

NEWS FROM NANCY

There aren't many of you around anymore that would remember when I wrote the newsletter for our club. I did it for ten years and enjoyed it so much. Now there is no way I will even try to match Thom's skills but I do plan to write you a little note to catch you up on what is going on at this end of the month. I don't plan to call it a newsletter, just News from Nancy. How's that?

The transformation has been a challenge. First we had to deal with the "Doves" donation. The monies were collected by Duane Nelson, out of Tucson, as our treasurer wasn't present. Then too there was money collected for meals and additional expenses so it was rather difficult to decide what was what. None the less, we did good and I commend you for your generous donations. Thank you so much. Thom will tell you all about it in his newsletter. We have to pat ourselves on our backs this year. In the meantime, be thinking about our charity for the upcoming years. Do you want to continue with "Doves" or do you want to do something else? I will be bringing this up one of the next times we meet.

Membership has been a bit of a challenge too. Poor Barbara may be thinking she bit off more than she can chew. Some have sent their money to Barbara and others have sent it to Mary and I even got some. Then too, Larry is helping us all out with a great new roster. He has even checked out when to pay our National dues. Anyway, it has taken a while but it's all coming together and things are looking up. I sure do thank the Laursens for all they are doing.

And then poor Mary has been in the middle of all this with money coming in from all directions. She has her hands full and I'm sure she will be more relieved than anyone when this is all under control once again. To top it off, I was sick for too long with the bug and she would write me on the computer and I wouldn't get back to her right away. I know, it's been confusing for everyone concerned. I so appreciate her patience with me and all the work she has done.

Oh yes, there was also the Casa Grande campout which was finally called off. Poor Jody was given such a run around with the manager. Jody tried so hard to work with the gal, giving her the benefit of the doubt. Things kept changing ... like, when we had to register and when we had to be signed in or we wouldn't get our deposit back (\$200). Jody had put a lot of time into planning a great outing for all of us but it went by the way side. There was just no way we could get everyone registered so fast. Maybe next year ... at a different campground. Thanks for your efforts Jody.

On to the fun things involved with belonging to our club. Quartzsite! Once again "we" were in the desert under the stars. Emery and Roberta had been doing this for several years and made the mistake of bragging about it. Well, some of the rest of us wanted to join them and the word got out and the next thing you know, some of the Texas and New Mexico club joined the gang and we ended up 21 couples total. We hadn't done this for years. I don't even know how long ago we used to camp out north of town and the group grew so much we had to cancel the whole thing. Our club also has a campout in town at Rice Ranch so when people were done in the desert they could go into town or go home or just plain stay where they were. We had to go home so I can't even report on the campground activities but all the action is near by and it's not too far to walk to get to it. Now you know the outings that Honn's and Feit's put on so it was bound to be a good one. Thank you Olson's, Honn's and Feits for organizing these outings. (I understand that reservations have already been made for 2016 at the campground.) A nice surprise followed the end of the month. \$150 was put in the Chapter 309 account, monies collected at the campouts and not needed. An extra big thank you wagon masters!

Of course we had our breakfast at Coco's. Thom and Barb were both sick and couldn't make it. We had a presentation by our Arizona State Parks. I guess I didn't realize how many

there are. The ranger had some great hand outs. Maybe we should try to go to one of them for a camp out! I know we're game anytime.

CLIP AND SAVE

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| February 3, '15 | Cummins Tour | 10:30 |
| March 19 – 22 | Silver City, NM | join New Mexico for a joint camp out |
| April 22 – 26 | Hemet, CA | Western International Rally |
| July 21 – 25 | Escanaba, MI | Eastern International Rally |
| Oct. | Buckeye, AZ | AZ State Rally |
| Dec. | Wickenburg, AZ | Christmas campout/officers |
| Jan. | | |
| Feb. again | Lake Pleasant, AZ | Olson's have graciously offered to host |
| Mar. | | |

As you can see, we are in need of wagon masters for January and March. If we want to keep our club alive and well we will need some of you to step forward and help us out. Maybe one of the state parks? I thank you for at least thinking about it.