

HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309
VALLEY OF THE SUN
FEBRUARY 1, 1020

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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2010

February 18-21	Western Sunshine Rally Tucson/Pima County	Region VII/Region VIII Directors
March 22-24**	Picacho Peak RV Park	Melone/Feit/Honn/Zeek
April 12-16	Page/Lake Powell	Firlein/Roberts
Oct. 25-29	AZ State Rally/Mesa	State Mgr Carlson
Dec. 7-10	Distant Drums RV Park Camp Verde	Chap. Officers

Please make sure that you notify the wagonmasters for campouts you plan to attend. The wagonmasters must make reservations prior to the campout date in both private and public RV parks, sometime several weeks before the actual campout.

**Please note the change of dates for the MARCH PICACHO PEAK campout. ED MELONE asks that you let him know by February 21, 2010, if you plan to attend the Picacho Peak campout since he must notify the RV park no later than February 22nd how many sites to reserve. Fees will be determined by how many sites are reserved: Ten to fifteen sites will cost \$27.00, but if sixteen to twenty sites are reserved, the cost will be \$25.00. Early parking or late departure will be \$27.00 per night.

This area has quite a history; the only civil war battle in Arizona occurred there, for example. Ed assures that you will have a great time, and if Ed is running it, the food will be great. Further information will be sent those of you who sign up to participate. Please contact Ed at:

Ed Melone

7508 S 20th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85042
602-315-3956

When calling Ed, he will need to know what kind of RV you have, how big it is, and how many slide outs. He will also need to know if you have pets

APRIL'S PAGE/LAKE POWELL campout looks like a winner, too. This is what the wagonmasters have planned for you:



“Gateway to Canyon Country! If you have never been to Lake Powell this is the best time to come and visit the most beautiful spot in AZ./ With 2000 miles of shoreline, the sights are hard to beat.

“Full hook-ups in a wonderful camp ground right in the National Park. The perfect time of the year to visit. What more could you ask for?

“Plans for the rally...

”Ranger Talk; Happy Hour Cruise on Canyon Princess; Breakfast in a bag; Mystery dessert at Campfire; Mexican Night Dinner; Walking Tacos

“Come have fun with us!

“Last day for signup: March 1st
Cost: \$270.00: this includes the price of the cruise

“Send check to: Vivian Firlein HRRC
P.O. Box 430, Page, AZ. 86040

“SOBs Welcome

“For more information Call Donna Roberts 480-390-9022
Vivian Firlein 928-691-0616”

The JANUARY CAMPOUT AT QUARTZSITE was most enjoyable despite the weather.

Sometimes it was sunny, sometime it was damp, and sometime it rained, but we soldiered through it all. With just three exceptions (Nev., AZ, N. Mex.) we all originally were from the Northwest, the upper Middle West, or from the New England area. We don't mind no stinkin' rain and cold. The wagonmasters provided tents for socializing or preparing our meals, and made sure we were well-fed and having a good time. Those attending were Mason, Kollock, Loomis, Peaslee, Melone, G. Robinson, R. \Robinson, Honn, Phipps, and wagonmasters Wyman, Laursen, and Lenthall (who drove in on Wednesday). Traceys drove in on Tuesday to with us to join the group at dinner at a restaurant. Guests were Rick and Del-Sa Vilhauer, Chap. 102, who camped with us for three days, and drive ins were Patrick , and Carol Anderson, Chap. 102. Also driving in one afternoon were Yuma Cactus Wrens Mike and Mairiene Miranda, and Dave and Lin McPhaden. Incidentally, Honns, Phipps, and R. Robinsons are also members of Chap. 102, which is in the Seattle area.

On Wednesday, President Larry Laursen managed to work in a chapter meeting, and the minutes from it are below.

Secretary Kay Honn submitted the following January 2010 meeting minutes:

Valley of the Sun Chapter 309
Quartzsite, Arizona
January 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Laursen, at 9:15 am. Guests Rick and DelSa Vilhauer were not present to be introduced.

Minutes: A correction to the minutes was made by Lee Borden: Ernie Lenthall performed the audit, not Larry Laursen. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Lee Borden reported for the period November 30, 2009 to December 31, 2010. The beginning balance was \$2043.40, income of \$596.00 and expenses of \$984.20, leaves an ending balance of \$1655.20. Lee stated she was told to double the amount the club raised for DOVES, which was \$400.00. Lee suggested a policy be developed regarding the amount donated, and possibly including other charities. She then stated that of 47 members, 7 still owe dues. It was moved by Ed Melone, seconded by Virginia Phipps to approve the treasurer's report.

Audit report by Ernie Lenthall: Pres. Larry Laursen reported that all expenses were accounted for. There is one check to DOVES that Lee has not as yet received a receipt for. Records are well maintained with receipts attached. Lee received a round of applause from the club. Future considerations: There is nothing stated in writing as to how chapter funds should be dispersed for special items; charity and reimbursements. Discussion: Larry suggested a one-page standing rule that would apply to everything. Maggie Loomis stated that if everyone donates personally, she doesn't think the chapter should also donate. Virginia Phipps stated that five years ago it was suggested that the club treasure match funds raised by members, but it was not made a rule. Maggie Loomis stated that DOVES is a good

organization and would vote to continue having it as a charity. We should donate local. Larry will write up a draft policy.

Pres. Larry Laursen reported that 309's are responsible for decorations at the State rally, October, 2010. Volunteers are needed. Please call Larry.

Feb. 2-5: Western Sunshine Rally. 309's will have some duties. Need to sign up.

March 2-25: Picacho Peak Feits, Honns, Melones
\$25/night, email to Ed Melone; name, pets, rig size

April 12-16 Page, Lake Powell Firleins, Roberts (March 1st deadline)

New Business:

Camping fee for this rally is \$10.00 per rig payable to Treasurer, Lee Borden.

Pres. Larry Laursen asked members about returning to Quartzsite next year, and a wagonmaster is needed. Members prefer full hookups. Larry will reserve 20 spaces for next year.

Maggie Loomis announced that at the Sunshine Rally she will be judging an arts and crafts contest, so bring your craft projects. Also, Grant and Nancy Joy will need help with the food.

Ed Melone moved to adjourn, seconded by Barbara Laursen. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Honn, Secretary

GIDGET ZEEK reports that she is doing well after her knee surgery thanks to doing rehab and her exercises. She expects to have the other knee operated on in the very near future. Way to go, Gidget! ERNIE LENTHALL had good news from his eye surgeon who said that his eye is doing well. AUDREY SHAW has been ill with a strep throat, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Longtime member of Chapter 309, AL RUBY, passed away recently. Al was always smiling and ready to help where he could until illness forced him to relinquish his membership. Few present members of 309 knew Al, but following are past State President Al Coir's memories of the time Al Ruby was a member of HRRVC and Chap. 309:

"We met the Ruby's Al and Helen (32665) April of 1989 while on the Cajun Caravan. They were the only other couple on the caravan from Arizona. We discovered that they were also from Phoenix. Al was a retired bank executive and Helen a housewife. We carpooled with them many times during the event

"They had a very long fifth wheel unit and towed with a custom Landmark. They had attended a number of HRRVC caravans, but never joined a chapter. We told them about 309 and encouraged them to join. We next met them in late 1989 or 1990 at a 309 campout. They became very active members and hardly ever missed an event. Al served as chapter treasurer and then President and Helen was secretary.

"They purchased a Class A motorhome in the 90's and continued to be active in the club.

"When I was state manager the Rubys always were enthusiastic volunteers and helped with many committees. When I ran the Rocky Point rally for the chapter the Rubys were also there to help. The last year they attended they had just sold their unit because of Al's health. They drove down and rented a trailer from the park. What a disaster that was as nothing on the RV worked. They were good sports and the rent was refunded.

"We kept in touch with them and they were regulars at the West Side HRRVC lunches. After the HRRVC lunches stopped we still met for lunch once or twice a year with other retired and active 309 members."

Morry and I are looking forward to the Western Sunshine Rally the first week of February. It is great to see friends again and, of course, make new ones. Our chapter will be helping in several areas, as mentioned in the minutes of the January meeting. And Grant and Nancy Joy, who are in charge of food for the rally, have been busy for some time making to make sure we don't go hungry while there.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Virginia Phipps