

# HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP



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The Houston Outdoor group met for the annual pool party and election of officers at the home of Dave and Milton last Saturday, August 26, 2009. About eighteen members enjoyed a great potluck meal and then gathered around the pool for swimming, visiting, coffee and dessert.

Peter F., outgoing Director of Activities led the business meeting. Officers elected for the coming year 2009–2010 are as follows:

John A.	President	<a href="mailto:jallen328@att.net">jallen328@att.net</a>
Richard C.	Director of Publicity & Newsletter	<a href="mailto:rc8518@yahoo.com">rc8518@yahoo.com</a>
Ray G.	Director of Finance	<a href="mailto:raymgonzalez47@yahoo.com">raymgonzalez47@yahoo.com</a>
Howard K.	Director of Activities	<a href="mailto:howardk@hotmail.com">howardk@hotmail.com</a>
Tom D.	Director of Membership & Website	<a href="mailto:tomdempsey@gmail.com">tomdempsey@gmail.com</a>

### A Letter From Our New President:

Thank you HOGS for electing me President our fine organization. This group has meant a great deal to me ever since I heard about the HOGS in the late 1980's. I have a vision for the coming year for the Houston Outdoor Group. I have a vision of a great group of friends enjoying activities throughout the year in the great outdoors. (indoors too!) I have a vision of friends reaching out to invite more friends to join us.

We've had many great trips and activities in the past. I realize that from time to time we get tired of the same thing, and as with anything we sometimes get burned out. I see us organizing many more exciting activities in the coming year which will give us all a "shot in the arm". After all, keeping active is one of the healthiest things we can do, young and old alike!!!

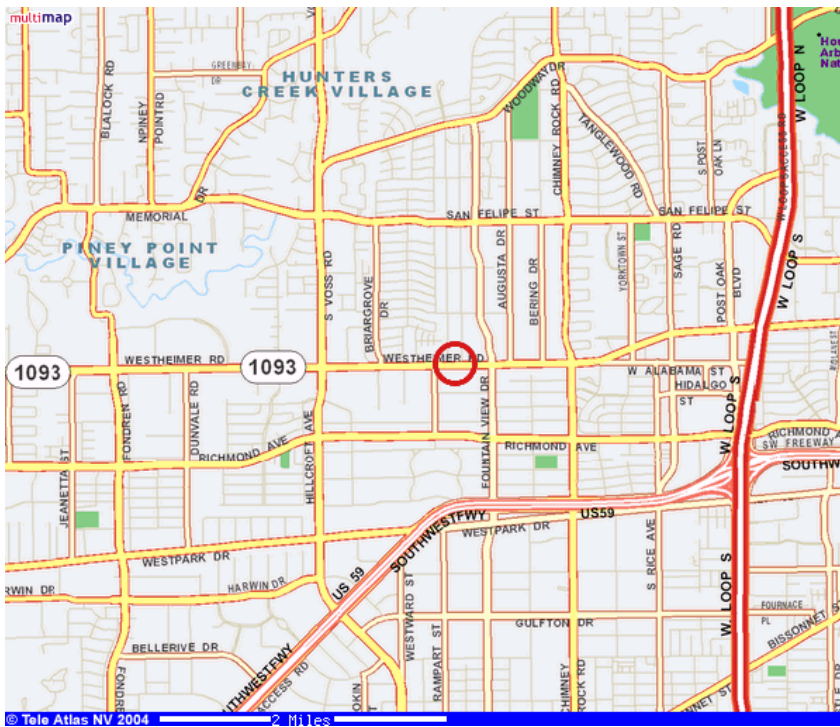
What a great pool party last Saturday! Thank you Dave and Milton for hosting our annual Pot Luck/Pool Party/Election of officers. We had a great group of HOGS there and there was much excitement (more than I've seen in a long time) ....excitement about planning activities, trips, and yes, even breakfasts and Pot Luck dinners!

Jon and I will be hosting the first board meeting for the new year at our home on Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m. As always, all hog members are welcome and we'd like to give each of you a special invitation to join us. So until our next get together,  
Happy Trails

John A.

# HOG Calendar Checklist for September

- September 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm pool party to be held at the home of Peter call (281) 448-4020 for food assignment and for directions.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am HOG breakfast at Chacho's @ 6006 Westheimer. host: Richard C.  
[Rc8518@yahoo.com](mailto:Rc8518@yahoo.com) 713 254-2392 for more information. See map below



## October-

- HOG breakfast at restaurant yet to be decided and tour of Mercer Arboretum  
Details will be announced as scheduled.

## November

- Plans are being made for several activities for the fall including the possibility of camping at McKinney Falls State Park or Huntsville State Park and a trip to Lost Maples and Garner State Parks. Details of these and other activities will be forthcoming in the October Newsletter.

The Houston Outdoor Group is in need of volunteers to suggest and sponsor breakfasts, dinners, day trips, camping trips, and any other outings that you feel the group would enjoy. Many of you have diverse interests and we would like to hear from you for group activities!

Hosting a trip is not a cumbersome undertaking. We will list the event and your phone number in the newsletter; you keep a list of names of those attending.

You will need to call or email the place where you want to go, and get any info on the place so we can place it and the date in the monthly newsletter. Then, be there to meet us.

HOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS			FINANCES AS OF 04/22/09
John A.	President	<a href="mailto:jallen328@att.net">jallen328@att.net</a>	Balance Forward: \$ 263.41
Richard C.	Director of Publicity & Newsletter	<a href="mailto:rc8518@yahoo.com">rc8518@yahoo.com</a>	Deposits: \$ 100.00
Ray G.	Director of Finance; 713-522-7809	<a href="mailto:raymgonzalez47@yahoo.com">raymgonzalez47@yahoo.com</a>	Expenses: \$ 77.14
Howard K.	Director of Activities	<a href="mailto:howardk@hotmail.com">howardk@hotmail.com</a>	Ending Balance: \$ 247.70
Tom D.	Director of Membership & Website	<a href="mailto:tomdempsey@gmail.com">tomdempsey@gmail.com</a>	

## HOG NOTES

### • Monthly Meeting

Board meetings are held on the Wednesday before the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. and all HOG members are welcome to attend. The next board meeting will be held at the home of John A. and Jon G. on September 23 at 7 P.M.

Call John or Jon at 713-290-0220 or email to [jallen328@att.net](mailto:jallen328@att.net) for directions

Please register on **YAHOO! GROUPS** at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HoustonOutdoorGroup/>.

This is a way for you to receive any last minute announcements that come up between newsletters. This site is for registered members only and is controlled by a monitor (Bill C.). You can post pictures and make announcements easily and get the word out to all members quickly. Log on and join today!

Call the HOG-line at (713) KAMP-OUT to request a free e-mail of a trial monthly newsletter and a membership application, or write to HOG, P.O. Box 980893, Houston, TX 77098. You can also request them by e-mail at [hoghouston@yahoo.com](mailto:hoghouston@yahoo.com).