

March 2016

Well, we're off and running for another good rally coming up. I'm so glad we have it to look forward to before heading back up north. And that Thom of ours, he writes the best articles to whet our appetite on the areas we'll be visiting. I love the web site he mentioned, TripAdvisor.com. I had never used it before but I have found it very useful now in planning our trip home and look forward to it for summer adventures. Thanks Thom.

COMING SOON, REAL SOON: The Western International Rally  
April 3 - 8, 2016  
Palms RV Resort

Yuma, AZ

Frank and Carol Menor enjoyed our Chapter 309 outings so much when they visited with us in Quartzite and Lake Pleasant that they decided to plan an outing for us. Gosh, they have managed to set aside the dates of Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th at Dateland so we could all join them for a Thanksgiving feast. We can even bring our friends. We used to go down there with them and their Yuma club for Thanksgiving for several years and always had such a good time. That made our holiday special since we didn't have family nearby. Those two always plan so many extra things to do. Be sure to get the information on your rig sent to them.

Well, we have other things to look forward to this year too. Let's get them on our calendar so we don't forget them.

- The Eastern International Rally, DuQuoin, IL, July 17 - 23rd, 2016 with early parking the 15th and 16th.
- The AZ/NM State Rally, Wickenburg, AZ, October 25 - 29, 2016
- Our Christmas outing will be at Distant Drums in Camp Verde, AZ Dec. 6th - 9th, 2016 with early parking on the 5th.
- Our breakfasts will continue the first Tuesday of the month, January 5th, February 2nd, and March 1st. The time is 9:30 at Coco's Bakery and Restaurant in Phoenix.

While sitting around the campfire at Lake Pleasant we talked about how each of us got involved with the Holiday Rambler club. It brought back all kinds of fond memories. (I was even called a chick!) Anyway, while reminiscing, we decided it was almost always because of personal contact. This tells me that we must keep talking to people about our club and follow up from our first contacts. (We have been given information to keep on hand to pass on to someone new when we see them too.) Barbara Laursen is doing one heck of a job but we can't just depend on her. This is a job for all of us. It is our club! Let's keep working on it gang. We are one of the fortunate clubs with twenty five members but we want more. You know the old saying: "The more the merrier."

I haven't heard of anyone for my get well list. Of course, my Joy Boy caught my bug and was even down for a couple days. That just doesn't happen at our house but "my bug" was nasty. I think we're out from under it all now. Amen. Be sure to let us know if something is ailing you so I can send out best wishes.

We are busy packing our rig now for Yuma but also know these things will be staying on board for our trip back to Minnesota. Of course there are things we won't need down south so they just get stuck in a pile in a corner, waiting for our return trip when they will be loaded. I can't believe it's that time of year already although it will be eight months since we have been "home" this year. Remember, we went to Albuquerque to work in September before coming down here. (We've been asked to work again next September - October too ... and eagerly accepted. This season we will be working for Don and Pat Lange as Rusty Mason has retired.) Anyway, don't you just dread that packing to go up north? I'm so afraid we will forget something and if we do, we just have to go without. We have another RV club in Marshall too and are in the process of planning a campout with them so I have all kinds of "piles" laying around for that. Then, we seem to get it back to Marshall and can't find it. That happened with several things last year ... and found some just before we headed south again and some we actually found when we got back down here. I just wish the old boy would let me pack some of it away so I would know where it was! He always wants to do it to help me, so I won't have to. Bless him ...

Remember: We don't stop laughing because we grow old: We grow old because we stop laughing.

Well gang, short this month! I'll try to make up for it next month so watch out. For those we won't see at the rally, have a wonderful summer with safe travel wherever you go. Enjoy your family and friends and in no time we will be sitting around the fire again.