

Terlingua Trails



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Judy King passed away on Feb 19th. The following letter says more about Judy than I could possibly say.

GOOD BYE, JUDIE

The Chili world lost a good friend, and I lost a "Sister" last month when Judie King passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 19, 1997. I have known Judie and Ray for 15 years and they were always there for me during good and bad times. Judie and I have the same birth date and she always used to say that we were almost twin sisters, born on the same day, different years of different parents. Judie was a sister I never had...Judie will be sorely missed by everyone that she had ever come in contact with. She could make friends anywhere, with anyone. When she and Ray traveled to Europe, she always met someone interesting and stayed in touch with them in the event that they might return to that area someday. Ray used to say that he would not take us both out together anymore because we would always lead him astray in some way. I remember one time, year's ago, at a Fiesta event, Ray wanted to leave and Judie and I were having too much fun, so he left us. Judie & I found a Jazz bar and were really having a good time, when we looked up and there was Ray, coming to get us, or to keep us out of trouble, don't know which. Anyway, we had numerous good times and I will always remember and cherish those. Ray & Judie, both, contributed much to the Chili World as we all know it today and I, for one, am grateful for all they both did in making CASI what it is today!!! GOOD BYE, JUDIE. YOU WILL BE MISSED, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

Sharon

Hut Brown Receives Master Peace Officer Award

Hut Brown has received a certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. It is based on 36 years of service, over 200 college hours (two degrees) over 1000 hours of teleouse training, and completion of four core courses just recently. This is the highest certification awarded from the state. Hut was thrilled to receive it. Congratulations Hut. It is easy to see you contribute to more than just the Chili World.

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"Sweethearts" Mikie & Nick McGarity

Regional Referees

In February, at the Winter CASI Board of Directors meeting, I was directed by the Board to address the Regional Referees about ongoing problems akin to the Tallymaster and the Executive Director.

Periodically a concern comes up from the Tallymaster in reference to not receiving cookoff results within the thirty (30) day window. This causes phone calls, letters, etc., from cooks who placed in cookoffs and do not find the cookoff results listed in either the TT or the GGG. Section V., A., 6, page 12 of the rule book is very clear on this: SEND TALLY SHEET, ENTRY LIST, AND FEES TO CASI WITHIN 30 DAYS. The CASI official for the cookoff must forward an entry list, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Tally Sheet, as well as two dollars (\$2.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI. Paperwork must be sent to CASI, PO Box 861985, Plano, TX 75086.

Also, I have just finished a myriad of phone calls, questions and some surprise involving three 93) recent cookoffs in reference to referees. Many cookoffs are advertised, packets sent for to Terlingua Trails and plans made without the proper Regional Referee even being aware of the cookoff until the sponsor or contact person

contacts the Exec. Dir. requesting a referee, usually at the last minute! I check the location, determine who the Regional Referee is and give the RR's name and phone number to the sponsor or contact person. Usually this ends my involvement, but not always. Sometimes Personalities become involved and I am requested to become involved. If I deem necessary, I do.

I am going to list four (4) areas in the rule book for Referees to review: V., A.,4, pages 11-12. V., A., 4, a and

If you have a cook-off coming up in the month of **June**, it must be received by the **15th of April** to meet the 30 day Advertisement requirement

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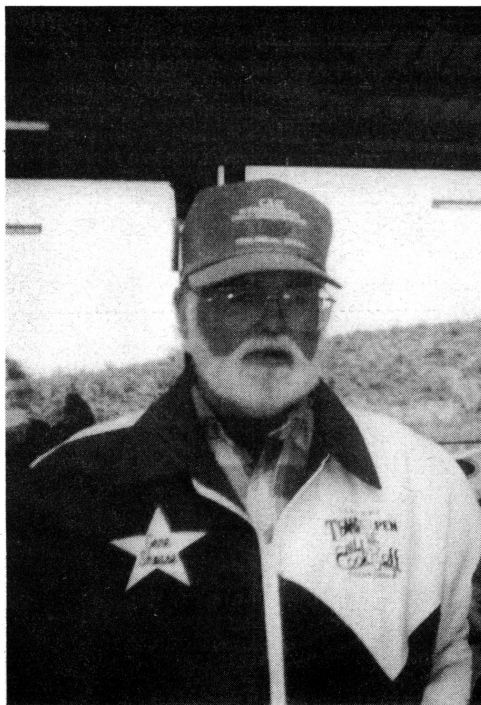
b , page 12. VIII., page 23, and then page 35 Duties and responsibilities are clearly spelled out.

The simplest solution is for every Reg. Ref. to recognize the vast importance of the position. It is a position of trust. Trust evidenced by the Pods nominating the Regional Referees.

I strongly feel that every Regional Referee should read upcoming cookoffs in the Terlingua Trails, note those in his or her region, and if contact has not already been made, touch base with the sponsor or contact person to ensure that a CASI official will be present to serve as referee.

Congratulations and a big thank you to the vast majority of you that follow these procedures. An occasional reminder such as the above hopefully rekindles the need for a businesslike operation. CASI is a big operation, and relies on volunteer workers to keep this big job functioning smoothly.

Hit Brown ED



Who is this bearded Man ?

Wisps From The Smokies

Charles and I have returned from our mini-vacation in Asheville during which we were finalizing plans for the great peppers Meeting. We are well underway and may have picked up some new chili heads as well.

Pat and Bill Lundy joined us during our stay. We saw the most beautiful pink-red sunset out the balcony doors of the Great Smokies Resort Hotel. It was so spectacular we were all drawn outside to get a better look. The location and setting of the hotel should provide us with many of these in September.

WE also did a little sight-seeing and went to the Southern Highlands Craft Guild. This building is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway and features handcrafts of all sorts. The talents of the artisans are unbelievable. We found so many things that "would look perfect in our kitchen, dining room", etc. I recommend anyone with a yen for handcrafted art and such put this on the "try to get there" list.

Bill and Pat checked out the local campgrounds for those of you who will be driving motor homes. They stayed at Bear Creek and checked on some others. We talked about how beautiful the Blue Ridge Parkway is to those who want to explore a bit by car. The Parkway spans 469 miles of mountain beauty which takes you through some gorgeous natural countryside and leads you on a history trail of some early pioneers. There are frequent exits which allow you to look and ride for 15 or 20 minutes or all day, as long as you wish. This is a must see and do for all nature lovers.

Until next month...Billie Rogers

Love Lessons - - - CASI Style

by Susie Shaw

It is important to always strive to do our best --- in raising children, in pursuing careers, in enjoying hobbies, in everyday living. But there are times when we lose sight of some of the important lessons we have learned in this life and, thus, we fail to act accordingly.

The lessons of life shared here are taken from a book by Marian Wright Edelman, entitled "The Measure of Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours." These lessons have been paraphrased and listed as a docile reminder to let our conscience be the inner voice that tells us someone is watching..

- There's no free lunch. Don't feel entitled to anything you don't sweat and struggle for.

- Don't be afraid to ask for a free lunch. The worst answer is "no"
- Be Honest
- Always have a goal, work quietly and systematically toward it.
- Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep
- Don't be afraid of taking risks or being criticized
- Take parenting and family life seriously.
- Remember that your spouse is not your mother/father or your maid/butler, but your partner and friend.
- Forming families is serious business
- Never give up
- Be confident that you can make a difference
- Don't ever stop learning.
- Don't be afraid of hard work or of teaching your children to work.
- Be on time
- Slow down and smell the roses
- Choose your friends carefully.
- Be a can-do, will try person
- You are in charge of your own attitude
- Be reliable. Be faithful. Finish what you start.

- Live in the present -- Plan for the future.
- You usually do not get a second chance to make a first impression.
- Neatness counts.
- Provide for your family, pay your creditors on time, put aside for the future, and play well with the remainder.
- Fun is where you invent it; it does not have to be expensive toys.
- Strive to win, but always congratulate the winner.

**KEEP LOVING WHAT YA DO & DOING IT WITH LOVE
COOKING WITH CASI!**

February Weather in Lajitas

(From the Lajitas Sun)

As it was in much of the rest of the nation, the weather in Lajitas on the Rio Grande in February was cooler than usual

However, temperatures did climb into the 80s on several days, reaching a high of 88 on February 28.

Pawnee Chili Cookoff

Saturday May 03, 1997

Lake Pawnee Bath House

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CASI Sanctioning Number 05/03/1997-001

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Average maximum temperature was 72 degrees, down from the 1996 average of 80.

The coldest day was on the 15th with 29 degrees and the average minimum was 40, only slightly cooler than the 42 degree average from last year.

The big news in February was the rain, something seldom seen in the second month of the year in the Chihuahuan Desert. Precipitation totaled 1.06 inches, bringing the year's total to 1.14

From Your Alcalde

Well last month we were covered with ice, this month we are at flood stage. I hope Terlingua is getting some of this wet stuff. Blue Bonnets are already popping up around Marble Falls, and we are hoping to see some of those 4 foot wild flowers in Big Bend. I need to keep this short because Richard Hinds scolded me for being "so long of tongue!" We will be in Terlingua Easter weekend, so next month I will have a better report on the site. We hope some of you will be able to join us there. It is a great time of the year to enjoy the majesty of that country. Welcome new members to the "Old 320," Bill Riordan and Debbie and Wayne Turner with the Goat Gap Gazette. Bill Plans to build a 10 story condo on his 8 X 8, he will submit plans for a septic system on the Cude property. The GGG will have an outhouse, full of news for all to enjoy! Any comments or questions are welcome at my home phone.



George Kunkle, entertains the crowd at the U.S.A. Stadium CCO Millington, Tennessee

See Ya Jimmy

The Presidents Press

I've got wonderful news for everyone! CASI has paid off the land!! This is in lieu of decisions that the Directors discussed at our meeting in February. This is a great feeling for me as I am sure it is for each of you. It was great to see each of the Directors, some of them I don't get to see to often. We had a good meeting, we were able to get our schedule made up and Committees chaired for the 1997 TICC. The Irving Elks really treated us good, their hospitality was great and they presented CASI with a check for \$1,000.00 for FRIENDS OF CASI with proceeds from the Sunday

Cookoff.

I have been occupied on weekends lately attending Pod Cookoffs. Pasadena Pod had their 17th Annual Cookoff on the 8th of March, they had a good turn out with 61 Cooks turning in chili. This past weekend I made a trip to San Antonio for the SAP CASI Pod Cookoff. They had a very successful cookoff with 88 cooks turning in chili. The weather wasn't so good though, rainy and cold. I think it was a little early for the wild flowers, I'll be making that trip again in about a month to the Texas Ladies State Cookoff in Seguin and I know we will see some pretty flowers in bloom on that trip. In fact, in about another month, just about any direction you go out of the Houston Area

you will have some beautiful highways to travel on. I am ready for this nasty weather to move on so I can get some yard work done and some flowers blooming in my own yard!

GOOD LUCK to each of the Texas Ladies that will be cooking at their State Cookoff on April 19th!

Keep on Cooking! SUPPORT THOSE POD COOKOFFS! - Good Luck

I finally got my E-Mail address straight, it is as follows: Rhayl@compuserve.com

Ralph



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Sunland Park Winner Dorothy Williams, With Mesilla Valley GP Dick Sehusen and CASI Executive Director Hut Brown

This is My Land

From the Lajitas Sun
Unknown Poet

This is my land,
All this cactus and sand
This desert land.

Where nature favors no man
All the stars at night
a little eerie, it's so quiet,
The desert sun and wind.

This is the Big Bend - my friend.
The rugged mountains,
You love pushing up the blue sky above.
Deer and javelina, here and there,
Quail, dove and turkey everywhere.

Maybe it will rain this fall,
Beautiful sight - thunder lightning and all.
When it rains this land turns green
The most beautiful flowers
You have ever seen

This land has some kind of magic, they say.
People come to look and they stay.
The sun is low, the sunset, a magnificent sight
It's sinking, soon it will be night
at the end of another great day.

I came to look, but I'll stay.
This is my land
All this cactus and sand.

Thats All I Can Stand I Can't Stand No More

Two men, sentenced to die in the electric chair on the same day were led down to the room in which they would meet their maker. The priest had given the last rites, the formal speech had been given by the warden, and a final prayer had been said among the participants.

The warden, turning to the first man, solemnly asked, "Sod, do you have a last request?" To which the man replied, "Yes sir, I do, I love dance music. Could you please play The Macarana for me one last time?" "Certainly," replied the Warden.

He turned to the other man and asked, "Well, what about you, son? What is your final request?"

"Please," said the condemned man, "Kill me before you grant his wish."

From the Alamo Area Pod Newsletter

Did you know it's the law:

In Kentucky that every person must take a bath at least once a year.

A Chicago law prohibits eating in a place that is on fire.

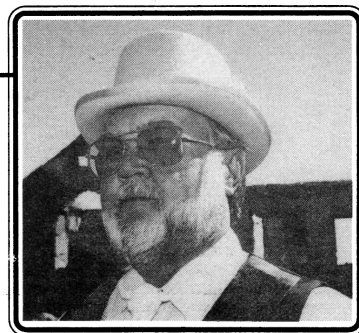
An Idaho state law makes it illegal for a man to give his sweetheart a box of candy weighing less than fifty pounds.

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CASI Profile

Freddie (Hangman) Capers

Current Residence: Fort Stockton, Texas
Birthplace: Gorman Texas 09/14/40
Occupation: Pecos County Judge
Chili Name: "Hangman"
Best Words to Describe me: Fun loving & crazy
Pet Peeve: Bad weather on cook-off day
Favorite thing involving chili: Eating it when it's ready
Chili Mentor: John "Judge Roy Bean" Collins
Favorite Food: Chili
Favorite Beverage: Beer
I become impatient with: My sponsors dragging their feet
For my birthday I'd like to receive: A certificate as the "Worlds Greatest Chili Judge."
Favorite Cookoff: All of them
Worst Habit: Going over budget with my cookoff
One thing I'd change about CASI: Nothing
Favorite Memories: Clowning with Tex Schofield



My first win was: Never.. First Judging was the Quarter Finals at Glen Peppers in 1988.
My greatest regret: Tex Schofield and Troy King are gone.
My proudest accomplishment is: Discovering all my illegitimate relatives in the chili world.

Pun of the Month

A group of chess enthusiasts had checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But Why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Southern Chilihead Tidbits

by Susie Shaw

- *** For immediate release ... Little Rock's JAMES MOSLEY picked up a big win and 4 points at a recent chili cook-off in Memphis -- but it could be his last. Our TT Tidbits undercover reporter has learned that Jim's lovely wife took seriously "it isn't just a man's thing" and has earned her first CASI point this month. James chili cooking life is probably changed forever -- and he has been advised to go shopping for a bigger truck!
- *** Flash ... GEORGE KUNKLE went to the Arizona desert and came home to Tennessee with a third place chili pot from the Arizona Open! Way to go, Saguaro Cactus Chili!
- *** More hearsay Soon to be seen in Want Ad Section: "Handicap lift for Bounder RV." RODNEY JONES, Walls, Ms., reports that Tanna's movements continue to be erratic and will probably break the other leg before TICC.
- *** The news is out ... GP of HOT Pod, JAMES BROCKMAN, got his Terlingua ticket punched at the Memphis VFW #4935 CCO with a third place finish. Once again, this exalted chilihead is the first to qualify on points in Tennessee.
- *** Alert ... Rumor has it that the Tennessee Filly (aka SUSIE SHAW) had a surprise visit from 3 Texas stallions (aka Bob, Harvey & Jim) and they rode away with Top Show points at the Irving, TX cook-off. And when the dust had settled, Susie also left town with one of those hard earned Texas chili points!
- *** Echos in the South ... BO PREWITT was seen sporting a big red bull's eye on his back at a recent CCO. Bo says "take your best shot, my chili can take it!"

Hunt's® Trail Droppings

I just want to remind you that the banner on page one was appropriately designed by Wendell Rankin. Wendell & Joan's art has been a part of CASI & Terlingua for a long time now. We are lucky to have them as cooks and friends.

Since a lot of promoters are having a tough time figuring out when they should have their ads in to the Terlingua Trails to meet the 30 day requirement, starting in this issue, I will print a reminder of when you have to have the info to the Terlingua Trails. This months reminder says if you have a cookoff coming up in June, I must have the info by the 15 of April. The 15th of April is the cut-off date for the May Terlingua Trails

If you have a cookoff coming up and would like some extra copies of the Terlingua Trails for your cookoff, or have a good place to distribute them, give me a call & I will send them to you. Give me as much advance notice as you can.

Sometimes I get checks in the mail and it takes me a lot of time to try and figure out what cookoff it is for. I know you may have just talked to me the week before, but a lot of people have talked to me and my memory is not that good anymore. So if you send me a check, I would appreciate it if you would let me know which cookoff it is for.

Did You Know?

Chilis legendary heat is produced in the placenta - the sack under the stem and carried in the seeds and veins. If you want less heat and more flavor simply remove seeds and veins and just use the fruit, or if you want to turn the thermostat up, chop the seeds to release more oil (or capsaicin). Some cooks protect their hands with gloves when handling chilis. If you choose not to, make sure you wash hands, knives, and cutting boards with soap and water and be careful not to rub your eyes after handling chilis. Capsaicin spreads like wild fire.

CASI COOKOFF WINNERS

01/11/1997-005 - SAN ANGELO TX 7TH ANNUAL WEST TEXAS REHAB CCO, 21 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 BILL COAD, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 2 CAROL DAVIS, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 3 LAURA COAD, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 4 DENNIS BRACKEN, LAMASA TX
 - 5 SUE YATES, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 6 WESLEY HOPPER, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 7 MICHELLE HARLOW, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 8 SHERRY MAUS, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 9 PAUL FORTENBERRY, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 10 MARK HILL, SAN ANGELO TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 LAMESA HOWLERS, LAMESA TX BOBBY STONE
 - 2 POT BELLIES, SAN ANGELO TX SUE YATES
 - 3 RIVER RAT, LAMESA TX DENNIS BRACKEN

01/18/1997-006 - Sandpoint ID Sandpoint Idaho CCO, 15 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 PATRICK TRAVIS, COEUR D'ALENE ID
 - 2 DOUG PETERSON, SANDPOINT ID
 - 3 MICHAEL TRAVIS, COEUR d'ALENE ID
 - 4 PETE PARMENTIER, COEUR d'ALENE ID
 - 5 NICK FADICH, EVERETTLE WA
 - 6 LYNNE BROKOW, SEATTLE WA
 - 7 PAUL NORTH, COEUR d'ALENE ID
 - 8 JOE CANAVAN, SEATTLE WA
 - 9 WAYNE WIDENER, BELLEVUE WA
 - 10 LORREN PATCHETT, EVERETT WA
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 PANHANDLE SPECIAL, COEUR D'ALENE ID PETE PARMENTIERE
 - 2 MAMA JANES SOUTHWEST BEST SPOKANE WA
 - 3 FIREHOUSE CHILI, SPOKANE WA BILL PEABODY

01/25/1997-006 - Canyon Lake TX Super Bowl CCO, 43 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 KAY HUTSON, GRANDBURY TX
 - 2 BARBARA SCHUELER, LEANDER TX
 - 3 ROBERT LISHERNESS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 4 RUSTY PASKE, KINGSLAND TX
 - 5 RAYMOND PILCHIEK, BLUFFTON TX
 - 6 REGGIE GRAVES, LEANDER TX
 - 7 CHUCK TAYLOR, CEDAR PARK TX
 - 8 MIKE BENOLD, DRIPPING SPRINGS TX
 - 9 BOB WISDOM, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 10 BARBARA TAYLOR, CEDAR PARK TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 WINDY'S CHEW CHOO CHILI SAN ANTONIO TX ROBERT SCHRADER
 - 2 TALL GIRL FROG, AUSTIN TX SUE DOSS
 - 3 HORSESHOE CHILI, CANYON LAKE TX HONEY JONES

02/01/1997-003 - Sunland Park NM Sunland Park CCO, 35 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 DOROTHY WILLIAMS, TERLINGUA TX
 - 2 PATSY ELLIOTT, EL PASO TX
 - 3 HUT BROWN, EL PASO TX
 - 4 DENISE WILLIAMS, TERLINGUA TX
 - 5 MIKE ARMSTRONG, EL PASO TX
 - 6 DICK SEEHUSEN, ALAMOGORDO NM
 - 7 CAROL STRAUGHAM, EL PASO TX
 - 8 GIL HOVEY, HOLLIMAN AFB NM
 - 9 RAY LOZANO, EL PASO TX
 - 10 RE "CLEM" CLEMENT, ALAMOGORDO NM
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 ASHEEP AT THE WHEEL, EL PASO TX

2 POT O GOLD, VINTON TX DOUG GEHRKS 3 MISS PRISS, EL PASO TX GEORGE JOWERS IV

02/08/1997-002 - PIPE CREEK TX 4TH ANNUAL ALAMO AREA POD CCO, 29 CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 STEVE LISHERNESS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 2 GEORGE JOWERS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 3 IRENE DUFFIELD, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 4 JOYCE JOWERS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 5 JOHN CAFFEY, AUSTIN TX
 - 6 JOHN GOFORTH, COMFORT TX
 - 7 DEBBIE TURNER, BROOKESMITH TX
 - 8 RUBY ROSS, MARBLE FALLS TX
 - 9 SUE CAFFEY, AUSTIN TX
 - 10 ROBERT LISHERNESS, SAN ANTONIO TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 GOAT GAP GAZETTE, BROOKESMITH TX DEBBIE EILAND TURNER
 - 2 TALL GIRL FORG, AUSTIN TX SUE DOSS
 - 3 CHILISAURUS, COMFORT TX SHARON ROY

02/08/1997-003 - Southlake TX 8th Ever McChili McHog In, 48 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 KEN ROBBINS, LEWISVILLE TX
 - 2 DEAN REYNOLDS, GRAND PRAIRIE TX
 - 3 REX JONES, DALLAS TX
 - 4 ROMA KILPATRICK, SAGINAW TX
 - 5 BERT PAINE, BEDFORD TX
 - 6 DAVID BAKER, FT. WORTH TX
 - 7 ROGER EVANS, FLINT TX
 - 8 KEITH KILPATRICK, SAGINAW TX
 - 9 LAURA SIMPSON, LEWISVILLE TX
 - 10 DOREEN HOLMES, HURST TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 A INT YO MAMMA CHILI, ARLINGTON TX NOELLA CANDELARIA
 - 2 SCUM BAG, ARLINGTON TX GLENN DICKEY
 - 3 ALAMO CHILI, FT. WORTH TX GEORGE ROOF III

02/08/1997-005 - South Padre Island TX South Padre Island CCO, 24 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 SANDY McMILLAN, HARLINGEN TX
 - 2 ORLANDO CRUZ, SAN BENITO TX
 - 3 RUBIN LOPEZ, SAN BENITO TX
 - 4 SHIRLEY STATECZNY, BOERNE TX
 - 5 CAROLYN HEJTMANCIK, AUSTIN TX
 - 6 KAY HUTSON, GRANDBURY TX
 - 7 LYNDA McKINNEY, SAN BENITO TX
 - 8 BILLY HUTSON, GRANDBURY TX
 - 9 KIM ELLIS, BROWNSVILLE TX
 - 10 BOB WISDOM, SAN ANTONIO TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 KING JAMES, BOERNE TX JIM STATECZNY
 - 2 KELLY'S CHILI GYPSY BAND SOUTH PARDE ISLAND TX AMAZIN WALTER
 - 3 FARKLE ALL STATE SOUTH PARDE ISLAND TX DON CHILDERS

02/09/1997-001 - El Paso TX Southwestern Rodeo CCO, 20 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 PATSY ELLIOTT, EL PASO TX
- 2 EARL CAMPBELL, EL PASO TX
- 3 RAY LOZANO, EL PASO TX
- 4 HUT BROWN, EL PASO TX
- 5 SUE SEEHUSEN, ALAMOGORDO NM
- 6 MARGIE CHAVEZ, EL PASO TX
- 7 BOBBY ELLIOTT, EL PASO TX
- 8 JEAN WALLACE, EL PASO TX
- 9 GEORGE JOWERS, EL PASO TX
- 10 DICK SEEHUSEN, ALAMOGORDO NM

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 TEXAS RED HOT CHILI, EL PASO TX MIKE ARMSTRONG
- 2 POT O GOLD, VINTON TX DOUG GEHRKS
- 3 GRANDMA'S TRIBE, EL PASO TX JEAN WALLACE

02/09/1997-002 - PIPE CREEK TX ALAMO AREA POD CHARITY CCO, 21 CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 RAYMOND PILCHIEK, BLUFFTON TX
 - 2 JANITA HINDS, DEL RIO TX
 - 3 JOHN CAFFEY, AUSTIN TX
 - 4 GLENN RUMMEL, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 5 JOHN GOFORTH, COMFORT TX
 - 6 LORINA HARRIS, DEL RIO TX
 - 7 PAT PILCHIEK, BLUFFTON TX
 - 8 SALLY LEE, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 9 SAMMIE PLANT, SAN ANGELO TX
 - 10 RUBY ROSS, MARBLE FALLS TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 TALL GIRL FORG, AUSTIN TX SUE DOSS

02/09/1997-003 - SAN ANTONIO TX 99.5 KISS CHILL BOWL, 41 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 ROBERT LISHERNESS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 2 DAVID STRAHAN, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 3 DAVID RICHARDSON, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 4 DEBBIE TURNER, BROOKESMITH TX
 - 5 KEN RODD, RODAWTHE NC
 - 6 PETER ALTIERI, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 7 LEE WILLING, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 8 DARREN CLAUD, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 9 ROY BARNETT, CIBOLO TX
 - 10 ROY HITSCHEL, HOUSTON TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 ACE IN THE HOLE, SAN ANTONIO TX CHARMANE ROGERS
 - 2 EVO'S MOTORCYCLE CHILI, CIBOLO TX ROY BARNETT

02/15/1997-001 - Austin TX VFW 8787 CHILI COOKOFF, 55 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 BARBARA SCHUELER, LEANDER TX
 - 2 STEVE LISHERNESS, SAN ANTONIO TX
 - 3 REGGIE GRAVES, LEANDER TX
 - 4 DOUG SEELIG, AUSTIN TX
 - 5 FRANCES PATRANELLA, AUSTIN TX
 - 6 DIANE FITZHENRY, WHITNEY TX
 - 7 LARRY BURRUSS, SAN MARCOS TX
 - 8 MAXINE REED, WACO TX
 - 9 MIKE BENOLD, DRIPPING SPRINGS TX
 - 10 BOB WISDOM, SAN ANTONIO TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 TALL GIRL FORG, AUSTIN TX SUE DOSS
 - 2 PRAIRIE WAGON CHILI, ADKINS TX JANICE STEWART
 - 3 HOPEFUL CHILI, LOCKHART TX DIANA McMILLAN

02/15/1997-004 - Tucson AZ Old Tucson CCO, 30 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 PAM WASIK, CAMP VERDE AZ
 - 2 TIMMY YDREN, TUCSON TX
 - 3 TOM HALPIN, TUCSON AZ
 - 4 MYRL COULTAS, TUCSON AZ
 - 5 RAY BERLING, TUCSON AZ
 - 6 NANCY COULTAS, TUCSON AZ
 - 7 M.J. SLOAN, TUCSON AZ
 - 8 JOHN BANAS, PRESCOTT VALLEY AZ
 - 9 MARIE BRADSHAW, TUCSON AZ
 - 10 NANCY EGGER, PHOENIX AZ
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 CROSS COUNTRY, TUCSON AZ GLADYS BOWLES
 - 2 HOLLYWOOD BUTCH, TUCSON AZ BUTCH MOLINA
 - 3 EV'S CHILI DELIGHT, TUCSON AZ

TUCSON

02/15/1997-005 - MINERAL WELLS TX 11 ANNUAL CRAZY CHILI COOKOFF, 67 CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 HARVEY WEST, WYLIE TX
 - 2 SUSIE HORNSBY, BENBROOK TX
 - 3 GENE HOUSE, ALVARDO TX
 - 4 TOM HORNSBY, BENBROOK TX
 - 5 MARY HAMILTON, AUSTIN TX
 - 6 JOHN ROBINSON, LAWTON OK
 - 7 GEORGE RALSTON, WICHITA FALLS TX
 - 8 J.D. DUGGAN, DENTON TX
 - 9 ROBERT MILLS NORTH RICHLAND HILLS TX
 - 10 DARRELL BAXTER, GRAND PRAIRIE TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 STIL CHILI, MINERAL WELLS TX RAYMOND DAVIS
 - 2 SOUTHSIDE FOGGY MOUNTAIN GRAND PRAIRIE TX JIM JOHNSON
 - 3 AARDVARKS, GRAND PRAIRIE TX JEAN NUNWEZ

02/22/1997-001 - Yoakum TX Yoakum Chamber of Commerce CCO, 89 CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 DORIS ANDERSON, HOUSTON TX
 - 2 ALICE REYNOLDS, ROCKPORT TX
 - 3 HONEY JONES, CANYON LAKE TX
 - 4 MAROLYN BLAIR, HOUSTON TX
 - 5 JERRY BUZEK, VICTORIA TX
 - 6 DIANNE SPENCE, CROSBY TX
 - 7 CARY PLOCHECK, HOUSTON TX
 - 8 AL AUSTIN, HOUSTON TX
 - 9 LONNIE SHARPE, HOUSTON TX
 - 10 SHARON SHARPE, HOUSTON TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 KING KONG, HOUSTON TX IRVINE HEMINGER
 - 2 OUTHOUSE CHILI, NEW BRAUNFELS TX JIM WILLIAMS
 - 3 PRAIRIE WAGON CHILI, ADKINS TX JANICE STEWART

02/22/1997-002 - Safford AZ KFMM Bash's CCO, 15 CHILIS CHILI WINNERS

- 1 GUY TENNISON, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 2 RON PHILLIPS, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 3 JOHN JOHNSON, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 4 HOWARD RUYLE, TUCSON AZ
 - 5 EVELYN RUYLE, TUCSON AZ
 - 6 CHUCK DUGAN, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 7 PETE BRALY, TUCSON AZ
 - 8 CRAIG HARRIS, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 9 FRAN PHILLIPS, SIERRA VISTA AZ
 - 10 BILL GARBUTT, SIERRA VISTA AZ
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 TAILCURLER, HEREFORD AZ FISHER, ROY
 - 2 PAR FOR THE COURSE, SIERRA VISTA AZ CRAIG HARRIS
 - 3 JACK O LANTERN, SIERRA VISTA AZ GUY TENNISON

02/22/1997-003 - Denton TX Jackalope Chili & BBQ Cookoff, 22 CHILIS

- CHILI WINNERS
- 1 BETH MOON, HURST TX
 - 2 JOHN STRANGE, CARROLLTON TX
 - 3 FRANCES SULLIVAN, OVILLA TX
 - 4 J.D. DUGGAN, DENTON TX
 - 5 JOHN ROBINSON, LAWTON OK
 - 6 TED HUME, DALLAS TX
 - 7 SAM LeGEAR, DENTON TX
 - 8 JOHN SULLIVAN, OVILLA TX
 - 9 LISA DUGGAN, DENTON TX
 - 10 RAY CALHOUN, WAXAHACHIE TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 STILL COOKIN, CLEBURNE TX JIM DYER
 - 2 DR RAY, WAXAHACHIE TX

RAY CALHOUN
3 ACME CHILI TOO, OVILLA TX
FRANCES SULLIVAN

CASI Treasurer's Report

CASI Pays off Rancho CASI de los Chisos Loan

02/22/1997-004 - Alamogordo NM
Moose Lodge Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 BEVERLY MILLER, WILLIAMSBURG NM
2 RAY LOZANO, EL PASO TX
3 KELLY ARMSTRONG, EL PASO TX
4 BUD BARRICK, OREGON NM
5 MIKE ARMSTRONG, EL PASO TX
6 SUE SEEHUSEN, ALAMOGORDO NM
7 DICK SEEHUSEN, ALAMOGORDO NM
8 PATSY ELLIOTT, EL PASO TX
9 GIL HOVEY, HOLLIMAN AFB NM
10 RE "CLEM" CLEMENT, ALAMOGORDO NM
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 BAK WUDS FAML, WILLIAMSBURG NM
COLUMBUS MILLER
2 TEXAS RED HOT CHILI, EL PASO TX
MIKE ARMSTRONG
3 HARLEY SLUDGE, ALAMOGORDO NM
CHRIS SCHULTZ

02/23/1997-001 - Irving TX
Day after the Directors Meeting,
53 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 DEAN REYNOLDS, GRAND PRAIRIE TX
2 DRU STEWART, HURST TX
3 CINDY REED, HOUSTON TX
4 PEGGY ROBBINS, LEWISVILLE TX
5 BELINDA MASSEY, JOSHUA TX
6 TOM KENNEDY, ARLINGTON TX
7 CAROL WEST, WYLIE TX
8 GINNY WILLIAMS, IRVING TX
9 SUSIE SHAW, PARSONS TN
10 VICKIE CHILDERS, AMARILLO TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 TENNESSEE FILLY CHILI, PARSONS TN
SUSIE SHAW
2 STILL COOKIN, CLEBURNE TX
JIM DYER
3 BULL RUSH, IRVING TX GINNY WILLIAMS

COOKS QUALIFIED AS OF 03/09/97

59 MARGARETT LOPEZ, AMARILLO TX
60 ROBERT LISHERNES, SAN ANTONIO TX
61 PAT PILCHIEK, BLUFFTON TX
62 KEN ROBBINS, LEWISVILLE TX
63 MAXINE REED, WACO TX
64 DOROTHY WILLIAMS, TERLINGUA TX
65 PATSY ELLIOTT, EL PASO TX
66 RUBY ROSS, MARBLE FALLS TX

SHOW TEAMS QUALIFIED AS OF 03/09/97

22 TALL GIRL FORG, AUSTIN TX SUE DOSS
23 STILL COOKIN, CLEBURNE TX JIM DYER
24 DR RAY, WAXAHACHIE TX RAY CALHOUN
25 WINDY'S CHEW CHOO CHILI SAN ANTONIO TX ROBERT SCHRADER
26 SAGUARO CACTUS CHILI, MEMPHIS TN GEORGE KUNKLE

Financial Statement

January 1, 1997 thru March 15, 1997

Income Statement

Revenues

Terlingua International Chili Championship Membership Dues	93.00
970.00	
Money Received from Sponsors	
Friends of CASI	1,026.00
Terlingua Trails	245.00
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees	1,562.00
Old 320 Sales	850.00
CASI Cookoff Packets	451.00
Miscellaneous	550.25
Great Pepper's Meeting Reserve Fund Revenues	
Cookoff Sanctioning Fees	1,562.00
Interest Earned	29.81
Life Membership Reserve Fund Revenues	
Interest Earned	104.32
Total Revenues	7,443.38

Disbursements

Terlingua International Chili Championship	5,544.68
Terlingua Trails	1,786.63
Depreciation Expense	1,170.00
Chilicity	110.12
CASI Director's Expenses	945.10
Membership Related Expenses	373.06
Rancho CASI de los Chisos Expenses	1,786.69
Printing of CASI Rule Books	1,265.49
Miscellaneous	93.65
Total Disbursements	13,075.42

Net Income

5,632.04-

Balance Sheet

Assets

General Operations Fund - Cash in Bank	30,769.28
Great Peppers Meeting Reserve Fund - Cash in Bank	10,887.68
Life Membership Reserve Fund - Cash in Bank	21,926.77
Total Cash in Bank	63,583.73

Life Membership Reserve Fund

Balance of Loan to CASI (Ranch)	10,717.65
Office Equipment	6,854.00
Trailer and Sign	1,500.00
Land and Land Improvements	69,848.00
Building at Rancho CASI de los Chisos	36,860.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	16,740.00-
CASI Trademark Fees	770.00
Total Non-Cash Assets	99,092.00

Total Assets

173,393.38

Liabilities

General Operations Fund	
Balance of Loan from LMRF (Ranch)	10,717.65
Combined Fund Balancing Account	168,307.77
Total Liabilities (Less Current Year Net Income)	179,025.42

Net Income

5,632.04-

Total Liabilities

173,393.38

Jim Stateczny

CASI Treasurer

At the February board meeting in Irving your Board of Directors voted to pay off our note to Southern Investors Service Company, Inc. In doing this we have transferred the note balance to the Life Membership Reserve Fund. For the duration of the note (4 years) CASI will repay the LMRF and will pay it the 10% interest, instead of paying the Southern Investors Service Company, Inc. As you will recall, the LMRF was established to offset the cost of our life members and to loan money to the General Operations Fund when such a loan was in the best interest of CASI. Your Board of Directors believes that this move is definitely in our best interest. I am sure that a note burning ceremony will be scheduled at some appropriate time in the future.

Questions that have been asked of me by CASI Members

Why does the General Operations Fund have such a large bank balance at the beginning of our fiscal year? - The reason that the General Operations Fund must start the year with a large bank balance (approximately \$40,000.00) is that we will experience many expenses before we receive revenues from the 1997 Terlingua International Chili Championship. It is estimated that the cost of the upcoming TICC will be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00 and over half of that money will be paid out before October 1, 1997. This is why we must start the year with a substantial cash reserve. Usually by the end of October our bank balance is running rather low.

Would you explain, once again, why we need the Life Membership Reserve Fund? - At the present time CASI has approximately 450 life members. Each of these members is entitled to an annual rule book and a monthly issue of the Terlingua Trails. It is estimated that these two items cost CASI approximately \$13.00 per year. When CASI started selling life memberships years ago, not only did we sell them at too low a rate, but we did not set the money received aside to cover the growing liability. What this all means is that our current life members are costing CASI approximately \$6,000.00 per year. The Life Membership Reserve Fund was established to eventually sustain this cost. Our immediate problem is that the amount of money required to fulfill our obligations to our life members has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$120,000.00. Currently the LMRF has assets of approximately \$33,000.00. Before CASI can start to draw money out of this fund the assets need to approach the target amount. Keep in mind that the target amount is what it would take to fulfill our obligations to all of our life members, and once all of our obligations are fulfilled, the balance in the LMRF should be zero.

When and how does CASI determine how much money to give to charity? - The amount of money that CASI is able to give to charity is directly proportional to how well we do at our annual TICC. Revenues received, other than those received from our sponsors and the TICC, barely cover the operating expenses of the corporation. At the present time, all of our charitable contributions are directed at southern Brewster County and are usually disbursed at the conclusion of our annual TICC. Last year CASI made the following charitable contributions:

Sul Ross University Rodeo Club	\$1,500.00
Brewster County Sheriff's Department	\$1,500.00
CASI/Tex Schofield Scholarships	\$1,500.00
Terlingua Medics	\$1,500.00
Terlingua Volunteer Fire Department	\$4,000.00
	\$10,000.00

For the next few years the CASI Board of Directors will be faced with the challenge of balancing our charitable contributions and the amount of money dedicated to the required growth of the Life Membership Reserve Fund. It is important that we all realize the liability resulting from our sale of life memberships is a liability that will not go away and that it is a liability that we must deal with.

How many new life memberships have we sold since the new and

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higher rates went into effect October 1, 1996? - The answer to this questions is none. The new rates that went into effect are substantially higher than the old rates, based on your age at the time of purchase, and are designed to sustain the cost of your life membership for the duration of your life. Our new rates have been compared to the establishment of an annuity that has sufficient reserve to pay your annual CASI dues for as long as you might live. I think that we all can agree that the old rates were one hell of a good deal and that is why a lot of us, including my wife and I, purchased them. The fact that with the implementation of these new rates life membership sales have come to a stop is disappointing to all of us, but I do hope that we all realize that we could not continue to sell these life memberships for less than they are worth.

One final note - This is the fourth edition of our new Terlingua Trails. I think that this new format is tremendous and that Myrl Coultas deserves a standing ovation from all of us. Way to go Myrl!

Jim Stateczny
CASI Treasurer

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

When someone uses a public forum such as the Terlingua Trails to voice their opinion they should be willing to accept constructive criticism and ridicule. I fully expected some kind of response to my article regarding "The Rules Do Work" in rebuttal to "Rules Don't Always Work" article. When I read the response I felt like I had misinterpreted what I had read in the original article. so I went back pulled out the January issue and reread the article. After doing so I can say **I did not** read it incorrectly. Regardless of my understanding I do feel that some type of apology may be correct and I do extend that apology to the writer of "Rules Don't Always Work". However, if you do not accepted the responsibility of running judging then do not complain about what has been accepted as a rule change under the democratic process. As someone who during the course of a year is responsible for judging in as many as six to ten cook-offs, in a size ranging from forty to sixty cooks and over the last several years have co-chaired or assisted with one of the largest cook-off's held in Texas or maybe the U.S., a big stick is not necessary, only someone who is willing to work hard, be as friendly as possible even when it becomes very difficult, read, understand and follow the rules as set forth in the CASI rule book. Having said that I stand by my article and say **"THE RULES DO WORK"**.

Each year our organization looks at, and sometimes makes changes in the rules governing our operation and function. This year there seems to be two (2) items which have raised questions and continued disagreement; 1, The ability have fair and impartial judging under the current rules for the betterment of a cook-off, i.e. "The Rules Don't Always Work" (TTs - January '97) and "Big Stick Required to get Job Done" (TTs - March '97). 2. Someone's idea of what CASI stands for regarding open competition. i.e. "Regarding Mandatory Membership in CASI to cook in Terlingua" (direct correspondence to all the Pod Great Peppers) and the very long dissertation "Commentary on new rule requiring CASI membership to cook at TICC (TTs - March 97).

All that can be said is, every thriving organization requires members and there is usually one convention, annual meeting, function or whatever you want to call it, where **ONLY MEMBERS** can participate. This does not effect any part of the organizations tax exempt status, political or personal integrity, or any other part of the organization. I personally agree with only a small part of the changes made each year governing rules. After all this is a hobby and a way to give something back to the community and help those in need. It is **ONLY A POT OF CHILI**. It does not monetarily award any person who runs or participate in a cook-off. Ladies and gentlemen let's do away with our petty bickering an negative attitude toward what can be and should be one of the best non profit organizations in the United States as well as abroad. If we can do this we will be able to help more charities throughout the country. If we do not we will shrivel in quantity and quality of people and eventually die on the vine. We cannot begin to influence new members throughout the country by creating discontent among our ranks. With this being said, whatever future response comes from my article's of February, March and this one, enough is enough.

Remember out there cooking chili is **TO HELP SOMEONE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US, SO LET'S HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOING IT, PLEASE!**

Ken Robbins

5th Annual



CATTLE BARONS' SURVIVOR'S DAY CELEBRATION CHILI COOKOFF

(CASI RULES)

Saturday

May 31, 1997

Benefitting

The American Cancer Society
Friday Night Cooks Dinner & Dance

Wheeler Rodeo Arena

(South East Parking Lot)

Flint, Tx

\$15 - Chili \$5 - Beans

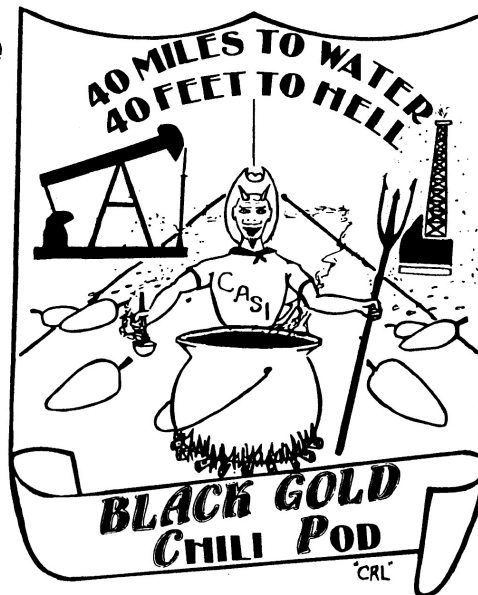
Info - Denning Key - (903) 535-9419

or Paula Holley - (903) 581-2413

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"COOKING" WITH CASI CALENDAR



April 1997

April, 05, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. American Legion Post #58 CCO. Held at the American Legion, 4724 Vulcan in El Paso. Benefits American Legion. Entry fee \$15.00. Free breakfast for cook the morning of the cookoff. Turn in at 1: P.M.. Show 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Info Mike Armstrong, 221 Cutlass, El Paso, TX 79932

April, 05, 1997, Orange Beach, AL, CASI. Alabama State Open Chili Championship and Gumbo Cookoff. Site to be determined. Benefits various island charities. Entry fee \$15.00, payable to State of Alabama Pod. Info Renee Ray, P.O. Box 5834, Gulf Shores, AL 36547-5834. (334)968-1125 (d) or (334)981-3541 (n)

April, 05, 1997, Clarkdale, AZ, CASI. Verde Valley Moose Chili Cookoff. Benefits Moose Lodge Charity's. Entry fee \$10.00, payable to YCS. Info Melven Pfaff, PO Box 1825, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. (520)639-1543

April, 05, 1997, Jacksonville, FL, CASI. Florida State Championship Cookoff. Held at the Corner of Riverplace Blvd. & Prudential Drive in Jacksonville. Benefits the Leukemia Society of America. Entry fee's, \$25 for Chili or BBQ, \$40.00 for both. \$10.00 Chicken Challenge, \$5.00 keytime. Info Delaina Simpson, c/o LSA, 4019 Woodcock Dr., #102, Jacksonville, FL 32207. (904)3984845 or (800)868-0072

April, 05, 1997, Nacogdoches, TX, CASI. Held at the Nacogdoches County Exposition Center. Benefits Nacogdoches County Historical Foundation. Goody bags to the first 70 teams. Over night camping available at the Exposition Center. \$7.00 hook-up charge (electricity only) Entry fee's, \$15.00 CASI Chili, \$15.00 Local Chili, \$5.00 Beans. Info Stacey Jacobs (409)560-3054

April, 05, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. 7th Annual Eagles Aerie #2966 CCO, held at Water Valley Park - Water Valley, TX. Benefits Eagles Charities. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$5.00 Beans, & \$15.00 Brisket, payable to Eagles #2966. Info Gene Crabtree (915)653-6370 or John Leschuk (915)942-9427

April, 05, 1997, Kingsland, TX, CASI. 10th Annual Bluebonnet Chili Cookoff. Held at the Kingsland Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 1431 next to Coastal Bank. Entry fee \$16.00. Chili Grind Only. Info Rusty Paske (915)388-4269 or FAX (915)388-0175

April, 05, 1997, Dallas, TX, CASI. Texas Motorsport & Race World CCO. Held at Speedway Park, across from Texas

Motor Speedway, 2826 Dowdy Ferry Road. Entry fee \$15.00. Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Turn-in approximately 4:00 PM. Goody bags. NASCAR driver as judge. Info Glen Dailey (972)286-4996 or (888)342-9965

April, 05, 1997, Grand Prairie, TX, CASI. 22nd Annual Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff. 150 Team Limit. Entry fee \$20.00, payable to Traders Village. Pickled Quail Egg Eating Contest. Miss Prairie Dog Hot Stuff contest.. Mail to Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff c/o Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75052. Info Barbara England (972)647-2331

April, 05, 1997, Luling, TX, CASI. 8th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held in downtown Luling. Entry fee \$15.00 per event. Chili turn-in at 3:00 PM. Info Luling Area C of C (210)875-3214

April, 05, 1997, Cordova, TN, CASI. Bogey's Chili Shoot Out. Held at 7800 Fisher Street Rd. in Cordova. Benefits Memphis Interfaith Assoc. Entry fee \$20, payable to M.I.F.A. Info Cody Oliveira, 5676 Newberry, Memphis, TN 38115. (901)360-1947.

April, 12, 1997, Lago Vista, TX, CASI. 2nd Annual Lago Vista Chili Cook-off & Funstival. Held at 1918 American Drive at the Lago Vista Resort. Benefits the Lago Vista Lions Club. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Lago Vista Chili Cook-off & Funstival. Preregistration deadline is April 11, 97. Info Ken Martin, PO Box 4911, Lago Vista, TX 78645. (512)267-1507

April, 12, 1997, Las Cruces, NM, CASI. Grappler's CCO held at Mayfields High School, 1995 N. Valley Drive. Las Cruces. Benefits the Wrestling Organization. Cook's meeting 9, turn in 1. Entry fee \$12.00 payable to Mesilla Valley Pod. Info Bud Barrick, P.O. Box 268, Organ, NM 88052 (505)382-5107

April, 12, 1997, Tucson, AZ, CASI. Annual Pima County Fair CCO. Held at the Pima County Fairground on South Houghton Road. Enter the Breke Road Gate. Charity to be determined. Entry fee \$10. Info Dick Bruce (520)574-0197

April, 12, 1997, Medina, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Medina Apple Capital Chili Cookoff. Benefits Medina Volunteer Fire Dept. Held at the 5Cs RV Park, 4 miles North of Medina, on Hwy. 16 (Kerrville Hwy.) Friday night cooks party. Food booths, Arts & Crafts, Children's Area. **Chili Grind Only.** Hookups available \$3 per night, Dry camping, no charge. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, \$15.00 Local Chili and \$10.00 Beans, payable to Madina VFD, c/o Nora Casias, PO Box 6, Somers, TX 78069 (210)622-3011

April, 12, 1997, Decaturville, TN, CASI. St. Jude CCO. Held at Vittles Restaurant in Decaturville bypass. Benefits St. Jude.

Entry fee \$17.00, payable to HOT POD. Info James Brockman, PO Box 25, Parsons, TN 38363. (901)847-0020 (w) or (901)589-3366 (h)

April, 12, 1997, Del Rio, TX, CASI. 4th Annual Buzzard Roost Chili Bash, held at the RV Barn & Campground - 4411 Highway 90 West in Del Rio. Benefits the Amistad Chapter of the American Red Cross. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to DRIP Pod. 2 PM turn-in. **Chili Grind Only.** Info Peggy Jeffers, 4411 Highway 90 West, Del Rio, TX 78840. (210)775-4141

April, 12, 1997, Stanton, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Martin County CCO & BBQ. Held at Mulberry Lane & I-20 Service Road in Stanton. Benefits Martin County Historical Museum. Entry fee \$16.00. Info Barbara Conaway, PO Box 748, Stanton, TX 79782. (915)756-2402. (See BBQ same day)

April, 12, 1997, Lubbock, TX, CASI. Elks BPO Does #1348 CCO, held at the Elks Lodge, 3045 Slide Rd. in Lubbock. Benefits Elk Does. Entry fee's, \$17.00 CASI Chili, \$15.00 Elks Chili, \$5.00 Beans, and \$15.00 each BBQ Division. Brisket, Ribs % Chicken sanctioned by WTBBQ Assoc. Info Shanda Mowery, 3045 Slide Rd., Lubbock TX 79407. (806)791-4664 or Roy Kirkland (806)879-4730

April, 12, 1997, Muskogee, OK, CASI. 13th Annual Muskogee Exchange Club CCO. Held at Phoenix Plaza, 2nd and Court St. Entry fee \$15 per category, CASI Chili, Brisket, Ribs, Open, Crowd Pleasing Chili, Crowd Pleasing BBQ & CASI & Crowd Pleasing Show Competition. Benefits Hospice Association & Exchange Club Charities. Info Frank Morgan (918)682-6571 or Erik Fleak (918)682-7788.

April, 12, 1997, Yoakum, TX, CASI. Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Benefit. Held at the Yoakum Community Center. Benefits Bluebonnet Youth Ranch. Turn-in 2:00 PM. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Bluebonnet Youth Ranch. Hot Air Balloons, Harley Davidson Poca Run and Auction, BBQ meal served on Sunday. Mail to Linda McDonald, 619 Springwood, Victoria, TX 77905. Info Melvin Chaloupka (512)572-4935 (home) or (512)582-4767 (office). Or Linda McDonald (512)578-2575 (eves).

April, 12, 1997, Cleburne, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Spring Fest. Held on W Chambers i Cleburne. **Chili Grind Only.** Cooks party Friday nite. Chili turn-in 2 PM, Beans turn-in 1 PM. Benefits Ncedy Children's Christmas Fund. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, & \$5.00 Beans, payable to American Legion Post 50. Info Jim or Judy Dyer, 1305 Linda Ct., Cleburne TX 76031. (817)558-1831.

April, 12, 1997, Beaver, OK, CASI. 3rd Annual Cowchip Chili Cookoff. Held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds, located in the 1100 Block of South Douglas. Benefits Beaver Co. Chapter, Oklahoma E.M.T. Assoc. Entry fee, \$15.00, payable to Beaver Co. O.E.M.T.A. Info Bill Greenfield, PO Box 954, Beaver OK 73932-0954. (405)625-4411 (day) or (405)625-4499 (night). Please RSVP by April 1, 1997.

April, 12, 1997, Amarillo, TX, CASI. Tall in Texas 17th Annual Cookoff. Make A Wish Fun House in Thompson Park. Entry fee \$15.00 payable to Tall in Texas Pod. Beans \$5.00 (beans will be furnished,) Ribs \$15.00 & Other Meat \$15.00. Info Larry Guffey, 3609 Doris, Amarillo, TX 79109-4401. (806)355-3642

April 19, 1997, Columbus, NM, CASI. Held at Poncho Villa State Park. Full hook-ups available. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$12.00 payable to Mesilla Valley Pod. Info. Dick Sechusen, P.O. Box 1161, Alamogordo, NM 88310. (505)437-3835 or Bud Barrick, P.O. Box 268, Organ, NM 88052. (505)382-5107

April 19, 1997, Seguin, TX, CASI. CASI Ladies State Chili Championship. Entry fee \$25.00 if postmarked by March 1, 1997, \$30.00 until deadline. All entries must be post marked by April 9, 1997. Make checks payable to: Texas Ladies State Championship, c/o Pat Irvine, 208 Galvin, Seguin, TX 78155. Info Larry (512)353-8895.

April, 19, 1997, Camp Verde, AZ, CASI. Camp Verde Southwest Days. Held at Ft. Verde downtown Camp Verde. Also Arizona State Salsa Championship. Benefits the Kiwanis. Entry fee \$10.00, payable to YCS. Info Tim Wasik, 2425 Arturo Cr., Camp Verde, AZ 86322 (520)567-9311

April, 19, 1997, Littlefield, TX, CASI. VFW CCO & BBQ, held at North Sunset Street in Littlefield. Benefits VFW Aux. & Local Charities. Entry fee's, \$17.00 CASI Chili, \$5.00 Beans, & \$15.00 each BBQ Division. Brisket, Ribs, & Chicken Sanctioned by W.T. BBQ Assoc. Info Roy Kirkland or Roy Jackson, HCR #3 Box 200, Hale Center, TX 79041. Roy K (806)879-4730 or Roy J (806)385-4000

April, 19, 1997, Glen Rose, TX, CASI. Larry Joe Taylors 9th Annual Texas Music Festival & Chili Cookoff. Held at Tres Rios Campground. Benefits Sommerville County EMT. Entry fee \$16.00 (1 free admission per team) payable to Larry Joe Taylor, Route 4, Box 212 AA, Stephenville, TX 76401. (817)968-8505. Camping info: Tres Rios (817)897-4253

April, 19, 1997, Dyersburg, TN, CASI. 2nd Annual Dogwood Festival Chili

Cookoff. Held at Dyer County Fair Grounds. Info Tod Hayes (901)287-9868 days or (901)286-6057 nights. Deadline for entry is April 16th. E-Mail CABLECOM@USIT.NET(tod hayes)

April 19, 1997, Kurten, TX, CASI. Kurtin Community Center BBQ and Chili Cookoff. Info Jodi Kurten, PO Box 5 Highway 21 East, Kurten, TX 77862.

April 19, 1997, Cholla Bay, MX, CASI. Annual JJ's Cantina, Cholla Bay Mexico CCO. Info Mad Jack (602)833-0826

April, 20, 1997, Seguin, TX, CASI. Pete Armstrong Memorial Classic Chili Cook-off. Held in Stracke Park East in Seguin. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Classic Chili. 12:00 noon turn-in. Info Don Causey, 214 Signal Hill, Seguin, TX 78155. (210)379-6565 or Patricia Irvine (210)372-0229

April, 26, 1997, Kendalia, TX, CASI. 2nd Annual Kendalia Chili Cookoff. Held at the Kendalia Dance Hall, downtown Kendalia Hwy. 473. Benefits Kendalia VFD. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili & \$5.00 Jackpot Beans. Chili turn-in 2:00 PM. Friday night party, music by Billy Mata on Saturday night, auction & fun on Saturday. Info Tom McKinney (210)336-2609 or Shirley Stateczny (210)537-4381

April, 26, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. Elks Day Chili and Rocky Mountain Oyster Cookoff. Benefits a local charity. Held at 405 S. Hill (Elks Lodge). Entry fee's, \$15.00 Chili & \$10.00 Rocky Mountain Oysters. (We have Oysters for sale for cooks). Pinto Beans \$5.00. Info Susan Wall (915)653-6893

April, 26, 1997, Bisbee, AZ, CASI. 15th Annual Mile High Chili Cookoff, held in beautiful downtown Bisbee AZ in the Copper Queen Plaza. Cooks party Friday night at St. Elmo's at 6 PM. 3 PM turn-in. Held during the La Vuelta de Bisbee Bicycle Races. Entry fee \$15.00. Benefits the Bisbee Bus. Limited overnight spaces available first come first serve. Info Mayor Tom Wheeler (520)432-4353

April, 26-27, 1997, Dayton, TX, CASI. Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival and BBQ. Benefits the Youth Scholarship Fund. Entry fee's, CASI Chili, \$15, Jr. Chili, \$5, Beans \$5, Poultry \$10, Cooks Choice \$5, Open Chili \$15, Omelot off \$10.00 BBQ Pork Ribs \$15, Fajitas \$15, Beef Brisket \$25. All for \$75.00. Info Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival Assoc., 215 Oak Meadows, Dayton TX 77535. (281)385-2832 or Pager (713)619-4829

April, 26, 1997, Houston, TX, CASI. 26th Annual Houston Pod Chili Cook-off. Traders Village, 7979 N Eldridge. Benefits the Houston Food Bank. Friday Night Cooks Party. 1 PM Junior Turn-in, \$5 Fee; 1 PM Jackpot Bean Turn-in \$5 fee; 2 PM CASI Turn-in, \$17 fee; 2:30 Showmanship. Silent Auction, Raffle, Arts & Crafts, Grab Bags, Food & Beverage. Tasting Cups for sale -- if you can't bring any giveaway chili, maybe you could help us serve it to the public. Food & Band for the cooks on Saturday night. Info Ralph Hay (713)475-1660.

April, 26, 1997, Southaven, MS, CASI. Southaven Springfest, held on Staline Road in Southaven, Mississippi. Benefits Americanos Drum & Bugle Corps. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to POR Pod. Info Tanna Jones, 6500 River Birch Road, Walls, Mississippi 38680. (601)781-1414 (h) or (601)393-4030 (w)

April, 26, 1997, Gladewater, TX, CASI. 12th annual E Texas Gusher Days Budweiser CCO. Entry fee's, \$15.00 CASI & Local Chili, \$5.00 Jackpot Beans. Send to Brenda Brown, 402 W Jeanette, Gladewater, TX 75647. (903)845-5806 or C of C (903)845-5501

April, 26, 1997, Mountain Breeze, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Mountain Breeze River Festival & Chili Cook-off. Entry fee \$22.00. Benefits Hospice of New Braunfels. Sorry NO PETS. Chili teams will enjoy free camping. Call Mountain Breeze or Tim Fraley for details. Tim (210)905-2262 or Mountain Breeze (210)964-2484.

April, 27, 1997, Houston, TX CASI. Traders Village Chili Cook-off, 7979 N. Eldridge. Benefits Houston area charities. 9 am Casserole Breakfast-off Turn-in Fee - whole casserole (after judging breakfast will be served); 11 am Tailgate BBQ Rib Turn-in and 11:30 am Tailgate BBQ Chicken Turn-in, BBQ Fee - Fee \$10 one or \$15 both; 12 noon CASI Chili Turn-in, fee \$17 (**Chili Grind Only**); 12:30 Showmanship. Arts & Craft - Trinkets to Treasures. Silent Auction. Tasting cups will be sold to public. Info Ralph Hay (713)475-1660

April, 27, 1997, Churchville, MD, CASI. 4th Annual Good Times At The Big M Drive-in Chili Cookoff. Sponsored by the Harford Count Tourism Council. Held at the Big M Drive-in In Churchville. **Ground Meat Only.** Turn-in 2:00. Live music. Car Show. Entry fee \$15.00, payable to Discovery Harford County Tourism. Info Bob Massarelli (410)879-9796

May 1997

May, 03, 1997, Pawnee, OK, CASI. 3rd Annual Pawnee Historic Bath House Cookoff. Held at the Lake Pawnee Bath House (1 Mile North of Pawnee OK on State Hwy. 18, Directional Signs will be Posted.) Entry fee \$15.00. Benefits the Lake Pawnee Historic Bath House Renovation. Info Theodore Morgan, PO Box 250, Pawnee OK 74058. (918)762-2493 or (918)762-2337

May, 03, 1997, Marble Falls, TX, CASI. 26th Annual Howdy Roo Chili Cookoff. Held at Johnson Park in Marble Falls. 2:00 turn-in. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Highland Lake Pod. Info Rusty Paskel (915)388-4269 FAX (915)388-0175

May, 03, 1997, Macon, GA, CASI. Georgia State Chili Championship & Brunswick Stew Cookoff. Held in Shriners Park in Macon. Info Beth Faulkner, PO Box 46, Macon, GA 31297. (912)745-3383

May, 03, Sierra Blanca, TX, CASI. White Mountain Chili Cookoff. Held at the Hudspeth Co. Barn in Sierra Blanca. Benefits Sierra Blanca C of C. Entry fee \$15.00 payable to Sierra Blanca C of C.

Info Bobby Elliott, 7500 Big Bend, El Paso, TX 79904. (915)755-4419.

May, 03, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. 7th Annual Goodfellow Sprang Thang CCO. Held at Goodfellow AFB Rec Camp, Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$10.00 Pork Spare Ribs, & \$5.00 Jackpot Beans, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Sherry Maus (915)658-1364

May, 03, 1997, Boyd, TX, CASI. 11th Annual CASI Boyd VFD Chili Cookoff. Benefits the Boyd Volunteer Fire Department. Highway 114 @ Hwy 730, just East of Boyd Hardware Store. Friday night cooks party with live band and dancing under the stars. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili & \$5.00 Beans, payable to BOYD VFD, c/o Vicki Vannatta, Rt 2 Box 338, Boyd, TX 76023 Days (800)654-9976, Eves/Weekends or (817)433 5572

May, 03, 1997, Castroiloe, TX, CASI. 11th Almost Re-Annual County Bumpkin CCO. Benefits American Cancer Society. Cooks party Friday nite. Camping (no hook-ups) Entry fee \$17.00. Info Audrey Sara (210)931-3592.

May, 03, 1997, Amarillo, TX, CASI. 7th Annual Goodwill Chili Cookoff. Held at the Amarillo Fairgrounds. Benefits Goodwill Industries of Amarillo. Entry fee's, \$15.00 Chili & \$5.00 for Beans, payable to Goodwill Industries. Info Larry Guffey, 3609 Doris, Amarillo, TX 79109-4401. (806)355-3642 Benefits SPCA of Amarillo

May, 03, 1997, Pyote, TX, CASI. 8th Annual Aunt Jackie's Cookoff. Held at 111 Highway 80 East, Pyote. Entry fee \$16.00 Chili, \$16.00 per category, Chicken, Brisket, & Pork Spare Ribs. (50% payback; \$150.00 added money,) payable to Aunt Jackie's Place. WTBA Rules. Cooks party Friday night. Tons of live music and other cool stuff! Info Connie Zocher, PO Box 523, Pyote, TX 79777. (915)389-5585 (d) or (915)389-5722 (n)

May, 03, 1997, Castroville, TX, CASI. 11th Almost Reannual Country Bumpkin Chili Cookoff. Cooks party Friday night. Benefits Medina Co. Cancer Society. Info Audrey or Sara. (210)931-3592

May, 04, 1997, Amarillo, TX, CASI. 5th Annual Hotter Than Fire Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Club 26, 3101 W 26th Ave. Benefits Valle De Oro Volunteer Fire Dept. Entry fee's \$15.00 Chili, \$15.00 Brisket, \$15.00 Ribs, Other meat \$5.00, & \$5.00 beans, payable to Valle De Oro Vol Fire Dept. Info Larry Guffey (806)355-3642, 3609 Doris, Amarillo Texas 79109-4401

May, 10, 1997, Lake Kickapoo, TX, CASI. The Volunteer Fire Dept. & Lease Holder Assn. CCO. Held at Lake Kickapoo Vol fire Dept. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili. Beans Jackpot & Brisket \$20.00 with 50/50 return on Brisket. Info J.L. Reaves (817)5254463 or Clyde Gardner (817)523-4249

May, 10, 1997, Winthrop, WA, CASI. 13th Annual 49er Days CCO & BBQ in the City Park. Local charity. Entry fee is \$17.00, payable to Bob Lyon, 4244 134th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006 (206)643-0607

May, 10, 1997, Midwest City, OK, CASI. Wendy's Okla-Hoe-Down Chili Cookoff. Held at Joe Barnes Regional Park, corner of Remo & Douglas. Entry fee \$15.00 payable to MWCAF. Info Todd Dealy, PO Box 10570, MWC, OK 73140. (405)739-1290.

May, 10, 1997, Mingus, TX, CASI. 9th Annual Chili & Bean Cookoff. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$10.00 Beans, & \$25.00 for both. Benefits Tri-City Ambulance, Gordon Volunteer Fire Dept. & Strawn Volunteer Fire Dept. \$5.00 gate fee. Friday nite dance. Info (817)672-5705 Chili, & (817)672-5533 Beans.

May 10, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. The Big 8 Grocery Store Cookoff. Held at Horizon Blvd. South and North Loop in El Paso. Charity TBA Entry fee \$12.00, 2:00 PM turn-in. Info Donna Von Gentz, P.O. Box 17907, El Paso, TX 79917. (915)855-3129

May, 10, 1997, Victoria, TX, CASI. At the Colet Inn in Victoria. Benefits VASA Pod Charities. Turn-in 2:00 PM. Entry fee \$16.00, payable to VASA Pod. Mail to Linda McDonald, 619 Springwood, Victoria, TX 77905. Info Dianna Hoy (512)277-8687 or Robert Lowery (512)575-6066 (days) or (512)578-1360 (eve) BBQ and Jackpot Beans Cookoff same day see listing.

May, 10, 1997, Memphis, TN, CASI. Memphis in May Cinco De Mayo. Held in Court Square in Memphis. Benefits Center City Com. Entry fee \$20. Info Cody Oliveira, 5676 Newberry, Memphis, TN 38115. (901)360-1947.

May, 10, 1997, Odessa, TX, CASI. 10th Annual Black Gold Pod Cookoff. Held at Becky Sam's Saloon, 2518 N FM 1936 in Odessa. Overnight camping (no hook-ups). WTBA Bar-B-Q, top 3 in each category, Brisket, Pork Spareribs, & 1/2 Chicken. 50% Payback. Benefits MDA. Info Barbara Large (915)381-0897

May, 17, 1997, Cloverdale BC, Canada, CASI. Canadian International Chili Championship (Automatic Qualifier.) Held at the Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds in Cloverdale, BC Canada. Benefits Surrey Assoc for the Mentally Challenged. Entry fee \$20.00 payable to Fred Roycroft. Info, Fred Roycroft, 138 Buckingham Drive/Port Moody, BC Canada V3H 2T3. (604)461-0917

May, 17, 1997, Ennis, TX, CASI. Top of Texas Pod Cookoff. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ennis. Benefits Knights of Columbus Charities. Entry fee \$20.00, payable to Top of Texas. 2:00 turn-in. Info Bill Cook, 6418 Casa Vista, Garland, TX 75043 (972)226-4009

May, 17-18, 1997, Sinton, TX, CASI. Sinton Go Texan Days. Saturday, Fajitas, Chicken, Brisket & BBQ, entry fee \$45.00. Sun Menudo, Beans and Red Chili. Chili entry fee \$15.00. Turn in at 2:00. Benefits Houston Live Stock Show Scholarships. Info RW Kirkpatrick (512)364-4248

May, 17, 1997, Water Valley Park (San Angelo), TX, CASI. Benefits Friends of CASI. Entry fee's \$15.00 Chili, \$10.00 Country Style Pork Ribs, \$5.00 Chicken

Wings, \$5.00 Open (Desserts Only), \$5.00 Pinto Beans. Info Sammie (915)655-2147

May, 17, 1997, Houston, TX, CASI. First Annual Tejano C & F Round-up Chili & Fajita Cook-off. Held at 2959 Feagan St. - off of Waugh Dr. Entry fee \$25.00 plus 1 gal. precooked Chili for give-a-way. Fajita turn-in at 3:00 PM, Chili at 4:00 PM. Info John G Cedillo, 1019 W Gardner, Houston, TX 77009 (713)861-6271

May, 17, 1997, Jourdanton, TX, CASI. 7th Annual Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Dept. - Malvin Prasifka memorial CCO. Held at the Catholic Church Grounds by City Park. Benefits Jourdanton VFD. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Jourdanton VFD. **Chili Grind Only.** Info David Prasifka, 509 Beech St., Jourdanton, TX 78026 ((210)769-2028 or Marty Prasifka, 110 Chaparral Cir., Jourdanton, TX 78026 (210)769-3147

May, 17, 1997, Amarillo, TX, CASI. Yellow Rose Optimist Chili & BBQ Cook-off. Held at Club 28, 2515 S Grand. Benefits Yellow Rose Optimist Youth Fund. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, \$20.00 Brisket, \$20.00 Pork Spare Ribs, \$20.00 Full Jointed 1/2 Chicken, payable to Yellow Rose Optimist. Info Margaret Lopez, 7044 Chelsea, Amarillo, TX 79109. (806)356-8880.

May, 17, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. Held at the German Community Center, Ft. Bliss El Paso. Benefits German NCO. Entry fee \$12.00. 5:00 PM turn-in. Info Mike Armstrong, 221 cutlass, El Paso, TX 79932. (915)833-9197 or (915)772-9395

May, 17, 1997, Kermit, TX, CASI. Annual Texas Moon Cookoff in Kermit, Texas. Highways 302 & 18; 2 miles West of Kermit. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$16.00 per category, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs & Brisket (50% payback each category.) \$10.00 Jackpot Beans (50% payback first place only), payable to Texas Moon. Benefits West Texas Make-A-Wish Foundation. Dance & Party Friday night with lots of other fun activities. Info Pat Denny/Texas Moon, 818 S. Avenue C., Kermit, TX 79745. (915)586-9063 4 PM til Midnight Mon.-Sat.

May, 17, 1997, San Marcos, TX, CASI. 4th Annual Texas Natural Festival Chili Cook-off. Held in Downtown San Marcos, Texas. **Ground Meat Only.** 2 PM Turn-in. No camping available. Info Kelly Franks, 630 E Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. (512)393-8530

May, 17, 1997, Black Canyon City, AZ. 4-Corners Regional Chili Championship. Info Mad Jack (602)833-0826

May, 18, 1997, Ennis, TX, CASI. Day After TOT Cookoff. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ennis. Benefits Knights of Columbus Charities. Entry fee \$12.00, payable to Top of Texas. **Chili Grind Only.** 12:00 turn-in. Info Jamie Rohr, 2410 Golden Oaks Dr., Garland TX 75044 (972)495-3305

May 18, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. Pod of the Pass Pod Cookoff. Held at 1201 Airway Blvd. in El Paso. Benefits The Pod of the Pass. Entry fee \$12.00, payable to American Legion. 2:00 PM turn-in.

Info Mike Armstrong, 221 Cutlass, El Paso, TX 79932. (915)833-9197

May 18, 1997, Sinton, TX, CASI. San Particio Co. Go Texan CCO & BBQ. Held 5 miles N of Sinton on Hwy 181 - Rob & Bessie Welder Park. Right hand side. Carnival, Arts & Crafts, & Food Booths. Entry fee \$15.00 per category, Chili, Beans, & Menudo. Info R W Kirkpatrick (512)364-4248. See BBQ on Saturday.

May 24, 1997, Wichita Falls, TX, CASI. Southwest open Chili Championship. Details to follow.

May 24, 1997, Converse, TX, CASI. 5th Annual Half Way Point Chili Cookoff. Benefits Legion Youth Programs & Charities. Located at American Legion Post 593 326 Legion Dr. Cooks party Friday night. Dry camping Also Sunday cookoff. **CHILI GRIND ONLY.** 2 PM turn-in. Entry fee: Local and CASI \$20 or \$15 each division. Info David Richardson (210)655-6590 or Lea Ann (210)658-1111

May 24, 1997, Dimmitt, TX, CASI. Dimmitt TX CCO, held 1 1/4 miles East of signal light at intersection of 86 & U.S. 385, 1/2 mile North dirt road. RV hook-ups available. Cooks party Friday night. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, 2 PM turn-in, \$20.00 1/2 jointed Chicken turn-in 12 noon, \$20.00 Pork Spare Ribs turn-in 1:00, \$20.00 Brisket turn-in 3:00, \$5.00 Dry Beans turn-in 2:30. WTBA Sanctioned 100% pay back. Info Marshall Young (806)647-2328 Ben Aleman (806)647-2515.

May 24, 1997, Wichita Falls, TX, CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship. Held at Mounted Patrol Arena on FM 369. Benefits Wichita County Mounted Patrol. Overnight camping (no hook-ups.) Cooks party Friday nite. Early entry cutoff April 30th. Goody bags to first 100 cooks. Entry fee's, \$25.00 CASI Chili & \$10.00 for Novice, payable to Southwest Open, c/o Janice Schauf, 2804 McNeil, Wichita Falls, TX 76309. (817)696-9543. Info Jim Ezell (817)692-5974

May 24, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. American Legion CCO. Held at 13000 Horizon Blvd. in El Paso. Benefits The Horizon American Legion. Entry fee \$12.00, payable to American Legion. 2:00 PM turn-in. Info Mike Armstrong, 221 Cutlass, El Paso, TX 79932. (915)833-9197

May 24, 1997, Lebanon, TN, CASI. Cooking for Humanity CCO. Held at the Ward Agricultural Center, Wilson County Fairgrounds, Baddour Parkway East in Lebanon. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Habitat for Humanity. Info Carol Knight, 106 Bluegrass Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37090. (615)449-6676 (night) or (615)443-6181 (day)

May 24, 1997, Spicewood, TX, CASI. Krause Springs cookoff. Held at Krause Springs. Benefits Meals on Wheels, Entry fee \$16.00. Turn-in 2:00 PM. For hookup call Krause Springs (210)693-4181. Info Rusty Paske (915)388-4269

May 25, 1997, Wichita Falls, TX, CASI. North of the Brazos Annual Chili Cookoff. Mounted Patrol Arena on FM 369. Benefits, Airman's Attic, Sheppard AFB. **Chili**

Grind Only. Turn in 12:00 noon. Entry fee \$17.00. Dry Pinto beans, 11 AM turn-in. Goody bags to first 50 cooks. Jackets for top ten chili's. Cooks dinner Sat night May 24th following Southwest Open; Camping, no hook-ups. Info Jack Mason (817)692-1348 or JoAnn Gaines (817)767-2273. Checks payable to NOB Pod %Janice Schauf, 2804 McNeil, Wichita Falls, TX 76309

May 25, 1997, Converse, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Ladies Auxiliary Chili Cookoff. Benefits Legion Youth Programs & Charities. Located at American Legion Post 593 326 Legion Dr. Cooks party Friday nite. Dry camping Also Saturday cookoff. **CHILI GRIND ONLY.** 2 PM turn-in. Entry fee: CASI \$15. Info David Richardson (210)655-6590 or Lea Ann (210)658-1111

May 25, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. Chili Legends Memorial Chili Cookoff in memory of Bart Kline, Mildred Luxton & Bill Mohler. Held in Water Valley Park, Water Valley, TX. Benefits Concho Valley Food Bank. Entry fees, \$16.00 Chili, \$5.00 Jr. Chili & \$5.00 Jackpot Beans, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Sue Day, 2925 Hemlock, San Angelo, TX 76904. (915)949-8001

May 25, 1997, Spicewood, TX, CASI. Krause Springs Cookoff. Held at Krause Springs. **Chili Grind Only.** Entry fee \$16.00. Turn-in 1:00 PM. For hookup call Krause Springs 9210)693-4181. Info Rusty Paske (915)388-4269.

May 31, 1997, Little Rock, AR, CASI. ASS-CASI Pod Cookoff. Held at 6600 S River Valley Marina Rd. in Little Rock. Benefits the GP Meeting. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to ASS-CASI. Info Preston Nickle, 617 W. M St., North Little Rock, AR 72116. (501)791-2191

May 31, 1997, McCamey, TX, CASI. American Legion Chili and Brisket Cook-off. Held 1 mile South of McCamey on FM 305. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, and \$15.00 Brisket, payable to American Legion Post 421. Info Daryl Lowe, PO Box 1263, McCamey, TX 79752. (915)652-3940 after 2:00 PM)

May 31, 1997, Sierra Vista, AZ, CASI. A.A.A.R.F. in the Park. Held in Sierra Vista City Park. Turn-in 5:00 PM. Entry fee \$10.00. Cooks party Friday night, free beer & Brisket. Bring a side dish. Info Barbara Prashner (520)458-0995. E-Mail azcpa@c2i2.com

June 1997

June, 07, 1997, Carlsbad, NM, CASI. Forth Annual Carlsbad CD 104 Cookoff. Held at President's Park. Benefits Carlsbad charities. Entry fee \$15.00 payable to CD 104 Radio. Info Jerry Flores, c/o CD 104 Radio, P.O. Box 1538, Carlsbad, NM 88220 (505)887-7563

June, 07, 1997, Tucson, AZ, CASI. Annual Mt. Lemmon CCO. Held at Kimbel Springs on Mt. Lemmon. Benefits Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Dept. Info Ron Mathews (520)647-3550.

June, 07, 1997, Houston, TX, CASI. Held at Blanco's, 3406 W Alabama, in Houston. Benefits Houston Food Bank

Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, payable to Space City Pod. Info George Thompson, 6850 Hazen, Houston, TX, 77074 (713)771-1854.

June, 07, 1997, Iraan, TX, CASI. Alley Oop Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Iraan Park. Benefits Iraan-Scheffield Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee's \$16 per category, payable to Iraan Scheffield C of C. Info Venetia Smith, PO Box 933, Iraan, XX 79744

June, 07, 1997, Arlington, VA, CASI. Held at the 3100 Block of Clarendon Blvd. Entry fee \$25.00 or \$15.00 with 1 gallon of "give-away" chili. Charity GMU scholarship fund and an Arlington County, VA charity. Checks payable to Clarendon Alliance. Info Eric Dobson (703)276-0228 or Richard King (703)631-9198 (evenings).

June, 07, 1997, Lake Leon, TX, CASI. The Summer Cookoff at La Mancha Lake Ranch on Lake Leon. Chili Brisket, Ribs, Chicken Jack Pot Beans, 100% payback on BBQ. BBQ Entry fee \$40.00 Chili \$15.00. Limited RV Hookups (\$15 per night above entry fee) Turn in Beans/Chicken 12:00, Ribs 1:00, Chili, 2:00 & Brisket at 3:00. Info Rt 2 Box 1359, Eastland, TX 76448 (817)647-1690.

June, 07, 1997, Whitney, TX, CASI. 5th Annual Lake Whitney Fun Fest. Held in Whitney City Park. 2 PM Turn-in. Benefits Whitney Sports Assoc. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to Whitney Sports Assoc. Info Mel FitzHenry, RT 3, Box 677K-5, Whitney, TX 76692. (817)694-5441

June, 08, 1997, Houston, TX, CASI. 18th Annual Space City Podners CCO. Held at Blanco's, 3406 W Alabama, in Houston. Benefits Space City Charities. Entry fee's, \$17.00 Chili, & \$5.00 Omelette, payable to Space City Pod. **Chili Grind Only** Info George Thompson, 6850 Hazen, Houston, TX, 77074 (713)771-1854. Bert Hall (713)433-2888

June, 14, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. CASI Fiesta Del Concho Chili Cookoff. Benefits West Texas Rehab. More details later. Info Sammie at (915)655-2147

June, 14, 1997, Chugwater, WY, CASI. 12th Annual Chugwater Chili Cookoff. Held at the Diamond Guest Ranch in Chugwater. Info Jean Cerquoz, Chugwater Chili Cook-off, PO Box 142, Chugwater, WY 82210 (307)422-3227

June, 14, 1997, Parkers Crossroads, TN, CASI. Battleground CCO. Held at I-40 Exit 108 North, in Parkers Crossroads, TN. Benefits Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Assoc. Entry fee \$17.00, payable to HOT-POD. Info Preston Shaw PO Box 176, Parsons Tenn. (901)847-7208 or James Brockman (901)847-0020

June, 14, 1997, Roslyn, WA, CASI. Held at the Pastime Tavern, Roslyn, WA. Local Charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Contact Ken Peach, (206)537-4591 for further information.

June, 14, 1997, Austin, TX, CASI. Downtown Cedar Park, just off Hwy. 183 West of Austin (follow signs). SOT Pod Cedar Choppers Festival. Cooks party Friday night at dark 30. Breakfast Saturday morn-

ing - Pot Luck Saturday night. Everyone welcome to all functions. Benefits Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Funds. Entry fee's, \$15.00 Chili (2 PM turn-in), \$5.00 Beans (1:00 PM turn-in), payable to SOT Pod. **Ground Meat Only.** Info John or Sue Caffey, PO Box 17365, Austin, TX 78760 (512)312-0800 (John), (512)295-5066 (Sue or John)

June, 14, 1997, Asheville, NC, CASI. North Carolina State Chili Championship. Held at the Asheville Agricultural Center (actually located in Arden, NC). Benefits Kid's Sake. Entry fee \$20.00, payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Info Billie Rogers Rt. 1 Box 720 B, Boone NC 28607. (704)265-3130

June, 21, 1997, Cornudas, TX, CASI. Cornudas Chili Cookoff. Held at the Cornudas Cafe in Cornudas TX. Entry fee \$17.00. Free camping the night of the cookoff and cooks party.. Info Mike Armstrong or Patsy Elliott. Mike 221 Cutlass, El Paso, TX 79932 (915)833-9197, Patsy 7500 Big Bend, El Paso TX 79904. (915)755-4419

June 20-21, 1997, Fort Smith, AR, CASI. 14th Annual Hanging Judge Isaac C Parker Memorial Chili Cookoff & Arkansas State Open BBQ Cookoff. Held at Columbus Acres, Hwy. 71 South and Brooken Hill, Fort Smith AR. Benefits Fort Smith Boys Shelter. Entry fee \$20.00 payable to Fort Smith Boys Shelter. Info Eddie Bashears (501)646-0846 (d) or (501)649-0456 (e) or Guy Smith at (501)785-6889 (d) - (501)646-9444 (e) Belch Pod, PO Box 5211 Fort Smith AR 72913

June, 21, 1997, Blaine, WA, CASI. Skywater Festival CCO. Held at the Fair Grounds, Blaine, WA. Local charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Info Fred Roycroft, 138 Buckingham Drive, Port Moody, B.C., Canada V3H 2T3. (604)461-0917

June, 21, 1997, Ft. Worth, TX. 1997 CASI Cowntown CCO and Chisholm Trail Roundup. Info Ken Robbins (972)315-0889 or Doris Coats (972)254-5920

June, 21, 1997, Willow City, TX, CASI. Harry's 2nd annual Chili Cookoff. 2:00 PM turn-in. Entry fee \$16.00. Info Harry Hickman 210-658-3553 or Shirley Stacey (210)537-4381

June, 28, 1997, McKinney, TX, CASI. 3rd Annual Forever Free Chili Cook-off. Chili & Beans. Benefits Holy Family School. Location: Towne Lake Park off Highway 75, South end of town. Friday night Cooks Dinner. Public to sample chili. Entry fee's, \$15.00 Chili & \$5.00 Beans, payable to Forever Free Chili Cookoff c/o McKinney Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 176, McKinney TX 75070. Associated with Classic & Custom Car Show; other family activities. Info & Directions, Dennis (972)562-7219 or Forever Free (972)529-5686

June, 28, 1997, Kingston, WA, CASI. Ladies State (unofficial) and Farmer's Marker CCO. Local Charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Info Donna Ferwerda at (206)355-9432.

June, 28, 1997, El Paso, TX, CASI. Held at the Target Parking Lot on Montwood and George Deiter. Entry fee \$12.00. Benefits Vista Hills Family Council. 2:00 PM Turn-

in. Info Donna Von Gentz, PO Box 17907, El Paso, TX 79917 (915)855-3129

June, 28, 1997, Crane, TX, CASI. 2nd Annual Crane Chili Cook-off. Held at the 6th St. Lounge. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, and \$15.00 per category, Brisket, Ribs, & Chicken (50% payback). WTBA rules. Info Pat or James (915)558-7319

June, 28, 1997, Tunica, MS, CASI. Mississippi State Chili Championship. Held at Bally's Casino 1450 Bally Blvd. in Robinsonville MS. Benefits St Jude's. Entry fee \$20.00, payable to POR Pod. Info Tanna Jones, 6500 Riberbich, Walls, MS 38680. (601)781-1414. Call Bally's for room reservations 1-800-38-BALLY

July 1997

July, 04, 1997, Issaquah, WA CASI. Held at city park. Local Charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Info Brian Bretland (206)392-6434

July, 12, 1997, Whitesands, NM, CASI. Midsummer Sizzler held at Whitesands Missile Range. Entry fee \$12.00. Info Bud Barrick, P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052 (505)382-5107

July, 19, 1997, Wills Point, TX, CASI. Sunny Pines 3rd Annual CASI CCO. Held at Hwy. 64, 3 miles North of I-20. Benefits "The House that Jesus Built" Outreach Center. Entry fee's \$17.00 Chili, & \$5.00 Beans, payable to Sunny Pines Members Fund. Cooks party July 18 at 6:30 PM followed by dance. Grounds fee \$30.00 per vehicle to be paid at gate. Info Lee or Kathy Whiteley, PO Box 381762, Duncanville, TX 75138-1762. (972)298-8323. E-mail sunnypines@aol.com

July, 19, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. Great Peppers Chili Cookoff, held at Water Valley Park, Water Valley, TX. Benefits Concho Valley Chili Pod. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$10.00 Pork Spare Ribs, \$5.00 Open, & \$5.00 Beans, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Sherry Maus (915)658-1364

July, 19, 1997, Cheyenne, WY, CASI. Cheyenne Frontier Days CCO. Benefits the Sight Preservation Program. Held in Lions Park, near the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Info Terry E Rubald (307)632-5003.

July 19, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK, CASI. Oklahoma State Championship Chili Cook-off. Held at the Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1700 NE 63 in Oklahoma City. Benefits Cowboy Hall of Fame & Hooch Pod. Entry fee \$20.00, payable to Hooch Pod. Info Ruthann Newman, 6517 Lake Shore Drive, Guthrie OK 73044 (405)282-3082 or Mike Laws (405)848-7231

July 19, 1997, Lakewood, WA, CASI. Summerfest CCO. Held at the Lakewood Mall. Local Charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Info Ken Peach (206)537-4591

July, 26, 1997, Martinsville, VA, CASI. 8th Annual Chili Cookoff, held at the Partick Henry Community College in Martinsville. Preregistered fee is \$10.00, \$15.00 the same day, payable to Stepping Stones, Inc. (the charity) and mail to Emily Roark, 210 Laurel Drive, Martinsville, VA 24112 (540)638-7222

July, 26, 1997, Batavia, IL, CASI. 5th Annual Illinois State Championship Chili Cookoff. Held at Laurelwood Park (Formally The Batavia Yacht Club) on Logan Street at River Street. Benefits Batavia Park District Teen Center. Entry fee's, \$22.00 Chili, & \$10.00 Jackpot Beans, payable to Windmill City Chili Cookoff. Info Bill or Cheryl Pierson, 411 Illinois Ave., Batavia, IL 60510-1843. (630)879-7934

July, 26, 1997, Castlerock, WA, CASI. Men's State (unofficial) held at the city square. Local charity. Entry fee \$17.00. Info Melody Edgington (306)943-3006

July, 27, 1997, Amarillo, TX, CASI. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Istever Cookoff for Humanity. Held at Club 26, 3101 W 26th Ave. Entry fee's \$15.00 Chili, \$15.00 Ribs, \$15.00 Other Meat & \$5.00 beans, payable to SPCA of Amarillo. Info Larry Guffey, 3609 Doris, Amarillo, TX 79109-4401. (806)355-3642 Benefits SPCA of Amarillo

August 1997

Aug 2, 1997, New Westminster BC, Canada, CASI. British Columbia Chili Championship (Automatic Qualifier/BC Resident.) Held at Westminster Quay Public Market in New Westminster, BC Canada. Entry fee \$20.00 payable to David or Pat Veljacic. Info David or Pat Veljacic, #11-2980 Mariner Way / Coquitlam, BC Canada V3C 4K1. (604)944-0325, FAX (604)945-8622

Aug 2, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. Goodfellow Rec-Camp Cookoff. (Learn to cook chili). Held at the Goodfellow rec camp on Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo. Benefits Concho Valley Pod Charities. Entry fee \$16.00, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Laura Coad. (915)944-7715

Aug 2, 1997, Amana Colonies, IA, CASI. 14th Annual Iowa State Chili Championship. Held in conjunction with the Tanager Balloon Fest. Benefits Tanager Place (home for abused children and their family's) Entry fee \$20.00 payable to Tanager Place. Info Jerry Christianson (319)363-3073.

Aug 9, 1997, Anacortes, WA, CASI. Hands Across the Border Chili Cookoff. (Automatic Qualifier.) Held at the Elks Club of Anacortes, 1009 7th St., Anacortes, WA. 98221. Entry fee \$20.00 payable to Elks Club / Mail entries to Elks Club of Anacortes. Info David or Pat Veljacic, #11-2980 Mariner Way / Coquitlam, BC Canada V3C 4K1. (604)944-0325, FAX (604)945-8622

Aug 9, 1997, Tombstone, AZ, CASI. Vigilante Days Chili Cookoff. Held on Allen St. in Tombstone. Entry fee \$10.00 payable to Tombstone Vigilantes. Cooks party Friday nite at 6 PM. Info Chuck Dugan, PO Box 2571, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. (520)458-4615

Aug 09, 1997, Lewisville, TX, CASI. The Original CASI State Championship, Texas open Chili Cookoff. Location: Lewisville Lake Park. 50 guaranteed RV sites (\$10), reservation payment must accompany entry. Entry fee: \$25, Jr. Chili \$5, payable to Texas Open, 2050 N Shady Oaks Dr., Southlake, TX 76092. **Guaranteed Goodie**

Bag for all entries received by July 1, 1997 or before. Info After 6 PM, Mikie McGarity (817)481-2107 or Doris Coats (972)254-5920 or days, Lewisville P&L (972)219-3550.

Aug 23, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK, CASI. Tony Newcombs 16th Annual T-Shirt Party and Chili Cookoff. Held at the Elks Lodge 4711 N. Tulsa in, Oklahoma City OK. Info Tony Newcomb 1824 Linwood, Oklahoma City OK 73106

Aug 23, 1997, Deming, NM, CASI. Held in downtown Deming in conjunction with the Duck Races. Entry fee \$12.00 payable to Mesilla Valley Pod %Dick Seehusen, PO Box 1161, Alamogordo, NM 88310. (505)437-3835. Info Bud Barrick PO Box 268, Organ NM 88052 (505)382-5107

Aug 31, 1997, Arlington, TX, CASI. Arlrigua Chili Cook-off. Held at 601 West Pioneer Pkwy. on 303 Highway. Entry fee \$17.00 payable to Arlington Elks Lodge 2114. Info Tommie J Williams, 2011 Irongate, Arlington, TX 76012-2236 (817)860-2599 or Lodge at (817)277-2114

September 1997

Sept., 06, 1997, Edgerton, WI, CASI. Chilimania, held on Henry St., in Edgerton, WI. Benefits the Jaycees. Entry fee \$15.00 payable to Edgerton Jaycees. Live band, Clowns, Food, Beer, Games. Headliner - Blooze Brothers. Info Dr. Tom Reitz, 1007 N Main St., Edgerton, WI 53534 (608)884-3358

Sept., 13, 1997, Clemmons, North Carolina, CASI. 15th Annual March of Dimes North Carolina Chili Championship & Rubber Duck Regatta. Held at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC. Two kinds of chili, Traditional Texas & Creative/Freestyle. Cooks party Friday night. Info Suzanne Young (910)723-4386

Sept., 27, 1997, Hanover Park, IL, CASI. "Chilifest" - Hanover Park Park District. Held at Hanover Park, 1919 Walnut St., Hanover Park IL. Entry fee \$15.00, payable to Hanover Park Park District. Info Brian Smith, Hanover Park Park Dist., 1919 Walnut St., Hanover Park IL. 60103. (630)837-2468

Sept., 27, 1997, Organ, NM, CASI. Fourth Annual Miners Day CCO. Held at Ace's Place in Organ, NM. Entry fee \$12.00 payable to Mesilla Valley Pod %Dick Seehusen, PO Box 1161, Alamogordo, NM 88310. (505)437-3835. Info Bud Barrick PO Box 268, Organ NM 88052 (505)382-5107

October 1997

Oct., 05, 1997, Cypress, TX. 3rd Annual Christ United Church CCO & Annual Benefits CUC and area ministries. Location: Tin Hall, 14800 Huffmeister Rd. **No Alcohol can be brought in. No camping.** Open 8 AM out by 6 PM. Need 3 gallons of chili for tasting. Family fun, games, entertainment, crafts and auction. Entry fees: CASI \$15.00, Open \$10.00. Info Sharon Groschke 16715 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. (281)351-4066

Oct., 18, 1997, Lake Leon, TX, CASI. 3rd annual Lake Leon Chili and Barbecue

Cookoff. Held at La Mancha Lake Ranch on lake Leon Eastland, TX / 90 miles West of Ft. Worth/ 6 1/2 South of I-20. Benefits Eastland Co. Crime Stoppers. Cooks party Friday night. Entry fee \$15 each of Chili, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, 1/2 Chicken & Goat \$50 for all. Jackpot Beans \$5. Checks payable to Eastland Co. Crimestoppers. Limited cabins and RV hookups Info Gary Deats (817)647-1690 or Phebe Cude (817)559-5656

Oct., 18, 1997, San Angelo, TX, CASI. 7th Annual Water Valley Chili Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park, Water Valley, TX. Benefits CVP Charities. Entry fee's, \$16.00 Chili, \$5.00 Jackpot Beans & \$10.00 Pork Ribs, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Laura Coad, 1909 Spring Creek, San Angelo, TX 76901 (915)944-7715

November 1997

Nov., 1, 1997, Terlingua, TX, CASI. Terlingua International Chili Championship. Held at Rancho CASI de las Chisos, down the road from Terlingua and just a hoot and a hollar from Lajitas. For more information contact Vickie Childers at (806)352-8783

BBQ

April, 12, 1997, Stanton, TX, CASI. 1st Annual Martin County CCO & BBQ. Held at Mulberry Lane & I-20 Service Road in Stanton. Benefits Martin County Historical Museum. WTBA BBQ Cookoff, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, Chicken \$16.00 each entry. 50% payback w/Grand Champion. Info Barbara Conaway, PO Box 748, Stanton, TX 79782. (915)756-2402. (See Chili Cookoff same day)

May 10, 1997, Victoria TX. Held at the Colet Inn in Victoria. Benefits VASA Pod Charities. BBQ turn-in 4:00 PM. Jackpot Beans turn-in 12:00 noon. Entry fee's, \$5.00 Beans, \$15.00 BBQ-Brisket Only, payable to VASA Pod. Mail to Linda McDonald, 619 Springwood, Victoria, TX 77905. Info Dianna Hoy (512)277-8687 or Robert Lowery (512)575-6066 (days) or (512)578-1360 (eve). Chili Cookoff same day, see listing.

May 17, 1997, Sinton, TX, CASI. San Particio Co. Go Texan BBQ. Held 5 miles N of Sinton on Hwy 181 - Rob & Bessie Welder Park. Right hand side. Entry fee \$15.00 per category, Fajitas, Chicken & Brisket. Carnival, Arts & Crafts & Food Booths Info R W Kirkpatrick (512)364-4248. See Chili Cookoff on Sunday

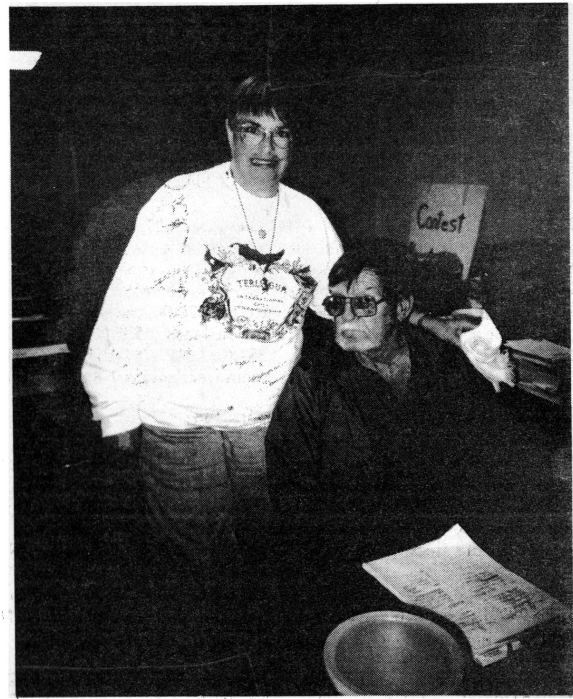
May 24, 1997, San Angelo, TX. Tom Green County Championship BBQ Cookoff. Held in Water Valley Park, Water Valley, TX. Payback on all categories & Champion. Entry fee's, \$20.00 Brisket, \$15.00 Pork Spare Ribs, \$10.00 Chicken, \$5.00 Open (no dessert), & \$5.00 Open (dessert), all categories for \$45.00, payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info Bill Coad (915)944-7715 or Richard Day (915)949-8001

June, 07, 1997, Iraan, TX. Alley Oop Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at Iraan Park. Benefits Iraan-Scheffeld Chamber of Commerce. Entry fee's \$16 per category. Brisket, pork spare ribs & 1/2 chicken. WTBA rules. 50% payback w/Grand Champion. Payable to Iraan Scheffeld C of C. Info Venetia Smith, PO Box 933, Iraan, TX 79744 (see Chili cookoff same day)

June, 07, 1997, Lake Leon, TX. The Summer Cookoff at La Mancha Lake Ranch on Lake Leon. Chili Brisket, Ribs, Chicken Jack Pot Beans, 100% payback on BBQ. BBQ Entry fee \$40.00 Chili \$15.00. Limited RV Hookups (\$15 per night above entry fee) Turn in Beans/Chicken 12:00, Ribs 1:00, Chili, 2:00 & Brisket at 3:00. Info Rt 2 Box 1359, Eastland, TX 76448 (817)647-1690.



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ARKANSAS	12	8	221	5,720.00
ARIZONA	12	13	321	20,607.50
CANADA	6	1	15	0.00
COLORADO	9	2	30	2,150.00
IOWA	6	1	15	800.00
ILLINOIS	6	2	36	1,000.00
LOUISIANA	9	2	83	2,426.50
MARYLAND	6	1	18	50.00
MISSOURI	6	2	40	13,132.00
Mexico	6	1	81	2,877.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	1	28	472.00
NORTH CAROLINA	6	1	15	2,500.00
NEW MEXICO	12	6	189	19,617.00
OKLAHOMA	12	5	98	3,612.00
TENNESSEE	9	2	41	10,480.00
TEXAS	12	95	3,328	133,647.00
VIRGINIA	6	2	41	345.00
GRAND TOTAL		148	4,671	\$220,956.00

Pawnee Days Rendezvous

May 10, 1997

On The Pawnee County Courthouse Square

Pawnee County Championship Bar-B-Que & Dry Bean Cookoff

Arts & Crafts - Flea Market

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Indian Dancing 10:AM

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How Do We Get And Keep CASI Members?

The best answer would be to encourage Chiliheads to want to be members. I have asked CASI members as well as CASI exes and possible new members what they would like to have from CASI besides a newsletter. The majority wanted to have more say in CASI. Instead of Great Peppers and Directors voting on every thing at the big expensive meetings, CASI members would do the voting on CASI Directors and rule changes and etc.. The Terlingua Trails could publish proposed rule changes, ballots, and director want-be's can give their qualifications and reasons as to why they could do the job better. If we need a Great Peppers meeting it could be held in November before TICC. Reflecting on the last treasurers report, CASI could have saved \$9,000.00 on the last Great Peppers meeting.

Elton didn't want CASI to become a union. Why not? There are a lot of unions besides labor unions. I might add at least labor union members have voting rights. I personally belong to the UAW and CASI. I want to support what I believe in. There is also the largest union of all who's motto is "UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL."

Bruce Stewart

Old Habits Die Hard

The views in this article may not necessarily reflect opinions of the Editor; Great Peppers; or any other CASI member. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.

Over the years I have heard many chili heads say we need to get new people involved so there will be a new generation of cooks to carry on in the years to come. With new cooks come new ideas and with new ideas come change. As anyone that's been around a while knows changing even the smallest detail can be very hard to do. I have heard what I thought was some good suggestions, but Chili Joe said no.

Just who is Chili Joe? At times he might be me other times he may be you. The truth is we all have a little Chili Joe inside us, and if we continue to over look the ideas and opinions of our new cooks we could be in danger of losing our next generation of chili cooks.

Think Before You Say NO
Don't Be A Chili Joe.

Don Tittle

TO CASI (and non-CASI) CHILIHEADS:

I can't stand it any more... I have to write to put my two cents into the pot regarding rescission of the "must be a member of CASI to cook at Terlingua" rule.

There are a lot of reasons to pass a rule. The worst rationale by far is "because everyone else does it". I know CASI members belong to other organizations, and other organizations do require membership to participate in their events. You know as well as I do that CASI is not like other organizations. There is no reason to require membership in CASI to cook and/or show at the Rancho just because the American Legion (or Elks, or VFW, or whatever) requires membership to attend their annual convention. Read another way, why would anyone want to participate in an annual event if he/she was not a member? With other organizations, you can

see the answer. CASI, however, is known to throw a good party, and therein lies a key discussion point.

Who cares if a few cooks or show teams who are not members of CASI cook and perform at Terlingua? It is only to our benefit. So what if eight, or ten, or twenty cooks pay their own way to Terlingua and come to the Rancho to cook? Likely as not, those cooks and/or show team members will buy t-shirts, sweatshirts, food and beverage, participate in the Halloween party, cook wings, and do any number of other activities that we as "members" enjoy. Is not the good will engendered by not requiring membership worth more than incurring the ire of a few persons who are told they must join CASI or their invitation — which has been an invitation regardless of membership for the past thirty years — will not be extended?

On that subject, just how is it to be handled when someone calls the Tallymaster and says, "I'm waiting for my qualifier card." Will he/she be told then that membership is required? Are pods required to advertise "CASI Sanctioned for Terlingua — but only for members" on their flyers? Are we letting the public know that membership is required? Perhaps there are some cooks and show team members who are still under the misconception that they, again this year, will receive an invitation to Terlingua regardless of membership in CASI? Do cooks belonging to local pods even have benefit of knowing that their pod membership does not entitle them to a Terlingua invitation upon qualification?

Let me give an example on a local scale. A non-affiliated show team appears at a state open and takes first place, thereby earning an invitation to Terlingua. The local cookoff benefited by having a show team appear on the day of the state cookoff that was better than what normally showed and, hopefully, represented all chili cooks (members or not) at the cookoff as having a fun time and raising money for charity. The errant show team was not required to pay for membership in the local pod and performed show for the fun of it. I can hear the complaints of how a team that was "not one of us" took the state championship — but isn't that incentive for the show teams to perform?!!! The same applies to cooking chili. We are all better for allowing *and encouraging* members and non-members to participate.

Last year, over 750 cooks qualified to cook in Terlingua; under 400 came to cook. Are we, as an organization, seriously injured by permitting a few cooks — who have chosen for whatever reason not to join CASI — to participate at the Rancho? No. Chili is all about sharing and having fun. Non-members qualify by the same process as members. Why make it a requirement that you pay a membership fee to do so? Terlingua is a party that we earn (read, "pay for") all year long. I do not believe the 350 or so cooks and show teams who cannot join us at the Rancho would want anyone excluded because he or she has not paid membership! I do not believe the question here is one of fund-raising. CASI receives \$1 per cook per cookoff for administration, and \$1 per cook per cookoff for the Great Peppers' Meeting/whatever. Add in the sponsorships. We are not rolling in money, but we have enough.

Do you want to require membership of someone who chooses not to join? Is our stance, "I'll take my ball and go home", or is it "come join us to enjoy each other"? Is CASI such a closed society that it cannot permit an "outsider" to share? In truth, probably very few of us joined CASI at our first cookoff. We waited, saw what it was like, and enjoyed ourselves silly. I trust we still enjoy ourselves. CASI membership does have its advantages — I would hope being generous enough not to *require* membership is one of them. I would much rather see a continuing membership of people who *want* to belong than a transient membership of one timers.

The question of handling the vote on rescission is ultimately up to the Board of Directors. I would ask first that the Board consider a rescission vote just to make clear the rule CASI will operate under for the upcoming TICC. (The rules in effect

October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997 govern TICC for 1997.) If a rescission vote is not feasible in the time remaining, I would ask that the Board consider a waiver from standard procedure to allow a vote at the Asheville Great Peppers' Meeting on this question only (to permit a rescission of the rule for the 1997 TICC), if approved by the Great Peppers, and thereby allowing all qualified cooks and show teams (regardless of race, creed, gender, religion, chili affiliation) a chance to cook and show at the International Chili Championship — this year and into the future.

For some, Terlingua is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Don't tarnish it by asking for money. If CASI is as good as I believe it is, people will continue to join of their own volition.

Thank you for considering this important topic.

Johnye J. Harriman
Regional Referee, Northern Arizona

¹ I have asked Mike Strack to determine the number of cooks who attended the TICC in the last year who were not members of CASI. The figure is not back yet.

The Law and You!

(From the CASA Newsletter)

Quips from the Courtroom:

Lawyer: Was it you or your brother who was killed during the war?

Lawyer: How long have you been a French Canadian?

Lawyer: You say that the stairs went down to the Basement?

Witness: Yes.

Lawyer: And these stairs, did they go up also?

Lawyer: She had three children, right?

Witness: Yes

Lawyer: How many were boys?

Witness: None

Lawyer: Were there girls?

Lawyer: Now, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death

Lawyer: And by whose death was it terminated?

Lawyer: Was that the same nose you broke as a child?

Lawyer: I show you Exhibit 3 and ask if you recognize that picture?

Witness: That's me.

Lawyer: Were you present when that picture was taken?



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Street Address/Location: _____

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Checks Payable to: _____

Information Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

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New or Renewal (circle one)

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 Houston Area Charties

1:00 PM Junior Turn-in
 1:00 PM Jack Pot Bean Turn-in
 2:00 PM CASI Chili Turn-in
 2:30 PM Showmanship

9:00 am Casserole Breakfast
 11:00 am Tailgate BBQ Ribs
 11:30 am Tailgate BBQ Chicken
 12:00 noon CASI Chili Turn-In
 (Chili Grind Only)
 12:30 PM Showmanship

Silent Auction.....Raffle.....Tasting Cups.....Arts 7 Crafts
 Grab Bags...Food & Beverages

Friday Nights Cooks' Party
 Saturday Night Feed & Band

Saturday AM Kick Start & Breakfast
 Sunday Breakfast - Casserole Entries

Make Check Payable: Houston Pod CASI

Mail to: Diana Plocheck
 14023 Ella Lee Lane
 Houston, TX 77077

\$ _____ Enclosed

More Info, Call Ralph Hay - 713-475-1660

Head Cook: _____ Phone: Home: _____
 Chili Name: _____ Office: _____
 Address: _____

Circle Each Category: 4-27: Chili-\$17 - Beans-\$5 - Show - Jr Cooks-\$5
 4-28: Breakfast Casserole-Whole - Chili-\$17 - Show
 Tailgate BBQ Ribs / Chicken-\$10 one or \$15 Both

Friends of CASI

None as yet for 1997 there is \$3000.00 pledged



Friends of CASI Cookoff's
These are cookoffs that benefit Friends of CASI
May 17th Water Valley Park, TX