

# TEXAS SACRED HARP NEWSLETTER

August – December, 2003

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## Sacred Harp Archives

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*Kelly Beard, holding a gavel presented to the Central Texas Musical Convention in 1879.*

**From the *Canton Herald*, July 10, 1931:**

“Attention is called to the meeting of the Central Texas Sacred Harp Singing convention which will be held at Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, July 16, 17 and 18. This promises to be a great event; many singers from a large territory will be present and Martins Mill may be depended upon to make every visitor feel at home. Dust off the old ‘song book’ and be among those present. J. T. Beard and B. A. Mitchell, both of Canton, are president and secretary, respectively, of the association and will be on the ground.”

Kelly Beard, nephew of J. T. Beard, was the last chairman of the Central Texas Sacred Harp Singing Convention. He inherited the convention gavel, which displays the inscription “This gavel was presented by J. P. Gosset of Goshen, Texas to the Central Texas Musical Convention in the year 1879.” The final session of the convention was held around 1980.

## Upcoming Texas Singings

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The following singings are scheduled for August through November 2003. Maps are available online at [www.fasola.org/maps/](http://www.fasola.org/maps/), at <http://www.flash.net/~gaylon>, or from Cheryl Foreman (call 214-922-5905). Details, including location, directions, and contact information, are listed on pages two through three of this newsletter. Every effort has been made to present accurate information in this newsletter, but **please call the contact person** before making travel arrangements to make sure nothing has changed.

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## August 9 - 10 135th Annual East Texas Convention

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| <b>Location and Directions</b> | Henderson Community Center, Henderson, TX<br>From E. Main Street in downtown Henderson, drive south on S. High St. The community center is at the corner of S. High and Fair Park.  |
| <b>Other Information</b>       | The singing is from the Cooper book. On Saturday, the singing is from 9:30 until 3:00, and on Sunday from 9:30 until 2:30. Dinner on the grounds is provided.<br>Call John and Emmie Morris for additional information at (903) 898-2510. |
| <b>Lodging</b>                 | In Henderson, Holiday Inn Express, (903) 657-8789 or Best Western Inn, (903) 657-1195.<br>In Kilgore, Holiday Inn Express (903) 986-3533 or Best Western Inn of Kilgore (903) 986-1195.   |

## August 30 - 31 Southwest Texas Convention

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| <b>Location and Directions (Saturday)</b> | Main Street Baptist Church, Georgetown, TX<br>The church is at the corner of 9th and Main Streets, near downtown.<br><br>Coming from the north on I-35, take the Hwy. 29 (University Drive) exit and go left on Hwy. 29 (University Drive). Go to the 4th traffic light after the frontage road (Main Street) and turn left. Main Street Baptist will be a few blocks down on the right.<br><br>Coming from the south on I-35, take the Hwy. 29 exit and turn right, and follow above directions.  |
| <b>Location and Directions (Sunday)</b>   | Community Center in San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, TX<br><br>Coming from the north on I-35, take the Lake Georgetown/Andice (Williams Dr.) exit and go left on Williams Drive to Austin Avenue. Turn left and go a couple of blocks to Stadium Drive, and turn right (not a controlled intersection). Take to first left through the park and watch for a sign that will point to the community center off to the left.<br><br>Coming from the south on I-35, take the same exit, go right on Williams Drive, and follow the same instructions. |
| <b>Other Information</b>                  | The singing is from the Cooper book. On Saturday, the singing is from 9:30 until 3:00, and on Sunday from 9:30 until 2:30. Dinner on the grounds is provided. Call Gaylon Powell for additional information at (512) 258-7080.   |
| <b>Lodging</b>                            | San Gabriel Motor Courts, <a href="http://www.sangabrielmotel.com">www.sangabrielmotel.com</a> , (512) 819-9374  |

## October 4 Smyrna Baptist Church Singing

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- Location and Directions** Smyrna Baptist Church, Mt. Enterprise, TX  
On US Highway 259 drive south out of Henderson. Just before entering Mount Enterprise, turn right, west, on Farm-to-Market Rd #2496. The church is on the right, about 5 miles from Mount Enterprise.
- Other Information** The singing is from the Cooper book; it will begin at 10:00 and end at 3:00. Dinner on the grounds is provided. Call Robert Vaughn for additional information at (903) 863-5379.
- Lodging** In Henderson, Holiday Inn Express, (903) 657-8789 or Best Western Inn, (903) 657-1195. In Kilgore, Holiday Inn Express (903) 986-3533 or Best Western Inn of Kilgore (903) 986-1195.

## November 1 Little Hope Singing

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- Location and Directions** Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Huntington, TX  
Drive east of Lufkin on US Highway 69. Exit US 69 onto Farm-to-Market Rd #1669 at Huntington, and go north. In Huntington this road is also called Main St. The church is 4 miles from this junction, on Rd #1669, on the right.
- Other Information** The singing is from the Cooper book; it will begin at 10:00 and end at 3:00. Dinner on the grounds is provided. Call Burl Russell for additional information at (409) 624-2173.
- Lodging** In Lufkin, Holiday Inn at 4306 Highway 59 South or La Quinta Inn at 2119 South First.

## November 8 Dallas County Singing

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- Location and Directions** First Primitive Baptist Church, Dallas, TX  
From Interstate 30 (going east or west) on the east side of Dallas, take Loop 12 exit, also called Buckner Blvd, and drive north. Stay in the right lane and at the second traffic light exit right onto Peavy Rd. At the first traffic light turn right onto Gross Rd. The church is almost immediately on the right: 1920 Gross Road.
- Other Information** The singing is from the Denson book; it will begin at 9:30 and end at 3:00. Dinner on the grounds is provided. For additional information, call Bruce and Beverly Coates at (972) 476-9937, or Gary and Vivian Rogan at (817) 220-5147.
- Lodging** Call Cheryl Foreman at (214) 922-5905 for information.

## Monthly Dallas County Singings

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A monthly singing is held the third Saturday of each month at the First Primitive Baptist Church at 1920 Gross Road in Dallas, Texas (east Dallas). Directions: From I-30 on the east side of Dallas, take Loop 12/Buckner Blvd. Exit and go north. Continue north to the second light, and turn right onto Peavy Rd. Go to the first light, then turn right onto Gross Road. The church is on the right. For more information, please contact Bruce and Beverly Coates at 972-476-9937 or Cheryl Foreman at 972-540-1970, e-mail [cf91@yahoo.com](mailto:cf91@yahoo.com).

## Web Resources

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<http://www.flash.net/~gaylon>

Information about Sacred Harp singing in Texas, including schedules and maps to the singings.

<http://www.fasola.org>

Information about Sacred Harp singing nationwide, including schedules, maps and directions, and links to other shape-note sites.

## Questions?

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