



**OUR FAVORITE NATIVE:
PILEATED "WOODPICKER"**

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MUSIC SCHEDULE:

- 1st Saturday weekend:
Gospel
- 2nd Saturday weekend:
Open Jam (Pickin')
- 3rd Saturday weekend:
Classic Country
- 4th Saturday weekend:
Bluegrass
- 5th Saturday weekend:
Open Jam (Pickin')
unless Special Activity
listed on the web...

Have you noticed the "Improvements"??

There has been a lot of work going on at TCRV to make it a better place for you to visit...

- Mulch is appearing in lots of places to try to level some spaces and grow some grass, etc., in others!
- Showers are being "freshened" with a new coat of paint ...
- Goldfish pond courtesy of Charles & Lois Glenn! — and memory stone for our little Harley, Blue, and Shpike that we lost in the fire — thanks, Tug!
- Feeder and food plot along the road will encourage our "pets" that live in the woods to come out and let us see them from time to time? Thanks again to Tug!
- Less trash along the road? Everyone has been helping with trash pickup, and it is making us look so much better! You can help with this activity too! Make sure YOUR trash does not leave your vehicle, and stop and pick up any that you see along the road whenever you can...
- The **Woodpicker** is being carved into the tree trunk in front of

the new house, by Charles Glenn. It is not quite finished but will be soon, along with an outline of the state of Texas so we can see where he lives!



Triple Creek RV Music Park Newsletter —

Our distribution list for the newsletter and other important announcements is always a work in progress... If you are not receiving these items and want to be added to the distribution, please send us an email to info@triplecreekrv.com and ask to be added!

We would really like to encourage you to send in your suggestions for articles, or your own articles for publication! Jokes, pictures, etc. are welcome, too! We have added two "Comment/Suggestion" boxes at the park for those that

would rather put their comments and/or ideas in writing. We do read and discuss them all and try to address the issues/ideas. Please continue to use them constructively! We appreciate your continued interest in making TCRV a better place to visit...

You can Help, too!!! "Going Green, revisited?"



The Triple Creek "Pink Pig" is really losing weight... Please try to help him out!

Marc & Karen talked with the residents & guests of TCRV about "Going Green" last year. As a result, we no longer purchase paper plates, plastic utensils, etc. We put in the cold drink machine instead of the "cooler" so that we are not "storing" leftovers any more.

These things have helped reduce some of the expenses, and we thank everyone for their cooperation. (Especially all those who are washing the dishes after meals!) However, those items were not the only things that cost money.

One of the suggestions we received referred to the temperature in the Jam Shack not being warm enough over the past winter. We made every effort to use the wood stove, and to make sure that there was plenty of wood to burn to keep the shack warm. It is not as easy as turning on the central unit but a lot less expensive to "run." FYI, the electric bill for the Shack & Washhouse for the month of February was still \$593, March was \$435, and April was \$352. Now it will start back up between now and August due to use of the A/C.

(Last August it was over \$800.) That was without using the electric heater, and keeping the doors/windows open during the nice Spring weather. I know that your own bills have continued to rise, and your help with conservation will also be appreciated during your visits to TCRV. We have not raised our rates since we purchased the park in 2007, and really don't want to, so please help us out!

Your donations to the "Pink Pig" also help, so please be generous!!!!!!

Annual Activities are continuing for 2011 —

Always check the web site for current activities and schedules!!!

The monthly schedule of Gospel, Classic Country, and Bluegrass will not change, and the additional activities that are in addition to the music will be continued as in prior years:

We will have our standard summer BBQ's (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day), Apple Cook-off (Aug), Luau (Sept), Chili

Cook-off (Nov), and Annual Christmas Party (Dec). We will announce particulars for those weekends and others in future issues!

Those that were here in March for the Dutch Oven Cookout can tell the rest of you how good it was! YMMMMMM!! This is always a great day to be at Triple Creek, and you might learn a thing or two about cooking in a Dutch Oven! Whether you are baking a cake, biscuits, or cobbler; stirring up

stew, soup, or chili; or cooking meatloaf, roast, or some other delicacy... it is all better when cooked in a Dutch Oven with an outdoor fire. Thanks to the cooks who made all the "preparers" look good! (Charles, Ben, Oscar, and Tolly — you know who you are!)

Join us on Sunday, May 29, for the Memorial Day BBQ, and on Thursday, July 4 for our Annual Watermelon Thump! Good food AND music is what TCRV is all about!!!



DID YOU KNOW? Get your new instruments at TCRV!

I know that we have mentioned in prior issues that Ms. Karen is now a dealer for Saga Music instruments — including the various series of Blueridge guitars, Kentucky mandolins, etc. We keep a few instruments in stock, but are able to get any of the current items in about a week. That list of current expands all the time, and you can browse their catalog online at www.sagamusic.com ... We always order our instruments in nice sturdy cases for their

protection during shipping, and after you start carrying them around with you! You will even get a "free" TCRV Sticker for your case! (LOL)...

We will probably do another benefit raffle this year for our favorite animal rescue organization, so be sure to let Ms. Karen know what instrument you are interested in buying a lot of tickets for!!!

Workampers continue to add to Triple Creek RV!

The ability of Triple Creek RV to attract and keep Workampers on a steady basis is a result of our guests being appreciative of all they do! These “workers” do a great deal to keep TCRV the piece of heaven that we all think it is, and most of what they get in return is your “Thanks!”

Audrey & Dudley Kelley have been such an asset for the past year, and are constantly thinking up more to do to make everyone feel welcome. You all know that Ms. Audrey cooks a great breakfast, and she also loves to make our grounds “prettier” to look at and enjoy. All the flowers, grass, etc. are the results of her constant work. And, Yes — Dudley helps by fetching and spreading the mulch, etc. in addition to checking campers in/out, dispensing LPG, etc. Of course the Jam Shack and the wash house stay cleaned all the time, too! I remember why they first came here, and

Dudley hardly even talked to anyone, or left their trailer!

Bob & Sue Pearce were once again a great help during their winter stay — they truly were a blessing helping Karen move into the house and delivering boxes to be unpacked — and helped out with Workamper duties after **Pat & Floyd Sweeten** moved out of the park in November.

Pat and Floyd are still in the area, and come back to join our Jam circle regularly... We miss them in the park, but know they are enjoying their new park model and living at Bud & Beth Cogbill’s “yard”... Their help at TCRV as workampers for the past few years was a blessing to us all!

Ron & Carla Harbour are joining us soon as workampers and we can hardly wait for y’all to meet them. Ron is a photographer, and retired from “corporate America” and Carla is a retired teacher — high

school English and French. I know they will be adding much to our little family home in the woods, and you will make them feel welcome !! (They will be “in & out” at various times this summer as they attend college graduation ceremonies for their children, and visit family in other parts of the country prior to settling down with us full-time.) They just got a call that Carla’s Mom is in the hospital in IL and are travelling there first. Say a prayer for them! And for them to be able to hurry back!

Mark Lee will be coming back early in the Fall to get our “stuff” working again! LOL... Isn’t he a great “Mr. Fixit” !!

David James is still coming back on a weekly basis to keep our road looking like a freeway! We really appreciate that, and I know that you do too!

THANK YOU!!!!

You can thank the workampers for all that they do as well! They are all a big help to keep Triple Creek RV the wonderful place we all enjoy...
THANKS!

Friends and Neighbors... Status updates:

The good and the bad news:

- Our friends and residents from WI — **“Mr. Al & Ms. Penny” Kroes**, arrived in October for the winter at TCRV. He was not really feeling well, and went to the VA in Houston. They diagnosed lung cancer, and he spent the winter fighting it before passing away in Feb. Surrounded by friends and family. The good news is that Ms Penny will be returning to stay with us on a permanent basis after

settling estate matters for the next couple of months. We miss her already, and I know y’all will keep them in your prayers!

- **Michael Neely** moved to Nacogdoches over the winter, and has had his “bad” leg amputated, but according to his family is doing fine.
- **Nancy James** is continuing her battle with Lou Gehrig’s disease, and staying in Cleveland (TX) where the floor is level...

David faithfully comes back to “do our road” every week and keeps us updated on how she is doing...

- **Mark Lee** (a.k.a. The Tent Guy) bought a 5th wheel trailer (from **Steve & Michelle Ryan**) before he left TCRV, and will be returning with his Mom for next winter! Mark will be helping us out as a workamper next winter season! Our Marc is saving up lots of things for him to work on!!



