

NATURES TALES

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Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

What a wonderful summer we have had, but it is hard to believe that it is almost over. The exciting part is that my Winter Texan family is starting to come back home. I have missed them, and hope that they have all had a wonderful summer.



- We have had fun watching a couple of sets of Chachalaca parents raise their babies. I wonder how long it takes for the baby birds to be able to make the same racket that their parents make? Thanks for the photo Bernie!



Mama, Papa and Two Baby Chachalacas!

- We had some good rains that are needed so badly. However, in true Texas fashion it came down in buckets and for a couple of days I couldn't walk anywhere without getting my paws wet.
- Here's a new, fun activity at Natures. Wait till Julia is listening to her tunes and catching some rays in her new hammock and is completely tuned out to the world, then give the hammock a good rock, and scare the living daylights out of her!

- Labor Day was hosted by Rick and Margie who prepared the most delicious grilled chicken for everyone. With all the side dishes and desserts brought by all in attendance we had a wonderful feast. Many thanks to Rick, Margie and all their helpers.



Getting Ready for our Labor Day Feast!

- I think the people around here are going crazy. They were making challenges and throwing buckets of ice water over each other while others sat and watched!



The Ice Bucket Challenge!

- I don't know what you call them, but we had guests in the pull throughs who had a couple of very interesting vehicles that they rode around the park. It looked like fun!
- Two different night blooming cacti have flowered again. As with all cereus cacti, the blooms open at around 10 p.m. and close again by 10 a.m. Although some last for two nights, most only open once. Eventually, after the bloom dies, it forms a bright red fruit. Lee looked it up on the internet and discovered that the fruit is edible, although not quite as tasty as a Prickly Pear. The birds certainly like the fruit and usually manage to get to it before we do!



How sad that these can only be seen at night!



- At last Mike's motorized chair arrived, so now he can be seen riding around the park. When Connie gets back I wonder if we are going to have chair races? If they go over 5 mph I know someone who will tell them to slow down! (Spoil Sport!) In true Natures' tradition it takes Mike a long time to get around the park because everyone stops to chat.

- Jack & Jane have sold their 170 year old farmhouse that has been their home for the past 43 years, and will be making Natures their permanent residence. I'm so happy you will be with us year round!

That's all from me. Have a purrrrrfectly safe trip south. I'm so looking forward to seeing all my family again! Welcome Home!



The Last Summer Project

Darts has become such a big hit at Natures that on Friday evenings people are crammed into the billiard room and spill out into the pool area because of lack of room. And if anyone wants to play pool, they are out of luck!

In assessing the situation it seemed that the only solution was to build another building. According to the billiard players, the billiard room was on the narrow side, making some shots difficult because there was not enough elbow room. According to the dart players, the billiard room was perfect for darts.

The obvious solution: Build a new billiard room and convert the current billiard room into a darts room!

After plotting, planning and measuring, it was decided that the new billiard room would be built on the west side of the pool area – still keeping all the main activities close to the clubhouse and restrooms.



Getting ready to take the power line under the road.

Richard, Big Bill and Brad worked on the first phase of the project prior to the contractor coming in. The sunshade in the south-west corner of the pool area had to be moved about a foot east. Then the fence on the west side, between the two sunshades, had to come down. Next the Ditch Witch and the Backhoe came chugging up the road to dig trenches for the electric lines. All summer we prayed for rain, and our prayers were answered in time to make the ground soft for trench digging!

The contractor arrived with his equipment to dig footings for the building, and lay the forms for the cement.



Digging the Footings

At this stage we found ourselves dodging rain showers but once more the cement truck headed our way to pour the footings and slab for the building, and then the actual building project could start.



Here comes the Cement!

The walls are starting to go up just as Natures Tales 'goes to the press' – so we shall have to wait until the next issue to see the completed building!



The Framework of the Billiard Building!

Upcoming Events

October 18th – Members Meeting. This is the first meeting of the season and upcoming events will be discussed. Remember, if you are at Natures, then you are a member of the Fun Activities Association and your presence and input at this meeting will be appreciated. Complimentary Donut and Coffee will be available.

November 7th – This is the first of two Craft and Vendors Fair. Crafters, build up your inventory as this is a great time for people to do some of their Christmas

November 8th – Beer/Wine and Brats Festival. This has become a favorite annual event and, if you haven't attended in the past, don't miss a great time this year. Please remember to bring your local beers and wines with you when you travel south to Natures, so that all can share brews from around the States as well as Canada. "Keys and Strings" will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure.

November 15th – Members Meeting with complimentary donut and coffee.

November 19th & 20th – The first of two Fun Association Garage Sales of the season. All items that you want to get rid of will be gladly accepted so before you head south, clear out your closets and cabinets and bring all the unwanted items with you. The money raised at the Garage Sales is used to pay for bands at our dances as well as event and sports equipment.