

NEWSLETTER
HOLIDAY RAMBLER RV CLUB
CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN
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CAMPOUT SCHEDULE 2012 - 2013

December	11 – 13	Christmas Gathering – Wickenburg, AZ (Chapter 309 wagonmasters)
January	23 - 27	Quartzsite, AZ (Honn & Nichols wagonmasters)
February	12 - 15	Lake Pleasant, AZ (James & Olson wagonmasters)
March	TBA	Florence / Coolidge (George & Bridgette Robinson wagonmasters)
April	2 nd week in April	Lake Roosevelt (Joy & Westerhausen wagonmasters)
April	2 - 5	Western Sunshine Rally - Tucson

HRRVC Chapter 309 Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2012.

Hemet, CA AZ/CA Joint State Rally

President Thom Feit called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Reading of the Minutes

Neil Honn moved and Jere Jarrel seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2012, meeting as printed in the March 2012 Chapter 309 newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Robinson read his report for the period of March 18, 2012 to October 16, 2012.

Beginning Balance: \$2,057.37 Current balance: \$1,500.37

Larry Laursen moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Steve James seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Wickenburg Christmas Campout

President Thom Feit talked about the upcoming Christmas campout at Wickenburg. He asked officers to arrive on Monday, December 10th, to help prepare for the campout. He requested member input regarding decorations. Ray Zeek has stored decorations from previous years. A committee will look at what is in storage and decide to purchase new ones if needed. Tiffany James offered to donate a Christmas tree, which would need lights and decorations. Elvin Shaw suggested we wait and see if we need new decorations. Kay Honn said we need a decorating committee to handle the job. Virginia Phipps moved and Kay Honn seconded a motion to create a decorating committee. Gidget Zeek and Barb Laursen volunteered to serve on the committee. Jere Jarrel moved to allow the committee to spend up to \$200 for decorations, if needed. Kay Honn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Barb Feit mentioned that someone would need to volunteer to store any items from season to season.

Thom Feit wondered about the rules on whether the chapter would pay for the Christmas dinner, or that the cost would be split among the members. Larry Laursen informed the group that the By-Laws state that the Christmas dinner would be paid out of the chapter treasury, while the rest of the Christmas campout cost would be shared by the members. Barb Feit suggested serving a prime rib dinner instead of the traditional turkey and asked if it would be agreeable to charge an additional \$7.50 per couple to cover the extra cost. Jack Foster moved to add the higher cost for prime rib to the overall campout charge to be split among the members. Jere Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Quartzsite

Neil Honn said he had called the Quartzsite campground several times to reserve 20 sites and that he currently has 5 more rigs on a waiting list. Currently the park owners are not willing to commit to reserving the spots and that they gave some of the 20 sites away. The last time he talked to someone in the campground's office, they claimed to know nothing about the issue. Neil said he plans to stop by on the way home to check on the situation in person.

Lake Pleasant

Tiffany James said that 15 rigs have signed up for the February 2013 outing to Lake Pleasant. The park books up quickly, so people need to let her know as soon as possible if they intend to attend this campout.

As a special event of this campout, since it occurs over Valentines' Day, Steve James will be grilling heart shaped steaks for the occasion.

Florence/Coolidge Campout

Brigitte Robinson said the March 2013 campout at the Florence/Coolidge Elks will be dry camping in a desert setting. We will probably eat out often, as we'll be saving on the lot rental. She will have more information, as well as a firm date, at the Wickenburg campout. She asked if anyone would want to take a tour of the Florence penitentiary. Quite a few members expressed an interest.

Lake Roosevelt Campout

J Westerhausen spoke of the April campout planned for Lake Roosevelt. This also will be a dry camping experience. Dates will be during the second week of April, but cannot be made until into 2013. The second week was selected to avoid conflict with the Western Sunshine Rally (see below). By positioning this campout in the second week, members could attend both events, saving some transportation cost during April.

Western Sunshine Rally

Ray Nichols, Region VII Director, shared with the group plans for a Western Sunshine Rally. Dates will be April 2 – 5, 2013 at the LazyDays Campground in Tucson. The will be a national rally, calling heavily upon the Southwest, Texas and California.

Sunshine Committee

Gidget Zeek reported on members who had passed away recently; Don Larson, Ron Robinson and John Tisot, all recent members of Chapter 309. There will be an upcoming memorial for John Tisot to be announced later.

Chapter 309 Shirts

Jack Foster said he has extras of the new Chapter 309 shirts and shall bring them to Wickenburg. President Feit said that Foster had paid the sales tax on the shirts – which was not part of the original quoted price. Maurice Phipps moved to reimburse Jack for the tax out of the Chapter treasury. Tiffany James seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members will decide at Wickenburg whether additional shirts should be ordered. Jack Foster said that now the company who supplied the shirts has our logo, we could order other items, such as hats, mugs, etc. A discussion will be held at the November 6th Breakfast meeting concerning addition items.

Breakfast Meetings

The first meeting will be held at Coco's Bakery and Restaurant, corner of Baseline Rd. and Dobson Rd. in Mesa. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM. The topic will be "Volunteerism for the National Park Service."

Nominating Committee Report

Larry Laursen presented the proposed slate of officers as selected by the committee:

Thom Feit, President	Neil Honn, Vice President
Tiffany James, Secretary	Mary Schweppe, Treasurer

Audrey Shaw moved to accept the slate of nominees. Jere Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a discussion and noting that a quorum of the members currently present, Elvin Shaw moved that the slate of officers be unanimously elected to office. Jere Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new offices will be installed at the December meeting.

Membership

Barb Feit reported we currently have 36 members. Renewals will begin at Wickenburg meeting. There will be further discussion concerning membership and recruitment of member at that meeting.

Region VII Director's Report

Ray Nichols informed the membership that attendance at Chapter campouts and state rallies is open to "other band" rigs by member invitation only. The reason for this is that some chapters in other areas are so small that they have a difficult time holding an event. It is up to each chapter if the members want to allow this at their local chapter level. The chapter may charge the outsider a "dues or camping cost" if the chapter wishes. The outsiders have no voting rights and cannot attend National/Regional events. Jack Foster moved to have this issue discussed at the Wickenburg outing. Jere Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Director Nichols further elaborated that in very small chapters it is sufficient to have just a President, rather than a full slate of officers, in order to retain chapter status.

Adjournment

George Robinson moved, Brigitte Robinson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Brigitte Robinson, Secretary.

Arizona / California Joint State Rally
Hemet, CA October 17 – 21, 2012

Arizona Valley of the Sun Chapter 309 was represented by: President Thom & Barb Feit, Marcia & Jack Foster, Kay & Neil Honn, Barbara & Larry Laursen, Audrey & Elvin Shaw, Tiffany & Steve James, Sharry & Jere Jarrell, Virginia & Maurice Phipps, Brigitte & George Robinson, J & Jo Westerhausen, Gidget & Ray Zeek, Sandy & Tom Simester. Sadly health issues prevented Mary & Don Schweppe from attending.

The early arrivals greeted each other at a Happy Hour on Tuesday, October 16th, followed by an evening of games.

The Tucson Ramblers Chapter 71 served a continental breakfast on Wednesday morning. The place was buzzing with activity as people brought in the gift baskets for Make-a-Wish; items for the silent auction; for the food bank; and people signed up for the activities, seminars, crafts, games and the bazaar. Display coaches arrived and there were several seminars scheduled. Opening Ceremonies started at 4 PM and Brigitte Robinson sang the National Anthem after the colors were presented. SkyMed gave a presentation on their services and supplied a Pollo Loco dinner for everyone.

The Thursday breakfast of biscuits and gravy was prepared and served the San Diego Ramblers Chapter 291. The day was filled with a book exchange, bean bag baseball, various seminars and crafts. In the evening we enjoyed a Bavarian dinner and the highlight of the evening was the American/Bavarian Brass Band which consisted of 14 musicians and a very lively and very good singer/entertainer who got us on our feet, dancing, schunkeln and singing. We had a wonderful time. Some of the musician's even wore Lederhosen, Dirndl's, Tiroler Hut's (huts) and kneewarmers.

Doc Good led the daily morning walk at 7 AM. The Diablo Ramblers Chapter 249 made a pancake breakfast. More seminars were attended. There was a cake decorating contest and we got to eat the cakes at the Ice Cream Social later in the afternoon. A game of "Heads or Tails" benefitted the Wounded Warriors. People enjoyed dinner on their own and some returned to socialize and play games.

Arizona's of the Sun Chapter 309 served a very special (gourmet) Baked French Toast, sausages, along with bananas with strawberry cream, all prepared by Thom & Barb Feit and served by: Fosters, Westerhausens, Phipps, Robinsons, Zeeks, James, Jarrells, and Shaws. People attended more seminars, shopped at the bazaar with their treasures. Hot dogs and chili dogs were available for purchase at lunch time, as well as Indian Tacos, Fry Bread, etc. You could sit outside and listen to a singing DJ while eating your lunch. The Make-a-Wish basket drawing took place and three 309 members – Jarrell, James and Zeek – all walked away with baskets. In the evening another social hour, followed by a catered dinner and lastly music by the Michael Chain Band. It was another fun rally. We said our goodbyes on Sunday morning and departed.

Brigitte Robinson, Secretary.

A Christmas Celebration in Ole Wickenburg, AZ

HRRVC Chapter 309



Join us as the Officers of our Chapter 309 Holiday Rambler Recreation Vehicle Club serve as host for this annual festival celebration and campout.

Where: Community Center Wickenburg, AZ – 160 N Valentine St.
(located at the intersection of Valentine and Yavapai Street)

When: Tuesday, December 11th thru noon on Friday, December 14th

RV Hookups: electric and water – dump station on site at Community Center

Early arrivals: several slots have been reserved for the night of Monday, December 10th for club officers and those who wish to check in early or help decorate.

Activities:

- * self-guided tour of Wickenburg
- * scavenger hunt in Wickenburg
- * presentation about the town history
- * presentation on the arts of the area
- * craft activities
- * round table discussion
- * evening games – with a Holiday theme
- * charity auction
- * Holiday decorations of your RV, with prizes for the finest in Holiday Decor
- * three evening meals
- * morning breakfasts each day
- * an evening of Christmas Carols
- * installation of new officers
- * plenty of free time for sightseeing, shopping and socializing with friends

Charity Auction: Bring an item (or two) for our charity auction. Now these need not be those items you were going to toss, or that final item remaining from your last tag sale, or what you may have bid on and won at last year's auction. Upon reflection of the last comment, that may well work again. We did a great job last year, may we work to outdo last year's auction income. Bring your best items for the auction and cash with which to purchase the gems offered by others in the club.

Cost of campout: Nightly fee of \$27 a night. Other cost: meals, etc., will be totaled then divided by the number of individuals attending. The total bill for each unit will be given at the business meeting on Thursday, payment to Chapter 309. Dues for 2013 will also be collected - \$15 a unit.



Plan now to come join us for Christmas in Wickenburg. Reply to Thom Feit (480) 495-5947 or thomfeit@gmail.com with this information: Name(s), ~ Arrival Date (Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13), ~ Departure Date (Dec 11, 12, 13, 14), ~ phone, ~ Email address ~ and any other information you wish to share. We ask for all information and reservation be sent by **Saturday November 24th**, so parking spaces and food arrangements can be confirmed.