

ACT MINUTES
FALL MEETING
Odessa College
September 24, 25, 26, 2008
Doug Pierce, President ACT

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(Submitted by Randall H. Williams - ACT Secretary for this one momentous occasion - September 25, 2008.)

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009: President Doug Pierce (Blinn College); President (in waiting) Elect Brian May (ASU); Recording Secretary (for the day) Randall H. Williams (TAMUK); Treasurer Norm Hopper (TTU). Elections are held at the spring meeting each year and officers assume their roles following the spring meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The 2008 Fall meeting of ACT was called to order by President Doug Pierce (Blinn) in the Special Events Room of Odessa College on Sept. 25, 2008.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Dr. Ted Ford moved to approve the Minutes of the spring 2008 ACT meeting at TAMU, as posted. It was seconded by Dr. Don Topliff and they were approved by near unanimous vote. (Two members were observed to not have responded via an “aye” vote.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Norm Hopper & Rachel Bobbitt, The Texas Tech University; Rob Kinucan & Clay Rasmussen, SRSU; Don Topliff, WTAMU; Charles Nunnally & Marc Robinson, TVC; Ty Chumbley, TxSU; Royce Granberry, Texarkana College; Dale Perritt, SFASU; Doug Pierce, Blinn College; Steve Keith & Shelly Switzer, North Central TX College; Stanley Kelley, SHSU; David Kercheval, AG. Workers Mutual Auto Ins./Worth Casualty; Ted Ford, & Ashley Lovell, TrlSU; Stacy Frerich, TAMU; Tracy Stewart, Paris J.C.; Ed Brokaw, ACU; Mikel Lemons, Odessa College; Ron Presley, South Plains College; Brian May, Angelo State Univ.; Jim Heitholt, TAMU-Commerce; Randall H. Williams (emeriti), TAMUK.

IT WAS DECIDED: Don Topliff will head up a committee (comm. was not named by Pres. Pierce) to write a letter to TX FFA to address the issue of changing the CDE's scoring of the ACT University hosted events, etc., and the stance that these contest providers will only utilize the services of (*Clay Ewell Educational Services*) CEES to register and score the competitions.

ACT TJANR: Ashley Lovell /TJANR editor was asked to add financial reports of the journal to the ACT membership. He agreed to do this. Thank you, Ashley. We're welcome, I'm sure.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dr. Hopper of TTU fame, and still ACT treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report and gave an update of the ACT balance, (see balance sheet)! It was moved and seconded to be approved as read. (All \$40,193.60 are at TTU. Now it is understood why Norm is able to travel around the world so much.)

Dues cover from October 1 to August 31 each year with November 1 as the due date.

Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (bobyoun@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). ACT dues for TJCAA were reduced from \$2000 per year to \$1000 per year and include all junior colleges or community colleges in Texas teaching agriculture, natural resources, or the life sciences. (ACT universities pay \$500 per year each).

Campus Updates of TTU, SRSU, WTAMU, TRINITY VALLEY COLLEGE, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, TEXARKANA COLLEGE, SFASU, TAMU-Commerce, SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE, ANGELO STATE UNIV., SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIV., TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTH CENTRAL JR. COLLEGE, were provided.

*The following campus updates were delayed due to the necessity of attending to *LUNCH!* (TAMU, PARIS JR. COLLEGE, ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIV., ODESSA COLLEGE, BLINN COLLEGE, TAMUK.)

****Break for lunch** with the XIT Chuck Wagon (**see materials @ end of these minutes**) of Odessa College. 12 – 1:30 p.m. Mikel Lemons is to be complemented for hosting such a unique “XIT trail-drive” luncheon for the ACT group. It was outstanding!

Reconvened Business Session @ 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Rachel Bobbitt of TTU made a presentation and request for solicitation of help at the ACT recruitment booth for the National FFA Convention Career Show. Redesign of the ACT booth with Univ. and J.C.'s to be listed. Each ACT member institution is to send packet materials (100 count each) and giveaway door prizes from each college/univ. for the booth. Send to Rachel Bobbitt by Oct. 3rd.

It was deemed appropriate to spend \$1000 for a scholarship to be given to one student in a drawing at the convention. That winner is to enroll at one of the ACT member institutions for a door prize to a senior (entering college freshman) to major in agriculture at one of these schools. He/she must enroll and register at one of the schools to receive this award. (NOTE: The eventual winner at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, IN on Oct. 22 – 25, 2008 was Mr. Jared Clapp of Oakland, Illinois. He will most likely enroll at TAMUK in fall, 2009.)

***Completed the campus updates** at this time (TAMU & Paris J.C. & ACU & Odessa College & Blinn & TAMUK [saved best for last].)

Mr. Tom Maynard of TX FFA/ Austin visited with the group about issues concerning the TX FFA. The Texas FFA Convention in Lubbock this summer put us over 10,000 student attendees for the 2nd straight year (slightly lower number than the record set in Corpus Christi the previous year). New hires in the office are Ms. Alex Nagy in scholarships, & Mr. Casey Hogan is the leadership development person for state officers. Oct. 10th will be a record book summit for all vendors of TX FFA record books. Summer 2009 the convention will be in Dallas, TX, July 7 – 10th at (most likely now) the American Airlines Arena. In 2010 @ Corpus Christi; 2011 @ Lubbock? (now confirmed); 2012 Corpus Christi; 2013 ????

No letter is needed to Tom Maynard concerning the minutes of last meeting, etc., etc. Also, the issue concerning the proposal of hosting all state CDE's at one central location for those CDE's is still being considered. According to Mr. Maynard it probably would have to be put out for bids, etc.

*****THE ACT JOURNAL:** Dr. Ashley Lovell of TSU and the TJANR spoke about the Journal and went through the associate editors list for updates, etc., he gave a report of the ACT Journal. Etc.etc.

HLSR – Graduate Assistant funding for this year (seems to be no problems, etc.). Mr. Maynard of TX FFA did report that he had been told by Mike Nathanson of HLSR that she intended to retire this next year, probably at the end of this year's show in March. (No action was deemed needed to be taken, so none was.)

TJCAA is now, actually the TX Jr. Coll. Ag. Educators Association (**TJCAEA**). An act to DRAFT a request for funding for an additional 3 yrs. of funding from the McMillan Foundation for the junior college scholarships was passed. The motion was sponsored by Ted Ford, and now Ted will draft the letter for the ACT to be addressed to Ralph Ward. (Ted, don't forget to do this because I won't be around to remind you!)

Directory Updates/?? There was a "Call For" doing this, but it remained unclear as to whom to send them to, now that "Dr. Joe" no longer exists. Decision remained "up in the air" as of press time for these Minutes.

CEES: It was determined that a call to Clay Ewell of CEES about the \$\$ for fall/spring registrations would be appropriate. Confusion exists over whether ACT owes him \$250 / 500 for spring and/or fall registrations? (Follow-up note: Dr. Norm Hopper, treasurer, did make this call and it was Clay's understanding that only the spring registration needed to be conducted via his online services, and therefore only \$250 would be expected as ACT payment for this service. Thank you Norm for handling this.)

Confidential: Sssshuuuu...A “Dr. Joe - thank you plaque” was approved to be designed by Brian May & presented to him at a future meeting. However, this is a secret and not to be released for common knowledge.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Ed Brokaw was elected as the new ACT secretary by railroad. He never even saw it coming. So sad. He was such a nice young man. (A copulation of approximately 18 – 19 years of ACT archives was handed over to Dr. Brokaw for a new archival depository from Randall Williams at that time.)

ACT voted to request a Letter of electronic notification from the ACT Journal editor to the reviewers of Journal Articles and their Dept. Chair and/or Dean for their service as a reviewer to utilize for promotion/tenure, etc. It passed.

The ACT fall Business Session was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

ACT TOURS: Tour #1: Manuel’s Odessa Tortillas & Tamales Factory with Manuel Gonzalez himself leading the tour. (Free tortillas for all!)

Tour #2: Commemorative Air Force Tour (formerly the Confederate Air Force) at Midland/Odessa International Airport on Friday morning with a tour by Dean, an 85 yr. old former POW of WWII and an ex-radioman on a B-17. He was shot down on his eighth mission over Germany and spent two years in a POW camp. He was a hoot and is my hero! This was a great tour and a real credit to the Midland/Odessa and Permian Basin Area.

Thursday Evening Dinner was provided at the Barn Door South 40 at 6 p.m. with an excellent steak dinner. Mikel, you just keep outdoing yourself!

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Mr. Mikel Lemons (Odessa College) received accolades for hosting the ACT fall 2008 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. He has a nice College President as well. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page. **Special thanks to Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance for sponsoring a portion of the conference.**

2009 SPRING MEETING: DR. BRIAN MAY AND ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY WILL HOST THE SPRING MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2 & 3, 2009; TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT IS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009. (NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN APRIL’S FOOL JOKE!) He will set up all arrangements of facilities, tours, competitions, etc. What a guy!

2009 FALL MEETING: MS. TRACY STEWART, PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE, WILL HOST THE FALL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 2009. (I’m sure it will be great, wish I could be there.)

CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (clayewell@gmail.com) of *Clay Ewell Educational Services* (CEES) maintains the ACT web page to include the ACT brochure and minutes. The webpage the Online AST Directory, the CDE registration system, CDE scoring system, and online CDE results system. Everybody is encouraged to sign in to www.judgingcard.com to update their directory information.

ACT previously voted that CEES is to receive \$5/per team for all FFA and team contests that register online at judgingcard.com and CEES prepare packets for (includes state, area and any others). ACT also agreed that if CEES does not make packets, CEES should keep \$1 per team to try to cover the credit card costs. For “Invitational” contests that only enter individuals, costs should be decided by CEES and that school.

Also, ACT voted to pay CEES \$500 to develop and run a registration program for the two ACT meetings per year (fall and spring). ACT determined that something similar to the NCATA registration program would be great; but CEES has the okay to be creative in the development. Clay is to check with Joe Townsend for the TJCAA contest registration material.

SPRING MEETING and TJCAEA (faculty) & TJCAA (students) CONTESTS: ASU will ask for assistance with the TJCAA contests from other four-year universities. Exams with fifty-item multiple choice questions for the various TJCAA contests are needed. The exams should cover work that would be taught during the freshman and sophomore year. Assignments will be made for the following exams: HORT, AGRO, ANSC, AGECE, AG MECH, ENTO and WILDLIFE. At spring meeting, TJCAA students will also participate in the scrapbook contest, the outstanding student contest, and the outstanding chapter contest. Universities **MAY** bring a tabletop display and recruiting brochures to provide to TJCAA students (about 100 students attend). **FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES - BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

(Previous Actions) TAX FREE STATUS: Tyree Collier, Dallas attorney, established the tax free status for ACT. ACT is a 501(c)(3) organizations. ACT does not have to file the form 990 with IRS. Ralph Ward suggested that ACT may want to donate more monies in the form of scholarships.

TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – Dr. David Kattes, Tarleton, and Editor of the Journal: <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr>
Also on agintexas.org webpage.

Finding reviewers for articles is a problem. Associate Editors at each campus must do a better job of getting reviewers on each campus. David Kattes will forward a list of everything needing review and associate editors need to find reviewers. (He did, see attachment.) ACT suggested that David Kattes assign articles at certain institutions to get reviewers. Also, each September institutions should send a list of faculty expertise at the different campuses and experiment station faculty. Authors will have 60 days to revise based on review comments to return modified article to TSU for publication.

Managing Editor – Ashley Lovell – Tarleton State University

Editor in Chief - David Kattes – Tarleton State University

Editorial Board – meets at every fall meeting (note: failed to meet at Odessa College)

Associate Editors:

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Randall Williams	TAMUK (resigned)
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Ms. Jessica Richmond continues as the secretary for the Journal. Her telephone is 254.968.9927 and email address is jhrichmond@tarleton.edu. The Journal is located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/> and instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included near the bottom of the page located at <http://www.agintexas.org>.

**AGRICULTURAL CONSORTIUM OF TEXAS
MEETINGS**

FALL

1977 FORT WORTH
1978 SUL ROSS
1979 SAM HOUSTON
1980 TEXAS TECH
1981 EAST TEXAS
1982 WTAMU
1983 ASU
1984 TEXAS STATE
1985 TAMUK
1986 SFA
1987 TEXAS TECH
1988 WEST TEXAS
1989 SAM HOUSTON
1990 TEXAS STATE
1991 SUL ROSS
1992 TAMU
1993 ACU
1994 TSU
1995 PVAMU
1996 TAMUC
1997 TAMUK
1998 TAMU
1999 KILGORE
2000 BLINN
2001 HOUSTON CC
2002 TRINITY VALLEY
2003 WEATHERFORD
2004 TYLER JC
2005 FRANK PHILLIPS
2006 COASTAL BEND
2007 TEXARKANA
2008 ODESSA - SEPT 24, 25, 26
2009 PARIS JC - SEPT 23, 24, 25
2010 MCC - Sept. TBA
2011 NCTC - Sept. TBA
2012 ????

SPRING

1978 NO MEETING
1979 NO MEETING
1980 NO MEETING
1981 TEXAS STATE
1982 SHSU
1983 TEXAS STATE
1984 SHSU
1985 AUSTIN
1986 AUSTIN
1987 AUSTIN
1988 HLSR
1989 HLSR
1990 HLSR
1991 SALE
1992 HLSR
1993 AUSTIN
1994 FT. WORTH
1995 AUSTIN
1996 ASU
1997 WTAMU
1998 SFA
1999 TX TECH
2000 SUL ROSS
2001 SFA
2002 TAMUK
2003 TEXAS STATE
2004 TSU
2005 SAM HOUSTON
2006 WTAMU
2007 ACU
2008 TAMU
2009 ASU - APRIL 1,2, 3
2010 TAMU-Commerce - APRIL 7, 8, 9
2011 PVAMU - APRIL 6, 7, 8
2012 SUL ROSS - APRIL 4, 5, 6
2013 TX TECH - APRIL 10, 11, 12

SEE YOU at Angelo State University!!!

Folks to Thank

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Odessa College

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Respectfully submitted:

Randall H. Williams
(Good-bye, I shall miss you guys. God bless and best of luck.)

Buffalo Springs Camp XIT Chuck Wagon

The XIT Ranch in the 1880's was the largest ranch in the world under one fence. Its three million acres sprawled over parts of ten north western Texas Panhandle counties. It spread out over 220 miles long and 30 miles wide in some places. Many people believe that the XIT brand stood for Ten in Texas, because of the number of counties, but the owners said that the brand originated to thwart rustlers. The land was acquired by the Capitol Syndicate Group organized to finance the building of a new Texas State Capital building in 1882. The principal investors were Charles B. Farewell, John V. Farewell, Col. Amos C. Babcock, and Col. Abner Taylor. The Texas State Capitol building is only second in size to the U.S. capital building, but in one respect it is larger. The Texas capitol building is at least seven feet taller than our nations' capitol in Washington DC. As the ranch began actual operation in 1884 it was divided into eight divisions to make management easier. Buffalo Springs, the largest parcel, was located near the Oklahoma border and used to pasture steers; The Middlewater division in Hartley County was used to pasture culls; the Ojo Bravo was home to the best cows; the Rita Blanca was used as a beef ranch; the Escarbada ran graded cattle; Spring Lake was the breeding pasture; while Casa Amarillas (Yellow House Ranch) was a general pasture used for drought times. The first cattle were delivered in 1885. By 1887, the cattle buying had ceased with a total of 150,000 head of cattle and approximately 1,000 horses and mules. With cattle and horses came the need for the tools of the trade; cowboys, windmills, and chuck wagons. By 1900, the ranch had 325 windmills pumping water for the livestock. The ranch had 94 different pastures and 1,500 miles of barbed wire fence. The XIT cowboys were paid 25 to 30 dollars per month to build and repair ranch equipment and fences along with herding the cattle. A chuck wagon was purchased for each of the eight divisions along with other equipment. Hired hands furnished there own saddle and equipment for working the cattle.

The investors never planned on keeping the ranch, but wanted to operate it until they could break it up and sell it off to others. They began selling parts of the XIT ranch land off in the early 1900's and by 1912 the last XIT cattle left the ranch from the headquarters in Channing near the present town of Farwell, Texas. The rest of the land near the headquarters was leased to ranchers to run their own cattle. The last of the XIT land (the headquarters near Farwell Texas) and equipment was sold off in 1963.

This XIT Chuck Wagon was bought in 1887 and delivered to the Buffalo Springs Camp. As each division of the ranch was broken up and sold, the chuck wagon and other equipment was sent to the headquarters for storage or use by other divisions. This wagon was probably used until 1908 or 1909. It was sold at auction in 1963, stored for many years and then restored and donated to Odessa College by the Pedicord family. It has been exhibited, but not cooked off of until approximately three weeks ago. This meal will be the fourth time that it has been used to feed off of in almost 100 years. It has been valued at close to or over \$100,000.

Chuck Wagon Etiquette

The atmosphere around a chuck wagon has been described as pleasantly barbaric, as might be expected with a group of men far from home who were doing rough dirty work under sometimes brutal conditions. The language was colorful and often profane. There were, however, definite rules of behavior around the chuck. Most were unwritten laws and understood by all but the greenest of cowhands. For example, riders approaching the campsite always stayed downwind from the chuck wagon so that they didn't cause dust to blow into the food. No horse could be tied to the wagon wheels or hobbled too close to the camp. Cowboys looking for warmth never crowded around the cookie's fire. There was no scuffling about or kicking up billows of dust around the chuck wagon while meals were being prepared.

When it came to eating, no cowboy dared help himself to food or touch a cooking instrument without the cookie's permission. The cowboys never used the cooks worktable as a dining table; they sat on the ground and used their laps instead. When dishing out a helping of food from a pot, they placed the lid where it wouldn't touch the dirt. It was against the rules for a cowboy to take the last piece of anything unless he was sure that everyone was through eating. If a man got up during the meal to refill his coffee cup and someone yelled "Man at the pot!", he was supposed to fill all the cups held out to him.

After the evening meal, the cowboys always scraped their plates clean and put them in the "wreck pan" or the receptacle that the cook provided for the purpose. Along with sourdough biscuits and coffee, most chuck wagon meals included beans, or frijoles, as they were often called. Beef was something that was never in short supply, and a good chuck wagon knew how to prepare it in many different ways. Fried steak was most common—the cowboys never seemed to get tired of it—but pot roast, short ribs, and stew showed up often on the menu.

If Cookie had time, and he was feeling kindly to "the boys," as he called the cowhands, he would make desert. Usually it was a two crust pie made with apples or some other dried fruit. To let the steam out, he often cut the outfit's brand in the top crust of the pie.

Simple food, a seemingly monotonous menu, and less than ideal dining arrangements were standard on the range. Yet many retired cowboys get misty-eyed when they recall their food from their days with the wagon. After, dinner, cowboys would sit around the campfire drinking coffee and telling stories. Some had a reasonable amount of education and would recite poetry. Today, this has been revived at cowboy poetry gatherings.

Our Cookie is Mr. Dennie Cypert

September 23, 2008

Number	Received	Title	Authors
2007-01	2/9/2007	Effects Of Serum Levels Of Copper and Zinc on Antibody Titers of Two Breeds of Stocker Calves Injected with Leptospirosis SP. Vaccine and Drenched with an Organic Mineral Supplement	Byron C. Housewright, Roger Skipper, David B. Crenshaw, C. Pat Bagley
2007-10	8/6/2007	Survivability of Bovine Derived Escherichia Coli Subjected to Remperatures Typical of Summer in Texas	Wayne Becker, Tamilee D. Nennich, Samuel F. Atkinson
2007-12	8/14/2007	Nutritive Evaluation of Two Legumes (Strophostyles) Supplemented to Goats Fed a High Quality Coastal Bermudagrass (Cynodon dactylon) Hay Diet	Foster, Muir, Ellis, Lambert
2008-01	3/3/2008	Economic Analysis of Optimal Nitrogen Application in Corn Production	Prashant Amatya, Mark Yu, Frank Ewell
2008-02	3/19/2008	Market Valuation for Attributes of Female Beef Cattle Replacements	Lawrence Falconer, Jerry Gray, Donnie Montemayor and Brian Yanta
2008-03	3/14/2008	Vitamin D3 supplementation to goats does not improve loin chop tenderness and color stability	J. M. Gonzalez, P. A. Will and J. K. Harris
2008-06	7/11/2008	Feeding Shin oak to Meat Goats Improves Four-wing Saltbush and Total Intake	Bobby E. Deeds II, Cody B. Scott, and Richard Brantley
2008-07	7/15/2008	The effects of Ascophyllum nodosum on Swine Performance and Carcass Characteristics	N. W. Shelton, R. M. Harp, B. D. Lambert, A. C. Seidel

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