

HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309
VALLEY OF THE SUN
DECEMBER, 2009

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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2009/2010

2009:

December 8-11	Camp Verde (Christmas Party) Distant Drums RV Park	Chapter Officers
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2010:

January 18-21	Quartzsite	Lenthall/Laursen Wyman
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February 2-5	Western Sunshine Rally Tucson/ Pima County Fairgrounds	Reg. VII/VII Directors
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March TBA

April 12-15	Page/Lake Powell	Firlein/Roberts
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Oct. 25-29	AZ State Rally, Mesa, AZ Valle Del Oro RV Park	State Mgr. Carlson
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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY THE WAGONMASTERS FOR CAMPOUTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. THEY HAVE TO RESERVE CAMPSITES WHETHER THEY ARE IN A RV PARK OR DRY CAMPING IN A PUBLIC PARK

YOU WILL NOTICE ABOVE that there is an opening for Membership chairman. That is because Tiffany James, as Arizona Asst. State Manager, cannot hold a chapter office at the same time. Tiffany did a great job not only on membership, but in getting rosters out promptly to the chapter members. Thank you very much, Tiffany, for all your service to #309. We wish you well in your new position. Tiffany asks that someone come forward and volunteer to take her place. If you think you might be interested in being the membership chairman, you can phone Tiffany at 480-812-0818, and she will explain what all is involved in the position.

MINUTES OF CHAPTER 309 NOVEMBER MEETING:

Cochise Terrace RV Resort
Benson, Arizona
November 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Jack Foster, at 3:10 pm. The first order of business was to sing "Happy Birthday" to Virginia Phipps. New Members, Dewey and Paulette David from Goldendale, WA were introduced by Virginia Phipps. President Jack introduced new members Tom and Barbara Feit.

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried to dispense with reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurers Report: Lee Borden, treasurer, reported for the period April 7 through September 30, 2009:

Beginning Balance:	\$1841.45
Income:	522.00
Expenses:	314.05
Ending Balance:	\$2109.30

September 30 through October 31, 2009:

Beginning Balance:	\$2109.03
Income:	600.00
Expenses:	396.00
Ending Balance:	\$2313.30

Lee also reported an E-file for our organization had been sent and an acknowledgement received. The campout at Roosevelt Lake raised \$30 for the Scholarship Fund.

Membership: Tiffany James reported new members Davids and Feits. She no longer receives lists of new owners, but does get a list from Robert Christ and what Ray sends her. Last month she mailed out six membership forms and has not heard back from any. It was suggested that she may want to call them as well.

Charity: Marcia Foster reported on the DOVES organization. She has receipts for those members that donated items. Any donations can be written off. It would be easier for

her if you would send checks because she has to drive a long way to deliver donated items. She handed out brochures about the DOVES organization. She will be collecting at the December meeting. Jack added that a group contribution will be asked for at the December campout.

Nancy Joy asked if anything was sent to DOVES in memory of Coe Parker. It was stated by past treasurer, Ernie Lenthall, that donations were only made for active members. Jack Foster will research it and come up with a proposal at the December Meeting.

Campout schedule:

Dec. 8-11	CampVerde	Officers Host
Jan 18-21	Quartzsite	Lenthall/Laursen/Wyman
Feb 2-5	Western Sunshine Rally, Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson	
March	TBD	
April 12-15	Page/Lake Powell	Firlein/Roberts

Larry Laursen talked about the Quartzsite campout. 23 rigs have signed up and only 16 hookups are available. They will try to join some together so that more can hook up.

It was suggested that we drop our chapter campout for February and encourage attendance at the Sunshine rally. A motion to that was made by Larry, seconded by Elvin Shaw and motion carried.

It was noted that the March rally could be the Monaco pre-rally, but it's only for motorized rigs. Jack thought that Jerry Loomis had an idea for March, but he will get more information.

Frank and Vivian Firlein are hosting the Lake Powell rally with the Roberts. Vivian asked if the chapter would like a free day. She listed all the things to do at Lake Powell: boat rides, all day Rainbow Ridge tour, other trips on the lake, plus she would be willing to take out some hikes that day, Waterhole canyon, Slot Canyon and Antelope Canyon. Also 4wheel drive trips. The campground is new, full hookups, \$30/nite and you can add on days for the same price. The club voted to have a free day. She can also get a group rate for a cocktail cruise. Dick Tracey recommended going a day or two early or stay late because there is so much to see. A motion was made by Tiffany James that Lake Powell be a buddy rally. The motion was seconded by Jerry Jarrel, and carried.

Marcia Foster announced there will be a meeting of officers at their house for planning the Christmas campout. Several could not attend on the suggested dates, so an attempt will be made to meet during this rally.

Old Business: Elvin Shaw announced that the 309 breakfasts will begin in January. He needs more people to attend or it will have to be discontinued. It is at the Old Country Buffet in Mesa. He has schedules if anyone needs one.

New Business: The slate of officers was presented by J. Westerhausen:

President:	Larry Laursen
Vice President	Ed Melone
Secretary	Kay Honn
Treasurer	Lee Borden

The nominating committee will be accepting nominations up until elections, which will take place at the December meeting.

Gidget Zeek said the history book needs to be brought up to date. Donna Dagenet will be giving the book to someone in the club who is willing to take that job. It involves taking pictures and putting them in the book, labeling them and bringing them to meetings. Shari Jarrel volunteered to be the historian.

Jack announced that the 309's are responsible for tomorrow nights dinner, and responsible for serving. Beans need to be heated and hotdogs need to be cooked. He asked that all just show up at 3:30 to get assignments.

Motion was made by Grant Joy to adjourn, seconded by Ed Malone. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Honn, Secretary #309

THE DECEMBER CAMPOUT AT DISTANT DRUMS in Camp Verde December 8-11, should be a really fun time. It always has been, so we can pretty much plan on it being so again this year. Be sure to bring along Christmas oriented material for decorating your RV. There is a decorating contest with winners getting prizes. That's not the only contest. It is pretty certain there will be puzzles to solve, or perhaps some other way to test our knowledge of the Christmas season. And there are more prizes.

It's not all frivolity, though, because we will have installation of new officers. Then there will be gifts for our charity, DOVES. 2010 dues are paid, if you have not done so already. When all those serious things are taken care of, we usually return to not-so-serious times.

If we could make just one campout a year, this would be it. Be sure to let President Jack know if you are planning to be there. He can be reached at jacknmarc@gmail.com or by phone at 480-917-9506. See you there.

GIDGET ZEEK is scheduled for knee surgery on December 15th, and I know we all wish here well. She reports that there was no damage to their motorhome following the blow out of a front tire on their way home from Benson. Perhaps the angel, who was watching over them at that time, will be watching over her during her surgery and recovery. Best wishes, Gidget. Keep us informed on how things go with you.

I've been holding on to the following until the right time came along. Now is that time:

- > Only someone in the Phoenix area would understand, and the really funny thing is, a lot of this is so true!
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 - > 1. 'Phoenix' actually consists of Scottsdale, Chandler, Tempe,
 - > Mesa, Gilbert, Glendale, Peoria, Tolleson, Avondale,
 - > Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Sun City, Sun City West, Sun City Grand,
 - > Sun Lakes, Surprise, Laveen, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, and
 - > half of the Mexican border.
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 - > 2. The morning rush hour is from 4:00 am to noon.
 - > The evening rush hour is from noon to 9:00 PM.
 - > Friday's rush hour starts on Thursday morning.
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 - > 3. The minimum acceptable speed on most freeways is 85 mph.
 - > On Loop 101, your speed is expected to match the highway number.
 - > Anything less is considered 'Wussy'.
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 - > 4. Forget the traffic rules you learned elsewhere.
 - > Phoenix has its own version of traffic rules.
 - > For example, cars/trucks with the loudest mufflers
 - > go first at a four-way stop;
 - > the trucks with the biggest tires go second.
 - > However, in the East Valley, SUV-driving,
 - > cell phone-talking moms ALWAYS have the right of way.
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 - > 5. If you actually stop at a yellow light, you will be rear ended.
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 - > 6. Never honk at anyone. Ever. Seriously.
 - > It's an offense that can get you shot.
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 - > 7. Road construction is permanent in Phoenix.
 - > Detour barrels are moved around for your entertainment
 - > pleasure during the middle of the night
 - > to make the next day's driving a bit more exciting.
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 - > 8. Watch carefully for road hazards such as drunks,
 - > dogs, barrels, cones, cats, mattresses, shredded tires,
 - > rabbits, vultures, javelinas, roadrunners, and the
 - > coyotes feeding on any of these items...

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- > 9. Maricopa Freeway, Papago Freeway and
- > the 'I-10' are the same road.
- > SR202 is the same road as The Red Mountain FWY.
- > Dunlap and Olive is the same street too.
- > Northern and Shea is the same street.
- > Also Glendale Ave. becomes Lincoln Drive.
- > Jefferson becomes Washington, but they are not the same street.
- > I-17 is also called The Black Canyon Freeway
- > as well as The Veterans Memorial Highway.
- > The Superstition is also known as US 60.
- > The 101, 202 and 303 remain a large mystery to most of us.
- > It is not yet determined if there is a Red Mountain and
- > a San Tan or just a Red/Tan Mountain.
- > The SR51 has recently been renamed to Piestewa Freeway
- > because Squaw Peak Parkway was too easy to pronounce.
- > SR101 is also the Pima FWY except west of I-17,
- > which is also The Black Canyon FWY, and
- > The Veterans Memorial HWY...
- > Lastly, Thunderbird Rd. becomes Cactus Rd. -- but,
- > Cactus Rd. doesn't become Thunderbird Rd.
- > because it dead ends at a mountain.
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- > 10. If someone actually has their turn signal on,
- > wave them to the shoulder immediately to let them know
- > it has been 'accidentally activated.'
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- > 11. If you are in the left lane and only driving 70 in a
- > 55-65 mph zone, you are considered a road hazard and will
- > be 'flipped off' accordingly.
- > If you return the flip, you'll be shot.
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- > 12. For summer driving, it is advisable to wear potholders on your hands.
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- > 13. Please note that there are many, MANY more issues to the
- > phenomenon of driving in Phoenix--
- > like the 4-cars-through-a-red-light rule --
- > but
- > these will at least get you acquainted with our
- > unique life on the road.



Do have a wonderful Holiday Season. Our best wishes to each of you and to your loved ones. Have a safe and Happy New Year. May 2010 bring you all good things.

Virginia and Morry