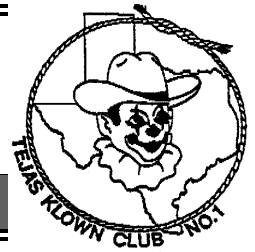


The Tejas Tattler



December 1998

Meetin' Minutes

November 3rd, 1998.

Tejas Klown Club NO;1

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Martin. Present: Ron Martin, Mike Stephens, Grenda Walton, Trish Craft, Jeannie Williams, Iwana Virgil, Mike and Dolorus Blanton, Rodney Farr, Anistasia Schmidt, Sydney/Raymond Richards, Chris Oertel, Michelle Bodnarchuk, and John Gale.

The minutes and treasurer report was accepted as stated in the Texas Tattler.

Activity list was read by Ron Martin.

There is a trade show Thursday November 19th, 98 for the Mesquite chamber to kick off the Under The Big Top.

NEW BUSINESS.

It was suggested we have a work shop February 20th, 98 Member will check into area churches for our venue. Iwana will check into a place for this to be held that she knew about. It will be \$25.00 at the door. Grenda would put a flyer together.

Iwana mentioned she knew Dorsey Gay at KSCS 96.3 a lady called Vanna, she would ask her for some publicity for this workshop.

Meeting ended and we had skit and magic, juggling practice for our December Thank you show at the Church.

Respectfully submitted

Grenda Walton.

Officer's Meetin'

The Tejas Klown Club Officers will meet on Monday, December 14th, 7:00pm at Michelle Bodnarchuk's home, 438 Mayrank Dr, Dallas. We'll be reviewing Convention competition tapes.

Next Meetin'

The next meeting of the Tejas Klown Club will be on Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00pm at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church. The meeting will be our annual Christmas show for Galloway Avenue Baptist Church.

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5th, 1999.

We're Wired!

Come and visit the Tejas Klown Club on the Internet. It's simple, and you can get the latest issues of the Tejas Tattler. More coming **SOON**. Just surf on over to <http://tejasclowns.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 if you weren't 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.

Message from the Prez...

As we enter the rush of the holiday season, don't forget to step back for a moment, breathe, and remember the reason for the season...

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

(The Gospel of Luke 2:1-20)

Merry Christmas!
Ron "Rocco" Martin

Treasurer's Report

To be presented at the December Tejas meeting...

Birthdays!

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

John "JJ" Gale – December 5th
 Rodney "Rima" Farr – December 31st
 Jeanne "CeCe" Williams – January 2nd

In the Next Tattler...

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

Tattler Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the January 1999 Tejas Tattler is December 20th. For information, contact Mike Stephens at 972-288-2065.

What We've Done

On October 23rd, Mike "Spatz" Stephens entertained at the Little Red School House's Hobo Day Party. On October 31st, Spatz face painted at the Meadow Creek Community Church Harvest Festival. Spatz twisted balloons for the Vernon Price School Festival in Mesquite on November 6th.

Jeanne "CeCe" Williams entertained at the NICV/SCN Reunion at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Trish "Lollipop" Craft performed at Children's Hospital.

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.

Convention Meetin' Minutes

TEJAS MEETING November 3rd, 1998.

Tejas Clown Club No: 1.

The meeting for the convention portion started at 7.10pm

UPDATE

The contract has been signed for the Hotel and convention center, they will block off 20 rooms Wednesday , 100 rooms for Thursday/ Friday/ Saturday.

FOOD.

Dinner will be a choice between Turkey, Ham, Beef with Baked Potato, corn, green beans, salad and cheese cake for dessert. Ice water and iced tea will be on the tables. When sending in their registrations the clowns will choose what meat they desire. The dinner tickets for extras will be \$30.00.

BREAKFAST will be \$12.00. Friday rodeo and meal will be at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON. As Mike Stephens will not be on Tejas board next year he volunteered to be chairperson for the convention.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

A change in the committees are as follows.

Registration	Michelle	Goody Bags	Michelle
Publicity	Mike/Grenda	Program book	Sadie/Grenda
Entertainment			
	Thursday night	Grenda	Friday night
Saturday night	Iwana	Hospitality	Mike/Dolorus
Finances	Rodney/Trish	Dealers/Workshops	Chris
Decorations	Trish/Jeanie	Transportation	Ron
Door Prizes	Michelle		

PHOTOGRAPHY.

It was suggested that we ask Agnus Donnolly to do the photography.

TRANSPORTATION. Happy Thymes have graciously offered to help.

JOEY JOURNAL ADVERT.

It was discussed that as we have a lot of questions on the registration form, we could ask if the J.J. would do an 8/11 insert in the issue we advertize in.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Tell Us About You

This month's bio is one our newest Joey's (at least to Tejas!) Here's the low-down on Chris Oertel...

Clown Name: Woofles

Real name: Chris Oertel

Type of Clown: Hobo & Auguste

Live in: Grand Praire

Years Clowning: 3-5 years

Preform at: birthday parties, company and church events

Entertain with: magic, balloon animals, and juggling

Reason for becoming a clown: had nothing to do on Saturday mornings

Goals as a clown: to promote clowning, make people happy, and to spread God's Word

Anything else we need to know: works at Michael's (or is it MJDesign's ?)

Next Month: In January, we'll profile John "JJ" Gale.

Tattler Calendar – December

- 1 Tejas Klown Club Christmas Show for Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, 7:00pm, at Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite. Be there at 6:30...
- 5 Rockwall Christmas Parade. Parade starts at 9:00am. More details at the meeting... Or call Rocco.
- 5 Carrollton Christmas Parade, starts at 4:30pm. More details at the meeting...
- 6 Circle of Clowns Christmas Party, 4 to 6pm, at Robbie Taylor's home, 630 Nottingham, in Richardson. Phone is 972-907-5243. We will bring gifts not more that \$10.00 for "Clown Exchange" (like Chinese exchange). And something to eat for pot luck!
- 8 Santa & Helpers @ Lucent Technologies, 4 – 8pm, 3000 Skyline Dr in Mesquite.
- 12 Love for Kids at Circle R Ranch in Flower Mound. Call CeCe for information.
- 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. Call Rocco for details.
- 14 Tejas Board of Directors Meeting, 7 to 9pm, at Michelle Bodnarchuk's, 438 Mayrant Dr, in Dallas. Call (214) 948-3640.

December 1999 (continued!)

- 19 Mesquite Elks Lodge Christmas Party for Needy Families, 1pm. Contact CeCe for details.
- 24 Mesquite Santa Cop. Details at the meeting...

January 1999

- 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.

February 1999

- 2 Tejas Klown Club meeting, 7:00pm, Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, in Mesquite
- 20 Workshop. Details to be announced.

March 1999

- 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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