



HRRVC Chapter 309

Valley of the Sun

Newsletter

September 2013

Spirit of Halloween - Our all state outing!

Special points of interest:

- Registration form on last page.
- October Campout open to friends of AZ Chapters.
- Tour of the noted Zelma Basha Salmera Art Gallery.
- Breakfast meetings begin in November.

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This gathering of HR owners, along with their invited friends who own other brands of units, from across this wonderful state and beyond shall happen October 28th – November 1. Our goal is to not only enjoy the fellowship of a campout, but to also catch up on the happenings of others during their past summer of travels. This campout will be enhanced with the offerings of craft sessions, presentations, round table discussion, visiting area attractions and of course food. Talking about food, our Chapter 309 shall prepare a baked French toast breakfast one morning. We also shall offer for

sale, a variety of baked breakfast goodies the other two mornings. Funds from the sale will benefit our 309 charity, DOVES. You shall be hearing from Marcia Foster, the chair of this bake sale, at a later time.



Returning to the October campout, our location shall be the Mesa Spirit RV Resort, 3020 E Main St, Mesa, AZ. Seven years ago for the Feits, this park was our introduction to the area. We stayed there for a month and decided that the Valley of the

Sun was to be a great home. But I digress.

Later in this newsletter is an article about the Basha Art Gallery. Barb and I shall lead a caravan for those who have not visited this wonderful gallery, or wish to return. We have thrice been there, and still have not taken in all that is in the collection.

We do not often enough meet with members and friends of the other AZ chapters. This will be a great opportunity to gather. Remember that this campout is open to your friends, so be sure to invite them to come and join the fun!

A registration form is on page 5 of this newsletter.

An outing to the Basha Art Gallery is scheduled



During the “Spirit of Halloween” event in October, plan a visit to the Zelma Basha Salmera Art Gallery, which is located in the Basha corporate headquarters, 22402 S. Basha Rd. Chandler, AZ 85225. It is a private collection of Indian baskets, and southwestern art and sculptures.

in the west and more modern abstract representations. Evidently, most if not all artists were personal friends of the Bashas family judging from the included correspondence, a lot of which are art works themselves. Including the correspondence was a stroke of genius; it makes viewing the art collection all the more interesting.

ings, pen & inks, bronze, wood and natural stone sculptures, wood-turned bowls, basketry, pottery, kachinas and jewelry. There is also an excellent collection of firearms; revolvers, rifles and alike. The Basha Art Gallery is open M-F until 4 pm and admission is free, but there is a collection basket if you want to make a donation.

It is an amazing collection of Western paintings, bronze sculptures, Indian baskets and kachinas.

The art collection is sorted by artist, and varies from traditional realistic representations of cowboys and Indians

The gallery holds over 600 oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pastel and charcoal draw-

Look for information in your registration packet at the rally for date and time for a caravan to the museum.

Tech Notes

Here is a website from an individual who suggests he is an expert on RV refrigeration. After watching the video, it is clear that he does have a grasp of a common problem with our RV style units.

knowing anything about the person, or his other trainings and video, this is merely offered as another source of information about those dual power source refrigerators in our units.

pairs. At the very least, we would like to help you determine if your technicians are truly qualified to make an analysis of the problems and successfully do the repairs."



While the video is really not well made and comes off as an amateur production the content is interesting. Not

Quoting from the Email: " Our videos are geared to help you the RV owner troubleshoot and make minor re-

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One of my favorites.....

Let us begin a series of campground reviews. If you have a favorite, send me a note with the particulars. I'll do the research about the park and include your thoughts.

In July of 2010 we spent a month at Mountain Meadow RV Park located between Hungry Horse and Glacier National Park in Montana. Here is my review as I wrote on *RV Park Reviews*. "Now this is a campground that is worthy of a rating of 10. A magnificent task of cutting the gravel sites into the forested hillside. While each space is gravel, and

some are not perfectly level, you have the feel of being in a wooded area, not on a cleared field, or parking lot. The owners are great, with lots of suggestions of where to visit and what to do while in the Glacier National Park and Flathead valley area. There is a lot to see in this part of Montana, and Mountain Meadows is situated in the best place to make your home base while exploring. Many of the sites can handle big rigs, our motorhome is 40' and beside us was a 45' Prevost. Most all of the sites are pull-through friendly, along with room for a toad.

We will definitely return."

Well we did return the following summer for a month. It is a great area of our country, and this is a great place to stay.

Between Flathead lake (largest fresh water lake west of the Mississippi), artists in the town of Whitefish, big box shopping in Kalispell, and the great small towns around the lake - this is a great place that allows one to escape the warmth of our summer here in our Valley of the Sun. We will be back - again.



Mountain Meadow
RV Park

With the wealth of trees, this place is more like a state park setting than an RV campground"



A couple of spots
in the campground

Slate of officers for 2014 announced

A slate of four shall be offered at the October State Event for officers in Chapter 309 for the 2014 year. During the chapter business meeting, other names may be added to the slate, prior to the vote.

Larry Laursen and Grant Joy served as the nomination committee. They offer the following:

President: Thom Feit

Vice President: Ray Zeek

Treasure: Mary Schweppe

Secretary: Tiffany James

Voting will be held at the business meeting. Installation shall be held at the Wickenburg campout.

Chapter 309 Breakfast Gatherings

Beginning in November, we shall meet on the first Tuesday each month: Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th and Mar. 4th.

Meet at Coco's Bakery & Restaurant, 2026 N. 7th St., Phoenix. We begin at 9:30 am. Brief announcements, then a speaker, if you choose you may order breakfast.

Nov. 5th - Gerry Kroloff: What the Area Agency does to provide quality of life to the senior community.

Dec 3rd - Representative from the local Coach Care Cummins Service

We are seeking suggestions for 2014 dates. Topics need not relate to RV or camping, but of general interest for our members. Contact Thom Feit with your ideas.

Visit our website
www.AZHRRVC.org

Chapter 309 & HRRVC SCHEDULE 2013

Oct. 9th – 13th Balloon Fiesta – Albuquerque, NM (HRRVC outing)

Oct. 28th – Nov 1st AZ Three Chapter "Spirit of Halloween" Mesa Spirit RV Park – Mesa, AZ

Dec. 10th – 13th Christmas Campout 2013 Community Center Wickenburg, AZ

2014

Jan. 22nd – 27th Rice Ranch – Quartzsite, AZ
Neil & Kay Honn, Wagonmasters.

Feb, March, – TBD. Now asking for suggestions and wagonmasters for campouts during these months. Wagonmasters select the location and make initial contact. Contact President Feit if you have suggestions or wish to serve as a Wagonmaster.

April 9th - 14th. Western International Rally, Pahrump, NV. This is one of two International Rallies this year both celebrating the 50th International Rally for HRRVC.

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View from Grandfather Mt. in NC along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Summer 2011



'SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN'



ARIZONA 2013 STATE EVENT

Come and have a great time this Halloween!
Visit with friends that you may not have seen in a long time.

Great Weather * Great Location * Great Times

Arrive on Monday, 10/28, and depart on Friday, 11/1!

Remember! Invite your friends.
This rally is open to non-Holiday Rambler rigs!

MESA SPIRIT RV RESORT

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1, 2013

3020 E. Main St., Mesa AZ 85213 www.mesaspirit.com

RALLY FEE INCLUDES:

FOUR NIGHTS PARKING WITH FULL HOOK UPS,
ENTERTAINMENT, BAZAAR, 50/50, SILENT AUCTION, GAMES, CRAFTS, SEMINARS,
2 CONTINENTAL BREAKFASTS, 1 BREAKFAST, 1 CATERED DINNER, ICE CREAM SOCIAL,
AND MUCH MORE! PARKING TWO DAYS BEFORE RALLY OR AFTER AT GROUP RATE.

**JUST 'CAUSE IT'S A SMALL STATE RALLY
DOESN'T MEAN WE AIN'T GOING TO HAVE SPIRITED GOOD TIME!!**

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR \$50 CASH DRAWING!

NATIONAL # _____ CHAPTER # _____ YOUR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

TWO ADULTS IN ONE UNIT (\$190)	\$ _____	
ONE ADULT IN UNIT (\$160)	\$ _____	
GUEST (\$30)	\$ _____	
EARLY PARKING PER DAY (\$35 PER DAY)	\$ _____	PAID WITH REGISTRATION
TOTAL:	\$ _____	

Make checks to: AZ State Fund HRRVC

Mail to: Jim Warner, 4661 N. Via Noriega, Tucson, AZ 85749

RV INFO: MH ___ 5TH WHEEL ___ TRAILER ___ LENGTH OF RIG: ___
FIRST TIMER? Yes ___ No ___ // DO YOU NEED HANDICAP PARKING? Yes ___ No ___