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RIDING POINT for AFCC

Howdy Trail Hands!

As Gabby Hayes would say-“Dag Nabbit!” Two months GONE! We have already been down some long but good roads in the first two months of 2016.

January 16 started off with the Ft. Worth Stock Show Parade. The AFCC Covered Wagon was Team 44. We made our way through downtown Ft. Worth and as we headed back to the Stockyards, they were on Team 147 & teams were still lined up for a half mile. There were approximately 1500 horses & mules in the parade this year. AFCC had about 10 AFCC Churches with wagons and riders. News outlets estimated about 100,000 folks in downtown that cold day for the parade. I encourage all of you to consider participating next year in this Great Western Heritage Tradition!

January 16: there was an AFCC Clinic at No Fences CC in Falkville, Alabama with about 100 folks attending. Also, Colbert County CC hosted a Youth Conference that day. It was a huge success with 200 plus attending.

The last weekend in January was spent in Northeastern Alabama with our Alabama and Tennessee Brothers & Sisters at the “Unhobbled Conference.” There were 10-12 Churches represented and about 120 folks. The music was Cowboy and the preaching was as refreshing as the cool, clear water as sung by the Sons of the Pioneers. We saw the Holy Spirit move by restoring fellowship amongst some folks. A God-filled weekend!

February saw the AFCC in Carthage, Texas at Still Waters Cowboy Church

Feb. 18 for a Board meeting. Friday morning was filled with a Pastor processing with an Elder Camp at Bar None Cowboy Church in Tatum, Texas later in the day. A DVD will be available from the Elder Camp in the near future. Pastors, Elders and wives were fed that day by good preaching, were refreshed & filled up with the Holy Spirit. It was a sure-nuff time of good fellowship & encouragement. AFCC was back at Still Waters CC Saturday with 250-300 folks. Lots of ya'll have attended these clinics and know our goal is to help CC's do Cowboy Church from worship to Arena Ministries.

It was already a full week, BUT-BUT-the Cowgirls had a “packed-out” function that evening at Still Waters, while the Cowboys traveled down the road to Bar None for the annual “Testing of the Bulls.” A big “Thank You” to all the folks at Still Waters CC for their servants hearts and for going a GREAT job all weekend!

We can't talk about TOTB's without mentioning those outstanding calf fries. BNCC's Chuckwagon Team does a fantastic job of cooking those things just RIGHT! A Big Shout of Thanks to them! The main speaker was Mr. Duck Dynasty himself-Phil Robertson. This event typically draws a crowd of 11-1200 men. Not even close this year. BNCC had live streaming in the arena for overflow AND there was plenty of overflow with somewhere between 3,500 - 3,600 men in attendance! Praise the Lord!

AFCC just completed another Clinic on February 27 in San Angelo, Texas. There were 60-70 folks, Pastors and 8 churches represented.

Well, that's where AFCC has been the first two months of 2016. Here is a taste of that ol' canteen for what lies ahead in the next couple of months.

April 2-AFCC Clinic at Cross Creek CC in Zachary, Louisiana.

April 23-Cross Brand CC in Tyler, Texas will have its annual “Horse Gate” event, the Leadership Conference. Flyer is on the Cross Brand & AFCC websites and Facebook.

May 20-21-keep an eye out for information on “Church Development” at Parker County Cowboy Church in Aledo, Texas. This Team has gathered up a “Tool Box” full of ministry tools for established churches (5 plus years) to help expand the ministries of your churches.

Check the AFCC website for dates and events.

I encourage all of you to be pro-active in your Bunches. Go after those Pastors who have not been attending. Encourage them. The whole idea is for us to help each other and get our people to fellowship with one another.

If we ain't doin it---they ain't gonna do it. Saddle up! Hope to see you somewhere down the road!

Have a Grace Day!

Mike Blumn - 2016 AFCC President