

HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN
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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2012

February, 21-24	Leaf Verde RV Resort,	Buckeye, AZ Steve & Tiffany James, Wagonmasters
March, 21 – 25	Good Sam Rally, PHX, AZ	Thom & Barb Feit, Wagonmasters
July	International HRRCV Rally	Gillette, WY
October	AZ/CA State Rally	Hemet, CA
December	Chapter 309 Christmas Gathering	Wickenburg, AZ Chapter Officers, Wagonmasters
January, 2013	Quartzsite	Quartzsite, AZ

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.

A Note from the President

The Chapter Annual dues for 2012 are now past due. Individual letters are now being sent out to those who have not renewed. If you wish to continue membership, please mail your dues today. The dues are \$15.00. Please make the checks payable to Valley of the Sun, Holiday Rambler Chapter 309. Mail them to the incoming Treasurer George Robinson, 3731 N. Indiana Ave. Florence AZ, 85232

Quartzsite Campout

January 25th seven 309'ers; consisting of the Honns, Laursens, Burtis, Olsons, Westerhausens, Vincents and Masons rolled into Rice Ranch in beautiful downtown Quartzsite and had the Contrymens join us. Of course the Masons, Honns and Contrymans were already in the area having attended the Blue Grass Festival in Blythe, CA; also Carol and Bill Vincent got a head start on Quartzsite shopping and were there with friends. We were treated to great pulled pork sandwiches with German potato salad, pasta salad and dessert prepared by Barbara Laursen. We enjoyed the great weather in the evening as discussed the world and Quartzsite shopping situations.

Thursday AM the folks were on their own enjoying the shopping that Quartzsite has to offer. Ladies, beads, rock, hats, etc and the men went looking for RV stuff like batteries, hitch repairs and more. We gathered at 3:30 for a little social time and a review of the day's purchases. Then we had a potluck with a lot of good food. Members Dan and Bev Armstrong joined use in the afternoon, leaving the quite dessert where they had camped with friends to come into the big city.

Friday was more shopping and visiting the Big Tent and various market areas in town. Some of the women found heaven at Gem World, where it is beads, beads, and much more for craft making. That evening we had a BBQ dinner catered by Smok'n Blue BBQ and Bev Armstrong supplied some very delicious brownies for dessert. The Ohms from Idaho, now members, Phil and Charlene Darling from New Hampshire and members of Chapter 400 and former members Ron and Bonnie Fields joined us for social time and dinner.

Saturday Barbara with the help of Carol prepared a pancake and sausage breakfast with all the fixings. Then at 11 AM two cars of us headed to the Nellie E, Desert bar north of Parker, AZ. We enjoyed good music, food, great weather and wonderful views of the mountains along the Colorado River.

Sunday saw the departure of some as they headed home for other commitments. The remainder enjoyed some Mexican food at the Taco Mio uptown in Quartzsite. Monday we all pulled out to go home or other places.

Before leaving we talked to the management of Rice Ranch about 2013. We asked for 12 sites for 5 nights that would overlap the QIA Pow Wow and the Big Tent RV show. We didn't have all the dates so there isn't a firm date. About the 3rd week in January 2013, Neil Honn will be the contact person and he left his phone number with the management. They were going to be planning next year's commitments after we left.

Submitted by Larry and Barbara Laursen

Chapter 309 Breakfast Meetings

A gathering of forty HR owners met at the Coco's Bakery & Restaurant in Phoenix on Tuesday February 7th. We welcome a number of guest HR owners including several who found our meeting via the article in a recent issue of the Ramblin's. It was also an honor to welcome Larry Witt, Director of Region VI, who briefly spoke to our group. This was an unexpected and pleasurable surprise. Thank you Larry for joining us.

Staff from the Arizona RV Superstore in Mesa explained about their operation. The company offers full service, parts, sales, rentals and consignment sales from their location in central Mesa. They stressed their ability to offer personalize service to the customer. The service manager then responded to several questions from the members, and it would appear that appointments for work were arranged. They also distributed some great hats to the members.

Our breakfast meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th, at the Coco's Bakery in Phoenix. The program has not confirmed, but may well deal with various upgrade (GPS, lighting, etc.) that one can do for their motorhome. President Feit will send out an email prior to the breakfast with further details.

February Campout

Steve and Tiffany James are Wagonmaster for our February Campout. We will be staying at the Leaf Verde RV Resort. Tiffany and Steve have planned a variety of both eating options (do

we ever do anything else but eat?) some good programs, and a chance to relax with fellow HR owners. That is a wonderful goal of any campout. As of this writing there were still a couple of open spots. Contact Tiffany for an update if you have an interest in joining us: Tiffany James: a24ktop@aol.com

I know it will be a good outing.

March Campout

In March, 21 – 25, we will join with the Good Sam folks as part of the Rally here in Phoenix. It will be held at the Phoenix Raceway and offers hundreds of vendors, programs, opportunities for repair of coaches and entertainment. It is going to a national rally in our own backyard. You can register at www.therally.com or call 800-701-1399. Contact Thom Feit regarding where members of Chap. 309 will be parking.

T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Hats?

Several members have asked about the possibility of having golf shirts, or T-shirts, or even hats and jackets that might have information about Chapter 309 of HRRVC decorated on the clothing. This would help to identify us at not only local outings, but at state, regional, international events. It also speaks to the pride we have of our chapter and national association. Well, Jack Foster has a connection with an individual who does all of that above. What we first need to learn is there an interest in such clothing? We certainly will talk more about this at the February campout, but I am asking for an early Email survey response – Are you interested in such clothing?

What price range is acceptable?

\$10 - \$20 \$20 - \$30 \$30 - \$40 price depends upon items

Items:

Golf shirt T-shirt Hat Wind Jacket Other suggestions?

Please send your response to: thomfeit@gmail.com

Sunshine

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized, or needing a kind word and support, please let our Sunshine Lady know of that need:

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AZ/CA State Rally

Begin now to think of a raffle basket that we may prepare for the upcoming rally. While that does not happen until next October, it is never too early to plan. What would best represent our Chapter 309 – Valley of the Sun in a basket? We shall talk about this at future campouts and breakfast meetings. I would also welcome anyone who would like to take a leadership role in this project.

Food events at that rally: we have taken one breakfast time and will assist on evening time dinner. The breakfast Barb has planned: - in keeping with healthful theme – steel cut oatmeal, served with a variety of toppings; nuts, dried fruit, and more. Also included: homemade granola, bowl of fresh cut fruit, juices, coffee, tea, milk. And we will ask each 309 member who is attending to also bring two breakfast bread items. Examples could be banana bread, muffins, and such. More information will be coming later. Of course we 309 members will help serve that breakfast. The evening meal, I am told, will be brats, and such – not sure what all that entails, but will find out in plenty of time.

This concludes the February Newsletter for the Chapter 309 HRRVC. Note our upcoming dates and plan to join us for any of these activities. If you have ideas for our chapter, please share with them with me. We wish to be as all-inclusive and responsive to membership ideas as possible.

Be well,

Thom Feit, President.