

# CRADDOCK CONNECTION

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ERIC CRADDOCK was  
making his greasy  
sounds on the strings

LARRY MORRIS  
played a hot harmonica

I'm just like Popeye, I yam what's I yam. Don't judge me. My position in the body of Christ wasn't obtained with Brownie points. I might not measure up to your expectations and then where would I be? No, let's just say that I have a rightful place there because the blood of Jesus paid for my membership and besides that, then you'd have to meet the same qualifications that I did, could ya do it? Better forgive me my sins, Jesus did. I'll try not to judge you either.

I didn't say this in order to accuse anyone of judging me and I hope no one is; I said this to point to the following scripture:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the judgement, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.

John 3: 16-19

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Judy Smith needs help. She spent a couple of years and many hours gathering Craddock History. All this literature is now lost or someone has it borrowed. If you know anything about it or if you have it please contact Judy. She gets her mail Gen Del, Binger or my P.O. Box 405. She had all this stuff in a large brown or yellow folder envelope. Judy put lots of work in this project, so get in touch if you can help.

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2nd	happy anniversary	
3rd	larry & linda morris	13 yrs.
7th	j w & viola craddock	18 yrs.
	clay & gail hicks	1 yr.

3rd	happy birthday	
3rd	joseph dale morris	1977
8th	devon jay michael craddock	1990
8th	rosalee nath	1938
12th	christina lynn mcdougale	1986
12th	onis elbert craddock	1936
12th	david glen craddock	1941
12th	sheryl marie robinson	1956
13th	stephen paul mcdougale	1981
15th	rhonda lea kolling	1963
17th	justin durrell craddock	1985
18th	idele archer	1923
23rd	regina allison craddock	1975
23rd	daylin dean farrow	1977
24th	brittany marie wall	1989
28th	jackie lee craddock	1964
30th	donald roland mcdougale	1962

## CRADDOCK HISTORY

BY FAY FINLEY

One time while visiting Grandma while she and Van's family lived in the same house; Aubry and I and our four small children, oldest, Ansel 10. I put on an old black raincoat and hat and rubber boots and went up to the old shop where the kids played. I thought I'd scare them, and three grey hounds come from the barn lot and jumped onto me and I almost had a heart attack, was sick all day. The kids laughed until Lucille stopped it. Even Grandma Susie was tickled. Scaring kids was never tried again. The thrill of scaring kids died.

Thank you, Aunt Fay for your little stories about the past; everyone loves them.

AND THEN, THERE'S THE REUNION;

First of all I just want to say that we really missed those of you who were not there. I know some who had planned to come were unable because it was, Father's Day and Sunday and I'm sorry that we could not obtain the Community Bldg. for another day. We were told to consider ourselves lucky that we were able to get it for June 16th. We will have it again next year same time. Everyone gets their same slot next year. However if someone should



cancel their Saturday, we're in line. But for now it's still Sunday. Getting back to the point, some couldn't come for other reasons, whatever your reason for not coming, we wish you could have been with us. The bldg is really nice, we plan to keep it for future reunions.

We had 69 present, Rosalee & Clifford Nath of Blanchard; Fay & Aubry Finley of Verden; Sue & Max Upchurch of Anadarko; Roger & Pam Morris & children, Summer, Jesse, Roger Jr. & Melissa of Binger; Larry & Linda Morris & children, Justin, Brandon, & April of Seminole, Texas and daughter Rita Jo of Anadarko; Bob & Wanda Craddock & granddaughter Nicole, of Ninnekah; Vaughn Craddock of Ninnekah; Dan & B.J. Craddock of Anadarko; Cindi Upchurch & children, Jeremy & Kaci, and guest, Guy Johnson all of Anadarko; Gayle & Clay Hicks of Fort Cobb; Marty & Tammy Morris & children, Jared & Jeremy of Binger; Deanna Climer & son James of Binger; Viola Ladd & her companion, Robin Locke, both of Minco; Lonnie Climer of Binger; LaDonna Climer of Binger; Angie Wall & daughters Krista Paxton & Brittany Wall and their guest Paul Papin & his son Paul Jr., all of El Reno; Larry & Samie Craddock & children, Erik, Nathan & Stephanie, all of Anadarko; Linda & Fred Trescott and children, Charity & Tommy all of Anadarko; Angela Trescott & son, Kyle of Andarko; Steve and Nickol Craddock of Chickasha; Kevin & Kristy Olinger & children Tara & Tyson, and their guest Dale Brandon and MyKayla Whitehead, all of Binger put in a brief appearance; Ronnie Craddock of Carnegie made a brief appearance; and Carl & Ada Morris & children, John, Leesa & Josh Morris of Binger. Now I think that adds up to 69 people, ya' ll can count them if you like.

Roger Morris won the horseshoe trophy, Fred Trescott came in 2nd; Gayle Hix came in 3rd; and John Morris placed 4th; Larry Morris won 1st place in the bass contest, his fish weighed 1 & 1/2 lbs. and was the only entry, Ronnie Craddock stopped by about 11:30 and said he would be back with his fish and that was the last we seen of him. We were a little concerned that maybe he had caught one so big it swallowed him because Bob & Vaughn Craddock had been noodling some 50 & 54 lb. flatheads from the lake the last couple weeks; Bob said he used his left hand for bait and was wearing a bandaid; Ronnie are you still out there somewhere?

Aubry Finley, 80 yrs young, won the Oldest Father Present trophy; Nikk Watson 20 yrs. old, won the Youngest Father Present trophy; Carl Morris having raised 10 children and put up with me too, won the Father With the Most Children trophy; Dan Craddock was nominated by daughter Holly Watson, and elected for Daddy of the Year. He was awarded a bottle of exotic cologne from Europe or it might have been some Avon cologne, I'm not sure. Holly was thankful for the car insurance that he had provided her with. Larry & Linda Morris & children received a trophy for Traveling the Farthest; Fay Finley received a trophy for the Oldest Member and also for the #1 All Around Person, she was nominated for #1 by her most avid fan, Josh Morris; Aunt Fay said it paid off to get old. We really appreciate her and appreciate her for coming as she was still sick with pneumonia; April Morris 14 months, won the Youngest Member Present trophy; Larry Craddock won the Good Sport trophy but said that he was "really ticked off because he didn't win any of the games or contests"; Sue Upchurch won the #1 Cook trophy with her Mt. Dew cake, and I didn't even get a piece of it. Justin Morris was awarded a 2 dollar bill for being so brave these past few months. He broke his hand first and now has a broken foot; Kyle Trescott 14 month old son of Angela Trescott won a planter for the youngest baby there.

Then we had some drawings and the winners were; Steve Craddock and Max Upchurch both won wall plaques; Stephanie Craddock won some stationary; Wanda Craddock and Viola Ladd won cute little balding soda containers for the frig; Angela Trescott won a 21 pc. party set; April Morris won a Mickey Mouse zipper pull; Brandon Morris won a toy truck flashlight; Jessica Morris won a Roll a Soap; Krista Paxton and James Climer won squeeze bottles; \$2 bill winners were; Missy Morris (her dad kept trying to take it away from her though), Paul Papin Jr; Brittany Wall; Jeremy Morris, and Josh Morris, somehow or other this drawing got mixed up and we had more winners than we did \$2 bills. Josh didn't get his and he was really mad, then when all the other kids got sacks of candy and there was none left for him, he almost disowned me. Tammy came to the rescue and gave him the candy she had left over at home; incidentally Tammy, thank you for fixing up the candy sacks for the kids, and



the balloons with the numbers in them for the kids drawing; one little boy really had a hard time popping his balloon; Clifford Nath tried to claim a child's prize but couldn't qualify when asked for proof of age; all of the children got bags of candy; Rosalee and I didn't win any thing but took consolation in being the 2 most beautiful women there. Leesa Morris, Nathan Craddock, Kaitlin Hix, and Roger Morris Jr. forfeited some of the prizes given to those named above as they were too old for the prizes offered, they settled for candy.

Uncle Aubry, Clifford Nath, Bob Craddock, along with Dan Craddock and Max Upchurch switchng off, had their pitch game going in the back of the room most of the day and then later switched to dominoes. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Some of us women played a little pitch, Sue & Rosy were partners against Viola Ladd and myself. Max came along and told us not to be practicing for the pitch tournament. By the way, with Dan as the defending champ we will have our pitch tournament, and those of you who registered will be notified as to the exact time, probably 1st or 2nd week in August, more on that later.

We all enjoyed Dan & B.J. singing and playing but they just didn't do enough of it. Dan wouldn't play cause Larry & Carl wouldn't stay inside long enough to accompany him.

Angie Wall took some of the kids down to the lake for a swim; Leesa Morris, used to wearing her bathing suit around under her clothing a lot, started stripping and just in time discovered she didn't have her swimsuit on. Larry Dean also took some of the boys swimming. Nicole, Bob & Wanda's granddaughter didn't get to swim and then we couldn't get any one to organize the sack races for the kids and so, Nicole, maybe it will be better for the kids next year.

We had lots of good food and some of it was left behind. Carl and B.J. flipped a coin for a bag of potato chips and a loaf of bread, Carl won but he flipped the coin too. Then he argued with Samie over the two watermelons left behind, telling her that her two melons had been eaten and the others were his. They split the difference. I got news for you, Samie, he didn't bring a melon. Everyone was helpful in cleaning up the building. Aunt Fay was even pushing a broom around, she won't quit even when

she's sick. Larry Dean & Carl had the old mop really going; now that I know Carl can mop like that..... Now B. J. was down on the beachfront tanning and said she didn't know we would be cleaning up so early, should we believe her? I guess so since we had talked about staying until 11 p.m. and it was only about 7 p.m.

At my request, Dan Craddock has agreed to be our treasurer. Some donations were given for next year and Dan will open a special bank account for this purpose. At least I think he will, he was overheard saying " This isn't enough for me to take a vacation on."

Samie & Larry Craddock brought along a video camera and did a lot of filming. They are offering to make copies for cost. Get them a video cassette and \$2 for postage if it has to be mailed or \$5.25 and they will provide the cassette. If you can drop it off and pick it up yourself they will need a cassette or \$3.25.

We had lots of fun and I met a new relative, actually he wasn't a new relative but I had never met him that I remembered, Vaughn Craddock, Bob's son and a charming young man. He does lot of noodling and has some battle scars to prove it. Nice to meet you, Vaughn. I had lots of fun and I sincerely hope that everyone did. I apologize if anyone felt left out of the activities or did not enjoy themselves. It wasn't intentional.

Dan has agreed to take over the fishing tournament next year. Praise the Lord. They didn't like my set of rules. I'm glad. He said next year everyone will get to fish in their own home territory on a percentage basis, whatever that means. He says, like if David, Reg or Lonnie, all in Florida, catch a 14 lb. bass there, and he catches a 13 lb. bass here, that he will win because of the record catch for that area. Ya'll better watch him.

Well what else can I say, it was great and we missed the ones that couldn't come, try to make it next year, the building is very roomy, the water coolers kept us nice and cool, it was clean, we had a drinking fountain and a bathroom. We get 12 hrs and have decided that 10 is too early so we'll probably start about 1 or 2 p.m. next time. More on that in about a year. We're gonna send maps too next time, Robin Locke said Viola Locke told him she knew how to get there but it took them two hours to find us anyway. LOVE YA,

Debbie. the lemon PLANT died and the apple tree is wilting,