



## *Region One Flash – Volume 6, No. 6, June 2008*

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The June Region One Meeting will be in Pearland at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Pearland Police Department, 2703 Veterans Drive, Pearland. Going East on Highway 518 from Highway 288, take West Walnut Street and turn right on Veterans Drive. Going West on Highway 518 from I-45, turn left on Highway 35, right on West Walnut and left on Veterans Drive. Going South or North on Highway 35, take West Walnut Drive in a Westerly direction to Veterans Drive and turn left. If you get lost, call 281-652-1100. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

*Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things can happen in Region One and in Texas if we all participate. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort. This is particularly important in view of the sponsorship of the 2009 convention by Region One.*

*It's not too late!! The 2008 TCPAAA State Convention is on July 9-12, 2008 in Wichita Falls. The convention web site, [www.TCPAAconvention.org](http://www.TCPAAconvention.org) has the registration form including the hotel info. Make your plans, register now and make your hotel reservations. Some of the entertainment will be furnished by the Bellamy Brothers.*

### 2008 Airborne Law Enforcement Association Conference

The Houston Police Department will host the 2008 Airborne Law Enforcement Association Conference at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, July 14th – July 19th. Officer Robert Saenz, H.P.D. Helicopter Patrol Division and volunteer coordinator for the conference has requested volunteers to function as Classroom and Hall Monitors in the restricted areas of the convention where the training seminars will be held. We need to recruit Alumni members who can commit at least one 8-hour day. This will be a very educational and beneficial experience. The Houston Alumni are inviting any member of a Region One Association that desires to do so to participate in this informative and interesting event. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. You must commit to at least one 8 hour day. If you are interested, contact Charles Billingsley at [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) or phone 713-729-1546.

**Members in good standing.** Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Humble, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Pearland, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Larry Stegent, Individual (Harris County Constable). Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the June meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. If you haven't paid your 2008 dues, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

#### Schedule for 2008:

January 12 - Webster

February 16 – Lake Jackson (**Note change from Second Saturday**)

March 8 - Angleton

April 12 - Dickinson

May 10 - Pearland

June 14 - Pearland

July 12 – No Meeting. Convention.

August 9 – Sugar Land

September 13 – Montgomery County Sheriff

October 11 – Brenham

November 8 – Texas City

December 13 –



**May Meeting.** The May meeting was held in Pearland on May 10<sup>th</sup> and consisted of the discussion and planning of the 2009 Convention sponsored by Region One in Galveston. Region One tips the cap to Pearland for hosting this meeting so the convention planning would not lose any continuity. They are also hosting the June meeting. Many items relating to procedures and finances were discussed. **If you want to purchase a Region One vest for the convention, bring your checkbook to the June meeting.**

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

Send news to [robertduby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertduby@sbcglobal.net) and to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com) via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

**Angleton.** Two of our members, Norma DeWeese and Stan Simpson, attended the National CPAA in Baton Rouge, LA. Election of officers was held at the last meeting: Norma DeWeese, president; Pat Moore, vice president; Heather Fenter, treasurer; JJ Landry, secretary. On May 31 there will be a Hurricane Preparedness seminar held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. ACPAAA will sell water, soft drinks, chips, and candy. May 12-16 is National Police week. The ACPAAA will serve breakfast and dinner to all police personnel on two days (May 14 and 16).  
*Reported by Norma DeWeese*

**Brenham.** On May 8<sup>th</sup> the High School had their yearly Scholarship banquet. President Dorothy Antkowiak attended to present the Marsha Ellis Ullrich Memorial Scholarship to Quinton Smith. This is a \$500.00 scholarship we give in honor of one of our officers that died of cancer. The recipient will be going into the field of law enforcement. Members of the CPAAA held a bake sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> and had the drawing for a homemade quilt. Proceeds from the 2 items were over \$1400.00. May 11-17<sup>th</sup> was National Police Week and the CPAAA members provided snacks at the department each day. Ten new members completed 3 nights of training for The Citizens on Patrol program and they will now begin their field training. During May the COPs worked at both Maifest parades on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the Ice Cream Festival, Blinn College graduation, Project graduation, and attended a night of Helicopter Landing Zone Safety Training. On June 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having a summer picnic for members and officers at Hohlt Park in Brenham.  
*Reported by Chris Pieper*

**Galveston County Sheriff.** TAMMY HARPER, OUR PRESIDENT, PASSED HER POLICE ACADEMY COURSE AT COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HER. OUR SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT HAS REACHED \$1,976.89. OUR NET PROFIT FROM OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN GALVESTON WAS \$1,255.50. WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING GPS UNITS. MAJOR TUTT WILL BE CONTACTING TAMMY HARPER OUR PRESIDENT WITH REGARD TO GRANT MONEY AND POSSIBLY HELP IN PURCHASING MORE GPS BY COMBINING FUNDS. WE MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE FINGERPRINT KITS AND WE WILL REIMBURSE SGT. O'BRIEN AFTER MAKING THAT PURCHASE. SCOTT YOUNGBLOOD WILL BE CONTACTING OUR PRESIDENT TO FIND OUT IF GSA IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE. MEMBERS REQUESTED KELLY'S RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR USING THEIR BANQUET ROOM FOR OUR MEETINGS EVERY MONTH. WE HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GET THE NON-TECLOSE SPEAKERS FOR THE 2009 CONVENTION IN GALVESTON. LT. HANSON AND MAJOR TUTT WOULD ASSIST US IF AS NECESSARY. MAY 14, WE RECOGNIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FALLEN OFFICERS.

**Houston.** Houston volunteers participated in Police Week the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> by helping shepherd elementary students on a tour of the HPD Academy. We also participated in Police Awards Day at the downtown aquarium on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We participated in a barbecue fund raiser benefitting a Houston Police Officer on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to taking part in the Airborne Law Enforcement Conference during the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, we will present the award to the outstanding student at the HPD cadet graduation of Class 196. The Houston CPAAA presents this award at each graduation.  
*Reported by Charles Billingsley*

**Lake Jackson.** The Alumni honored each employee at the Lake Jackson Police Department during National Police Week with a letter of thanks that included \$10.00 so each of them could 'have lunch on the LJCPAAAA'. Various alumni also brought cookies and cakes to the PD during National Police Week. Lake Jackson CPAAA membership reached 100 as the new graduates from Class 27 joined the association!!! We are very proud and excited that our membership is getting stronger! We have expanded the Benevolence Committee so that each employee of the police department is remembered on birthdays and hire date anniversaries. The Committee, consisting of 7 alumni, has adopted 5-7 employees each. Some of the committee distribute note pads and pencils (which patrol officers can always use), antibacterial soap, tissues, and other useful glove compartment items. Some bake them their favorite cake or cookies. All of the committee do their best to make sure each and every employee, from the Chief to the Custodian, feels appreciated and special. New employees are greeted with a special welcome card, and new officers also receive a guardian angel token which can be placed in the wallet or pocket. The Citizens on Patrol (COP) and Disabled Parking volunteers continue to show a strong presence in the community by patrolling and issuing citations at least 3 - 5 times per week. Child ID completed another successful year of fingerprinting 2nd graders and even ventured into 5th grade as a pilot program before going on hiatus for the summer.

**Montgomery County Sheriff.** May 17th--sat up a booth at The Woodlands Dog Park in The Woodlands. Sheriff Gage received a donation of \$500 to help with Bianca's travel expense for her Re-Certification trip. For everyone to know she passed this with flying colors. May 20th--had our graduation of the academy class that began in February. We had 23 graduates and all are looking forward to joining the alumni. Our next class will start in August 2008. May 31st--we will be helping the Shenandoah PD with their Texas Festival in The Woodlands.

*Reported by Jeanette Graff*

**The rest of this page is blank  
because it was being held for those  
Alumni Association's activity reports that  
were not sent in.**

**June 15th is Father's Day. The following poem is one of our favorites and is dedicated to all the fathers who are empty nesters now or will someday become empty nesters.**

Biff, The Purple Bear

Now, I was a play horse you pull with a string with wheels where my legs should be,  
And he was the boy who pulled the toy around the tree house tree  
For the longest time there was just us two, the boy and the horse, that was me,  
Until the day the Purple bear came to live in the tree house tree  
It was early one spring, I was tied by my string, In the field with the make believe farm,  
When around the house, the boy and the bear came marching arm in arm.  
"This is Biff," said the boy to me, "He's the friendly purple bear."  
And Biff stooped down, and stroked my mane, with a paw of purple hair.  
"Biff has come to stay," said the boy, "and pretend with me and you,  
And he can do anything that a boy and a toy believe purple bears can do."  
And taking the cue, Biff bowed from the waist, then leaped and clicked his heels,  
Then down to the ground in three somersaults that ended in four cartwheels,  
He whirled and twirled and stood on his head, the boy giggled and slapped his side,  
I laughed so hard that wooden tears rolled out of my painted eyes.  
So Biff came to stay in the tree house tree and long days came without end,  
With a boy and a toy and a purple bear, in serious games of pretend.  
I liked the cowboy games with the boy as sheriff and Biff as the bandit king,  
That always ended with all the outlaws in the jail by the long rope swing.  
And the great pony race that lasted for days, around the flower bed,  
Ah, that was a tough one, but lucky for us, I won by a wooden head.  
And the day we entered the pirates cave, neath the bush on the alley side,  
Biff with a sword and a paper hat and a patch across a purple eye.  
Well, there was always the danger of outlaws or Indians or creatures from outer space,  
And without the courage of the three of us, we might have lost the whole place.  
We were bound by the code of the musketeers, such golden hours were shared  
by a freckled face boy, and a wooden horse toy, and Biff the purple bear.  
But as summers passed, the boy grew taller and his voice took a strange new ring.  
And his visits were few to the tree house tree, and never to the long rope swing.  
Biff the purple bear grew sad as he climbed down the tree house tree,  
He shook his head, "I'm afraid," he said, "He's forgotten you and me.  
It seems, old wooden friend of mine, we've outlasted his boyhood years."  
Then he turned, and was gone across the lawn, in a trail of purple tears.  
Now, I've been put to pasture in the old tree house, but at times, I've seen from afar,  
A strange tall boy who mows the lawn and tinkers about his old car.  
But just today I looked past the house and down the sidewalk I swear...  
Came a new little boy...with a wooden horse toy...followed by a purple bear.

*By Dick Feller*

## **Boring but important!**

*The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.*

**State merchandise is now on sale at the Region One meetings. See Tom Lane for shirts, patches, etc.**

If anyone has any ideas for obtaining funds for the **scholarship fund**, please contact one of the officers or directors.

**TCPAAA DUES.** . If you are not going to attend the 2008 convention in Wichita Falls, your annual state membership dues (\$10) are now due. Membership application forms can be found on the state web site. Send to Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 815-A Brazos #208, Austin, TX 78701-9996.

**Don't miss a communication!** *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

**Region One Officers and Directors always welcome suggestions about how to make the Region One meetings better and more interesting. Call any of them with your suggestions.**

*When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.*

### **WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.**

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>

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The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org)

The Web Master's e-mail is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org)

The address for the 2009 Convention is Convention 2009, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022.

**IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO [CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM)**

## **That wasn't so bad, was it?**

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Debi Hyde - Alvin

Lynn Bryant – League City

Charles Wilson - Pasadena

Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County

Craig Lauck – Galveston

***We don't like short newsletters. This one could have been a couple of pages longer if everyone would send in their news or anything else that Region One readers would be interested in. We need news! We also like comments about what you like or don't like about the Flash. Send items for publication and comments to***

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