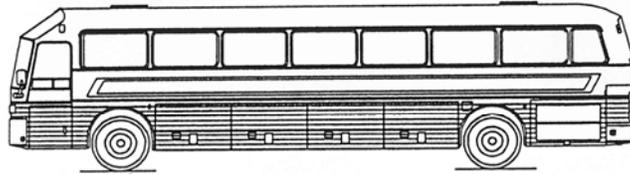


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Eagle International members. Hope everyone is doing well as we head into the winter months.

Between work, traveling, and grandkids this has been a busy year for Elaine and I, but it has been a good year. We have had a rally at Quartsite, and one in San Angelo. Susan Groves was kind enough to write an article about San Angelo, and Trish Legg sent some pictures. This coming year we plan on having a "rally" in Quartsite on Jan. 20-23, 2022, and people can come early and stay late. There are rallies in the planning stage in Southeast Nebraska hosted by Mel and Trish Legg for the end of September, and a rally in Branson hosted by Jim and Denise Hufford for the first of October. We will have more information on these last two in the next newsletter.

We lost one of our members, Wayne St Onge, in September this year. Mel Legg and Mike Groves have each written an article about Wayne. He will be missed.

We will be electing officers for the next two years. You can mail, email, or bring them to Quartsite where they will be counted.

Safe travels,
Marty Golden F299092

Remembering Wayne St. Onge

Many rallies ago in the mid 2000's, I had just finished my Model 10 Eagle and was ready for the road. We attended the rally and met a lot of nice people. I noticed while driving to the Branson rally, there were three big hills north of Branson on Hwy 65. I figured while heading home, I would get halfway down the hill and would need to slam the pedal to the metal to help make it to the top of the next hill. When I got a third way up the hill, I found I had broken the accelerator cable. I coasted to a stop. Luckily, behind me were both Bob and Karen Ward and Preacher Wayne. What was I going to do? With the help of Bob and Wayne, we took the bumper off. Preacher Wayne asked whether I have a pair of vice grips? I responded yes. Wayne crawled into the spare tire carrier. He pulled on the broken cable to accelerate so we could continue north. The bus never ran so fast up and down those hills. We continued talking back and forth through the floor board and finally were able to pull into Walmart at Ozark, MO. Karen and my first wife Jackie about fell over when they observed Wayne crawling out of the spare tire carrier. A nice lunch was enjoyed with Preacher Wayne before heading home.

All I will say, is Wayne is a wonderful person and anyone who would do what he did, has definitely got God on His side.

Thank you Wayne...I am forever grateful.

Mel and Trish Legg

P.S....and Jackie in Heaven

...Remembering Wayne St. Onge

The name Wayne St. Onge is synonymous with the Eagle bus!

My first introduction to Wayne was his bus shop near Sarcoxie, MO many years ago. I stopped by I-44 Bus to look at a 1988 Eagle Model 10. With introductions and a quick look completed, I asked Wayne what he wanted for the bus. "82" he said,

For a brief moment, I found myself driving that Model 10 all over the country! "82 hundred?" I asked. Wayne responded, "Oh, no, brother...82 thousand!" My dreams of driving that bus evaporated.

Years later I reconnected with Wayne when we traded our '01 for one of his Model 10's. What an exciting time for me!

Our friendship grew over the years and I know why he was affectionately called "preacher". Wayne was a man of strong faith and frequently sang his praises to God in gospel songs. He was true to his sabbath, (Saturday), and no business was ever conducted.

His knowledge about the Eagle bus was endless. Many of us have inquired of Wayne regarding a problem or a needed part for our buses. He always helped.

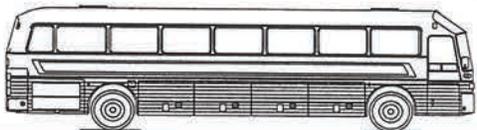
I spoke with him in late August, and told him how much I appreciated the sharing of his extensive knowledge of Eagle buses to so many of us. I thanked him for including my wife and I on one of his gospel CD's. But most of all, I thanked him for being my friend.

God bless you Wayne....you will be missed.

Mike Groves



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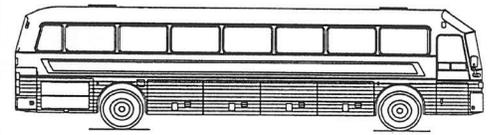
San Angelo 2021

by: Susan Groves



"The Stars at Night are Big and Bright Deep in the Heart of Texas". Nine buses parked in the spacious San Angelo State Park, Oct. 6-9, 2021, thanks to Marty and Elaine Golden, our hosts. We enjoyed coffee, donuts, breakfast burritos, BBQ, a pot luck, an opportunity to see bison and longhorn cattle feeding, bicycle rides, a fun rally schedule, and great weather!

The women enjoyed a get together including lunch at a historic "brothel", (Miss Hatties), followed by great shopping. We also made a Christmas craft thanks to Tory Stoner, our teacher. The men also had lunch together and visited Ron's Upholstery Shop where 84 year old Ron works on street rods, and other old cars' interiors. He lives in his Eagle bus behind the shop.



San Angelo 2021, cont.

We car pooled to a huge Mexican restaurant, Henrys, where we enjoyed good food and friendly staff. There was a snafu, though...Gary Hatt accidentally paid for Bill Stoner's margarita! Thanks Gary!

A pot luck and business meeting ended the rally. Mike Groves shared some meaningful thoughts about Wayne St Onge who died Sept. 25, 2021. The group shared photos and memories of Wayne.

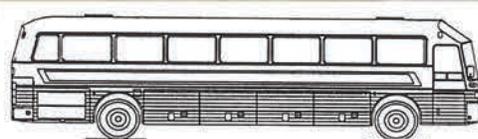
The evenings brought a cool breeze and we opened our bus windows for a great nights sleep.

Thank you Elaine and Marty for the opportunity to: see friends, have individual visits, group gatherings, admire new scenery, nurture relationships, and a special thanks for the food you provided!

Susan Groves



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**Eagles International Officers Election
For Two Year Term 2022-2023**

		HIS VOTE	HER VOTE
President	Marty Golden	_____	_____
Write In			
VP Eastern	Eric Brown	_____	_____
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VP Southwest	Daniel Bowers	_____	_____
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National Director	Wayne Schell	_____	_____
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Treasurer	Denise Hufford	_____	_____
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VP Southwest	Randy Coons
Secretary	Wayne Schell
Alternate National Director	Jim Hufford

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QUARTZSITE RALLY

WE HAVE A GATHERING OF EAGLES AT QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA FROM
JANUARY 20-23, 2022

Feel free to come early and stay late if you wish.

From Quartzsite go north on hwy 95 seven miles and turn east on Plomosa Road. Go about 3 miles and look for gathering and/or Eagles.

This does not cost anything, but you need to get a 14 day permit from BLM (Bureau of Land Management) when you turn onto Plomosa Road. This is an opportunity for Eagle Members to get together. It's not a rally put on by anyone. Buck Bolding does not live far from there and will be there. Buck's number is 360-722-1887

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