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The September Region One Meeting will be in Montgomery County on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Clint Peoples Training Academy, #1 Criminal Justice Drive. Take I-45 North to North Loop 336 Exit #88. (Be sure you go to North 336; there is a South 336 before you get to North 336). Turn right (East) on 336 to First Street and turn right on First Street. Continue on First Street till you cross the railroad tracks (the road will wind to your left and cross over the railroad tracks where you will come to a stop sign) and continue on Hillbig Road (you will pass the drivers license office) to Criminal Justice Drive and turn right on Criminal Justice Drive. The Clint Peoples Training Academy is at the end of Criminal Justice Drive. Come early for refreshments and fellowship. Thomas Bach's cell phone is 936-443-6535 in case you get lost.

The October Region One meeting is on October 11, 2008 in Brenham.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. 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 in Galveston by Region One.

2009 Convention Steering Committee. Region One members will meet immediately after each Region One meeting as a steering committee ad hoc to take care of convention business. Any questions about the convention should be addressed to Dave Miller at 281-489-7752 or e-mail sdmillers@yahoo.com.

Members in good standing. Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, League City, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City and Webster. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the September 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 –

We still don't have a host for the December meeting. Any of the non-hosts for 2008 interested?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Angleton is having a fund raiser on September 28, selling sausage on a stick, cookies, soft drinks. chips, t-shirts and other CPA items. The fundraiser is being sponsored by the Blue Knights of Brazoria Co. for the first responders. Contact Norma DeWeese at normadeweese@sbcglobal.net.

Galveston is planing to have a Garage Sale on September 20 at the old Police Substation on 53rd. & Avenue S - 8:00 a.m -2:00 p.m. to raise funds for the Galveston CPAAA. Contact Amelia Collins at avc3148@AOL.com.

Santa Fe. On Sunday, September 14th, Reserve Officer, Tom Dendy will be giving our CPA a 2-4 hour class on GASP (Games Adolescents Shouldn't Play). The class is geared toward teaching parents and concerned adults on what signs to look for in children that may be involved in certain games that can cause serious damage or even death. The class has some graphic information; therefore it is limited to adults only. It will meet at Amegy Bank, 13030 Hwy 6 in Santa Fe. All are welcome to attend. This is a free class and will be very informative. Contact Laura Lindsey at Llcoolj28@AOL.com.

Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 5-31-08	\$2,113.69
Receipts:	
Dues	90.00
Kroger Share Plan	67.63
Sale of Shirt	40.00
Disbursements:	
Contribution to 2009 Convention	(500.00)
Balance 6-30-08	\$1,811.32
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 7-31-08	<u>\$1,811.32</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 5-31-08	\$2,132.34
Receipts:	
Contribution – Margaret Hooper	250.00
Sale of Patches	5.00
Interest	4.03
No Disbursements	
Balance 6-30-08	<u>\$2,391.37</u>
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 7-31-08	<u>\$2,391.37</u>

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts his sails.

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to robertduby@sbcglobal.net and to 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. We will have a fund raiser on September 28, selling sausage on a stick, cookies, soft drinks, chips, t-shirts and other CPA items. The fundraiser is being sponsored by the Blue Knights of Brazoria Co. for the first responders. We had an over-night trip to Coshatta in August. Another day trip is planned in the early fall. All the trips have been successful and enjoyed by everyone. Another CPA class will start October 2. If approved by the CPA, we will purchase camera equipment for the PD from funds raised from the Coshatta trips and the Sept. fundraiser.

Brenham. Our CPAAA activities tend to slow down a bit in the summer. We had our General meeting on August 11th and Tom D. Whitehead was our speaker. He is the President and General Manager of KWHI/KTTX Radio and he gave an interesting talk about the history of the radio station in Brenham. The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association was proud to present to the Brenham Police Department a new 2008 Polaris Crew ATV. The CPAAA along with several local companies purchased the ATV for use at special events, search and rescue, disasters, sports events, park patrols and the anti-drinking and driving program for teens. Numerous fundraisers provided the funds from the CPAAA. The COPS were busy in August with the Camp Periwinkle escort, parking cars at the Firemans Fiesta and the Brenham High School March-a-thon. July showed a record number of hours for our COPS in one month, 581.75.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Galveston. The Galveston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association was honored to meet and greet new Chief of Police Charles Wiley who took over the Galveston Police Department in July. He was the Speaker for the meeting and informed us that we have his full support, and will help us in any way he can. His talk to the group was on Community Policing. We also had 7 members of the 13 Citizens Policy Academy that graduated on July 16, and 4 of them joined the association. We hope they don't lose their enthusiasm and become a big part of our group since we are trying to regroup. We are going to start selling Sponsorships for \$50.00 to the Businesses in Galveston to raise some much needed funds for the Chapter, and our new Chief approved those. We also plan to have a Garage Sale on September 20 at the old Police Substation on 53rd. & Avenue S - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Several members helped the SWAT team with a Bar-B-Q and were glad to help them raise \$3,419.00 during the 5 hour Bar-B-Q. We helped in the kitchen and in delivering the orders.

Reported by Amelia Collins

We are happy to announce the Galveston City Council recently approved Volunteer Handicap Parking Enforcement. CPAAA members and select volunteers will begin issuing handicap parking citations in the next month when training is completed. This is a direct result of an exchange of ideas with CPAAAs and Liaison Officers from other agencies.

Reported by Sergeant John W. Courtney

Harris County Constable Precinct 4. STEER – A court ordered program for minors who have been caught with possession of alcohol. The minor is given the choice of going to juvenile detention or participating in STEER. STEER is held on a Saturday at 10:00 a.m. First they sit through a class about 2 hours in length and learn about the dangers of drinking and driving. After that they participate in the “drunk driving” course, wearing simulated drunk goggles, and driving an obstacle course in a golf cart.

CLAWS – Court liaison and warrant support – Volunteer must attend a training period, go to Cypress wood courthouse from 5-7 p.m. and make phone calls reminding people they have a court date to appear. Calls are usually for traffic offenses. Sometimes they work on special projects.

REPORT CARD – An anti-theft awareness program - still being working on. Theory is a Volunteer will go to a parking lot, check vehicles for such items as keys in ignition, computers or other items on the seat. They will mark off items on a “report card” and put it on the windshield. If they find nothing negative, the driver receives a “passing grade”.

Lake Jackson. LJPD Sergeant Billy Paul Richards was guest speaker at the August 14 general meeting. He explained the workings of the red light cameras installed on streets in Lake Jackson. It was a very interesting, informative meeting. It helps make Lake Jackson citizens more aware of red lights. Thursday, August 21, five Child ID volunteers led by Roy McKneely went to the Sweeny Middle School Cafeteria where 53 students were put into the Child ID system. These pictures will be on file at LJPD in a separate file for Child Identification purposes. This equipment will allow all PD cars to immediately see pictures of victims and will also contain digital fingerprints and information. This will give quicker access to information for finding lost individuals. Disabled Parking is usually done weekly. We are past 1,100 written citations since December 1999. We have noticed a difference in violations since we are more visible in Lake Jackson. The COP car also enhances our visibility. The week of August 11, twelve citations were written. COPS are still patrolling on Friday and Saturday nights. COPS write warnings for vehicles blocking sidewalks and streets, and they also do disabled parking while on patrol. The Fall CPA Class 28 is open for enrollment. It begins Thursday, September 4 at 6pm for registration.

Reported by Joyce Allen Beeson

Santa Fe. The Santa Fe CPAAA had a general monthly meeting on August 15th. In August, the SFCPAAA raised several hundred dollars towards school supplies that were donated to all the local schools in Santa Fe. On Sunday, September 14th, Reserve Officer, Tom Dendy will be giving our CPA a 2-4 hour class on GASP (Games Adolescents Shouldn't Play). The class is geared toward teaching parents and concerned adults on what signs to look for in children that may be involved in certain games that can cause serious damage or even death. The class has some graphic information; therefore it is limited to adults only. We will meet at Amegy Bank, 13030 Hwy 6 in Santa Fe. All are welcome to attend. This is a free class and will be very informative.

Reported by Laura Lindsey

Another perspective on the 2008 Convention in Wichita Falls:

One of the more interesting topics covered at the Texas State Convention 2008 was "The Choking Game". Officer Jeff Hughes, Vice President of the Texas D.A.R.E. Officers' Association and a GASP presenter (Games Adolescents Shouldn't Play) spoke on educating students, teachers, and parents about the dangers of "The Choking Game". This is a widespread problem among our youth which can start as young as 8 years old. They can do this themselves or within a group by stopping the flow of blood to the brain by choking or constricting the flow of blood some other way. It is all a game to them until it is too late and someone dies. This program should be in more schools to help educate the ones that may listen. This is just one program that really stayed with me. I think as a group we will come back from this conference with some good ideas for the 2009 Convention to be held in Galveston and also some things we can prevent from happening

Contributed by Jo Ann Wied, Angleton

Lines to Make You Smile.....

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

I'm beginning to wonder how bad four years with no president could be.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson.

He who dies with the most toys is still dead.

I keep hitting escape on my computer, but I'm still here.

HONOR ROLL OF 2009 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Co-Chair of the Convention Dave Miller reminded those present at the August meeting that this is a Region One Convention duly approved by the membership, not a Miller-Suderman convention. We need to get the slots filled as soon as possible for the various committees and a lot of folks are needed. **Now is the time!!** Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any names. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at sdmillers@yahoo.com.

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Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)

Have you noticed that stairs are getting steeper, groceries are heavier. And, everything is farther away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am, a lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection.. Well, REALLY NOW - even mirrors are not made the way they used to be!

Another thing, everyone drives so fast these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days. Why else would they suddenly start labeling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually "believe" the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on -- but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in there!

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.

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

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 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>.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are \$25.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org.

The address for the 2009 Convention is Convention 2009, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, csud2@comcast.net and David Miller, Pearland, sdmillers@yahoo.com.

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.

That wasn't so bad, was it?

CC: Snail mail: (If you are receiving this by snail mail and have an e-mail address, **please send it to us at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com**. We are converting as much as possible to electronic mail to save on postage and assure rapid notifications).

Tom Lane – Houston

Rita Crosby – Montgomery County Sheriff

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Rosamond Landry – Houston

Debi Hyde - Alvin

Lynn Bryant – League City

Charles Wilson - Pasadena

Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County

Craig Lauck – Galveston

Billy Boelke – Santa Fe

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

Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com