

NEWSLETTER
HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN September 2012

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Chapter 309 HRRVC SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

October	HRRVC AZ/CA Joint State Rally – Hemet, CA
November	Chapter 309 TBA
December	Chapter 309 Christmas Gathering – (Officers wagonmasters) Wickenburg, AZ
January	Chapter 309 Quartzsite, AZ (Honn & Nichols wagonmasters)
February	Chapter 309 Lake Pleasant, AZ (James & Olson wagonmasters)
March	Chapter 309 Florence / Coolidge, AZ (George & Brigitte Robinson wagonmasters)
April	Chapter 309 Lake Roosevelt, AZ (Joy & Westerhausen wagonmasters)
April	HRRVC Western Sunshine Rally – Tucson, AZ
May	Chapter 419 Maintenance Session Ramblin’ Pushers – Goshen, IN
May	International HRRVC Rally – Goshen, IN

Monthly breakfast meetings: Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, Mar. 5th, April 2nd, @ 9:30 am.
Location: Coco’s Bakery & Restaurant 1862 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ 85202 (480) 838-9440

A Note from the President

With a quick look at the above schedule we can see an active agenda for campouts, rallies and breakfast meetings during this coming 2012-2013 season. It is my hope that you will be able to take part in as many of these activities as fits your schedule. It does speak so well of this chapter in the offering this level of events.

These past months have seen Barb and I travel around the country. In May we joined a number of other Chapter 309 members at the Chapter 419 Maintenance Session in Goshen, IN. Then off to my 50th college class reunion. From Indiana we travelled to Triangle, VA and the National Park Service Prince William Forest Park where we volunteered in the Visitor Center. Barb enjoyed the Marine Corps Museum located next door at Quantico Marine Base. We both welcomed several jaunts into Washington, DC and the reconnection with friends not seen for several years. Then it was off to the National Seashore along the Outerbanks of NC. We volunteered at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, working the various jobs. One of my tasks was to climb those 257 steps to the tallest brick lighthouse in the Americas ... now that is part of an exercise program. While this trip has been a wonderful experience, some of the less memorable moments were: replacement of our front roof AC unit by an RV repair facility that really did not know what was going on – but they were the only option in the area, and while at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Barb's pinched nerve in her back flared up and I contracted pneumonia. Well, we now have arrived home. We shall share more at our first Chap. 309 breakfast.

October 17 – 21 AZ/CA State Rally @ Hemet, CA.

I have attached a registration form for the joint CA/AZ State Rally. Remember that we of Chapter 309 are responsible for the Saturday morning breakfast, and assisting with one of the dinners. Help will be needed on the preceding Friday night to assist with the preparation work. On that Saturday morning we will need between 5 – 7 individuals to warm and serve (meat, baked French toast, fruit, juice, coffee / tea station). Barb and I will contact you again in late September to lay out our plan and ask who shall be attending this rally. If you have registered, a preliminary schedule has been sent to you. Of note is the participation by several members of our chapter as presenters at the rally. If you have not registered and wish to see the program, send me a request.

Monthly breakfast meetings

As noted above, we shall resume our monthly breakfast meetings in November. The format shall remain about the same, i.e. – a speaker or round table discussion relating to issues of common interest to those of us who own travel thanks to the use of an RV, whether motorhome, 5th wheel or travel

trailer. You will also be able to enjoy a late breakfast or just a cup of tea or coffee. I would welcome any suggestions for topics that you might have and would like to see explored. Our first topic in November shall be a discussion of volunteer experiences and how to discover such opportunities. Also on the agenda will be a discussion our planned events for this season.

Recommendation is to take time and visit the www.AZHRRVC.org website for more complete information; location, topics, and presenters. A flyer for the first two breakfast meetings is attached to this mailing.

Chapter 309 Shirts

Just a reminder for you that Jack Foster now has our shirts, and we will have them at the AZ/CA Rally. My thanks to Jack for all of the arrangements he made to get these shirts ready for members of our Chapter.

Election of Chapter 309 Officers

If you have an interest in taking part as an officer of Chapter 309, you are urged to contact Larry Laursen (ljlaursen@aol.com) our nomination committee chair. Recommendation of yourself or others for service is welcome.

Gift Basket for AZ/CA State Rally

Get your silent auction bidding pencil ready. Kay Honn is putting together a wonderful Chapter 309 Gift Basket for the state rally benefit auction. Be ready to bid often and bid high, and thanks to Kay for taking on this great task.

Membership Roster

One of the suggestions from a past campout was to create a membership roster with photos of members, and information about themselves, their interest, and their Recreational Vehicle. Well, that will become a project of this fall. I shall be sending out a format for such information, and ask you to either find a photo that you wish to use in such a publication. Or, we can take a photo of you at either the upcoming AZ/CA rally or at the Wickenburg outing. More information on this project will be forthcoming.

Don Larsen

This note from Nancy Joy sent on September 9th: *We just got word that Don passed away last pm. We talked with Margaret late yesterday afternoon and she said he was resting peacefully. He didn't want to get in to the bed that Hospice had provided so was in one of those lift chairs most of the time. They finally got him into the bed early yesterday morning and he had been sleeping ever since. He wasn't in pain for which we were all thankful and he died as he wanted in his own home. God is good.*

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