

**2014 Annual Meeting!**

Saturday April 26

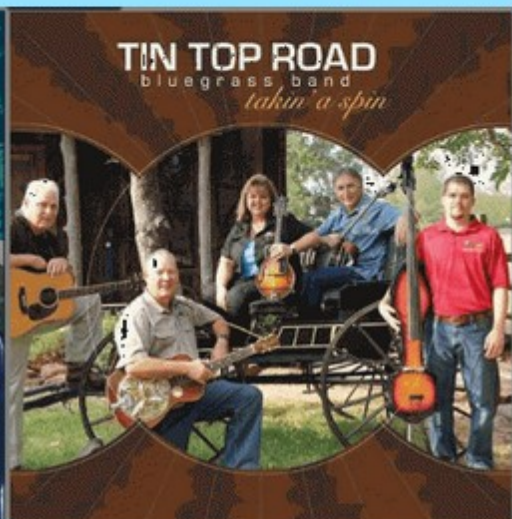
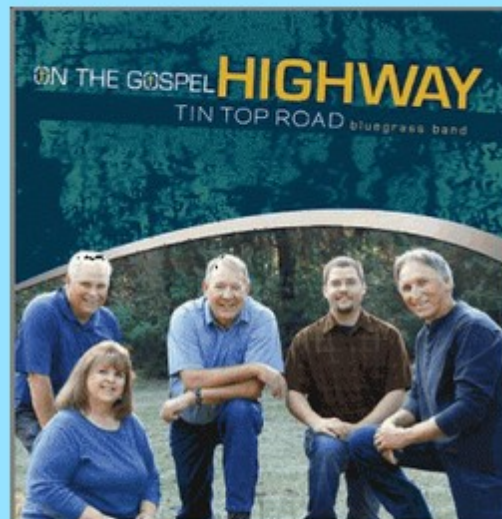
Be a part of it, come hear our proposed change to our ByLaws, come see our Texas Historic Cemetery Marker, see all the improvements, and enjoy the Bluegrass and Gospel Music of Tin Top Road Bluegrass Band . . .

**TIN TOP ROAD** Bluegrass Band**TIN TOP ROAD BLUEGRASS BAND**

Dennis Conn, Jeff Harrison, Clif Allen, Kathie &amp; Steve Partain

Guest member – Marlys Coursey

Call Kathie @ 214-724-0355 for booking



*Tin Top Road Bluegrass Band likes Weatherford so much, they named their band after one of its more well-known roads -- Tin Top.*

*They are an up-and-coming Bluegrass and Gospel Band coming all the way from Fairfield, Texas to entertain us.*

*They are leading the way in giving to our Association: their CD discounted price for those attending our Annual*

*Meeting is \$10 made available just for their performance at our meeting. That includes a \$2 donation to the Clark Cemetery Association for each CD you purchase.*

*Furthermore, if you donate \$50 or above to the Clark Cemetery Endowment Fund, you will receive one free Tin Top Road Bluegrass Band CD. You can choose from either of their two currently released CDs. The band has a third CD in the works that will be available at the regular price in the future on their website. Visit them at: [www.tintoproad.com](http://www.tintoproad.com)*

**Daniel Kutch Monument***Citizen of the Republic of Texas**1836-1846*

Rodney van Oudekerke, 5th Great - Grandson of Daniel Kutch on the Mary Bell side, ordered a bronze medallion for Daniel Kutch's grave that reads: "Citizen of the Republic of Texas 1836-1846."

Rodney van Oudekerke is from San Marcos, Texas and is the President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Moses Austin Chapter. The medallion is actually issued through the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Craig and Kimberly Boretsky

added birth and death date as well as the inscription "Texas Ranger" to the gray granite monument. Kimberly (Woody) Boretsky is related to Daniel Kutch who was a pioneer settler of Parker County.

Craig and Kimberly donated the engraved gray granite headstone and Rodney van Oudekerke provided the Bronze Medallion. The Marker was designed by Memorial Monuments of Lake Worth. Mr. Josh Jernigan, an employee of Memorial Monuments, set the Daniel Kutch monument.

Don't forget to check out the Daniel Kutch [biographical sketch](#) on our [History Site](#).



**Monument – A Texas Ranger and "Citizen of the Republic of Texas 1836-1846":**

Josh Jernigan of Memorial Monuments sets the Daniel Kutch monument. Craig and Kimberly Boretsky donated the engraved gray granite headstone and Rodney van Oudekerke provided the Bronze Medallion. The marker was designed by Memorial Monuments of Lake Worth.

**Editors Note:** Tin Top Road leads South out of Weatherford, Texas heading to the little community of Tin Top. The following article was published by the Texas State Historical Association. The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) is the originator and chief sponsor of the New Handbook of Texas. TSHA is a non profit association that "strives to research, document, and preserve the values and spirit that are uniquely Texas." TSHA is not to be confused with the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

**TIN TOP, TEXAS** (Parker County). Tin Top, a farming community on Farm Road 2580 nine miles south of Weatherford in south central Parker County, was settled in the mid-1880s. It was first called Smith after an early settler, and later, Irby, after local rancher Benjamin F. Irby. The name Tin Top derived from a cotton gin built there in 1909; it had a galvanized-metal roof that could be seen for miles. The community lay dormant until 1949, when its few scattered residents combined with those of nearby Balch, Horse Shoe Bend, and Hightower under the name Tin Top; they built a community center and reestablished churches. From 1980 through 1990 the community reported a population of twenty-five. The Tin Top Suspension Bridge, which spans the Brazos River, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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