

**May 10, 2025 SFTR Women's Group meeting minutes**  
**10:00 am, Metro Operations Center**

**In attendance:** Toni Moore, Rhonda Zoller, Nancy Scott, Jean Busch, Lori Clark, Carol Smith

**Team Rubicon recent event**

May 1-4 Team Rubicon came to our ranch with 35-38 persons to do some volunteer mitigation work. The Women's Group helped with planning and making food for their stay. Many of you donated items of food and money, prepared, and served the foods at the Trinidad Community Center. What an outstanding response from you all!

We did lunch and dinners as well as lots of snacks for the TR group as well as snacks for the SFTR volunteers who did chipping of the slash piles. Leftover snack items are to be used for SFTR volunteers on future upcoming days of mitigation. All was and is appreciated.

**Saturday, May 31 Flea Market, Garage Sale, Electronic Recycling - 10am-1pm**

Remember that this event is coming up and so gather your items to sell, and items to bring for free electronic recycling (only cost is for TVs). They take anything that plugs in - working or not. Items such as appliances, computers, batteries (not lithium), etc.

There will be a table you can donate items to that the proceeds will go towards the WG. If you wish to borrow a table to display your items, Contact Lori Clark ([lori.clark248@gmail.com](mailto:lori.clark248@gmail.com)) Cost is free to sell your items. If it is large and hard to haul, perhaps a picture will do.

Free hot dogs will be served around noon. Come sell and browse and buy!

**SFTR Annual Picnic Saturday, July 12 - 11am-2pm**

Always a fun time to meet and greet neighbors and enjoy a wide variety of potluck foods. A popular event this day is our raffle, as well as buying logowear!

Ways to volunteer are helping with set up, welcome table and name tags, organizing the food tables, obtaining raffle items, helping sell logowear, clean up, games for kids, etc. If you are interested in signing up to help that day, contact Carol Smith.

Are you interested in helping gather raffle items? We are thinking that instead of one or two persons getting items from local retailers, which can take a lot of time, that maybe some of us can get from one or two retailers, so spread out the asking and obtaining. If you have a special retailer you would like to ask, let Carol Smith know and a list will be made so we are not going to the same place twice. In the past we have had Al's Gas, Leone's, Ace Hardware, restaurants, etc give coupons or items from their stores to donate. It is a good way for these places to advertise their businesses too. Think of places you enjoy shopping at or getting nails or hair done, etc.

Homemade items are also greatly appreciated! - or even an item that is like new but you do not need anymore. Contact Carol Smith if you have questions.

**Annual Fall Dinner - November**

Our thinking caps were put on as we brought up ideas for our November annual dinner. It was decided to have a theme of Ski Lodge, or Alpine... And many ideas floated around for that theme. We also discussed that we would like to think strongly about keeping costs down

and do our own foods instead of catering, perhaps in a way presented in “stations”. It’ll be fun planning but hard to explain our thoughts - guess if you want to know more, you can come to our next meetings!

**Other upcoming events:**

Saturday, May 17 10-12 will be a Smoke Spotting event at the FPPD in Starkville. Contact Bill Latham for more info at [orangelatham@gmail.com](mailto:orangelatham@gmail.com)

Saturday, May 24 10-12 will be our Weed Out Program. Come to the MOC to learn about which weeds are to be targeted, how to identify them and what herbicide to use. Some herbicide will be available for those who have adopted a road frontage to spray. Bill Latham and Bill Nielsen will be available to answer questions.

Looking ahead, August 23 will be a CPR class held at the MOC. Limited space for attendees so contact Bill or Maureen Latham if you wish to attend.

Our next Women’s Group Meeting will be June 14th at 10 am at the MOC.