



Huaco Outing Club *Of Waco, Texas*

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NOVEMBER MEETING

7:30 pm Thursday November 15, 2007

Lake Shore Baptist Church, 5801 Bishop Dr., park in rear

Meeting the third Thursday of each month except June, July, August, and December

Program: The New York Times says "Isolated and craggy Cape Breton Island -- Nova Scotia's northernmost land mass -- should be high on the list of don't-miss destinations for travelers." Don Castello is going to present a program on his and Sherry's trip to this beautiful part of Canada.

Day Hike: Our Dec. 1 day hike was scheduled for Georgetown Lake. However, the lake Ranger said the trails have not been cleared of flood debris, so the hike location has been changed to the new trails near Lake Waco.

These new trails were built by the Waco Bicycle Club. They are much more interesting than the old Speegleville trails. They wind through a wooded area and along a small arm of the lake. There are lots of birds, especially by the lake, and deer can be seen running through the forest. The trails are extensive with numerous loops and cutoffs, so a hike of any length can be made without having to retrace your steps. To see a map of the trails, go to www.teamwbc.com.

The plan is to pack a lunch and leave the trailhead at about 10:30 Saturday, December 1. It is about 1.5 miles to some picnic tables where we can sit down and eat. It is then about 1.1 miles back to the start. Of course, you do not have to do the lunch. If you want to take a shorter hike, there are two cutoffs along the trail where you can return to the trailhead, making for hikes of 0.8 and 1.6 miles. However, these cutoffs miss the picnic tables. If you want a longer hike, there are many more trails.

To get to the trailhead we are going to use, going north on Hwy 6 turn off on Speegleville Road. Go right (east) on Speegleville Rd. Cross McLaughlin Rd. Continue on Speegleville Rd. as it veers to the left. Look for a log house on the right and then a road to the right called Classic Drive. Go 0.5 mi. on Classic Dr. to the trailhead. You will have to drive over part of the road that is grass. Call Van at 744-1185 if you have a problem.

So that we can wait for you if necessary, please sign up at the meeting, or call Van at 772-8642, or email Van at vsmith7@hot.rr.com. Likewise, if you sign up but find you are not going to attend let Van know so we won't wait on you. If you don't sign up but decide to go, just show up before 10:30.

Refreshments: For the October meeting Georganne Ferguson has drinks/cups, Joan Rectenwald the appetizer, and Anette Brister the dessert. You might get together on needed plates/napkins etc. Any problems call Helen Smith 772-8642 (Or email: helensm@hot.rr.com). Thanks again to the refreshment volunteers.

Annual Fall Picnic: We had another fine picnic at the Patterson's place on Childress creek. The weather was beautiful, with clear skies and warm temps. The creek was flowing with crystal clear water. Numerous hot dogs, marshmallows, etc were cooked over the campfire. Thanks to the Pattersons.

Schedule of future Fall 2007 events:

Nov. 15, Meeting. 7:30 Lake Shore Baptist Church, Program: Cape Breton Island, Don Castello.

Dec. 1, Day hike, Waco Lake

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be NEXT YEAR! (How time flies) on Thursday, January 17, 2008.