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January Meeting

This month's meeting will be on January 17th at 6:30 PM. We will meet at The Brown House Café, 510 South Main Street, McGregor, TX. Their phone number is 254 236-4331. Their menu is on Facebook.

This is our annual membership meeting and there are several items that need to be addressed and voted upon so please plan to attend.

Membership Dues

As a reminder, our 2017 membership dues are due January 1, 2017. In accordance with our Bylaws, membership becomes delinquent if dues are not paid by the last day of February. You can either bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to HOTWGPS, P.O. Box 852, Lorena, TX 76655.

Membership levels are:

- a. Individual -- \$18 per year
- b. Family -- \$24 per year
- c. Associate NON Voting membership -- \$12 per year.
- d. Corporate/business -- \$100 per year.

Pond Vac

As a reminder, this is a "Members Only" benefit. You can rent this super-duper pond cleaning machine very reasonably! John Enders is the "official pond Vac keeper". Call him 254-848-9596 or send him an email at jnenders@aol.com to schedule your time with the machine. One note of caution when using the pond Vac, watch how much water you are removing from your pond!! It works so well sucking up the yuk that one can easily forget how much water is also being removed! That is the voice of experience talking!!

Words of Wisdom

It's better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.

Be who you needed when you were younger.

When you forgive, you heal. When you let it go you grow.

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

When you make a commitment, you build hope. When you keep it, you build trust.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Why do we only rest in peace? Why don't we live in peace too?

Didja Know?

(Author unknown)

What is the main ingredient of WD-40? Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is? Don't lie and don't cheat. Who knew; I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do--probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off!! It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

WD-40 uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing
Removes road tar & grime from cars
Cleans & lubricates guitar strings
Gives floors that "just waxed" sheen
without making them slippery

Keeps flies off cows

Restores & cleans chalkboards

Removes lipstick stains

Loosens stubborn zippers

Untangles jewelry chains

Removes stains from stainless steel sinks Removes dirt & grime from the barbeque grill

Keeps ceramic/terra cota garden pots from oxidizing

Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots

Camouflages scratches in ceramic & marble floors

Keeps scissors working smoothly

Lubricates noisy door hinges

Remove smashed bugs from vehicles

Gives children's playground gym slide a shine for a super-fast slide

Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open Restores & cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles as well as vinyl bumpers

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Keeps rust from forming on saws, saw blades, and other tools
Keeps bathroom mirrors from fogging
Removes all traces of duct tape
Put it on fire ant bites it takes away the sting and stops the itch
(Editor's note: I have not tested WD-40 on clothing or vehicle surfaces. Before using for such tasks, please test on a small out of sight area)
Would you believe that the main ingredient in WD-40 is fish oil????

Little Humor

Just du-et

I recently visited my granddaughter, Layla. She was pretending to host a talent show and called us up "on stage" to perform.

I requested that she and I do a duet and explained we could sing together. She thought about this for a minute and said, "I would rather you du-et yourself."

Debbie Waters
QUINCY, FLORIDA

Marsh Meows

One nice November day, I was taking a walk with a friend, her daughter and her 4-year-old granddaughter, Hayden. As we approached a pond at the back of the property, Hayden said, "There are some of those kitty things." Her grandmother told her they are cattails.

Loraine Lytle ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

Aging adds up

I ordered a drawing set, and when it arrived, the case plainly stated "ages 5+." Because my goddaughter Jenna is 6 going on 14, I thought she would say something like "5-year-olds are babies." Instead, she told me, "It's OK, I'm the plus sign."

Sharon Granger CINCINNATI, OHIO

Pick a Card

When our 5-year-old grandson was visiting us, we were debating about getting a king or a queen mattress. Josh came up to the table and said, "Grandpa, maybe you'd like my Jacksize bed."

Pat Larsen
BRUCE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Country Chuckles

Texas-Size Leak

A Texan was visiting Niagara Falls when a New Yorker asked him, "Do you have anything like this in Texas?"

"Nope, sure don't," he said. "But I know a plumber from Texas who could fix it!"

Bob Ochterbeck Magnolia, Texas

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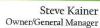




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