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The Historic Medina Lake Dam Celebrates its Centennial

In November of 1912, the grand, ambitious dream became a reality, the Medina Dam was completed. At the time, it was the largest in Texas and the fourth largest in the *world*.

One hundred years later, the Medina Dam stands solid as a testament to twentieth century technology and sheer human strength and endurance.

Over the course of its 100 year history, Medina Lake has seen many changes. Almost from its inception, it became a haven for fishermen, boaters, artists and writers who have all enjoyed its clear, clean waters and beautiful Hill Country surroundings.

Now, Medina Lake has become almost a bedroom community for the City of San Antonio, but the passage of time certainly has not affected any of its beauty, history, charm or delightful natural appeal. After 100 years, it still stands solid, an unchanging, ever present Hill Country landmark.

The Medina Dam was named a Texas Historical Landmark in 1978 and recognized by the Texas Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1991 as a historic civil engineering landmark. In July of 2012 a stabilization project was completed and again, an engineering record was set. This is the largest post tension cable anchoring system in North America.

The Medina Lake Preservation Society (MLPS) has been named as the official sponsor of the Medina Lake Dam Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration will be held from 10 AM until 9 PM on August 25th, 2012. Most of the events will be either in Mico, at the Bedrock Resort, 6750 CR 271 or at the Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Rd 37 in Lakehills.

Events planned include an opening ceremony with international dignitaries, a memorial to workers who died during its construction, a water ski exhibition, historical and water conservation exhibits, underwater fountain display, 100 years of Medina Lake photo exhibit, an outdoor movie and a Centennial BBQ. As a grand finale, come dance the night away at the Medina Dam Jam, with live music provided by the Vinyl 45's, Spider Johnson, Rodney Joe Smith, Alan Chapman and many more.

All the MLPS events are free and open to the public! Come help us celebrate the Medina Dam's 100th birthday! For the complete schedule of events, see www.medinalakepreservation.org or contact the MLPS at (210) 400-0331. Be sure and "Like" us on Facebook!