

A Successful Picnic

By Fred WB4BAG, April 2023

As the second Annual Pete Rimmel Family Picnic drew to a close, we were relieved that the expected rain never came in the afternoon. The weather was great, the food was great, the Fox Hunts were great, and the camaraderie was great too!

A week ahead of the event we were concerned that only a handful of members signed up to attend. That changed by the time of the picnic -- we had over 35 sign-ups.

I want to first thank all the volunteers who made this event happen: Ed KO4UZI for covering the cost of the pavilion. Phil K4OMD and Rich W4RQ for organizing the event and getting the food. Plus, their XYLs, Elsie and Barbara, for cooking and preparing in advance. And of course there's Tony W6TNY who cooked all the burgers and hotdogs on the grill.

Other donated prizes for the door prize drawings and the Fox Hunt awards were:

- ◆ 5 -- Nite lights made from old vacuum tubes (by Richard WD4FCJ)
- ◆ 4 -- \$25 Bass Pro gift cards
- ◆ 1 -- Computer Microscope, 1000x (plugs into the USB port)
- ◆ 1 -- Power Pole Distribution Box
- ◆ 2 -- Copies of N3FJP Logging Software (Donated by Rich WB4EHG)

We also held our traditional 50/50 drawing. The pot was \$150 and therefore \$75 went to the winner -- Tony WA4VIS. Less his cost of admission, he donated it back to the club. Thanks, Tony!

Although there was a lot of flooding in areas of the park due to the torrential rains just a few days earlier, our pavilion was high and dry.

Tom N4MEO immortalized the event with plenty of pictures.

[Tom -- Rich EHG asked for copies to put on the club's website.]

Jeff WB3ISP set up a portable station and made some contacts (in Texas, I believe). He needed to win that logging software, because I saw him logging by hand on a pad....

Cleanup was quick, and with many hands to load the vehicles, we were on our way in no time.

Ready for next year!

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