



# Outdoor Christian Ministries Informational Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

February 11-13, 2011  
Doe and Quail Hunt

February 18-20, 2011  
Singles Retreat

March 10-12, 2011  
Christian World

May, 2011  
ACCF Men's Retreat

## 2010 Year in Review

- ~324 Total OCM Participants in 2010

- January Father/Son Doe Hunt – 8
- February Doe and Spike Hunts - 8
- February Single Women Retreat – 20
- March Christian World Retreat – 53
- March Corp of Cadets Outing - 6
- April Volunteer workers – 8
- May ACCF Retreat – 61
- May Retreat for Families – 28
- June High Wind Repair Group – 6
- July 3 Maintenance Groups – 16
- August Father/Child Retreat – 22
- September Dove Hunt Retreat – 12
- October Families Hunt - 10
- November Men's Doe Hunt – 8
- December Men's Doe Hunt – 8
- December Father/Son buck hunt – 11



***In our daily lives we are surrounded by multitudes of varying interests, most of which emit from self-centered, self-indulgent individuals with other than gracious intent. Re-affirmation that truly good people still exist was my take-away from the weekend. It was a true joy to be associated with everyone, even for the brief period. The OCM has and will change the lives of many, both directly and indirectly, with the real man approach to grace and gracious service.***

***Thanks to all,  
Bill Evans***

***P.S. The hunt wasn't bad either.***

## President's Ponderings

I am thankful for the opportunities that we had in 2010. In this newsletter, you will see a handful of those opportunities mentioned. There are articles and comments from numerous guests, Pastor Walker, and ACCF men's leader Joe Lee. We could have easily doubled or tripled the articles and comments but I hope that the ones included give you a good representation of the blessings of 2010.

As the notes on the cover page show, OCM continues to increase its outings and guest numbers each year. 2011 looks to be another year of growth with the addition of higher-end housing, more fishing opportunities, and an improved website page.



OCM friend and advisor Pastor David Walker has reached an agreement with land owner Chip Briscoe to utilize the Espajo segment of the Briscoe-Gates Ranch. Pastor Walker is working out a lot of details with this but it is safe to say that OCM will be allowed to utilize the Espajo facilities from time to time. The Espajo headquarters includes a higher level of housing than the Tierretas segment. It also offers a larger cooking area, larger dining area, more yard grass cover, more trees, and a swimming pool. It is only 6 miles from paved road as opposed to 16 miles at the Tierretas. Pastor Walker said OCM might get to use some of the fishing

ponds as well (but we might have to wear a blind fold going in and out). OCM will continue to use the Tierretas but looks forward to using the Espajo from time to time as well.

OCM friends Gordon Merrill and Andy Burnett have worked to improve the OCM website. The website now features our past news articles and more information about the OCM operations. Donations can now be made electronically through the web site with use of PayPal.

After two years of serving as Vice President, Steve Money has asked OCM to fill his role. Distance is the primary consideration for Steve since he lives in north Texas. Floss Morrison, mother of OCM founder Lee Morrison, has agreed to serve in the Vice President role in 2011. After three years in the role as OCM secretary/treasurer Pastor Jerry Smith has asked OCM to look for another officer for this role. Jay Gunn, a frequent time and resource contributor to OCM, will serve as secretary/treasurer. Pastor Jerry will continue as an OCM volunteer in other ways. Background notes for Floss Morrison and Jay Gunn are listed in this newsletter.

We begin our fourth year of operation and we trust that the Lord will continue to give us direction and provision.

Sincerely,  
Dale Burnett  
OCM President



## Testimonials

### Phone Text Message from Pastor David Walker to Dale Burnett and Clifford Graef October 15, 2010

Dale and Cliff,

Sitting here in the dark waiting for the day to dawn and remembering our few minutes with Lee yesterday on the ridge. It profoundly affected me as the tears filled both your eyes and your voices when it was your turn to take up Lee's ashes. That kind of friendship is beyond rare and can never be completely replaced. I just wanted to bless you both on this beautiful crisp morning. You were brothers he loved and men he was proud to walk shoulder to shoulder with. Consider that a high compliment. May we be found worthy of his trust and the Savior's trust most of all, as the future of OCM becomes the present.

David



(Note: Part of founder Lee Morrison's ashes were scattered at the coast by his wife Helen Morrison. At the request of his mother Floss Morrison, Pastor Walker, Dale and Clifford scattered part of his ashes at Look Out Point at the Briscoe-Gates Ranch where OCM conducts retreats. )

## PANORAMA

I want to send my sincere gratitude to OCM as to their inviting us to have our annual Men's Spring Retreat as the Tierretas Pasture (Briscoe-Gates Ranch). Dale Burnett and crew have been nothing but helpful and hard working toward the great works that has gone on at OCM.

Our retreat started on Friday and went through Sunday. During this time we had 60 men gather and worship the Lord Jesus Christ on 5 organized sessions that included men singing with all they could muster, testimonies of right now real life events in which God had proved that He still is in control, and open discussion in what the written Word of the Lord has to say on issues effecting our men. We also had many men that sought out Godly counsel from some of our more mature men in Christ. We also took the time to pay tribute to those who have stood the test of time so well in Kingdom affairs. Besides that we had shooting instruction and competitions in pistol, rifle, skeet, and archery. We also spent some time fishing. I have to say that my favorite part was that I was able to baptize two men. One of those men was the first man in which God used me to lead him to the path of salvation. There is just something about the effect of God's Creation in its entire splendor to rejuvenate a man. I pray the Lord bless this ministry to be and do great things for His kingdom.

Joe Lee  
Associate Pastor  
Men's and Outdoor Ministry  
Alamo City Christian Fellowship

### **From Clark Lyman 7/5/10**

*Dale and Pattie,*

*The high point of Crispin's summer to date (even after having been to Colorado) has been the harvesting and processing of the feral sow - God bless you both, your beautiful family, and your worthwhile enterprise.*

*Your friends for life,*

*Clark and Crispin*

### **Spoken to Dale at an oil change facility in August 2010:**

*Dale that was the best weekend of Crispin's life (12 years old). Thank you very much. Ms. Lyman*



**Email to Mike Schneider (cc'd Dale) in early February, 2011 by Jonathon Gray**

*Mike Schneider,*

*I have nicknamed you the "Dutchman." Thank you for your unequaled hospitality. Jonathan got home and the first thing he did was post his pics on his Facebook page. Sitting with Jon and watching him take such a beautiful animal...a trophy was a grounding moment for me. You and Dale have made a dream come true, for both of us. What a delight to see such incredible deer. Thanks Dale. Don't know if I can ever repay you guys for your kindness. True servants. Thank you.*

*Once again...THANK YOU!!!*

*I lived a dream through  
Jonathan.....OCM Rocks!!!*



**Spoken to Dale at a household in February 2010, by Mike Givens, retired remodeler:**

*Dale, I have been on mission trips with you to build poor people houses. I would like to make building and repairing at OCM my primary mission now.*

**From Judy Phillips (Espajo)**

*Dale, I used your lesson on "Life's Instruction Book" that you used at the OCM Retreat. I told it at our high school reunion and one lady started going to church again after 30 years.*

**Email to Dale in late September 2010, by Keith Ferguson**

*Hi Dale –*

*I just wanted to drop you a note to thank you again for the opportunity to visit the ranch this past weekend. I know Daryl, Weston and I enjoyed ourselves in spite of the weather. The rain was not what any of us wanted, but it did give us the opportunity to visit and learn more about each other. Your site was first rate and so were the people.*

*I look forward to seeing you again in the future.*



### OCM OPERATIONS

We are often asked what kind of supplies or donations are needed at the ranch. We really appreciate the question and the donations that have been given. The list of items and their priority seems to change almost weekly as it might around your own house. For example, a leaky outside water faucet might be high on your home's list until the air conditioner unexpectedly goes out. Or changing the oil in your lawn mower is needed until the mower's shaft gets bent. So we often pause before we answer that question because the priority can change quickly.

As we plan trips to Outdoor Christian Ministries (OCM), the planning starts as we pack to come home from the last trip. We take written notes on maintenance and supply needs on any of the 22 blinds, 30 feeders, 2 old ranch vehicles, ATV, 2 lawnmowers, weed eater, cameras, and the 6 houses with all their air conditioners, windows, roofs, plumbing, refrigerators, bedding materials, coffee pots, etc. We also take notes on the basic supplies of paper towels, paper plates, dish soap, clothes detergent, garbage bags, batteries, ranch vehicle fuel, cleaners, and all the other things that keep households functional. There are numerous OCM teaching handouts that we track and print to maintain supplies for guests.

The first week back home after an OCM trip usually includes a day of mowing and weed eating our own lawn and catching up on mail/email. Shortly after that volunteers communicate about the next retreat needs including guest list, transportation list, retreat agenda, helper list.

Store trips to Home Depot, Academy, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, and HEB begin about a week before we go back. Inevitably one of the volunteers will think of something we had not previously noted and we'll make another store visit. Most of the time volunteers are purchasing supplies without any reimbursement from OCM as nearly all monetary donations are used for land lease costs. (Without funding for the land lease, we won't need any supplies.)

A work trip in late July 2010 of four volunteers had one truck with the following items in the back: portable welder, air compressor, metal chop saw, chain saw, pipe tubing, door hinges, roll of electrical wiring, 2- 5 gallon gas cans, cameras, 2 tool boxes, 10 bags of corn, shelving, bedding, clothes, household supplies, and food for 3 days.

This is a glimpse of the OCM operations. The volunteers are great and they are sincerely thankful to get a chance to serve others in an outdoor Christian setting.

### BOOKING A RETREAT

If you wish to book a retreat, please contact Dale Burnett at 512-497-7050 or Pastor David Walker at 210-394-2795. You may also contact Dale by email at [daleandpattie@msn.com](mailto:daleandpattie@msn.com). The best time to hold a retreat is from February to August. In some cases there might be a small fee for overnight stays to cover some of the cost of electricity and upkeep. After your retreat, if you wish to write an article or testimonial for the OCM newsletter, please do so and forward it to Andy Burnett at [andyburnett@austin.rr.com](mailto:andyburnett@austin.rr.com).

**Officers:**

**Dale Burnett**

**President & Guide**

**512-497-7050**

**Dale Burnett** is a Christian businessman and a retired state employee with 29 years of service. His state service included working with the FBI, the Environmental Protection Agency, Attorney General's Office, and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. He currently works as a consultant in management and regulatory matters. Burnett is a long time outdoorsman, who coaches youth in competitive sports and coordinates hunting and fishing opportunities for youth and parents within a Christian setting. He shares a common desire with his fellow board members to provide opportunities for individuals and groups to experience the grandeur of the outdoors and to encourage them to grow in their relationship with their Creator. As President of OCM, he assists in the planning, publicizing and oversight of events and in the management of OCM facilities.

**Floss Morrison**

**Vice President**

**210-656-8914**

**Floss Morrison** and her beloved brother were born and raised in Tampa, Florida. She is a 1951 graduate of the University of Florida where she majored in Psychology. Mrs. Morrison moved to the San Antonio area in 1963 where she and her husband raised their two sons, Larry and Lee. She has been a member of the Trinity Baptist Church for many years where she has served and volunteered in numerous roles and on various committees including teaching Sunday School classes to 11<sup>th</sup> graders, adult women, and couples. She has also served as a Bible Study Fellowship Leader. Mrs. Morrison remains active in her San Antonio community as she is now in her 14<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer work at the Northeast Baptist Hospital. She currently works at "Viva! Books", a religious book store, where she has spent the last 30 years. Mrs. Morrison considers everyone she worships with and works with to be a part of her family. And, anyone that knows Mrs. Morrison knows she is a very kind and loving person not to mention a wonderful cook. Her son and good friend to so many of us, Lee Morrison, was the Founder of Outdoor Christian Ministries in 2008.

**Jay Gunn**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**512-964-4550**

**Jay Gunn** is a 1976 graduate of University of Texas with a BBA in Accounting. He is now engaged in the general rental equipment business and has a lawn and garden division which sells Hustler Zero Turn mowers, Stihl power equipment, and Top Hat trailers. He has spent most of his life in Houston and Austin. He was married to his wife Corinna in 1992. They have two children, Joe the oldest is age 13 and Mackenzie the youngest is 9. They currently reside in Buda TX and are actively involved in the Buda United Methodist Church. They have enjoyed and participated in the OCM retreats and have fellowshiped with many folks they have met over the past few years. Jay is a novice hunter, but his son Joe is quite an enthusiast at age 13. They are looking forward to their more active participation with their many friends already involved with OCM. A proper introduction of Jay Gunn would be incomplete if you did not mention that he is one of the most caring and giving people you will ever meet.

**Guides:**

Clifford Graef	Senior Guide & Maintenance Support	512-870-7940
Andy Burnett	Guide & Web Site	512-415-1247
Matt Burnett	Guide & Mechanical Support	512-913-5163
Mike Givens	Guide & Construction	512-750-9776
Mike Schneider	Guide, Teacher, & Maintenance Support	512-750-9776
Phil Bynum	Guide	210-241-2434
Joshua Burnett	Guide (Hog and Rabbit)	512-468-1112
Joe Gunn	Guide (Hog and Rabbit)	

**Food & Housekeeping:**

Corinna Gunn	Food & Housekeeping Support	512-964-4551
Pattie Burnett	Food & Housekeeping Support	512-497-3539
Robbie Burnett	Food & Housekeeping Support	512-797-6949

**Volunteers & Advisors:**

Pastor David Walker	Advisor	210-394-2795
Pastor Jerry Smith	Volunteer	210-260-9155

**Donations:**

OCM has been blessed by many monetary donations, small and large. OCM has also been blessed with a multitude of non-cash donations including those of labor. OCM is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your contribution is tax deductible. If you wish to donate materials or equipment, call Dale Burnett

If you wish to make a monetary donation via credit card, then please use the PayPal "Donate" button located in the upper right hand corner of our web pages ([www.ocmtx.org](http://www.ocmtx.org)). You do not need to have a PayPal account; they will simply charge your credit card for the specific dollar amount that you enter. If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check out to "Outdoor Christian Ministries" and mail it to either:

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