

**NEWSLETTER - January 2013**  
**HRRVC CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN**

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**Chapter 309 HRRVC SCHEDULE 2013**

- February 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter 309 Lake Pleasant, AZ  
(James & Olson wagonmasters)
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter 309 Florence / Coolidge, AZ - Florence/Coolidge Elk's Lodge  
(George & Brigitte Robinson wagonmasters)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter 309 Lake Roosevelt, AZ – Grapevine Group Site (Goose Loop)  
(Joy & Westerhausen wagonmasters)
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> HRRVC Western Sunshine Rally – Tucson, AZ  
(Region VII Director & Assistants)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter 419 Maintenance Session Ramblin' Pushers –  
Elkhart Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> International HRRVC Rally – Goshen, IN  
Elkhart Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN
- Oct. 29 – Nov 1 AZ Three Chapter Gathering, Mesa Spirit RV Park – Mesa, AZ
- Dec. 10 – 13 Christmas Campout 2014  
Community Center Wickenburg, AZ
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Monthly breakfast meetings: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> (new date for April), @ 9:30 am.  
Location: Coco's Bakery & Restaurant 2026 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ 85006 (602) 2258-3821

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### **Membership Dues**

Dues of \$15 are now payable for the year 2013. There are still several individuals who have not submitted their dues. Make your check payable to: HRRVC Chapter 309. Please send your membership check to:

Barbara Feit, Membership Chair  
911 W Laguna Azul Ave  
Mesa, AZ 85210-7109

### **Quartzsite Campout**

Our group was augmented by members from WA, CO, Yuma, Tucson, TX, NM, in all 19 units became part of this wonderful campout. Gathering around during the social hour, we enjoyed snacks, drinks and great conversation. Wagonmasters Nichols and Honns prepared a great meal of pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw and some killer brownies. Dinner was followed by a roaring campfire.

Thursday morning some of our group found their way toward the mega fields of vendors selling all items imagined. The afternoon faded into our late afternoon social hour. Vito, the owner of the RV park had arranged for some musical entertainment. The Wilson Family String Band, comprised of a family of six, each playing one of several string instruments. Actually, both the father and son had won Bluegrass Festival awards. All did a wonderful job of offering entertainment for our social hour pleasure. That was followed by both a wonderful pitch-in dinner, and another roaring campfire.

Friday offered more opportunities to visit the vendors, or do some exploring of the desert area around Quartzsite. We were amazed at the number of units parked in the long term BLM lands, some staying there for upwards of five months. While a week of dry camping may be good, this writer likes the creature comforts of some form of hookups along the way. The evening social hour was followed by a visit to "Silly Al's " a local pizza parlor offering a variety of pizzas and alike.

Saturday turned to be one of dark clouds, wind and rain. For those who wanted, the wagonmasters had prepared sausage gravy, biscuits and scrambled eggs. Eating outdoors was not possible, so grabbing the food and racing back to one's own rig was the way to go. There had been the plan to visit the "Nellie E Saloon" aka Desert Bar, which is situated in the Buckskin Mountains outside of Parker, on land that was an old mining camp. However with the rain, and planning to drive through valleys and washes to get there, it was a better judgment to wait 12 months and plan the trip for our 2014 Quartzsite campout. With all of the rain – the spring desert foliage should be great. Some went to the "tent" with vendors, while others ventured off to visit with friends in neighboring areas. It turned into a great evening.

Sunday was greeted by blue skies and sun. All was right with the world. Some of us needed to make one –or two- more purchases. So off to the vendors we went. The afternoon and evening found us under the spell of the R.E.R. Band – without the middle E. Ray Nichols and Roger Beery are the two "R" – and they were great! Word is that the "E" – Earlene Lewis will join them at a concert during the Western Sunshine Rally in April down at Tucson. Be sure to fill out the registration form and mail it off ASAP. With the addition of the third musician, the set will be amazing. Long into the night they played as we sat around campfires and enjoyed the music, the warmth of the fire and the full moon overhead.

At dinner time, our wagonmasters had arranged for a catered Bar-B-Q dinner of ribs, brisket, chicken, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and two desserts. We certainly eat well on these outings. The next morning, we packed up, finished off the remaining sausage gravy, biscuits and eggs, wished safe travels to our camping friends and began our journeys to the next destination.

Plans were made for the 2014 Quartzsite campout. We have confirmed, with a first day payment, for 23 sites at Rice Ranch – which offers full hookups and easy access to the vendors. Make your plans today for January 22 – 27. Neil and Kay Honn will again be the lead Wagonmasters, and are looking for a couple to assist with these duties.

### **Business Meeting for Chapter 309**

No business meeting was held at this campout. There will be further discussions at later campouts. We have now moved our banking to Desert Schools Federal Credit Union. There needs to be a serious discussion concerning our finances. We have funds available, but the request for using these funds for confirmation payment for future campouts is putting a strain on the account. I do feel this is an appropriate use of these funds, for they are returned to the Chapter at the conclusion of the campout. But the time between confirmation deposit and

repayment can be as long as 6 to 12 months. There is also just the reimbursement to members for funds they have spent doing Chapter 309 business, along with support of our charity. For those going to the Lake Pleasant Campout, be prepared to discuss this issue.

### Treasurer's Report

Report for the period from Dec. 30, 2012 to Jan. 26, 2013

The Beginning balance at Pinal County Federal Credit Union Bank was	\$ 1,344.60
We have since closed that account and started one at Desert Schools Federal Credit Union.	
We currently have received dues for a total of :	\$360.00
Town of Wickenburg refund of Christmas Campout deposit:	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,904.60
Charge \$15.85 for Checks and \$8.67 for Deposit slips	\$24.52
Current Balance is	Total \$1,880.08

Treasurer: Mary Schweppe

[President's comments] *For members information here are items not referenced in the above report. Outstanding obligations, the first two I held pending transfer of funds. They will now be resubmitted, and a new check issued for payment.*

- 1) Barb Feit (reimbursement for Wickenburg)
- 2) DOVES - (Charity donation)
- 3) Gidget Zeek - (Sunshine committee expense)
- 4) Kay Honn - (Deposit for Quartzsite 2014)

Repayment of outstanding campout deposits: Lake Pleasant - \$450 (Feb '13), Lake Roosevelt - \$225 (April '13), Quartzsite - \$805 (Jan. '14)



Neil, Kay and Emery



Social hour at Quartzsite

## Coming Events

- **Lake Pleasant Campout** - Word is that our wagonmasters for this event have lined up some wonderful experiences. Just a hint – a wonderful dinner on the lake, and an excursion to Cave Creek. I am sure that Tiffany, Steve, Roberta and Emery will have more information for us before we all come out to the lake.
- **Florence/Coolidge Campout** – Brigitte and George are planning a great time for us in this area. While we will be dry camping, let that not interfere with us having a wonderful experience as we enjoy the historic sites of this area.
- **Lake Roosevelt** – We return to scenic Lake Roosevelt and the same camping loop that proved so popular a couple of years ago. More information will be coming from Wagonmasters Joy and Westerhausen.
- **Western Sunshine Rally** – Information is included in this mailing. Be sure to include this on your spring schedule.

## Chapter 309 Shirts and/or Jackets

According to Jack Foster, a new catalogue from our supplier should now be available. I will work with Jack to create a new order sheet for items with the Chapter 309 logo. If you ordered shirts and have not been able to pick them up, we will mail them to you.



Our own band – R.E.R.



The Wilson Family String Band

2013 Western Sunshine Rally  
April 2 – 6 (2nd is arrival, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Opening, 6<sup>th</sup> - Depart)



# Moonlight & Roses



LazyDays RV Campground, 3200 E Irvington Rd., Tucson, AZ 85714 [Directions: I-10 exit 264B to Irvington Rd, turn left. Go to Country Club Rd., turn south to the RV Resort entrance. Watch for HRRVC arrows.]

Rally fee includes: 4 nights w/full hookups, entertainment, Bazaar, games, crafts and Seminars. Catered meals include: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner and 1 ice cream social. You may also get up to 3 days before or after the rally for the group rate.

For these special reservations: 800-306-4067 – mention HRRVC Western Sunshine Rally Special Rate.

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**Member information:**

National # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Two adults in one unit (\$260) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One adult in one unit (\$220) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (\$40) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Early parking per day (\$30 if paid w/registration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: HRRVC then mail to: Neil Honn, 36902 S Rock Crest Dr, Tucson, AZ 85739**

RV information: MH \_\_\_\_\_, 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_\_\_, Trailer \_\_\_\_\_, Length \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer for Western Sunshine Rally? Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No have attended before \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking Needed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_