
- 5 Judi Cassini, Memphis TN
- 6 Lynne Murry, Como MS
- 7 Carol Knight, Lebanon TN
- 8 Richard "Rick" Williams, Memphis TN

9 James Murry, Como MS
10 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
Lebanon TN

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Thunderbird Chili, Memphis TN
Mike Tarpley
- 2 Love Me Tender II, Collierville TN
Wanda Cassini
- 3 Tennessee Goosedowners, Memphis TN
Norman L. Smith

Aug 5, 2006-006 - Knickerbocker TX
Nicky Picky Reunion Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jeff Johnson, San Angelo TX
- 2 Fred Lazarus, San Angelo TX
- 3 Delana Gierisch, San Angelo TX
- 4 Kim Conner, San Angelo TX
- 5 Allene Kline, San Angelo TX
- 6 Kelly Draper, Tahoka TX
- 7 Sue Yates, San Angelo TX
- 8 A J Glass, San Angelo TX
- 9 Sherril Lloyd, San Angelo TX
- 10 David Lazarus, Killeen TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Wowzer Express, San Angelo TX
Steve Harrison
- 2 Meskin Flats, Knickerbocker TX
Ruben Rodriguez
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 6, 2006-004 - Whistler BC
BC Chili Provincial Championship, 24
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Grier Goldsby, Port Coquitlam BC
- 2 Lorren Patchett, Everett WA
- 3 S Ian Bayliss, Burnaby BC
- 4 Dave McKay, North Vancouver BC
- 5 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 6 Nick Fadich, Everett WA
- 7 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
- 8 Jeremy Schroder, Bothell WA
- 9 Lynne Brokaw, Seattle WA
- 10 Matt Fowler, Surrey BC

Aug 12, 2006-001 - Conroe TX
Texas Open Chili Championship, 143
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Cindy Reed Wilkins, Houston TX

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 5 Chelita Riley, Johnson City TX
 6 Ken Shotwell, Houston TX
 7 Betty Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
 8 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
 9 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
 10 Maxine Reed, Schertz TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Katie Man, Stafford TX
 Kathryn Cavender
 2 Jo Mama, Houston TX
 Jo Bachmeyer
 3 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
 Ray Calhoun

Aug 12, 2006-002 - Little Rock AR
 Tom's Tavern Cookoff, 16 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Jim Smith, Little Rock AR
 2 Glenda Johnston, Maumelle AR
 3 Kristi Tobey, Beebe AR
 4 James Mosley, Little Rock AR
 5 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
 6 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
 7 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
 8 Bob Cagle, Bigelow AR
 9 Dick Wagner, Little Rock AR
 10 Lee Bailey, Maumelle AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Wild Oats Chili, Little Rock AR
 Linda Smith
 2 Dilligaf, Mabelvale AR
 Debbie Covey
 3 Red Cock Chili, Maumelle AR
 Lee Bailey

Aug 12, 2006-003 - Rochester NY
 3rd Annual Chili For Charity CCO, 15
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Ann Grossman, Corning NY
 2 Robert Griffin, Endicott NY
 3 Mike Matteo, Rochester NY
 4 Pasquale Conca, Walcott NY
 5 George "Rocky" Rockwell
 Rochester NY
 6 Jeremy Neitzel, Rochester NY
 7 Pete Scibetta, Webster NY
 8 Holly Folk-Withers, Rochester NY
 9 Jimmy Klein, Rochester NY
 10 David G. Grossman, Corning NY
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Calico Jack's Pirate Chili
 Rochester NY
 Mike Matteo
 2 UNCLAIMED
 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 12, 2006-004 - Lamesa TX
 Large Time Chili & BBQ Cookoff, 20
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Keith Patton, Odessa TX
 2 Amy Patton, Odessa TX
 3 Don Clevenger, Odessa TX
 4 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 5 Gary Shook, Lamesa TX
 6 Heath Herndon, Odessa TX
 7 B.J. McDonald, Midland TX
 8 Al McDonald, Midland TX
 9 Danny Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 10 Kim Draper, Tahoka TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Captain Dan, Lamesa TX
 Danny Brackeen
 2 Red Savage, Midland TX
 B.J. McDonald
 3 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
 Dennis Brackeen

Aug 12, 2006-005 - Longmont CO
 3rd Annual Mountain States Chili, 17
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Steve Lee, Longmont CO
 2 Rocky Kimball, Highlands Ranch CO
 3 Kyle Haberman, Scottsbluff NE
 4 Gerry Hartshorn, Morrison CO
 5 John Montgomery, Golden CO
 6 Robert Batie, Loveland CO
 7 Ivy Davidson, Longmont CO
 8 Stephanie Lee, Longmont CO
 9 Lyman Wilkinson, Loveland CO
 10 Julia Kimball, Highlands Ranch CO
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Warriors of the Crimson Pepper
 Longmont CO
 Steve Lee
 2 Chili Shack, The, Loveland CO
 Lyman Wilkinson
 3 Ghetto Chili, Cheyenne WY
 Bob Ledet

Aug 12, 2006-006 - Tombstone AZ
 Tombstone Vigilante Days CCO, 24
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ
 2 Mike Strack, Sierra Vista AZ
 3 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 4 Myrl Coultas, Tucson AZ
 5 Tom Smith, Fort Huachuca AZ
 6 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ
 7 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ
 8 Patti Kunstman, Sierra Vista AZ
 9 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 10 William N.(Bill) Garbutt
 Sierra Vista AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Red Hot Chili Chicks
 Queen Creek AZ
 Karen Banas
 2 Voodoo Chili, Tucson AZ
 Carson Smith

3 Hang 'em High, Sierra Vista AZ
 John C. Johnson

Aug 12, 2006-007 - Amarillo TX
 Evelyn Rivers Cookoff, 16 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Toby Elliott, Amarillo TX
 2 Kristal Bingham, Amarillo TX
 3 Nelda Matheson, Amarillo TX
 4 Steven A. Lopez, Pampa TX
 5 Millie Bingham, Amarillo TX
 6 Bill McDonald, Amarillo TX
 7 Margaret Lopez, Pampa TX
 8 Rodney Lilly, Amarillo TX
 9 Aegina Smith, Amarillo TX
 10 Garnier Albus, Amarillo TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Hawg Wild, Amarillo TX
 Rodney Lilly
 2 Bekin's Best, Amarillo TX
 Pam Matheson
 3 Campbell's Kids, Amarillo TX
 Scott Campbell

Aug 13, 2006-001 - Olympia WA
 Washington State Championship, 15
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
 2 Lynne Brokaw, Seattle WA
 3 Keith Tubbs, Snoqualmie WA
 4 Betty Jean "BJ" Mayer, Lakebay WA
 5 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
 6 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
 7 Larry Mayer, Lakebay WA
 8 Dennis Bloomfield, Issaquah WA
 9 Hans Person, Kirkland WA
 10 S Ian Bayliss, Burnaby BC

Aug 18, 2006-001 - Terlingua TX
 Friday Terlingua Cookoff, 21 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Dusty DeBerry, Austin TX
 2 Shirley Stateczny, Comfort TX
 3 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
 4 Douglas "Bucky" Seelig, Austin TX
 5 Barbara C. Taylor, Johnson City TX
 6 John Goforth, Comfort TX
 7 Cathy Garrison, St. Petersburg FL
 8 Bob Steinle, San Antonio TX
 9 Betty Sue Caffey, Rockdale TX
 10 Sharon Neff, Irving TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX
 Betty Sue Caffey
 2 El Paso Kid, Englewood FL
 Victor Garrison
 3 Pan Head, Midland TX
 Guy W Bates

Aug 19, 2006-002 - Terlingua TX
 Bronze Clay Henry CCO & BBQ, 25
 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Shirley Stateczny, Comfort TX
 2 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
 3 Mike Monte, Cedar Park TX
 4 Lynn Hejtmancik, Buda TX
 5 Sharon Neff, Irving TX
 6 Dusty DeBerry, Austin TX
 7 Carolyn Seelig, Austin TX
 8 Bob Steinle, San Antonio TX
 9 Douglas "Bucky" Seelig, Austin TX
 10 Jimmy Taylor, Johnson City TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Shoot-A-Mile, Comfort TX
 John Goforth
 2 El Paso Kid, Englewood FL
 Victor Garrison
 3 Chutney Chili, Englewood FL
 Scott Johnson

Aug 19, 2006-003 - Alpine AZ
 11th Annual Alpine CCO, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 2 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ
 3 Bernard "Bernie" Kowalski
 Gilbert AZ
 4 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
 5 C Q "Chris" Cannon, Queen Creek AZ
 6 Russ Hite, Sierra Vista AZ
 7 Pamela (Pam) Diffin, Camp Verde AZ
 8 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ
 9 Sue Black, Cottonwood AZ
 10 Jerry D. Lee, Wittman AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Bearly Unbearable, Alpine AZ
 Julie Phillips
 2 Magic Chili, Gilbert AZ
 Bernard "Bernie" Kowalski
 3 Kokopeli Chili Too, Sierra Vista AZ
 Sunny Fichtl

Aug 19, 2006-004 - Red River NM
 HotChili Days Cool Mountain, 32 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Michele Estrada, Albuquerque NM
 2 Mike Parker, Trinidad CO
 3 Margaret Lopez, Pampa TX
 4 Frank Estrada, Albuquerque NM
 5 Traci Nix, Harper TX
 6 Sesario S. Ramos, Clovis NM
 7 Steven A. Lopez, Pampa TX
 8 Garnier Albus, Amarillo TX
 9 Paul Mulkey, Hobbs NM
 10 John Smith, Irving TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Git In My Belly, Godley TX
 John Massey
 2 Cooking Without A Cause, Lubbock
 TX
 Susie Bryan
 3 Starks, Hobbs NM
 Paul Mulkey

- Aug 19, 2006-005 - Wills Point TX
11th Annual BB's Hideaway Cookoff,
26 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Wendell Page, Garland TX
2 Dee Palmer, Mansfield TX
3 Teena J. Friedel, Irving TX
4 Bruce Young, Tyler TX
5 Lisa R Duggan, Many LA
6 Bill Sweigart, Hurst TX
7 Roger Foltz, Mesquite TX
8 David Manske, Arlington TX
9 Larry Wampler, Terrell TX
10 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
Larry Wampler
2 Moss Man, Garland TX
Morris Moss
3 Neon Moon, Grand Prairie TX
Joy Hardesty
- Aug 19, 2006-006 - Cedar Rapids IA
Iowa State Championship CCO, 30
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Aaron Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
2 Genee R. Jolliffe, Livingston TX
3 Randy Metz, Lombard IL
4 Mark Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids IA
5 Virgil Johnson, Ottumwa IA
6 Gerald "Gary" Christensen
Cedar Rapids IA
7 Jerry Christensen, Cedar Rapids IA
8 Richard (Rick) Geiger, Chicago IL
9 Nancy Coultas, Tucson AZ
10 Roylene Johnson, Ottumwa IA
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Rapid Flow Chili, Cedar Rapids IA
Jerry Christensen
2 Rapid Dispatch Chili
Cedar Rapids IA
Gerald "Gary" Christensen
3 G Bar W Ranch - Outhouse Chili
Livingston TX
Wayne R. Jolliffe
- Aug 20, 2006-002 - Tacoma WA
Puget Pod Championship CCO, 15
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
2 Dennis Bloomfield, Issaquah WA
3 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
4 Hans Person, Kirkland WA
5 Betty Jean "BJ" Mayer, Lakebay WA
6 Keith Tubbs, Snoqualmie WA
7 Christene James, Edmonds WA
8 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
9 Michael Peach, Tacoma WA
10 Anthony James, Edmonds WA
- Aug 25, 2006-001 - Houston TX
Elks Lodge Sweetheart Cookoff, 27
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX
2 Matthew Rumelhart, Katy TX
3 G. Taylor Miller, Baytown TX
4 Darrell Hopper, Kemah TX
5 Chuck Spishock
Clear Lake Shores TX
6 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
7 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
8 Tex Riley, Johnson City TX
9 Malcolm Williams, Beaumont TX
10 David Pitts, Katy TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jo Mama, Houston TX
Jo Bachmeyer
2 Murphy's Magic, Houston TX
Annie K. Murphy
3 UNCLAIMED
- Aug 26, 2006-001 - Goldsmith TX
Goldsmith Chili & WTBA, 30 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Lisa Holmes, Odessa TX
2 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX
3 Roger Bains, Rankin TX
4 Heath Herndon, Odessa TX
5 Karen Bains, Rankin TX
6 Keith Patton, Odessa TX
7 Don Clevenger, Odessa TX
8 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX
9 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX
10 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- Aug 26, 2006-002 - El Paso TX
Whiskey Dick's Family Day, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
2 Gary Buck, Chaparral NM
3 Manny T Garcia, Chaparral NM
4 Joe Talamantes, El Paso TX
5 Armando Dominquez, El Paso TX
6 Carol Straughan, El Paso TX
7 Mary Hernandez, El Paso TX
8 Marion "Bud" Barrick, Organ NM
9 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
10 Donna Von Gentz, El Paso TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Miasis Dragon, Chaparral NM
Gary Buck
2 Pot of Gold, Chaparral NM
Doug Gehrke
3 Triple JJJ, El Paso TX
Joe Talamantes
- Aug 26, 2006-003 - Lebanon TN
Country Dreams Chili Cookoff, 17 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Joe R. Cassini, Collierville TN
2 Sheron Neeley, Murfreesboro TN
3 Jean Shaw, Parsons TN
4 Cindy Brown, Memphis TN
- 5 Michael (Mike) Brown, Memphis TN
6 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN
7 Scott Brown, Cordova TN
8 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
Lebanon TN
9 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
10 Nan Neeley, Lebanon TN
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jalapeno Casino, Parsons TN
Preston Shaw
2 Thunderbird Chili, Memphis TN
Mike Tarpley
3 Redneck Tailgate Chili, Lebanon TN
Alex Carr
- Aug 26, 2006-004 - Timonium MD
MD State Chili Championship, 26 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Lisa Zimmerman, Forest Hill MD
2 Brian W. Smith, Pylesville MD
3 Dick Dei Tos, Fairfax VA
4 Pat Jakelski, Towson MD
5 Bradley "Lew" Wheeling, Reading PA
6 Kim Archer, Pylesville MD
7 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
8 Alan Dean, Johnson City TX
9 Phil Martinek, Fallston MD
10 Douglas Johnson, Harrisburg PA
- Aug 26, 2006-005 - Oklahoma City OK
Tony Newcomb 26th Moonlight, 28
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Ruthann Newman, Guthrie OK
2 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
3 David Brown, Catoosa OK
4 Stephanie Brockman, Irving TX
5 Nelda Matheson, Amarillo TX
6 Ken Novy, Guthrie OK
7 Mary Allen, Oklahoma City OK
8 Katie Hisel, Oklahoma City OK
9 Bettie Spears, Shawnee OK
10 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 BJ's Cathouse Chili, Shawnee OK
Bettie Spears
2 Smokin' Chili, Oklahoma City OK
Mary Allen
3 Aggie Chili, Guthrie OK
Ken Novy
- Aug 26, 2006-006 - Houston TX
Auxiliary 151 Cookoff, 33 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX
2 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
3 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
4 George Thompson, Houston TX
5 Mike Kanapaux, Houston TX
6 Glen Gralheer, Baytown TX
7 David Pitts, Katy TX
8 Matthew Rumelhart, Katy TX
9 Nigel Delgado, Houston TX
10 Darrell Hopper, Kemah TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Kickin' Chili, Stafford TX
Kathryn Cavender
2 Jo Mama, Houston TX
Jo Bachmeyer
3 Murphy's Magic, Houston TX
Annie K. Murphy
- Aug 26, 2006-007 - Denton TX
Golden Triangle 23rd Annual, 21 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Danny Campbell, Cedar Hill TX
2 Jim Johnson, Grand Prairie TX
3 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX
4 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
5 T.J. Cannon, Corinth TX
6 Vickie Blackburn, Sanger TX
7 Dale Reinecker, Bedford TX
8 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX
9 Lin Lindsey, Murchison TX
10 Teena J. Friedel, Irving TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Chili Podcast.com, Dallas TX
Steve Heaser
2 South Side Foggy Mountain
Grand Prairie TX
Jim Johnson
3 Teardrop Chili, Denton TX
Steve Buckner
- Aug 26, 2006-009 - Chanute KS
Chanute Elks 806 Chili CCO, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Jason Lamons, Shawnee KS
2 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
3 Jerri Dowdy, Kansas City MO
4 Scott Lamons, Shawnee KS
5 Larry Velasquez, Mission KS
6 Twyla Reeves, Chanute KS
7 Margaret Walters, Savonburg KS
8 Marlene Smith, Farlington KS
9 Kevin Smith, Farlington KS
10 David Starr, Chanute KS
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bahama Mama's, Chanute KS
Twyla Reeves
2 Duck Blind Chili, Kansas City MO
Steve Dowdy
3 Farlington's Finest, Farlington KS
Marlene Smith
- Sep 2, 2006-003 - Paris TX
George Robinson Memorial CCO, 20
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Rex W. Jones, Dallas TX
2 Mike Pressley, Paris TX
3 Gary Davis, Paris TX
4 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
5 Harvey West, Telephone TX
6 Brian K MacDonough, Garland TX
7 Alisa Carlson, Garland TX
8 Jackie Grose, Quinlan TX
9 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX



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10 Ginny Williams, Irving TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Bull Rush, Irving TX
 Ginny Williams
 2 Crazy Dog Racing, Garland TX
 Brian K MacDonough
 3 Wild Child Chili, Paris TX
 Mike Pressley

Sep 2, 2006-004 - Canyon Lake TX
 3rd Annual Bar-Be-Cue & Chili CCO, 39
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Bruce Pinnell, Helotes TX
 2 Rick Davis, Boerne TX
 3 George K Jowers III, San Antonio TX
 4 Billy Bob Weatherly, Canyon Lake TX
 5 Mary Stephens, Canyon Lake TX
 6 Pat Dozier, Houston TX
 7 Ronney Otto, Canyon Lake TX
 8 Fread E. Cielencski Sr
 San Antonio TX
 9 Cindy McKinzie, Canyon Lake TX
 10 Louise Hayhurst, Kingsland TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Spitfire Chili, San Antonio TX
 Doyle Smith
 2 Athletic Supporter, Boerne TX
 Rick Davis
 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 3, 2006-002 - Bisbee AZ
 Brewry Gulch Daze CCO, 15 **CHILIS**
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Mike Strack, Sierra Vista AZ
 2 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ
 3 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
 4 Russ Hite, Sierra Vista AZ

5 Kathy "Kat" Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
 6 Paul R Hetrick, Bisbee AZ
 7 Ben Berry, Sierra Vista AZ
 8 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ
 9 Patti Kunstman, Sierra Vista AZ
 10 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Intimidator Chili, Sierra Vista AZ
 Patti Kunstman
 2 Casa Loco, Bisbee AZ
 Tom Wheeler
 3 Paublo's SW Chili, Bisbee AZ
 Paul R Hetrick

Sep 3, 2006-003 - Arlington TX
 29th Annual Terlingua CCO, 46
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Teena J. Friedel, Irving TX
 2 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
 3 David Manske, Arlington TX
 4 Shirley Smith, Wichita Falls TX
 5 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
 6 Pat French, Wichita Falls TX
 7 J.D. Duggan, Many LA
 8 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
 Lebanon TN
 9 Sherry Muhlbaauer, Wichita Falls TX
 10 Dale Daniel, Joshua TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
 Terrell TX
 Larry Wampler
 2 Dream Catcher, Irving TX
 Teena J. Friedel
 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 3, 2006-004 - Canyon Lake TX

Sunday Canyon Lake Cookoff, 36
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Linda Otto, Canyon Lake TX
 2 George K Jowers III, San Antonio TX
 3 Traci Nix, Harper TX
 4 Roger (R.W.) Patteson
 Canyon Lake TX
 5 Cindy McKinzie, Canyon Lake TX
 6 Mike Benold, Dripping Springs TX
 7 Louise Hayhurst, Kingsland TX
 8 Lanna Fisbeck Cantwell, Weimar TX
 9 Janet Cielencski, San Antonio TX
 10 Jo Bachmeyer, Houston TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Line Shack II, Canyon Lake TX
 Reva Weatherly
 2 UNCLAIMED
 3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 4, 2006-002 - Arlington TX
 29th Morning After Terlingua, 25 **CHILIS**
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Laura Cozby, Dallas TX
 2 Pat French, Wichita Falls TX
 3 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX
 4 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
 5 Jim Johnson, Grand Prairie TX
 6 Danny Campbell, Cedar Hill TX
 7 Clint Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 8 Roger Foltz, Mesquite TX

9 Tammie Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
 10 J.D. Duggan, Many LA
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 South Side Foggy Mountain
 Grand Prairie TX
 Jim Johnson
 2 Chili Podcast.com, Dallas TX
 Steve Heaser
 3 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
 Ray Calhoun

Sep 9, 2006-005 - Stephenville TX
 281 Speedway Musicfest & Chili CCO, 15
CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
 1 Beth Moon, Hurst TX
 2 Michael R. Burke, Fort Worth TX
 3 Lisa R Duggan, Many LA
 4 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
 5 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
 6 Karen Byrne, Malakoff TX
 7 Danny Campbell, Cedar Hill TX
 8 Laura Cozby, Dallas TX
 9 James (Jim) McCraw, Goldthwaite TX
 10 David L. Jr. Sexton
 Grand Prairie TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
 Shirley Sexton
 2 Fire Barn, Goldthwaite TX
 James (Jim) McCraw
 3 UNCLAIMED



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

\$300

On Tuesday, October 31st, the Sotol Pod will sponsor an Annual Adult Halloween Costume Contest to be held in the judging area at the CASI Site. A \$50 Prize will be awarded for first place winners in each category: Scariest, Funniest, Best Couple or Group, Most Original, and Sexiest. One final winner over all categories will receive \$300. No Nudity Allowed.

This contest will be open to all CASI cooks and/or friends and to the local population of Terlingua and surrounding areas. Judging starts at 8 PM. This event follows the Sotol Pod Chili Cookoff held in the same area.

Registration for contestants will be held in the judging area during the Sotol Pod Cookoff. Local residents may register by phone or at the CASI site. Registration is open until 7:00 PM on Tuesday.

Costume rental available – Kathy Wisdom 432-371-2463

Registration and information – Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595
432-371-2545.

**Judges needed, come out and enjoy
the cookoff and the contest.
There will be no entry fee or gate fee
for contestants, spectators or
judges on Tuesday.**

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The hours of registration will be Thursday, November 2, 2006: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday, November 3, 2006: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Saturday late registration hours will be 8:00 to 9:00 AM on November 4. All registration will be behind the presentation stage. Showmanship registration will be done at a station next to chili registration as it was last year.

Two years ago, we initiated a policy of showing a photo ID for chili registration. It worked well and last year we extended it to include showmanship registration. It is not our desire to inconvenience anyone, but as we grow (now over 300 cooks annually), we feel this measure is necessary to protect the integrity of the registration process.

The wristband policy is essentially unchanged from the last two years, however some confusion still remains so we'll try to explain it. Each qualified cook and show team captain is entitled to free admission to TICC. I prepare a Gate List that lists all qualified cooks and show team captains. The gate personnel work from this list, so there is no need to bring your qualification card or certificate. The list is computer-generated so there is little chance that your name would not be on the list, if it belongs on the list. If you arrive at the gate and your name is not on the list, you will be required to pay the admission fee and be directed to me to resolve the problem.

Qualified cooks are allowed one contestant wristband for themselves and one for their companion (spouse or partner). Qualified show team captains will be given only one contestant wristband at the gate. All other individuals accompanying him/her will be required to pay the admission fee.

When registering for showmanship, show team captains will be allowed contestant wristbands for their team members: three additional (four total) if participating in small show and seven (eight total) additional if participating in large show. The new one-person show entries will not get any additional wristbands.

CASI membership is required to participate in TICC as a cook or show team. There will be a membership station at registration if you need to renew your membership, or become a new member of CASI.

Each cook and show team captain who participates in TICC is entitled to a contestant's shirt. These are distributed when you register for chili or show. Invariably, we will have some extra shirts. On Friday at 2:30 PM, we will allow someone to pick up a shirt for a qualified cook or show team captain who is unable to attend this year's TICC. The person picking up the shirt must produce the qualification card of the cook or show captain and that person must be current on their CASI dues, just as if they were present and competing. Shirts will be dispensed on a first come, first serve basis as long as the supplies last. There is no guarantee on sizes.

Finally, as always, if you are unable to reach the stage for registration due to a medical situation, we will come to you. Just have someone notify me and we will get you registered.

Bill Pierson
CASITallyMaster

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home to check out my chili meat, etc. I quickly told him that was my home and he could not enter. I brought out our cooking stuff and we passed. Later, after he left, a very happy UT guy came by serving his chili to everyone on a large oar and the pot was in a grocery cart. No inspector around then.

We met two clowns there doing Show. Later as we continued to see them at other cookoffs, their little 3-year old would run off to our camp next door. Her Mommy always knew where she was. That clown is now known as Renee Moore, Vice President of the CASI Board, and that little toddler was Melanie Sutton, her daughter.

We continued to get more interested in the chili world and I was elected Great Pepper in 1987. I took my motor home and five other couples and we drove all Thursday night to get to North Little Rock Friday morning. SOT Pod had sent in a rule that all cookoffs be chili grind and it was supported by several other Pods. When the rule came up on the floor, I stood up to talk on it. When the vote was called, I was the only "yes" vote. Even the delegate that seconded it didn't vote yes.

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Show Me the Money

Coming to TICC? Don't forget to bring extra cash (or a check) for your CASI concessions purchases.

Since this is the 40th TICC anniversary, there will be special items in limited quantities for sale in the concession booth. Booth hours are 10:00 a.m. until Midnight, Thursday through Saturday.

You snooze, you lose! Shop early to make sure you get these commemorative items.

TERLINGUA VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED**MAIN BEER CONCESSION**

TUESDAY	12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M; 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M;	3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 9:00 TIL----
WEDNESDAY	12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M; 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M;	3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M. to Midnight
THURSDAY	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M; 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M; 10:00 P.M. to Midnight	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M; 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M; 10:00 P.M. to Midnight	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M; 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M; 10:00 P.M. to Midnight	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

This is an opportunity to show your support of CASI by volunteering a few hours of your time to help in a very busy area. To volunteer please call me at 1-512-440-0222 or email to: TerlinguaTrails@chili.org. Please specify your shirt size also.

Doug "Bucky" Seelig

RANCH HELP

If you are willing to work at the Ranch from Tuesday thru Friday, please get in touch with Jimmy Taylor at taylor@monument.net or phone 1 (830) 868-2223.

Thanks, Jaime

Volunteers Needed for the Front Gate at TICC

We need volunteers to interact with the public and assist the Terlingua Fire/EMS personnel at the Front Gate of the CASI Rancho De Los Chisos. Please contact Bruce Jones (830) 899-3353 or clplbg@gvtc.com to schedule. Time slots available Wednesday November 1st thru Friday November 3rd from 9 AM until Midnight.

Sponsors, spectators, vendors, media, chili contestants, showmanship teams, support personnel and chili personalities all pass thru the Gate at the Top of the Hill. Lend some of your time and meet some of the people that make Terlingua an experience to remember.

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We got up early Sunday morning and headed back to Austin. Back in those days, whether it was the GP Meeting or TICC, we left after work on Thursday night and came back Sunday morning. And we did this for a long time because a lot of us only had two weeks vacation for the year.

As my Lion duties decreased some, I wanted to get more involved in CASI. I was so excited when Life Membership was created and I became Life Member #37, only because the others had been asked for already. Very quickly, I became an Old 320 participant. I asked and campaigned to be the First Alcalde. Ann Angel nominated me for the first term; I was elected and then nominated for the second year. I was proud to serve 2 terms as the Mayor of the Old 320.

I later was elected Director of the Ranch. This was back in the days when we had no money, so improvements were very slow. A lot of things happened because our Directors dug in their pockets (still do). Back then, Directors had two shirts: one CASI bought and the other we bought. But we were all proud to do this and to wear them. I still have a wonderful love and bond with those Directors with whom I served. They are and were Bobby Aldridge, Robert Bell, Hut Brown, Vickie Childers, Myrl Coultas, Glyn Gaines, Ralph Hay, Ken Large, Bruce Pinnell, Guy Smith, Mike Strack, Jim Stateczny, Mel FitzHenry, Harvey West, Cindy Reed, and Preston Shaw.

I did not officially serve with Cindy and Preston as they were coming in as I was leaving. One of my "deals" as Ranch Manager was taking the Directors on a jeep tour of the 320 acres CASI had purchased. Preston Shaw still talks about "John's mad ride."

Even though I was not on the Board with the others, past and present, I have a lot of respect for all of them, because I know it's a hard job and many times a thankless one. Nevertheless, I have worked with and encouraged many to run for the Board including Bucky Seelig, Jimmy Taylor, and Ken Rodd.

Any chance I get, I will tell the younger folks about the olden days and bring in some of the real "olds" like Larry Otto and Earl Who, Ray King, and Richard Knight to tell them the way it was. It is always good to see any of these folks and visit. Where else could you go and have such wonderful folks remain your friends all these years?

I still enjoy helping out at TICC and supporting the Directors who come on the Board. I am happy each year to go out early and hang street signs for Jimmy Taylor, or deliver ice for Bucky Seelig, or cut vegetables for Diane FitzHenry, or haul something in for Ken Rodd. I still like to help.

I have thoroughly enjoyed "Texizing" ED Alan Dean. I bought him Texas wine, (Thunderbird, chilled in a galvanized bucket), helped him talk Texan, and now he even has a pickup truck.

It is out of love and respect for all the wonderful folks I have met along the way and my enthusiasm and respect for CASI that I continue to work at TICC every year. I now get to come in on Saturday and leave on Sunday a week later. I also sometimes go to Terlingua 2 or 3 times a year to the cookoffs out there, mainly because of the good folks and what Tom and Dorathy Williams continue to promote out there with the community and CASI, along with Mel and Diane FitzHenry.

One of the nice things, as we have grown older, has been the love and respect we receive from our younger members. They like to hang with us, because they say we are more fun. Course they also like our chili stories and plus they get to meet everyone. We make sure our new kids meet everyone. Even though most of them are smarter than we are, they always ask our opinion on things; farming, chili, life, and just about anything, except computers.

We have watched our SOT Pod become a vibrant happy Pod with all these "smart" younger ones in there. They affectionately call us Papa John and Mama Sue. We are very proud of those titles.

In closing, a wonderful tribute was bestowed on Sue and me last year when we were chosen CASI Chiliheads of the Year. We have worn that title with extreme pride and we will continue to serve all of you as long as we can. Come see us this year at TICC. No doubt we will have peanuts and a cold Lone Star. Thanks for the memories and the good times. May you be blessed with good health and much happiness.

Farmer John Caffey



Fond Memories from 1980

At the just past Great Peppers' Meeting, Doug "Bucky" Seelig asked if I would take the time to write an article about some chili history that I might remember. Not being trained in journalism and at my age, boy, what a challenge. Looking at the title it should come as no surprise as to which year I chose. The following will reveal some of my reasons for picking 1980.


Howdy Roo is one of the oldest continuously held cookoffs in the world. Few may know that in the February '80 issue of the *Goat Gap Gazette*, Clyde Griffin announced that the official entry form for the '80 cookoff would be published in March, only this original would be accepted for an entry, and then only to the first 60 entries. I understand that many subscribers drove to Houston to pick up their copies in person.

CASI published its official rules and they only covered ¾ page of the *GGG*. Among these rules was the requirement of having 6 points to qualify for TICC. Easy? You were only awarded points for 1st - 3rd; 3 points, 2 points, and 1 point. Showmanship required 12 points and you had to have at least 35 cooks to award 3 places and with less cooks, you only awarded 1st place, good for 1 point. Was showmanship the "redheaded stepchild"? Later that year, CASI requested the names of Pods, Great Peppers' names, addresses, etc. for a meeting to be held in September of that year. This would be the forerunner of our current system.

Other happenings included only 29 cookoffs listed in the February Upcomings. Duke Walton started a campaign against escalating cookoff fees. He did accomplish a rollback in most cases. Incidentally, the fees had increased to \$20.00 and we paid no fees to CASI.

The Lone Star awards were started and awarded at older, established cookoffs. These were an approximate 2" medallion on a red, white and blue ribbon and awarded to the top 3 show and chili winners. You will still see some of these around.

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JACKPOT BBQ BEEF BRISKET
ENTRY FEE \$20 - TURN IN TIME 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2006



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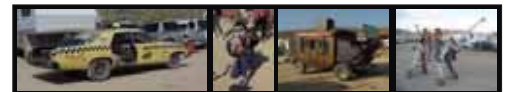


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Cooking With CASI



Oct 1, 2006-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Blaine's First Chance Cookoff. Cancelled.

Oct 1, 2006-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. Saddle Bronc First Chance CCO. Held on Sunday at 204 E. Avenue L. Benefits Hospice of San Angelo. Entry fee \$10 turn-in Noon. Info 325-656-8258 or 325-655-9257.

Oct 1, 2006-003 - Dallas TX CASI. State Fair of Texas CCO and Rib Roundup. Held at the Fair Park in Dallas, enter Lagow gate from Fitzhugh. Benefits the Creative Arts Dept. Entry fee \$15, make check payable to State Fair of Texas. Turn-in 1 PM. Free fair entry to contestants. Coleman type pump-up stoves. For BBQ and cooking regulations contact Ray Calhoun 214-421-8744. Fire extinguisher required.

Oct 1, 2006-004 - Tulsa OK CASI. Tulsa State Fair Chili CCO. Held at Expo Square, Lower Level, 4125 E. 21st St., between Yale & Harvard, Door No 1, South side of Expo Square. Will open at 8 AM for early birds. Entry fee \$20, includes fair admission. Turn-in 2:30 PM. Make checks payable to Tulsa State Fair and mail to the Fair Office Tulsa State Fair, Attn: Creative Arts, P.O. Box 4735, Tulsa OK 74159. Contact Penny Chronister at Fair Office 918-409-6383. Mike Hallenbeck 918-409-6383, tallfatguy@cox.net. Registration begins at 9 AM.

Oct 1, 2006-005 - Spring TX CASI. Dave's Pepper Palace New Years Day Cookoff. Old Town Spring. Turn in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18. Come and join us for the first points of the New Chili Year. Cookoff, previous day, same location. Contact Keith Karaff, 281-850-6387, emailkdkone@aol.com or Jay Potter 281-414-1372.

Oct 1, 2006-006 - Lemont IL CASI. Best of The Midwest CC Held in Centennial Community Park. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. For Lemont Park District to purchase accessible playground. Contact Kristina Saxon 16028 127th St. Lemont IL 60439. Christina-Saxon@Lemontparkdistrict.org. Phone 630-257-6787 #3001. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Oct 1, 2006-007 - Bergheim TX CASI. Alamo Area First Point Cookoff held at Pleasant Valley Community Center located west of Bergheim on Hwy 46 at Los Indios Ranch Rd on north side of Hwy, about 3.5 miles west of Bergheim. Table Top Cooking - Tables Provided. No overnight camping. Entry fee \$20

turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Alamo Area Pod for pod charities. Contact Sally Lee 210-490-4436.

Oct 1, 2006-008 - Memphis TN CASI. 22nd Annual Mid-South Fair Championship Chili Cookoff. Held at 940 Early Maxwell Blvd, in Coliseum parking lot. Entry fee \$20 Junior chili, \$35 per category, \$120 for 4 categories. Make checks payable to Mid-South Fair Chili. Contact Jeanne Rinnander, 940 Early Maxwell Blvd Memphis TN 38104. 901-322-1456 jrinnander@midouthfair.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Please register by September 20th.

Oct 1, 2006-009 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Friends of the Children's Aid Society. Held on the outskirts 5029 Jacksboro Hwy. Benefits the Children's Aid Society. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Live and silent auctions, raffle ticket, 50/50. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794,

Oct 7, 2006-001 - Blytheville AR CASI. 27th Annual Chickasaw CCO. Held on Main Street. Benefits Mainstreet Blytheville. Entry fee \$30, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Mainstreet Blytheville. Contact Ellen Moody 210 W. Main St., Blytheville AR 72315. Phone 870-763-2525.

Oct 7, 2006-002 - Irving TX CASI. 2006 Veterans Memorial CCO. On the border of Irving and Grand Prairier. Held at Irving VFW Post 2494, 3375 N. Belt Line. Behind the Skateland on Belt Line, 2.5 miles north of I-30 or 1 block south of Shady Grove. Benefits VFW Post 2494. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks paid to VFW 2494. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans \$5, 50/50 payback. Campers welcome no hookups/self contained only. Friday night dinner 6 PM, head cooks free, charge for others usually \$6-8. 7:30 PM Electronic Dart tournament, entry fee \$3 a limit of first 32 signed up. Saturday cooks meeting 9 AM, show 11 to 12 PM. Horseshoe competition, raffles & much more fun. Contact Margaret Hobbs, 3375 N. Belt Line Grand Prairie TX 75053. 972-513-0593m 972-740-2224. macintexas@verizon.net.

Oct 7, 2006-003 - Ponder TX CASI. Riding Unlimited Barn Bash & Chili Cookoff. Held at 9168 T.N. Skiles Rd. Benefits Riding Unlimited. \$20 entry fee, only \$15 if registered by Sept. 16th. Turn-in 2 PM. Peoples Choice. Make checks payable to Riding Unlimited. Contact Mary Gwinner 9168 T.N. Skiles Rd.

Ponder, TX 76259. 940-479-2016. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Oct 7, 2006-004 - Port Aransas TX CASI. South Texas Music Fest & Chili and BBQ Cookoff. Held at Sharkeys Beach Club, 2600 Hwy 361. Contact Charles Cole 210-859-7317. Sharkey's 361-749-4254. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. We will have a Bean Cookoff as well as BBQ, Brisket, Ribs & Chicken. colelandco@aol.com

Oct 7, 2006-005 - Dodge City KS CASI. Dodgetober Festival & CCO. Cancelled.

Oct 7, 2006-006 - St. Charles IL CASI. Great Pepper's Chili Cookoff St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 N Third Street (SW Corner of Third & State Streets). Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Also Jackpot Beans, entry fee \$5 with turn-in at 2:00 PM. Make checks payable to Chillini Pod. Contact Bill Pierson, 411 Illinois Avenue Batavia IL 60510-1843. Phone 630-879-7934, chillinipod@comcast.net. Benefits Chillini Pod Charities.

Oct 7, 2006-007 - Willis TX CASI. 8th Annual Gulf Coast Trades Center Chili Cookoff. Held at FM 1097 East 2 miles from Willis. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Gulf Coast Trades Center - Youth Leadership. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Gulf Coast Trades Center. Contact Marcia Headrick, 8191A SH 75 S Huntsville TX 77340. H-936-291-1928 W 936-537 7825, C 936-537-5166. Plenty of RV hookups available for \$10 for one night, \$15 for the entire weekend.

Oct 7, 2006-008 - Snyder TX CASI. White Buffalo Days BBQ & Chili CO Held at the Gathering Spot-E. 37th Street across from Scurry County Coliseum. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to the Black Gold Pod. Benefits Snyder VFW. Contact Tim Collier 3300 CR 461 Snyder TX 79549. 325-575-8282 575-7014, Jerry Baird 325-573-8389. BBQ-IBCA/WTBA State Championship. \$25/category - chicken-12 Noon, ribs-1PM, brisket-3PM. \$3000 prize money, Grand Champion-belt buckle. Cooks meal Friday night. Plenty of dry camping. Joe Ely and Kentucky Headhunters Concert Sat. night at Scurry Co. Coliseum. Call Chamber of Commerce for ticket information 325-573-3558. BUFFALOBONZETROPHYFOR 1st Place Chili.

Oct 7, 2006-009 - Pryor OK CASI. Great MidAmerica Chili Cookoff. This 10th annual

event will feature "palate pleasing" chili created by cooks from around the region in a CASI sanctioned competition for special awards and recognition. Registration begins 8 AM on Saturday. Turn-in Noon. Entry fee \$20. Tasting cups will be sold to the public at noon to taste to their hearts content. Benefits the National MS, Multiple Sclerosis, Society of Oklahoma. Hosted by Green Country Chili and BBQ too Pod of Tulsa OK. Contact Lorinda Crawford lorinda.crawford@eds.com 918-455-8655, David Brown 918-520-9935, deplbrown@prodigy.net. More info www.maip.com/expo.htm Cookoff takes place 4 miles South of Pryor on US Hwy 69, at MidAmerica Airport grounds.

Oct 7, 2006-010 - Lee's Summit MO CASI. Kick It Up! Chilifest. 4th Annual Cookoff held in Down-town Lee's Summit. CASI, Homestyle Vegetarian, Salsa. Entry fee \$20 for 1 chili category, \$35/2-3 chili categories, \$5/Salsa. Turn in CASI 11 AM, Salsa 11:30 AM, Noon for Homestyle & Vegetarian. Chilifest will start on Friday evening and continue Saturday morning and evening. Live music and food. This will be once again a Rotary of Lee's Summit event. Benefits Open Arms Foundation and One Good Meal, both bring much good to our community. Downtown Lee's Summit will feature Cow A Bunga, it involves a cow and field with a grid on it. You can purchase a ticket for one of the squares & might win up to \$20,000. Should be fun. Contact Scott DeVouton 816-347-9800. Email devouton@dadblaw.com

Oct 7, 2006-011 - Hilton Head Island SC CASI. 22nd Annual Kiwanis Club CCO. Held at US 278 & Honey Horn Drive. Benefits Kiwanis Club's Childrens Charities. Turn-in 12:30 PM, entry fee \$30. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Many hotel rooms available. RV campground near site. RV parking permitted overnight at cookoff site. No facilities or electric. Contact Bill Leptich 843-298-2634 email BLeptich@aol.com. Please register by October 2nd. Bill Leptich, 34 Isle of Pines, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Oct 7, 2006-012 - Ruidoso NM CASI. New Mexico State Open CCO. Held at the Little Creek RV Park, Mile Marker 2, Airport Highway. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Scott Muhn 505-937-7751. newmexicotravel@valomet.com.

Oct 7, 2006-013 - Chillicothe IL CASI. Chili's

Annual Hog Wild Rib and Chili Cookoff. Held at the Foot of Walnut, Cutright Park, on the Illinois River. Benefits the Ambulance 33. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Blue Flame BBQ. Contact Jeff Anderson P.O. Box 555 Chillicothe IL 61523. blflame@mchsi.com 309-274-2713, 309-231-8034.

Oct 7, 2006-014 - Austin TX CASI. 1st Points For Sight Austin Lions Sight & State of Texas Pod Cookoff held at Travis County Sheriffs

Possee area, South of Austin on Hwy 183, near FM 812. Please bring old eyeglasses. Stay for Sunday cookoff. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to ALSCC, Austin Lions Sight Conservation. Beans \$5, 100% payback. Turn-in 1 PM. Silent auction. Cooks party Friday night. Breakfast Saturday morning. Pot luck Saturday night. Contact John or Sue Caffey 2256 CR 434 Loop, Rockdale TX 76567. 512-446-2364 512-760-8789, caffeycasa@msn.com.

Oct 7, 2006-015 - Dubuque IA CASI. Cable Car Square Cookoff. Held at Cable Car Square, corner of Bluff and 4th. Benefits The Marie House of Dubuque. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 12:30 PM. Salsa entry \$5, turn-in TBD. Cash prizes for Open Chili contest. Lots of entertainment during the day. Contact Teri Connely, 63 Carter St. E. Dubuque IL 61025 815-747-2504.

Oct 7, 2006-016 - Geronimo TX CASI. Geronimo VFW - 2nd Annual C Cookoff held at Geronimo VFW Post, 6808 Hwy 123. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Cancer Research. Make checks payable to VFW Post 8456. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact R.C. Pawna 6808 Hwy 123 Geronimo TX 78115. 830-379-9260.

Oct 7, 2006-017 - Rosarito Baja Calif MX CASI. Killer Chili Cookoff. About 40 miles south of the border. By Cruz Roja Americanos. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Virginia Shuey, 7577 Hazard Ctr Dr. San Diego, CA 92108 vshuey1@san.rr.com. 619-574-1047 Benefits Mexican Red Cross Hospital.

Oct 7, 2006-018 - Poteet TX CASI. Atascosa Sesquicentennial Celebration. Held at Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds, Hwy 16 South. Benefits various local charities. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Cooking booth provided.

Chamber of Commerce contact Diana Martinez 835-742-3525. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Chili contact Connie Schrade 210-626-3705 210-823-3272 Chilirose@aol.com. Make checks payable to Poteet Chamber of Commerce. Dry camping, enter Gate 2 starting 6 AM on Friday. Camp Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Oct 7, 2006-019 - Amarillo TX CASI. Texas Youth Leadership CCO. Held at 10th & Grand St. at Southwest Optimist Grill, Tri- State Fairgrounds. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Texas Youth Leadership. Make checks payable to Tall in Texas Pod. Ground Meat Only. Contact Margaret Lopez P.O. Box 25 Amarillo TX 79105. 806-669-3349

Oct 8, 2006-001 - Willis TX CASI. Sunday 8th Annual Gulf Coast Trades Center Chili Cookoff. Held at FM 1097 East 2 miles from Willis. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Benefits The Raven School. Make checks payable to Gulf Coast Trades Center. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Marcia Headrick 8191 ASH 75 S, Huntsville TX 77340. H936-291-1928, W 936-344-7825, C936-537-5166.

Oct 8, 2006-002 - Ruidoso NM CASI. Ruidoso Chili Society Pod CCO. Held at Little Creek RV Park, Mile marker 2, Airport Hwy. Entry

Friday – November 3, 2006

CASI Scholarship Day

8:30 AM Presentation of Colors and National Anthem
 9:00 AM Judges' Registration in Judging Area until 1:00 PM
 10:00 AM Old 320 Business Meeting in the Stage Area
 T-Shirt and Beer Concessions open
 11:00 AM Cook and Show Team Registration behind the Stage until 2:00 PM.
Photographic identification must be presented to register to cook chili and perform showmanship.
 Beans and Salsa Competition Registration until 11:30 AM
 11:00 AM Hot Wings preliminary turn-in at the Judging Area
 12:00 PM Beans turn-in at Judging Area
 1:00 PM Salsa turn-in at Judging Area
 1:30 PM Posting of Hot Wings Finalists
 2:30 PM Showmanship Team Meeting at the Stage Area
 3:00 PM Hot Wings final turn-in at the Judging area
 4:30 PM First-Time Cooks' Meeting and Reception Behind the Stage
 5:00 PM Announcement of Wings, Beans and Salsa Winners from the Stage
 8:00 PM Stage entertainment until Midnight

Saturday - November 4, 2006

The Main Event

6:00 AM Arena Area open for setup until 9:00 AM
 8:00 AM Cook and Show Team Registration behind the Stage until 9:00 AM.
Photographic identification must be presented to register to cook chili and perform showmanship.
 9:00 AM Motor vehicle traffic to cooking area will be limited to essential vehicles only
 9:30 AM Reading of Contestant list from the stage
 10:00 AM Recognition of Sponsors from the stage
 T-Shirt and Beer Concessions open
 11:30 AM Judges and Table Monitors check the Judging Area for reporting times and table assignments
HIGH NOON TURN IN CHILI AT THE JUDGING AREA
 12:30 PM Showmanship Competition until 2:30 PM
 2:30 PM VIP Reception behind the Stage – All Great Peppers, Regional Referees and TICC Past Winners are welcome to meet our TICC Sponsors and VIPs
 3:30 PM Cookoff Announcements to begin on the stage
 8:00 PM Clean-up Party – help put judging tables and chairs away and clean the judging area!
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Oct 8, 2006-003 - Austin TX CASI. 2nd Points For Sight Austin Lions Sight & State of Texas Pod held at Travis County Sheriffs Posse Area, South of Austin on Hwy 183 near FM 812. Please bring old eyeglasses. Benefits State of Texas Pod Charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Breakfast on Sunday, see Saturday Cookoff. Stay for both days. We'll have the light on and we'll feed you. Contact John or Sue Caffey 812-446-7364 or 512-760-8789.

Oct 8, 2006-004 - Amarillo TX CASI. ADVO Chili Cookoff. Held at Tri-State Fairgrounds, Southwest Optimist Grill, 10th & Grand Sts. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to ADVO Ground Meat Only. Contact Millie Bingham 3102 S. Tyler St. Amarillo TX 79109. 806-376-6604, 806-670-5917.

Oct 14, 2006-001 - Knickerbocker TX CASI. Scholarship Day at The Flats. Cancelled.

Oct 14, 2006-002 - Midland TX CASI. 6th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at the Party Station, 6009 Empressa. Benefits Gifts of Hope. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. CHILIGRIND ONLY. BBQ IBCA Sanctioned. 1/2 Jointed Chicken, Pork Spare ribs, Beef Brisket, \$25 entry fee for each category. Turn in Chicken Noon, Pork Spare ribs 1 PM, Beef Brisket 3 PM. Payback 50% + \$300 1st Place through 3rd Place. Trophies 1st through 10th and Grand Champion. 50/50 Drawing, Raffle items, Specialty raffle. Plenty of room for RVs, trailers and pits. Setup on Friday. Room specials for cookoff at Travelodge, 2500 Commerce Dr. 1-432-694-1300, \$39.95 + tax Single or Double (up to 4 people). Contact Patsy Childress 1400 McDonald, Midland TX 79703. patsy@13wireless.com. 432-520-4433 cell 432-425-4473. Fish Fry for Cooks, Helpers and Sponsors Friday night at 6:30 PM.

Oct 14, 2006-003 - Grapevine TX CASI. 2nd Annual Stop Drop & Roll CCO. Held at the Bass Pro Outdoor World parking lot. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits WPI Firefighters Fund. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Robin Williams 200 Greenleaf St. Ft. Worth TX 76107. 817-229-9750. Please register by October 6th.

Oct 14, 2006-004 - Love Valley NCCASI. Love Valley Chili Cookoff. Held in Love Valley Arena. For the Muel Assn. Love Valley. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. \$10 each additional entry. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Meat is cooks choice. Contact Brent Lundy 704-876-2681. Info bubba@ncchili.com.

Oct 14, 2006-005 - Whitney TX CASI. Thousand Trails Whitney Cook-Off held 5 miles north of Whitney on Hwy 933. Pot luck Friday night and Saturday night. Bean cook-off \$5.00 turn in 12:00 noon. Chili \$20.00 turn in 2:00 pm. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Free hook-ups electric and water. See Sunday Cook-Off same location. Make checks payable to Thousand Trails Pod, Benefits Christmas for Children. Contact Darrell Baxter 972-262-4701.

Oct 14, 2006-006 - Bandera TX CASI. SAP CASI Fall This Really is the Date Chili Cookoff. REINSTATED event. Held at Pioneer RV Park at the beautiful Medina River, downtown Bandera. Benefits SAP CASI charities. Turn in: 11 AM Wings, 12 PM Beans (dry pintos only), 1 PM Salsa, 2 PM Chili. Entry fee \$5 Wings, \$10 Beans, \$5 Salsa, \$20 Chili. Make checks payable to SAP-CASI. Contact Bob Steine 210-912-6146 or Charmaine Rogers 210-215-2009. Cooks party Friday night. Breakfast courtesy of Pioneer RV Park Saturday morning. Full hookups \$19/night, \$1 extra for cable. For reservations and directions contact Pioneer RV Park 866-796-3751.

Oct 14, 2006-007 - Livingston TX CASI. Indian Springs VFD Annual Cookoff. Located between Livingston & Woodville 1 block off Hwy 190. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Local chili \$10, turn-in Noon. Jackpot Beans \$10, turn-in 11:30 AM. Showmanship 1:30. Craft Booths 9 AM to 6 PM. Craft spaces \$20 8 X 10 inside, 12 X 10 outside Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. Live auction 4 PM. Contact Pat 936-327-3544 days 936-563-4420 eves. Stan 936-563-2615. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Oct 14, 2006-008 - Daingerfield TX CASI. 18th Annual Daingerfield Days CCO. Held at Daingerfield City Park, 300 Webb St. Entry fee \$20, turn-in Noon. Benefits Daingerfield Chamber of Commerce. Contact Nancy Stirl 903-639-7538 Ext 5 903-645-2715, 903-918-7691. nstirlnetmwd@aol.com.

Oct 14, 2006-009 - Wagoner OK CASI. Wagoner Chili Cookoff Held at Ft Gibson Lake Assn 300 S Dewey, junctions of Hwys 51/69. Benefits Ft Gibson Lake Assn. Entry fee \$20. Contact Paula Templeton. 918-485-5425 Home. 918-485-4623 Ft Gibson Lake Assn Paula.templeton@OK.nacdn.net

Oct 14, 2006-010 - Fort Collins CO CASI. 16th Annual Sundance Bluegrass Festival and Chili Cookoff. Held at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive. Chili competitions include CASI Red and Green Chili. There will also be a Hot Wings competition. Entry fee is \$15 for each entry or an additional \$5 for green and/or wings when entered in the CASI Red competition. Make checks paid to Colorado Chili Pod and mail to Colorado Chili Pod, c/o John Montgomery, 1670 Broadway,

3rd Annual Mountain States Chili Cookoff

The smell of chili, the laughter of children, and the rhythm of jazz filled the air at the 3rd Annual Mountain States Chili Cookoff. This year the organizers decided to offer an event for families, something that would encourage people to participate as a family.

So with a new venue closer to the center of town and a New Orleans' theme, the 3rd Annual Mountain States Chili Cookoff was off and running. This year to go along with the theme, the Colorado State Jambalaya Championship was added to the cookoff categories. Additionally this year besides music, a children's activity booth was added much to the enjoyment of the many kids in attendance.

It did not take long for the cooks from four different states to get into the chili spirit and cook up some Red, Green, Wings and Jambalaya. With a good turnout from local cooks, including many first time cooks, the cookoff kicked into high gear with music from David Booker and the Alleygators.

With so many categories on the menu, the public showed up early. They found themselves surrounded by colorful chili booths, and even more colorful chili cooks. It wasn't long before the hungry crowd wanted some of the fiery concoctions that were being created. Popsicles were being given out by one of the sponsors of the event to quench the fire.

At the end of the day with their chili pots empty, the public sated, and the points tallied, the cooks waited eagerly for announcements. And now to the winners:

In our Green Division, Steve Lee of Longmont, Colorado, took top honors closely followed by Gerry Hartshorn of Morrison, Colorado.

The judges "sweated it out" to pick the top spot in Wings. But in the end, Steve Lee of Longmont, Colorado, walked away with top honors in this category with his Honey Mango Habañero Hot Wings. Ivy Davidson, also of Longmont, came in a close 2nd.

Steve Lee and his Warriors of the Crimson Pepper also won showmanship, followed by Lyman Wilkinson and the Chili Shack from Loveland, Colorado. (Note: At this point, some of the cooks were calling this the "Steve Lee Invitational Chili Cookoff".)

And since he was on a roll, Steve Lee won the Colorado State Jambalaya Championship with his "Jumpin' Jambalaya" which included chicken, shrimp, and crawfish. Maggie Benton of Longmont, Colorado, with her Mombo Jambo Jambalaya won People's Choice.

Not to be outdone by her father, Katie Lee, 9 years old, took top honors in the Colorado State Junior Championship for the 2nd year in a row. (Is this a chili family or what?)

Finally, yet importantly, Steve Lee of Longmont, Colorado, won the Red Cookoff with his Warriors Red Chili. Rocky Kimball of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, took 2nd while Kyle Haberman of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, took 3rd. Gerry Hartshorn of Morrison, Colorado, took 4th Place and John Montgomery of Golden, Colorado, took 5th.

We would like to thank all the cooks, judges, sponsors, kids and those people who just love to eat chili for coming out and supporting this wonderful event. Through your efforts, we raised over \$2,400. And in the end, that's what it is all about. Thank you!

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Glyn Gaines was July Chilihead of the Month. In June of that year, 25-30 chiliheads met at Schultz's Beer Garden in Austin and formed SOT-POD with a \$5.00 family membership. Luckenbach again became the CASI Ladies State Cookoff site. Frank X. Tolbert claims no interest in moving it. Many other significant things happened during that year, but I'm running out of room.

The main reason I chose 1980 is because it was my first time to qualify for the "Worlds Championship" in Terlingua. It was a 9-10 hour trip, driving straight through with gas and pit stops where available, arriving late Friday Night. We cooked Saturday; no luck, but Bob Moore won both chili and showmanship, the first and only time for this to happen. Started for home late Saturday, stopped in Sanderson for the night, and on in on Sunday. There was no pizza place or anything else for that matter in 1980. Your cook's information packet contained information about what you needed to bring and/or everything you might need while there, because although it was God's country, he would not be there that weekend so you had better have it with you. Boy, have we come a long way.

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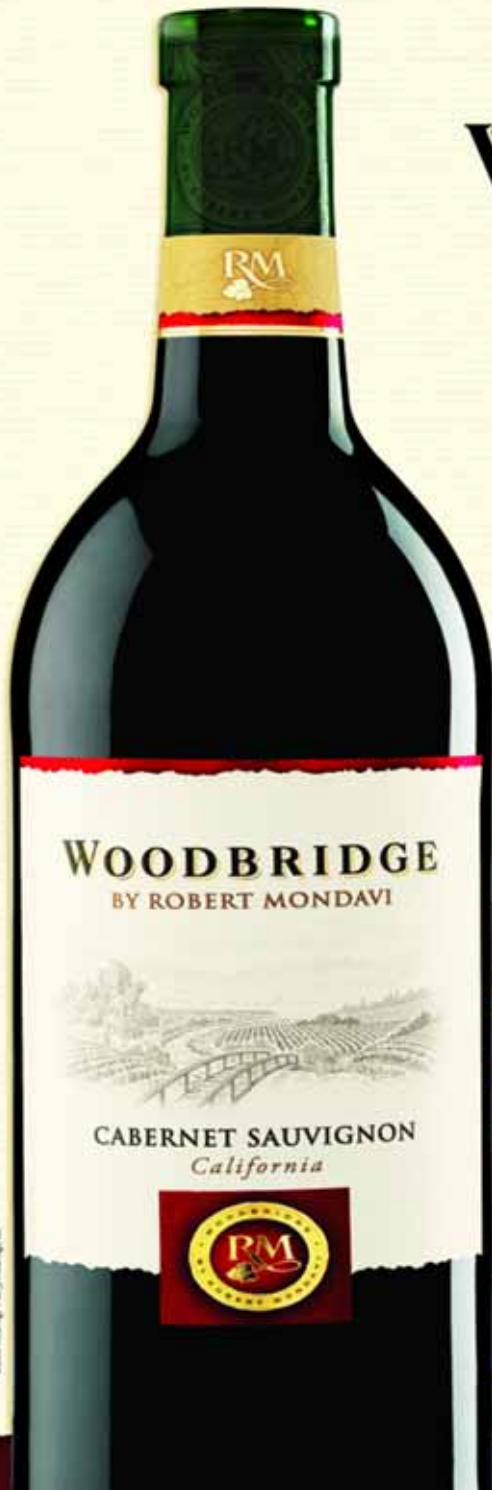
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Oct 14, 2006-011 - Marshall TX CASI. Fire Ant Festival Chili Cookoff. Held in downtown Marshall. Entry fee \$15, Beans \$5. Chili turn-in 2 PM. Arts, crafts entertainment, parade, Bike Ride, 5K Run and many other events such as Men's Crazy Legs, Rubber Chicken Chunking, Gurning (ugly face making) contest and a Dodgeball tournament. Contact Phyllis Bryan Chamber of Commerce 903-935-7868 www.chambermfi@hotmail.com.

Oct 14, 2006-012 - Wellington KS CASI. 3rd Annual Rise N Shine Lions Club Chili Cookoff. Held in Heritage Park in downtown Wellington, next to Memorial Auditorium, during Fall Festival. Chili turn-in Noon, Salsa Turn-in 11 AM. There will be taster kits sold at Noon. Junior Chili Cookoff and Salsa (17 years of age and under) with the same turn in times. Adult Chili \$20, Salsa \$5, Junior Chili \$5, Salsa \$5. Lots of activities planned. Contact Diana Page 1-800-995-1315. Benefits Lions Club International Leader Dog for the Blind Program. Make checks payable to Rise N Shine Lions Club Attn: Diana Page 120 West Harvey, Wellington KS 67152.

Oct 14, 2006-013 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Hospice Benefit Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 169, 4605 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits Hospice of Wichita Falls and other Legion charities. Entry fee \$20. Turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Pinto Beans entry \$5, turn in Noon. RV parking no hookups, can cook inside if bad weather. Friday night hamburger meal. Contact Donald R. Barfield, 15643 W. FM 171, Wichita Falls TX 76405-2217. saybarley@aol.com phone 940-322-5057.

Oct 14, 2006-014 - Victoria TX CASI. Texas Kickin' Bullriding Chili and BBQ Cookoff. Held at 3023 Camp Colet Rd at Colet Inn

Grounds. Call for directions or visit www.colet.com. 361-578-1360 Benefits TKB 2006. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot Salsa \$10-11 AM, Jackpot Beans \$10-12 PM, Junior Chicken \$10-12:30 PM, Junior Chili \$10-12:30 PM, 1/2 Fully Jointed Chicken \$20-1:30 PM Pork Spare Ribs \$20-2:30 PM, Brisket \$20-3:30 PM. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Springwood, Victoria TX 77905 361-578-2575 mclinda78@hotmail.com. Make check paid to TKB 2006.

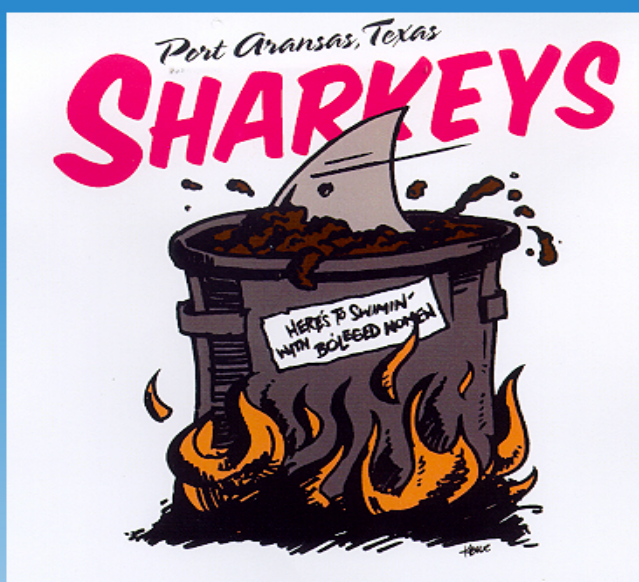
Oct 14, 2006-015 - Homosassa FL CASI. Southeast Chili Cookoff Held at Natures RV Resort, W. Halls River Rd. Call Natures RV Resort to reserve RV sites or Cabin Rental - 352-628-9544 - tell them you are a chili cook. Cookoff same location next day. Friday night social at Marina Lounge. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make check payable to Rotary Club. Contact Ken Rodd 210-887-8827.

Oct 14, 2006-016 - Tyler TX CASI. 4th Annual Tyler Elks Lodge #215 CC Held at 3815 Hwy 64W, next to Sonic, across the street from Wal-Mart, 903-592-6508. Benefits the Veterans and Scholarships. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Bean turn in Noon. Admission \$2 for adults. Trophies for chili, beans, showmanship, and peoples choice. Bring extra chili for tasting. Have RV hookups - no sewer. Contribution. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Jim Vance, 171 Eisenhower, Tyler TX 75704. 903-595-0497 903-245-9658 email elks215tylr@aol.com. Make checks payable to Tyler Elks Lodge.

Oct 14, 2006-017 - Caruthersville MO CASI. 9th Annual Caruthersville Chili Cookoff and Fall Festival on the Riverfront at Reynolds Park. Benefits the Chamber of Commerce. Entry Fee \$20. Make checks payable to Chamber of Commerce. Contact Christina Weber 200 W 3rd P.O. Box 806, Caruthersville MO 63830. 573-333-1222.

Oct 15, 2006-001 - Whitney TX CASI. Whitney Pod Chili Cook-Off Held 5 miles North of Whitney, on Hwy 933. Entry fee \$18.00 Turn in 12:00 noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Pot luck Saturday night. Free Hookups, water and electricity only. Dump station provided on exit of park. Contact Darrell Baxter, home 972-262-4701, cell 817-980-0913. dbaxter1@comcast.net. See also Saturday cook-off 10-14-2006. Make checks payable to Thousand Trails Pod. Benefits the Great Peppers Meeting.

Oct 15, 2006-002 - Bandera TX CASI. SAP CASI Fall Day After the Real Date Chili Cookoff. This event REINSTATED. Held at Pioneer RV Park at the beautiful Medina river downtown Bandera. Benefits Pod charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to SAP- CASI. Full hookups \$19/



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Oct 15, 2006-003 - Victoria TX CASI. TKB 2006 Sunday Special CCO. Held at 3023 Camp Colet Road at Colet Inn grounds. Call for directions 361-528-1360 or visit www.coletinn.com. Benefits Memorial Dance & Drill Team. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Memorial Dance & Drill Team. Contact Linda McDonald 361-578-2575. See cookoff previous day same location mclinda78@hotmail.com.

Oct 15, 2006-004 - Homosassa FL CASI. Waterfront Chili Cookoff Held at Natures RV Resort, West Halls River Rd. Chili cookoff previous day same location. Ken Rodd - chiliflorida@aol.com Entry fee \$15 turn-in 12:30 PM. For Nature Resort Charities.

Oct 21, 2006-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Fall Festival Cookoff. Water Vally Park. Entry fee \$18, benefits POD Christmas Charities, turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot Pinto Beans \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Laura Coad 325-944-7715. Margarita Mixoff entry \$10 turn-in 3 PM. Cooks supper Saturday night. 50/50 raffle, cake auction raffle items.

Oct 21, 2006-002 - DeLand FL CASI. Great Bowls of Fire CCO Held on West Indiana Avenue in downtown. Benefits West Volusia Historical Society. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to WVHS. Contact Bill Dreggors 137 W. Michigan Ave. Deland FL 32720 386-740-6813 or 386-734-4765.

Oct 21, 2006-003 - Boerne TX CASI. 5th Annual Kendall County Fair Pre-Holiday Chili Cookoff & Craft Show. Held at Kendall County Fair Grounds, Hwy 46 East. Home of the International Chili Champion. Cooks party Friday night, back to back cookoffs Saturday & Sunday. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Extra chili for peoples choice award. Plenty RV parking, limited hookups. \$10 per day. Plenty of shade & large pavilion to cook under. CHILI GRIND ONLY. CASI & local competition. Benefit Queens Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to Kendall County Fair Assn. Contact Lyndon Moore 352 Bentwood, Boerne TX 78006. 830-249-7885 lyndon.moore@verizon.com.

Oct 21, 2006-004 - Cleburne TX CASI. Cleburne Elks Lodge CCO. Held at Hwy 67 West. Make checks payable to Cleburne Elks Lodge, P. O. Box 21, Cleburne TX 76033. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Party Friday night. Live band Friday and Saturday. \$5

bean entry turn-in Noon. CASI & Elks Division. Free RV hookups, first come first served. Contact Jerry Brown 1944 FM 2135, Cleburne TX 76031, 817-645-6117 bamry@sbcglobal.net. See cookoff next day. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning served 7 to 9 AM. Benefits Elks local charities

Oct 21, 2006-005 - Bandera TX CASI. SAP CASI Fall Cookoff. CANCELLED reinstated on October 14th.

Oct 21, 2006-006 - Waco TX CASI. H-E-B #3 Saturday only cook off in the parking lot of H-E-B #3, the Baylor area store. CHILI GRIND ONLY! No RV hookups, canopies welcome. Turn in 2pm. Entry fee \$18.00 Charity TBA. For more information contact Donna Conrad dangergail@aol.com

Oct 21, 2006-007 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Elks Turkey Shoot & Cookoff. Held at Elk's Park, Hilliard Rd. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits North Little Rock Elk's Lodge 1004 charities. Contact Preston Nickle 617 West M St., North Little Rock AR 72116. 501-791-2191.

Oct 21, 2006-008 - Sattler TX CASI. Fraternal Order of Canyon Men CCO Held at VFW 8573, 14625 River Rd. Benefits Fraternal Order of Canyon Men. Entry fee \$18 CASI, \$15

Local. Turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bill Cox 830-964-2202.

Oct 21, 2006-009 - Eden NC CASI. Chili Chow Down Cookoff. Held in conjunction with the Eden Apple Festival, 201 East Meadow Rd. For Hospice of Rockingham County. Entry fee Piedmont Pepper Pod Members \$20 for 1st entry, \$10 Additional entry. Turn-in 1 PM. Contact Tim or Judy McCrickard, 684 Boyd Rd. Reidsville NC 27320. Phone 336-951-0141. Mike "Bubba" Williams 336-284-4567 emailbubba@nchhili.com, www.nchhili.com

Oct 21, 2006-010 - Oak Point TX CASI. 2nd Annual Terlingua in Exile CCO Held at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club 1339 Yacht Club Road. Join us on the shores of Lake Lewisville 6 miles from Denton off Highway 380 for this unique and exciting event and chance for some early points. Cook chili, watch the sailboat races and enter the beer can race! Cooks party Friday night, bring side dishes. Saturday turn in 2pm. GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$20. Stay Saturday night Al Schlitz Beer Can Regatta in the pool. The CASI boat did well last year and we welcome all competition. (Go to www.dcyo.org for rules on the beer can race and directions). Free RV and tent camping, no hook ups. Showers available. Contact Beth Moon 817-268-5590 or 817-980-3773. More details as they become



Cookin' Chili On The Beach, What A Way To Go

Today is Monday, August 27, 2006. One week ago today, I was winging my way back to Dallas from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands after the 22nd annual chili cookoff put on by The Texas Society of the Virgin Islands (aka Virgin Pod). Knowing I had just left a tropical paradise and would soon be back in the 100+ heat of the North Texas oven, I found myself thinking about the experiences

of the past 96 hours, and how would I describe them to others. The following is an attempt to share this trip with you.

Getting to St. Thomas is easy. I departed Friday on American from D/FW for San Juan, Puerto Rico at 7:15AM. (There were no problems clearing security. Everything had been checked straight thru to St. Thomas, including my chili meat, chili pot and utensils. Stove and propane would be obtained in St. T.) The flight took us over New Orleans, across the Gulf skirting the tip of Florida, then over the Bahamas and dropped South to Puerto Rico. Four and a half hours from take-off, we touched down in San Juan. After a 1.5 hour layover, I boarded American Eagle for the 30 minute hop over to St. T, where I was met at the gate by Virgin Pod Great Pepper Erik Ackerson. It was 3:30PM local time.

After collecting my one and only bag, we headed out of the airport. In that part of the world they drive on the wrong side of the street so oncoming traffic gave me a bit of a start. Our first stop was a beach side resort bar just outside the airport. A couple of Red Stripes were hoisted in celebration of a safe arrival and in anticipation of the coming weekend. Our next stop was closer to the 'town' area, a place called Betsy's Bar. Not fancy but a long time supporter of Virgin Island chili cooking, so naturally, we had a couple more of the local brews.

Bolongo Beach Resort, site of the cookoff, is about 20 miles from the airport. The narrow main road to get there takes you through the 'downtown strip' area and past the commercial bay area where the cruise ships dock and the tourists do their shopping. The traffic is congested and the locals must have all taken driving lessons from the Sears Teach Yourself To Drive courses. Even Erik described them as the world's worst drivers. (I noticed that there weren't any 'new' vehicles on the roads.)

After we wormed our way past the docks, we started climbing up into the hills of St. Thomas. Of course the road was still narrow, with several blind curves and switch backs and no noticeable speed restrictions. Glad Erik was driving. I did see what appeared to be, at least from the road, some nice houses built up in the hills, but the majority of the houses we passed weren't much. We snaked our way down the other side of the 'mountain' and after a couple of curves, our destination was in sight.

Erik dropped me off at the Bolongo Beach Resort and left again to tend to more details concerning the cookoff. Upon entering the lobby, there was a sign, Welcome Texans, with our names on it. (Alan & Susan Dean and Tim & Connie Collier were to arrive a couple of hours later.) After checking in, I found my 2nd floor room, which overlooked the beach area, unpacked, put my still frozen chili meat in the small refrigerator, grabbed my camera and headed out. I took some pictures of the Oleanders, Hibiscus, Bougainvillea and other lush, tropical vegetation as I wound my way to the poolside bar. It is here I met Big George.

At least that's my name for him as we were never formally introduced, and he could have been a Big Georgetta for all I know about lizards. Big George walked around like he owned the place and was afraid of nobody. Admittedly I am not familiar with what a regular size would be for an Iguana, but I had seen a couple of his cousins on my way to the bar, and they weren't nearly as big as Big George. I was able to hand feed cocktail cherries to this critter without loosing a finger. I also got a couple of close up photos as he posed on the deck of the pool.

The next morning, Saturday, I went down the road about 2 miles to a local Food Center. Interesting scenery on the way, and very interesting smells inside the Food Center, and I'm being pretty nice about this. A quick look in the meat counter made me very glad I had brought my own meat to the cookoff. I purchased a couple of bottled beverages and got out of there.

The afternoon was spent conducting business at Bolongo's poolside bar and restaurant, sometimes in the pool, sometimes in the bar, but always with an eye out for Big George.

That evening the cook's party was held at a beach bar called Iggies, about 150 yards down from the main resort. A cooks meeting was held and cooking spots on the beach were selected from a grid. (This would be the equivalent of signing up for parking spots.) Goodie bags were passed out along with a great commemorative T-shirt. Great BBQ and all the fixins' were served and afterwards the more daring souls adjourned to the bar for more libations while the weak-willed headed back to their rooms.

Sunday morning the quiet beach area outside my room was morphed into a flurry of activity as elaborate show booths, T-shirt & souvenir vendor booths, ticket booths, EMS areas, and cooking sites were put in place. In addition to competition chili, large batches of vegetarian chili, public tasting chili, and all kinds of other edibles were being prepared.

The Colliers and I found our designated cook site (about 15 feet from the waters edge), hung the Cowtown Flag, and started preparing our CASI rules chili for a noon turn-in. Alan and Susan Dean were down the beach about 40 yards. Each cook was given a case of Coors, a case of Evian water, and if you were cooking public chili, 10 lbs. of meat. There were 40-42 CASI cooks (the unofficial reports vary). If you started to get hot, just jump in the surf. The down side was that the sea breezes made it hard to regulate your stove fire. But the contrast between where most of us usually cook, for example, concrete parking lots, blacktop, gravel lots, sometimes grass and where we were quickly made up for any inconvenience of restarting the stove. Palm trees, beaches, soft sand, great scenery, natural and human, is tough to beat.

By noon, the beach was packed. The crowd was estimated at 6,000 people, all with spoons just waiting to try the various chili flavors. About this time, the show teams kicked into high gear, much to the crowds delight and entertainment. Heidi Erwig and her school of lavishly painted mermaids were offering up chili and loads of boiled shrimp, pirates and Old Man Neptune had a thing going, Betsy's Lava Lounge and Volcano along with brightly dressed Caribbean Indians escorted sacrificial virgins to their fate. Limbo competitions were held with bikini clad participants (this drew a crowd). Transplanted Texan Georgeann Peters offered up her Dumpsta Dawg Chili. Additional crowd entertainment was provided by several rounds of men's and women's tug-of-wars and a watermelon eating contest for the kids. Live bands also performed from the stage throughout the afternoon up to announcements at about 4:30PM.

The Texas contingent gave a pretty good accounting of themselves. Alan Dean, Johnson City, TX, our official representative by virtue of having won the Cowtown cookoff, snagged 3rd place, with Connie Collier of Snyder, TX placing 6th, and Susan Dean placing 7th. Yours truly and Tim Collier tied for 11th. (That's our story anyway). Grant Aeschliman of St. Thomas took first, and we hope to see him in Terlingua.

The Texas Society of the Virgin Islands cookoff benefits several local St. Thomas charities, and this cookoff was expected to raise \$25-30,000. From the size of crowd on the beach, and the way the entire island got behind the cookoff, I have no doubt that when all the sand settles, they will reach their goal. Erik Ackerson and the Virgin Pod members are to be congratulated and commended for all their hard work. As we say in Texas...they had a hell of a rodeo.

Then, all too soon it was Monday and time for Alan, Susan and me to head back to Texas. The Colliers were staying for a few days of site seeing. Georgeann took us to the airport and we said our goodbyes.

Was it a long way to go to cook a pot of chili? Yes it was. Was it a great trip and experience? Yes again. Would I recommend this trip to other chiliheads? Most definitely. Will I go back next year? I'd sure like to.

And so it goes on the chili trail.

Dale Reinecker
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Oct 21, 2006-011 - Wabash INCASI. Wabash Cannonball Chili for Charity Cookoff. Held at Paradise Spring Historical Park. Make checks paid to Wabash Cannonball CCO. Entry fee \$25 turn-in Noon. Charities TBD. Contact Steve Bowman 260-563-1559. stevebowman63@verizon.net. Bill Gerding 260-563-7779. Please register by Oct. 1st.

Oct 21, 2006-012 - Cameron TX CASI. Ben Milam VFW 2010 Benefit Support For Our Overseas Troops. Entry fee \$15. Turn-in 3 PM. \$5 charge for covered cooking area. Johnny Bush Band, 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment from Ft. Hood. Fly over by CAF. Silent Auction. Cookoff held at 1129N. Hwy 36 Cameron TX 76520. Contact Clarence Weidner 254-455-2380.

Oct 21, 2006-013 - Kerens TX CASI. 2nd Annual Kerens Cotton Harvesting Festival CCO, held in downtown Kerens. Cook where you park E-Z access just follow the signs to the back (south) entrance of Main Street into the cooks area. Activities include Peoples Choice Chili Tasting, Clay Target Shoot, Gin Tours, Quilt Show, Three On Three Tournament, Food And Crafts Booths, Tales From The Cotton Patch and a Street Dance. If you have it please bring leftover chili to hand out to the public for the Peoples Choice Chili Tasting during the cook-off, CCO promoter will sell tasting kits to public to raise additional funds for the Library. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM Benefits The Friends of Kerens Library Bldg Fund, checks to be made payable to the same. For more info or pre-registration contact Cindy Carnegie C/O Kerens Library, 104 South East 2nd St, Kerens, TX 75144 PH: 903-396-7678 or see the event website at www.kerenscottonharvestfestival.com

Oct 21, 2006-014 - Odessa TX CASI. "Paws" Cat Rescue Haven House Chili Cookoff. Benefits animal shelter. Held at Becky Sams Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Chili & open BBQ. Chicken, Ribs, Brisket \$18 per category. Contact Vickie Lee 432-553-4389 or 432-366-1030.

Oct 21, 2006-015 - Lenexa KS CASI. Williams Chili Challenge Midwest Regional Open Championship. Held on Sante Fe Trail Drive & Pflumm Rd. Benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Williams Chili Challenge. Registration deadline for preferred booth placement Sept. 29th. Contact Jim Finlen 13420 Oak St. Lenexa KS 66215. jfinlen@ci.lenexa.ks.us. Phone 913-541-8592, 913-927-1773.

Oct 21, 2006-016 - Acampo CA CASI.

Woodbridge California State Chili Championship and Car Show. Held at Woodbridge Winery, 5950 E. Woodbridge Rd. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 1 PM. For Lodi Public Library Foundation. Car Show is pre-1972 Chevy, Ford and Mopar autos. Contact Larry Pilmaier, Woodbridge Winery, 5950 E. Woodbridge, Acampo CA 95220. Phone 209-365-8081.

Oct 21, 2006-017 - Culpeper VA CASI. 5th Annual Old House Vineyards CCO. Held at 18351 Corkys Lane. For the Museum of Culpeper History. Entry fee \$22, turn-in 2 PM. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Make check payable to Casinova Pod. Come and enjoy the beauty of Virginia Wine Country and participate in the 5th annual Old House Chili Cookoff Colors of Fall are spectacular and the wines tasty. Shirt and logo wine glass for the first 20 participants. Contact Dick Dei Tos 3230 Atlanta St. Fairfax VA 22030 703-273-5075. dick.deitos@mwa.com

Oct 21, 2006-018 - Columbia TN CASI. 22nd Annual Maury County Tennessee Women's State Championship CCO. Held in Historic Elm Springs Plantation. Benefits the Hope Clinic. Entry fee N/A. Turn-in Noon. Contact Erin Jagers 931-379-0199 Mitzi Fann 931-379-2103.

Oct 21, 2006-019 - Columbia TN CASI. 22nd Annual Maury County Tennessee Men's State Championship Cookoff. Held at Historic Elm Springs Plantation. Benefits Junior Auxillary. Entry fee N/A. Turn-in Noon. Contact Erin Jagers 931-379-0199 Mitzi Fann 931-388-2103.

Oct 21, 2006-020 - Bryan TX CASI. Brazos Valley Elks #859 CCO. Held at 304 Mobile Ave. Located behind Triangle Bowling on Old College Rd. Benefits local Elks Community projects. Entry fee \$40. Chili entry fee \$20, turn-in 2:30 PM. Beans \$10, Salsa \$5 and Open Dessert \$5. Domino tournament Games for the kids. Cooks meeting at 10 AM. Payback on beans. Music Friday night features DJ by Dante, \$5 cover. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Limited electric hookups, first come first served. Contact Roger Schoppe, John Velasquez, 304 Mobile Ave Bryan TX 77801 email r-schoppe@tamu.edu or AMTC@Txcyber.com. 979-220-1327, 979-776-1106 home, 979-820-1106 cell. Make checks payable to Elks #859.

Oct 21, 2006-021 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Under the Union Lable CCO. Held at 3424 Barnett Rd. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Community Service. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$10, Jackpot Cobbler \$5, Salsa \$5. Pizza party Friday night. Contact Kay. Kevin Wooster 940-782-3404.

Oct 21, 2006-022 - Knickerbocker TX CASI.

Rebuilding Together Chili & BBQ COLSBS Rules in BBQ. Entry fee chili \$20. BBQ \$15 each meat, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, 1/2 Jointed Chicken. Pays back 80%. Pinto Beans \$10. Held on FM 2335 5 miles off Hwy 67 South. Benefits Rebuilding Together. (Christmas in April) Contact Debbie 325-655-6438 or Rebuilding Together Office 325-657-8429.

Oct 21, 2006-023 - El Paso TX CASI. Trans MT. 3rd Annual Optimist CCO Entry Fee \$15.00, turn in 2:00PM. Location: next to Tobin Park off Railroad Drive. For more information contact Eve DuMond 2912 Copper Ave. El Paso, TX 79930 phone (915)566-8759 blackgarterchili@aol.com or Bobby Elliott, coachili@aol.com, phone (915)755-4419, Benefits Trans Mt. Optimist.

Oct 21, 2006-024 - Keeseville NY CASI. Keeseville Pumpkin Squash Festival Entry fee \$18, turn-in 5 PM. Benefits local fire dept. Make checks payable to Kathy Rock, 15 White St, P.O. Keeseville NY. 12944 518-834-5797 or 518-572-7649. chezkay@frontiernet.net. Meat furnished. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Oct 22, 2006-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Autumn Winds Cookoff. Water Valley Park. Entry fee \$18, benefits KLST Friendship Tree turn-in Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Laura Coad 325-944-7715.

Oct 22, 2006-002 - Boerne TX CASI. Sunday Kendall County Fair Pre-Holiday Chili Cookoff #2. Held at Kendall County Fairgrounds Hwy 46 East. Home of the International Chili Champion. Cooks party Friday night. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Plenty of RV parking limited hookups at \$10 per night. Large pavilion & lots of trees to cook under. Extra chili for peoples choice. Benefits Youth Agriculture Fund. Make checks payable to Kendall County Fair Assn. Contact Lyndon Moore 352 Bentwood, Boerne TX 78006. 830-249-7885, lyndon.moore@verizon.com.

Oct 22, 2006-003 - Cleburne TX CASI. Sunday Cleburne Elks Lodge CCO. Held at Hwy 67. Make checks paid to Cleburne Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 21 Cleburne TX 76033. Entry fee \$18 turn in Noon. Cooks party on Friday night. Live band Friday and Saturday. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Free RV hookups, first come first served. Contact Jerry Brown bamry@sbcglobal.net 817-645-6117 CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Oct 22, 2006-004 - Bandera TX CASI. Day After SAP CASI Fall Cookoff. CANCELLED reinstated for October 15th.

Oct 22, 2006-005 - Hydes MD CASI. 2nd Annual Boordy Vineyards CCO Held at

Boordy Vineyards 12820 Long Green Pike. (www.boordy.com) Entry fee \$22, Turn-in 2pm. Benefits Johns Hopkins Breast Cancer Research. Come enjoy the fall at MD oldest's family operated winery. Boordy's host a wonderful celebration of 2006 vintage during it's October Sunday afternoons featuring: Live music (Irish band Donegal Xpress), winetasting, wagon rides alpacas, gourmet foods, winery tours, crafters, dancing, local cheeses, and organic breads! This year's food offerings include bratwurst & chicken apple sausages, wild mushroom ravioli, hot apple crisp & pumpkin pie. General admission is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children 2-12, under 2 free. (Chili cooks/judges are free) Advance reservations online OR pay at the gate. Gates open 1-5 p.m., Music plays 1:30-4:30 p.m. No pets, no alcoholic beverages through the gate. Contact Brian W. Smith at masondixonchili@aol.com or 410-836-1825. Make checks payable to Mason Dixon Pod.

Oct 27, 2006-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. Bonnie Everett Memorial CCO. Held at Holiday Travel-L-Park on Hwy 90 W, approximately 8 miles W of the Y. For the Pod On The Perdermales charities. Make checks payable to the Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 7 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party. Trav-L- Park email travpark@delrio.com contact Jim McIntire 800-545-2364. Contact Jimmy & Barbara Taylor 512-577-5527. Due to need to arrive at the ranch early, and lesser participation, we will not have the Saturday cookoff this year. If you are disappointed about this change please notify Jimmy or Barbara.

Oct 27, 2006-002 - Odessa TX CASI. 15th Annual Guess Where Caravan to Terlingua. Held at Becky Sams Tropical Bar and Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 4 PM. Benefits the Terlingua Memorial Board Fund. CHILIGRIND ONLY. Contact Dodie Simpson 432-550-5760. Bruce Stewart 817-282-6678 Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794.

Oct 28, 2006-001 - McCamey TX CASI. 20th Annual McCamey Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff. Held in Santa Fe Park, east side of City Limits on Hwy 67. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Benefits the Scholarship Fund. Contact Dollie Lynch dollie@mccameychamber.com. 432-652-8202. CHILIGRIND ONLY.

Oct 28, 2006-002 - Kerrville TX CASI. Kerr County Fair CCO. Held at Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center, State Hwy 27. Benefits Kerr County Fair Scholarship Program. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Kerr County Fair Assn. CHILIGRIND ONLY Chad Parker 830-739-0210, or 830-257-6833.

Oct 28, 2006-003 - Flatonia TX CASI. Flatonia Czhillispil Cchili CCO 34 held in downtown

Main St parking lots, between Houston & San Antonio off I-10. Entry fee \$20 before October 14th, \$25 thereafter. Make check to Czhlispiel 34 Czhlispiel Cookoff. Showmanship from Noon to 2 PM. Music and entertainment all three days by Todd Fritsch, Aaron Watson, The Eli Young Band, Jason Bowen and more. Arts & crafts, food, carnival, parade, car show, pig races. Extra day passes for \$5 each presold with entries. Info chamber@flatoniachamber.com, Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 610, Flatonia TX 78941. Phone 361-865-3920

Oct 28, 2006-004 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista Elks CCO. Held at 1 Elks Lane. RV hookups on site, no cost. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Elks Bldg Fund. High Desert Pod. Ben Berry 520-378-3692.

Oct 28, 2006-005 - Kaufman TX CASI. 15th Annual American Legion Post #165, held at 100 S. Shannon St. Start 10 AM. Turn-in Beans at Noon. Chili turn-in 2 PM. Showmanship at 1 PM. Entry fee Beans \$5, Chili \$15. Vendors welcome. Benefits Veteran Projects. Contact Wayne Thomas 972-932-6083, wt7175@earthlink.net.

Oct 28, 2006-006 - Blue Ridge TX CASI. 2nd Annual Blue Ridge Community Center Jackpot Chili & Bean Benefit Cookoff. Held on the Square-Downtown Blue Ridge on Business Hwy 78 at FM 545. Entry CASI Chili fee \$20, Jackpot Chili \$5, Jackpot Beans \$5. \$2 Cookpot Available. 1 gallon chili throwdown, Beans, begin with any type dry bean. Cooks meeting 9 AM, turn-in 2 PM. Free overnight RV camping night before, elec hookup available call ahead 972-752-5798 or 972-752-5200. American express Gift card prizes. Aprons and T-shirts. Raffle for \$1000 American Express gift card held that night Benefits supper at 5 PM. Contact Cathy McGill 972-752-5200.

Oct 28, 2006-007 - Russellville AR CASI. Arkansas State Men's Championship Held in Downtown Fall Festival. Benefits Mainstreet Russellville. Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Mainstreet Russellville. Contact Betsy McGuire P.O. Box 694 Russellville AR 72811. 479-967-1437.

Oct 28, 2006-008 - Russellville AR CASI. Arkansas Women's State Championship Held in Downtown Fall Festival Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. Benefits Russellville Downtown Fall Festival. Make checks paid to Mainstreet Russellville. Info Betsy McGuire P.O. Box 694 Russellville AR 72811. 479-967-1437.

Oct 28, 2006-009 - Lombard IL CASI. Texan BBQ Chili Cookoff Held at 105 W. St. Charles. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Wes Carlson. Contact Wes

Carlson 6613 Buckhorn Loves Park IL 61111. 815-885-3470 blkcoyote2@insightbb.com. Tent provided. Benefits TLC Camp.

Oct 28, 2006-010 - Cassville MO CASI. Cassville Annual Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff. Held in Cassville Square. Benefits Local charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Salsa \$30, must be prepared on site. Checks payable to Cassville Fall Festival. Meat cubed or chili grind. Contact Dixie Johnson 601 Truman Ave. Lamar MO 64759. 417-682-5432. jrj8@sbcglobal.net.

Oct 28, 2006-011 - Santa Theresa NM CASI. War Eagles Air Museum Cookoff. Held at the War Eagles Air Museum located at the dead end of Artcraft Road. Benefits War Eagles Air Museum Restoration Fund. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to New Mexico Chili Society. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107 email teamorgan@zianet.com.

Oct 28, 2006-012 - Temple TX CASI. Temple Cookoff. Held in downtown Temple at the Visitors Center. RV parking available limited electricity. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$10, turn-in Noon, 50/50 split. Live music Friday and Saturday. Lots of other great activities. Contact Mavis Nelson rdnmrn@hotmail.net. Bourdon.Wooten@cumulus.com Bourdon Wooten.

Oct 29, 2006-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. American Legion CCO. Last Stop on The Road To Terlingua. Held at American Legion Post 653, 60 miles South of Alpine. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595. dorathy@hughes.net. Benefits the Legion Bldg. Fund.

Oct 29, 2006-002 - Temple TX CASI. Sunday Temple Cookoff. Held in downtown Temple at the Visitors Center. RV parking available limited electricity. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Bourdon Wooten, bourdon.Wooten@cumulus.com Mavis Nelson rdnmrn@hotmail.net.

Oct 31, 2006-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Sotol Pod Chili Cookoff. Held at the Rancho CASI de Los Chisos. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to SOTOL Pod. Contact Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595. dorathy@hughes.net. Using a 32 oz cup for chili turn in, so you can practice for the big one on Saturday. Don't forget the Halloween Costume Contest after the Pod cookoff. You may register during the cookoff. Judging starts at 8 PM. Cash prizes, \$300 for best over all costume.

Nov 4, 2006-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. 40th TERLINGUA INTERNATIONAL CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP. Must qualify to earn invi-

tation to cook. Friday is National Scholarship Day, with Hot Wings, Beans & Salsa open competition. Saturday chili turn in NOON. See details www.chili.org for schedule of events. Phone 1-888-227-4468 or dorathy@hughes.net. Alan Dean 830-868-4313 pepperdean@ctesc.net

Nov 4, 2006-002 - Devine TX CASI. Devine Fall Festival Held in downtown Devine, 200 E. Hondo. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Tracy Courtade 830-665-2501 or 210-912-8393.

Nov 11, 2006-001 - Edna TX CASI. Texana Chili Spill Cookoff. Held at 891 Brackenridge Parkway Brackenridge Park & Campground. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 3 PM. Info Karen Gregory 361-782-5229.

Nov 11, 2006-002 - Pampa TX CASI. Shepherds Helping Hand First Annual Veterans Day Chili Cookoff Downtown Pampa will be closed off- indoor site on Cuyler St. in case of inclement weather will post exact location at a later date. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Shepherds Holding Hands. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Linda Lantz or Myra Jimenez 916 N Crest Pampa TX 79065. 806-665-0356 806-669-9283 or Steve Lopez 806-669-3349.

Nov 11, 2006-003 - Little Rock AR CASI. Scimitar Shriners Chili Cookoff. Held at #1 Scimitar Circle. For the Shriners charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Preston Nickle 617 W M St. North Little Rock AR 72116. 501-791-2191 or 501-4256389.

Nov 11, 2006-004 - Sonoita AZ CASI. Arizona Cowboy Symposium CCO. Held at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Hwy 83/Hwy 82. For Arizona Myeloma Network. Competition chili entry \$15. Peoples choice \$5 (free if cooking competition chili). Turn in competition chili 1 PM. Start serving peoples choice at 11 AM. RV parking - cook by your RV. Hotels nearby. Country music and dances Friday/Saturday. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Carson Smith 1989 S. St. Michael Dr, Tucson AZ 85713. 520-792-0005.

Nov 11, 2006-005 - Edgewood TX CASI. Log Cabin Chili Cookoff. Benefits the Historical Park which will be open with lots of kids activities, live music, food, gun fighters, baked goods, sale of handmade crafts. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Prizes 1st - 3rd in chili, peoples choice and showmanship. Contact Bobby Phillips home 903-896-4807 cell 903-372-0850 or Janice Wingo 903-896-4655.

Nov 17, 2006-001 - Katy TX CASI. Katy Elks Lodge 8th Annual CCO. Held at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd. More details later. Larry Arnold 281-392-6073.

Nov 18, 2006-001 - Odessa TX CASI. 8th Annual Veterans Food Basket Cookoff. Held at Becky Sams Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936 432-368-4667. IBCA - CASI rules. BBQ & Beans 50% payback. Entry fee \$18 CHILI GRIND ONLY. IBCA meat \$20 per entry, open meat \$20. Jackpot beans \$10. Turn-in times Chicken Noon, Ribs 1 PM, Beans 1:30 PM, Chili 2 PM, Brisket 3 PM, Open Meat 4 PM. Limited electric hookups. Contact Vic Silvester 432-368-4667.

Nov 18, 2006-002 - McQueeney TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Fall Festival. McQueeney Lions Club, Hwy 78. Benefits Seguin Christian Free Clinic. Entry fee \$20 or \$37 for both days. Turn-in 2 PM. Cooks party Friday night, Pot Luck on Saturday night or BBB? Pod will serve breakfast on Sunday morning For info: P.O. Box 351, Seguin TX 78156-0351 - Pat King 830-303-1755 pkk@gvec.net.

Nov 18, 2006-003 - Phoenix AZ CASI. 5th Viet-Nam Vets Cookoff. Held at Steel Horse Saloon, 1768 W. Bell Rd. Benefits Operation Freedom Bird. Make checks paid to CASA. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Dennis Huff 20416 Tip Top Mine, Wittmann AZ 85361. 623-388-0825.

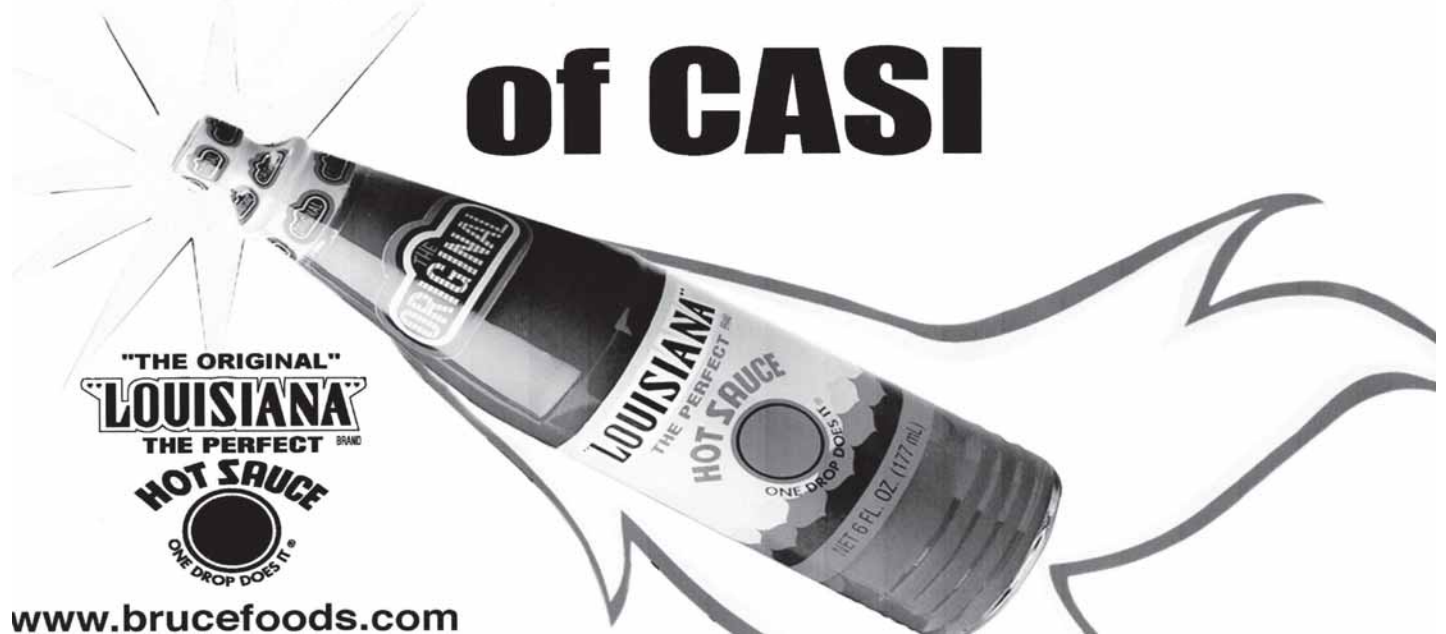
Nov 18, 2006-004 - Katy TX CASI. Uncle Ronnie Memorial Chili CCO. Held at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd. More details to follow. Contact Larry Arnold 281-392-6073.

Nov 18, 2006-005 - Rowlett TX CASI. Main Street Holiday Festival & Parade in Downtown Rowlett. Bring the family to Rowlett and enjoy the parade, clowns, food vendors and the annual Chili Cook off. CASI chili \$20, turn in 1:00. Local turn in 1:00, Jackpot beans \$10, turn in 12:00. Parade starts at 11:00, please make arrive before that time. RV parking ok, but call ahead. Contact Tom Fulton 972-475-4330 or Dani Medlin 214-668-3997 or email beerqueenchili@aol.com. Benefits Amateur Theater Center.

Nov 18, 2006-006 - Bossier City LA CASI. Blue Goat Intergalactic Chili CCO. Held inside Louisiana Boardwalk- US 80 at Bass Pro Drive, exit 19B off I-20. Next door to the Horseshoe Casino. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. For Louisiana State Police, Grant-A-Wish Foundation for terminally ill Children. Contact Doug Pierree 318-617-0638. Or Jerry Hunt 318-797-0719.

Nov 18, 2006-007 - Lindale TX CASI. Masonic Scholarship Fund Drive CCO. Held one mile north of I-20 and junction of SH-69 in the Walmart parking lot. Benefits Masonic Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to LML848. CHILI GRIND ONLY. 50/50 bean cookoff entry \$5, turn-in Noon. Contact Stan Moore 903-592-0799.

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Nov 18, 2006-008 - Valley Mills TX CASI. Annual Valley Mills Chili CCO. Held at the Old Boy Scout Camp. Benefits Masonic Lodge. Entry fee for 50/50 Beans \$10, turn-in Noon. Chili entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Randy Duke at randu2@clearwire.net Phone 254-932-6787. Or Angie Duke at angdu2@clearwire.net. Mavis Nelson rdnmrn@HOT1.NET. Pot luck supper will be Saturday night. See cookoff next day same site.

Nov 18, 2006-009 - Whitehaven TN CASI. POR POD CCO. Held at Whitehaven VFW. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Entry fee Hot Wings \$10, turn-in 1 PM, \$25 entry for both. For Information contact Lynne Murry 662-526-5722lynn_murry@yahoo.com

Nov 18, 2006-010 - Green Valley AZ CASI. Bashas Walmart CCO Held at Bashas shopping center in Green Valley off I-19. Benefits Sahaurita Teens Offer Prevention Competition chili entry fee \$15. Turn-in at noon. RV parking, cook by your RV. Hotels nearby. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Cheryl Pennington: 520- 882-5545, vindacar@yahoo.com.

Nov 19, 2006-001 - McQueeney TX CASI. Sunday Classic CASI Pod Fall Festival. Held at McQueeney Lions Club, Hwy 78. Entry fee \$20 or \$37 for both days. Turn-in Noon.

Cooks party Friday night, Pot Luck on Saturday night or BBB? Pod will serve breakfast Sunday morning. Information: P.O. Box 351, Seguin TX 78156-0351 Pat King 830-303-1755. pkk@gvec.net. Benefits Guadalupe Christian Cupboard.

Nov 19, 2006-002 - Valley Mills TX CASI. Day After Valley Mills Chili CCO. Held at Old Boy Scout Camp. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day. Contact Randy and Angie Duke 254-932-6787 or Mavis Nelson 254-486-2487.

Nov 24, 2006-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Day After Thanksgiving Chili CCO. Held at 3023 Camp Colet Rd on Colet Inn Grounds. Visit www.coletinn.com for map or call for detailed map. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 4 PM. Benefits VASA Pod Scholarship Fund at Victoria College. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Jackpot Dip-Off entry \$10, turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot Beans (open) \$10, turn-in 3 PM. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Springwood, Victoria TX 77905. 361-578-2575 Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687 Jennifer Danysh 361-782-0129, Colet Inn 361-578-1360.

Nov 25, 2006-001 - Waco TX CASI. 3rd Annual H-E-B # 5 Saturday only in the parking lot No RV hookups. Canopies welcome. CHILI GRIND ONLY! Entry fee \$18 turn in time 2 PM Charity TBA For more information

contact Donna Conrad @ dangergail@aol.com This is our 3rd year doing this one and they are very excited to repeat it.

Nov 25, 2006-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Voiture Locale 939 Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 169, 4605 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits the Nurses Training Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$20, CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM. Pinto bean cookoff entry fee \$5, turn-in Noon. RV parking no hookups can cook inside if bad weather. Friday night hamburger meal for cooks. Contact Donald R. Barfield 15643 W FM 171 Wichita Falls TX 76305. 940-322-5057. saybarley@aol.com.

Nov 25, 2006-003 - Victoria TX CASI. 25th Annual VASA Pod Chili CCO. Held on Colet Inn Grounds, 3023 Camp Colet Rd. Call for detailed map or visit www.coletinn.com. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. For local charities. Make checks paid to VASA Pod. Register early for a 25th anniversary goodie bag item. Jackpot Beans (Dry Pinto) entry \$10 turn-in Noon. Junior chili \$10 turn-in 1 PM. Pork Spare Ribs \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Brisket \$20 turn-in 4 PM. Contact Linda McDonald 619 Springwood, Victoria TX 77905 361-578-2575 Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687, Jennifer Danysh 361-782-0129, Colet Inn 361-578-1360.

Nov 26, 2006-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Morn-

ing After Chili Cookoff. Held on Colet Inn Grounds, 3023 Camp Colet Rd. Call for detailed map or visit www.coletinn.com. Benefits VASA Pod. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks paid to VASA Pod. Jackpot Open BBQ entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Contact Linda McDonald, 619 Springwood, Victoria TX 77905. 361-578-2575 Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687, Jennifer Danysh 361-782-0129, Colet Inn 361-578-1360. OPEN MEAT.

Dec 2, 2006-001 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Rudy's Cookoff. Held at 2695 Pike Avenue. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Arkansas Social Society. Benefits Arkansas Food Bank. Contact Preston Nickle 617 West M St. North Little Rock AR 72116. 501-791-2191.

Dec 2, 2006-002 - Knickerbocker TX CASI. 11th Annual Toys For Tots CCO. Entry fee \$10 and 2 new toys. Beans \$10. Also, SACA Pod Christmas Party. Covered dish meal. Meat is furnished. Music to party by. Come early and stay all night. Hookups 1st come 1st gets them. Gates will open Friday morning 8 AM. FMI 325-450-7499 325-656-8258.

Dec 2, 2006-003 - Tomball TX CASI. 7th Annual Piney Woods Pod Cookoff Held at VFW Post 2427, 14406 Alice Rd, off Hwy 249, northbound on Hwy 249, turn left onto Alice Rd at the Tomball Walmart. Junior Chili \$5,

turn-in Noon. Jackpot Beans \$5, turn-in Noon, 50/50 Jackpot Fajitas \$15, turn in 1 PM. CASI Chili \$20, turn-in 2 PM Benefits VFW Post 2427 Charities Cooks party Friday night. Details to follow, see www.pwp-casi.org. Contact Earl Gorhum 936-447-1060 or email earlwho@ev1.net. See cookoff next day Sunday Dec.3rd.

Dec 2, 2006-004 - Golden CO CASI. Downtown Golden Holiday And Colorado Chili Pod Cookoff. Held on Washington Street in down-town Golden. Benefits the Colorado Chili Pod and various Golden area charities. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Contact John Montgomery, 1670 Broadway, Suite 3000, Denver CO 80202. 303-831-5000. coloradochili@aol.com.

Dec 2, 2006-005 - Waring TX CASI. 14th Annual Texas Hill Country Pod Held at Waring Hall. Details to follow.

Dec 2, 2006-006 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks Lodge Cookoff Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefits Elks charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5, turn-in Noon. Elk charity break fast Saturday \$7. Friday night cooks party and Sunday breakfast, next day same location. CHILIGRINDONLY. Contact Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794

Dec 3, 2006-001 - Tomball TX CASI. Day After Piney Woods Pod CCO. Held at VFW Post 2427, 14406 Alice Rd off Hwy 249, north-

bound on Hwy 249, turn left onto Alice Rd at the Tomball Walmart. CASI chili \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Piney Woods Pod charities. Info to follow, see www.pwp-casi.org. Contact Earl Gorhum 936-447-1060 or email earlwho@ev1.net. See cookoff previous day.

Dec 3, 2006-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Sunday Elks Lodge Cookoff. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefit Sweetheart Fund. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Saturday night party, Sunday breakfast. CHILIGRINDONLY. Contact Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794.

Dec 9, 2006-001 - Gonzales TX CASI. Come & Taste It Chili CCO. Held at 1933 Sarah Dewitt. Charity Norma's House. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Charlie or Carol Martin. CHILIGRINDONLY. Cooks party Fri night, bring salad or dessert. Sat night pot luck with Chinese Christmas after pot luck. Bring gift of \$10 or less. Contact Charlie Martin 830-857-4711.

Dec 10, 2006-001 - Gonzales TX CASI. Come & Taste It Again CCO. Held at 1933 Sarah Dewitt. Local charity. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. CHILIGRINDONLY. Contact Charlie or Carol Martin. 830-857 4711. See cookoff previous day.

Dec 16, 2006-001 - Crawford TX CASI. 4th Annual Toys for Tot's Cook off Held at the Tonkawa Falls RV Park Bring a new unwrapped new toy! CHILIGRINDONLY! Entry fee \$18.00 Turn in time 2pm. Cooks party

Friday Night. Potluck Sat. Full hook ups \$15.00 a night. 50/50 Beans entry fee \$5.00 turn in time 1pm. Checks payable to Toys for Tots..next day cook off same location. Contact Diane Stimson 330 South Avenue B Crawford TX 76638, 254-486-9206 winksintexas@aol.com. Charity TBD

Dec 17, 2006-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Toys Next Day Cookoff Held at Tonkawa Falls RV Park. Entry fee \$15.00. Turn in time 1pm Full hook ups \$15.00 a night. CHILIGRINDONLY. Contact Diane Stimson phone 254-486-9206. Email winksintexas@aol.com. See cookoff previous day same location.

Dec 29, 2006-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. Highland Lakes Pod Ole Angzine CCO Held at American Legion Post 437. Take Hwy 1431 in Kingsland to Hwy 2545 East. Go 1 1/2 miles, and turn right on Legion Loop. Plenty of RV parking, no hookups. Play your favorite card game or dominoes inside building. Hot dogs furnished by HLCP. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 7 PM. Benefits HLCP local charities. Make check payable to HLCP. CHILIGRINDONLY Contact Carrie Kinnison P.O. Box 878, Marble Falls TX 78654, phone 830-693-5502. drk@tstar.net.

Dec 30, 2006-001 - Denton TX CASI. DAM Pod Day Before CCO North Texas State Fair Grounds at 2217 North Carroll. 1st Ever DAM POD Day Before NYE Chili Cook off. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. CHILIGRINDONLY. RV's welcome. Electric hook ups for small fee.

Cook inside or out. Beans competition turn in at noon. Pot luck dinner and cooks party at 7:00pm. Stay for NYE cook off and party on Sunday, same location. Contact Dani Medlin 3313 Bermuda Ave. Rowlett TX 75088. 214-668-3997. beerqueenchili@aol.com. Make checks payable to DAM Pod. Benefits NTSF Scholarship Fund.

Dec 30, 2006-002 - Knickerbocker TX CASI. SACA Madness Chili CCO. Entry fee chili \$10 turn-in 6 PM, Hot Wings \$10 turn-in 7 PM, Beans \$5 turn-in 7:30 PM. Hot dog and chili supper. Yea Yea! Contact 325-277-3117 or 325-656-8258.

Dec 30, 2006-003 - Kingsland TX CASI. Ladies Auxiliary CCO Held at American Legion Post 437. Take Hwy 1431 in Kingsland to Hwy 2545 East. Go 1 1/2 miles and turn right on Legion Loop. Black eyed pea cook off \$5.00 with 100% pay back. Turn in at noon. Cooks party Saturday night. Play cards and dominoes. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. CHILIGRINDONLY. Benefits Youth Activity Fund. Make check payable to American Legion Post 437. Contact Carrie Kinnison P.O. Box 878, Marble Falls TX 78654. 830-693-5502, drk@tstar.net.

Dec 31, 2006-001 - Denton TX CASI. 18th Annual DAM POD CCO. Black Eye Pea Off and NYE Cowboys and Indians party. Held at North Texas State Fairgrounds. Get out your best C & I attire and join the Pow-Wow! Chili turn-in 9PM entry fee \$20. CHILIGRIND

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Dec 31, 2006-004 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. B & B 2nd Annual Cookoff. Held at American Legion 169, 4605 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits the NOB Pod. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 9 PM. Black-eye pea cookoff, turn-in 8 PM. \$10 entry 100% payback, \$50 added money. Contact Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794. CHILIGRINDONLY.

Alpine, Arizona, Chili Cookoff

The 11th Annual Alpine Cookoff was well worth the trip up into the White Mountains. The scenery was outstanding and it certainly was a good place to cool off from Arizona's 100+ degree temperatures. There was a cross-section of Arizona cooks representing Alpine, Desert Breeze, High Desert and Yavapai Pods. The local community and the Fire Department turned out in force making it all the better! Dick & Sue Seehusen hosted the Cook's Party at the Alpine Inn, where we all had way too much fun!

Dec 31, 2006-002 - Knickerbocker TX CASI. SACA Pod New Years Eve CCO. Entry fee Chili \$20, Brisket \$10, Pork Spare Ribs \$10, 1/2 Jointed Chicken. 80% payback in BBQ. Dance, party favors, champagne, chips and dips, Food Food Food. The theme is pajamas. Ok you that don't own pajamas holler and we will see you have them. Sexist ugliest, most original, trophies. Contact 325-450-7499, 656-8258.



Giant hailstones covered the ground with white ice while the cooks worked on beans, people's choice chili, BBQ ribs, Spam-O-Rama and, of course, CASI red chili. Next year you might want to put your money on Sunny Fichtl, High Desert Pod. She pulled off a trifecta by winning Red Chili, Spam-O-Rama and won back her title as "Bean Queen!" All this and she was third in show, too.

Dec 31, 2006-003 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Post 437 CCO Take Hwy 1431 in Kingsland to Hwy 2545 East. Go 1 1/2 miles. Turn right on Legion Loop. New Years dance (more info later). Blackeyed peas and cornbread at midnight. BYOB. Music by Tex-A-Bama, \$7.50 per person. Pot Luck before dance. Benefits Scholarship Fund Ladies Aux. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 437. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Carrie Kinnison P.O. Box 878 Marble Falls TX 78654. 830-693-5502. Email drk@tstar.net. Cookoff previous day.

After the cookoff, the Alpine Community Theater held a special presentation of the melodrama, "The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt." Needless to say, after all the tequila and champagne toasts, we did not need to be encouraged to heckle! Most of us were glad that it was held indoors because the novelty of cold, rain, and hail wears off eventually!

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