

Terlingua Trails CASI



President's Address – Amarillo 2008

Welcome delegates, members, and guests to the annual business meeting of CASI. I want to speak today of the modern evolution of CASI.

Since Rancho CASI de los Chisos opened in 1990, we have witnessed the coming of age of our organization. Leaving rented or borrowed quarters, we have built a great facility that is an integral part of the culture and infrastructure of Brewster County.

We have been welcomed as a citizen and taxpayer, as well as a benefactor of the County. We have earned the respect and support of the local authorities.

Rancho CASI is a monument to dedicated Chili Heads who built a national charitable corporation out of an off color gimmick to draw publicity to a remote real estate venture.

The original players have gone and their survivors have split into several factions, but the culinary influence of competition chili has continued to expand.

The magic that is the Terlingua International Chili Championship, our common bond and the desire to celebrate chili, charity and fun lives on.

Today CASI is debt free. We will ask you today to empower us to increase our cash reserves to a higher level. We need a bigger rainy day fund in these uncertain economic times. The consequence of a revenue failure caused by a poor performing TICCC should be adequately reserved for. We need to do this while we are generating a surplus, so as not to hinder our giving.

Inflation is driving up our costs, so we need to allow for that accordingly. In my terms of office, I have seen the benefit to our solvency of the creation of proper reserves to fund our insurance, Great Peppers Meeting, Scholarship Fund, and the Life Member Reserve. Not to mention, the liquidity impact of our adjustment of the packet fee to a realistic level. Growth of sponsorship has brought in businesses with the confidence to invest in our success. For these measures we are indeed grateful. Forty two years of building a movement has brought us to this auditorium today.

WE are the CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY, and that is what we do.

I want to take time in this my last address from the office of the President to recognize my colleague, your Executive Director, Alan Dean.

Alan Dean is not his real name and Susan is not his wife. Alan was placed in an obscure role as the CASI ED by the Federal Witness Protection Plan. Unfortunately, he has been unable to keep a low profile. He has been the target of much love and much malice as he has gone about his daily duties. As he winds down this term, he will undoubtedly be relocated again to regain his anonymity. I think he and Susan make a great couple and maybe she, too, will be reassigned.

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CASI Hot Line
888-CASIHOT



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 cookoff advertising requirement.

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From the President-Elect

I would like to start by telling you how honored and humbled I am to find myself in the position of President of CASI. It is indeed an office I never thought I would occupy. It is a serious responsibility with many duties and obligations, and I am firmly committed to doing the best possible job I can for all CASI members.

CASI continues to face many challenges, but by nature I am a person who loves a good challenge; I also try to maintain an optimistic, positive outlook on the future. The CASI Board of Directors is filled with those who are dedicated to the organization. CASI is also fortunate to have many members who regularly volunteer, whether it is at a local cookoff or at TICC; these volunteers are dedicated to the organization. With this many people working for CASI, we can't help but move forward.

The challenges ahead are plentiful, including increasing membership, retaining and acquiring TICC sponsors, and improving communications between the Board, the Great Peppers, and our membership. Open and honest communication is absolutely essential for an organization's success; communication of our shared values, communication to help energize each other in our support of CASI, and communication to accomplish the goals we all share.

The CASI Board has approved the formation of Committees whose members will not only be Board members but those in the CASI membership who are interested in serving. The Committees and their Chairs and Co-Chairs, respectively, are: Finance Committee – Ed Blair and John Goforth; Events Committee – Bill Pierson and Dorothy Williams; Governance Committee – Tim Collier and Bucky Seelig; and, Public Relations Committee – Ken Rodd, Roger Foltz and Bo Prewitt. More information will be forthcoming relative to the duties of these committees. You will be asked to volunteer to be a member of the various committees, and I hope you will take the opportunity to serve CASI in this manner.

Leaders determine early on that it is not about them but those they serve who, then, become the ultimate benefactors continuing the legacy and journey. Let's all join together in this journey to make CASI grow.

A special thanks to Jim Ezell, Alan Dean and Garnier Albus for their years of service on the Board. If you see any of these gentlemen, please thank them for the many contributions they have made to our organization.

Renee Moore

CASI President



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, or Mindy Hines, 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

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.

Reflections from the ED



This is my first article as ED. Thanks to each of you who took the time to tell me that I can count on your support and help. I am jumping into the job with both feet and hope to be up to speed very quickly. I welcome your questions and comments and will attempt to respond in a timely fashion.

The Great Peppers Meeting was a real success! A big thanks goes out to Vicki Childers and her crew. All the North Texas CASI members really did a great job making sure that each of us had a great time.

Now, down to the business! There were a few changes to the rules that were voted on and passed. The Judging Sheet has been updated and is available on the web page under the Resource Center area. Chilis will be judged in whole numbers from 1 to 10. There is no longer a statement that states "Do not compare...." Other changes to the Judging Sheet are cosmetic.

There was a rule change for publicizing a chili cookoff. It will now state that "All cookoffs MUST be publicized in the month prior to the entrance deadline." In other words, all of our cookoffs must be submitted in time for them to be published in the *Terlingua Trails* in the month before the date of your cookoff. If you have a January chili cookoff, it must be advertised in the December *Terlingua Trails*.

The proposed change for Open Championships was passed. This makes all of these cookoffs legal with the ByLaws. Instead of stating the entire rule, it will be posted on the CASI website in the rulebook.

The only other rule reflects a change in the Current State, Regional or International Championships with over 200 entries and chilis judged. These cookoffs will now automatically qualify five places with 150 entries and chilis judged.

Congratulations to Tennessee for requesting to be a 12 point state. Way to go!!!

Well, enough for one month. Hope to see you all down the Chili Trail really soon.



Janice

Editor's Note

If you have articles or photos of cookoffs or events in your area you would like to share with the CASI community, please send them to me and I will publish them if space permits.

Bucky

CASI members, please check your personal information in the CASI Information System. Corrections and additions should be sent to CASI Data Manager, Joe Price at jdprice@tularosa.net

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TallyWhackers

TallyWhackers continued

This will be my sixteenth TICC and each one is better than the last one. Last year was the first time we drove the 1500 miles to Terlingua. It was an interesting adventure. The changing landscape and climate going from north to south is remarkable. Odd as it may sound, I am looking forward to that drive again next month. Because the Directors are required to be on site Monday morning, I will be leaving Illinois on Saturday morning, October 25, 2008. I should have all September cookoff paperwork by Friday, October 24. I realize this does not give the cookoffs on the final weekend of September their full 30

days, but it is very important I have all the September paperwork before I leave.

The last few years, the referees have done a very good job getting September paperwork to me quickly. This has certainly been appreciated by me and the cooks and shows qualifying at those last cookoffs. I am confident this year's group of referees can do as well. You will note that there are no delinquent cookoffs again this month. If you find yourself in a situation where you might not be able to get a cookoff's paperwork to me in time, first contact me and then bring the paperwork (or a copy of it) to Terlingua. We want to do everything possible to make sure those qualified for TICC, get to participate at TICC.

All year, the discussions of the CASI Board are focused on making each TICC better than the previous one. We have tried some different methods of registering cooks and show teams over the past four years and I think we've got a good system. Consequently, there will be no changes in the registration process again this year. However, suggestions for improvement are welcome.

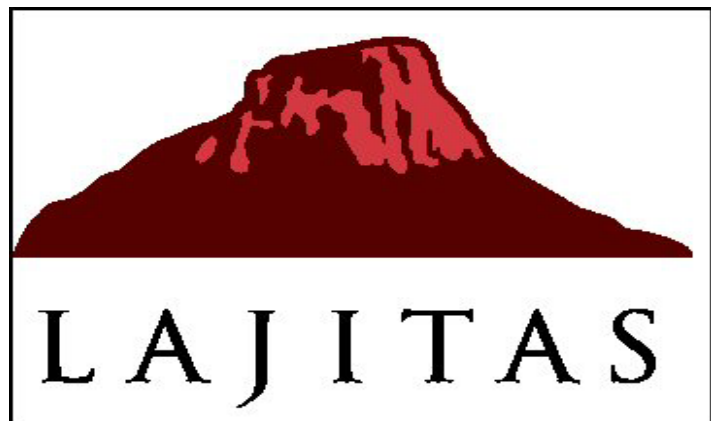
Registering for TICC and receiving your judging cup should be an exciting experience. Here is some information to help make it a smooth experience.

The hours of registration will be Thursday, October 30, 2008: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Friday, October 31, 2008: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Saturday late registration hour will be 8:00 to 9:00 AM, Saturday, November 1, 2008. 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. Old 320 registration, as well as the Friday events registration, will also be behind the presentation stage.

CASI Rules require that you must be a paid-up member of CASI in order to cook or perform showmanship at TICC. There will be an opportunity to pay dues at registration. However, you can speed up your registration process by paying (new or renewal) before you get to Terlingua.

Four years ago we initiated a policy of showing a photo ID for chili registration. It worked well, and three years ago 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 last year. However, some confusion still remains, so we'll attempt to explain it. Each qualified cook and show team captain is entitled to free admission to TICC. I prepare a Gate List that has all qualified cooks and show team captains on it. 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 is supposed to be on the list. If you were to arrive at the gate and your name was not on the list, you would be required to pay the admission fee and directed to see 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 people accompanying them will be required to pay the admission fee. When registering for showmanship, they will be allowed contestant wristbands for their team members: three additional (four total) if participating in small show, and seven additional (eight total) if participating in large show. The new one-person show entries will not get any additional wristbands.

Each cook and show team captain who participates in TICC is entitled to a contestant shirt. They 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 a shirt must produce the qualification card of the cook or show captain and the cook or show team captain 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 supply lasts. 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

CASI TallyMaster



Attention Old 320 Members, Qualified Cooks and Show Team Captains

Avoid sitting in line at the Front Gate to obtain your contestant-style wristband! How, you ask? You can receive your contestant-style wristband early if you are at the Rancho CASI de los Chisos on Tuesday, October 30. A booth will be set up in the judging area from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Come by Tuesday afternoon in person to receive your wristband.

Important Insurance Notice

If you are holding a cookoff, please make sure the venue has their own insurance before having them listed as an additional insured on the CASI certificate for that event. Holding a cookoff at a location that does not have insurance, and basically sharing the CASI insurance for their liability, could have catastrophic consequences to our insurance and ability to continue holding cookoffs.

The purpose of CASI insurance is to protect CASI and is not to protect those too foolish to protect themselves.

CASI Board

CASI Membership Report

John Goforth - 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 (830) 832-5070 or email me (membership@chili.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-P.O. BOX 841, COMFORT, TX 78013-0841**

Our New CASI Life

Members:

Mark Sanders - Ennis, TX
Vicki Sanders - Ennis, TX

Our New CASI Members:

Sylvie Bayliss - Burnaby, BC, Canada
Ken Bishop - Forest Hill, TX
James Cherco - Lizton, IN
Tom Connally - Dallas, TX
Tom Dozier - Irving, TX
Maria Gildon - Hefflin, LA
Carol Hall - Friendswood, TX
Harold Hansen - Plano, TX
Delanna Johnson - San Angelo, TX
Bobby Kirby - Kennedale, TX
Gary Maness - Greensboro, NC
Susie Marsh - San Antonio, TX
Paul Nesbitt - De Forest, WI
Cindy Noe - Wichita Falls, TX
Samuel Roberts - Arlington, TX
James Schwan - Fort Worth, TX
Steve Shepherd - Pittsburg, KS
James Ward - Point Pleasant Boro, NJ

Renewing Members

Lori Abbotts - St. Thomas, VI
Erik Ackerson - St. Thomas, VI
John Alexander - Gulf Breeze, FL
Arlindo Baptista - Petaluma, CA
Mark Baum - Bristol, WI
Ian Bayliss - Burnaby, BC, Canada
Dennis Bertling - Cedar Rapids, IA
Shari Bertling - Cedar Rapids, IA
Vicki Blackburn - Sanger, TX
Peggy Bocanegra - Houston, TX
Debbie Bond - Jones, OK
Gene Bond - Jones, OK
Lisa Bone - Goliad, TX
Courtney Bowden - Ferris, TX
Brazos Valley Elks Lodge #859 - Bryan, TX
Nancy Bremer - Upper Marlboro, MD
Sue Ann Brooks - Helotes, TX
Scott Buschel - Red Oak, TX
Denise Cabello - Tucson, AZ
Danny Campbell - Cedar Hill, TX
Wes Carlson - Loves Park, IL
Thomas Chaney - Anthony, NM
Fread Cielencki, Sr - San Antonio, TX
Janet Cielencki - San Antonio, TX
Julie Cloninger - Deer Park, TX
Ruthann Cosgrove - Guthrie, OK
Laura Cozby - Dallas, TX
Donell Dickerson - Shawnee, OK
Pat Dreibrodt - Comfort, TX
Teri Fass - Kerrville, TX
Harford Trey Field - Big Canoe, GA
Dianne Foster - Corinth, TX
Brad Garland - Westfield, IN
John Gastaldello - Downers Grove, IL
Delora Goin - Valley View, TX
Ann Hanson - Las Cruces, NM
Rick Hanson - Las Cruces, NM
Scott Harris - Scottsbluff, NE
Louise Hayhurst - Kingsland, TX
Bill Hill - San Angelo, TX
Jim Howard - Belcher, LA
Dianna Hoy - Cuero, TX
Don Hoy - Cuero, TX
Roy Huston - Wichita Falls, TX
Marilyn Jester - Indianapolis, IN
Dixie Johnson - Lamar, MO
Jeff Johnson - San Angelo, TX
Junior Johnson - Lamar, MO
Bob Johnston - Kernersville, NC
Rex Jones - Dallas, TX
Seth Jones - Jefferson, WI
Richard Keller - Austin, TX
Elizabeth "Bettye" Kemp - Couch, MO
Rocky Kimball - Highlands Ranch, CO
Sabrina Kliez - Seguin, TX
George Kunkle - Couch, MO
Jennifer Lee - San Antonio, TX
Sally Lee - San Antonio, TX
Dee Lubker - San Antonio, TX
J. D. Manning - Aubrey, TX
Kathy Martin - Huntley, IL
Laura McDaniel - San Antonio, TX
Rob McFall - Marietta, GA
Cindy McKinzie - Canyon Lake, TX
Georgeann McNicholas - St Thomas, VI
Taylor Miller - Baytown, TX
Gloria Molitor - St Charles, IL
Lisa Moore - Cedar Rapids, IA
Debbie Morgan - Valley Mills, TX
Ed Nesbitt - Houston, TX
Donnie Ostrom - St Thomas, VI

Randy Peacock - San Angelo, TX
Renata Platenberg - St Thomas, VI
Dana Plocheck - Houston, TX
Willie Raven - Phoenix, AZ
Mike Reeves - Murfreesboro, TN
Roland Regeon - Phoenix, AZ
Charmaine Rogers - San Antonio, TX
Clyde Rogers - San Antonio, TX
Trea Schmidt - Seguin, TX
Mark Schneider - Albuquerque, NM
Joann Scott - Odessa, TX
Paul Seastrunk - Garland, TX
Thomas Mike Shea - Moberly, MO
Bill Slanker - Krum, TX
Cheryl Smith - Atascosa, TX
Bettie Spears - Shawnee, OK
Joe Spears - Shawnee, OK
Chuck Spishock - Dickinson, TX
Dorothy Spishock - Dickinson, TX
Danny Strunc - Ennis, TX
Alex Tanalski - Petaluma, CA
Suzanne Tanalski - Petaluma, CA
Kenneth L. Thomas - Austin, TX
Carlos Tovar - Petaluma, CA
Larry Velasquez - Mission, KS
Peggy Velasquez - Mission, KS
Lee Vieregge - La Crosse, WI
Don Walker - Burkburnett, TX
Judy Walker - Burkburnett, TX
Pam Ward - St Charles, IL
Sandy Watson - Seguin, TX
Patricia White - Cuero, TX
Bruce Wilkins - Houston, TX
Tommie J. Williams - Arlington, TX
Jan Windrow - San Antonio, TX
Sue Yates - San Angelo, TX

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

Remember if you're moving, let us know. Your Trails will not follow you without an address change. You can either call me (830-832-5070) or email me at membership@chili.org



Corporate Membership

John Goforth - Membership Chairperson

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

They have invested in our Society as Annual Corporate Members. If you live in their area, PLEASE stop by and thank them personally.

Welcome Our New Corporate Members

Total Power Electric - Coral Springs, FL

Please Welcome Back Our Returning Corporate Members

Big Bend Motor Inn - Terlingua, TX
Comanche Trails - Terlingua, TX
Desert Sports - Terlingua, TX
International River Runners - Austin, TX
Quilts, Etc by Marguerite - Terlingua, TX
Saltwater Cowboy Cantina - Terlingua, TX
Study Butte Store - Terlingua, TX

Texa-Chem Specialties of Midland - Midland, TX

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Ballenger & Associates - DeLeon, TX
Big Bend Motor Inn - Terlingua, TX
Big Bend River Tours, Inc. - Terlingua, TX
Canyon Lake Medical Clinic, Inc. - Canyon Lake, TX
Carefree RV Resorts - Scottsdale, AZ
Carpenter Law Firm - Austin, TX
Cherokee Lakes, Inc. - Alexander, AR
Chisos Mining Co. Motel, Inc. - Terlingua, TX
City of Madison, Georgia - Madison, GA
Comanche Trails - Terlingua, TX
Cycletek - Terlingua, TX
Desert Sports - Terlingua, TX
Dumb Blond Enterprises LLC - Kansas City, MO
Forever Resorts, Chisos Mountains Lodge - Big Bend Natl. Park, TX
Goshawk Environmental Consulting, Inc. - Kyle, TX
International River Runners - Austin, TX
Lake Country Lanes - Marble Falls, TX

Long Draw Pizza - Terlingua, TX
Dr Steve & Ann Meyer - Dallas, TX
Mitchell Resort & RV Park - Perrin, TX
Mockingbird Hill - Bronte, TX
Monosite, Inc. - Odessa, TX
Passport America - Long Beach, MS
9 Fingers Jeep Tours - Odessa, TX
Pelican's on the Bayou - New Iberia, LA
Purple Haze Jeep Club - Gardendale, TX
Quilts, Etc by Marguerite - Terlingua, TX
R&R Construction, Inc. - Monahans, TX
Red Lion Spicy Food Company - Red Lion, PA
Red River Conference Center - Red River, NM
Red River Valley Fair Assn Inc - Paris, TX
Renfro Foods, Inc. - Fort Worth, TX
Rio Bravo Security - Terlingua, TX
Saltwater Cowboy Cantina - Terlingua, TX
San Antonio Pod CASI - San Antonio, TX
Snake River Chili - San Marcos, CA
Southwest Abstract & Title Co. - Rankin, TX
Southwest Canopy of Texas, Inc. - Houston, TX
Southwest Horn Toad Raisers Assn. - Odessa, TX
Study Butte Store - Terlingua, TX
T&K Dairy - Snyder, TX
Terlingua Auto Service - Terlingua, TX
Texa-Chem Specialties of Midland - Midland, TX
Thunderbird Machinery - Odessa, TX
Total Power Electric - Coral Springs, FL
Vineyards of Texas - Canyon Lake, TX
WPI Firefighter's Fund - Ft. Worth, TX



**TALLYMASTER'S
REPORT**

**YEAR-TO-DATE COOKOFF-OFF
STATISTICS**

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALABAMA	6	2	38	4,000.00
ARKANSAS	12	26	571	36,085.00
ARIZONA	12	25	525	37,704.00
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	2	32	7,500.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	28	1,500.00
COLORADO	9	3	56	14,650.00
FLORIDA	9	6	111	14,425.00
GEORGIA	6	2	42	1,500.00
IOWA	6	6	111	7,258.00
ILLINOIS	12	17	371	9,562.00
INDIANA	6	3	67	35,700.00
KANSAS	6	3	127	2,987.00
LOUISIANA	6	7	232	9,597.00
MARYLAND	9	6	117	9,870.00
MISSOURI	6	3	58	4,600.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	2	51	2,450.00
MEXICO	6	4	173	6,282.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	7	148	46,180.00
NEBRASKA	6	3	54	5,055.00
NEW JERSEY	6	1	15	4,000.00
NEW MEXICO	9	11	274	13,566.00
NEW YORK	6	1	22	2,000.00
OKLAHOMA	12	17	322	83,324.00
OREGON	6	1	17	644.00
PENNSYLVANIA	6	4	63	1,377.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	6	2	30	13,400.00
TENNESSEE	9	8	224	49,600.00
TEXAS	12	329	10,267	622,705.85
VIRGINIA	9	6	119	8,090.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	6	2	58	35,000.00
WASHINGTON	6	4	67	3,315.00
WISCONSIN	6	1	38	4,300.00
WYOMING	6	1	29	4,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		516	14,457	1102,226.85

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

*** No Delinquent Cookoffs ***

**Qualified As Of
September 15, 2008**

COOKS

- 359 Kelli Scarbrough, San Angelo TX
- 360 Karen Bains, Rankin TX
- 361 Steven A. Lopez, Pampa TX
- 362 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX
- 363 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
- 364 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
- 365 Jim McAllister, Snohomish WA
- 366 Steven (Steve) Price, Portland OR
- 367 Jerry Don "JD" Duggan, Many LA
- 368 Judy Walker, Burkburnett TX
- 369 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX
- 370 Julie Netser, Seymour IN
- 371 Sherrie Sutton, Indianapolis IN
- 372 Tonya Jester, Indianapolis IN
- 373 Laura Cozby, Dallas TX
- 374 Stacey Davis, Pasadena TX
- 375 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
- 376 Lou Hewlett, Tyler TX
- 377 Roger Campbell, Lebanon TN
- 378 Julie Cloninger, Deer Park TX
- 379 Michael A Mayorga, Seabrook TX
- 380 Lanny Thomas, Seguin TX
- 381 Mike Benold, Dripping Springs TX
- 382 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
- 383 Kimberly (Kim) Breton, Arnold MD
- 384 Denise Cabello, Tucson AZ
- 385 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
- 386 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX
- 387 Cody Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
- 388 James Broxey, Cedar Rapids IA
- 389 Aaron Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
- 390 Cody Brice, St Thomas VI
- 391 Rob Carlin III, St Thomas VI
- 392 Tom Haley, St Thomas VI

- 393 Tina Barnes, Eules TX
- 394 Dick DeiTos, Fairfax VA
- 395 Jackie Koltz, Palmyra VA
- 396 Randall Lee (Randy) Duke Valley Mills TX
- 397 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
- 398 Charlene Lentz, Odessa TX
- 399 Seth Jones, Jefferson WI
- 400 Kurt Baumgartner, Stoughton WI
- 401 Larry Patnoe, Beloit WI
- 402 Joe Levine, Everett WA
- 403 Betty Duff, Port Coquitlam BC
- 404 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 405 Dave McKay, North Vancouver BC

SHOWSTEAMS

- 162 Crazy Lady Chili, Indianapolis IN
Jester, Tonya
- 163 Minkie Around, Englewood FL
Johnson, Scott
- 164 Go Vols Chili, Lebanon TN
Kidwell, Jim
- 165 Bucking Edge, The, Ponder TX
Wilkins, Jody
- 166 Rapid Flow Chili, Cedar Rapids IA
Christensen, Jerry
- 167 Betsy's Chili Carnival
St Thomas VI
Abbotts, Lori
- 168 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
Brackeen, Dennis
- 169 American Chilicratic Part
Janerville WI
Kopnick, Mitch

TICC Gate Policy

QUALIFIED COOK: Each listed qualified cook receives one (1) wristband. A husband and wife who are both qualified receive only one (1) wristband each. A second wristband will be given to the qualified cook if their spouse or friend is with them and are not qualified. Qualified cooks DO NOT receive additional wristbands if they are also Old 320 members and/or captains of a show team.

SHOW TEAMS: Each listed Show Team Captain receives one (1) wristband only if they are NOT qualified to cook or an Old 320 member. Qualified cooks or Old 320 members DO NOT receive wristbands in addition to the Show Team Captain wristband.

Members of listed Show Teams will pay to enter the gate and receive a spectator's wristband. They will then proceed to the registration area behind the stage and will be reimbursed for their entry fee and given the appropriate wristband.

OLD 320: Each listed Old 320 member and one (1) guest receive wristbands only if they are NOT qualified to cook or show. Qualified cooks or show team captains DO NOT receive wristbands in addition to the Old 320 wristband.

Remember Loved Ones

Contributions to the CASI National Scholarship Fund in memory of a loved one or to honor a birthday, wedding, anniversary or special occasion are always appreciated. Please feel free to utilize this form when submitting a donation. Donations should be mailed to: Alan Dean, Executive Director, CASI, 112 Leaning Oak Circle, Johnson City, TX 78636.

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____.

This contribution is in memory of or in honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgement to: _____
(Name)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)
Indicate acknowledgement is from: _____

(Name)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)



Cook Off Winners



Aug 2, 2008-002 - Perrin TX
Black Sheep of Texas, 37 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 2 Weldon Daniels, Wichita Falls TX
- 3 Beth Moon, Hurst TX
- 4 David Lefler, Bardwell TX
- 5 Diane FitzHenry, Wichita Falls TX
- 6 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
- 7 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
- 8 Laura Cozby, Dallas TX
- 9 Sherry Muhlbauer, Wichita Falls TX
- 10 Connie Collier, Snyder TX

Aug 2, 2008-005 - Amarillo TX
Goodwill Chili Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Steven A. Lopez, Pampa TX
- 2 Kelly Draper, Tahoka TX
- 3 Kristal Bingham, Amarillo TX
- 4 Amanda McDonald, Amarillo TX
- 5 Millie Bingham, Amarillo TX
- 6 Morris Bryan, Lubbock TX
- 7 Melvin Sanders, Amarillo TX
- 8 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX
- 9 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX
- 10 Tena Scott, Amarillo TX

Aug 2, 2008-009 - Whistler BC
BC Provincial Open, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Joe Levine, Everett WA
- 2 Nick Fadich, Mill Creek WA
- 3 Betty Duff, Port Coquitlam BC
- 4 Jeremy Schroeder, Bothell WA
- 5 Lynne Brokaw, Seattle WA
- 6 Steve Burnfield, Vancouver BC
- 7 Dave McKay, North Vancouver BC
- 8 Fred Roycroft, Port Coquitlam BC
- 9 Lorren Patchett, Everett WA
- 10 Klaus Fix, Maple Ridge BC

Aug 2, 2008-012 - Knickerbocker TX
Knicky Picky Reunion CCO, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
 - 2 Kelli Scarbrough, San Angelo TX
 - 3 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
 - 4 Karen Bains, Rankin TX
 - 5 Shannon Coad, San Angelo TX
 - 6 Tracy Heflin, San Angelo TX
 - 7 Louis Gonzales, Paint Rock TX
 - 8 Wes Heflin, San Angelo TX
 - 9 Sherry J. Maus, San Angelo TX
 - 10 Laura L. Coad, San Angelo TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Rambelle Chili, San Angelo TX
 - Kelli Scarbrough
 - 2 Wes Heflin, San Angelo TX

Wes Heflin
3 Pan Head, Midland TX
Guy W Bates

Aug 9, 2008-003 - Lamesa TX
Large Time Chili & BBQ CCO, 25 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Kim Draper, Tahoka TX
 - 2 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
 - 3 Dennis Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 - 4 Susie Bryan, Lubbock TX
 - 5 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
 - 6 Kathy Hulme, Hobbs NM
 - 7 Al McDonald, Midland TX
 - 8 Pat Timmons, Crane TX
 - 9 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 - 10 B.J. McDonald, Midland TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Captain Dan, Lamesa TX
 - Danny Brackeen
 - 2 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
 - Dennis Brackeen
 - 3 Yancy Draper, Tahoka TX
 - Kim Draper

Aug 9, 2008-005 - Tombstone AZ
Vigilante Days CCO, 19 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 2 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
 - 3 Jeffrey Goekler, Phoenix AZ
 - 4 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 5 Jay Scott McCleery, Peoria AZ
 - 6 Patti Kunstman, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 7 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn
Sierra Vista AZ
 - 8 Fran Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 9 Penny Dunn, Sierra Vista AZ
 - 10 Ron Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Intimidator Chili, Sierra Vista AZ
- Patti Kunstman
- 2 Que Chili, Sierra Vista AZ
- Penny Dunn
- 3 Turquoise Stallion Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
- Jim Tomlin

Aug 9, 2008-006 - Red Lion PA
Red Lion Street Fair CCO, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Christine (Chris) Johnson
Harrisburg PA
- 2 Douglas Johnson, Harrisburg PA
- 3 Jack Windsor, Baltimore MD
- 4 Jackie Koltz, Palmyra VA
- 5 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA
- 6 Melanie Cockey, Felton PA
- 7 Kimberly (Kim) Breton, Arnold MD

8 John Iaquina, Severna Park MD
9 Dick Dei Tos, Fairfax VA
10 Jenny Windsor, Baltimore MD

Aug 10, 2008-001 - Olympia WA
Washington State Open, 17 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
- 2 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
- 3 Jim McAllister, Snohomish WA
- 4 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
- 5 Evelyn Trevino, Vancouver WA
- 6 S Ian Bayliss, Burnaby BC
- 7 Gordon Forbord, Portland OR
- 8 Steven (Steve) Price, Portland OR
- 9 Carolyn Johnson, Federal Way WA
- 10 Michael Peach, Tacoma WA

Aug 16, 2008-002 - Odessa TX
Westside Volunteer Fire Dept CCO, 25
CHILIS

- CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Grace Davis, Odessa TX
 - 2 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
 - 3 Kelly Draper, Tahoka TX
 - 4 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 - 5 Kathy Hulme, Hobbs NM
 - 6 Paul Mulkey, Hobbs NM
 - 7 Charlene Lentz, Odessa TX
 - 8 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
 - 9 Amy Patton, Odessa TX
 - 10 James Timmons, Crane TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Farm Chili, Odessa TX
 - Donald (Donnie) Warner
 - 2 Mr. Tracy Chili, Odessa TX
 - Mike Tracy
 - 3 Cow Patty Chili, Odessa TX
 - Amy Patton

Aug 16, 2008-003 - Indianapolis IN
Indiana Pepper Pod Chad Jester, 17 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Julie Netser, Seymour IN
 - 2 Sherrie Sutton, Indianapolis IN
 - 3 Tim Brown, Indianapolis IN
 - 4 Bob Hall, Taylorville IL
 - 5 Darin Jester, Indianapolis IN
 - 6 Tonya Jester, Indianapolis IN
 - 7 Charles T "Butch" Sutton
Indianapolis IN
 - 8 Brad Garland, Westfield IN
 - 9 Jeff Netser, Seymour IN
 - 10 Richard (Rick) Geiger, Chicago IL
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 VooDoo Chili, Indianapolis IN
 - Sebert "JR" Jackson Jr
 - 2 Crazy Lady Chili, Indianapolis IN
 - Tonya Jester
 - 3 Uncle Chuckles Chili, Naperville IL

Charles "Bill" Thomas

Aug 16, 2008-004 - Spring TX
1st Annual Lifestyles Unlimited CCO, 38
CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Stacey Davis, Pasadena TX
 - 2 Donna Foley, Galveston TX
 - 3 Julie Cloninger, Deer Park TX
 - 4 Kevin Foley, Galveston TX
 - 5 Ben Ashman, Anchorage AK
 - 6 James B "JB" Barker, Baytown TX
 - 7 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX
 - 8 Ed Nesbitt, Houston TX
 - 9 Jim Conley, Round Rock TX
 - 10 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Faded Love, Houston TX
 - Joe Braden
 - 2 Oil Field Trash, Houston TX
 - Larry Hammock
 - 3 Pig Stop Chili, Houston TX
 - Sharon Dozier

Aug 16, 2008-005 - Red River NM
Hot Chili Days, Cool Mountain Nights, 26
CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Judy Walker, Burkburnett TX
 - 2 John Montgomery, Golden CO
 - 3 Ray Hall, Tulsa OK
 - 4 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
 - 5 Steven A. Lopez, Pampa TX
 - 6 Patsy Elliott, El Paso TX
 - 7 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX
 - 8 Rocky Kimball, Highlands Ranch CO
 - 9 Don Walker, Burkburnett TX
 - 10 Mike Parker, Trinidad CO
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Herm's Kick Ass Chili, Red River NM
 - Steve Smith
 - 2 Cooking Without A Cause, Lubbock TX
 - Morris Bryan
 - 3 Minor Chili, Red River NM
 - Wes Black

Aug 16, 2008-007 - Everman TX
1st Annual Happy Armadillo CCO, 19 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Jerry Don "JD" Duggan, Many LA
- 2 Cathy Preston, Arlington TX
- 3 Wes Carlson, Loves Park IL
- 4 Chuck Edmonds, Duncanville TX
- 5 Keith Longabaugh, Pilot Point TX
- 6 Allison Ballard, Waxahachie TX
- 7 James Ballard, Waxahachie TX
- 8 Jim Taylor, Alvarado TX
- 9 Dale Reinecker, Bedford TX

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Bess' Best

Hello once again everybody; Bess and Harry chatting with you from overcast and windy Lamar, Missouri. First off, let me apologize for not having a column last month. Two days after the deadline for the column to be in it dawned on me whether I had written anything for September. I went to the computer to check and sure enough nothing there.

Things have really been hectic around the Truman household. Harry has been sick for the past six weeks. He went down Friday, July 25, faster than someone who was zapped by one of those taser guns the big city Police Departments have. Harry and I were trying to finish up a detail job so the shop would be free for some custom painting I had scheduled for Saturday. About 4:00 in the afternoon, he left me and went to the house without saying anything.

He remarked a couple of times in the afternoon that he was getting a sore throat and having trouble swallowing. He thought it was from the painting he had done the past couple of days and wished I would call and cancel the painting for Saturday. Monday it was all he could do to swallow liquid, so I took him to the Emergency Room. The ER doctor said he had strep throat, gave him a shot, and sent him home.

When he was no better by Thursday, I took him to a new doctor who has started a practice in Lamar. Harry does not have good luck with doctors in Lamar. The last three doctors left for greener pastures after practicing a while in Lamar. When his regular doctor retired several years ago, Harry believed since his doctor retired he just wasn't going to get sick anymore. But he got his mind changed a few years ago when he about had a stroke with his blood pressure.

The new doctor told us he had contracted an air-borne virile virus which would have to run its course, gave him a steroid shot, and told us to come back the middle of next week. To make a long story short, Harry has been x-rayed, all kinds of blood tests taken and had an EKG & Echo Gram that showed him to be in good condition. Harry is a lot better than 6 weeks ago, but we noticed if he goes outside it starts all over again and the doctor can't tell us anything. I had enough of this so I called the doctor and we set a phone talk. They x-rayed his sinus and now believe something in the air is causing his sinus to cause all this.

Congratulations to all the new CASI Board Members and a Great Big Thank You to all of you who have left the Board. You served CASI well and we know the new Board members will do the same; looking forward to meeting all the new people at Terlingua.

Yes, and speaking of Terlingua, it is right around the corner and if you ask Harry he would tell you when the sun starts setting on the south side of Central Road, it is time to start thinking about Terlingua. If you ask Harry what time of day it is, I doubt if he could tell you. He has not worn a watch since he left the factory. (Oh, if we dress up and go out he might put his watch and rings on but on a daily basis working at the shop he says he doesn't need one.)

Witty Kitty, our big Persian Tiger kitty, has moved in the office over at the shop; that is where he lives since his last run in with Precious, the Chow dog. He is going on 23 years old and the vet does not give a senior kitty discount. Witty gets to go outside when the last school bus goes by in the morning and that is 8:30. The northbound coal train is 10:30; that is time for break. When the church bells play, it is time for lunch; the UPS truck signals it is time for Witty to come in because he usually comes by between 5:30 & 6:00.

Well, the *Old Farmers Almanac* is holding true with what it said about years ending in the number 8. Going back on record, any year ending in 8 has very bad weather and I think we have had our share of it. Harry is calling for an early winter, and this morning we had 44 degrees and this is just the middle of September.

With the price of gasoline as high as it is and not knowing when it is going to rise, every time one of those little scooters would go by the house I would tell Harry that is what I need. So guess what? Yes, Harry surprised me with a new white scooter with red custom pin stripes and custom upholstery. The stripes and upholstery are from Fast Eddie's Hot Rod Shop. We cook chili for their open house every year, and the guys thought I needed something special for all the chili we have given them.

Harry is back from the Doughnut Shop. I sent him to get lawn mower gas and some doughnuts. We used to always buy Krispy Kreme, but can't find them here in Lamar anymore. I don't know what the deal is but the only place you can find them is in the convenience stores, and most of them are marked day old. Oh, well, we just need to be thankful that we have food on our table regardless if it is day old or not.

Maybe it is a good thing. Whenever Harry would eat a Krispy Kreme he would take a bite and then give Precious a bite. Well when Precious went for a check up, her cholesterol was border line.

Bess continued

Looks like the morning dew is off the grass so that means it's time to go fire up the John Deere and start mowing. The John Deere seems to be cutting better now. For quite a while I thought it wasn't cutting properly, but Harry said it was alright. JR came and put new blades on last week and he told his dad that he had the old blades on backwards. Tell you what; I will buy you a beer at Terlingua if you can get him to admit he had the blades on backwards.

Time to head on out for this month.

"Thank You for Your Time This Time" & Remember "To Start Slow & Then Taper Off."

Bess & Harry

10 Matt Mattocks, Hurst TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Dr. Ray, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun
2 UNCLAIMED
3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 16, 2008-008 - Alpine AZ
13th Annual Alpine Chili Society, 18 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS
1 Sue Seehusen, Alpine AZ
2 Denise Cabello, Tucson AZ
3 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Bernard "Bernie" Kowalski
Gilbert AZ

5 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
6 David "Bear" Nunley, Lakeside AZ
7 Willie Raven, Phoenix AZ
8 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
9 Bob Bell, Chandler AZ
10 Lylah Raven, Phoenix AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Magic Chili, Gilbert AZ
Bernard "Bernie" Kowalski
2 Bear Bonez, Lakeside AZ
David "Bear" Nunley
3 Redneck, Alpine AZ
Julie Phillips

Aug 16, 2008-009 - Wills Point TX
1st Annual Ponderosa Resort, 19 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS
1 Roger Foltz, Mesquite TX
2 Dee Palmer, Mansfield TX
3 Rex W. Jones, Dallas TX
4 Gil Hewlett, Tyler TX
5 Gayle Martin, Wills Point TX
6 Lou Hewlett, Tyler TX
7 Richard Fox, Wills Point TX
8 Morris Moss, Garland TX
9 Larry Wampler, Terrell TX
10 Bill Sweigart, Hurst TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
Larry Wampler
2 Shady Lady, Wylie TX
Brenda McElyea
3 Native Texas Chili, Kaufman TX
James Gowins

Aug 17, 2008-002 - Everman TX
Sunday After Happy Armadillo CCO, 16
CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS
1 Dee Palmer, Mansfield TX
2 Laura Cozby, Dallas TX
3 Gary Napier, Burleson TX
4 David I Sexton Jr, Grand Prairie TX
5 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
6 Debbie Longabaugh, Pilot Point TX
7 Dale Reinecker, Bedford TX
8 Wes Carlson, Loves Park IL
9 Bill Sweigart, Hurst TX
10 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Margaritaville, Hurst TX
Matt Mattocks
2 UNCLAIMED
3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 17, 2008-001 - St. Thomas VI

2008 Texas Society of the Virgin Is, 43
CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS
1 Ron Barnes, Euless TX
2 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
3 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
4 Cody Brice, St Thomas VI
5 Rob Carlin III, St Thomas VI
6 Tom Haley, St Thomas VI
7 Jacquie Exton, St Thomas VI
8 Kelly Killingbeck, Euless TX
9 Heidi Erwig, St Thomas VI
10 Erik Ackerson, St Thomas VI
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Betsy's Chili Carnival
St Thomas VI
Lori Abbotts
2 Chili Bowl, St Thomas VI
Heidi Erwig
3 Out Of This World, St Thomas VI
Brenden Otjen

Aug 17, 2008-003 - Tacoma WA
Puget Pod Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS
1 Judie Anderson, Olympia WA
2 Betty Jean "BJ" Mayer, Lakebay WA
3 Al Ruskin, Spanaway WA
4 Katrina Tomal, Tacoma WA
5 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
6 David Garrison, Olympia WA
7 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
8 Larry Mayer, Lakebay WA

- 9 Christene James, Edmonds WA
- 10 Peggy Vargas, Kent WA

Aug 22, 2008-001 - Terlingua TX
Friday Terlingua Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
 - 2 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 - 3 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 - 4 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
 - 5 Scott Johnson, Englewood FL
 - 6 Sharon Neff, Irving TX
 - 7 Steve Nadeau, Boerne TX
 - 8 Douglas "Bucky" Seelig
Fredericksburg TX
 - 9 Denise Saunders, Englewood FL
 - 10 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Minkie Around, Englewood FL
Scott Johnson
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 22, 2008-002 - Corsicana TX
North of Waco Pod CCO, 19 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Blue Kriska, Ennis TX
- 2 Courtney Bowden, Ferris TX
- 3 Kelly Brignon, Waxahachie TX
- 4 Danny Strunc, Ennis TX

- 5 Debbie Kriska, Ennis TX
 - 6 Randall Lee (Randy) Duke
Valley Mills TX
 - 7 Tommy Kriska, Killeen TX
 - 8 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX
 - 9 Cathy Preston, Arlington TX
 - 10 James Ballard, Waxahachie TX
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
 - Larry Wampler
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 22, 2008-003 - Stafford TX
Sweetheart Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Vicki Hebert, Pearland TX
 - 2 Julie Cloninger, Deer Park TX
 - 3 Donna Foley, Galveston TX
 - 4 Steve Cloninger, Deer Park TX
 - 5 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
 - 6 Ed Blair, Houston TX
 - 7 Cary Plocheck, Houston TX
 - 8 Marolyn "Mayo" Blair, Houston TX
 - 9 Michael A Mayorga, Seabrook TX
 - 10 Steve Kana, Sugar Land TX
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Deb's Roswell Incident, Houston TX
Deb Thomas
 - 2 Runaway Ranch, Stafford TX



At ACES 9th Annual cook off the first week end of August, the St. Hedwig VFD wanted to return some of the giving. Two weeks before the cook off the VFD called and said they had something to present to the Pod. During annoucments the St. Hedwig VFD gave ACES a check for \$200.00. They ask that the money be used at TICC to purchase medical supplies or equipment. This is a true example of a Pod and a charity that care about each other.

- Beth Boyd
- 3 UNCLAIMED

- Karen Byrne Bowden
- 3 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
- Shirley Sexton

Aug 23, 2008-002 - Terlingua TX
Bronze Goat Cookoff, 25 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- 2 Ken Large, Odessa TX
- 3 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
- 4 Nancy Coultas, Tucson AZ
- 5 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 6 Denise Saunders, Englewood FL
- 7 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 8 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
- 9 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
- 10 Tim LaLanne, Pipe Creek TX

Aug 23, 2008-003 - Corsicana TX
2nd Annual Dawg Daze of Summer CCO, 41
CHILIS

- CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Randall Lee (Randy) Duke
Valley Mills TX
 - 2 Cathy Preston, Arlington TX
 - 3 Stephanie Brockman, Irving TX
 - 4 Bryan McFarlin, Bullard TX
 - 5 Donna Nelson, McGregor TX
 - 6 Blue Kriska, Ennis TX
 - 7 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX
 - 8 Robert Corley, Corsicana TX
 - 9 David Manske, Arlington TX
 - 10 Terry Booth, Euless TX
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
 - Larry Wampler
 - 2 Slow Byrne Chili, Malakoff TX

Aug 23, 2008-005 - Stafford TX
17th Annual Auxiliary 151 CCO, 27
CHILIS

- CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Kevin Foley, Galveston TX
 - 2 Donna Foley, Galveston TX
 - 3 Lil Drake, Houston TX
 - 4 Phil Barnes, Houston TX
 - 5 Lanny Thomas, Seguin TX
 - 6 Vern Gilpin, Katy TX
 - 7 Sandy Watson, Seguin TX
 - 8 Mike Benold, Dripping Springs TX
 - 9 Karin Barnes, Houston TX
 - 10 Vicki Hebert, Pearland TX
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Runaway Ranch, Stafford TX
Beth Boyd
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 23, 2008-006 - Cedar Rapids IA
25th Iowa State Championship CCO, 27
CHILIS

- CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Jerri Dowdy, Kansas City MO
 - 2 Cody Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 3 James Broxey, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 4 Aaron Wade, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 5 Dennis Bertling, Cedar Rapids IA
 - 6 Carl Thordarson, Ottumwa IA
 - 7 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
 - 8 Gerald "Gary" Christensen
Cedar Rapids IA

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Tales from the Ranch

Orale CASI, donde frijoles, cabrito?? (Where you bean, kid?) Another summer has come and gone and lots of miles cooking chili, lots of gas and hotels, and lots of happy charities. I'm looking forward to 62. If we still have Social Security that means more money for gas and hotels, and so forth.

Barb and I went to Amarillo by morning and four days later, we left Amarillo by morning; but in between, we attended the Great Peppers Meeting. What a

wonderful time we had. Many thanks go to Vickie Childers and her staff for the wonderful hospitality. It was a great location and the activities throughout the four days were very well planned. Thanks, Vickie and company, you guys did great.

TICC is around the corner and looks to be a great turn out. The Gods of the economy are predicting lower gas prices in the days to come, so that should help. But if the economy is bad, come anyway. We need you.

For those of you who ran for the Board this year and got elected, way to go and do us a good job. For those who ran for the Board and didn't get elected, don't give up. Come to Midland, Texas, next year and run again. The more people running for a position, the more exciting things get.

For me, it's that time of year when we all get together and not have to bring our stoves, awnings, meat, spices, etc., and just have a good time. I'm not into politics but it's fun just sitting around listening to see what the candidates are going to do for CASI and its members. And, hey, look at the money we're saving on meat, spices, hook-ups, and not having to worry about rain, snow, and wind. Yea, buddy.

Things here at the Ranch are peaceful this time of year. The crops are gone and new ones are on the way. Things will be quiet till November when deer season begins, then Katy bar the door and look out Concho County. There will be Elmer Fudds running over each other on day one. We'll be at TICC by then so I'll miss all the excitement. I just hope I have chickens left when I get back.

Speaking of chickens, a bunch of us good ole boys were down at the Country Corner one morning having coffee and seeing who could talk the loudest and tell the best nonfiction story when an egg laying wager broke out from one of the guys. A wager was placed to see whose chickens could lay the most eggs by the end of summer. Yo, Rita. I looked around the table at my counterparts and I could see some deteriorated brains up to no good, and I could tell that a whole bunch of chickens were in for a shocking, chicken food realignment process. So we all stormed out of the coffee shop, almost running over the waitress, and headed for the house.

The first thing I did was get on the phone and call my trusty companion and fellow rancher, Mr. Dave Boone from down at Horny Acres Ranch in Marathon. I told him about our coffee shop wager. Well, my amigo, Dave, has this fancy phone that 3 and 4 people can talk on at the same time that he bought when we were in New York City attending Cotillion School, so he dialed a few numbers and we managed to add Mr. Green Jeans, Steve Nadeau, and Mr. Tex Riley, who are all well-renowned farmers and ranchers in Texas.

All four of us were on the line discussing different scientific ways on how to get chickens to produce more eggs. After some thirty minutes of brainstorming and scuttlebutt in general, we all came up with a bio chemical scientific research solution. My trusty companion and fellow rancher, Mr. Dave Boone, had read somewhere in the *Pollo Home Journal* or the *Gallina Tribune* that you could add one teaspoon of San Antonio Red Chili Powder and one teaspoon of Fort Worth Light to the chickens' water source. Supposedly, this technique somehow disrupts the metabolic rate and throws their egg laying process into shock, therefore causing mass production. Yea, buddy; really folks, it does.

Well guess what everybody? Summer ended, our local county agent volunteered to keep the score for us and after the tallying, lo and behold, one of my Rhode Island Reds named Milagro won by a landslide. Yea she did. She ain't got no feathers left and her rear end looks like a John Deere muffler but she done her thing. She showed 'em all how it's done here in Paint Rock, Texas. Now come February, Miss Milagro will be receiving an award at the Tom Green County Fair held in San Angelo, Texas. Hopefully she'll have some feathers by then but if not, she'll still be there standing to proudly accept the PULLET-ZER PRIZE AWARD.

If you happen to be on the road traveling and just so happen to be going thru Rankin, Texas, you need to stop and spare a few minutes. There is this title company there in Rankin called Southwest Abstract and it's 2 blocks east of the Super K Mart. It's easy to find. It is owned by one of our own chilliheads, Mrs. Theodora Bains, aka Karen. She and my trusty companion and fellow rancher, Mr. Dave Boone, are the ones who put on the horned toad cookoff each year there in Rankin, which if you ain't heard by now, the cookoff ain't never been won by a man.

Anyway, while we were in Amarillo attending the GPM and sitting in the lounge visiting with everybody and anybody, Mrs. Theodora mentioned that she was remodeling the title office. Now you have to remember, there are those in the crowd that have been sipping on the bottle all day so there were some happy people at the table. We asked Theodora how the remodeling was going and she informed us that the construction was going very well. She was also very excited about the new French drain that was installed in one of the offices. Well things got very quiet at the table. We all kind of looked at one another and just went on.

I spent 3 years in the Marine Corps and I went into some places that I would rather not talk about, but of all the fine ladies I met, we never discussed anything about a French drain. However, I understand that my amigo, Mr. Dave Boone, will be giving his synopsis on French drains in this month's issue of the *Goat Gap*.

Well, folks, I'm running out of Ingles. Keep cooking; our charities really need us now. Hope to see everybody at TICC. If not, we'll meet somewhere. Let us not forget the immortal words of Doctor Elario, Larry Kinnison, "why are we here?"

And now, words of wisdom:

1. There are those I know who will say that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind, is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American dream.
2. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Gotta go, folks, see ya.

Louis Gonzales

Mattheisen Ranch
Paint Rock, Texas



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Nobody Told Me

I think I'll try to write a more serious article this month. I've got a friend that is a professional chef, or at least he used to be a professional chef. Now he's trying to learn the construction business, while I used to be a construction engineer and I'm trying to learn to be a chef!

We got to talking about food safety a few days ago and his passion for cleanliness and hygiene set me to some guilty thinking. I don't spend a great deal of thought and effort into the safety of my chili. I just take it for granted that I'm not doing anything wrong, and I try to avoid the health inspector when he comes around. Oh, I know that one should wash his

hands every time he touches anything that may not be sterile, but there's a lot more to it.

Probably the most important thing that we should do to try to make sure that nobody gets sick on our masterpieces would be to make sure that our raw meat is kept cold. Most of us bring our meat to the cookoff in a cooler with some ice. And that's probably good enough, as long as we don't let the ice melt or take the meat out of the cooler too early.

Raw meat should be kept at about 40 degrees Fahrenheit until it hits the heated pan. That means all of the meat; inside, surface, and all. Fortunately, if you've got some ice in your ice chest, along with some melted ice, you can pretty safely assume that the temperature in the chest is pretty close to 32 degrees. But, if it's a big chest and a little ice, you might encounter something that we engineers call "stratification," which means that parts of the chest that are not close to the ice may be warmer than 32 degrees. If that cooler is old, sitting in the sun, or in the trunk of your car which is in the sun, the upper part of the chest might easily reach 40 degrees or higher, and that's not good. It's not rocket science, but you need to pay a little attention where you set the cooler, and where in the cooler the meat is sitting.

About as important as keeping raw meat cold is keeping cooked chili hot! If your chili pot is bubbling, you can be assured that the temperature of the chili is pretty close to 212 degrees. It only needs to be 160 degrees, but do you know how long it takes to cool a pot of chili from 212 to 160 after the fire is turned off? Neither do I.

You need a thermometer to learn the temperature of a cooling pot of chili, but you can't dunk a thermometer in your chili and then let it sit out on your table top. That little bit of chili on the stem can harbor e-coli just as well as the port-a-potty across the street; it just won't smell as bad. Non-contact thermometers are available for about \$100.00; nothing grows on their little light beam.

But this whole topic brings up something that Eric taught me about hygiene. Most of us just lay our stirring spoon on the table until we need it again. Why not dunk it in a small bucket of sterile water solution and be sure that you're not putting something dangerous in your chili? You can buy little pellets of "stuff" that dissolve in the water and pretty effectively kill all the little creepy-crawlies that you can't see. A capful of Clorox bleach in a gallon of water is just about as good, and probably more readily available. Just don't put too much bleach in your small container of spoon cleaner.

We should all wear hairnets or caps (unless you're completely bald), beard guards (if you have facial hair), and gloves. Know only one chili cook that wears gloves, and I've never seen a beard guard at a cookoff. I do see a lot of hats and caps.

If you don't wear gloves, at least keep your hands out of your chili and its components. I don't normally touch my meat when I cook, but I guess I do hold onions and jalapenos when I chop them. That's a definite no-no, but I'd never thought of it. The saving grace here is that those ingredients are then cooked so thoroughly that I suppose all of the undesirables are killed in the 212 degree chili pot. One should never touch ready-to-eat food with bare hands. One should never touch cooked food with the same hands that last touched raw food, particularly if it was raw chicken.

If you just have to touch the food with your hands, at least wash your hands before you fondle the food. Use soap when you wash, too. There are things on the market, like Purell, that sanitize your hands, but they are really like alcohol and don't remove the dirt, they just sanitize its surface.

Don't let cooked food touch the same surfaces as raw food; sanitize your cutting board. Don't let bugs fall in the pot, and don't let the dog eat out of the pot.

Food safety is not like brain surgery, but it does require a little attention to our actions. The stuff we talked about here is only the very basic rules. The whole U.S. Food Safety Code is about 900 pages, long, and it is full of recommended or mandated practices. What we have discussed here is not intended to be definitive; it's just something to start the thought process. Think about what you do, and try to do it safely.

Steve Dowdy



- 9 Doug McCoy, Cedar Rapids IA
- 10 Roylene Johnson, Ottumwa IA
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Rapid Flow Chili, Cedar Rapids IA
- Jerry Christensen
- 2 Rapid Dispatch Chili
- Cedar Rapids IA
- Gerald "Gary" Christensen
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Aug 23, 2008-007 - Lebanon TN
Tennessee State Championship CCO, 30
CHILIS

- CHILIWINNERS
- 1 Dick Wagner, Little Rock AR
- 2 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
- Lebanon TN
- 3 Robbie Swart, Kennesaw GA
- 4 Julie Netser, Seymour IN
- 5 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR

- 6 Elizabeth "Bettye" Kemp, Couch MO
- 7 Roger Campbell, Lebanon TN
- 8 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN
- 9 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
- 10 Misha Sweet, Murfreesboro TN
- SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
- 1 Go Vols Chili, Lebanon TN
- Jim Kidwell
- 2 Bottom of the Barrel
- Mount Juliet TN
- Lisa Knight
- 3 Saguaro Cactus Chili #2, Couch MO
- George Kunkle

Aug 23, 2008-009 - Denton TX
80th Annual NTSF & Rodeo CCO, 20 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

- 1 Tina Shoemaker, Sanger TX
- 2 Jo Ann Smith, Valley View TX
- 3 Steve Heaser, Dallas TX

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.
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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 1-512-965-4564 or email to: TerlinguaTrails@chili.org. Please specify your shirt size also.

Doug "Bucky" Seelig

Volunteers for Friday Needed at the Front Gate of TICC

"ATTENTION ALL TICC BOUND!!! If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours of your time (or more) helping out at the gates this year please contact either DianneStimson at Winksintexas@aol.com or DonnaConran at Dangergail@aol.com. TICC isn't that far away so come on give us a hand!!! Ahhhh come on ya know ya want to.....it will be fun! Looking forward to seeing everyone there. If you have any questions email me or Donna. Thank you in advance!" Dianne Stimson



A Long Road ... to Success

It was a "long road" from Parsons, Tennessee to Amarillo, Texas, to attend the 2008 Great Peppers' Meeting. A good thing about traveling by car, however, is that there is plenty of time for reflecting not only on the excitement of friends re-uniting and the current politics inherent to our annual Great Peppers Meeting, but many thoughts came forefront in my mind of the numerous talented, dedicated individuals representing CASI, yesterday and today.

While enjoying the leisure atmosphere, good food, and plentiful drink in the hospitality suite, I was drawn to an old 1987 TICC poster which, along with other interesting memorabilia, was decorating the walls. This particular poster caught my attention

because it is one of the three framed "historical" TICC posters in Preston's office.

That 21st Annual Terlingua International Chili Championship poster listed several folks who were seen hanging around the hospitality room, now twenty-plus years later! It was exciting to see a few members autographing the poster, under their exalted titles and duties for the 1987 cook-off, specifically Larry Burress, Glyn Gaines, and Richard Knight. It occurred to me that many past cooks were active as "young" men and women, but may have been side-tracked along the way while simply trying to support their young families. ... And yet, there are some who were able to balance the pressure of making-a-living while continuing to cook chili for charity and actively follow their passion to promote CASI.

So I looked around the large room during the Great Peppers Meeting the following day and realized that we had in attendance many active, faithful Directors, past Directors, Great Peppers, and others who have been instrumental in this great organization and who *continue* to lend their time and talent for the benefit of making CASI an outstanding, successful organization today and for the future. Respectfully, please allow me to mention a few who were there:

Ray King ... CASI's FIRST President and Executive Director; Instrumental in organizing the FIRST Great Peppers' Meeting
Pat (Irvine) King ... Original CASI Director and Secretary; Past Executive Director
Larry Burress ... Past CASI President and 2-term Executive Director
Richard Knight ... Past CASI Director and original CASI elected TallyMaster; designed the CASI logo; along with Ray King, organized the FIRST Great Peppers' Meeting
Ken Large ... Past CASI Director; Former *Terlingua Trails* Publisher and Editor
Glyn Gaines ... Past CASI Director; As FIRST Great Pepper of NOB Pod, attended the FIRST Great Peppers Meeting.
John Caffey ... Past CASI Director; FIRST and second Ranch Alcalde
Myrl Coultas ... Past CASI Director and *Terlingua Trails* Editor
Vickie Childers ... Past CASI Director, Chilicity; Continues organizing Toys for Terlingua Kids and TICC trophy jackets.
Guy Smith .. Past CASI Director and Vice President
Harvey West ... Past CASI Director and TallyMaster
Jimmy Taylor ... Past CASI Director, Vice President, and Rancho CASI De Los Chisos Manager
Preston Shaw - Past CASI Director and Secretary; 2008 Credentials Committee
Preston Nickle - Past CASI Director and Public Relations

My mind was running rampant with appreciation, visualizing the "*long road*" which has been traveled by so many to ensure that our beloved organization would be one in which we can take great pride. Still looking around the room in Amarillo, I focused on a few more to whom we owe much admiration and gratitude. For instance,

Mel FitzHenry ... After serving the CASI membership and Board of Directors as Secretary for three years then as President for eight years, he continues to be an eloquent voice of rationale and motivation to us. Although we may not always share mirrored opinions on a pressing issue or topic, it occurs to me that this notable man's passion continues to run high and his intentions remain to seek the best interest in the integrity and future of CASI. It has been rumored that he and Diane continue to retain membership in the most PODs nation-wide!

Jim Stateczny ... It's hard to fathom that Jim's zeal for CASI began by doing Show in 1977; and subsequently followed his enthusiasm by being elected to the CASI Board of Directors, serving the membership unselfishly for nine years. In addition, the success of the current CASI Scholarship Program is largely due to a vision of Jim Stateczny. Now upon closer observation, we see a successful businessman who continues to reveal his commitment to and fervor in CASI not only as a major TICC sponsor, but as a "Non-Board Contributing Member" as he continues to lend his financial experience, technology expertise, equipment, and time to us. No one knows the many long hours, in the past

Long Road continued

and currently, that this talented, extraordinary man has devoted to CASI. His dedication sets a high standard for many of us!

Ralph Hay ... And what about this man! As a life member of CASI, Ralph seems to always "be there" for CASI when a job needs to be handled with dignity and without controversy. Although his many years on the Board of Directors (serving as TallyMaster, Vice President, and then 2-term CASI President) were completed with distinction in 1997, his tireless commitment and devotion to the membership of CASI appear unlimited. Among other notable titles, Ralph currently serves as a "Non-Board Contributing Member" as Old 320 Alcalde, devoting much work and many hours to preserving the Old 320 area and its owners.

In reflecting on the 2008 Great Peppers Meeting and CASI's "long road to success", I realize that there are so many more of you *unsung heroes* who have helped pave this long, sometimes bumpy, road. To these named, and to you other committed members, your efforts are not taken for granted and deserve sincere words of appreciation. **Thank you.** In looking further down this road, the current and new CASI Board of Directors is now challenged to further help pave this road for the future of CASI. And it is up to us as CASI members to support and assist the Board with our time and talent in this pursuit, ensuring the continual success of our Chili Appreciation Society International.

Keep Lovin' What Ya Do... and Doing What Ya Love ...
 Cooking Chili for Charity with CASI!



Susie Shaw

Heart of Tennessee Pod

4 William E "Bill" Riordan
 Wichita Falls TX
 5 Mandy Josselet, Denton TX
 6 Vicki Blackburn, Sanger TX
 7 Tim Randolph, Denton TX
 8 Delora Goin, Valley View TX
 9 Cupit Matt, Denton TX
 10 T.J. Cannon, Corinth TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Bucking Edge, The, Ponder TX
 Jody Wilkins
 2 Backwoods Chili, Anna TX
 Tom Maxwell
 3 Bronco Billie Chili, Denton TX
 Mandy Josselet

Aug 23, 2008-010 - Oklahoma City OK
 Tony Newcomb CCO & T-Shirt Party, 24
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK
 2 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 3 Richard Atkins, Kingston OK
 4 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
 5 Melissa Herndon, Tulsa OK
 6 Debbie Longabaugh, Pilot Point TX
 7 Ray Hall, Tulsa OK
 8 Doug Atkins, Durant OK
 9 Keith Longabaugh, Pilot Point TX
 10 Kris Martin, Frisco TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Paradise Chili, Oklahoma City OK
 Mary Allen
 2 Rojas Hall Chili, Tulsa OK
 Ray Hall
 3 Butt Good Chili, Garland TX
 Neta Rohr

Aug 24, 2008-001 - Downers Grove IL
 St Marys 1st Annual Chili Cookoff, 19
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Georgia Weller, Rockton IL
 2 Jim Weller, Rockton IL
 3 Randy Metz, Lombard IL
 4 Pam Ward, St. Charles IL
 5 George Molitor, St. Charles IL
 6 Bert Centers, Lisle IL
 7 Candice Thomas, Naperville IL
 8 William C "Bill" Pierson
 Batavia IL
 9 Gloria Molitor, St. Charles IL
 10 Charles "Bill" Thomas
 Naperville IL
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Dumb & Dumber, Homer Glen IL
 Mike Stevens
 2 Spicy Mike's, Chicago IL
 Mike Usiak
 3 Ol' Glory Chili, St. Charles IL
 Gloria Molitor

Aug 30, 2008-001 - Plains TX
 Watermelon Festival Chili & BBQ, 15
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS
 1 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
 2 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
 3 Joann Scott, Odessa TX
 4 Kathy Hulme, Hobbs NM
 5 Dennis Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 6 Paul Mulkey, Hobbs NM
 7 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX
 8 Alan Bell, Plains TX
 9 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
 10 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Naked Brothers, Hobbs NM
 Paul Mulkey
 2 Panhandle Chili, Midland TX
 Guy W Bates
 3 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX

Dennis Brackeen

Aug 30, 2008-003 - El Paso TX
Cockpit Challenge Annual Pod CCO, 21
CHILIS

CHILIWINNERS
1 Don Stoppio, El Paso TX
2 Bobby Elliott, El Paso TX
3 Marion "Bud" Barrick, Organ NM
4 Kim Cox, Alamogordo NM
5 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
6 Armando Dominguez, El Paso TX
7 Thomas Chaney, Anthony NM
8 Eve DuMond, El Paso TX
9 Kelly Killingbeck, Euless TX

10 Mary Hernandez, El Paso TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Crypt, The, El Paso TX
Garry Blackwell
2 Asheep At The Wheel, El Paso TX
Carol Straughan
3 Pretty Chili, El Paso TX
Raymond Lucero

Aug 31, 2008-001 - San Angelo TX
Labor Day MDA Cookoff, 22 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Judy Walker, Burkburnett TX
2 Don Walker, Burkburnett TX
3 Tracy Heflin, San Angelo TX
4 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
5 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
6 Kelly Draper, Tahoka TX
7 Clifford (Cliff) Miller
San Angelo TX

8 Barbara Herrin, Paint Rock TX
9 Wes Heflin, San Angelo TX
10 Janice Miller, San Angelo TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Saddlebag, San Angelo TX
Wes Heflin
2 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
Dennis Brackeen
3 Pan Head, Midland TX
Guy W Bates

Aug 31, 2008-002 - Arlington TX
31st Annual Arlingua CCO, 49 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Toni Bowman, Rowlett TX
2 Kary Fieseler, Irving TX
3 Gary Brignon, Waxahachie TX
4 Beth Moon, Hurst TX
5 Weldon Daniels, Wichita Falls TX
6 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
7 Darrell Baxter, Grand Prairie TX
8 Stephanie Brockman, Irving TX
9 Tina Barnes, Euless TX
10 Kelly Brignon, Waxahachie TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Dream Catcher, Irving TX
Teena "T.J." Friedel
2 Cool Cat Chili, Irving TX
Stephanie Brockman
3 UNCLAIMED

Sep 1, 2008-001 - San Angelo TX
Labor Day Cookoff Day 2, 16 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
2 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
3 Clifford (Cliff) Miller
San Angelo TX
4 Kelly Draper, Tahoka TX
5 Kim Draper, Tahoka TX
6 Louis Gonzales, Paint Rock TX
7 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX
8 Barbara Herrin, Paint Rock TX
9 Kelli Scarbrough, San Angelo TX
10 Guy W Bates, Midland TX
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 Saddlebag, San Angelo TX
Wes Heflin
2 Pan Head, Midland TX
Guy W Bates
3 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
Dennis Brackeen

Sep 1, 2008-002 - Clifton VA
VA State Championship, 15 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Dick Dei Tos, Fairfax VA
2 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
3 Jackie Koltz, Palmyra VA
4 Jeremy Bauer, Clifton VA
5 Daniel E. "Dan" Bauer
Alexandria VA
6 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
7 Diane King, Clifton VA
8 Greg Kniemeyer, Reston VA
9 Roger Koltz, Palmyra VA
10 Noelle Kniemeyer, Reston VA

Sep 6, 2008-001 - Edgerton WI
Chilimania, 38 CHILIS
CHILIWINNERS

1 Bob Hall, Taylorville IL
2 Seth Jones, Jefferson WI
3 Kenneth (Kenny) Jones
Reidsville NC
4 Richard (Rick) Geiger, Chicago IL
5 Georgia Weller, Rockton IL
6 Kurt Baumgartner, Stoughton WI
7 Larry Patnoe, Beloit WI
8 April Tobin, Edgerton WI
9 Patrick Gustafson, Chicago IL
10 William "Bill" Bishop Jr
Franklin WI
SHOWMANSHIPWINNERS
1 American Chilicratic Party
Janesville WI
Mitch Kopnick
2 Burning Ring of Fire, Edgerton WI
Keith Conroy
3 Favreless Chili, Edgerton WI
Rick Parrent



History of the CASI World Pepper Logo



In the fall of 1979 shortly after the first rules for CASI were developed, Ray King, Paul Smith, and I were having a CASI Director's work session at Paul Smith's home in Dallas. One of the subjects of discussion was how to make the newly developed CASI into a world class organization.

At that time, the CASI logo and letterhead was a standard clipart picture of a flat world. I began to think about how the chili cook's world encompasses and revolves around the chili pepper; therefore our organizational logo should depict our world within a chili pepper.

I was sitting at Paul's kitchen bar; reached across and picked up a napkin and started to draw an outline of a chili pepper. I filled in the pepper outline with our world. I then handed the napkin to Paul and Ray and said, "This is our new logo". They both agreed.

Ray took the logo design and obtained a trademark for CASI. A few years later, the CASI Board of Directors took the world pepper logo and made it into a world class TICC trophy that is the dream of every CASI chili cook to have in their trophy case. This pepper logo has become the symbol of CASI. I am proud to have been instrumental in the development of the CASI Logo and it has been my pleasure to give to the CASI organization something that will hopefully live on through generations of chili cooks.

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Cooking With CASI



Oct 4, 2008-001 - Austin TX CASI. Austin Lion Sight & Sot Pod presents 1st Points for Sight, Held at Giddy Ups located South of Slaughter Lane on Manchaca Road. Chili, Grind Only, \$18.00, turn in 2:00. Beans, \$5.00, turn in 1:00. Silent Auction. Cooks Party Friday night, breakfast Saturday, and Pot Luck Saturday night. Dry camping, no hook ups. Plenty of parking. Come in Thursday afternoon or Friday. Cook off also Sunday. Checks to ALSCC. We purchase eyeglasses for the school children. Come stay the whole weekend with us. We will feed you, talk your ear off, and give you a laugh or two and a hug or four. Nancy promises to have plenty of cold beer. Home 512-446-2364. Cell 512-760-8789. WE ALL ARE POINTLESS ON THIS DAY. SOME OF US ARE EVEN CLUELESS.....Hope to see you there. Sue/John Caffey caffeycasa@msn.com.

Oct 4, 2008-002 - Houston TX CASI. Texas State Open Chili Cancelled.

Oct 4, 2008-003 - Peoria IL CASI. Chillin' On The River. In conjunction with a two day event called "Ribbin' on the River Ribfest". Held at 200 NE Water St. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Peoples Choice chili. Benefits PACE, Santa Clause Parade. Make checks payable to PACE. Contact Lyle Cunningham 3126 E Cedar Hills Dr Chillicothe IL 61548. 309-579-2187, cell 309-696-3280.

Oct 4, 2008-004 - Tomball TX CASI. 9th Annual Piney Woods Pod CCO. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Tomball VFW post Alice Rd. Beans 1:00 PM jackpot \$10 entry. CASI chili 2:00 PM turn-in, \$20 entry. Benefits VFW scholarship fund VFW Post has a fundraiser dance Saturday night. Cookoff Sunday same location. Earl Who? Gorham 936-447-1060 Mobile phone 713-724 5736.

Oct 4, 2008-005 - Geronimo TX CASI. Geronimo Memorial VFW Post 8456 Annual Chili Cook-Off and Jackpot Beans competition, 6808 State Highway 123, 5 miles north of Seguin TX. \$20 entry fee, 1 PM turn in. Beans \$10.00 50/50 payback turn in noon. Benefits the VFW Military Assistance Program. Spend the weekend with us. RVs, campers, and tents welcomed. No hook-ups. Silent auction and Free dance at 8 PM. Local contact Bill Owen, (830) 303-9903, billoltx@airmail.net. See cookoff next day.

Oct 4, 2008-006 - Irving TX CASI. 7th Annual Veterans Memorial CCO Held at VFW Post 2494. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. \$5 Jackpot Beans turn-in Noon. Dinner Friday night for a nominal charge. Make checks payable to VFW 2494. Contact Margaret Hobbs 972-513-0593 email macintexas058@yahoo.com. For more information the post phone number is 972-790-1611.

Oct 4, 2008-007 - DeLand FL CASI. Florida State Open Championship 7th Annual Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff. Top 3 chili 1st place showmanship automatically qualify for TICC 2009. Held in downtown historic DeLand on East Indiana Avenue 11 AM to 4 PM. Cooks may set up at 7 AM. Live music, arts & craft vendors, and supervised kid's zone. Local celebrity judges for both Open and CASI contests. Cooks may enter both: \$20 for either or \$30 for both. Open turn-in 1 PM. CASI turn-in 2 PM. Cooks party 5 to 8 PM on Friday at local pub. Please bring plenty of throw-down chili for public tasting at 11 A.M Benefits West Volusia Historical Society and MainStreet DeLand Assn Cooks entry forms and everything else you need to know is on website: www.greatbowlschilicookoff.com. Contact Sally Bohon at SalBohon@AOL.com 386-736-9494 or Candace Knight Arevalo at 561-795-5888, candikisseschili@gmail.com. Make checks payable to WVHS

Oct 4, 2008-008 - Paris TX CASI. George Robinson Memorial Cookoff. Held at Paris/Lamar County Fair Grounds. From No. Main St. turn East on Hickory St. and go 1/4 mile to gate with cookoff sign. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to charity: Red River Valley Fair Assn. Contact Tim Masters 570 E Center St, Paris TX 75460. 903-785-7971.

Oct 4, 2008-009 - Fort Wayne IN CASI. Ft Wayne Chilifest. Held at Headwaters Park, 333 S Clinton. Benefits American Cancer Society. Entry fee \$25, turn-in CASI Noon. Chilifestfortwayne.com open divisions: Red, White, Verde, Salsa, Sshowmanship. Make checks payable to Chilifest. Contact Bob Anweiler, 618 Professional Park, New Haven IN 46774. 260-418-2170. rdanweiler.afm@verizon.net.

Oct 4, 2008-010 - Edgewater CO CASI. Chili "Near" the Lake CCO. Join us in quaint Edgewater, Colorado for a day of chili and music...This event will feature CASI red, Green and salsa... Awards for the top 10 red, top 3 green and top 3 salsa. Fee is \$15 for first category and \$5 for each additional category. Checks should be made payable to Colorado Chili Pod and sent to the following: Colorado Chili Pod, 1670 Broadway #3000, Denver, CO 80202. For further information please contact John Montgomery @ 303-831-5061.

Oct 4, 2008-011 - Congress AZ CASI. Arizona State Women's Open Chili Championship. Automatic qualifier for TICC. Cook off site is just south of US 71 on Santa Fe Rd. This CASI Sanctioned CCO Will benefit the Congress Senior Citizens, Inc. Peoples choice chili starting at 11:00 Red turn in at 1:00 Entry fee \$15. Make checks payable to YCS. RV parking no hookups. Cook where you camp. Standard Health Department Rules For info

contact Jerry Lee at alchemistchili@gmail.com or 623-388-9748

Oct 4, 2008-012 - Congress AZ CASI. Arizona State Men's Open Chili Championship. Automatic qualifier for TICC. Cook off site is just south of US 71 on Santa Fe Rd. This CASI Sanctioned CCO will benefit Wickenburg Healthcare Alliance dba Congress Health Council. Peoples choice chili starting at 11:00 Red turn in at 2:00 Entry fee \$15. Make checks payable to YCS. RV parking no hookups. Cook where you camp. Standard Health Department Rules. For info contact Jerry Lee at alchemistchili@gmail.com 623-388-9748

Oct 4, 2008-013 - Dubuque IA CASI. Tri States Largest Chili Cookoff. Tri States Largest Chili Cook Off Downtown Dubuque at Cable Car Square 4th and Bluff. Benefits: Maria House of Dubuque. Turn in times, CASI chili: 12:30, Junior chili 1 PM, Salsa Noon, Open and business chili 1 PM. Fees CASI chili \$20, Open & Business \$15, Junior \$10, Salsa \$5. Make check payable to Cable Car Square Association. Contact Teri Connelly 63 Carter Court East Dubuque, IL 61025 (yes that is Illinois) 815 747-2904 or Cell 563-599-5358

Oct 4, 2008-014 - Bandera TX CASI. First Chance for Points Pod Cook-off at Pioneer River Resort Hwy 173 and 1202 Maple St. Hosted by Alamo Area Pod. Friday night cooks field trip to the 11th Street Bar. Saturday CHILI GRIND ONLY, Entry \$20.00, Turn In 2:00. Contact Pioneer River Resort for Reservations (866) 371-3751, or Jennifer Lee for cook-off information (210) 722-2227. An Alamo Area Pod Cook-off, cook-off Sunday same location.

Oct 4, 2008-015 - Ruidoso Downs NM CASI. 27th Annual New Mexico State Open Chili Championship. This is an automatic qualifying CCO for the top winners. Cook's pot luck party Friday evening. The meats will be provided. Please bring a side dish. Dry camping is available. Local lodging nearby. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. For local charities. Make check payable to Ruidoso Chili Society. Only USDA approved beef can be used. Bring your receipt of purchase. Contact Rick Thomas 575-336-8399 ricktofov@aol.com. Held at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Billy the Kid Casino, 1466 Hwy 70 West.

Oct 4, 2008-016 - Hallsville TX CASI. 11th Hallsville Western Days CCO. Held at Cal Young Rd, one mile (Hwy 450) North of Downtown Hallsville. Follow signs. For the East Texas Angel Network. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Please bring tasting chili. Cooks party Friday & Saturday night. Goody bags for 1st 50 entered. Living History of Civil War beginning on Friday thru Saturday. Battle of Fort Crawford on Saturday afternoon at 4 PM. Come and experience life as a civil war re-enactor.

Oct 4, 2008-017 - Madison GA CASI. Madison's 4th Annual Fall Fest & Chili Challenge. Held at E. Jefferson Street off the square downtown historic Madison. Check website for more information. www.madisonga.com. Entry fee CASI \$15 turn-in 1:30 PM. Open chili \$25, turn-in 12:30 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits the Madison Volunteer Fire Department Live Music AM & PM, scarecrow decorating contest, kids games, and more family fun. Register by Sept 15 & receive chef's bag, no app. accepted after 10-01-08. Contact Ann Huff, 706-342-1251 x 206, 706-342-1251 x 208. Email ahuff@madisonga.com. P.O. Box 32, Madison GA 30650

Oct 4, 2008-018 - Amarillo TX CASI. Elks Lodge Bar-B-Que & Chili CCO. 932 Clyde St. Amarillo, TX. Chili turn in 2:00 pm Contact- Pam Matheson 806-359-8489 or 806-373-9292 More information to follow.

Oct 4, 2008-019 - Port Aransas TX CASI. South Texas Music Fest Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Sharkey's, 2600 S.H. 361. Benefits the Jody McCormick Vocational Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$20, turn in 2 PM Contact Victoria Hart 361-749-4254

Oct 4, 2008-020 - Beltsville MD CASI. First Points on the Potomac CCO Held in the parking lot of Behnkes Nursery, 11300 Baltimore Ave. Calling all "point hogs" the NEW chili year is upon us and its time once again to amass chili points in a friendly competition where the winner is ALWAYS the charity! CASI Red Entry fee \$20; turn-in 2 PM. All CASI rules apply. People Choice Competition voted on by the public, special prize for PC winner. Tasting kits will be sold to the public for \$5 included

Use CIS for Your Cookoff Input

Have you used the CIS to input your cookoff? This is a quick and easy way to provide all the information needed. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Dorothy at dorothy@hughes.net





“A View from the Top of an Old Chilihead”

I just got home from our 29th Annual Great Peppers Meeting in Amarillo. These are some of my observations from the back row. This is the row where you sit down and keep your mouth shut. I'm still trying to learn to handle that. Since I could not speak and no

one from the floor microphone or the microphone on the dais ever thanked our outgoing directors, I want to thank the three directors leaving the CASI Board after many years of hard and dedicated work on behalf of all chili cooks.

I may not have always agreed with you on some issues, but you certainly had my respect and backing on all the difficult challenges you faced. I have held all three of those positions and know how thankless they can be most of the time. So again, **“Thank you Jim, Garnier and Alan!”**

First we had the Democratic Convention, the next week the Republican Convention and the next week the CASI Convention. They all three have a lot in common. And it is by design. Some of us had this in mind when we started the Great Peppers Meeting. Yes, even the politics. It has grown as most of us envisioned. Not only do we get CASI business taken care of, we also learn how to resolve other issues we have at pod level. It is like a family reunion in some ways. It is the only time in the year we get to meet with chili cooks from all over the United States.

Some say why don't you have the meeting in Terlingua? Terlingua does not work. Here we don't have to cook chili, breathe dust until we get a nose bleed, put up with a lot of crazies having fun, be careful to not get run over by four wheelers and all of the other numerous distractions we would have to contend with if this meeting was held in Terlingua. I can tell you from experience, trying to get Great Peppers together for any kind of meeting in Terlingua will not work. It always turns into a chaotic frustration for everyone, aka cluster—. If you have never been to a GP meeting, go and see for yourself. I think you will enjoy yourself.

I mentioned that the GP meeting has continued to grow, but we have a very serious problem in other growth areas. The membership figures given from the dais were awful. Without life and corporate members, the number is too scary to print here. The money received from the dues of the regular annual paying membership will pay many of CASI's bills. I am amazed at how many sponsors Jim Ezell brought into CASI with the low membership numbers we had. If we are to maintain our sponsors, we must get our membership figures up.

All pods must continue to work at getting new members. Unless we get new people cooking and enjoying our hobby, it will deteriorate. At least 90% or more out there have grown very complacent. How many new members did your pod bring in last year? Now, not counting those that were already members of another pod, how many new members did you get?

Folks, sitting at a table in Terlingua or another cookoff and getting members from other areas or other states is not growth. They already belong to several pods. They were already cooks or they would not have been there. Don't get me wrong on this. The tables are great for renewing your dues, it makes it easier on the pod and the cook not to have to hassle with the mail. But don't think your pod is getting new cooks just because your membership roster is growing.

I hear people say “We just don't have any cooks in our area”. I hear this from Texas pods and other states. I say that is BS. They are out there everywhere. You come in contact with them everyday - at work, at school, at the grocery store, the hairdresser's and on and on.

There are a lot of states out there with no pods or cookoffs. There are states that are six point states and have been forever. Sadly, it appears they don't want to grow any larger. CASI granted the states the six point status to help them grow. If your state has been a six point state for over three years, you don't want to grow. A lot of those six point states actually discourage new cookoffs. Some people are just plain lazy and don't want to have to go out and compete for more than six points.

In my opinion, CASI should change the rule on points for states. A new state with no cookoffs should be a six point state for three years only. If they have not reached the next level in three years, they would automatically become a nine point state and have three years to reach a twelve point level or they would automatically become a twelve point state forever. In six years any state should be more than qualified to be a twelve point state. You can bitch about it all you want, but all I have heard is a bunch of excuses, not any valid reason for you to remain a six point state. We have to keep growing and not working against the system.

Every town in America that is 20,000 to 50,000 population should have five or six chili cookoffs every year. And this is just the civic organizations (Lion, Elks, VFW, Am Legion, etc.) in each town for fund raisers. One of your favorite bars would like to have a cookoff, if you set it up. Ball teams,

View from Top continued

chambers, churches, shopping malls and centers, historic centers, women's shelters, food banks and this list can go on forever with possibilities. I live in a small town of about 20,000 (forty miles from a Metro area). This past chili year, we had eight cookoffs in our town. This year we plan on adding two more quality cookoffs.

Don't tell me you can't do this, you can. One person could make a state a twelve point state with a little effort within one year. Then we will start to see growth. You will be surrounded by new cooks/members and your pod will show real growth.

I want to congratulate The Heart of Tennessee pod for standing up at the Great Peppers Meeting to courageously ask for a waiver to be made a 12 point state. It is a nine point state and was about to be dropped back to a six. They were embarrassed to be a six point state. They have honor and everyone will respect them for it. Who will be the next to follow their laudable example?

All of the six point states out there should follow in their footsteps and become twelve point states by next year. If you do, we will have a party and celebrate your success. If you don't, I do not care to hear your excuses, I'm not into commiseration.

Come on get busy, you and only you can do it. Let's make CASI grow.

See you on the trail to Terlingua,

H. Ray King



in the kit will be their special ticket to vote on “Washington's Most PC Chili”! Top 10 chili cooks receive “Plant Prizes” Set up between 8:30-9:30. Cooks meeting: 10:30. Awards: 4 pm. Charity - The Rotary Club of Beltsville charities. Contact: info@chili-mac.com, 443-878-7999

Oct 4, 2008-021 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Elks #1004 Fall Festival. Held at 4107 Hillard Rd. For Directions call Preston Nickle 501-791-2191. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Elks Charities. Preston Nickle 501-791-2191.

Oct 4, 2008-022 - Wagoner OK CASI. Jump Into Fall Ya'll It's Bluegrass and Chili in Wagoner! We are hopeful teams will decorate a scarecrow at their booth. We will have a scarecrow contest. Entry fee is \$25.00. The event will be in the afternoon. Cook time will start at 1 PM The judging will be at 3 PM. We will begin selling taster kits at 3 PM. Bluegrass concert will follow, plan to have something going on until dark thirty. Contact Paula Templeton 918-485-4623, 918-485-3123..

Oct 5, 2008-001 - Austin TX CASI. Austin Lion Sight & Sot Pod's 2nd Points for Sight, at Giddy Ups, Grind only, turn in 1:00. Chili only. \$18.00. Checks to ALSCC. Benefits Sot Pod Charities. Get your 2nd points today. Breakfast- John Caffey's biscuits and gravy. That's worth the trip! Hope to see you there. Caffey's 512-446-2364 or 512-760-8789.

Oct 5, 2008-002 - Tomball TX CASI. Day After Piney Woods Pod CCO. Tomball VFW Post, Alice Road. CASI chili 1:00 PM turn-in, \$20 entry. Benefits Piney Woods Pod charities. Earl Who? Gorham 936-447-1060 home 713-724-5736 mobile.

Oct 5, 2008-003 - Geronimo TX CASI. Geronimo VFW Post 8456 Annual Chili Cook-Off and Jackpot Bean competition, 6808 North State Highway 123, 5 miles north of Seguin. \$20 entry fee, 1 PM turn-in time. Jackpot Beans 50/50 payback turn in at noon. Benefits the local scholarship fund. RVs, campers, and tents welcomed. No hook-ups. Local contact Bill Owen (830) 303-9903, email bill@airmail.net

Oct 5, 2008-004 - Bandera TX CASI. First Chance for Points Day 2 Held at Pioneer River Resort Hwy 173 and 1202 Maple St. 866-371-3751. Hosted by Alamo Area Pod. Friday night cooks field trip to the 11th Street Bar. Sunday CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$20.00, Turn In 1:00. Contact Pioneer River Resort for Reservations (866) 371-3751, or Jennifer Lee for cook-off information (210) 722-2227. An Alamo Area Pod Cook-off, cook-off Saturday same location.

Oct 5, 2008-005 - Ottawa IL CASI. Gene's Really Big Birthday Blowout Chili Cookoff. Held at Elks Lodge 116 W Jefferson St., between Columbus and LaSalle St. Benefits Ottawa Elks Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Gene Enke 815-434-4144.

Oct 5, 2008-006 - Ruidoso Downs NM CASI. Ruidoso Chili Society Pod Cook Off. This is a Pod Cook Off. Turn-in is 12:00 noon. Chili Grind Only. State of New Mexico Environment Dept personnel will be present. Only USDA approved beef can be used. Bring your receipt of purchase. Benefits the Ruidoso Chili Society. Entry fee \$20. Held at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Billy the Kid Casino, 1461 Hwy 70. Info Rick Thomas 575-336-8399. ricktofov@aol.com. Make checks payable to Ruidoso Chili Society. Annual Aspenfest Car Show will be in grandstand area. Dry camping only, in inclement weather the cookoff will be moved to a track parking area.

Oct 5, 2008-007 - Hallsville TX CASI. 6th Annual East Texas Chili Pod CCO Held at Cal Young Rd. 1 mile North on Hwy 450. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to East Texas Chili Pod. Contact David Trice 903-668-3974.

Oct 5, 2008-008 - Tulsa OK CASI. Tulsa State Fair Cookoff. Held at 4145 E 21st St, between Harvard and Yale. At the Fairgrounds, look for the big Golden driller. Enter off 21st and drive toward the Expo Bldg. Make a right once you pass the Golden driller and go down toward lower level. There is a big door on the left at the bottom of ramp. This big door will close at 10 AM. We encourage you to arrive before 10 AM, or you will have to enter

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Like him or not, he is our MR. HOLE and I wish him the best as he steps down.

Also stepping down today is our Treasurer, Garnier Albus, who we affectionately call CHECKBOOK. For the last several years, Garnier has been a worthy custodian of the CASI Funds. Garnier is too big for the government to hide somewhere, so they have left him to defend himself. He, too, deserves our gratitude for a job well done.

I hope you will benefit from your trip to Amarillo. Listen carefully to the reports of the Board and Committees. These reports are the culmination of thousands of hours of non paid service.

Later today you delegates will fill out a ballot and place some new faces on this platform. There are qualified people running that desire to serve CASI. I know its future will be in good hands

Thank you for your input and support.

JIM EZELL

CASIPRESIDENT
DIRECTOR 1997-2008

It has been an honor to serve four terms as an officer and director of CASI. It has been my privilege to be involved in many worthwhile projects that have moved our organization forward. The contributions of the boards I have served with will long be remembered and I salute my fellow directors for their dedication. As I enter the exclusive alumni of past directors, I look forward to any service I can still offer to the CASI family. Thanks to my wonderful wife, Mary Ann, for her patience in the times my mind was involved in the politics and not the personal life.

The new board is now elected and the voters have spoken. Thanks to all who ran. Do not hesitate to try again, as it is a proven fact, that it often takes several attempts, because of limited positions. Trust me; the opportunity is worth the effort.

through the glass doors on the upper level at the main entrance. You will have to enter with general public and cart you stuff down the ramp to chili area. Entry fee \$25, includes fair admission. Door No.1 opens at 8 AM for chili cooks. Turn-in 2:30 PM. Make checks payable to Tulsa State Fair. Benefits Rodeo Arts Scholarship Fund. Contact Mike Hallenbeck 918-409-6383. Tables and chairs furnished. Email Mike at tallfatguy@yahoo.com or tallfat_guy@gmail.com.

Oct 11, 2008-001 - Midland TX CASI. 8th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. For the Gifts of Hope. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Patsy Childress. 432-520-4433 or 432-425-4473 patsy@t3wireless.com. Trophies 1st thru 10th, 1st thru 3rd Showmanship. BBQ 1/2 jointed Chicken, Pork spareribs, Beef Brisket. \$25 each entry. Turn in Chicken Noon. Ribs 1 PM, Brisket 3 PM. 50% payback + \$300 1st thru 3rd place. Trophies 1st thru 10th, Grand Champion. Raffle items, specialty raffle, silent auction, 50-50 drawing. Plenty of room for motor homes, trailers and pits. Set-up Friday October 10th. Room Special Plaza Inn 4108 North Big Spring St. 1- 800-365-3222. Mention Gifts of Hope Chili Cookoff when making reservation.

Oct 11, 2008-002 - Whitney TX CASI. Whitney Thousand Trails CCO. Held 5 miles north of Whitney on FM 933. Benefits Christmas for Children. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans \$5, turn-in Noon. Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 Friday night. Bring your favorite dish and let's party. Free RV Hook-ups Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Make checks payable to Thousand Trails. Info Darrell Baxter 972-262-4337 email ddbaxter1@sbcglobal.net. See cookoff next day.

Oct 11, 2008-003 - Clear Lake/Kemah TX CASI. Kemah Pan Jam Festival CCO. Held at 600 Bradford & 6th St. Kemah TX, 77565. Parking on South side at 7th St. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Mayo Blair 713-686-4520 713-443- 6040 cell. www.travelmblair@yahoo.com.

Oct 11, 2008-004 - Bandera TX CASI. SAP CASI Fall Fest Cookoff. Pioneer RV Resort, Hwy 173 and 1202 Maple St, 866-371-3751. Cook's Party on Friday night. Bean turn-in 12 pm, Entry fee \$10, 60/40 payback. Chili turn-in 2 pm, Entry fee \$20 each day or \$35 for both days. Chili Grind Only. Hot Wing turn-in 3 pm, Entry fee \$5, 60/40 payback. Fajita Potluck on Saturday night. For reservations please contact Pioneer RV Resort 866-371-3751 or for information call Kim Hiley 210-286-4275 or kdihiley@yahoo.com or Charmaine Rogers 210-215-2009.

Oct 11, 2008-005 - Cedar Hill TX CASI. Country Day of the Hill Cookoff. Chili Grind Only \$20.00 Entry - Payable to Country Day on the Hill 2:00 PM Turn-in. Benefits to Cedar Hill Food Pantry. Held in old downtown Cedar Hill on Cedar Street behind Phillips Lumber Company. Directions: Beltline Road West from Hwy 67S into downtown Cedar Hill past Broad Street and RR tracks, left on Roberts and left on Cedar to cook-off site. Annual Country Day on the Hill Fair - Music, Food, Arts and Crafts, Games, Entertainment, etc., Starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 6:00 PM. Contact: Dick Woodward 214-695-4611 woodwards@sbcglobal.net.

Oct 11, 2008-006 - Homosassa FL CASI. Southeast Chili Cookoff. Held at Natures RV Resort on the waterfront. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. RV sites and Cabins available at special rates for Chili

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Cooks, call Frieda at 800-301-7880 for reservation at the chili rate. 10359 W Halls River Road. Homosassa, FL 34448, <http://www.naturesresortfla.com>. Friday night cooks party at the marina lounge. POD cookoff next day same location. Great places to eat on the water front such as The Margarita Bar & Grill, home of the 64 Oz margarita. Contact Candace Knight-Arevalo email farevelo@bellsouth.net 561-795- 5888.

Oct 11, 2008-007 - Peru IN CASI. Miami's Heartland Cookoff. Held at Miami County Fairgrounds on Old B-31 North. Camping \$20 per night, \$2 sewage disposal available. Chili entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits the Handicapable Peru. Car & Tractor Show. Music by Swamp Water Stompers, Blue Grass Buddies. Special Olympics. Registration see www.handicapableperu.com for registration and information. Contact Mike Hines 765-473-6787.

Oct 11, 2008-008 - Lexington TN CASI. Beech Lake BikeFest Chili CCO. Held at 412 West at Beech Lake Park, follow the signs. Benefits Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 12:30 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Carl Perkins Abuse Center. Motor Cycle Show, Bike Games, Dice Run, Auction, Raffle, Food & vendors. Music Noon to 8 PM. Two free admissions to BikeFest for each cook. Contacts Preston Shaw 731-847-7208, Eddie Hester, 731-431-4461.

Oct 11, 2008-009 - Tyler TX CASI. 8th Semi Annual Tyler Elks Lodge #215 CCO. Held at 3815 Hwy 64 W. From intersection of NNW Loop 323 & Hwy 64W, 1st driveway from Sonic. Across the street from Wal- Mart. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits the scholarships, veterans, Elk charities. Make checks payable to Tyler Elks Lodge #215. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon, split the pot. 1st thru 10th place chili trophy or prize. Showmanship 1st thru 3rd place trophy or prize. Peoples choice trophy or prize. Bring throwdown for tasting. 8 hookups no sewage. Contact Betty Horbelt 903-595-2575, 903-592-6508 after 4:30 PM at Lodge. Email tylerelks215@suddenlinkmail.com

Oct 11, 2008-010 - Lees Summit MO CASI. Kick It Up Chilifest. Held at 300 block SW Main St. By Rotary of Lee's Summit. CASI, Homestyle, Vegetarian, Salsa, Wings. 1 category chili - \$20, 2+ categories chili - \$35, salsa or wings, \$5 ea. Cooks meeting 8:00am. Turn-In Times Salsa & Wings - 11:00, CASI - 12:00, Homestyle and Vegetarian - 1:00 Company Team: \$250. Charities Langsford House and Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Contact Scott Devouton 816-272-5565 scott@devouton.com. Entry form www/kickitupchilifest

Oct 11, 2008-011 - St. Charles IL CASI. Great Pepper's Chili Cookoff St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 N Third Street (SW Corner of Third & State Streets). CASI Chili, \$18 entry, 1 PM turn-in. Also Green Chili, \$10 entry, Noon turn-in,

Jackpot Beans, \$5 entry, 2 PM turn-in. Make checks payable to Chillini Pod. Contact Bill Thomas, 31 South Columbia Street, Naperville, IL 60540. 630-778- 7444 / 630-778-8752. ChilliniChatter@earthlink.net. Benefits Chillini Pod Charities.

Oct 11, 2008-012 - Dalhart TX CASI. 8th Annual Dalhart Rotary Roadkill and Rolands Chili Cookoff. Held at new location, Dalhart Elks Lodge BPOE #2390, 1st & Jefferson St. Make advanced checks payable to Dalhart Rotary Club. Turn in time for Chili is Noon \$20.00 Entry Fee. Turn in time for Green Chili is 12:30 p.m. \$20.00 Entry Fee. Turn in time for Pinto Beans is 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 Entry Fee. Turn in time for Salsa is 1:30 p.m. \$10.00 Entry Fee. Tables Provided Electricity available, bring own extension cords. Contact Lorren Hallmark 216 Denrock Ave. Dalhart, TX 79022. 1-806-244-3326 1-806-425-9675 email Jim Chandler xitre@xit.net.

Oct 11, 2008-013 - Love Valley NC CASI. Love Valley Chili Cook Off Held at Love Valley Arena. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Benefits Love Valley Mule Assn. Mike Bubba Williams 336- 284-4567 336-287-0189 Cell. bubba@ncchili.com. Check web site www.ncchili.com www.lovevalley.com

Oct 11, 2008-014 - Washington Boro PA CASI. Central Manor CCO Held at 387 Penn St. Between Millersville and Washington Boro on Rt 999. Come out for the inaugural Central Manor Church CCO, and help get another event off the ground in PA. No alcohol, please. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Short Term Work & Outreach Mis. Make checks payable to Central Manor Church. Contact Glenn Binkley 717-672-4697. Email grbinkley@gmail.com.

Oct 11, 2008-015 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Spectators Grill & Pub. Held at 1012 W 34th, 501-791-0990. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. For the Central Arkansas Hospice. Contact Preston Nickle 501-791- 2191.

Oct 11, 2008-016 - Russell KS CASI. Chilifest Annual Cookoff. Held in Cecil Bricker Park at 8th & Main. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Russell Mainstreet. Peoples Choice chili. Car Show. Contact Tia Blehm 610 N Main St., Russell KS 67665. 785-483-6960.

Oct 11, 2008-017 - San Marcos TX CASI. 2nd Annual Hays County Fair & Hill Country Chili/BBQ Cookoff 2008. Held at Hays County Civic Center, IH-35 S. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Includes special T-shirt. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Scholarships, etc. Make checks payable to LULAC #4876. BBQ by Lone Star BBQ Society. Brisket, Pork Ribs, Chicken. Entry fee \$100 for all three, \$1,200 cash prizes & trophies. Also, fajitas \$15, open beans \$10 & cooks choice \$25. Music, food, arts and crafts, bull riding and dance. Contact Richard Anzaldua 512-353- 0306 or cell 512-757-0850 or richanza@yahoo.com.

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Have you got some spare time on your hands while at TICC? There are several areas soliciting volunteers: front gate, veggie cutting, registration, concession sales, and beer sales – to name a few. As always, your willingness to volunteer is very much appreciated.

Bringing an Extra Trailer to TICC?

As you are aware, much of the camping area is occupied by trailers that are used to bring golf carts, ATVs, etc. to TICC. Since space is at a premium in the cooks' area, please consider parking your trailer on Cindy Lane.

Got Beer?

Instead of loading up all that beer and hauling it to TICC with you, why not take advantage of the case prices offered on site. The main beer concession and Krazy Flats will be offering these specials during the week of TICC.

Toys for Tots

Don't forget to bring your unwrapped toys for children - infants to 12 years old - to TICC this year. If you want to include some wrapping paper with your toys, that would be great. Toys can be dropped off at the Main Concession Stand.

Highway Cleanup

The highway cleanup will again be done on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Those wishing to participate should meet in front of the stage. Thanks to Scott Johnson for volunteering to be in charge of this cleanup project.

Handicap Parking

If you require handicap parking at TICC, please contact the TallyMaster behind the stage during registration hours. He can provide you with the placard to allow you entry into the designated handicapped area.

Big Bend Baptist Church Food Ministry

The Big Bend Baptist Church Food Ministry is asking for assistance. The Ministry works with the West Texas Food Bank to provide food supplements to families in the Terlingua area.

Donations of any kind are appreciated but 5 lb. flour and sugar packages are especially needed as the holiday seasons approach.

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Oct 11, 2008-018 - Laramie WY CASI. Chugwater Chili Cookoff Kick-off. Tailgate park outside the University football stadium in Laramie Wyoming. Benefits Chugwater Ambulance, Fire Department, Community Center, Economic Development, Historical Society. Make checks payable to Chugwater Chili Cookoff. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 3 PM. The cookoff is the 5th quarter for the University of Wyoming's Homecoming game. Contact Anja Bendel P.O. Box 243 Chugwater WY 82210, 307-331-0012 307-422-3493 anja.bendel@gmail.com, townofchugwater@yahoo.com. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Oct 12, 2008-001 - Whitney TX CASI. Whitney Thousand Trails CCO. Held 5 miles north of Whitney on FM 933. Charity TBD. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Pot luck Saturday night. Free RV hook-ups Saturday and Sunday. See Saturday cook-off ad for the 11TH. Contact Darrell Baxter 972-262-4337, ddbaxter1@sbcglobal.net. Make check payable to Thousand Trails Pod.

Oct 12, 2008-002 - Bandera TX CASI. SAP CASI Day After Fall Fest Cookoff. Pioneer RV Resort, Hwy 173 and 1202 Maple St. 866-371-3751. Chili Turn-in 1 pm, Entry fee \$20 or \$35 for both days.

Chili Grind Only. Information please contact Kim Hiley 210-286-4275 kdhiley@yahoo.com or Charmaine Rogers 210-215-2009.

Oct 12, 2008-003 - Homosassa FL CASI. Sunshine State Chili Pod CCO. At Natures RV Campground & Resort, 10359 W Halls River Road. Homosassa, FL 34448. RV sites and Cabins available at special rates for Chili Cooks, call Frieda at 800-301-7880 for reservation at the chili rate. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 1 PM. Contact Candace Knight-Arevalo 561-795-5888, farevelo@bellsouth.net. See <http://www.naturesresortfla.com>

Oct 18, 2008-001 - Bryan TX CASI. Brazos Valley Elks Lodge #859 3rd Annual CCO. Held at 304 Mobile Ave, behind Triangle Bowling and Old College Ave, look for signs. CASI Division entry \$15. Elks Division entry \$10. Turn in both at 2pm (Also Grind Only) 50/50 Beans 5.00 turn in noon. RV hook-ups \$5.00 for weekend Limited Numbers call for a spot. Benefits local community projects. Entry fees lowered because of fuel cost. For more information Roger Schoppe email rschoppe@athletics.tamu.edu, 979-22-5611

Oct 18, 2008-002 - Cleburne TX CASI. Cleburne Elks Lodge #811 Fall Chili Cookoff. Cooks party Friday night. Entry fee \$20 chili CHILI GRIND

ONLY. CASI and Elks division. Turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Pot Luck dinner Friday night. Silent Auction. Saturday day morning breakfast 7-9 AM. Live band Saturday night, cover charge. Held at Hwy 67 & FM 1434. Lodge phone 817-645-9079 Jerry Brown 817-645-6117 bamry@sbcglobal.net Free RV hookups, first come first served.

Oct 18, 2008-003 - Ponder TX CASI. Riding Unlimited Barn Bash Cancelled, date changed to Nov. 8th.

Oct 18, 2008-004 - Tulsa OK CASI. White Cane Cookoff. Cancelled.

Oct 18, 2008-005 - Grapevine TX CASI. Stop Drop & Roll Chili Cookoff. Held at Bass Pro Shops, 2501 Bass Pro Drive, located off TX 121, across from Grapevine Mills Mall. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Chili Grind Only. Benefits WPI Firefighters Fund. See web site WWW.wpiff.org for info and forms. Cooks party Friday night, live band. Benefits injured firefighters, their families and volunteer fire departments. Register by 10/10/08 if you want to be next to your buddy. Contact Robin Williams, 200 Greenleaf St. Ft Worth TX 76107. 817-870-8006 or 817-229-9750, robin.williams@williams-pyro.com.

Oct 18, 2008-006 - Crawford TX CASI. 1st Annual Chili & 9th Annual BBQ Cookoff. At the Crawford

Saddle Club & Rodeo Arena Located behind the Tonkawa Falls Park. So come have a blast and add to your new years points! There is going to be A LOT going on, Lawn mower races, mutton bustin, An Ugly truck contest 2 categories running & non-running vendors, 50/50 pinto beans, a BBQ COOK OFF and of course CHILI! Entry fee \$20.00 Turn in time 2 pm. Charity TBA. CHILI GRIND ONLY! Plenty of RV parking No Hook ups! Lot's of shade trees! For more information and early entry forms for BBQ, please contact Donna Conrad @ Dangergail@aol.com, or 254-855-473. For more info on the chili cookoff please contact Diane Stimson at Winksintexas@aol.com or 254-486-9206. Make checks payable to Donna Conrad/ Crawford Saddle Club See next day cook off

Oct 18, 2008-007 - New Braunfels TX CASI. Fraternal Order of Canyon Men CCO. Held at Mountain Breeze Campground Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. For Fraternal Order of Canyon Men. General info 830-964-5555 or canyonmen.org. RV & camping info 830-964-2484. Bob Walker.

Oct 18, 2008-008 - Kerens TX CASI. Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival Held on wide main street of Kerens you can drive directly to your spot. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Friends of Kerens Library This will be our 4th Annual "Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival" The festival has always been about raising funds to build a new library building. Thanks to CASI folks we have our new



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

\$300

On Tuesday, October 28th, 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 Cutest. 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.

Registration and information – Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595
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Haunted Mesa

It was with great appreciation that I learned that the CASI Board passed a motion to name a landmark on the east side of Well Creek on the CASI Rancho property. Sitting directly above the cut-out horseshoe arena in front of the Crazy Flats Saloon is a small mesa. It is now proudly named Haunted Mesa. Oh, yes, there is a story, but first some pre-history. Those who have wondered where the name Crazy Flats came from will hear the story once more told.

CASI has suffered many changes and locations since the organization was formed. For the years when CASI occupied the Villa de la Mina campsite just over the hill from our existing site on the Rancho, bits and pieces of Chili History were being created.

CASI cooks even to this day have a very bad habit of cliquish hobbit activity and huddle tightly among themselves, rarely showing themselves out of their motorhomes and campsites. They have forgotten how to entertain themselves except with noxious boom boxes. While in Villa de la Mina, the CASI cooks packed themselves in arroyos that hid them from sight.

As with any great contest, there are always spectators. Spectators have probably been more responsible for the colorful history that makes CASI than can ever be imagined.

Like Marco Polo on a mystical journey, I would fill my large cup and climb out of the arroyos and visit the many camps and campfires to make new friends and collect new stories for my journals.

Above the arroyos, there was another world. At night, spread across a vast rolling plain, there were hundreds of campfires looking like those of Roman Army encampments the night before battle. Those who occupied this domain were known as the Krazies.

By the time that the great November chili contest was to come to pass in 1990, some very forward thinking members of the CASI Board negotiated and purchased a large parcel of land on the other side of the hill from Villa de la Mina, just west.

This is the very land on which we have held our yearly contest and look forward to once again this November 2008. It became known as CASI Rancho de los Chisos. Or CASI's Ranch by the Chisos Mountains. The main area of the land parcel is divided north to south by a mostly dry creekbed. The area to the west of the Well Creek is the area mostly used in the early years. The land was used by an old mercury mine and the flattened area we now know as the Ole 320, which sits before the stage and pavilion area, was used for a staging and parking ground for unused mining equipment. It took a massive amount of effort to terraform the land and put a metal pavilion stage up and have the land ready for the 1990 cookoff.

Personally, I arrived at noon on the Wednesday before the 1990 contest. As I crested the hill at the entrance just off Highway 70, there was this vast perfectly flat dirt field. It seemed to stretch on forever bordered by a steep hill on the left and stretching almost a couple of blocks to the Well Creek; from a natural gully by the highway to way back to the north where a huge berm of bulldozed dirt and brush had been piled.

Sitting in the far forward corner by the edge of the creek were four River Runners busily working to install their beer can crusher on an uprooted stump. I drove on into the property and found that a semblance of roads and parking spaces had been cut into the turf. The CASI old time cooks began to pour in, and not being use to the new flat open parking spaces, began a series of turf wars that exist even today.

The great new home for CASI weathered its first year with great success. But, as always, where there are great contests and events, there are the spectators, and yes, they too came and took up residence on that vast flat field of dirt in the front of the property. The displaced Krazies from Crazy Hill had now taken up residence in their new home, which I called Crazy Flats. The name stuck among the cooks and was noted in several of my mini sagas in *Tales from Along the Trails to Terlingua*. (Excerpt)

**And made my way past the berm that separates the krazies
from the cooks.
Dante's inferno couldn't hold a candle to what I saw both
vogue and vamp,
Though sometimes a bit uneasy, I found it a whole lot more
interesting as I went from camp to camp.
Campfires flickered as I wandered past,
And I marveled at the murals on the trailers the eerie
shadows cast.**

More land was needed to expand and a road was cut across where the River Runners first camped. The road went across Well Creek and opened up a whole new area on the east side of the creek. By 1995 due to the rogue and forward thinking of Ken Rodd, the Crazy Flats Saloon was built from

Haunted continued

donated funds and a new watering hole was established along with a gateway to new campsites for the Krazies. It continues to grow, both the saloon and the camping sites.

Eventually, the Highway Department decided to build a permanent land bridge across Well Creek for Highway 170. The water, when it comes, flows through huge culverts under the roadbed. In the process of building, CASI and the Highway Department made a win-win deal to let the Highway Dept have limestone dirt in exchange for terraforming work on the property. A huge arena was formed into the hill right in front of the Saloon. Eventually we hope to terrace and use this neat arena. Right above the arena is a natural mesa; too steep to safely use vehicles to climb, but a rather unique landmark. The top is flat and the area of the CASI dance floor. From this vantage point, you can see all of the land owned by CASI. This has become a favored spot for me to take photos during the week of my photo duties for CASI.

The area of the Rancho has a rich history. Once there was a Marshal named Feliz Valenzuela who was killed by bootleggers on a spot on Highway 170 on the southeast side of the property called Thirty-Eight Hill. There were also, but at a different time, three miners who were killed along our property in Well Creek which was an access road to the Colquitt-Tiger mine to the northwest area. As legends grow through time, the ghosts of these four have been known to roam the CASI site and are considered the silent protectors of the property. They are known as the "Watchers"; add the cadre of our own spirits, we have Tex, and Aldridge, and Vann York. The mesa just called for a fitting name so I requested "Haunted Mesa."

I hope you will join me on Halloween night during this 2008 visit. No vehicles allowed, just you, a good attitude, a lawn chair, some refreshments and possibly a stick of firewood. No boom boxes, just a musical instrument and a song in your heart. I hope to introduce you to the Native American Flute and music. Perhaps we can drink a toast to the new name and to the luck for the contest to come the next day.

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building and it is beautiful. Hope you come just to see what you helped build. Now, we have to finish paying & maintaining this wonderful center of our fair town. The Cotton Harvest Festival will once again have the children activities, the wonderful quilt show, horseshoe tournament, target shooting tournament many displays of the cotton industry, plenty of arts and crafts and food booths. Lots of absolutely beautiful Texas October weather. You gotta come to this one. Contact Cindy Carnegie 903-396- 2665. kerenslibrary@airmail.net.

Oct 18, 2008-009 - Water Valley TX CASI. Fall Festival Day 1 of Fall Festival CCO. Benefits: KLST Christmas Tree Location: Water Valley Park located on South FM 2034 off of US Highway 87. Limit number of hook ups. \$20/ night. Jackpot beans turn in at 12 noon, entry fee \$5.00. Chili turn in at 2 PM. Entry fee \$18.00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. There will be a cake auction and a 50/50 pot. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. This is a 2 day CCO. See Sunday's information. Info Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325 947 8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Oct 18, 2008-010 - Culpeper VA CASI. 7th CASINOVA Pod/Old House Chili CO Come and enjoy the beauty of the Virginia Wine Country and participate in the 7th annual Old House Chili Cook off at Old House Vineyards, 18351 Corky's Lane. This is the CASINOVA Pod Cook-off. The colors of fall are spectacular and the wines tasty. Shirt and logo wine glass for the first 20 participants. Contact Dick DeiTos mwae1@aol.com. 703- 273-5075. Entry fee \$22, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Casinova Pod. Benefits Museum of Culpeper History.

Oct 18, 2008-011 - Livingston TX CASI. Indian Springs VFD Annual Cookoff. Benefiting the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department. CASI-Chili Grind only. \$20 entry fee turn-in 2 PM Jackpot Beans \$10 entry 50/50 split for 1st & 2nd place turn-in 11 AM. Gumbo(Chicken/Sausage) \$10 entry 50/50 split for 1st & 2nd place turn-in 1 PM. Gumbo only may be precooked and brought in crockpot. Showmanship 12:30 (on the 1st & 2nd split 50% goes to Fire Dept and 50% is split between 1st & 2nd place. Friday October 17 there will be a live AUCTION at 7pm. The kitchen will be open at 6 PM selling Indian Tacos & Snacks. Saturday Breakfast will be from 8am to 10:30am & lunch will start at noon Indian Springs is a community one block off Hwy 190 between Livingston and Woodville For more information contact Pat Quinlan at hairlady11@yahoo.com or 936-327-3544 days and 936-563- 4420 after 6 PM.

Oct 18, 2008-012 - Wabash IN CASI. Wabash Cannonball CCO. Held in Paradise Spring Historical Park, Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. 7am Registration, 8:15 cooks meeting, Turn-in 12 n and Gates open, Tasting \$5, Food Vendors, Activities for Children, Raffles & more. No electricity available. Benefits 10 local charities - Special Olympics, CASA, Honeywell Educational Outreach, Life Center, The Best of the Best Program, Food Pantry, Community Assistance, Wabash City Fireworks, The Learn More Center, United Fund. www.chiliforcharity.com for registration, map and more details. Contact Marc Shelley P.O. Box 115, Wabash IN 46992. 260-569-9708.

Oct 18, 2008-013 - Fayetteville AR CASI. Chili Bowl 2008. Held at Northwest Arkansas Mall 4201 N Shiloh Dr. Benefits The National Foundation for Brain Tumors. Entry fee \$20 CASI, \$5 Salsa, \$5 Junior. Turn-in 1 PM. There should be a lot of

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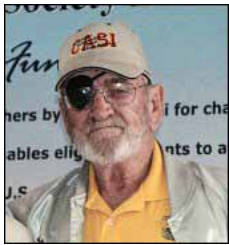
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Cook Offs, Remembered

"Nostalgia" A wistful yearning for something past, or irrecoverable.

There is only one alternative to aging, and I am not ready for that yet. But I have noticed that at this time of my life, I tend to spend a lot of time looking back on things that have happened in the past.

And as a lot of my life has been spent going on the road to cook chili, my thoughts naturally turn to that. Memories are private things. Each of us remembers what we want to. We discard the bad, if any, and remember what was important to us. I mean, I have beat this to death. Here are some of the cook offs that I would attend again.



Sunland Park, New Mexico

Picture above show (then) CASI Directors attending the Four Corners Regional held that year at Sunland Park. L to R. Vickie Childers, Amarillo, Texas; Mike Strack, Sierra Vista, Arizona; Glyn Gaines, Wichita Falls, Texas; a girl picked up on I-10, the writer, and Hut Brown*, El Paso, Texas.

This cook off was started in the '80's by Phoebe Cude, GP of Pod of the Pass. You cooked inside, your tables facing the finish line, out of the wind, sun, rain or whatever. The betting window was about ten to twenty steps away. You couldn't bring your beer cooler inside, but your "goody bag" always had enough free beer tickets to make that a moot point. What could be neater. Sunland Park was a favorite of West Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. At one cook off, I received a tip on a gray horse in the first race from a "tout" that lived in Wichita Falls, Jo Ann Gaines. Unfortunately, I followed that advice. The horse is still running. They always had a great Friday nights cooks' party, plus a bus across the river to the dog track, or a trip to the Casino at the Indian Reservation. Shortly after the track received its casino license, the cook off became a thing of the past.



Sonny's Tradition Cook off, Spicewood, Texas

In the above photo, Rusty Paske, Kingsland, Texas, gets some advice on how to fry catfish for the Friday night dinner from John Caffey, Rockdale, Texas. (Do they both look a little younger?)

Barbara and I "discovered" this cook off when she unexpectedly received a three day weekend from work. When she told me this, we grabbed the GGG and started looking for cook offs. This was only about 10 or 12 days after TICC; we had a couple of choices and picked Spicewood. We made a good choice. Sonny's was heavily supported by Pods from the Austin, San Marcos, and Marble Falls areas. I guess I was most impressed by the friendliness of the cooks, and in about 30 minutes we felt at home. They had a good Friday night cooks supper, and Sonny's Place was a great place to

party. They had a band called "Thieves of Blues" and the guy on vocal, Eddie (something), sang "The Dance" every time I requested it. Great time!



Cowtown Pod Cook off at the Ft. Worth Stock Yards, Ft. Worth, Texas

In the photo above, Kevin Larson, Midland, Texas, is receiving congrats from Jo Ann Audas, Tyler, Texas, for his 2nd place finish, while Wendell Rankin, Euless, Texas, is more concerned about his stove racketeer, I mean raffle. (Wendell, I'm just jealous because I could never win one.)

Disclaimer: The Cowtown Pod Cook off, as we all know, is alive and well. They moved from the Stockyards when the cost of having it there exceeded the benefits. The last couple of years it has been held at Cabela's in Ft. Worth, when 2007 brought them their largest attended cook off ever.

Seems like when we went to Cowtown, Barbara and I, Kevin and Mona Larson, and Bill and Dodie Simpson all traveled in tandem. We always left home on Thursday night, traveled to Weatherford where we spent the night in the Skillet Parking Lot, and arrived at the Stock Yards early Friday morning. Friday night, bands were playing everywhere and you could dance on the sidewalk or in the streets. You could go to Billy Bob's for a beer, or a beer and bull riding, or a beer and dance. There was Bungee Jumping (if you were into it) and they always had a great name band on Saturday night. Last cook off there was about '96 or '97. I loved it.



Hilltop Cook off, Crane, Texas

Photo above is a shot of the south end of the hilltop. I shot this picture when a disgruntled cook threw his chili pot down the side. Pete Plant*, San Angelo, Texas went down the hill and retrieved the pot. Did he give it back? I don't think so.

Five miles south of Crane, Texas, you went through a cattleguard and followed a dusty, winding road that eventually led to the top of one of the hills that dominate the area. This cook off was put on by the Crane Eagles and benefited the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund. There was no entry fee for Chili, but an \$8.00 per person charge at the gate. The first time I attended this cook off, there were no tables for the judges. The cups were numbered and placed on a ledge outside of a gazebo-like construction. Judges were given a handful of spoons, judging sheets, and a pencil. They lined up and went around the gazebo, tasting and scoring each chili as they traveled. I once learned a little about "loyalty" at this cook off when an altercation brought the police out. They arrested a chili cook and were taking him to jail, when his wife said, "He didn't do anything and if you take him, you have to take me." They did. I still admire this lady very much. Hard times in the oil patch ended the Crane Eagles and with it went the cook off.





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public. CASI cooks will also be entered in the local peoples choice division so cook plenty for turn-in and taster kits. Cumulus Broadcasting is co-sponsoring this event along with the Chili Hawg Pod of Northwest Arkansas. Info Joe Giles jdgiles1950@aol.com 479-236-6125. Debbie Greenlee debbie.greenlee@sbcglobal.net 479-248-1747.

Oct 18, 2008-014 - Shelby NC CASI. The Art of Chili Held in Beautiful downtown Shelby on the Court Square. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits the Cleveland County Arts Council Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Contact George Doggett 704-482-9995. www.ncchili.com

Oct 18, 2008-015 - Columbia TN CASI. Tennessee State Women's Chili Championship. Automatic qualifier for TICC 2009. Held at Elm Springs Plantation. Benefits Hope House Fund. Entry fee

\$25, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to HOT POD-CASI. Contact Preston Shaw 731-847- 7208, Mitzi Fann 931-388-2103.

Oct 18, 2008-016 - Columbia TN CASI. Tennessee State Men's Chili Championship. Automatic Qualifier for TICC 2009. Held at Elm Springs Plantation. Benefits Junior Auxillary of Maury County. Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Preston Shaw 731-847-7208, Mitzi Fann 931-388- 2103.

Oct 18, 2008-017 - Garland TX CASI. Kappa Beta Epsilon Sigma Alpha International CCO. Kappa Beta a chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International is holding their very first chili cook off to benefit the March of Dimes and Easter Seals. The cook off will be held at the Garland Elks Lodge, 3825 Duck Creek Dr. Please contact Phylis Ballard at (972)

754-4969. or dp2ballard@aol.com Chili cook off will have a 1 p.m. turn in, GRIND ONLY. Chili entry will be \$20. Chili will have stoves for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Bean will be 50/50 with a 12 p.m. turn in and will pay 1st place. We will also have a raffle with 6 tickets for \$5.00. Make checks payable to: Kappa Beta. Dave Hewlett Will assist the cookoff 214-695-3806. davehewlett@msn.com There will be camping for RV/s with a fee of \$10 a night, water and elec.

Oct 18, 2008-018 - Acampo CA CASI. 6th Annual Woodbridge California State Championship and Car Show. Automatic Qualifier for TICC. Held at Woodbridge Winery 5950 E Woodbridge Rd. Entry fee \$25 chili, \$10 Car Show Entry fee. Space is limited. Benefits Lodi Public Library Foundation. Info and info www.chili.org. Contact Larry Pilmaier 209-365-8081.

Oct 18, 2008-019 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Transmountain Optimist CCO Held at 5500 T.M. Optimist Rd, off Railroad at South end of Nations Park, will be in parking lot next to Desert Downs BMX Track. Bike show..come and vote for your favorite. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Pod of the Pass. Benefits Optimist Charities. Contact Eve Du Mond 915-345-4397.

Oct 18, 2008-020 - Lenexa KS CASI. Lenexa Chili Challenger Mid West Regional Open Championship. Held in Old Town Lenexa, 13420 Oak St. Benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Entry fee \$30 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Lenexa Chili Challenge. Contact Jim Finlen 13420 Oak St. Lenexa KS 66215. 913-541-8592. Register by September 26th to receive goody bag.

Oct 18, 2008-021 - Lingleville TX CASI. Lilly G Riding Club Annual Riding Club Championship and

Murmurs from Mama Sue



Thank you, thank you, thank you. Bravo and accolades to Amarillo for a wonderful Great Peppers Meeting recently held in their great city. For those not familiar with Amarillo, if you ever get the chance to go there again, go to Palo Duro Canyon and see their outdoor production stage play. Unfortunately, it only runs through the summer months and was not on when we were there.

We wish to thank Top of Texas and North of Brazos Pods for their hospitality, good food, and our Board and Great Peppers for another good convention. We applaud Roger Foltz, Janice Miller, and Bo Prewitt for their wins, and we thank Bud Barrick, Don Hoy, and Preston Nickle for taking the time to run for the offices. We thank Renee Moore and Dorothy Williams, our incumbents, for coming back. We further thank Garnier Albus, Jim Ezell, and Alan Dean for all their years of service to CASI. Alan is our next door neighbor and we get to see him often, but Jim and Garnier are way off in West Texas. So a big Sot Pod welcome to come on down anytime.

Sponsors, don't we just love all our sponsors. Thank you, Jim Ezell, and all others who get all our good sponsors. And whoopee, Tequila Rose is a sponsor this year. I was told by one of the Great Peppers that no doubt I was responsible for getting that sponsor. I smiled and said that the credit belonged to Carol Knight and Susie Shaw, but I was a good consumer. And, boy, do we need those. When we get our sponsors, let's use their products and patronize them.

Did you know that HEB is offering a credit card that will automatically reduce your gas price at the pump by 5 cents? You can get the credit card application at the Customer Service area. You complete the form, come back, and they will input a portion and then you input your personal stuff. I did this several weeks ago and was approved on the spot. The little HEB Partner was so excited, she said I was the first one she had had approved instantly. I was given a \$10.00 gift card and two of their "Green Bags". I kept waiting for the confetti and balloons to come down as both she and her supervisor were so excited. I felt like I had won the Lottery that day.

Later when shopping, I asked the lady from the Meat Market if she knew who was responsible for the HEB tube meat for CHILI that was always on the shelf year round. She smiled and said she was. I then thanked her and told her that my husband and I were CASI competition chili cooks and THAT meat was winning for a lot of folks. I also told her that HEB was one of our Major Sponsors. She walked away smiling. Me, too.

If you are interested in the HEB credit card, I have a few applications with me. It is a lot faster to have them completed when you go in. There is also something about points toward groceries, but I liked the 5 cents off on gas and diesel.

Did you know that Ancira folks Tim and Debbie LaLanne are now full-fledged chili cooks? They have been around us so much, they decided they might give the cooking a try. And yes, they are beating us. Not only is Tim a great guy, he is always so helpful to us when we call. If he doesn't know the answer, he gets us the name and/or number of whom to call. Being Temple Ancira is closer to us, we use them more often than Boerne. Mike and Ed are always at our beck and call.

Just recently we had a step problem and at the same time, our living room TV would not go up or down. Course, we always try to fix these things at home, then call a few of our other friends. When we could not solve the problems, a quick call to Mike Medrano in Temple got us an early morning appointment and we went in and spent the night on their back lot. Love doing that because we eat out dinner, eat out breakfast, and then shop.

Before we were even through half of Sam's, Mike called and said both problems were fixed. We were ready to hit the road by early afternoon. Good service, pleasant accommodations, and good people.

Did you know that because of the atrocious gas prices that there are some great deals out there on motorhomes, trailers, etc? If you are in the market, you need to drop by one of the three Ancira dealerships and see if you can make a good deal. When you do, please mention John and Sue Caffey sent you and that we all are CASI chili cooks. Ancira does a lot for the chili world and we do appreciate them. Course I am soooooo partial because they sponsor our 13 Texas Ladies State

Murmurs continued

pink jackets. Thanks Kevin, Tim, and crew.

Keep on using all those good chili spices from Mild Bills and Mexene. I know there are a bunch of us that do. I know we used Mild Bills when it was P & R and maybe even before then. All the other good products that we get from Bruce Foods are so great. I can't remember a time when a bottle of Louisiana Hot Sauce has not graced our table. Many of us like that at breakfast as well as other meals.

Hooray for our beer and wine sponsors: Woodbridge Wine, Permian Distributing and Budweiser Company. We try to be big consumers in both areas and often offer to our friends and fellow cooks. While we are drinking, we usually are also eating Mrs. Renfro Salsa and HEB chips. We, personally, get to visit with Capitol One folks each year at Ken Rodd's RV Cookoff at Carefree Lone Star. I also try every chance I get to aggravate Jim Stateczny of Hill Country Software and Support. We further thank Glazers and Tyson Foods. We have had the pleasure helping Donna and Dianne with cook offs with Tyson folks and, of course, Randy and Bonnie are tops at Glazers, giving wine tasting, beer tasting, etc.

In closing, just thank you, thank you, thank you, dear sponsors. We are so happy to have you and we hope you will continue to support us. You have enabled us to give some children scholarships to colleges and trade schools, that otherwise would not have happened. And I hope you have had fun with us while doing it. We appreciate all of you.

See you all in Terlingua...or on the chili trail before then.

GOD BLESS US ALL AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Sue Caffey



ACES POD cook off the first week end of August benefits the St. Hedwig VFD. ACES POD members presented a check for \$1,100.00 to the St. Hedwig VFD at their fund raiser. All the firefighters thanked ACES POD and CASI.



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Oct 19, 2008-001 - Bryan TX CASI. Sunday Brazos Valley Elks Lodge #859 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 304 Mobile Ave. behind Triangle Bowling and Old College Ave. Look for signs. CASI Division entry \$15. Elks Division entry \$10. Turn both in at noon (Also Grind Only) Bloody Mary's \$ \$5. Turn in 9 AM. RV hook-ups \$ \$5.00 for weekend Limited Numbers Call for Spot. Benefits Local Community projects. Entry fees lowered because of fuel cost. For Information Roger Schoppe rschoppe@athletics.tamu.edu 979-220-5611.

Oct 19, 2008-002 - Cleburne TX CASI. Sunday Elks Lodge # 811 Fall Chili Cookoff. Held at Hwy 67 & FM 1434. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. CASI and Elks division. Cooks party Friday night. Saturday morning breakfast 7-9 AM. Live band Saturday night, cover charge. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Jerry Brown 817-645-9079 barmy@sbcglobal.net. See cookoff previous day.

Oct 19, 2008-003 - Crawford TX CASI. Crawford Saddle Club & Rodeo & Rodeo Arena next day cook off, directly behind Tonkawa Park, off Hwy 317 & 185. Turn in time NOON. Entry fee \$18.00 CHILI GRIND ONLY! For more information on this or previous day cook off contact Dianne Stimson email winksintexas@aol.com or 254-

486- 9206 PLENTY of RV parking NO HOOK UPS! LOTS OF SHADE! So come on out have some fun and start adding to your points for the new year! Make checks payable to Donna Conrad.

Oct 19, 2008-004 - Water Valley TX CASI. Fall Festival Day 2 Day 2 of Fall Festival CCO. Benefits: Concho Valley Chili Pod Charities Location: Water Valley Park located on South FM 2034 off of US Highway 87. Limit number of hook ups. \$20/night. Chili turn in at 12 noon Entry fee \$18.00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. This is a 2 day CCO. See Saturday's information. Info: Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, garjans@suddenlink.net. 325-947- 8753

Oct 23, 2008-001 - Del Rio TX CASI. 2nd Annual Lorina's Cantina CCO Held at Lorina's Cantina, 9087 W Hwy 90. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 7 PM. Contact Lorina Harris 830- 703-6315 or Cantina 830-775-805 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Great location overlooking Lake Amistad. Great Cooks party with plenty of good food. Nice door prizes. Plenty of parking for RV's (no hookups).

Oct 24, 2008-001 - Odessa TX CASI. Guess Where 17th Annual Caravan to Terlingua Chili CCO. Held at Becky Sams Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 FM 1936. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 4 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Dodie Simpson 432-614-4128, Bruce Stewart 817-282-6678, Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794. Benefits Terlingua Memorial Board.

Oct 24, 2008-002 - Del Rio TX CASI. Bonnie & Cliff Everett Memorial CCO 16th annual cookoff. Celebrate Friday night in Del Rio and get some points on your way to TICC. For park reservations,

call Jimmy McIntyre at 830-734-0571. Don't miss this opportunity to share in this annual tradition. Held in Holiday Travel Park, Hwy 90. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 7 PM. Make checks to Pod on the Pedernales. Contact Alan Dean 512-567-2835 pepperdean@ctesc.net. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party: deli sand wiches, make em' while you're cooking. Holiday Trav-L-Park is 8 miles west of the Y on Hwy 90. Reservations for park 800-545-2364

Oct 25, 2008-001 - Cleburne TX CASI. Cleburne Elks Lodge #811 Date changed to October 18th.

Oct 25, 2008-002 - Crane TX CASI. Road to Terlingua Held in Crane City Park, limited hookups. Benefits Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Contact Pat Timmons 432- 631-5806. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Oct 25, 2008-003 - Omaha TX CASI. Omaha Fall Fest Chili Cookoff Held in downtown Omaha on Senter Street. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 4 PM. Benefits Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Make checks to Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Contact Cheryl Durrett 903-884-3600 or cheryldurrett@bankatnbd.com.

Oct 25, 2008-004 - Santa Theresa NM CASI. 6th Annual War Eagles Air Museum CC Held at War Eagles Air Museum, Santa Theresa Air Field exit I-10 at Artcraft Road. follow Artcraft Road, traveling West. Look for the Museum signs. The Air Museum is located at the end of Artcraft Rd. Entry fee \$18. Turn-in 2PM. Make check payable to New Mexico Chili Society. Benefits War Eagles Air Museum Restoration Fund. Contact Joe Price 575-442-

3313.jdprice@tularosa.net. Bud Barrick teamorgan@peoplepc.com 575-382-5107

Oct 25, 2008-005 - Flatonia TX CASI. Flatonia Czhilispiel 36 Czhili CCO. Held on Mainstreet, off I-10. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Flatonia Chamber of Commerce. Benefits Flatonia EMS, Fire Depart, Flatonia Scholarships. Showmanship 11 to 1 PM. Entertainment El: Young Band, No Justice and Grateful Geezers. BBQ cookoff. Carnival, arts and crafts. Czhilispiel 36 is October 24th, 25th & 26th. Registration before October 13th is \$20, after the 13th is \$25. Contact Flatonia Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 610, Flatonia TX 78941. 361-865-3920, fax 361- 865-2451. Flatoniaco@sbglobal.net.

Oct 25, 2008-006 - Sierra Vista AZ CASI. Sierra Vista Elks 3rd Annual CCO to be held at 1 Elks Lane, Sierra Vista, AZ benefits Elks Bldg Fund. Cooks party Friday night with dinner furnished. Water/Elec hookups free. \$20 entry fee.. Tables and chairs furnished with cooking under a ramada out of the weather. Turn- in at 2:00pm. Contact Ben Berry 520.378.3692

Oct 25, 2008-007 - Cassville MO CASI. Cassville Annual Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff. Held in Cassville Square. For local charities Turn-in time 12.00 PM — High noon. Entry Fee CASI \$20.00. Checks Payable to Cassville Fall Festival. Contact Dixie Johnson 601 Truman Ave, Lamar , Mo. 64759. 417-682-5432 E-mail j8@sbglobal.net Meat— cubed or chili grind

Oct 25, 2008-008 - Russelville AR CASI. Main Street Russelville Entry fee \$20, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Main Street Russelville.



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Oct 28, 2008-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Sotol Pod Cookoff. Held at the CASI site. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. There will once again be a Halloween Costume Contest Tuesday night, first prize is \$300. Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595.

Nov 1, 2008-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Terlingua International Chili Championship. Held at Rancho CASI De Los Chisos. Must be qualified to cook. Friday is National Scholarship Day competition Beans, Salsa, & World Championship Hot Buffalo Wings open to the public. Public may dry camp all week for \$30 entry fee per person. Contact Alan Dean pepperdean@ctesc.net phone 512- 567-2835

Nov 8, 2008-001 - Gladewater TX CASI. Gladewater KKUS-FM Cookoff. Held at Gladewater Rodeo Grounds, on Hwy 80. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Should finish by 3 PM. Contact Chuck McKinley 903-590- 1913. Benefits East Texas Food Bank. Sponsored by 1041 The Ranch KKUS-FM, Tyler, TX. Paypal paying online by October.

Nov 8, 2008-002 - Annapolis MD CASI. 4th Annual Heat by the Harbor CCO Held along 2nd St in front of the Charter House. Once a year, local and national attention focuses on the Annapolis Harbor or, as we like to call it, the Gulf of Eastport for competition unlike any in the world: the Slaughter Across the Water. It is the longest tug of war over a body of water in the world. The Tug is staged between the Maritime Republic of Eastport, the MRE, and Downtown Annapolis, featuring a 1700' rope, over 350 tuggers, and more than a thousand spectators. The Tug transforms Downtown Annapolis and Eastport with a festival-like atmosphere that includes food vendors, cheering crowds, all sorts of local color and of course a chili cook-off. Set up near the Chart House Restaurant along 2nd St. Entry fee is \$20 for CASI Red; turn-in 2 p.m. All CASI rules apply. \$10 for Freestyle Chili; turn in is 3 p.m. There will be a \$300 cash prize for the winner of the Freestyle division. Anyone competing in Freestyle must enter CASI Red. Proceeds go to support: SPCA, Lighthouse Shelter, Reading is Fundamental and other local charities. info@chili-mac.com or 443-878-7999. Make checks payable to Mason Dixon Pod. Showmanship 3-5 PM, points awarded top three teams.

Nov 8, 2008-003 - Pflugerville TX CASI. Pflugerville Pfall Chilipfest Held on Main Street in Downtown Pflugerville. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Charity TBD. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Warren McDonald 512-990-1997 H, 512-773-8684 M. w.d.mcdonald@suddenlink.net.

Nov 8, 2008-004 - Edgewood TX CASI. Log Cabin Cookoff. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Benefits the Heritage Park Museum Bldg. Fund. Info Patsy Humphries 903-896-4358. People's Choice from 11 to 1 PM. Please bring throw down chili for the crowd to taste.

Nov 8, 2008-005 - Sonoita AZ CASI. Arizona Cowboy Symposium/CHOA Pod Chili Cookoff. Held at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Hwy 83/Hwy 82. Competition chili entry fee \$15. People's Choice \$5 (free if cooking competition chili). Turn-in competition chili 1 PM. Start serving people's choice 11 AM. RV parking - cook at your RV. Hotels nearby. Country music all day and dances Friday/Saturday night. Register by mail or at the cookoff. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Carson Smith: 1989 S. St. Michael Dr, Tucson, AZ, 85713. Phone 520-792-0005 tucsonchili@yahoo.com.

Nov 8, 2008-006 - Odessa TX CASI. Veterans Food Basket CCO Held at Becky Sams Tropical Bar & Grill, 2458 N FM 1936. Open BBQ, cook anything. Chili entry \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Open beans entry \$10. Benefits Food Basket for military families in Permian Basin. Cooks party Friday night. Becky Sam 432-381-9966

Contact Bo Prewitt 501-771-1704. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Oct 25, 2008-009 - Kaufman TX CASI. 17th Annual American Legion Post 165 Chili Cookoff. Held at the Kaufman Post. Entry fee \$18. Don Hamillchetsfan@aol.com. Beans \$5, turn-in Noon. 214-505- 5770

Oct 25, 2008-010 - Lombard IL CASI. Texan BBQ Chili Cookoff. Held at 105 W St. Charles. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Wes Carlson 815-885-3470 blkcoyote2@insightbb.com.

Oct 26, 2008-001 - Cleburne TX CASI. Sunday Cleburne Elks Lodge #811 Date changed to October 19th.

Oct 26, 2008-002 - Terlingua TX CASI. American Legion Cookoff Held at the American Legion about 60 miles south of Alpine on your way to Terlingua. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595. Benefits Legion Building Fund.

Oct 26, 2008-003 - Hydes MD CASI. 4th Annual Boordy Vineyards CCO Held at 12820 Long Green Pike. www.boordy.com. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Meat is cooks choice. All CASI rules apply. Come join us Sunday October 26th for Boordy's annual Autumn Wine Fest. Music by Will Gravatt Country Band, wine tasting, gourmet food and cheeses, local crafters and much more! Gates open 1 PM, \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 2 - 12. Children under 2, free. PLEASE bring Loads of

or 432-559-8906.

Nov 8, 2008-007 - Ponder TX CASI. Riding Unlimited Barn Bash Chili Cookoff. Held at 9168 T.N. Skiles Rd. Closest intersection: Hwy 156 & T.N. Skiles Rd. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Junior fee \$5. Includes Junior & Peoples Choice Divisions. Benefits Riding Unlimited Therapeutic Riding. CHILI GRIND ONLY. \$15 entry fee if registered prior to October 15th. Contact Mary Gwinner, 9168 T.N. Skiles Rd, Ponder TX 76259. ridingunlimited@aol.com. 940-479- 2016. Registration from 8 to 9.

Nov 8, 2008-008 - Edna TX CASI. Texana Chili Spill. Held at 891 Brackenridge Parkway Brackenridge Park and Campground Entry fee for cooks \$20. CASI Chili turn in 3 PM. Karen Gregory Administrative Services Manager Lavaca-Navidad River Authority P. O. Box 429 Edna, TX 77957. 361 782-5229 (office) 361 781-2129 (cell)

Nov 8, 2008-009 - Henderson TX CASI. Heritage Syrup Festival CCO. Held in downtown Henderson at Fordall & Main. Benefits Rusk County Citizen Emergency Response Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Beans at noon. Car show, ribbon cane making exhibition. Arts & crafts, events on square and at depot

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- Sample of entry.
- One entry per category per person.
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The Tequila Rose Party

The Tequila Rose Party is open to all women at Rancho CASI de los Chisos. As always this will be held on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m.. This is a night of camaraderie and fun. As in the past, we plan to entertain and touch your heart. Dress code is anything pink and black and you must bring one bottle of chilled Tequila Rose per two girls. Like last year, we will have a cooking contest with Tequila Rose. (See the rules on this page) Bringing an entry for this contest will also get you in the door. The entries last year were amazing and we suspect this year's entries will be equally dazzling. The trophies for this contest will be worth your effort! There will also be door prizes and sweet surprises. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. in the judging pavilion. Make plans to join us on this special night.

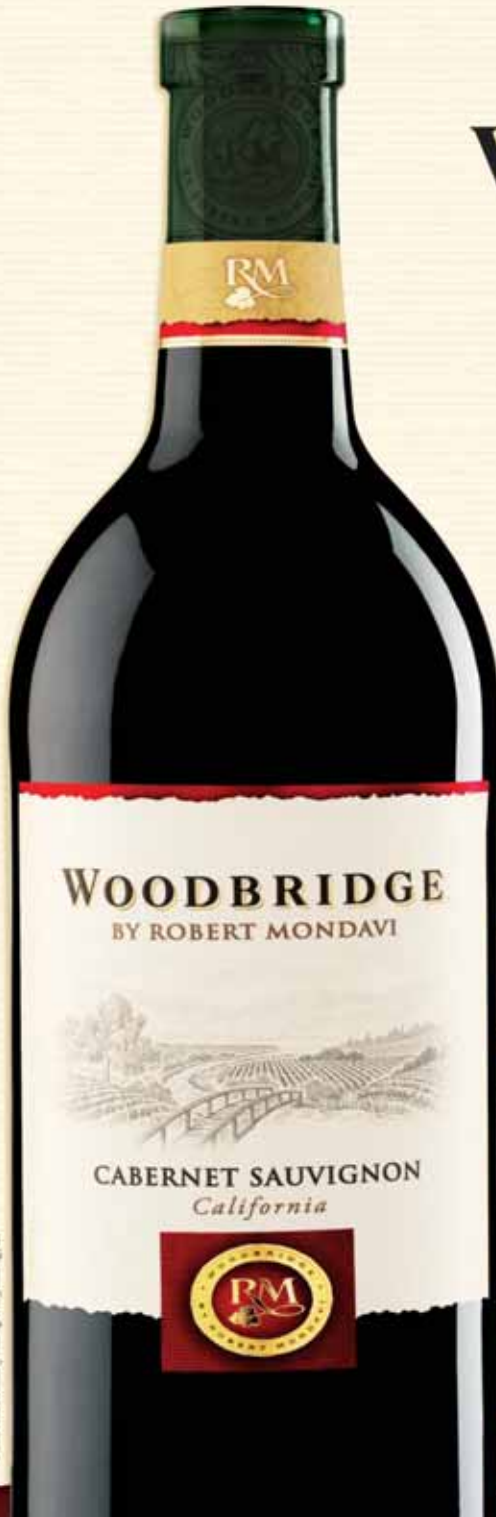
Cooking with Tequila Rose

There are two categories for the contest: Desserts and Sauces/Gravies. The only two criteria are that the dish be made with Tequila Rose, Java or Cocoa in it and you must have the recipe on a recipe card. These dishes will be turned in and judged at the Tequila Rose Party in the judging pavilion. Get out those recipes and create!

The Tequila In Terlingua Society Party

Treatments in Terlingua! We no longer have the clinic at Boquillas to visit for our annual treatments, so join us behind the TICC stage on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. for the Tequila in Terlingua Society Party. Join the men of Terlingua as we celebrate life, liberty, and male bonding without the trappings of tablecloths, roses or poems. Strictly unstructured fun for the men of Rancho CASI de los Chisos! We have no dress code and we will not cook a thing! We will have **Tarantula Tequila** margaritas, door prizes, numerous shots of tequila and freedom to do anything you want. Bring a bottle of tequila, a hand full of cigars, and a snack to share. Let the treatments begin!





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Appreciation goes out to the Tall in Texas Pod, North of Brazos Pod, and Black Sheep Pod for the wonderful Great Peppers Meeting they coordinated last weekend. A special thanks to Vickie Childers for heading up this group. The food and hospitality were great. No one should have walked away hungry and what great servers we had. The entertainment provided during the meal on Friday night was fabulous! Thanks, again, to all who were instrumental in putting on the Great Peppers Meeting in Amarillo.

Nov 9, 2008-001 - Brandon FL CASI. Rotary Chili Cookoff. Held at Greater Hillsborough County Fair. Tent, tables and chairs available. Benefits the Scholarship Fund for Livestock Kids and other Rotary charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Info Sandi Meadows 813-846-7085 email sandimead@msn.com.

Nov 8, 2008-010 - McDonough GA CASI. McDonough Annual Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off. held at Heritage Park, 101 Lake Dow Road McDonough, GA 30253. See web site <http://www.co.henry.ga.us/ParksRecreation/Parks/Heritage.htm> Cook under cover and out of the weather in our brand new gorgeous 30,000 sq foot arena with concrete floors and electricity available in the cooks area. Cooks are responsible for all set up of all their equipment, tables, chairs, extension cords, etc. Set-up starts at 7 AM, easy in/easy out, plenty of RV parking, no hook-ups. The festival runs from 10 AM - 10 PM with many events and live entertainment throughout the day. CASI and open chili \$20 entry fee covers both events CASI turn-in at 2 PM, open is peoples choice and is determined by the amount of tokens collected from the public while handing out chili between 12 noon and 3 PM bring plenty of chili to handout. Wrist bands will be available for the public at the gate for a \$5 fee, this will allow them to sample as many of the chili's as they desire. Benefits Main Street Façade and Amenities Grant Program. For more information please call 770-898-9868 or 770-898-9311. See web site <http://www.mcdonoughga.org/calendarr.html> We hope to see you there.

Nov 9, 2008-001 - Brandon FL CASI. Rotary Chili Cookoff. Held at Greater Hillsborough County Fair. Tent, tables and chairs available. Benefits the Scholarship Fund for Livestock Kids and other Rotary charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Info Sandi Meadows 813-846-7085 email sandimead@msn.com.

Nov 9, 2008-002 - Pflugerville TX CASI. Green Red Barn Cook-off in Heritage Park at 901 Hutto Road. Entry fee \$18 benefits Pflugerville City Parks. Turn-in 12 noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. For information contact Warren McDonald (512) 773-8684. See Saturday cook-off.

Nov 15, 2008-001 - Denton TX CASI. Foxy Ladies ENF Fundraiser CCO. Held at Elks Lodge, 228 E Oak. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. For the Elks National Foundation. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning. Turn-in Beans at Noon. See cookoff next day. Contact Delora Goin 940-230-3238, email deloragoin@hotmail.com. Terrissa Johnson 940-391-6626.

Nov 15, 2008-002 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Fall Festival CCO. at Lake Mc Queeney Lions Club Hwy 78 @ Lake Mc Queeney. Entry fee \$ 20 or \$38 both days. Charity - Christian Free Clinic - Cooks Party Friday night featuring German Food, Games on Saturday. Pot Luck Saturday night Pod will serve Sunday Brunch. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn in 2 PM Make checks payable to Classic CASI Pod - 214 Signal Hill - Seguin, TX 78155. Contacts for information: Annell Causey 830) 379-6565 or Pat King (830) 303-1755.

Nov 15, 2008-003 - Phoenix AZ CASI. 7th Annual Viet Nam Vets Cookoff. Held at Steel Horse Saloon, 1768 W Bell Rd. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Showmanship. Please bring plenty of peoples choice chili. Benefits Operation

Freedom Bird, council for returning servicemen. Contact Dennis Huff 623-388-0825

Nov 16, 2008-001 - Denton TX CASI. Denton Lady Elks Cookoff. Held at Elks Lodge, 228 E Oak. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Delora Goin 940-230-3238 email deloragoin@hotmail.com. Terrissa Johnson 940-391-6626.

Nov 16, 2008-002 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Day After Chili CCO. at Lake Mc Queeney Lions Club - Hwy 78 @ Lake Mc Queeney. Entry fee \$ 20 or \$ 38 both days. Charity - Pod Charities. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Sunday Brunch - Turn in 1 PM. Make checks payable to: Classic CASI Pod - 214 Signal Hill - Seguin, TX 78155 Contacts for information: Annell Causey (830) 379-6565 or Pat King (830) 303-1755.

Nov 22, 2008-001 - Rowlett TX CASI. Twelfth Annual Texas Holiday Chili-bration CCO. Benefits Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett. Held in the 3800 Block of Main St. Entry fee \$20.00 CASI and Local Chili turn in 1:00 PM. Jackpot beans Noon turn in entry fee \$10.00. Make checks payable to ACT of Rowlett and mail to Tom Fulton, 3809 Main ST., Rowlett, TX 75088, 972-475-4330

Nov 22, 2008-002 - Marble Falls TX CASI. 2nd Annual Lake Country Lanes CCO Held at Lake Country Lanes 2 miles North of Marble Falls on the left. Come and support our corporate sponsor, Lake Country Lanes on their 2nd annual CCO. LCL have a new bar, pool hall, washer pitching outdoors in a nice covered beer garden with tables, etc.

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Nov 22, 2008-003 - Lindale TX CASI. 3rd Annual Masonic Lodge #848 CCO Held in WalMart Parking lot 1/2 mile toward Lindale from intersection of I-20 & 69. For the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Please bring throw down chili for public. Make check payable to Lindale Masonic Lodge #848. Info Leslie Tew 903-882-6958

Nov 22, 2008-004 - Paris TX CASI. 1st Annual Tinsel and Tidings CCO Held at the Love Civic Center at 2025 S. Collegiate Dr. in Paris, Texas. Held in conjunction with the 21st Annual Tinsel & Tidings Holiday Bazaar. Featuring arts & crafts, unique gifts, decor & collectibles and car show. CASI cookoff \$20.00 entry (\$15 for pre-registration). Registration between 8 - 9 am. Turn-in 2:00 pm CHILI GRIND ONLY. Jackpot beans entry \$10.00 turn-in 1:00 pm 60/40 split. RV hookups available for \$25 (must pre-register and pre-pay for hookups). Trophies for 1st - 3rd chili and 1st place show. Benefits YWCA of Paris and

Lamar County. Make check payable to YWCA of Paris and Lamar County. For more information contact Ron Hervey 903-783-9878 rhervey62@att.net. For pre-registration form go to www.ywca.org/paris/. Pre-registration deadline November 15th. Please bring throwdown chili for the crowd. See ya there!

Nov 22, 2008-005 - Valley Mills TX CASI. Valley Mills Annual CCO. Held at the old Boy Scout Camp at hwy 56 1/2 mile east of hwy 6. Benefits the Masonic Lodge. Make check payable John Armstrong Lodge # 291. 50/50 Beans entry fee \$10.00 turn-in noon. Chili entry fee \$18.00 turn-in 2pm. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Tom Gaskamp tgaskamp@windstream.net. See next day cookoff.

Nov 23, 2008-001 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Cast Off Cookoff. At Lake Country Lanes-2 miles north of Marble Falls on left. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 1 pm. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cast-off trophies & goodies. Free raffle drawing for all cooks. See LCL CCO on Sat. Contact Tom Cook 512/769-0679 or Ruby Ross ross@tstar.net 830/699-3492. Looking forward to seeing you in Marble Falls. For Highland Lakes Pod Charities.

Nov 23, 2008-002 - Valley Mills TX CASI. Valley Mills Next Day Cookoff. Held at the old Boy Scout Camp at Hwy 56 1/2 Mile East of Hwy 6. Benefit TBA. Chili entry fee \$18.00 turn-in 1PM. Contact Tom Gaskamp tgaskamp@windstream.net or Randy randu2@clearwire.net or 254-405-4333. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Nov 23, 2008-003 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Elks CCO. Held at 1211 E. Cliff Dr. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Pod of the Pass. Benefits Elks Lodge Charities. There will be a bean and Salsa competition - each entry \$5.00 - turn in will be at 12:00. Note: This is a Sunday Cook-off. Info Eve Du Mond 915-345-4397 email blackgarterchili@aol.com.

Nov 28, 2008-001 - Victoria TX CASI. Day After Thanksgiving CCO. Three Day Event, Held at Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Rd. Call for detailed map or visit web www.coletinn.com. Benefits VASA Pod Memorial Scholarships. Entry fee \$18 turn in 4 PM. Jackpot Beans \$19, turn-in 3 PM. Jackpot

Dip \$10, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Linda McDonald 361-578-2575, McLinda78@hotmail.com, Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687, Lisa Bone 361- 645-8699, Colet Inn 361-578-1360. Make checks payable to VASA Pod.

Nov 29, 2008-001 - Waco TX CASI. H-E-B Waco # 5 Held at 9100 Woodway Dr. More information to follow when date gets close. Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 254-486-9206. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Charity TBD. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2PM.

Nov 29, 2008-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. VoitureLocale 939 Annual CCO. American Legion Post 169, 4605 Lakeshore Dr., Wichita Falls, TX. Cookoff Charity - College Scholarship Fund. Entry Fee for Chili, \$20. CHILI GRIND ONLY.) Turn in time 2 PM, Bean Cookoff - Entry Fee \$5.00 Turn in Noon. Cooks Party Friday Night - Hamburger Meal. R V Parking no hookups. If bad weather can cook inside hall. Contact Don Barfield, 15643 W. FM 171, Wichita Falls, TX. 76305, 940-322- 5057 - saybarley@aol.com

Nov 29, 2008-003 - Victoria TX CASI. 27th Annual VASA POD CCO. Held at Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Rd. Call for detailed map or visit web site www.coletinn.com. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Jr Chili \$10, turn-in 1 PM, Chicken Fajitas, Jackpot, \$10 turn-in 3 PM Beef Fajitas, Jackpot \$10 turn-in 4 PM. Jackpot Dry Pinto Beans \$10 turn-in Noon. Contact Linda McDonald mcLinda78@hotmail.com 361-578-2575, Dianna Hoy 361-277- 8687, Lisa Bone 361-645-8699, Colet Inn 361-578-1360.

Nov 30, 2008-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Charity Cookoff. At American Legion Post 169, 4605 Lakeshore Dr., Wichita Falls, TX. Charity. Hospice of Wichita Falls and other legion charities. Entry fee - \$20.00 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn in time for chili - 1 PM. Saturday night cooks meal. RV parking no hookups Can cook inside if bad weather. Contact person - Don Barfield, 15643 W. FM 171, Wichita Falls, TX. 76305 Phone 940-322-5057 - Email saybarley@aol.com

Nov 30, 2008-002 - Victoria TX CASI. Morning After Chili Cookoff. Held at Colet Inn, 3023 Camp Colet Rd. Call for detailed map or visit web site www.coletinn.com Benefits VASA Pod charities. Make checks payable to VASA Pod. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 1 PM. Breakfast Casserole, Jackpot, \$10 turn-in 10 AM. Contact Linda McDonald 361-578-2575, mcLinda78@hotmail.com. Dianna Hoy 361-277-8687, Lisa Bone 361-645-8699, Colet Inn 361-578-1360.

Dec 6, 2008-001 - Eola TX CASI. Eola Historic Schoolhouse CCO Benefit CCO: Benefits: Eola Historic Schoolhouse: Location: Eola TX. Plenty of Dry Camping available; Jackpot beans: turn in at 12 noon, entry fee \$5.00. Chili turn in at 2 PM. Entry fee \$18.00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. There will be a cake auction and a 50/50 pot. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Concho Valley Chili Pod Christmas Party held in the Schoolhouse. Meat will be furnished. Potluck for the rest of the meal. This is a 2 day CCO. See Sunday's information. Info Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325-947-8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Dec 6, 2008-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. SACA Pods Annual Toys for Tots Cookoff. Entry fee \$10.00 and 2 new toys. Salsa \$10.00 (Fixed on site) Beans \$10.00 Open Dessert \$10.00 (Fixed on site) Held at 204 E Ave L. FMI 325 656-8299

Dec 6, 2008-003 - Golden CO CASI. 8th Annual Downtown Golden and Colorado Chili Pod Chili cookoff. Held along Washington Street in downtown Golden. Benefits various Golden area charities. \$15 for red or green. Additional \$10 for green when already entering & red division. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod c/o John Montgomery, 1670 Broadway, Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80202. For information, please contact John Montgomery 303-831- 5061

Dec 6, 2008-004 - Tontitown AR CASI. Greenlee Acres Pod Cookoff. GPS will have 12748 Brush Creek Rd. Benefits Pod charities and Great Peppers Meeting. Entry fee CASI chili \$20, Junior Chili \$5, Salsa \$5, Margarita \$5. Make checks payable to Chili Hawg Pod. Turn-in 2 PM. Meat, cut or grind. This is an indoor or outdoor cookoff depending on

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Dec 6, 2008-005 - North Little Rock AR CASI. Rudy's Cafe Cookoff. Held in Pike Shopping Center. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. For Arkansas Food Bank. Contact Preston Nickle 501-791-2191.

Dec 6, 2008-006 - Rockport TX CASI. 2nd Annual Rockport "Tropical" Christmas Festival, held at Gallery of Rockport, Sculpture Garden, corner of Austin & Market Sts. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Camp Aranzazu. Make check payable City of Rockport. CHILI GRIND ONLY. No overnight camping allowed on the premises. Contact Carolyn Cauley Rockport City Hall, 622 E Market St, Rockport TX 78382. 361-729-2213 x 121, records@cityofrockport.com.

Dec 7, 2008-001 - Eola TX CASI. Concho Valley Chili Pod Cook off Day 2 Concho Valley Chili Pod Christmas CCO: Benefits: local charities. Held at Eola Historic Schoolhouse. Plenty of Dry Camping available; Chili turn in at 12 noon: Entry fee \$18.00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. This is a 2 day CCO. See Saturday's information. Info Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325-947-8753. garjans@suddenlink.net.

Dec 7, 2008-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. SACA POD Chili Off Benefitting their Christmas Family Chili only \$20.00 Turn In 12:00 Noon. FMI 325 656-8299. Held at 204 E Ave. L.

Dec 7, 2008-003 - Ocean City MD CASI. 10th Annual Hots for Tots Chili Cook-Off. Gather your tents, blankets and hand warmers and join us once again on Sunday at the West OC Greene Turtle for a day of chili cooking and fun. CASI entry fee \$20, turn-in time 2 PM, meat is cooks choice. The Holiday Inn on 67th and Ocean has once again stepped up to the plate and is offering a great cooks room rate @ \$54 a night. Those of you who stayed with us last year know this is a FANTASTIC price for all the amenities that are provided. For

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Dec 13, 2008-001 - Temple TX CASI. H-E-B Temple #2 H-E-B Temple #2 is a one day cookoff. Held at 31st & Market Loop. This is their 1st annual one. Charity TBA. We are looking into a place for RV'S and Hotel's for cooks to stay. Keep watching for more information. Please look at next day cook off @ H-E-B Temple #1. Entry fee \$18 turn- in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Donna Conrad email dangergail@aol.com. 254-855-4733

Dec 13, 2008-002 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks 20th Annual Chili CCO. Formerly sponsored by the Irving Elks Does, now sponsored by Irving Elks Past Exalted Rulers, Corporate sponsor for CASI. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5, turn-in 12:30 PM, 100% payback. Elks division turn-in 1 PM, \$15 entry, free if participating in CASI division. Show 11 AM to 12 PM. Friday nights cooks party, turkey and dressing & ham furnished by Lodge. Please bring covered dish. Raffle, silent auction, live band entertainment. Plenty of judges guaranteed. Plenty of parking, limited RV hookups. First come, first served, \$5 per night. Proceeds to Elks charities. Info call lodge 972-579-0005, irvingelks@verizon.net or call Horace Jones 972-986-5609. Make checks payable to Irving Elks, 2015 N Britian Rd, Irving TX 75061. Cooks choice chili grind or cubed meat.

Dec 13, 2008-003 - Marble Falls TX CASI. VFW 10376 CCO. Located at 1431 & Veterans Dr.- past

HEB on right. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry Fee \$18.00 (or \$30.00 for Sat & Sun). Turn in 2 pm. Plenty RV Parking, limited electricity. Cook's Party Friday Night. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, etc on Saturday. Benefits Cancer Aid & Research. Contact Shiela Talley (830)613-8104, for more info sgtalley1@live.com Makes checks payable to LAVFW 10376. See Sunday CCO

Dec 14, 2008-001 - Temple TX CASI. H-E-B Temple #1 H-E-B Temple #1 is a one day cookoff. Held at 1 W. Adams & N 2nd St. Plenty of room for EZ ups. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Charity TBA. Please see day before cook off at Temple # 2. It to has plenty of room for EZ ups. Keep watching for more information as date gets closer. Hope to see yall there. Contact Donna Conrad 254-855-4733 dangergail@aol.com CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Dec 14, 2008-002 - Marble Falls TX CASI. VFW 10376 Next Day Cookoff. 1001 Veterans Ave, 1431 & Veterans Ave. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18.00 (or \$30.00 for Sat & Sun) turn in 1:00 pm. Benefits VFW /LAVFW Charities. See Sat CCO. Contact Shiela Talley 830/613- 8104, sgtalley1@live.com for more info. RV parking Sat & Sun.

Dec 20, 2008-001 - West TX CASI. Toys For Tots Cookoff. Held at Jack & Diane's BBQ and Burgers, 301 S Main St. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 254-486-9206. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Toys For Tots/Donna Conrad. dangergail@aol.com.

Dec 21, 2008-001 - West TX CASI. Tyson Food Favorite Charity CCO. Held at Jack & Dianas's

BBQ & Burgers, 301 S Main St. Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 254-486- 9206. Chili Grind Only. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. More info the follow. Make checks payable to Donna Conrad/Tyson's Foods. dangergail@aol.com.

Jan 1, 2009-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Post 437 New Year Eve's Party Wed Dec 31st. For those who have attended this is a great New Year's Eve Party. CCO on Thurs. Grind Only. Entry fee \$15 More details to follow. Charity Legion Post 437. What a deal!! 3 days cooking & getting points & SAVING GAS! CHILI, FUN, CHARITY! Contact Tom Cook 512/769-0679 or ross@tstar.net Plenty RV parking. Everyone is encouraged to arrive on Wed for the New Year's Eve Party.

Jan 2, 2009-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Post 437 CCO. Grind Only Black eyed Peas \$5 More details to follow. Charity Ladie Auxillary More details to follow.

Jan 3, 2009-001 - Kingsland TX CASI. American Legion Post 437 HLP OLE 437 'HLP OLE Angzine' CCO. Grind Only. HLP local charities. More details to follow. Contact Tom 512/769-0679 or ross@tstar.net

Jan 9, 2009-001 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tall in Texas POD Cookoff. Held at Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fair Grounds. More info to follow. Vickie Childers.

Jan 10, 2009-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion Auxillary. Held at 3003 Loop 150 East. Turn in 2 PM, GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$20.00. Inside Building for judging. Cooks meal Saturday.

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Jan 10, 2009-002 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 CCO. At 8TH and Pueblo. For Boys State. Turn-in 2 PM, entry fee \$20, payable to American Legion Post 430. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Keith Coffman 432-367-9093. We can cook inside.

Jan 10, 2009-003 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tri-State Open Chili Championship. Held in Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fair Grounds. More info to follow Vickie Childers. 806-355-7387 vickiefromtx@aol.com

Jan 11, 2009-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion Auxillary. Held at 3003 Loop 150 East. Chili Grind Only. Turn in 1 PM. Entry fee \$15 Indoor building for judging, indoor bathrooms. See Cook off for Saturday. Come both days and have a good time with us. Make checks payable to ALA 533. Contact Crystal Dear 512-844-6668



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