

November 2014

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant



BRENHAM GOES HOLLYWOOD!



On October 9th a Hollywood type production company came to Brenham to film a commercial for Blue Bell Ice Cream. Blue Bell Creameries contacted BPD and the COP's to help with this endeavor. While I can't reveal the contents of the commercial, I can tell you that it was shot here in Brenham; and when it airs you will recognize the areas. You may also recognize some of the actors; they are our very own Cpl. Chris Jackson and Sgt.

Curtiss Schoen. While we don't know what will end up on the cutting room floor, Mr. Hollywood Jackson is walking around wearing his sunglasses in the building! We had four COP's on this assignment, utilizing all four of our COP vehicles; blocking roadways all over the city for this shoot. Stan Ford, Albert Green, David Clinkenbeard and Bob Cothorn worked well over 12 hours that day; as did Chris and Curtiss. Even if none of our people are shown in the commercials, it will be good public relations for the City of Brenham, and that Little Creamery in Brenham!

Dates to remember

General Meeting 7pm	11/10
Christmas Parade & Stroll	12/05
NO General Mtg in Dec	
Christmas Party	12/12

CPAAA DRIVE THRU FUNDRAISER IS A BIG SUCCESS !!

Contributing Photographers:

Clyde Averitt

Chris Jackson

Rob Aguilar



The final tally isn't in yet, but we sold more tickets than ever before. We have gotten tons of positive feedback on the meal itself; which is also a measure of success. We should have some totals at Monday's Meeting.

November Birthdays

Todd Ashorn 11/10

Gudson Hall 11/11

Todd Jacobs 11/16

Veteran's Day is November 11th

Thank a Veteran for their Service!



HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE THRU



TRICK OR TREAT!



Hours were spent on getting this display just right.
Thanks Guys!!

The Huddle, before the arrival of all those vehicles hauling Trick or Treaters!



Sgt. Powell was out with his new partner. A future BPD Officer, actually his nephew.



At Right: That's Annette Tiemann as a mouse with Chief Phelps as a younger version of his Rock star self; note the full head of hair. It's a good look, don't you think!



Our Cooks or is it Kooks? Head Chef Jack Murski, Monroe Petzolt and Chris Jackson. **THANKS GUYS!**



And the cars just keep coming. This years Drive Thru was a big success.



At Left: Bagging the Bread



At Right: Setting up the Drive Thru Tent and tables



Our Assembly Line working like a well oiled machine. *Great Job, one and all!!*



At Left: Break Time



At Right: Stan's Shuttle Service loading up for another run.



At Left: The Serving Line just getting started



At Right: Stan's Shuttle Service doubles as a joy ride for Annette and Billy!

Spring Forward Fall Back

By Rob Aguilar

“Spring Forward Fall Back”, sounds like a circus stunt; but we all know what it means. It’s that time of year when we move our clocks forward one hour or back one hour. For either, Daylight Savings Time or Central Standard Time. Well its fall so we move our clocks back and supposedly gain an extra hour. However, we all know that the only thing that happens is our internal body clock gets messed up for a few days.

It’s also that time of year when we change the batteries in our smoke detectors (and or carbon monoxide detectors), for safety sake and peace of mind. Changing those batteries is a very important task. It’s one that I take seriously; having seen firsthand the benefits of early warning in cases of fire and the tragedy that ensues when they don’t work. So, yes I am urging everyone to check their detectors and change those batteries. But, I also want to remind everyone to dispose of those batteries correctly and responsibly; that means recycling.

This is just a reminder, we all know we should recycle old batteries; but those nine volt (9-V) batteries are particularly dangerous to store and dispose of. What am I rambling about? The terminals on 9-V batteries are quite close together and can be shorted out quite easily. For example, don’t throw 9-V batteries in your junk drawer (don’t tell me you don’t have a “junk drawer”, everybody does), the terminals might come in contact with a metal object like a paper clip, spoon, key, another battery, etc.; in which case some heat would then be generated which in turn could cause combustible materials in that drawer to catch fire. The same can happen if you throw them into the trash. It is recommended that 9-V batteries should be stored in their original containers when possible. When disposing of them or storing them before disposal you can place some electrical tape across the terminals to “disable” it (wrap the battery with the tape). This is stuff that we learned long ago, but either don’t practice it or have forgotten. So I hope this reminder will help keep everyone safe, because accidents happen even though they can easily be prevented. And, I can’t wait to Spring Forward again!

[Chris introduces new BPD Officer Sierra Newell to our group at the last CAAA Meeting](#)



[The “Assembly Line” at our Drive Thru Fund-raiser. Lots of busy hands and cheerful faces!](#)



Thanks to the following for volunteering their time to these events:

10-9-14 Blue Bell Creameries Commercial Shoot- Stan Ford, Albert Green, David Clinkenbeard, Bob Cothorn

10-11-14 Blinn College Football Game Parking Assignment- Ron Upchurch, Charles Lewis, Clarence Steinfeld, Jim Hollister, Stan Ford, Dale Green

10-18-14 Texas Brew Step—Albert Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, James Bassett, Clarence Steinfeld

10-23-13 St. Paul's Fundraiser Traffic/Parking Assignment - Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, James Bassett, Travis Boeker, Bob Cothorn, Clyde Averitt, Tony Smith, Stan Ford, Billy Yawn

10-25-13 Kid Fish Fingerprinting Assignment held at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center: Jean Winters, Sue Braun, Ron Wise, Wayne Brown, Clyde Averitt, Rob Aguilar (85 children printed)

10-25-14 Blinn College Football Game Parking Assignment— Albert Green, Bob Cothorn, Dale Green, Travis Boeker, Stan Ford, Dorothy Antkowiak, Charles Lewis, Clarence Steinfeld

11-1-14 BHS "A Day in Color" 5-K Run—Tex Davis, Charles Lewis
Clarence Steinfeld

October COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	46.5
Wanda Aguilar	17.75
Dorothy Antkowiak	65
Clyde Averitt	20.5
James Bassett	47.5
Scott Boll	14.75
Travis Boeker	9.5
Scott Boll	7.5
Kevin Braun	11.5
Sue Braun	15
Wayne Brown	31.5
Willie Brown	20
David Clinkenbeard	31.25
Sandra Clinkenbeard	9.75
Bob Cothorn	64.75
Michael Cowan	16
Glen Daugherty	24
Tex Davis	76.5
Peter Emerson	2
Stan Ford	55
Albert Green	70.25
Dale Green	59
Donald Hegemeyer	2
Juanita Hickey	12
Jim Hollister	6
Bernadette Kamprath	6
Millie Keller	22.5
Charles Lewis	23
Jack Murski	21.5
Tom Painter	20
Don Peloquin	26
Carole Petzolt	4
Monroe Petzolt	4
Jerry Pieper	14.25
Liz Schwake	2
Jerry Schwake	2
Corina Smith	29.25
Mark Smith	10.75
Tony Smith	15
Clarence Steinfeld	63
Annette Tiemann	36.75
Ron Upchurch	62
Manija Whitman	4
Jean Winters	13.25
Ron Wise	8.5
Catharine Wood	2
Chuck Wood	2
Billy Yawn	23
TOTAL	1139.5



At Left:

Don Peloquin is presented the 3rd Quarter Office Angel Award by Ginger Bishop and Rob Aguilar.

Great Work Don!

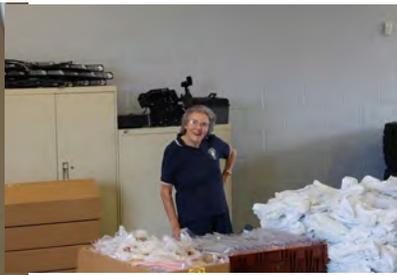
More Halloween Night Photos



Thanks to all the
CPAAA members that
made this such a
FUN NIGHT!



More Drive Thru Fundraiser Photos



Thanks Again to everyone that came out to help at our Fundraiser



At Left; Capt. Trey Gully accepts a "Homes for Heroes" Gift Basket from Kendra Hudson and Jennifer Ott
Homes for Heroes is basically a way of saying Thank You to a Hero that is buying, selling or refinancing a home; and a Hero is a Police Officer, Fire-fighter or other first responder, Military active and retired, Teachers, Healthcare Workers and other Community Servants (COPs are included) A Flyer is in our office with more details

Speaking of Heroes... Don't forget to Thank a Vet for their service !!!

Less Lethal

By Rob Aguilar

I happened to drop by the Police Station an hour early on my day for school traffic last month. I needed to talk with Chris Jackson about something, but I can't remember what it was right now. I noticed a van in the parking lot with the words "Less Lethal" in large letters written on the side? I walked into his office and he said he didn't have time to talk as he was headed to the Training Room for a demo; and he asked if I'd like to come. Well I still had an hour to kill, so I went to listen. It was quite interesting; it was a demonstration of a new product called the JPX Pepper Gun.

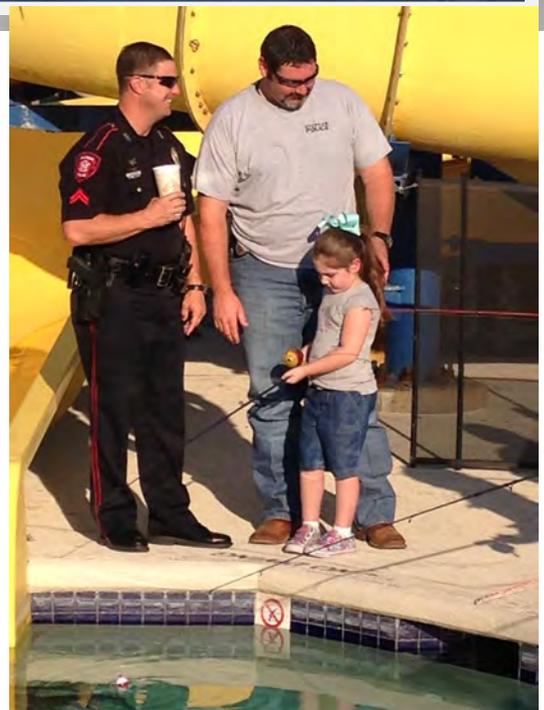
It resembles a firearm, but could be mistaken for a toy pistol. Of course, if it was pointed at you, it would look quite menacing; especially if the person aiming it wore a blue uniform and a badge. We watched a video and listened to the sales representatives, as well as got to actually fire and reload the weapon (it didn't have a payload, it was like shooting blanks). They explained that the JPX Pepper Gun was the most functional and powerful hand-held OC delivery system (OC Pepper Spray) available today. The OC is the irritant, OC stands for oleoresin capsicum. The gun uses revolutionary Piexon cartridge based propulsion technology. It effectively reaches distances up to 23 feet at 405 MPH. It will reach further, but the product will disperse in a wider pattern than is optimal and the MPH will also lessen with an increase in distance. The pattern is subject-specific with 1 foot of spread at 15 feet (just a bit over 1 foot at 23 feet). The OC Pepper Spray used is twice the strength of the pepper spray currently used by BPD and twice the strength of most conventional pressurized OC canisters.

Throughout the demo, the pepper gun was compared to the Taser; as it is in direct competition with it. The "Tasers" shortcomings were exploited and the pepper guns superiority was touted. Of course, that's to be expected when the company's salesman is talking. However, everyone in the room was saying how you have to keep a Taser dry, it has to be charged, it can't be reloaded easily, you only get one shot, you have to get certified to use it, it is very expensive; and the big one – there have been lots of deaths attributed to them. The pepper gun is less expensive, it has yet to not bring down a suspect, training is simple and no certification is required, it is easily reloaded, you have 2 shots per load, it can get wet, there are no batteries required for it to operate, no electronics to fail, and a few more things that I have forgotten.

Well I didn't want to sound like an advertisement, but it seems like a good product. There was serious talk about switching to pepper guns and phasing out Tasers; but I think that may have gone by the wayside. Perhaps it will be revisited at a later date. The Chief mentioned that he was going to see if we could get issued pepper spray, but I haven't heard what happened with that. This pepper gun sounds good to me; after all its just pepper spray! You can check out this product on the web at jpxpeppergun.net.



My (Rob's) crew at the Kid Fish Fingerprinting Assignment Clyde Averitt, Sue Braun, Jean Winters, Ron Wise, Wayne Brown
THANKS GUYS! We printed 85 fishermen!!



Chris chats with Joe Merkley as Joe's daughter Maddie, a seasoned pro tries to land the big one.



Chris holds the heavy end of this "whopper" for fisherman Luke Aguilar. Yes, that's my grandson; quite a fisherman, isn't he?? Just like his Dad!!





At Left: Jean is printing a little girl and Sue is waiting to clean off the ink.



At Right: COP Scott Boll cast the line for one of his kids. Now give the pole back to the child Scott, you know the rules; kids only.



At Left: A Big Catch for a tiny fisherman.



At Right: Children dig for bait—worms so they can go back to fishing.

At Right: Official Invitation

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
OUR ANNUAL CAAA &
BPD CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH
AT THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY EVENT CENTER
6:30 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES,
FELLOWSHIP & FUN**



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A CPAAA MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

**THE CPAAA WILL ENTER A FLOAT
IN THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS
PARADE ON DEC. 5TH. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO RIDE ON THE
FLOAT, HELP DECORATE OR PRO-
VIDE DECORATIONS OR IDEAS,
PLEASE CONTACT DOROTHY
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*Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*

*Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.*

*Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.*

*Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.*

*Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.*

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

*Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.*

*It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.*

*Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.*