

HRRVC Chapter 309 Valley of the Sun December 2014 Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- Take a trip down the Schnebly Road into Sedona
- Take in the splendor of a Victorian Christmas at Fort Verde State Park
- Spots are still available, contact Thom Feit

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Christmas in Verde Valley

We return this year to Distant Drums RV Resort in Verde Valley. The chapter has selected that each year we shall move between Wickenburg and Verde Valley for the Holiday outing. Both of these locations are wonderful for our gatherings.

One of our visits shall be to the Victoria Christmas decorations at the Fort Verde State Park. Stepping into the late 1800s and seeing how the soldiers and the

families living at the Fort celebrated the



holidays. We will have a docent as our tour leader through several of the historic buildings.

Attendees at the outing will also have the opportunity to take part in a self-guided

tour of the wine tasting rooms in Old Cottonwood. There are a number in both Cottonwood and up in Jerome.

We shall also take a drive down the Schnebly Hill Road, one of the premier drives in Arizona. It offers the riders sweeping views as the road, a former cow trail, became the main route between Flagstaff and Sedona. Spaces are still available contact Feit if you wish to attend.

Seeking Wagonmaster for February campout.

Looking into 2015, our chapter begins with an outing at Quartzsite, AZ. The Honns & Feits will serve as leaders for this event. In addition to AZ members, we will welcome members from TX and CA for the week.

In March we journey down to Casa Grande with Jody & Darrell Burtis, as Wagonmaster.

April is the Western International Rally (April 22-26) in Hemet, CA. Followed by the Chapter 419 Diesel

Pusher Maintenance Session during May 1—6. Then the Eastern International Rally July 21-25.

Right now we need leadership for a February campout. Contact President Nancy Joy to volunteer.



The Icefields Parkway along the Canadian Rockies.

Reflections of Scenic Drives

Think of driving the Cabot Trail as it winds around the northern end of Cape Breton Island, or The Icefields Parkway paralleling the Continental Divide along the British Columbia and Alberta boundary, through the Rockies. Reflect upon the scenes along the Blue Ridge Parkway as it crawls along the ridge of the Great Smoky Mountains. Or the Pacific Coast Highway (US 101 / CA 1)

as it follows each twist and turn of the California coast from the northern border, through the Giant Redwoods, along the coastline, down past the Hearst Castle, through LA then ending at Capistrano Beach. Then there is the Mother Road—aka Route 66, going almost 2,500 from Chicago to Santa Monica.

Having traveled on all or major portions of those

listed, I still return to what has become my favorite. On those mentioned, one must pay as much attention to the roadway as to the scenery. However traveling the Natchez Trace, it becomes more of a leisurely stroll than a walk. Travel at a slower pace (there is the 50 mph limit), many places to stop and relax and enjoy the “Southern lifestyle”

What would be your choice?

Remember the success of that “Blue Dot” campaign? The HRRVC membership is asked again for its help.

Letter to ARG.

Buried in the flood of political Emails on Nov. 4th was a letter from the HRRVC Board of Directors. It reflects the discussion about the towable and motorhome manufacturing issue and asks the membership to mail a letter to ARG. The purpose is to ask the parent company of HR to reconsider their decision on towable production and encourages the company to quick-

ly reverse that choice and therefore to increase the making of a line of recreational vehicles so our members and the public will have a wide selection to view enhancing the opportunity for a purchase.

The Board members are asking each of us to make a copy of the attached letter (see p.4) and then sign and mail it to John Draheim.

Please be sure to also include your HRRVC membership number in the space provided at the bottom of the letter.

The "mail to" address for Allied Recreation Group (ARG) appears at the top of the attached letter (see p. 4). The Board of Directors thank you for your interest, cooperation and assistance.

It is a puzzlement.

Just returned from taking our 2000 Imperial to one of the major tire companies here in the valley for a frontend alignment. It had been over 2 years since the last alignment had been done, and the results demonstrated that what I felt was true, the need was there.

Now to the part was inter-

esting. I had mentioned that the outside right rear tire seem to loose about 10 lbs of pressure during a two week period. I had asked them to check the tire.

What they did was to take off those extensions from the inside tire—and almost trash those \$50 sensors. Their tire company

does not recommend tire sensors. Rather they prefer that one checks those tires each day. Well the leak was on the outside tire at the valve stem. It was tighten and they left the sensor on that tire.

Why would a tire company not want a driver to know all information possible on your RV tires?



The Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island

Chapter 309 Breakfast Gatherings

We meet on the first Tuesday each month: Nov. 4th, Dec. 2nd, Jan. 7th, Feb. 3rd, Mar. 3rd and April 7th.

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. 2nd ~ Gerry Kroloff, Area Agency on Aging.

January 6th ~ AZ State Parks

February 3rd ~ Coach Care - Cummings (at their Avondale location)

March 3rd, & April 7th ~ TBA

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

Visit our website

www.AZHRRVC.org

Come join the fun

Chapter 309 & HRRVC SCHEDULE

2014 - 2015

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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Dear Mr. Draheim,

As members of the Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club (HRRVC), we would like to thank ARG and Holiday Rambler for your support of our club and our Rallies. We would especially like to thank Mike Snell and Scott & Theresa Jacobson for coming to the International Rally in West Virginia and giving the club updates on what is happening with the company. With that said, the HRRVC would like you to reconsider your decision to stop manufacturing Holiday Rambler towable units. We would also ask that ARG expedite the production of motorized units and get product to the dealer network so our members have a full line of products to choose from and purchase.

When the club was started in 1964 it was recognized by Holiday Rambler owner, Richard Klingler as not only a great way for people to gather and enjoy their new Holiday Rambler trailers, but also as a great marketing tool to showcase Holiday Rambler products. Stopping production of towable units has tarnished the rich heritage of the club and has put the longevity of the club in jeopardy. All HRRVC members want to see the club continue for future generations of Holiday Rambler owners to enjoy, and towable products are an integral part of that future.

Please help the club to continue into the foreseeable future by bringing back towable products and introduce a full line of motorized units so we can welcome a new generation of Holiday Rambler owners into our fold. Thank you.

Sincerely,

HRRVC Member Number: _____
A concerned Holiday Rambler owner/HRRVC member

AZHRVC 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 HRVC Member? Yes ___ No ___

National #

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

Membership Chair for Chapter 509 Valley of the Sun.

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Welcome to AZHRVC!

Come Out and Enjoy the Fun!

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[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 - Community Center, Wickenburg, AZ

Breakfast meetings Coco's Bakery & Restaurant, PHX

November - April

Check AZHRVC.org for full information..