

**HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN
April 2012 Newsletter**

OFFICERS

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| President: | Thom Feit | 317-507-3557 | thomfeit@gmail.com |
| Vice President | Neil Honn | 520-825-0043 | knhonn@yahoo.com |
| Secretary: | Brigitte Robinson | 520-868-1213 | geobrig@hotmail.com |
| Treasurer: | George Robinson | 520-868-1213 | geobrig@hotmail.com |
| Directors: | Larry Laursen | 989-859-8446 | ljlaursen@aol.com |
| | Jack Foster | 480-917-9506 | jacknmarc@gmail.com |

COMMITTEES

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| : | Charity: | Marcia Foster | 480-917-9506 | jacknmarc@gmail.com |
| | Historian: | Sharry Jarrell | 928-468-0698 | tworvnusa@yahoo.com |
| | Membership: | Barbara Feit | 480-626-0826 | barbfeit1@gmail.com |
| | Sunshine: | Gidget Zeek | 602-620-4320 | g.marita@juno.com |

CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

| | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|
| May | Chapter 419 MS | Goshen, IN |
| July 16 - 20 | International HRRVC Rally | Gillette, WY |
| October 17-21 | AZ/CA Joint State Rally | Hemet, CA |
| November | TBA | |
| December 11 – 14 | Christmas Party for Chap. 309 (Chapter Officers Wagonmasters) | Wickenburg Community Center, AZ |
| January 17or 19 for five days (depends upon opening of tent*) | Quartzsite, AZ (Honn & TBA Wagonmasters) | |
| February | Lake Pleasant (James & Olsen Wagonmasters) | |
| March | Florence / Coolidge (tentative*) (Brigitte & George Robinson Wagonmasters) | |
| April | Lake Roosevelt (tentative*) (Joy & Westerhausen Wagonmasters) | |

* depending upon arrangements that cannot be finalize until later this year.

Good Sam Rally

A good group of our chapter enjoyed full days and marvelous entertainment during this recent campout. Loomis, Bergstarand, Marchart, Peaslee, Burbridge, Laursen, Robinson, Schweppe and Feit took part in this experience. While the weather warmed, the field became dusty and the lines became long at the few food vendors, it was a worthwhile experience. To hear again from the "RV Doctor" or for me the first time the stories from "Mac the fire guy" is an education in itself.

Sitting there listening about fire and safety in for your RV, has taught me to: sparing use the propane with my refrigerator, triple the number of smoke detectors in the coach – using the correct type, get the correct type of extinguisher and certainly open that emergency window and practice getting out.

There were lots of other sessions, a wide assortment of vendors. In all, for me, it proved to be a marvelous time. For Paul Machart, it was the purchase of three new tires – you shall need to ask him for the full story. Really nice to see Jerry and Connie Bergstrand come down from Show Low for the rally. We must have a chapter campout in that area.

The Good Sam folks learned that PIR has the smallest footprint for parking units that they had experienced, and it had one of the largest crowds of recent rallies. Depending upon who you heard there were from 3,700 to 4,300 units parked on the grounds – not counting those who just came as a day visitors. That made for some tight parking spaces. Some days it felt that all were in the vendor's tent at the same moment, human gridlock.

Walked through several of the new units on display, while there were ones that offered four large screen television sets, gourmet kitchens, spa worthy baths, king beds, four slides, basement space for all needs and forty five feet of space, priced at just below a "King's ransom," I believe we shall stay with our twelve year old unit for now.

Breakfast April 3rd

Just a reminder of the April 3rd breakfast, it will be at Coco's Restaurant in Phoenix, 4601 E Thomas Rd. A representative from Camping World will be the speaker. This shall be our last breakfast until next November. As always, please Email a response if you plan to attend.

Chapter 309 shirt and jacket

Attached is a DRAFT design for our Chapter 309. The logo would be used on some polo style shirts and a windbreaker jacket. Let me know your thoughts about the logo. My plan is to then send out an order form. A timeline of the next few weeks is in play.

International HR Rally

From State Manager Jim Warner: Region Director Ray Nichols passes on the following information –

- "Please pass on to chapters....full registration for International Rally by JUNE 1, will put member in a drawing for a new Rand McNally GPS system. See hrrvc.org for details and next Ramblings."

So if you are thinking about attending, there is the challenge.

There will be more details coming about the Chapter 309 shirts within the next weeks, but until next October at the AZ/CA Rally in Hemet, have safe travels this coming summer. - Thom