

HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB  
CHAPTER 309  
VALLEY OF THE SUN  
JANUARY 1, 2010

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You will notice that we have some new names in the "Masthead" above. LARRY LAURSEN is our new Chapter president, and ED MELONE will serve as the Vice President. KAY HONN and LEE BORDEN will stay on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. ELVIN SHAW will continue on the Board of Directors and will be joined by JACK FOSTER, retiring President. Please notice that SHARRY JERRELL and BARBARA FEIT are new Chairpersons of the Historian and Membership Committees. GIDGET ZEEK as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee did a great job in putting together the slate of officers for 2010. RUSS CARLSON, as Arizona State Manager installed the new officers upon close of our business meeting at the Distant Drums RV Park campout.

Kudos to the retiring officers and committee chairs for the outstanding jobs they did over the past two years. We all appreciate their efforts in giving us successful and enjoyable outings, as well as keeping track of the finances, records, and all the other chores that go along with an organization. Thanks very much to each of you.

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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2010

January 18-21	Quartzsite, Rice ranch	Laursen/Lenthall/ Wyman
February 2-5	Western Sunshine Rally Tucson/Pima County Fairgrounds	Reg. VIII/VII Directors

## Campout Schedule (Cont)

March 22-25	Picacho Peak	Melone/ Feit/ Honn/Zeek
April 12-15	Page/Lake Powell	Firlein/Roberts
Oct. 25-29	AZ State Rally, Mesa, AZ Valle Del Oro RV Park	State Mgr. Carlson
Dec. 7-10	Distant Drums, Camp Verde	Chap. Officers

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.

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The Wagonmasters at the QUARTZSITE CAMPOUT send along the following:

Arrive on Monday, January 18 and Depart on Wednesday, January 21.

The RICE RANCH Campground is directly behind the vendors along Kuehn Street South of I-10 and east of US 95. Exit from I-10 at exit 19, turn left, go to dead end (Keuhn St) turn right and continue West to just short of US 95, turn left into the campground.

The SPORTS, VACATION, and RV SHOW will be going on in the Big Tent, directly across the road from the campground. Other events will be at TYSON WELLS, MAIN EVENT, and QUARTZSITE IMPROVEMENT ASSN. We will have limited activities so you can enjoy the shopping and local sights. Details for the attendees will be coming soon. We still have some space available if you want to come.

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The CHRISTMAS CAMPOUT at Distant Drums in Camp Verde was a huge success despite the cold weather. The surrounding hills had a small amount of snow on them, but we had no snow or rain where we were. As usual, the RV park had the clubhouse beautifully decorated, complete with a Christmas tree. The weather did cause some who had signed up to attend to cancel, but we still had a good turnout: State Mgr. Carlson, Feit, Foster, Honn, Joy, Larsen, Laursen, Melone/Borden, Phipps, Redman, G. Robinson, Shaw, Stevens, Westerhausen, and Zeek. Dick and Marlyss Tracey drove in for the business meeting Thursday morning and stayed for dinner and games in the evening. The Traceys reported that they had six inches of snow at their home in Prescott.

After arrival on Tuesday, we visited together, exchanging the latest news and then had a potluck supper that evening. Again, the ladies outdid themselves with delicious dishes. Wednesday saw various sightseeing jaunts around the area, and trips to Sedona to enjoy not only the shopping, but the wonderful views of red rocks, white snow, and green trees. That evening Ed Melone and friends (Lee Borden and Barbara and Tom Feit) made a great Italian dinner starting with delicious antipasti. Ed worked on the sauce all day, and it was so very tasty on the penne pasta. It was a lovely meal. .

Thursday was time for the chapter officers to shine. Their menu for dinner had salad, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked yams, green beans, rolls, with apple and pumpkin pies for dessert. No one went away hungry, and some of us are still trying to rid ourselves of the additional pounds gained. Immediately following dinner, judges for rigs with the best Christmas decorations left for the difficult job of determining winners. We then had a drawing for lovely gift baskets and other prizes. Morry Phipps was the ticket seller extraordinaire making \$200.00 in ticket sales to benefit DOVES, our chapter charity. That figure was matched by the club, so the total money to them was \$400.00 as well as the gifts of personal items that were donated. The Fosters gave everyone a sheet of paper said to have the titles of well-known Christmas songs hidden in high-falutin' words. We had to decipher them and name the songs. Then they tested us further by giving us another sheet of paper with "Santa Claus" written in various foreign languages. If it hadn't been so much fun, it would have been ego bashing. Door prizes for each rig were distributed by way of a drawing. The names of all attendees were put into a container from which they were drawn one at a time. A table was set up with the prizes, and when our names were drawn, we could take our pick. We managed to have rousing games LRC and card bingo, too. (Some of you Washington people know LRC as Last Nickel).

As you can see, it was a really great campout. We missed those of you who signed up, but couldn't get there for various regions. Don't worry. As you can see from the campout schedule above, we will be going to Distant Drums again next year. We had a vote and decided to go back in 2010. New members DEWEY AND PAULETTE DAVID made quick trip to Idaho because his mother was ill. She has some ongoing health issues, but is much better now, so they came back to Salome.

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It was not all fun and games. Following are the MINUTES of our business meeting from Secretary Kay Honn:

Camp Verde, Arizona  
Chapter 309 Business Meeting  
December 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Jack Foster at 10:00 a.m. Jack thanked the Feits, Lee Borden and Ed Melone for dinner the night before. He also appointed the Robinsons and Stephens as judges for rig decorations.

**Introduction of guests and new members:** First time attendees, State Manager Russ and Mary Alice Carlson were introduced. Russ thanked the 309s for attendance and assistance at the State rally. Next State Rally will be at Valley Del Oro in Mesa for six nights with a free day in the middle. The theme will be Witches, Goblins and Ghosts. Russ asked that members complete the member survey and mail it back to Ray Nichols. Jack will send copies out to all members. The Western Sunshine rally is Feb 2-5 2010 and volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Grant Joy commented

that 82 have signed up so far. Russ said the 309s are in charge of decorations. Elvin Shaw said that we really need support for this rally as they are trying to keep the costs down. Get your registrations in early. Jack has copies of the registration form for those who need it. Virginia Phipps said she calls the 800 number and uses her credit card to register. Russ reported there are 5000 members in the club right now. If every member recruits one rig, the membership could be doubled.

**Minutes:** Elvin Shaw moved to dispense with reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Thom Feit and passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Lee Borden noted it is time to renew dues. She reported for the period of October 31 to November 30, 2009. Beginning balance was \$2313.30. Income was \$30.00 and expenses were \$299.90 for an ending balance of \$2043.40. It was moved by Elvin Shaw and seconded by Gidget Zeek to accept the report.

**Membership Coordinator:** Tiffany James has become assistant State manager, so this position is open. Jack asked for a volunteer to take this over. Thom and Barbara Feit volunteered.

**Charity Coordinator report:** Marcia Foster reported on DOVES, an organization that takes care of abused elders. They like sample size toiletries and checks. If you tell them the value of what you donate, they will send out a personal "Thank You" and it is tax deductible. Marcia is accepting contributions and the club will match the amount.

**Sunshine report:** Margaret Larsen reported she has sent a few cards and she thanked the club for informing her of illness among members.

**Historian report:** Sharry Jarrell was not present. She took lots of pictures at the State rally, but Jack has not received them yet.

#### **Campout Schedule:**

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Larry Laursen reported 18 rigs signed up for Quartzsite. We now are dry camping in the back of the campground, near the house on the SE corner. Somehow our hookup sites were given out to others. Cost is \$7 per night.

March is in need of wagonmasters. Jack asked members to think about it and let him know.

**Old Business:** Memorials for deceased members policy discussion: Jack presented a proposal for discussion. Memorials will be presented for existing members, past members within a calendar year of deceased, and all emeritus. Elvin Shaw moved and Virginia Phipps seconded the motion to accept Jack's recommendation. The motion carried. Discussion for Process: The information should go to the president who will inform the Chapter members, the State Mgr. and the Sunshine Lady. The Sunshine Lady will find out if the survivors have a preferred charity. If not, it will be sent to DOVES in the amount of \$25. Moved by Morry Phipps to accept the process, seconded by George Robinson, and carried.

Elvin Shaw announced that the Old Country Buffet breakfast for December has been dropped. The first breakfast will be Wed. Jan 6th. Elvin has three organizations coming to talk at sessions. He needs members support and asked that members attend. It is located at Power and Southern at 8:00 a.m. RV Renovators will be at the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> breakfast. They were very supportive of our State Rally and we should be there to support them. Other dates are Jan 6, Jan 21, Feb 18 and Mar 4.

**New Business:** Tonight there will be a raffle for DOVES for wonderful prizes. Morry Phipps will be selling the tickets throughout the day and evening. Tickets will be fifty cents.

Mary Alice brought a craft idea; painting river rocks into animals as a suggestion for Halloween decorations for the 2010 Rally.

Jack read a "Thank You" card from Erwin and Marilyn Peak for the VISA card they received.

**Slate of Officers:** Gidget Zeek reported:

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Sunshine:	Margaret Larsen
Membership:	Barb and Thom Feits
Charity:	Marcia Foster
Board:	Elvin Shaw and Jack Foster

Jay Westerhausen made a motion to accept the slate of officers. It was seconded by Morry Phipps, and carried.

Installation of Officers followed officiated by Russ Carlson.

Announcements:

Grant Joy said that Holiday Motorhome is now the Holiday Rambler dealer. It is no longer Crist RV. Russ is going to visit Holiday in January to see if the club can get a list of new owners from them.

Larry Laursen will audit the treasurer books.

This afternoon games and crafts in the meeting room. There will be no outdoor games due to the cold weather.

A motion was made to adjourn by Larry Laursen and seconded by Diane Stephens. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Honn, Secretary

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A note about the Sunshine Activities

As you can see from the Minutes of the Chapter meeting we defined what happens if a member passes. I would also like to help everyone understand what we will try to do for members that are hospitalized and/or ill. Margaret Larsen has been sending cards to individuals who are hospitalized, ill or having outpatient procedures. She has been reporting these activities in the newsletter, at campouts and chapter meetings. Because we have a limited number of campouts and newsletters, many times other individuals may get the information too late to make a timely response. Also, almost no one makes it to all the activities. Therefore I would like to try the following process to help pass information to all the members.

Margaret will be sending out an e-mail to everyone in the Chapter whenever she sends cards for hospitalizations, illnesses, etc and memorials for deaths. She will try to include current pertinent information, if she has it. She will also get the information to Virginia for the newsletter.

That is the simple part, what is more difficult is getting the information to Margaret. **This depends on everyone who “knows” about a member’s status sharing the information with others to get the process going.** Thus, I would like to request/hope that anyone knowing of a member’s status send it to me with copies to Margaret and Virginia.

Larry Laursen

The following information for sunshine after the meeting is as follows:

Gidget Zeek is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She had one knee done and is doing rehab to get motion back. Ernie Lenthall had eye surgery to relieve pressure and regain peripheral vision. He is getting along and expects a good recovery. Just last week Marlyss Tracey had a bleeding stroke that has affected the site in her left eye. She spent five days in the hospital and is now home and will be doing rehab to regain some sight in the eye

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

May all your wishes come true; May the stock market rise;  
May the housing crisis end; and MAY we all win the  
lottery.

**WOO HOO!**

Have a wonderful 2010,

Virginia and Morry