

Outdoor Christian Ministries Informational Newsletter

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Pending Event Examples:

February, 2012
Duck/Quail Hunt

February, 2012
Singles Retreat

March, 2012
Women's Retreat

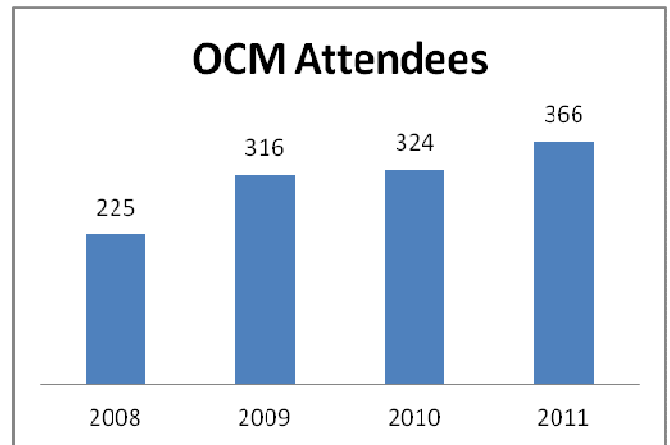
April, 2012
ACCF Men's Retreat

May, 2012
Youth Retreat

2011 Year in Review – Event Examples

~366 Total OCM Participants in 2011

- January Father/Son Doe Hunt– 8
- February Doe and Quail Hunts - 14
- February Single Women Retreat – 22
- March Christian World Retreat – 60
- April Volunteer workers – 10
- May ACCF Retreat – 75
- May Retreat for Families – 28
- July Father/Son Retreat – 22
- August Volunteer Workers – 6
- September Father/Son Dove Hunt Retreat – 24
- September Adult Dove Hunt Retreat - 6
- November Families Hunt - 10



From Clay Craig - January, 2012

Dale & Andy

I wanted to take a moment to express how much i appreciate the opportunity to trek down to OCM once again. Last weekend was an absolute blast and it all stems from the genuine, cordial, hospitality expressed by both of you and the support cast. I'm continually amazed at the abundance of beautiful game and landscape.....but more importantly, my profound take-away is always about the people and overall experience. It is a wonderful way to detach from the daily grind and really absorb the moment of true fellowship.

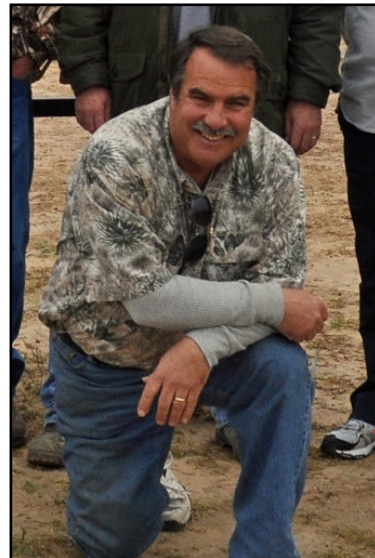
Thank you for doing what you do, it is truly wonderful work!

*Sincerely,
Clay Craig*

President's Ponderings

As the cover page indicates, OCM continues to increase its outings and guest numbers each year. Several factors have contributed to OCM's sustainability and growth. We have many dedicated volunteers that are "on-call" for retreats and facility work. Many guests are returning annually to re-experience OCM and are inviting others. Donations have been steady and helpful. Through OCM friend/advisor Pastor David Walker, we have access to the Espejo segment of the Briscoe-Gates Ranch for retreats. The Espejo and its headquarters include fishing ponds, a higher level of housing, larger cooking area, larger dining area, more trees, and a swimming pool. It is only 6 miles from paved road as opposed to 16 miles to the Tierretas.

Floss Morrison, mother of OCM founder Lee Morrison, served as Vice President for much 2011. In the latter part of the year, Floss asked the board to find someone else to serve since she believed that OCM needed a vice president that was active on the retreats. As a result, Mike Schneider was elected as vice president. Jay Gunn began serving as secretary/treasurer in early 2011 and will continue to serve in that role in 2012. Mike's and Jay's background information can be found on the OCM website.



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

Sincerely,
Dale Burnett
OCM President

Testimonials



From Mike Wiegman - December, 2011

"Thanks for the opportunity you gave Cole. He told me on the way home that was the best day of his life. I will never forget that. THANK YOU. Mike Wiegman"

From Dale Hancock – May, 2011

I would like to begin by expressing my sincerest gratitude to Outdoor Christian Ministries for allowing us to hold our annual retreat at the Tierritas Headquarters on the Briscoe-Gates Ranch. This was my first time organizing the Spring Men's Retreat for Alamo City Christian Fellowship, and I had a blast. We met "Little" Dale as we now know him. We would like to thank him and the entire OCM crew for allowing us the privilege of using the ranch.

The retreat started on Friday night and went through Sunday morning. During this time there were about 70-75 men who came to fellowship and worship our Lord, Jesus Christ. We talked, we prayed, and sang his praises. We had three organized sessions, two led by our pastor, David Walker, and Sunday's session was led by me. We also had group gatherings around the campfire on Friday and Saturday night singing and giving glory to God. On Saturday we set out on some great competition with pistols, rifles, skeet and archery. We also had two groups participate in a fishing competition. On Sunday we crowned five champions for those events.

It was our goal for the men to rest and to hear from God. During the Sunday session I spoke with the men and led them in the sinner's prayer. Two men accepted the Lord. If the men went home relaxed and re-energized in the Lord then our goal was accomplished because that was what this retreat was all about.

It is all about Him. It's just Jesus.

May the Lord richly bless you,
"Big" Dale Hancock



From Tim O'Rourke - November, 2011

"Dale, I want you to know what a privilege that I think it is for Jackson and me to get to hunt with you, Clifford and our entire group on this beautiful ranch. Our lives are continually blessed and this experience is another demonstration of God's love for us all. Thank you for the fellowship, Tim O'Rourke"

From Mike Kuchar – January, 2012

"Thanks again for having us out at the ranch. Couldn't have been better all the way around. I really enjoyed the weekend. Looking forward to future hunts with ya'll. Mike Kuchar"

From Keith Ferguson – January, 2012

"Hey Dale -

I just wanted to say thanks again for such a great trip. Our visit was much more than just about hunting, as it gave our family the chance to spend quality time together. And as you know, family is so important and this opportunity that you provided was very much appreciated. The boys are still talking about not only the great deer they harvested, but also the card games and the time they had to spend with their "Boomp". Please let Clifford, Andy, Mike and Phil know again how much we valued them and all the hard work they did to insure we all had a great time. It really meant so much to all of us.



May God continue to bless you and all the work that you perform with OCM. I hope we can continue to have the opportunity to visit for many years to come.

Thanks again,

Keith"

Odds and Ends

OCM OPERATIONS

- 4 baptisms
- Painted the outside of 6 camp buildings
- Painted portions of the inside of 2 buildings
- Introduced fishing as a OCM retreat activity
- Added Espejo hdqrs/pool/fishing for retreats
- Developed OCM Website
 - Successful transition for two new OCM officers
 - Cleaned barn/moved shelves– hauled off 3 truck trash loads
 - Re-floored one house and mounted TV on wall to create more floor space
 - Repaired 2 blinds; painted 2 blinds, bought 2 blinds
 - Bought trailer hopper with hunter donations
 - Hand-trimmed brush on ranch roads to Windmill, WT2, & North Mula2
 - Tractor shredding done at R1 and T2;
 - Maintained ranch vehicles and houses
- Developed OCM video
- Added PayPal contributions
- Cleaned up sign-in area
- Relocated 2 hunting blinds and pens
- Bought new computer printer
- Secured a Polaris ATV for OCM use

2012 OCM Leadership

Officers:

Dale Burnett	President	512-497-7050
Mike Schneider	Vice President	512-750-9776
Jay Gunn	Secretary/Treasurer	512-964-4550

Guides:

Clifford Graef	Senior Guide & Maintenance Support	512-870-7940
Andy Burnett	Guide & Web Site	512-415-1247
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Mike Givens	Guide & Construction	512-750-9776
Phil Bynum	Guide	210-241-2434

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
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Donations:

OCM has been blessed by many monetary donations, small and large. OCM has also been blessed with 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). 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:

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