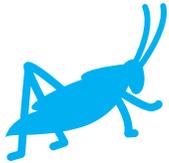


Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter meeting – July 8, 2021

All Saints Episcopal Church, 200 N Travis Ave, Cameron, TX 76520

OR Zoom – the usual link



Attendees: Connie Anderle, Sherry Colley, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Connor, Mike Connor, Sandra Dworaczyk, Jackie Fields, Carolyn Henderson, Catherine Johnson, Sam Jolly, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Liz Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Eric Neubauer, John Pruett, Allan Rudd, Phyllis Shuffield, Debra Sorenson, Patrick Still, Kim Summers, Cindy Travis, Don Travis

Program: 6:15 pm

Tonight, we have Eric Neubauer spoke of how he discovered *Hogna incognita*, a type of wolf spider. The presentation was emailed to everyone and will be on the website.

Chapter Meeting after Presentation

President Report (Sue Ann Kendall):

- Master Naturalist license plate is available end of this month, cost varies by whether you personalize it or not. It's mailed to the Tax Office.
- Conference program has been released!

Vice President Report (Donna Lewis): From last month: August will be Dr. Alston Thoms! September is Clint Walker from Walker's Honey Farm. November will be Dr. Crump. Donna will nail down October soon, and maybe we will have a holiday event in December.

Secretary Report (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve June minutes. Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Carolyn Henderson moved to approve; Allan Rudd seconded.

Treasurer Report (Michael Conner): We now have 44 active members! Our bank balance is \$4738.23, down a bit, but that is fine.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis. We had "some" issues with Zoom this month. First, the wifi at the building wasn't very good and kept going out. Second, the microphone battery ran out of charge after the speaker was finished, so no one on Zoom could hear the Chapter Meeting. However, everyone at the in-person part of the meeting could hear everyone talking on the Zoom meeting, repeatedly telling us they couldn't hear us (we knew, and tried to say so in chat), so we couldn't do the Chapter meeting until we ended the Zoom one. It was funny in retrospect.

We will do better for the next meeting. It's a learning experience, and we are grateful to Don Travis and Mike Connor for doing their best to get it figured out. Next time, Sue Ann will bring her laptop, which has an internal microphone, so at least communication can occur.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR ZOOM LINK. When we're trying to get the meetings going, we can't find it. Don gets lots of questions with requests for the link to the Zoom meetings. You only have to register once per year, and just use the same link for every meeting.

Host/Facilities: Sherry Colley, Liz Lewis. Sherry would like us to continue to bring our own food for a while, to make setup and cleanup go quicker. Please clean up after yourself when the meetings are over, and put the chairs and tables back where you found them.

Membership: Lisa Milewski.

Awards for July 2021:

- Recertifications:
 - Connie Anderle
 - Debra Sorenson

Remember to enter your hours in QUARTER HOURS. 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, etc. Please round up.

You need to make TWO entries if you attend both the speaker and the chapter meeting, VT and AT.

Class Update: Class: Kathy Lester was not present.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley and Don Travis. Pamela is working on a field trip that will be a three-hour tour of the Gault site on the first Saturday of October at 9am. It's between Florence and Salado and will cost \$10.

State Representative: Linda Jo Conn –

- WOW award of the month stink bug from Eric Neubauer
- Check weekly email for other fun activities that will also get you volunteer hours, suggested by Linda Jo. We are grateful for her creativity

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Girl Scout event on July 17 at Bird and Bee Farm from 9-12. There will be a quail release at 12.
- Plan for the Great Texas Bird Count in October!

Nature Stories:

- Sue Ann saw a nighthawk not flying. It's a nightjar! They have tiny bills.
- Please remind me what else people saw.

Adjourn: Pamela Neeley moved to adjourn; Can't read who seconded on my notes.

Hours:

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting AT: At a Chapter Meeting: 1.25

Volunteer Hours for this meeting VT: Chapter Meeting: .75



Rice Stink Bug

Oebalus pugnax

Research Grade

<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/82468588>

Eric Neubauer eaneubauer

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Observation of the Month Award
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