



HRRVC Chapter 309

Valley of the Sun

Newsletter

December 2013

Activities @ Wickenburg

- New exhibits at the Caballeros Desert Museum
- Great shopping in downtown Wickenburg
- Be sure to stop by Nana's for a slice of wonderful fresh baked pie
- The Refried Bean offers a great selection of silver jewelry, and much more

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What to see in Wickenburg

Come join us for three days of celebrations, touring Old Wickenburg and good food.

The outing will include a planned visit to the Henry Wickenburg Historic House, the opportunity to see the new displays at the Caballeros Desert Museum, along with a new scavenger hunt.

A new exhibit at the Desert Caballeros Museum is the private collection of Tia. Paintings and sculpture by notable historic and contemporary artists capture interpretations of the panorama of western life, complemented by historic photographs, letters, and sketches from this private collection shaped by a passion for the



culture of the great American West.

A second exhibit is called Wickenburg's West: Adaptation Reinvention Transformation. Honoring Wickenburg's Sesquicentennial in the newly renovated Quayle Gallery, historic artifacts cover such local topics as the Vulture and Constellation Road mines, the Dude Ranch Capital of the World, Everett Bowman and the rodeo, the Desert Caballeros Ride and Las Damas,

and the rich legacy of the Hispanic, Basque, and American Indian cultures.

There will be time other sight seeing journeys. Of course time to enjoy just doing some great shopping in one of the many fine stores Out Wickenburg Way.

Campouts for February and March - still looking.

As of this writing, we continue the search for outing opportunities during the months of February and March.

Vivian Firlein indicated she would research a late April outing at Lake Powell. This happened a cou-

ple of years ago and was one of the most popular events of the 309.

If anyone is interested in being the Wagonmasters for an outing in February or March, I would welcome the ideas.

Know that this does not

need to be campground outing. We all have units that can "dry camp" quite nicely.

We look forward to your suggestions.



School house on Waldron island

Share a story of your travels.

Have you visited an interesting location, perhaps a great place to camp or a scenic drive.

Contact newsletter editor.

The Westerhausens journey off the beaten path.

Waldron Island is off the beaten path, even by San Juan Island standards. Although the dock and roads are public, islanders do not generally greet tourists with open arms and there are no facilities on the island.

J and Jo Westerhausen spent some time in that area. Here are their words.

This summer while in northern Washington, we were on a crabbing charter boat and had set the crab traps and the traps need time on the bottom to attract the crabs to them. So the charter boat driver took us to a nearby Island in Washington called Waldron Island.

It is six miles long, three miles wide with 120 residents and the only government supported activity is--- the county maintains the dock, and there is a U.S. Post Office. There is no road, ferry or scheduled boat service to the island, no stores. We read an article that referenced boat service, but we saw no notice or ferry schedule. The residents pitch in and make a communal shopping trip to the mainland once a month for groceries and hardware items and they do a lot of bartering between families.

There is a one room school house for K thru 8th grades, older students then move to the mainland for school. The Post Office has some tables set up and items for swap or exchange are on display and citizens on their trip to the Post office may exchange

items which were mostly clothes when we were there.

The newest vehicle I saw there was a 1988 Ford pickup truck. There are few vehicles as there are few roads and certainly no paved roads. The sale price for this island is \$4.5 million---interested?



The sun setting over Waldron Island and the Canadian Gulf Islands in the distance

History of the island dates back to the late 1700s. During a Spanish expedition in 1791, Francisco Eliza named the Island "Lemos." However the current name of the island was set in May 1841 when Wilkes Expedition officer Lieutenant Case of the Vincennes and his party "made a careful survey of Puget Sound from Vashon Island southward". During this survey, one of the San Juan islands was named after one or other of a pair of Waldron brothers, Richard Russell Waldron or Thomas Westbrook Waldron.

An Early RV and a link to Waldron Island.

This 1922 Dodge camper conversion art car was created by June and Farrar Burn and an autobiography was about in June Burn's book "Living High". They homesteaded on Waldron Island during the early 1900s.

"June and Farrar lived full and interesting lives free of materialistic indignities. June wrote, 'The secret of living on so small an income is to not want anything.' Farrar said he was happiest when he was broke and out of work. It gave him complete financial security. They put much trust in life and didn't waste a minute of it." - Skye Burn, Waldron Island, 1992.



This spectacular photo of the Ballard Bungalow and the Burn family was taken sometime in early 1929. Farrar's handiwork is seen here with the mini-cabin and smokestack atop their Dodge Brothers automobile

The Plastic Grocery Bag - many uses.

Paper or plastic? It is a conundrum while standing at the checkout, but we many times opt for plastic – and they are neatly stored inside a plastic dispenser. The dispenser is a brilliant solution for all those loose plastic grocery bags drifting around your kitchen. However we do keep ours in a cloth grocery bag in our laundry area.

Like many RV campers, we

use plastic shopping bags for a variety of purposes. For example, they serve as garbage bags. They carry food. Sometimes in rainy weather, we use plastic bags as waterproof protection for camera gear. They hold wet pool clothes. They pick up dog poop. In some situations, plastic bags make for an affordable unpretentious alternative to a high end designer purse.

There's a movement afoot to outlaw the humble plastic grocery bag. Laws banning the bags have already been passed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and North Carolina.

Dispensers similar to the one shown can be found in the price range of \$4 - \$8 at various websites. As we travel with our Kona, that plastic poop bag is great to have when out and about.



Found on Amazon.com
Article based upon a column in RV.net Blog.

Tech Notes ~ DIY: Repair of the bed.

It all started with the lifting of the bed to access that storage unit below. I noticed the bed seemed a bit loose, and as the mattress was lowered, one of the support struts would not allow the top to come completely down and flush with the sides.

Upon removing the mattress, it was discovered that the lid to the compartment had broken along the top. That top is made of a composite board. How to repair such a prob-

lem? Since one new piece of wood would be quite expensive, and a normal plywood standard sheet would not work, repair of the existing top was the option taken.

With the help of a friend, we peeled back the felt cover, purchased two 1' x 2' sheets of 20 gauge metal. Drilling a number of holes in the metal, using an adhesive to bond the metal to the wood, then screwing in metal onto the broken top, spanning the

break the repair was made. We place one on each side of the broken area. Reattached the felt cover, installed a metal edge protector along the side and then reattached the top to those hinges that allow it to be raised and lowered. You see the repair in these photos to the side. Total cost of the repair about \$25 in materials, 2 hours of work and an evening dinner for the helper.



Here we apply metal to the lower side. The second piece was applied on the upper break on the opposite side.

Baked French Toast Recipe

So many have asked for the Baked French Toast recipe that was used at the recent AZ event - here it is: Almond / Orange Baked French Toast

1 - 9x13 baking pan with a lip
½ stick of butter, melted
½ cup of sugar mixed with cinnamon
½ cup of almond slices
3 eggs
1 cup orange juice
1 loaf of French / Italian bread - best if a day old - sliced into 1"

slices

Pour butter into a large baking pan with an edge, swirl to coat the pan. Sprinkle the sugar/cinnamon over butter. Cover the pan with the almond slices. There should be a good covering of butter, sugar, cinnamon and almonds on the pan. Mix together the eggs and orange juice in a bowl. Soak each slice of bread in the mixture and place on the pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 de-

grees for 20 minutes. When ready, remove from oven, remove toast, turning over when placing onto the serving dish. Thus the almonds and a nice crust of cinnamon sugar are on the top. You may garnish with slices of orange or zest of orange. This toast will actually hold quite well. We even have held it in a freezer for a couple of days and then warmed them in an oven (as we did in Mesa). But they are best when served after baking. Enjoy!



A close look at the lower part of the break.

Chapter 309 Breakfast Gatherings

This winter we shall meet on the first Tuesday each month: 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.

Dec 3rd - Terry Porter - Cummins Coach Care RV Service - PHX

January 7th - Arizona Winter Visitors Assn. - tentative

February 4th - TBA

March 4th - Larry Cox, Arizona Republic columnist on antiques and collectables.

We welcome your suggestions. 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

Come join the fun

Chapter 309 & HRRVC SCHEDULE 2013

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

2014

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

Feb, March, April – 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. Details in current issue of Ramblin'

Sept. 21 - 26 Eastern International Rally, Fairlea, WV. West Virginia State Fairgrounds. Details in current issue of Ramblin'.

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to One and All

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Breakfast meetings: 2013-2014

Welcome to another winter season of breakfast meetings for our HRRVC Chapter 309. Our morning meetings to be held at Coco's Bakery & Restaurant 2026 N 7th St. Phoenix, AZ 85006 (602) 258-3821

Each meeting will offer a program, time for announcements of interest to our members, and amply time for conversations with friends.

Dates: 2013: Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd 2014: Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th, Mar. 4th, All are on Tuesdays.

Meeting times: 9:30 am: Welcome, introductions, announcements and program

10:00 am: - breakfast (You may order from the menu. You are responsible for your own meal, gratuity will be added.)

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Coco's Bakery and Restaurant is located in the central part of Phoenix. From I-10, exit at 7th Street (Exit 145) Proceed north several blocks to 2026 N. 7th on the west side of the street.



There is a parking lot on both the south side of Coco's and in the back. We meet in the banquet room.

Reservations not necessary but encouraged so the restaurant is prepared. For more information contact:

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