



Valley of the Sun October 2014 Newsletter

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We won!

- At the recent EIR, our Chapter 309 Newsletter won Second Place in the Novice (first time entries) division. It was a proud moment for the light to shine upon AZ. My thanks to all who have submitted articles for publication. Please keep them coming. Share your travels, interesting places you have visited or just a thought.

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Schedule Announced for AZ/NM Region VII Rally

Information about your RV, conversations telling of life changing events, a sharing of historical stories paired with catered dinners and star entertainment all part of the upcoming Region VII AZ/ NM Rally.

Here is the schedule as of this printing –

Monday – 20th, arrival day. Come and pick up your welcome packet and rally information.

Tuesday ~ 21st: Early Bird Coffee followed by a catered breakfast. The Rally will formerly begin with an Opening Cer-

emony. The first program will feature “Getting around with GPS &/or Android” by Larry Laursen. After lunch on your own, the second presenta-

For our evening entertainment we will enjoy the music of Corey Spector.

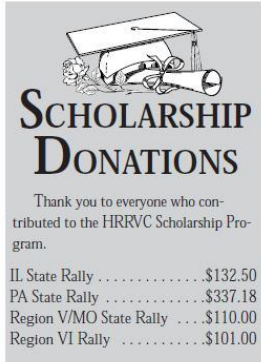
Wednesday ~ 22nd: Early Bird Coffee,

followed by a catered breakfast. We begin with a presentation by Chapter 309 members How-



ard & Kathryn Williamson on “Preparing for the Next Exciting Chapter in Life.” They recently went from a home and two businesses to a 42’ Sceptor and started an exciting new chapter in their lives. (see Schedule on p. 2)

tion will be Thom and Barb Feit talking about the operation of their Indianapolis Bed & Breakfast entitled “Not Your Average B & B.” Later this first day of the rally will offer the game of Moolky. Our evening activities will include a Happy Hour leading to a catered dinner.



In 2014 there were
11 HRRVC
Scholarship
recipients each
receiving \$2,500.

Let us strive to
 increase that
 amount for 2015.

Silent Auction & Raffle to Raise Funds

Raising funds for worthy projects has always been a hallmark of HR owners at rallies. Those attending our upcoming state and regional rally shall join in this legacy. Our 309 Chapter shall offer a gift basket for the raffle which will benefit HRRVC Scholarship and individual members are asked to bring items

for the Silent Auction



for Make A Wish Foundation. Those items should be things that, while are still in great shape, you no longer

need. Perhaps a new purchase that you wish to donate to the fund drive. Any of these, or all of these reasons are worthy to consider.

Just a reminder, that we shall also have an auction at our annual Christmas outing in December while at Distant Drums. Two opportunities to help.

Schedule (con't from p.1)

The afternoon is given to exploring the area around Tucson and the southeastern corner of AZ.

Thursday ~ 23rd: Early Bird coffee, followed by a catered breakfast. We shall welcome Lt Colonel Dave Bruce sharing the history of the Arizona Rangers. The history is one of integrity, pride, and unequaled law enforcement service. In the afternoon, Chapter 309 will hold a business

meeting followed by a meeting of the AZ Council. We will look forward to 2015. Later that afternoon, the raffle and silent auction will benefit our charities. The evening will begin with our closing ceremony, followed by a catered dinner and the special entertainment provided by Rod Spade, who has been entertaining so many people over the years with his unique style of powerful magic.

Thursday ~ 24th: Departure time as we weave our collective ways home.

On Tuesday after the opening ceremony there will be meeting focused upon Region VII and on Thursday afternoon our Chapter 309 will hold its business meeting. Elections of officers will take place.

During this rally, Barb & I will be installed as the new AZ/NM State Manager.

West By God Virginia

First time I heard those words, we were sitting at the opening session of the HR Eastern International Rally. They came from a member of the Visitor & Convention Bureau here in Lewisburg, VA.

Learning the early history of this state was humbling to a former history teacher, who had forgotten that

the state was carved from its neighbor without that neighbor's permission by President Lincoln. The only state so created.

We learned of a proud, often miscast, people. A dear friend is from WV, and I now understand her passionate love of this state.

While driving around this area, we admired many older, impressive homes. Glad to report that several were in the process of being rehabbed, returning the home to reflect its former glory.

If your travels bring you this way, be sure to stay at the West Virginia Fairgrounds in Fairlea, WV.



Just one of the many historic homes in Lewisburg. Note the huge hydrangeas.

A Glorious Time in West Virginia

With over 200 units pulling into the West Virginia State Fair Grounds, the EIR was off and running. There were a wide variety of programs, tours and plenty of time to renew old friendships and create new ones.

There no doubt will be a summary in future issues of the HR *Ramblings*. A trip that held special interest for this writer was the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park.

Nestled in the mountains of West Virginia, Cass Scenic Railroad offers excursions that transport you back in time to relive an era when steam-driven locomotives were an essential part of everyday

life. Trips to Cass are filled with rich histories of the past, unparalleled views of a vast wilderness area, and close-up encounters with the sights and sounds of original steam-driven locomotives.

During the full 4 ½ hour trip to Bald Knob, the train leaves Whittaker Station and proceeds to Oats Run for the engine to take on additional water at a spring. The train then climbs up the mountain, finally reaching Bald Knob, the third highest point in West Virginia. The overlook at Bald Knob provides a spectacular view at an altitude of 4,700 feet. The Bald Knob area has a climate

similar to Canada and is abundant in plants typical to the Canadian wilderness!

The journey to and return from Bald Knob is one filled that fills all the senses - the vision of a kaleidoscope of fall colors, the smell of that smoke bellowing from the smokestack allowing the soot to float onto those who were in the open cars, the sound of the train wheels clicking along those old rails, the feel of the old train car creaking along, rocking back and forth, the wood walls bending as the train rounds each bend and that shrill of the steam whistle. In all, a wonderful experience

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The Shay engine getting under a full load of steam.

Chapter 309 Breakfast Gatherings

We are seeking suggestions for 2014 - 2015 dates. Topics need not relate to RV or camping, but of general interest for our members. Contact Thom Feit with your ideas.

The breakfasts are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month November through March. Also seeking suggestions for a breakfast location for next year - or is that Coco's central Phoenix location agreeable?

Please give this request thought. Respond via email to: thomfeit@gmail.com

Visit our website
www.AZHRRVC.org
Come join the fun

Chapter 309 & HRRVC SCHEDULE

2014 - 2015

October - AZ State Rally - October 20 - 24. Tucson KOA @ Lazydays. Registration form attached

November - open

December 9th - 11th: Chapters 309 & 71 Christmas Gathering ~ Distant Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ. Registration form attached

January 20 - 25: Quartzsite Adventure - Rice Ranch RV Park. Registration form attached.

February - open

March 12 - 15: Casa Grande, AZ

April 22 - 26: Western International Rally, Hemet, CA

May 1 - 6: Chapter 419 MS, Goshen, IN

July 21 - 25: HRRVC Eastern International Rally, Escanaba, MI

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Fall Festival



2014 AZ, NM, Region VII Rally

OCTOBER 20TH TO 24TH

OCTOBER 20 IS ARRIVAL / OCTOBER 21 OPENING / OCTOBER 24 DEPART

LAZYDAYS/KOA RV CAMPGROUND 3200 EAST IRVINGTON ROAD, TUCSON, AZ 85714

I-10 EXIT 264B TO IRVINGTON Rd, TURN LEFT. GO TO COUNTRY CLUB RD TURN SOUTH TO RESORT ENTRANCE

RALLY FEE INCLUDES:

FOUR NIGHTS PARKING WITH FULL HOOK UPS & LOTS OF ROOM

ONE NIGHT OF MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT GAMES CRAFTS SEMINARS

CATERED MEALS: 3 BREAKFASTS 2 DINNERS

PARKING FIVE DAYS BEFORE RALLY OR FIVE DAYS AFTER AT GROUP RATE

RAFFLE FOR MAKE A WISH

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

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30th TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR \$50 CASH DRAWING

TWO ADULTS IN ONE UNIT (\$295)	\$ _____
ONE ADULT IN UNIT (\$238)	\$ _____
EARLY/LATE PARKING PER DAY (\$39.34 IF PAID W/ REGIS.)	\$ _____
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 ___
 FIRST TIMER? YES ___ NO ___ HANDICAP PARKING YES ___ NO ___



A Christmas Celebration in Verde Valley HRRVC Chapters 309 & 71

Join us as the Officers of HRRVC Chapters 309 & 71
serve as hosts for this annual festival celebration and campout.

Where: Distant Drums RV Resort,
583 W. Middle Verde Rd. Camp Verde, AZ 86322 | 877.577.5507

RV Hookups: full hookups, cable, free WiFi,

When: Tuesday, December 9th thru noon on Friday, December 12th

Early arrivals: several slots have been reserved for the night of Monday, Dec. 8th for early arrivals

Activities:

- * Explore the Verde Valley area
- * Take time to visit Cottonwood, Jerome, Cornville and Camp Verde
- * Craft activities
- * Round table discussion
- * Enjoy a side trip to Sedona
- * 50/50 raffle
- * Our charity auction for D.O.V.E.S.
- * Holiday decorations of your RV, with prizes for the finest in Holiday Decor
- * Three evening meals
- * Morning breakfasts each day
- * Installation of officers & business meeting
- * A "White Elephant" Gift exchange
- * Plenty of free time for sightseeing, shopping and socializing with friends

Charity Auction: Bring an item (or two) for our charity auction. Now these need not be those items you were going to toss, or that final item remaining from your last tag sale, or what you may have bid on and won at last year's auction. Upon reflection of the last comment, that may well work again. We did a great job last year, may we work to outdo last year's auction income. Bring your best items for the auction and cash with which to purchase the gems offered by others in the club. Information regarding about the "White Elephant" exchange will be in the information sheet sent prior to the dinner.

Cost of campout: Nightly fee of \$30 (plus tax) a three stay will be \$101.90, to be paid upon registration at the RV park. Early or late parking is \$30 a night. Other cost: meals, etc., will be totaled then divided by the number of individuals attending. Plan now to come join us for Christmas in Verde Valley.



At the request of Distant Drums, please Email to thomfeit@gmail.com the following information including: *name, *address, *arrival date (8th or 9th) *telephone number, *license plate number of the RV, *make/year, *length/type of RV and *email.

All this will expedite your registration.

Questions ~ contact: thomfeit@gmail.com. We ask for all information and reservation be sent by **Tuesday November 16th**, so parking spaces and food arrangements may be confirmed.

**HRRVC Chapter 309
Valley of the Sun
Quartzsite Campout
January 21 – 26, 2015**

*Rice Ranch RV Park ~ 55 Kuehn St.
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Phone: 928-927-4782*



Rice Ranch RV Park is located at the corner of Kuehn St. and AZ 95. Across the street is the “Big Tent” which during our stay will host the annual Sports, Vacation and RV Show. The area is also surrounded by a wide variety of shops selling more than one can imagine. We are also in the desert, with a full range of items and places to visit.

Full hookups will be \$35 a night. There are also dry camping available at the RV Park for \$7 a night (for that you must make your own arrangements). Several meals will be provided by the Wagonmasters – with that cost divided equally among the units attending. We will also arrange for a catered dinner – the cost to be announced prior to the campout. **A deposit of \$35 is required to reserve your spot. Deadline for registration is December 1, 2014. No refunds available after that date.** There will also be a pre-campout “dry camping” experience held on BLM area south of Quartzsite. Host will be Chapter 309 members Emery & Roberta Olson. There is no camping fee. For more information Email: rojaolson@yahoo.com

This is a “Buddy/Guest/Friend” rally open to invited, by you, someone who is not an HR owner.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email address _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Phone #3 _____ Which number may be used for contact _____

Adults in unit _____ Deposit of \$ _____ Full Hookup _____ Dry Camping _____

Checks payable to: HRRVC Chapter 309

Mail this form and payment to: Thom Feit, 911 W. Laguna Azul Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210-7109

FAQ: thomfeit@gmail.com or 317-507-3557

AZHRRVC Chapter Membership Application Form

Membership in the National Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club is required before becoming a member of a local chapter. Contact the national office for further information.

Name _____
Spouse _____
Address _____

Phone (_____) _____
Cell or Alt. Phone (_____) _____
Email: _____
RV Information: (Year, Model, Length, # of slides, engine) _____

National HRRVC Member? Yes ___ No ___

National #

Complete this form and mail, with your check for membership fees of \$15, to the

Membership Chair for Chapter 309 Valley of the Sun.

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Welcome to AZHRRVC!

Come Out and Enjoy the Fun!

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Chapter #309 Valley of the Sun (Phoenix area)

[this represents what is currently planned for 2014-2015]

2014

October - AZ/NM Region VII Rally ~ Tucson
Dec - Christmas Rally - Distant Drums RV Resort - Camp Verde, AZ

2015

Jan. - Campout Quartzsite, AZ
Feb. - TBA
Mar, - Casa Grande Campout
April - Western International Rally ~ Hemet, CA
July - Eastern International Rally ~ Escanaba, MI.
October - AZ State Rally
Nov - TBA
Dec - Christmas Rally - Distant Drums RV Resort - Camp Verde, AZ

Breakfast meetings Coco's Bakery & Restaurant, PHX
November - March

Check AZHRRVC.org for full information..