



PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS

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“Members Only” Meeting Slated For October 15th

There will be a Members Only meeting on Thursday October 15th. Preliminary voting results on the Constitution and Bylaws changes should be announced that evening. There will also be a discussion on the 104th State Convention, which we are hosting. Please return your RSVP card to arrive by the 12th so that the planning committee can advise Humble Inn.

Needlepoint Raffle

Tickets are on sale for the needlepoint SAR logo. This beautifully framed work of art will become a centerpiece in any home. Tickets are \$3.00 each, or 4 for \$10.00. The drawing will be held during the 104th

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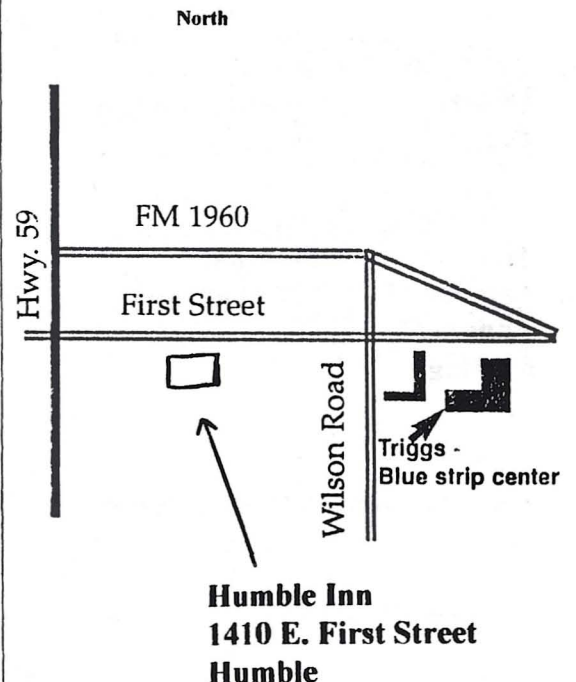
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annual TXSSAR Convention next March.



Directions to Humble Inn



Schedule of PineyWoods Chapter meeting and events

Thursday, October 15, 1998

**Members and guests only.
Convention and Contests**

November 7 & 8

**Board of Managers Meeting @
Dallas**

Thursday November 19, 1998

**Dinner meeting, members,
wives, & guests. Nomination
report**

Thursday, December 3, 1998

**Board Meeting, Annual
Convention Meeting**

Thursday, January 21, 1999

**Dinner meeting, members wives,
& guests. Nomination report.**

Thursday, February 18, 1999

**Members and guests only.
Election of 1999-2000 officers.
Annual Convention working
meeting**

March 12-14, 1999 - 104th

TXSSAR Annual Convention.

104th Annual TXSSAR Convention Committee

Chairman: Jeff Meadows

**Hotel/Meeting/Banquet Rooms:
Don Lemon**

Banquet/Meals: Bernie Balser

**Youth Luncheon: (Saturday)
Bob McKenna**

Finance: Don MacGregory

Protocol: Allan Henshaw

Decorations: Tom Green

**Ladies Hospitality:
Barbara Balser
Billie Lemon
Fritz Green**

Ladies Tours:

**Registration & Welcome
Packets: Bobby Smith
James Jones
Bernie Balser**

**Needlepoint Raffle:
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Patriotic Days to Celebrate

Victory at Yorktown	Oct. 19
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Bill of Rights Day	Dec. 15
Our Chapter Anniv.	Feb. 3
TXSSAR Anniv	Dec. 8

Birthdays in October

Bernie Balser	7
Raymond Cox	1
Joe Davidson	29
Kenneth Fleming	14
Matthew Greenwood	30
John Meredith	20
Craig Rees, DDS	7
Larry Stevens	6
Glen Withrow	20



The Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party, which took place on December 16, 1773, was about more than unfair taxation of tea. It was the spark that ignited the fires of the American Revolution. A protest of the fact that a king 3,000 miles away was dictating the affairs of a prospering and self-sufficient society. The individuals involved in this historic event - John Adams, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, and John Hancock - went on to fight for our independence and took their place in history among the founding fathers of our great nation.

In 1770, a new prime minister, Lord North, believing it unwise for England to hamper the sale of its own wares in outside markets, secured the repeal of most of the Townshend duties. At the request of King George 111, the duty on tea was retained in order to assert the right of England to tax the colonies. The American merchants accepted this compromise, and the agitation in the colonies soon died down. The remaining duty was evaded by smuggling: the odious tax was not paid on about nine tenths of the tea imported after 1770.

Then, in 1773, Parliament passed another act that set all the elements of discord in motion. This measure allowed the British East India Company to ship tea to the colonies

without paying any of the import duties collected in England. The nearly bankrupt company had on hand an immense quantity of unsold tea. It could now sell this tea more cheaply in the colonies than local merchants, who had to pay high duties. The company was quite willing to pay the Townshend tax of threepence a pound when its tea was unloaded in America.

In the colonies this cheap tea was greeted as a bribe offered to the people for their consent to a British tax. The merchants everywhere were alarmed. If the East India Company could receive a monopoly for the sale of one article, it might receive other privileges and thus deprive the local merchants of most of the colonial trade. In New York and Philadelphia the company's ships were not allowed to land. Meanwhile, in Boston, a group of citizens disguised as Indians tossed 15,000 pounds worth of the offensive tea into the harbor. This incident, afterward known as the Boston Tea Party, brought about the greatest pre-Revolutionary War crisis, for it was the first act of resistance to end in the destruction of a large amount of private property. Since the East India Company was carrying out a British law, Lord North and George 111 felt that the colonial opposition must not go unchallenged.

Events Surrounding the Boston Tea Party

1763 - French and Indian War ends, leaving England in debt

1764 - British Parliament passes the Sugar Act

1765 - Parliament passes the Stamp Act prompting a colonial boycott

1766 - Stamp Act repealed

1767 - Parliament passes the Townshend Acts, prompting another boycott

1768 - British troops arrive in Boston

March 5, 1770 - The Boston Massacre

March 5, 1770 Townshend Acts repealed, except for tax on tea

1772 - Samuel Adams establishes the Committee of Correspondence

Sept. 1773 - British East India Tea Company sends ships to the colonies

Nov. 1773 - Tea meeting held at Faneuil Hall and Old South Church

Dec. 1773 - The Boston Tea Party

Mar. 1774 - Parliament passes the Coercive Acts to punish Boston

Sept 1774 - Gathering of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia

April 18, 1775 - "Shot heard 'round the world fired in Lexington

April 19, 1775 - Revolutionary War begins with battles at Lexington and Concord

1776 - Declaration of Independence signed

1783 - Revolutionary war ends

1787 - United States Constitution signed

