

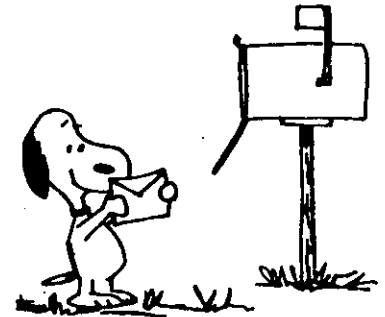
The Von Rosenberg Family of Texas

June, 1985

NEWSLETTER



THE 1985 REUNION



Takeoff



DATE: Friday July 19, 1985
Saturday July 20, 1985
Sunday July 21, 1985

TIME: Register anytime before
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Camp Lone Star
La Grange, Texas

Come to your
home away-from home



You and your family are cordially invited to the 1985 Reunion of the

VON ROSENBERG FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

the 44th such Reunion, the 46th year of the Association, the 119th year after Peter Carl's death and the 3rd year (back-to-back) the Reunion has been held in the friendly city of La Grange, Texas.

Plan to attend a
Gala Affair in the
Texas Tradition

Established May 7, 1939

COME ONE!
COME ALL!

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THE 1985 REUNION

The format of this Reunion will be changed. Normally the business meetings are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. **BUT PLEASE NOTE: THE BUSINESS MEETING THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 20, AT 4:00 p.m.**

As we did last year, you may arrive anytime Friday afternoon or night. We suggest you do because that's when everything really starts. If you can't come Friday, please make sure you're there on Sat. before 4:00 p.m. so you can register and be at the meeting on time. All business of the Association will be conducted at that meeting. On Sunday at 11:00 a.m., there will be a social meeting where we will have the memorial service, introductions of those present, a possible speaker and other activities.

As was the case last year, please note that no meals will be served at anytime Friday. You must make other arrangements on this, like going into town or whatever.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP LONE STAR

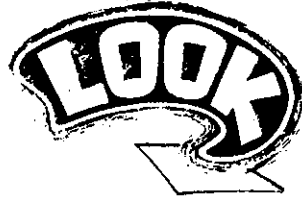
Immediately south of La Grange on Highway #77 South (to Victoria), is a bridge spanning the Colorado river. About 150 yards from the southern end of this bridge is a sign saying "CAMP LONE STAR." Turn on that road (east) and go 2 miles to the camp, simply following the signs. One-half mile is paved, the other $1\frac{1}{2}$ is dirt but usually in very good condition. Park, register in the RETREAT CENTER, unload your car and get set for a relaxing time. Bring your charming personality with you, please!

MEALS

Please **NO NOT BRING FOOD OR SERVICE**. You won't need any! Full meals will be served buffet-style and I mean all you can eat. There will be three meals on Sat. and 2 on Sunday (breakfast and lunch) **BUT NO MEAL ON FRIDAY**.

ROOMS

Being a 1st class retreat, the rooms sleep either 4 or 6--so you can pick your own room-mates, preferably some who don't snore! The rooms are nice, air-conditioned, and linen, blankets and pillows are furnished.



COST

The cost is definitely reasonable and will be determined by your arrival time. If you're there $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, you'll have 5 full meals, 2 lodging nights (Fri. & Sat.) plus full use of all facilities at a cost of \$61.20 per adult and \$38.50 per child--**HOWEVER**--maximum charge per family will not exceed \$180.00 for all $2\frac{1}{2}$ days. Age 5 and under--no charge!

If you arrive Sat. or Sun., your charge will be prorated from the above figures.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME ANY MONEY for room and board as this will be paid directly at the registration desk--**BUT DO FILL IN THE FORM** at the end of this Newsletter and return it to me so that Camp Lone Star can get an idea of our head count.

VANS AND CAMPERS

Vans and campers are allowed as long as there are not too many of them and are **SELF-CONTAINED**. There are no hook-ups available. Also be warned, there are no level parking areas for them. The Hosts do not encourage this much and I don't think the price reduction warrants bringing them anyway.

If you have questions of the hosts, write: Mr. Garland Midgget, Mgr., Camp Lone Star, P.O. Box 8, La Grange, Tx., 78445, or call: 713-247-4128.



HAVE YOU ASKED?

THE STORY OF COMPUTERS

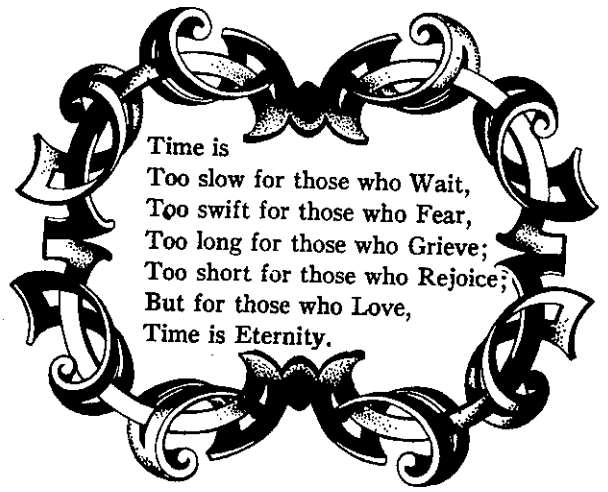
The 1984 Reunion passed a motion calling for the expenditure of \$1,000 for a Family owned computer and accessories. This sum, plus more, was donated on the spot by various members at that time. However, after much shopping and comparison, I was finally able to deduce that the Commodore 64 computer, which I had recommended, was not capable of handling the needs of this Family. It simply wasn't big enough. So, we made a change. We have now purchased an Apple 2e computer with dual disk drives, 128K memory, expandable to 512K and even 10 megabytes should the need ever arise. We also own a 13" amber Taxan monitor, an Epson LX-80 printer, it's interface board, an 80 column expander board and misc. paper and supplies.

It's a magnificent machine but it wasn't purchased in time for the Secretary to learn how to use it properly in order to meet the deadline of this particular Newsletter. The rig was purchased for the purpose of preparing our Newsletters, for normal secretarial correspondence, the recording onto disks of our historical documents, and for the preparation, storing, and compiling of our Family geneology. It's most immediate use will be the formation of Vol. III.

Thank You . . .

The computer was purchased from Finger's Computer center in Houston and while it ran \$600 over what I had projected in the Commodore motion, it is adequate and will do our job. This bill must be paid by Sept. 8, 1985. SO--I am appealing to you for additional donations for our new computer set-up. We are now in a first-class condition concerning the "written word" and can get on with the Family business.

By the way, the story of how this purchase evolved, the man who aided this Family so much with his advice and reasoning, and who arranged the final purchase price, wholesale plus 8%, is a very interesting one. Time and space prohibits a full disclosure in this Newsletter but it certainly will be covered in the next one. I will tell you, however, that his name is Jim Ewell, that he is a member of this great Family, and that he performed yeoman service for us. Thank you, Jim, ever so much.



Time is
Too slow for those who Wait,
Too swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve;
Too short for those who Rejoice;
But for those who Love,
Time is Eternity.

THE MISPLACED NOTEBOOK

I am sorry to announce that the notebook containing the minutes of the 1984 Reunion was inadvertently left at Camp Lone Star when I left there last July. I will locate it and make this report in a future Newsletter. I do remember that there were 116 in attendance, there was a motion to buy a Family computer, and that many members donated funds for the purchase of same, especially Metta Tomlinson Lansdale of Harwood, Maryland, who gave \$500. Thanks to Metta and the others who gave so generously.



BUT!...return postage is expensive.
Please let us know if you move. Try to
tell us in advance if possible.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Dale U. von Rosenberg has announced his committee for the nomination of officers who will run this Family from 1985 to 1987. They are: Past President Russell Campbell of San Antonio, Chm.; Past President Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco and Past President Wm. F. von Rosenberg, Jr. of Austin. Should you aspire to be an officer in this Association, please contact either of them and let your desire be known. If you do not know their address, write to me and I'll forward your request to them.

VOL. I

Vol. I, covering our first 3 generations, as you know, was sold out about ten years ago. There were 300 copies printed and many in Generation V did not obtain a copy and few of their children or grandchildren did either. A motion will be made at the 1985 Reunion to solicit donations from our members to reprint Vol. I. President Dale U. von Rosenberg has arranged for a printer to prepare the book at a cost of \$3,500.00 which will be retailed at \$15.00 a copy. When 235 are sold, the investment will be recovered. You will recall this is the way we financed Vol. II.

All loans have been completely repaid. We need your help. We need interest-free loans in increments of \$100 and \$200 so we can raise the \$3,500. Those who cannot lend that much may order as many copies as you'll need and send your money right away. Each \$15 will whack-away at that \$3,500, also. All Vol. I money sent in will be kept in our book fund and if we don't reach our goal, the money will be refunded. Please fill-in the appropriate blank on the form below and help support this worthwhile project. Many of you have asked me many times for a copy of Vol. I and now you have this golden opportunity to get yourself, your kids and grandkids a copy.

Cut here and return to: Phil Meerscheidt, 8474 Leawood, Houston, Texas 77072
BY JULY 15, 1985

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

There will be _____ of us at the 1985 Reunion in La Grange.

We will arrive July 19-20-21 (circle one) between the hours of _____ and _____

There must be either 4 or 6 in each room. Please include yourselves and fill in one of the lists below indicating your preference for room-mates, if any:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
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- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

- \$ _____ enclosed as donation to the computer fund.
- \$ _____ enclosed as interest free loan for the re-printing of Vol. I.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. I at \$15.00 each (should it be printed).
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Ancestral Voices" (letters) at \$20.00 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of Vol. II at \$13.50 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for _____ copies of "Emigration Booklet" at \$6.50 each.
- \$ _____ enclosed for 1985-86 donation to the Family Operating Budget.
- \$ _____ total check enclosed, make payable to "The von Rosenberg Family."

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY FOR ROOM AND BOARD AT THE JULY REUNION.

This Newsletter submitted by: Phil Meerscheidt, Family Secretary