

NEWSLETTER - April / May 2013
HRRVC CHAPTER 309 VALLEY OF THE SUN



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Chapter 309 HRRVC SCHEDULE 2013

May 3 rd – 8 th	Chapter 419 Maintenance Session Ramblin' Pushers – Elkhart Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN
May 16 th – 20 th	International HRRVC Rally – Goshen, IN Elkhart Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN
Aug. 24 th – 27 th	Region VII Rally – Creede, CO - Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Park
Oct. 9 th – 13 th	Balloon Fiesta – Albuquerque, NM (HRRVC outing)
Oct. 29 th – Nov 1 st	AZ Three Chapter Gathering, Mesa Spirit RV Park – Mesa, AZ
Dec. 10 th – 13 th	Christmas Campout 2014 Community Center Wickenburg, AZ

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Jan. 22 nd – 27 th	Rice Ranch – Quartzsite, AZ Neil & Kay Honn, Wagonmasters. Neil & Kay are looking for assistant Wagonmaster.
Feb, March, April	– TBD. Asking for suggestions and wagonmasters for campouts during these months.

Monthly breakfast meetings have ended for this "season" and shall return in November 2013.
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HRRVC CHAPTER 309 CAMPOUT TO ROOSEVELT LAKE

APRIL 15 - 18, 2013

Those of you who missed this campout really missed out! What a beautiful area and camp ground. This is probably the third time that George and I have stayed in the Goose section of the Grapevine Group Campground at Roosevelt Lake and we love the large sites that provide privacy from your neighbor, a fantastic view of the lake and the mountains around, as well as the peace and quiet of the location.

The following people attended: Wagon masters Grant and Nancy Joy with SOB guests Dave and Rosa Park; wagon masters J. and Jo Westerhausen; Neil and Kay Honn; Ray and Gidget Zeek; and George and Brigitte Robinson with their SOB friends Fred and Helen Eggen. We learned from the Parks, who drive a Beaver Contessa, that their club refers to people driving other brands as FOBs (Friends of Beaver--sounds a lot nicer, doesn't it?).

It's amazing how much there is to do in the area and how many little RV parks and restaurants there are. We celebrated Fred Eggen's 79th Birthday On Wednesday. The waitress at the "Butcher Hook" restaurant presented a Birthday candle in his dinner roll...

We were in for a real treat on Wednesday morning. Thanks to Westerhausen's connection to Liberty Wildlife (www.libertywildlife.org), a rehabilitation/education/conservation organization we were treated to a display of 5 marvelous rehabilitated birds that could not be released into the wild for various reasons. Westerhausen's daughter is a volunteer director of Liberty Wildlife and we are very grateful that they arranged for volunteers Peggy and Max to show off these birds and teach us about them. There was a great horned owl; a bald eagle who had lost one eye; a red-tail hawk (what a beautiful pattern the front of his body's feathers had); a peregrine falcon; and the very useful turkey vulture. It was fantastic to be able to see these very impressive birds from about a 3-foot distance!

Besides learning about these animals, we also were advised of some of the dangers people's trash presents to these birds and other animals. Eagles and other birds tend to pick up fishing line they find discarded in the water for building their nests. This presents a danger as birds can get tangled up and strangled in the line. If you are a hunter or have friends who are, please let them know of the danger from lead in bullets (use bullets without lead in them). When birds forage on carcasses of game, they ingest the lead that is found in the animal, which causes the shells of their eggs to be too thin to be able to bear the mother bird's weight when incubating the eggs.

Thursday morning, Amy Madera from the U.S. Forest Service, gave a presentation on the local critters. We got to feel, smell, and guess what animal skull replicas, etc. we were dealing with. We also were able to compare the pelts of a bob cat and a lynx.

Nancy Joy had all kinds of fun games and puzzles lined up for us to play. For one of these we were divided into 2 teams to carry water in a ladle to fill up a large canning jar. Team 2 won. They had the advantage of having 3 pickle-ball players (all SOBs) on their team...

As always, we ate very well at our pot luck, and the biscuit and gravy breakfast prepared by the Joys. "Sparky" (Grant Joy) made sure we stayed warm in the evenings by a roaring fire. Our last dinner was at the Roosevelt Lake Resort; and we said our farewells after coffee and rolls on Thursday morning.

Dave Park, a professional photographer, took lots of photos, including of the beautiful birds as they spread their wings on command. These pictures will be made available on the web.

We all had such a great time. It's so nice to be camping out in nature as many of us did in our younger tent-camping days--only now we can do it in the comfort of our coaches.

Brigitte Robinson

Pictures of Roosevelt Lake Outing

A note from David Park, who attended the outing, has supplied us with a wonderful array of photos. Not only of the presentation by Liberty Wildlife but also of those who were there and of the activities of the event. Our thanks to David for such wonderful photos, here is his message and how to access the pictures

The Roosevelt lake dry camping photo album has now been compiled and uploaded into the "cloud" system. It can be viewed by following this [link to the photos](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1a55z2ulai4mm8r/GOt3RrDCeu). Or cut and paste this web address. (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1a55z2ulai4mm8r/GOt3RrDCeu>)

You may download your favorite pictures into your computer for your keep.

Note that when you click open a picture icon, it will bring up an enlarged picture. In the lower right corner of the picture, there will be icon of "gear" shape. If you click it, it will give you option to download the picture you are viewing into your computer.

Best regards,

-david and rosa

Plans for next season

As you see, we have events planned for this next "season." However we are looking for suggestions for those later months of February, March and April. Some have recommended visits to: areas around Lake Havasu, Picacho Peak area, Tonopah, Ajo – Sonoran Desert, Utery Park, Cottonwood area, other state parks, and your suggestions..... If possible, I would really like to have a calendar by the time we meet in Mesa at the end of October. Other considerations would be to vary the days of the week that we campout. These past couple of years, the focus seems to be Tuesday through Thursday. Some have suggested Thursday through Sunday? Please offer your ideas and step up to help organize a campout.

Upcoming these next few months are: the Region VII rally in Creede, CO during late August, the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM in early October, followed later that month by our own AZ Three Chapter Event at the end of October in Mesa, AZ. I have attached registration forms for some of these events – Region VII registration to follow at a later date.

I also welcome suggestions for our breakfast speakers. Let me know of an area, organization or company and I'll make the contact. Our first HRRVC Chapter 309 breakfast will be in November and unless I hear other thoughts, we will continue on the first Tuesday of each month.

This has been an active time, and we welcome our three new Chapter 309 members: Buck & Lynn Nippe, William & Peggy Hackett and Marianne Bertino. Remember the request for your unit's information to add to the member's roster. It was also a good sign that at the recent Roosevelt Lake outing, the group was joined by some "guest of Chapter 309" – a good step in expansion of those attending our campouts. Let us continue this practice for Chapter 309 events. The latest Chapter 309 Roster is attached.

Have a great summer, enjoy the travels and looking forward to next season here in our Valley of the Sun.

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