

NEWSLETTER ~ February 2013

HRRVC CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN

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Chapter 309 HRRVC SCHEDULE 2013

- March 5th – 9th Chapter 309 Florence / Coolidge, AZ - Florence/Coolidge Elk's Lodge
(George & Brigitte Robinson wagonmasters)
- April 15th – 18th Chapter 309 Lake Roosevelt, AZ – Grapevine Group Site (Goose Loop)
(Joy & Westerhausen wagonmasters)
- April 2nd – 5th HRRVC Western Sunshine Rally – Tucson, AZ
- May 3rd – 8th Chapter 419 Maintenance Session Ramblin' Pushers ~ Goshen, IN
- May 16th – 20th International HRRVC Rally ~ Goshen, IN
- Aug. 24th – 27th Region VII Rally – Creede, CO ~ Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Park
- Oct. 29th – Nov 1st AZ Three Chapter Gathering, Mesa Spirit RV Park – Mesa, AZ
- Dec. 10th – 13th Chapter 309 Christmas Campout 2014 ~ Community Center Wickenburg, AZ

Monthly breakfast meetings: Mar. 5th, April 9th (new date for April), @ 9:30 am.

Location: Coco's Bakery & Restaurant 2026 N. 7th St. Phoenix, AZ 85006 (602) 258-3821

Lake Pleasant Campout

Lake Pleasant Rally, Feb 13-18, 2013

We had a great time at the lake. There were a total of 12 rigs. We missed everyone that could not come. We welcomed Larry & Barbara Laursen on one day, who came without their unit, which is under repair. On another day Jerry and Maggie drove up to spend a day with fellow Chapter 309 members. It was a very laid back event. We enjoyed our time together and the wonderful views of Lake Pleasant nestled among the hills and mountains.

On the 14th, we had a great representative from Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Ranger Terry gave a wonderful review of how the lake came about, it's history, and answered a lot of great questions relating to the wild life that live in the park. For our Valentine's dinner we all went down to the marina for a tasty pork dinner with the great side dishes. The tables were decorated beautifully. It was a great setting for our celebration. We did a 50/50 raffle which raised over \$50 for the chapter.

On the 15th, we had a free day to check out the city of Cave Creek, enjoying the street fairs, antiques and southwestern stores. For dinner we all met at the Buffalo Chip Saloon. The food was pretty good. The smoke from the fire pit got a little crazy. For those that stayed late got the experience of getting kicked out! We will never tell!

On the 16th, we went to the Wild Horse West for lunch. This historic store and bar claim the title of, "where the burgers are the best" All agreed it met the title. It was great day to eat outside on the patio. The chapter meeting went very well and for dinner we met for a potluck dinner.

The 17th was another free day. A lot of people went to the Outlets at Anthem; others were content to enjoy the sun, read a book and watch the water action on Lake Pleasant. Dinner was another potluck.

We would like to thank everyone one that came. We hope you had a great time.

Tiffany James, Secretary

Chapter 309 Business Meeting | February 2013

President Thom Feit called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes of the December meeting were circulated. Jack Foster offered the correction, Charity report meeting/work day is to be in March not February. Jerry Loomis moved to approve. Jack Foster second. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary Schweppe reports that there was \$1,900 available. \$1,500 went in bills, \$400 available in account. \$1,500 broke down into deposit for spots on hold for Quartzsite 2014, pay Barb Feit Wickenburg meal and supplies, memorial contributions for deceased members this past year, and a donation to the DOVES. About 7 families still owe for 2013 chapter dues.

Jerry Loomis has concerns about large amount for Quartzsite 2014 deposit. Nancy Joy suggests that this can be helped by paying our own deposit. Thom Feit will check with the Honns about future rallies in Quartzsite (and others) to pay deposit up front by member attending. Maggie Loomis asked if Chapter 309 has a contract with Rice Ranch so that both parties are aware of the commitment. President Feit has a copy of receipt with that info on it. \$805 check written to Rice Ranch, one night deposit for 23 sites on hold.

Jere Jarrell suggested that people wanting to go to Quartzsite pay a night deposit to club by November 1st for Jan. 2014 rally.

Motion made by Donald Schweppe: *For all chapter campout events, a deposit equal to a first night deposit must be made to secure a reservation. The fee will be forfeited if the member does not cancel or fails to show up.* Jere Jarrell, second. Motion passed unanimously.

Maggie Loomis suggested a form similar to ones used at state rallies be filled out for any and all rallies and/or campouts and be sent to the event wagon master along with deposit. Jack foster suggests that the board design such a form. He also suggests using accounts receivable setup for deposit paybacks.

Charity Report: Marcia Foster

The Doves representative did a great job at the November breakfast meeting. Jack is setting up with the Doves office for a work day that the club can help with. Scheduled for March 13th, members who wish to join in this project need to meet at 10:00am at the COCO's Restaurant

2026 N 7th St. Actual location will come at that time for security reasons. Cleaning windows for about 2-3 hours work needed. Jack will send out email with further information.

Sunshine Committee:

Gidget Zeek is absent. Thom relayed her info. No new cards were sent out. Gidget submitted a statement for 2 contributions for former members. Jere Jarrell motioned, Jerry Loomis second, all approved.

Old Business:

Referring to a statement generated at our Wickenburg meeting in an effort to expand to others opportunities to join campouts sponsored by Chapter 309, but own makes of recreational vehicles other than Holiday Rambler the statement included a term "Associate Member". The term is not recognized as proper to use. Discussion lead to several suggestions: Invited guest, guest, HR guest.

Concern was raised the wording on voting of the guests while in the club and not being a full HR member. The worry was about non-members taking over the club and voting issues.

Grant Joy moved: To change 'associate member' to 'invited guest', Donald Schweppe second. Motion passed.

Jack Foster reviews how the wording of the paragraph came about through the info that Ray Nichols gave at the Wickenburg rally. Jerry Loomis also reviews reasons to keep the chapters alive. [ed. note: the revised description is included at the end of this newsletter]

Historian

Sharry Jarrell will continue to hold this position but is looking for a replacement. She is requesting any rally pictures be emailed to her at: sharryjereaz@yahoo.com

Upcoming Chapter events:

Lake Roosevelt- Nancy Joy requests people to bring fire wood if coming.

Florence Rally: March 5-8, Please contact the Robinson's if you like to come.

Chapter breakfast 3/5 (morning of rally) at Coco's on 7th St: SkyMed Rep will be speaking.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

Submitted by Tiffany James, Secretary.

Invited Guest | Definition

Invited Guest is defined as an owner of a non Holiday Rambler recreational vehicle. An Invited Guest has all rights and privileges of the Chapter 309 except for any items as defined by the National Club. They cannot be officers of the chapter but can vote on chapter events. An Invited Guest must pay any assessments or fees relating to chapter campouts as required by the Chapter 309.

Chapter 309 President's Notes

As demonstrated by the minutes for our Chapter 309 business meeting, two items demanded the majority of our attention.

First item concerns our financial health. For a membership hovering around 33 members each year, it brings to our treasury around \$495. It is good fortune that the chapter has built a reserve over the past years. This reserve has supported respectable donations to our charity of choice, the Christmas dinner for our December campout, expenses for the yearly operation of the chapter and other purposes. The greatest support has been the ability to make substantial deposits to assure campout spots for certain outings. This is a valid use of these funds, as those deposits are repaid by members at the event. However it is dependent upon members honoring reservations for campouts and for members understanding why the request for the one night deposits with the reply for attending future campouts. Those thoughts brought the policy as noted in the minutes of our meeting as noted above. At this recent campout, the wagonmasters offered a 50/50 draw, with our chapter receiving 50% of the ticket sales. This brought additional revenue, and we plan to continue this process at future campouts and breakfast meetings.

The second area of discussion centered around the "Invited Guest" question. To be clear, we as a chapter must bring in more individuals to join our campout activities. In the words of others, "we must broaden our tent." We have been able to offer a "buddy campout" event. The policy as noted above, gives us the opportunity to invite our friends who have other brands of recreational vehicles to join our chapter events, while still maintaining the integrity of our HRRVC Chapter. Our challenge is now to proceed and invite those guest to our chapter events, "broaden that tent" of participants.

Have safe travels,

Thom Feit, President