

## NEMO River Valley Chapter

NEMO River Valley Chapter officers and members who attended the Corp of Engineers (COE) Environmental Planning meeting in February were pleased to be invited to a dinner at the Quality Inn, hosted by the COE. The focus of this evening was for Mark Twain Lake partners to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), so we thought it appropriate to invite Board Chair, Russ Martin, and were pleased that he was able to attend. Since the formal signing of the MOU, land managers at Mark Twain Lake have written and submitted a Recreational Trails Grant to obtain two waterborne restroom facilities at two trail heads, with NEMO River Valley Chapter as a major supporting partner. We are happy to be involved in this, and have our fingers crossed for the grant to be approved.

It was necessary to cancel the May 1 campout and work weekend, due to wet grounds and high water. Trail maintenance and GPS marking has been accomplished by members who have been able to go out in pairs or small groups. Walt Davis and the "picnic table" crew have been working on their project. SMMBCH was represented by several members at Salt River Expo on May 14, which was Kids' Day. Several area schools took advantage of a near-by field trip, and we had many interested groups of elementary students for Back Country Horsemen and Leave No Trace awareness.

Our next chapter campouts and work weekends are scheduled for June 26-27 and Aug. 28-29 at R & R Ranch Campground. For information on these, check out the website, or contact MK Church @ 573-769-4050; Wayne Lake @573-935-7132; or Becki Krueger @ 660-727-3295.