

NEWSLETTER
HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN March 1, 2012

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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

March 21 - 25	Good Sam Rally – Phoenix International Raceway	Thom Feit, contact
July	International HRRVC Rally – Gillette, WY	
October	AZ/CA Joint State Rally – Hemet, CA	
November	TBA	
December	Christmas Gathering – Wickenburg, AZ	
January	Quartzsite, AZ (Honn – contact person)	
February	Lake Pleasant, AZ (James & Olson wagonmasters)	
March	TBA (looking at Picacho Peak RV, Usery Park/Dutchman Park -Mesa, Bisbee/Tombstone area)	
April	TBA (one of the above)	

- If you have an interest in serving as a wagonmaster for any of the above, or would suggest another location – please contact Thom Feit.

A Note from the President

We had a wonderful outing at Verde Leaf RV park in late February. A summary is included in this newsletter. Also look at the request from Sharry Jarrell regarding photos of past outings. She is doing a valiant effort in updating our pictorial scrapbook.

Several ideas came out of our chapter meeting; creating a more comprehensive membership list with expanding information included, continued interest in shirts and/or windbreakers with a chapter logo, a gift basket for the joint state rally auction in October. Each item is expanded upon in this newsletter.

Our monthly breakfast meeting will continue in March and April. We shall resume the meetings in November and already have several possible topics for presentations. If you have an area of interest or a vendor you would like to hear from let me know.

Along with this newsletter is our latest roster of members – 38 as of this date. Thanks for all of the support. Have safe travels during your journeys.

February 21 - 24, 2012 HRRVC Chapter 309 Campout

Leaf Verde RV Park - Buckeye, AZ

Thirteen rigs trickled in on Tuesday, arrival day and gathered later for a happy hour get-together. We welcomed our newest members, Mavis and Richard Ohms. Our wagon masters, Assistant State Manager Tiffany and Steve James had prepared a Mexican Fiesta Dinner for us, including a fabulous home-made desert. We did what we do best - enjoy! During the afternoon, some of us (yours truly) took advantage of nearby shopping opportunities (I'm from Florence, AZ, and I "don't get out much..."). Others just took it easy, enjoying the fine AZ spring weather and walking their pooches, reading, or visiting.

Wednesday morning we met at a nearby Cracker Barrel restaurant. Wow, what a menu. The winner seemed to be the featured special: sweet potato pancakes - yum! The staff had gone all out for us by providing one long table so we all could sit together and visit. Needless to say, we didn't need anything else to eat all day. George and I drove to downtown Buckeye. I thought I should use the opportunity to see what's there. Although Buckeye has a good-sized main street-type downtown area, there are a lot of empty store fronts, which is sad to see. There were a few eateries, a Mexican meat market and a Mexican novelty store, a drug store, banks, and insurance agencies. There also were quite a few churches.

The men meet in the afternoon on the patio to discuss "guy stuff" i.e. how to keep your coach running smoothly, etc. The gal's enjoyed having some time to themselves...

Wednesday evening found us playing one of our favorite table games: Left/Center/Right. Dan Armstrong was the big winner. A few of us couldn't resist watching yet another Republican debate...

Thursday morning our ladies prepared goodies for a breakfast pot luck. We held our business meeting on the patio at 10 a.m. In the afternoon, the ladies gathered for a recipe and idea exchange on the patio next to the pool where we later had our happy hour and where Steve James later grilled hamburgers, which were served with all the trimmings and dessert. We had a great time visiting and enjoying the wonderful weather.

Friday came all too soon. Some of us partook in the RV Park's coffee and donuts in the morning and we said our good byes till we meet again.

Brigitte Robinson, Secretary

HRRVC Chapter 309 Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2012

President Thom Feit called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Reading of Minutes:

Larry Laursen moved and Tiffany James seconded the motion to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer George Robinson read the treasurer's report. Beginning balance of November 11, 2011, was \$1996.20. The current balance as of February 23, 2012 is \$1969.27. Elvin Shaw moved and Jodie Burtis seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed.

Sunshine Report:

Gidget Zeek said she had called Mavis Ohms to get an address to send her a get-well card. Mavis said the phone call would suffice as the mail would take too long to catch up to her.

Charity Report:

Marsha Foster explained the purpose of our chosen charity, Area Agency on Aging (Doves) and handed out financial statements thereof.

Old Business:

Thom Feit said the response to the monthly breakfast meetings has been good, with 32 people attending. He said he is looking for a speaker for the March 6, 2012 meeting at Coco's in Phoenix.

Membership:

Thom distributed updated membership rosters, listing 35 members. He solicited recruiting tips from the members. Beverly Armstrong suggested holding campouts on weekends to allow working people to join. Steve James wants to post notices at Camping World and for people to advertise where they store their RVs. Barb Feit said it would be good for those who live at an RV park to introduce themselves to Holiday Rambler owners and hand them a brochure to invite them to our club. Thom stated that letters are sent monthly to people who just purchased an RV. Beverly Armstrong suggested handing out brochures at Good Sam shows. Elvin Shaw said it's a good idea to hand out your used Rambling magazine to people when you're camping somewhere.

Thom stated that Jack Foster had approached him about shirts embroidered with the club logo. Tiffany James moved that we inquire about prices for polo shirts with pockets and windbreakers, both for men and women. Gene Redman seconded the motion which carried.

Tiffany passed on a request from the club historian, asking members to provide photos from campouts and to e-mail them to Sharry Jarrell. The book will be presented for viewing at the March Breakfast Meeting.

Thom announced that Chapter 309 will be responsible for providing steel cut oatmeal and homemade granola for a breakfast meeting at the joint state rally in October 2012 at Hemet, CA. We are also expected to assist with a hot dog/bratwurst dinner.

Elvin Shaw asked for more help at an information booth at the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming in July, 2012.

Discussion ensued about future venues for campouts. Jack Foster said Bisbee/Douglas area camp grounds would lend themselves for joint outings with the Tucson chapter. Steve James said the KOA 8 miles outside of Bisbee is very nice. Brigitte Robinson suggested dry camping at Usery Park on Ellsworth in Mesa, which the club had used in years past. March would be a good month for Usery Park. Others mentioned were Lake Pleasant (February 2013) and Picacho Peak.

Barb Feit said regarding Hemet, the members will be informed via e-mail as we get more information and also regarding Chapter 309's responsibilities. We are to make up a basket

for the raffle. Collecting local/state items for the basket would be a good idea. Barb stated it would be nice to make a basket that would appeal too men (as they usually are geared towards women). Barb Laursen mentioned that Kay Honn is very talented at assembling such baskets and that it would be nice to come from the Chapter rather than from individuals. Jack Foster said he will donate the basket.

Jody Burtis had a recommendation regarding the roster: include what type of RV people have, i.e., motor home, 5th wheel, etc.; how many slides; length; tow car; pets; pictures of members. *[Note: I shall take this on as a project. So be prepared when I request this information from each member. I'll do the formatting ready to distribute by our state rally – Thom]*

Gene Redman said people frequently ask about Al Coir. Gene said he had had dinner with Al recently and, although failing some, he is doing fine. He still has his 5th wheel at Lake Mary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully
Brigitte Robinson, Secretary

Submitted

CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS

Please – If you have pictures for any of the camp-outs or rallies ... give me copies of them by individuals, email or copied onto a CD. I can always add them in where they belong in the scrapbooks.

Jere and I have missed several events due to illness and deaths in my family. My own health at this time is keeping me from attending this one. :(

When I am able to attend I take pictures ... lots of pictures ... but I need YOUR help when I am absent. Please take pictures for me!

- 1) Even when we are at a rally or camp-out ... TAKE PICTURES FOR ME! :)

For example: I don't have ONE picture of any Quartzite rallies and only have ONE of the Wickenburg camp-out

- 2) Even when we are at a rally or camp-out ... I can't take pictures of all the side trips, round tables, craft classes, seminars, etc.

In the past Jack Foster and Larry Laursen have turned in pictures but now I'm calling **ALL SHUTTERBUGS** to contribute to the scrapbook of our 309 club. Look through the scrapbooks that Jere has brought ... go home and see if you have any pictures that can be added in to an event. (Be sure I know what it event it was taken at and I'll add it in.)

Thank you, Sharry Jarrell, Club 309 Pictorial Historian