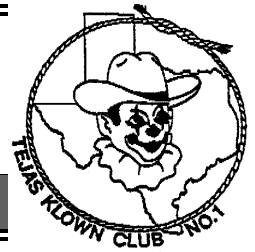

The Tejas Tattler



November 1998

Meetin' Minutes

TEJAS MEETING OCTOBER 6th, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Ron Martin. Members present: Ron Martin, Jeannie Williams, Iwana Virgil, Mike & Dolores Blanton, Michelle Bodnarchuk, Trish Craft, Grenda Walton, Roberta Burke, Rodney Farr, Sadie Kuykendall, and Chris Oertel. And guests Anastasia Schmidt, Sidney and Ray Richards, and Rachel Martin.

December 5th, 1998, Christmas Parade 4.30 pm Carrollton. Entree fee \$5.00. A motion was made by Trish Craft to send the \$5.00 entry fee to Carrollton, seconded by Iwana Virgil, membership voted unanimously.

December 5th, 1998 Rockwell Parade.

Christmas Party December 1st, 1998 meeting .

November meeting will be practicing skits for the December show for the church.

Mesquite's "Under The Big Top" is March 3rd, 1999.

TREASURER'S REPORT. As stated in the news letter. \$469.81.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership for the Mesquite convention. The treasurer will let us know how many registered at the next meeting.

Sadie mentioned the Inncity Carnival and will give us dates and times.

November meeting.

The meeting came to an end at 8.30 pm and a program of pocket magic commenced,.

Respectfully submitted,

Grenda Walton

Officer's Meetin'

The Tejas Klown Club Officers will meet on Monday, November 2nd, 7:00pm at the Mesquite IHOP, 101 Grand Junction Boulevard (off Military Parkway, west of LBJ I-635), in Mesquite.

Message from the Prez...

Only 54 shopping days left until Christmas!!!

It really amazes me how much earlier stores start putting out Christmas stuff. I remember a time when Christmas things were not put out until after Thanksgiving. Now it's out by the first of October! Christmas has become so commercialized. Not only that, but the Christmas "shopping craze" has overshadowed another important day Thanksgiving. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. A day for the whole nation to pause and give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon this country. I know that I for one take a lot of things for granted - my family, my home, my friends, my freedom, etc. And sometimes I focus on the problems in my life instead of the wonderful blessings that are all around me. So on this Thanksgiving, let's don't worry about where we will shop and which sales we will hit. Instead, let us join together to pause and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives.

Keep on smiling!

Ron "Rocco" Martin

We're Wired!

Come and visit the Tejas Klown Club on the Internet. While it's still very simple, we do have a web page up now, where you can get the latest issues of the Tejas Tattler. We'll also be posting information regarding the convention, our calendar, and links to other good clowning resources. Just surf on over to <http://tejasklowns.freesevers.com>.

Christmas !!!

Christmas is coming, folks. And with it, our turn to payback our hosts for their generosity in allowing us the use of their facility. That's right, it's time for our annual Christmas show. This year, it will be held, of course, at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7pm.

And to get ready for the show, we'll be putting it together at the November meeting on November 3rd. So come with you skit ideas, jokes, tricks and other gags for our show. There is room for everyone!

And if you can't be at the November meeting, but would like to help with the show, let Rocco or Spatz know - the numbers are on the back page of the newsletter.

'98 Convention Wrap-Up

October 1st to the 4th - Wichita Falls. Flower Power takes on a whole new meaning. And thanks to the clowns of the Wichita Falls Clown Arounds, a fun convention was enjoyed by all the TCA members who attended.

It gave those of us from Tejas, as the host of the next convention, a chance to closely watch and take notes at the ends and outs of a convention. Things that went well. Things that can be done differently. A chance to see competitions done in a different format. A chance to avoid ahead of time potential headaches. A greater appreciation for what we are getting ourselves into! A time to get feedback ahead of time for what TCA members would like to see at our convention, rather than after it's over. And mostly, a chance to renew old friendships, and discover new ones.

I'm glad I went...

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures for through October 20, 1998:

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>(Expense)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
9/25/98	BEGINNING BALANCE		\$494.81
	Reim. T. Craft (Snacks for convention, per Sept meeting)	(\$25.00)	
	Payment for T-Shirts	(\$100.00)	
	Service Charge from Bank	(\$10.00)	
	Revenue from T-Shirt Sales	\$100.00	
10/20	ENDING BALANCE		\$459.81

PETTY CASH:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>(Expense)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
9/25/98	BEGINNING BALANCE		\$20.00
10/20	ENDING BALANCE		\$20.00

T-SHIRT REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>(Expense)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	Cost of Printing of T-Shirts	(\$159.12)	
	(Club cost \$100.00 +\$59.12 paid by Tricia Craft)		
	Money received from sale of T-Shirts	\$280.00	
	Deposit paid for new order of T-Shirts	(\$100.00)	
10/20	ENDING BALANCE		\$20.88

Birthdays!

We have the following clowns having birthdays in October and November:

- Ron "Rocco" Martin – November 9th
- John "JJ" Gale – December 5th
- Rodney "Rima" Farr – December 31st

Next Meetin'

The next meeting of the Tejas Klown Club will be on Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00pm at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church. From 7 to 7:30, we'll discuss the '99 Convention, and cover regular Club business from 7:30 to 8:15. Program for the evening will be the planning of the Christmas show for Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, to be held on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00pm.

In the Next Tattler...

In the December Tattler, we'll profile another Tejas member (who? Care to guess?)

Tattler Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the December 1998 Tejas Tattler is November 20th. For information, contact Mike Stephens at 972-288-2065.

'99 Convention Up-Date

Does the number 12 hold any significance to you? 12 months during the year... 12 disciples... 12 buttons on a push button phone...

And more importantly, we have 12 registrations to our convention for next year all ready! Registration is only \$65 until January 1, when it goes up to \$70. Hurry and send yours in and beat the Christmas rush!

More and more is happening as we close up this year, and head into 1999. The roof is going up on the Hampton Inns, as are the touches to Rodeo Center. Work is underway to enclose the rodeo arena itself. And the Convention committees are already working on the line up of instructors and vendors.

Tell Us About You

This month's bio is ... humm, didn't get one in!

Next Month: Maybe you – have you turned you bio sheet in?

What We've Done

On August 29th, Roberta "Rosie" Burke, George "Sir Loin" Burke, Trish "Lollipop" Craft, Michelle "Huggles" Bodnarchuk, Jeanne "CeCe" Williams, and Mike "Spatz" Stephens taught face painting and balloons to the members of the Lions' Club Shadow Children.

On Labor Day, we had a large group show up to help with Garland Labor Day Parade: Lollipop (plus a couple of Lollipop's friends), Huggles (and her family – hubby Greg, and sons Matt and Andy), Don "White Owl" Brown and his mom Mabel, CeCe and her daughter Jennifer, Delores "DoeDoe" Blanton, Shadow Child David Tyndall, and Spatz. Special thanks to Dale for driving his fire truck for us in the parade. Colette "Sadie" Kuykendal was also in the parade with her church group.

If you have any community service type activities which you have participated in, please let us know so you can be recognized! Contact Mike Stephens.

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Tattler Calendar – November

- 2 Tejas Klown Club Officer's meeting, 7:00pm, Mesquite IHOP, 101 Grand Junction Boulevard, (west of LBJ I-635, on Military Parkway), in Mesquite
- 3 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite

December

- 1 Tejas Klown Club Christmas Show for Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, 7:00pm, at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 5 Rockwall Christmas Parade. Detail later...
- 5 Carrollton Christmas Parade, starts at 4:30pm in Carrollton. More details later.
- 12 BAD – Bowl Against Drugs Bowl-a-thon, 12:00pm to 5pm, Don Carter's All Star Lanes East, 6343 East Northwest Highway, Dallas, benefiting drug and alcohol rehab programs.

January 1998

- 5 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 22,23 Joey to the World 5 in Houston
- 29 6th Annual International Clown Convention, thru February 6th. Aboard Carnival Cruise's Imagination. For information, pick up a flyer at the meeting, or call 1-800-843-3093.

March 1998

- 23 "Under the Big Top – A Taste of Trade", by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. Details later.

September 30 - October 3, 1999

TCA Convention in Mesquite!!! "The Last RoundUp of the Century!" 12 Registrations received so far – after January 1st, registration goes up to \$70 – have you sent in yours yet?

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