

## Band Memories

Date: Sat, 06 Nov 2004 17:23:52 -0600  
From: "Benjamin R. Wright" <Ben\_Wright@prodigy.net>  
Subject: RE: [Alpine] Re: School trips

Dear Kathy,

We went to Buccaneer Days in Corpus Christi which continues today as a spring festival each year in competition with Fiesta Week in San Antonio. If my memory serves me correctly, we marched in the Battle of Flowers parade in San Antonio and participated in the Battle of the Bands in Alamo Stadium in April of 1960 or 1961. We went to Corpus Christi the next year in April of 1961 or 1962 -- I may be +/- a year or two on the dates. Leland Schultz was the band director when we went to San Antonio as he had worked the invitation with his brother Cal Schultz who was a band director in San Antonio. We had a new band director when we went to Corpus Christi (I am struggling for his name) who we had for a year or two before Mr. Banks came. Others of you may have a sharper and more precise memory than I do. At any rate we had a SUPER time on our AHS Band trips. Thank you and God Bless!  
In Jesus' Love, Ben Wright + (AHS class of 1964).

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Subject: [Alpine] Re: School trips

I wouldn't doubt there was some smuggling of something or other a decade earlier . . . back when Donald Robbins was talking about the old school buses, but mostly I remember making sure you had a supply of lemons or limes along.

One of the band trips was to Corpus Christi if I recall correctly to march in some parade. Now that was a LONG ride in our old school bus . . . I remember it was very HOT in our wool uniforms as we marched along. Does anyone else remember exactly when that trip was? How about you other 3 French horn players?? Of course Phyllis

Avant (now Carol Stall) and Donna (Mueller) Johnson (both AHS '64) would have been twirling and tossing their batons while marching . . .As for Gayle "Frenchie" French - not sure if she's even getting these messages.

Kathy (Karvonen) Frye '64

From: Donald Robbins  
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Sent: Monday, November 01, 2004 7:33 AM

We at AHS had a unique experience. School trips for sports, band, etc. involved a lot of miles to travel as Alpine is close to nowhere except maybe Marfa. And it was fun. We did not have Greyhound type buses to travel in as many schools today have. In the early sixties there were, as I recall two large school buses, one kind of new and one sort of old.

Then the School District bought a smaller army surplus bus that had seen better days but was a good price. We in the band were delighted. The Bucks football team would use one of the buses and would leave earlier than the band. The band was too large to fit into the other bus so parents had to carpool some of the members and instruments. The second army surplus bus meant we could all travel together, sort of. On its maiden voyage Leroy Roark, algebra and math teacher, was recruited to drive.

So off we went to a football game in McCamey or somewhere in the boon docks with Mr. Roark & crew ahead of us. About halfway to Ft. Stockton, we in the larger bus caught up with the smaller bus. It had thrown a piston. Only one thing to do and that was to load everyone, instruments and all into the one bus and travel cramped and cozy on to the game.

I would enjoy hearing about other AEX memories of school trips.

Donald Robbins

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