

Luckenbach MOON



"People can't believe we have such a big moon for such a small town" —Hondo Crouch

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Dedicated to Peter Cedarstacker

October 2008

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SAT., OCT. 18TH, 1PM
KIM CARSON & TYPsy CHICKS



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Saturday, Oct. 25th



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WEEKEND DANCES

Oct. 10th - Almost Patsy Cline Band
 Oct. 17th - The Drugstore Cowboys
 Oct. 24th - Amber Digby & Midnight Flyer
 Oct. 31st - Bo Porter & The Dixie Rockits



ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT
 Sun. Oct. 5th
 Jimmy Davis & Jed Zimmerman @ 5pm

 Sat., Oct. 11th
 T & C Miller @ 1pm

 Sat. Oct. 25th
 Levi Darr & Dale Mayfield @ 1pm

 Most Sundays @ 5pm
 Pickin' w/ Cowboy Doug Davis

Pickin' & Grillin' Mondays

 7pm
 OCT. 6TH - RODNEY JOE SMITH
 OCT. 13TH - BILL LEWIS
 OCT. 20TH - DANNY TERRY
 OCT. 27TH - HAYDEN WHITTINGTON

Mondays around Luckenbach is an opportunity for 'Everybody who is Somebody' to bring their favorite grillin' meat to the Luckenbach outdoor fire pit and burn it to pree-fection over an open fire grill.



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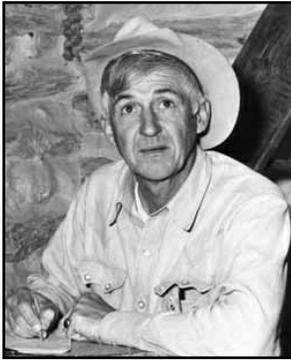
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Note: From 1961-1973, Hondo (nom de plume, or alias, or AKA Peter Cedarstacker) wrote a social satire column for the *Comfort News*. The fictional town of Cedar Creek and all of its characters eventually became the real town of Luckenbach and all of its characters (and Luckenbach has some real characters!) The MOON reserves a special corner for Peter Cedarstacker, Writer, as a corner of wit and human insight for us today.

-Becky Crouch Barrales

CEDAR CREEK CLIPPINGS

Senator Garble attended his 75 cents-a-plate fundraisin' dinner in Bear Creek Sat. and dropped by the Cedar Creek beer-joint post office-grocery store for a few beers on his happy way to Big Flat. He was happy as a lark and sound as a dollar. (That's half-sort, you know).

We asked him 'bout the big fair they want to have in Big Flat and to give us the high points. He gave us the low-down. Said he's gonna use all kinda tricks to make it look hard for the fair people to get ten billion (well somethin' like that) of our tax money to make the fair (sounds foul). Everyone, especially those who don't vote for him will hate him and call him bad names. We vote for him anyway in Cedar Creek, we don't care. Then at the last minute he said he'll make a few "Oklahoma promises in Washington and get the money just in time. The ugly name callin' don't embarrass me none," he said. "I'm too ignorant, and by that time everyone, especially those who don't vote for me, will be so glad they'll jump up and down, clap their hands together and vote for me."

"That's cute," I said to him. "Where'd you learn that?" He answered, "In the Political Science Course I took in a Union Trade school in Big Flat. The course was Contrivance 301, no, it was Trickery 301.4 and I never woulda passed that if I hadn't been takin' Cheatin' 201.3. And since it was a six hour course, I never took Scruples 602.1."

We all knew that and bought him another free beer and laughed at him when he told a joke.

Peter Cedarstacker, Writer

Remember: Fight Antipoverty.

FALL BRINGS NEW PICKERS CIRCLES

Starting Oct 12th, Cowboy Doug Davis will host a new pickers circle every Sunday from 5-9pm.

Come and join the circle, warm your fingers and toes around the wood stove.



Starting Oct 16th, Kent Finlay from the famous Cheatham Street Warehouse brings his songwriter circle to Luckenbach from 6-9pm. Bring your instruments, sit in and learn something new.

PEOPLE SEND LETTERS TO THE MOON

Greetings from Germany Hi folks,

We used to live in Austin, TX for the last two years. We have been riding our motorcycles to Luckenbach many times. Now we are back in Germany and we miss that place. But we are sure, we'll come back to Luckenbach-some day



Uwe & Andrea Zanke, Germany

FELIX PAHL passed away on Tuesday, September 23, at the age of 92. Felix attended school at Luckenbach and was a farmer and rancher in the community. During the late 1940's when electricity first became available to the Luckenbach area, Felix helped most of the people in the area wire their homes. He loved to dance and play "42" and he liked his beer and cigars. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Felix Pahl.

LUCKENBACH MOON

Nuthin' much happened in Luckenbach this month.
'Cept the potato chip man came by.
And then there was the moon ...

We try to tell folks who come here to look at our town,
What a big, mean moon we have,
But nobody'll believe it ...
And last night it showed off.
The greatest ever ...

It just hung there, darin' you to look at it ...
Makin' silhouettes into things and things came alive.
It even shined plumb to the bottom of the canyon, under bluffs,
And plopped dark doughnuts 'round the bottom of the trees on top of the mountain.
It's a kind moon that makes haunted houses uglier,
And ugly girls prettier ...
And little old animals see farther and feel closer together.
Brave weeds rose up to look 'round for lawn mowers ...

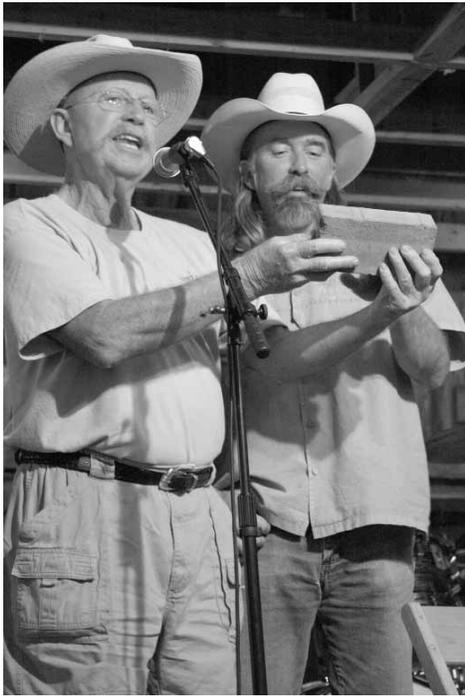
Grandpa sat up in bed and said, "What's that?"
And the hair on Grandma's legs stood on end.
He said, "On moon brite nites like this,
Big eyed deer tip-toe into larger openings and dance better
'Cause they can see where the rocks are at."
And their prancin' gets fancier and freer
'Cause they know man's not there to dampen the dance.
This kind of moonshine makes you crazy, they say,
If you sleep in it.
But I think you're crazy not to try it.

Mama slept with the baby to protect it
And I flounced in bed even in a thick rock house ...
When I went outside to see what was the matter,
Somethin' scared cold chills up my back.
Everything was standin' at attention over new shadows ...
Then what was that that moved?
Just probably a nuthin'!

A big Full moon is like a person,
It needs help to show off ...
And last nite all the clouds stayed home on purpose to create a great solo.
We can't stand an encore!
Takes too much out of you ...

Those who saw the moon said they could smell it,
And one said it tasted like sin
And the quietness at the parkside road was deafenin' ...
And the little single couple sittin' there
Touched the backs of their hands together.
Scare Me!

We've been tellin' strangers who come to Luckenbach 'bout our moon,
But I know they won't believe we have such a big moon
For such a small town ...



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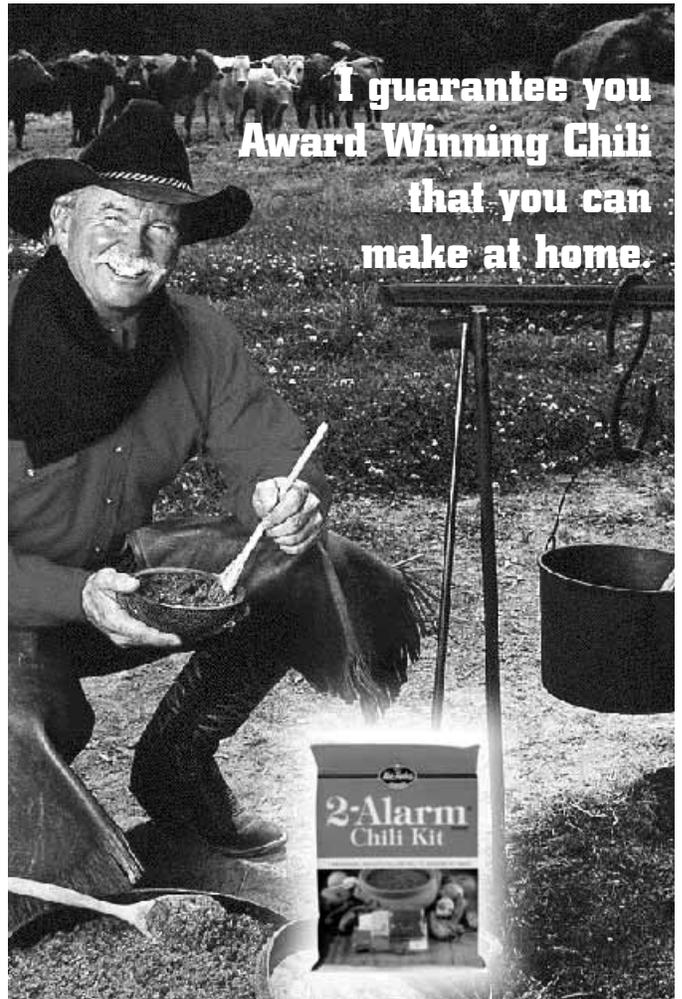


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You can't forget Memories

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The moon and Luckenbach, Texas have a long connection. The moon was orbiting Luckenbach when L'bach was a puddle of lava. The moon was circling when Luckenbach was under a shallow ocean. The moon was there when the Engle Family built Luckenbach.

The first to bring the "Luckenbach Moon" to the attention of the public at large was Hondo Crouch. Hondo wrote his "Luckenbach Moon" as a tribute to that bright, round thing in the night sky.

I have been fortunate to see the Luckenbach moon at it's finest on many occasions. It is always a wonder.

Being away from a big city is an advantage in moon viewing. It gets real dark then the car lot lights are not on all night. When I was living over at the Armadillo farm and then on Raven's Mountain when the moon was in its bashful stage it was plum dark. I mean you couldn't see to the end of your nose. Those conditions made for a real show when the moon was "showing off" as Hondo would say. It would get bright enough you could read a Reader's Digest big print book by the light.

Every once in a while there would be a blue moon over Luckenbach. That has nothing to do with the color of the moon. "Blue Moon" means there are two full moons in the same month. The second one is the "blue" moon. I betcha didn't know that.

There was another moon in olden days that the pioneer fore fathers and fore mothers didn't like too much. It was called the "Comanche Moon". The Comanch (That's short for Comanche to save space) didn't care much for riding their ponies in the heat of the day so they would wait for a full moon to illuminate their mischief.

The Comanch made their living fighting and stealing. They fought other brother Indians for

ponies and women and whatever else they could haul on their horse.

When the European folks began to intrude on Comanche territory, our red brothers didn't like it one little bit. They saw the invasion as illegal immigrants trying to settle on land that was rightfully the Comanche's. The immigrants saw all the space as a great place to start farming again as nearly all the farm land in Europe was under cultivation.

Things escalated even farther when old Moses Austin parted the Red River and led his people out of the bondage of Missouri and settled along the Brazos River. The hostilities had heroes on both sides. They had unpleasant incidents galore. Finally in the last half of the 1800's the Comanche give it up as a bad deal and moved to Oklahoma to open a casino.

And that is why the full moon is known hereabouts as the "Comanche Moon"..



Here is a photo I took of a Luckenbach moon rise from over on the Armadillo Farm a few years ago. Someone said after viewing my photograph, "I never saw a moon rise like that before". I hadn't either that's why I took a picture of it.

Maybe next time we can talk about the Luckenbach Love Stones.

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2008 Luckenbach Schedule



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Please do not bring alcohol or take it off the grounds when you leave

Sunday • 1pm • FREE	Oct. 5th - Claude Butch Morgan & the H!X; Oct. 12th - Jimmy DePoy; Oct. 19th - Thomas Michael Riley
Pickin' & Grillin' Mondays 7pm • FREE	Oct. 6th - Rodney Joe Smith; Oct. 13th - Bill Lewis; Oct. 20th - Danny Terry; Oct. 27th - Hayden Whittington
Lone Star Pickers • Tuesdays • 7pm • FREE	Host - Dale Mayfield
Hometown Wednesdays 7pm • FREE	Oct. 1st - Scooter; Oct. 8th - ShAnnie; Oct. 15th - Hayden Whittington; Oct. 22nd - Claude Butch Morgan & Shake Russell; Oct. 29th - George Enslie
Thursdays 7pm • FREE	Oct. 2nd - Roger Moon; Oct. 9th - T & C Miller; Oct. 16th - Kent Finlay's Songwriter Circle; Oct. 23rd - Bill Lewis; Oct. 30th - T & C Miller
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Friday, Oct. 3rd • 8pm • Free	Freddie Steady's Wild Country - CD Release - Ten Dollar Gun
Saturday, Oct. 4th • Noon • Free	OKTOBER FIESTA
Saturday, Oct. 18th • 1pm • Free	Kim Carson & the Typsy Chicks
Saturday, Oct. 25th	HARVEST CLASSIC EUROPEAN & VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLY
Sunday, Oct. 26th • 1pm • Free	The Band of Heathens - Quincy Harper opening

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