

CRADDOCK CONNECTION

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Before I get started on this newsletter I would like to explain why the last Issue, for July was simply numbered as Volume 11, but since there is no explanation I won't be able to do that. You may make your own corrections by drawing a line through Volume 11 and writing Volume 2, Issue 8.

Carl's vacation ended today and he went out the door singing. He might of had the decency to wait until he was out of earshot before he started rejoicing.

It's great when the well laid plans of mice and men come together. Unfortunately that did not happen at our reunion. I hope everyone managed to enjoy themselves in spite of the fact that we did not have time to do all of the things we had planned, especially with the children.

Keith, I apologize for forgetting the ice cream. To those of you who did not get any of the delicious ice cream Keith brought, I apologize. I did not do that on purpose as some of my brothers suggested.

Since the pitch tournaments seem to be the dominating event, we are going to plan a day just for that alone next year and reserve the community building at Ft. Cobb Lake (it has water coolers) or the one at Chickasha Lake for the get together to visit, play horseshoes, fish and have some singing or whatever. However, we will talk about that later, much later. Like next February maybe.

Congratulations! Dan Craddock from Anadarko Ok. Dan took the gold. J.W. Craddock, winner of the pitch trophy in 89, presented the trophy and the championship, graciously to Dan who will keep the trophy in his possession until the 91 Pitch Tournament.

My apologies go to Doug Craddock, I failed to enter his name in the pitch games. Doug had told me earlier that he was going to play and I forgot, I'm really sorry, Doug.

Sue Upchurch came in second and

received a ribbon for trying and I believe some Florida lottery tickets. Good goin' Sue, I'm not unaware of the effort you put out in the games. Rosalee was relentlessly in pursuit. (If I don't get everything correct it's because no one would take notes and I'm not the best at remembering.) Erik Craddock and Carl Morris tied for third place and also received Florida lottery tickets. John Morris came in last and also won some lottery tickets. Just like the folks that won them, the lottery tickets were losers, we do thank Dave for bringing them, it could have meant wealth. Erik lost one of his, it was probably a winner. All in all, I think everyone had fun scooting around the tables trying to figure out where their next game would be. If you played with or against the same person more than once, blame it on the computer, it could not possibly be Larry or David's fault.

Reginald Craddock from Tampa, Fla. won the Big Bass trophy. His fish weighed 3 lbs. 15 ozs. Congratulations! Reg, good job. No one else came forth to claim second place in this contest.

J.W. Craddock from Binger Ok, may have lost his pitch trophy but is not out of the winning circle by any means. He caught the biggest catfish, weighing just over a lb. Congratulations! Jay. Way to fish!!

Clay Hicks from Sterling Ok took the horseshoe trophy, Congratulations Clay. you earned that.

Congratulations are in order again for Clay, and also Reg's daughter, Gayle Douglas. They were wed July 7th at 7: P.M. in, yes, in, Fort Cobb, Lake. May you swim, I mean live a long and happy life together. Look to God for guidance and your chances of success will be certain. Clay has two children, Adam and Caitlin, Gayle has three children, Karrie, Laura Kay and Danielle.

Congratulations to Hattie Shockey 81, of Chickasha, lovely little lady is she, who

won a plant for the oldest lady in attendance.

Congratulations to Sherman Shockey 81, of Chickasha, who won a "Craddock Reunion" cap for being the oldest man in attendance.

Jacquelyn Craddock, three month old daughter of Reg and Martha Craddock of Tampa Florida won the youngest attendant prize, which was an "I survived the Craddock Reunion" shirt and pants suit. She's fat and sassy and sweet as pie. This delightful little gal had to go to the Doctor with a temperature during the reunion. She had an ear infection.

Congratulations to Aunt Fay Finley of Verden, for being the most talented. She was awarded a T-Shirt stating such. A vote was not taken since this is an obvious, undisputed fact.

Reginald Craddock took the # 1 Person award and received a T-Shirt saying so. He just naturally fit the description.

Roy Crutchfield from Amarillo, Texas won a magnet saying "Never, never, never give up" He's no quitter. Stay with it, Roy.

David Craddock from St. Petersburg, Fla., gets my nomination for the best lookin' and greatest brother that came to the reunion, and that sang, "The boys at Pearl" (carefully note the wording on the last sentence) You did a great job on that song, Dave. If anyone failed to hear the introduction, again we say, Dave wrote the song himself. You really are a good lookin and great brother. Thank you for coming and for announcing the games also.

Aunt Fay brought some little shell animals that she had made herself and passed them out to the little children who ran up and got them first.

Aunt Fay wins First Place for the best joke, it was the only one told, but after that one, we didn't need any more.

Nathan and Joshua should get the "Sooner Award" They managed to get a copy of the Scavenger hunt and fill the list before the contest began. All of the children who participated, Nathan Craddock, Joshua Morris, Leesa Morris, Jesse Morris, Jared Morris, Aaron Craddock and Marly Rushing (Martha's cute little girl) received \$2 dollar bills, except for Marly, and she received a potted plant and is given notice to watch the mail because she will also be receiving a \$2 bill soon.

Consolation prizes, "Hangin' in there" keychains were given to Larry Craddock,

Larry Morris, Roger Morris and Carl Morris.

Larry Morris won a blue ribbon for the longest moustache.

Aleshia Morris won a blue ribbon for the longest hair.

Brandon Morris won a blue ribbon for the best lookin pair of jams.

Justin Morris won a blue ribbon for being the best behaved kid.

Tera and Aleshia Morris both got \$2 bills, just for being there. Tera gets my vote for being the most considerate and helpful kid in the whole world.

There were other ribbons and some small awards given away but my mind could not keep up with it all. Hey Keith, you were gonna keep notes for me. By the way, your daughters are just lovely, and we thank them for coming and I really enjoyed hearing Stacey sing "Amazing Grace." It was beautiful.

Roy and Dorothy, we thank you for your participation. I enjoyed your visit and thanks, Dorothy for the rolls you "stayed up all night making." We had rolls for three days. You guys come back sometime.

Good to see you Ansel, thanks for coming and I enjoyed hearing you, Aunt Fay, Sue and Rosalee sing. I'm sorry the darkness put a stop to the horseshoe game. I used to wait for things to get back to normal but now I know that this is normal. Come back to see us.

Uncle Gilbert, you should have been here. Aunt Fay, Sue and Rosalee sang your song, "He Brought Me This Far." Notable mention goes to:

Ronnie Craddock for being such a good sport about everything.

Nathan and Deola Rhodes (Samie's grandparents) for braving the elements to drive from the city to bring a brisket and be part of our bunch.

Aunt Rosie's bunch and their families. Good to see all of you. Thanks for bringing good food. They will be having their reunion the 3rd Saturday in July and have invited everyone.

Uncle Aubry should have received the Brave Eagle Award this year. It took lots of courage to come out in the heat and put up with all the whoopin' an' hollerin'. Thanks for coming, Uncle Aubry, sorry I didn't get a chance to say good-bye.

Judy Tucker for coming and being with us. I hope you won't hold any of this against Keith. Sorry again about the ice cream. Keith, hang on to her, she's very

sweet.

Martha, Reg, Dave , Gay and all your kids, thanks for coming. It was so good to see you all. Wish you could have stayed longer.

J.W. and Viola get a big hand clap for their hospitality and they also traveled a long way, all the way from Boston. Don't give them too much credit for that since they were coming anyway.

Aaron Craddock for being such a sweet little boy during the reunion.

Clifford and Rosalee Nath for adding their special touch. They were true competitors and good sports in the pitch games. We loved having you over.

Dan and B.J. for the fish they brought. B.J. was busy frying fish a big part of the day. Good job on the songs too.

Nathan Craddock, Josh Morris and the other little boy (I beg your forgiveness, I've forgotten your name) for the fantastic job on the PeeWee Herman dance.

Leesa, Summer and Jesse Morris for the wonderful job of singing.

Stephanie Craddock, Mandy McIntosh, Tera Morris, Amanda Beasley and Dawn Larson for their beautiful little voices.

Each and Every one that came, you're special in your own way and part of the family and I thank you.

If I failed to mention you personally don't take it personally. Like I said to begin with , we had many things planned that didn't turn out the way we wanted it to. Some drawings and other small prizes we just didn't have time for. But I hope everyone had fun, I did.

The following is a list of the people who were here, there was another page that got lost and I have tried to remember all that came, but if you came and your name isn't here, forgive me and please let me know and I'll make it up.

Those who were here June 30th are:

Larry & Samie Craddock and their children, Erik, Stephanie, Nathan and Pete Black of Binger. Nathan and Deola Rhodes of OKC. Larry & Linda Morris and their children, Justin and Brandon all of Seminole Tex. and Larry's daughters, Tera and Aleshia Morris of Belleville, Ill. Roy & Dorothy Crutchfield of Amarillo Tex. Carl & Ada Morris and children, John, Leesa and Josh all of Binger Ok. Aubry & Fay Finley of Verden Ok. Ansel Finley of Seabrook Tex. Reginald & Martha Craddock and children, Marly, Jacquelin all of Tampa Fla. and Regina of Lake Helen, Fla.

Keith Finley and friend Judy Tucker both of Azle, Tex. Levi and Deulah Craddock of Gracemont, Ok. Hattie Shookey of Chickasha, Ok. Andy and Rowena Bowen (sorry, no address.) Laura Belle Craddock Johnston from Minco, Ok. Lon & Pauline Craddock from Minco, Ok. Tammy Morris and children, Jared and Jeremy all of Binger, Ok. Sheila Thomas of Anadarko. Ok. Stacey Finley and friend, Rod Davis. Robyn McLemore and daughters, Mindy & Kara. Dan & B.J. Craddock of Anadarko, Ok. Amanda Beasley, Dawn Larson, and Brandi Lewis all of Binger, Ok. Doug Craddock of Binger. Amanda McIntosh and Aaron Craddock of Anadarko. Gayle Douglas and fiancée, Clay Hicks of Sterling, Ok. and their children, Danielle Douglas and Adam and Caitlin Hicks. Ronnie Craddock from Apache. Holly Watson and children, Kayla and Steven , all of Ft. Cobb, Ok. Steve Craddock and friend, Nickol of Ft. Cobb, Ok. David and Gay Craddock from St. Petersburg, Fla. Kevin and Kristy Olinger and children, Tara and Tyson, all of Binger. Roger and Pam Morris and children, Summer, Jesse, Roger and Melissa, all of Binger. Danny Craddock from Memphis, Tn. Sherman Shockey from Chickasha, Ok. J.W. and Viola Craddock and Rodney from Boston and Binger. Sue Ann Upchurch from Anadarko, Ok. Clifford and Rosalee Nath from Blanchard, Ok. Scharlene Bowen, (no address) and Margie Gorden and grandson. (no address) Grand total , assuming I didn't leave anyone out, is 89. A pretty good turnout I would say.

I want to commend the novice pitch players for their courage to enter the games and also thank the adults for their generosity in allowing them to be a part of the games, after all, our partners did have a big influence on our scores. (right now I ask forgiveness from all of my partners) By next year they may have become pros and help you to win the trophy.

After all is said and done ya gotta admit that we had lots of good food and just as much good company.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9th	Gregory DeWayne Craddock	1965
9th	Erik Van Craddock	1973
12th	Verna Jean Garber	1960
15th	Sheila Denise Thomas	1964
17th	Glenda Gay Craddock	1966
18th	Steven Van Craddock	1969
19th	Troy Smith	1963

21st	David Orval Thomas	1960
30th	Stacy Dawn Holderbee	1973
31st	Larry Dean Craddock	1951

Belated birthday wishes to B.J. Craddock, born June 6th, 1952.

No Craddock connection marriages, that I am aware of, have taken place in August. If your anniversary is in August, let me know.

Gay Craddock handed me a copy of the following article while she was here. It has some good advice:

WHERE JOY ABOUNDS

Condensed from
"The Station"

Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long train trip spanning the continent. Through the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at us from a crossing, of cattle grazing on a hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of mountains and valleys, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is our destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Then wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the loitering minutes-waiting, waiting...

"When I reach the station, that will be it," we tell ourselves. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a Mercedes!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I've paid off the mortgage!" "When I get that big promotion." "When I retire, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we realize there is no station, no place to arrive at once and for all. The station is only a dream that constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more. Live life as you go along.

I would like to comment concerning

the above article, that as we live each moment to the fullest, to remember that the life we live and all that we do in it, should be lived as unto the Lord and to remember to give God thanks in everything.

Dan and B.J. had a bit of excitement the day following the reunion. They went to Chickasha Lake to try and win the catfish contest and shortly after their arrival at the dam they heard their car start up. Thinking it was Reg and the other guys, Dan only hollered a welcome at them. The car began going across the dam and so Dan went up to the road, only to find a bicycle where the car had been. Realization hit. His car had been stolen. He rode the bike for help and they went to Aunt Fay's and called for a ride home. They returned to the Lake later the same day and after a bit of detective work, they found the car. Someone had gotten stuck and took Dan's car, luckily, (I guess) they stuck his vehicle too. Dan believes he could have won the fishing contest if not for his car being taken.

There was much concern among some of the family when hearing Dan's car had been stolen, after all he did leave here with the pitch trophy in the back seat. However, there was no need for worry, Dan had taken the trophy and his musical equipment home before going to the lake.

If anyone took video pictures of the reunion and would be willing to make copies for the cost of a tape and the postage to send it, let me know.

Thank you Aunt Fay, Dorothy, Samie and anyone else who helped to get the dinner ready while some of us played pitch. I felt so guilty about that, but David said he would go back home to Florida if I didn't play and I always have to humor him.

Leonard & Daisy, Onis & Betty, Paul & Carolyn, Joe & Debbie, Lonnie, and all of my children, you know who you are, we missed you.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble, I shall rescue you, and you will honor me. Psalm 50: 14-15

Ada Morris

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