

HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309
VALLEY OF THE SUN
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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2010/2011

April 12-16	Page/ Lake Powell	Firlein/Roberts
Oct. 25-29	Arizona State Rally/Mesa Valle Del Oro RV Park	State Mgr. Carlson
Dec. 7-10	Christmas Party/Camp Verde	Chap. Officers
2011		
January 25-28	Quartzsite/Rice Ranch	Wagonmasters Needed
February	To Be Determined?	
March 14-16	Roosevelt Lake,	Joy/Westerhausen
April 4-8	Western Sunshine Rally Golden Village Palms RV Resort Hemet, Ca	Nat'l Directors

Please contact the wagonmasters if you plan to attend any of the above rallies in order for them to make reservations for you. This applies to rallies at both private and public parks.

THIS IS GOOD NEWS: The HRRVC board has voted to increase the number of buddy campouts allowed to two per year. A strong majority of the respondents to the recent survey indicated that the membership desired additional chapter buddy campouts. This change is effective immediately. As always, buddy campouts are at the discretion of the chapter members and are not required. This information comes from Ray Nichols, Region VII Director.

LEE BORDEN'S REPORT FOR PICACHO PEAK CAMPOUT: Well despite the untimely fall of Margaret's and other members who were sick, the rest of us had a nice time. It is hard for me to be objective, as we all worked hard to put on a "good show".

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Meals were stellar. The Feits served a wonderful chicken pot pie, a good light coleslaw, and cream puffs for dessert on the first night. Tuesday morning, our new members, the Schweppes made breakfast....lots of fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, pancakes from the grill, bacon and sausage patties...no lunch needed that day!

Shortly after breakfast, AZ Park Ranger J. Head spoke on the Civil War battle at Picacho! His was not an ordinary presentation. As Thom Feit commented, "He was a character out of central casting from the theater in NYC!" We laughed a lot and grasped the basics of the battle.

More food, our potluck dinner was that night. We all brought written copies of our recipes... and behold, the next day we each had a wonderful recipe book to take home. Thanks to our collators; Maggie, Sharry, and Tiffany.

Side trips were taken to the Greek monastery in Florence, to the Ostrich Farm, and to the adjacent State Park.

Again, the Feits stepped forward and presented a fabulous quiche breakfast with all the trimmings. You have to realize they love to cook for large numbers of people! Thanks Barb and Thom!

This report is more like a "restaurant review"! It appears that all we do is eat.

Bridgette Robinson sang for us at Happy Hour on our final day. What a beautiful voice she has. Thank you Bridgette! After we finally mustered enough grills, we cooked out and enjoyed salads put together by the hosts.

Your hosts for this outing were: The Feits, The Schweppes, The Honns, and Ed Melone and Lee Borden.

Reporter: Lee Borden

Thanks, Lee, for the report. Morry and I are sorry we couldn't be there. MARCIA FOSTER sent the following to me, which contains more details regarding MARGARET LARSEN'S FALL:

Hi, Folks,

Don't know why you missed the camp out or if anybody took notes for the newsletter or not. The food was wonderful. The Feits are pros at cooking having run a B & B in Indianapolis. She also cooks for their Rv park every week, preparing the main course at their potlucks.

Before we got there on Monday, Margaret Larsen had tripped on the cement slab patio and fallen face down. Nancy Joy accompanied them to urgent care or someplace and they got back in time for dinner. She smashed her glasses, broke her nose and also the bone around her left (?) eye socket. Her arm was all skinned and she was pretty bruised up. At the next day's meeting she thanked us for the get- well card.!

Some folks went on a trip to a Greek Monastery observing their strict dress codes. We didn't go so didn't hear much about it. The Feits did a wonderful "Bickersons" reading- John and Blanche. And the following night Brigitte entertained during happy hour with music and song.

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So you see, you missed a good one. We missed both of you too. After a few days of miserable coughing, Jack went to Urgent Care Friday afternoon and found out he has pneumonia. Got it last year too. He is just taking medicine and resting in his chair now and should be well in about a week or less.

WE ARE SO SORRY to hear of Margaret's fall. She is in our thoughts, as is JACK FOSTER, and we wish a speedy recovery for both of them.

MORE GOOD NEWS: RUSS CARLSON, Arizona State Manager, reports that now he's rid of his kidney stones he is well on the road to recovery. Also, MARTY LENTHALL is doing well after her surgery on a Parotid Gland. ERNIE LENTHALL tells us that they have put their RV up for sale, and when it does sell Chapter 309 will miss them. Marty and Ernie have been great chapter supporters; Ernie serving as Treasurer and Marty as Membership Chairman.

CORRECTION: (It seems that I gave credit where credit wasn't due in the March newsletter—Virginia). NANCY JOY writes: "I have to make a correction to your newsletter. Marilyn Peake made the "green pepper chicken stew" for the dinner that you gave us credit for....All we did was help chop vegetables for it. We didn't make many of the meals. We didn't even plan them. All we did is get crews lined up and help them prepare the meals." Thank you Nancy for bringing that to our attention, but we still know that you worked hard to make sure everything went well.

From Larry Laursen

I have included the revised draft standing rules as discussed at the Picacho Peak camp-out at the end of the Newsletter. We didn't have a vote on the Standing Rules and will review them with members at the next campout and the state Rally in October. We will then ask all the members to vote on them via e-mail. Please offer comments to me between now and then. The intent is to have a one page summary of the club operation beyond the Bylaws. The Bylaws need approval of the State Manager and Regional Director. The Standing Rules can be changed by a simple vote of the Chapter. Many of the items might be considered "common sense."

Thanks, Larry Laursen, President

MINUTES OF PICACHO PEAK CAMPOUT
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The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Laursen, at 9:40 a.m. Guests Ken and Janet Smith were not present to be introduced. First-timers Emery and Roberta Olson were introduced.

Minutes: It was moved by Jack Foster and seconded by Neil Honn that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Lee Borden reported for the period of January 1, 2010 to March 21, 2010. The beginning balance was \$1655.20. Income for the period was \$285.00 and expenses were \$401.65 leaving a balance of \$1538.55. It was moved by Jerry Loomis and seconded by Ernie Lenthall to accept the treasurer's report.

Correspondence: Larry reported on two items that were passed on from Russ Carlson and Ray Nichols. First, a change in the HRRVC bylaws now allows two Buddy Campouts per year. Second, was a letter from Mike Snell, Sales Manager for Monaco RV, LLC, regarding the manufacture of HR units. Some non-dealers are telling customers that HRs are no longer being made in an effort to get them to buy another brand. They are still making Holiday Ramblers.

Membership: Thom Feit reported that we have 52 members, including two ad-hoc members, Ray Nichols and Russ Carlson. Two new members have joined since the last meeting at Distant Drums. He distributed new membership brochures and they are being placed in packets for new owners at Crist RV.

Sunshine: Margaret Larsen reported Audrey Shaw, Jay Westerhausen, Marty Lenthall, Mary Alice Carlson and Russ Carlson were all sent cards. Elvin Shaw is having eye surgery tomorrow.

Charity: Marsha read an acknowledgement from DOVES for the club's \$400 donation, which is tax deductible. Toiletries or gift card donations will also be sent a receipt for your taxes. She has brochures for those who need one.

Historian: Sharry Jarrell asked club members to please take pictures for her when they cannot attend activities and send them to her and write who is in the pictures. She will be scrapbooking rather than just making albums. Her last pictures are from Jan. and Feb. 2009. If you have pictures of activities since then, please send them to her. She requested that members identify with post notes people in the pictures of the albums she brought.

Old Business: Larry reported that our club is responsible for decorations for the State Rally and would like to have someone volunteer as chairperson.

Chapter Wagon masters are needed for October, 2010 and January 25-27, 2011. Also, March and April of next year need wagon masters and ideas for locations. It was asked by Maggie Loomis if we are going to designate which campouts are going to be buddies campouts. Larry stated we have one in April this year. It was decided to have no October campout because of the State Rally Oct. 25-31, 2010. The Christmas campout will be at Distant Drums – Dec. 7-9th 2010. Chapter officers will be the hosts.

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New business: Chapter standing rules draft review. Larry put together a draft of standing rules so all members will have them in writing in case there are questions in the future. After review and discussion, it was decided that secretary, Kay Honn, will revise the Standing Rules according to suggested changes for discussion at the next meeting.

Announcements: Steve James announced that he and Tiffany James are the Assistant State Managers. They would appreciate any feedback or information you can give them. They are here to help.

The April campout is at Lake Powell, Page, April 12-15. As of 3/14/10, 19 HR and 10 SOB units have registered, for a total of 29 units. Firleins and Roberts are the wagon masters. The resort number is: 928-645-1059.

Adjournment: It was moved by Jerry Loomis and seconded by Bob LaVeque to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Honn, Secretary

Morry and I will be leaving for the Northwest on April 8. We'll miss the Page/Lake Powell campout, and we are sad about that. The members of Chapter 309 are a great group, and we so look forward to our campouts. I must admit, though, that Chapters 93 and 102 have pretty nice folks in them, too. 93 is in Oregon, and 102, in Washington. You can see that we are not out of contact with HRRVC during the summer months.

If you are up our way, please do give us a call or stop by. Our summer address and phone number is in the roster. Our cell phone, however, is in a dead zone, so that number is invalid. We'd love to hear from you. If you have some news for the newsletter, do e-mail it us, so that we can keep in touch with everyone. (That way you won't be bothered with any little essays I write in order to have something to put in it. A distinct advantage, I should think.)

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer, especially at Page and Lake Powell. That should be a fantastic campout.

May you have a Happy and Blessed Easter, Virginia and Morry

Chapter 309 Standing Rules (Draft)

Membership:

1. Chapter annual dues shall be \$15.00.
2. If a new member joins after September 1st, the dues will be applied to the following year.

Campouts:

1. At their discretion, the Chapter President and Vice president may be relieved of the Wagon master responsibility for any month due to their varied responsibilities, except for the December campout.
2. If a Chapter member fails to honor his camp out reservation, the member will be held financially responsible for his reservation cost, so that Chapter 309 does not incur that loss, subject to refund policy of the campground.
3. Attendee fees at a campout should cover the expenses of the camp out. This includes, but is not limited to, food, entertainment and RV parking sites.
4. Campout expenses paid directly out of the Treasury should be limited to basic general campout supplies (i.e., coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and related items). Any extra money will go into the Treasury.
5. At Buddy campouts, the buddies will be expected to share equally in the campout expenses referenced in item #3 above.
6. Complimentary camping fees received by organizers of a campout shall be used to offset fees for all attendees at the campout by purchasing items such as reduced camping fees, food, or prizes.

Charity:

1. The current designated charity of our Chapter is DOVES.
2. At the first meeting of the Chapter's new fiscal year (Christmas Party campout), attending members will discuss and vote on the designated charity of the new year.

Bereavement:

1. The Board of Directors shall be given the authority to spend \$25 on a memorial donation to a HRRVC approved charity or to the family's charity of choice in the event of the death in a member's immediate family. Immediate family is described as husband, wife, or child. Memorials will be presented to existing members, past members within a calendar year of death and all emeritus members.

Fund Raising:

1. If the State or National rally requires door prizes, \$25.00 from our Chapter treasury shall be given to them. A \$100 allowance shall be given for any required State or National rally baskets.
2. A \$100 allocation shall be made to the Chapter Christmas campout/ party for door prizes. The Chapter will match funds collected from individual donations up to \$200 and will donate it to the Chapter's designated charity.

Newsletter:

1. All Chapter minutes will be incorporated into our monthly Newsletter.

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