



VERDE VALLEY TIMES

MAY 2009

Chapter 32 Spring 2009 Rally Report Lake Pleasant County Park

Thirty-two rigs gathered at Lake Pleasant and what a fun time we had. We had visitors from all over, even Canada, and two couples joined our chapter as new members.

Dennis and Pat Swann led a 4x4 ride for jeeps, trucks, ATVs and anyone who was willing to risk their four wheel drive vehicle. Everyone seemed to have a great time with only a few minor mishaps and some artistic work of "Arizona pinstriping". Denny Orr didn't get stuck this time, but he did have a flat tire. He still thinks we should make this a yearly tradition at Chap. 32 rallies.

We celebrated St.Patty's Day with "Erin go Brats on the Barbie" cooked by Jerry Zolna and Jack Barry. Everyone contributed side dishes and there was more than enough to eat with plenty left over for another meal Thursday evening. Entertainment was provided by Jim Kimmins and Gary Dinsmore on this evening and several others. Bravo!!



Several of us visited the Pioneer Village and Museum just a bit north in I-17. It was very interesting with a lot of houses that have been moved there to make the village. We witnessed a gunfight on the main street between the sheriff and some no-good bank robbers. This is privately funded and supported by donations. There is also a very good old-fashioned sandwich shop on the grounds.

Several of the ladies enjoyed making chip bracelets and decorating flower pots. Thanks to Linda Williams, Peggy Derrick and Kathie VanWinkle for supplying the makings' for the projects.

Ranger Terry, the park's interpretive ranger, led two hikes and explained the flora, unfortunately no fauna was seen. The hikes were medium to strenuous and not for the out-of-shape. He also visited with us one evening and we played an Arizona trivia game along with a very informative slide show of the area. Jim Williams also led a hike one morning and Linda took some of the ladies on an abbreviated version.



On Friday night, we had dinner at Wild Horse West with a fire and entertainment after by Jim and Gary. Jim said this was the first firepit he ever had to climb into to start the fire! Even though we had a huge pile of wood, he managed to have it all burned by bedtime.



Saturday morning was hitch-up and farewells with lots of hugs and promised to get together again real soon. A

lot of guests were going to North Ranch for Wood Carvers and/or Bead Week so we didn't really have to say goodbye, just see ya soon!

Jerry and Linda Zolna, Rally Masters
Pat and Tom Spencer, Asst. Rally Masters

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Spring Rally 3/16-3/21/2009
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
32 Rigs - 62 attendees

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Francis on March 20, 2009 at 3:00 PM in the park pavilion. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Kimmins.

Roll call of officers: all were present.

President- Donna Francis
Vice- President- Chuck Van Winkle
Secretary- Shirley Taylor
Treasurer – Betty Smith

A quorum of 39 members was present. New members Larry & Marilyn Charles, guests Mel & Ann Hills and VCR's Ed and Sandy Kruty were introduced.

Betty Smith gave the treasurers report. 2008 had an increase of funds by \$115.88 and there were 3 rallies for the year. Report accepted.

Chapter 32's banner location is unknown. It will be researched to find out where it is and a full report will be in the next newsletter.

Wagonmaster Jim Williams reported that the next rally will be Oct. 26 – Oct 31, 2009 at Camp Davis across the river from Laughlin. Full hookups, (20 sites are reserved) at \$22.00 in the group area and boondocking is available along the river.

Minutes from 4/20/2008 were read and accepted.

Rita Wentz recommended that rally dates not conflict with Good Sam dates when looking for sites.

Ed Kruty gave the VCR report. Camping World is accepting receipts from Escapees that are no more than three months old. Send your Camping World receipts to Livingston. The newest SKP number is 103,114. Ed also encouraged everyone to attend the Sedalia, Missouri Escapade and the HOP's.

OLD BUSINESS

The revised 3-19-98 by-laws had been passed out for everyone to review.

NEW BUSINESS

The board met and is proposing the following By-law changes. (Complete By-Laws sent in separate file.)

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

The elected officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and 2 officers-at-large. The officers shall constitute the executive board. Larry Francis made a motion to accept this change. Rita Wentz seconded. Motion passed.

Section 2

The term of office for each elected officer shall be 2 years, however, each officer shall serve until replaced. Terms will be staggered. Election of President and Secretary to be in even numbered years and Vice-President and Treasurer in odd numbered years. Officers may serve more than one term.

Chuck Van Winkle made a motion to accept this change. Rita Wentz seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE V

Section 2

A quorum of 20 members, including one elected officer, shall be required for conducting the business of the chapter at meetings. A majority vote of members present is required.

Jean Lumbard made a motion to accept this change. Jerry Zolna seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE VI

Section 2

Nominations: A nominating committee shall be appointed by the vice-president at least 3 months prior to the month of the election. The nominating committee shall obtain at least one nominee for each office. Other

members may mail in nominations for any office. Additional nominations, with verbal consent, may be taken from the floor of a regular meeting. All nominations for each office shall be published. Kathy Van Winkle made a motion to accept this change. Dave Gilbert seconded. Motion passed.

ARTICLE VII

The dues will be no more than \$10.00 annually, and will be due on 1/1 of each year. Any member whose dues are not paid by 5/1 shall be dropped from the chapter rolls. The amount of dues shall be set forth in the standing rules. Jerry Zolna made a motion to accept this change. Chuck Van Winkle seconded. Motion passed.

The board also decided to separate the **Standing Rules** out of the minutes they are:

1. Registration Rally Fees will be allowed to be refunded if there is an emergency or health situation concerning members or family. Judgment by the treasurer.
2. Any chapter monies refunded to the chapter will be processed thru the treasurer's books. 10/3/1997
3. No one officer can obligate the chapter to any unbudgeted expense without the approval of the treasurer and one elected officer.
4. Newsletter to be published 3 times a year; Oct. deadline for Nov., Jan. deadline for Feb., April deadline for May. 3/25/99
5. Chapter luncheon is on the last Monday of each month from Oct. to April. 3/24/2000.
6. 1/2 of registration fee for Escapade representatives and \$50.00 for Escapade handouts or prizes is to be paid by the chapter Motion made by Larry Francis to accept change in wording. Jerry Zolna seconded.. Motion passed.
7. Dues are \$5.00 per person per year, due in January and delinquent in May. Motion made by Jerry Zolna to change date from March to January. Rita Wentz seconded. Motion passed.
8. A \$25.00 gift is to be given to the rally host.
9. \$50.00 to be budgeted for rally door prizes. 3/16/1996

Linda Zolna made a motion that the monies raised from this rally by the 50/50 raffle, silent auction and sheriff

Carl be divided 1/2 to Care and 1/2 to the North Ranch Memorial Bridge. Jim Kimmins seconded. Motion passed.

President Donna Francis presented hosts Jerry and Linda Zolna and co-hosts Tom and Pat Spencer with rally host gifts.

Jerry thanked Dave Gilbert for his donation 2 rope baskets, Jim and Linda Williams for the hikes, Carl Taylor for being sheriff, Jim Kimmins for minding the campfire, Gary Dinsmore for his music, Roger Wentz for the coffee each morning, Linda Williams, Kathy Van Winkle and Peggy Derrick for the crafts, Ed and Sandy Kruty for being our VCR's and Jack Barry for helping with the BBQ.

Carl Taylor as the nominating committee along with Elly Smith announced that Pat Spencer had accepted the nomination for Treasure and Jean Lumbard had accepted the nomination for Vice-President. Kathy Van Winkle made a motion to elect by acclamation. Rita Wentz seconded. Motion passed.

Sheriff Carl Taylor reported that he had collected \$10.25 in fines and Roger Wentz reported that he had collected \$12.95 for coffee.

Ed Kruty installed the new officers.

Larry Francis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Van Winkle, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Taylor
Secretary

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P.S. to the Minutes: Treasure Pat Spencer resigned the position of Treasure. The board accepted her resignation and appointed Chuck Van Winkle Treasure.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The other day I was talking with a fellow winter North Ranch resident and he commented on how hard it was to leave his "family" and go off to his summer job. This is his first year of full timing. He was expressing a sense of loss as he was packing up and preparing to depart. As we talked I recognized some of the same feelings. It has always been hard for me to change my "seasonal" hats. Why is that? I almost feel like I lead two different lives. One life being at my permanent residence in Oregon following an established daily routine and the other here in my portable home. At North Ranch I usually don't

know from one day to the next what I want to do because we have so many things to choose from. Being an Escapee does bring a sense of balance to my lifestyle. Sharing and caring is something we can do no matter where we are or what we are doing.

If you missed the Spring Rally at Lake Pleasant, you missed a good time. Many thanks to rally hosts Linda and Jerry Zolna, along with co-hosts Pat & Tom Spencer. We had a good variety of activities along with lots of great food. Ask Jerry to cook you a Brat sometime. At our annual business meeting, we elected Jean Lumbar as our new Vice-President and Chuck Van Winkle as Treasurer. Several By-law changes were also proposed and approved by the members present.

Pat & Tom had such a good time co-hosting that they volunteered to be Fall Rally hosts. They are hard at work putting plans in place for the "Do It Ur Way" camp out. Rally reservations form is attached to this newsletter. I can hardly wait! As a Thank you to all members, the Executive Board decided, FOR THIS RALLY ONLY, to drop the rally fee. Come join us at Davis Camp Park on the Colorado River at Bullhead City, AZ.

We finally have a new Historian. Say "hello" to Pat Plotner, Lot #78, next time you see her. She is not only new to North Ranch, but new to Chapter 32. Thanks for stepping up – you are much appreciated.

Please note that the October luncheon, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 26 has been cancelled.

If you haven't heard, Jean Lumbar underwent by-pass surgery on Tuesday, April 21. We all need to send her our best wishes and keep positive thoughts for her speedy recovery.

Be safe as you travel – keep the greasy side down!
SKP Hugs!
Donna Francis, President

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CHAPTER LUNCHEONS:

Our luncheons have been put on hold for the summer – will continue again in November (October 26 meeting has been cancelled). Luncheons are held on the last Monday of the month, October through April, at 11:30am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the club house at North Ranch, a notice on the chapter web site and the chapter voice mail. If you are from an area other than North ranch, notify our contact person, Bob Kominski at Dieterk@peoplepc.com or call 623-388-0507.

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FROM THE ORRs



The Quartzsite Happy Hour was another hit in Jan 2009. The weather was perfect – sunny, warm and only a little breeze. We thank all of those who helped to form our circle of Rvs and all of those who joined the fun. It's neat to see friends and get those warm hugs!

The desert is showing beautiful signs of Spring - it's time to travel! We enjoyed a bit of time at North Ranch in Congress, but we were in and out through the winter visiting Quartzsite, AZ and some rallies. It is time to wander east toward Sedalia, MO for Escapade 2009, May 24-29. The Row at Escapade will again be in a building with 47 chapters, bofs, and co-ops represented. We hope with fuel prices again reasonably priced that we'll see you either at Escapade or along our travels.

See you at Escapade – SKP Hugs

Susie & Denny Orr

ANNUAL DUES:

Chapter dues are due on Jan 1 of each year. Members who have not paid their dues for 2008 will be dropped from the chapter rolls on May 1. You are a valuable asset to the chapter and we hope to keep seeing you at our chapter functions – please send your payments to Treasurer Chuck VanWinkle

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please sign up to have your chapter newsletter emailed to you. This saves postage costs and you will be getting your newsletter in color and in a timelier manner. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact me at raypeggyd@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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Chapter 32 - Verde Valley for the year of 2008

Submitted to the 2009 Spring Rally

by Elizabeth Smith, Treasurer

Beginning Balances 1-1-2008

US Bank	2,284.95	
Cash	38.59	
Total	<u>2,323.54</u>	

Ending Balances 12-21-2008

US Bank	2,624.96	
checks not cleared	(234.13)	
bank correction coming	10.00	
Cash	38.59	
Total	<u>2,439.42</u>	
Increase	<u>115.88</u>	

Income:

Chapter Dues:	2,008.00	250.00
	2,009.00	155.00
In advance for 2010 to 2012		<u>35.00</u>
Income from Dues		440.00

For the year of 2008, there were 139 paid members which was an increase of 23.

There were three (3) Rally's held in 2008; Quartzsite, Spring and Fall.

	<u>Quartzsite</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Reg. Fees less refunds:	83.50	390.00	403.50
Camping less refunds:		(25.00)	-
Raffles & Donations, etc.	460.00	462.85	
Events less refunds		22.50	
Coffee & goodies contributi		17.50	
Meeting Site			110.00
Excess supplies sold			-
			-
Total 2008 Rally In	<u>543.50</u>	<u>867.85</u>	<u>513.50</u>

Expense: Rally

		16.00
Food & Supplies	150.75	225.61
Door Prizes	59.47	150.00
Miscellaneous & Gifts	25.00	25.50
Hitch-up Breakfast		43.53
Morning Coffee & Goodies		66.31
Pins	36.80	84.00
Donations to Care &	152.00	231.45
other designated org.	152.00	231.45
Total Rally Costs	<u>576.02</u>	<u>682.24</u>
		<u>529.49</u>
Rally Increase/Decrease	<u>(32.52)</u>	<u>185.61</u>
		<u>(15.99)</u>

Escapade:	155.77	
Deposit for Spring 2009	60.00	
Newsletter Printing & Postage	207.02	
Treasure Expenses	38.43	
Total Office & Misc. Exp.	<u>461.22</u>	

Income less Expenses:	2,364.85	
	(2,248.97)	
	<u>115.88</u>	

FALL 2009 RALLY:

DATE: October 26 – 31, 2009

LOCATION: Davis Camp Park, Bullhead City, AZ

HOSTS: Pat & Tom Spencer

CO-HOSTS: Linda & Jerry Zolna

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2009

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

•Day 1 (Mon. Oct. 26): Set up rig4:00pm; Graze and get acquainted. Bring hearty appetizers to share. Your dinner dilemma is solved! Discussion of activities available for the week. Evening campfire, if a firepit is brought. Jamming welcome!

•Day 2 (Tues. Oct. 27): 9:00 am: Breakfast Potluck, Bring a dish to share. (Thank you Kathy Van Winkle for assisting). AM meeting following, if needed to facilitate event choices. Go do it UR way! Evening campfire, if available and desired.

•Day 3 -4 (Wed. &Thurs. Oct.28&29): Daily coffee and goodies 8-9 am. AM meeting, if needed to facilitate event choices. Go do it UR way! Evening campfire, if available and desired.

•Day 5 (Fri. Oct. 30) HALLOWEEN THEME! Coffee and goodies 8-9 am. AM meeting, if needed to facilitate event choices. Go do it UR way, yet again! Witches Stew "Potluck" Lunch or Dinner TBD. Contribute a canned or packaged item to Hosts or CoHosts during the week prior to Friday. We'll need about 5 crockpot (no, not crackpot) volunteers. The rest of the casual meal will be supplied. Display decorated mini pumpkins and/or carved vegetables, (woodcarvers take note), such as, squash, gourds, rutabagas, parsnips, carrots, apples (bring your own). Let your imagination be your guide. The wackier, the better! Some decorating supplies provided at the rally, or, better yet, bring a completed version with you and display all week. Some may even be "River Worthy"! Wear your Halloween Bling this day. Rally Bargain table this day or all week: TBD. Clean out the dead weight (no, not your partner) from your bins and home (books, also). Put your shekels in a can. 50/50 drawing this day and/or other days,TBD. Proceeds to go to CARE and CHARITY.

•Day 6 (Sat. Oct. 31) Hitch up Coffee and Goodies. Drive out carefully on this All Hallows Morn.

Spoiler Alert: Sheriff Carl will once again be lurking about all week. BEWARE!

Additional Notes: Some River Cruises: **Riverjetz Tours** to London Bridge, 6 hours, (\$56.00 SR),They also have a local 90 min. narrated Sunset Cruise (\$25.00), can bring personal size cooler. **London Bridge Jet Boat**, (\$60.00 SR), Local boat tours: **Fiesta Queen** (mock paddlewheel- \$12.00 for 90 min., narrated, snacks and full bar) **Lady Liberty** (\$10.00) enhanced pontoon, bring your own drinks, **USS Riverside** (\$10.00) narrated cruise with enclosed seating and upper deck canopy), **The Celebration** (\$12.00 regular cruise, \$35.00 dinner cruise), **Aquarius Tourboat**, 90min. Narrated (\$15.00) drink service, (\$37.00) dinner cruise. **Desert River Kayaks**, guided , (\$35.00), can probably dock at Davis Camp, **Taxi Pontoon Boat** and more.

Davis Camp Park: If making your own reservations before or after rally, (928)-754-7250 Local (877)-757-0915 Toll free, or www.mcparcs.com

VERDE VALLEY CHAPTER 32 LAUGHLIN/BULLHEAD CITY

REGISTRATION - October 26 - 31, 2009

Davis Camp Park

251 Highway 68 Bullhead City, AZ 86429

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2009

Directions from Kingman: North on Highway 93, West on Highway 68 toward Bullhead City, turn right on McCormick Blvd to entry station. Obtain map at entrance and follow to RV-D group area. Total mileage from Congress is @153 miles.

THEME: DO IT UR WAY!

EVENTS INSIDE PARK: Daily morning coffee, (THANK YOU, ROGER), & goodies, 9AM meeting, if needed. Breakfast Potluck, Witches Stew "Potluck", Rally Bargain table, 50/50 drawing, Walking, Bike Riding, and R&R. Fires are only allowed in a fire pit. **CONTACT YOUR RALLY HOST IF YOU CAN BRING ONE.**

EVENTS OUTSIDE PARK: Casino hopping and all their related activities, River tours - many options, Outlet Shopping, Driving Tours to: Oatman, Lake Havasu, Christmas Tree Pass, Lake Mead Recreation Area, Hoover Dam, Keepers of the Wild Animal Park, Grand Canyon Caverns. Also Sandrail Tours, Golfing, Hiking Grapevine Canyon.

FALL RALLY SPECIAL: NO RALLY FEE!

Other fees are as follows:

CAMPING FEES: FULL HOOKUPS = \$22.00 per day X _____ #of days = \$_____.

DOG FEE: \$1.00 per dog per day _____ #dogs X _____ # of days = \$_____.

CHAPTER 32 DUES are \$5.00 per person for the calendar year.

2009 dues paid with this reservation _____ # people X \$5.00/year = \$_____.

TOTAL PAID = \$_____.

NOTE: All camping and rally fees to be paid at time of registration. When you arrive at the rally, you will be given a welcome package that will include maps and brochures outlining many activities that are available.

Please Print

Name: _____ SKP # _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone# _____

RV - Type&Make _____ Other Vehicle _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

By your attendance at this event, you are agreeing to the following: As an attendee, you assume all risk and danger relating to your personal property, RV, and attendance at this chapter event, whether occurring prior to, during or after the event. In the event of loss or theft, no claim will be made upon Escapees, it's volunteers, employees or agents. Volunteers may be directing and assisting you in the parking areas. It is, however, the driver of the RV or other vehicle who is responsible for any damage to their property or the property of others. As attendee at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped, or photographed and are granting full use without compensation.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VERDE VALLEY CHAPTER 32

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Asst. Hosts: Linda & Jerry Zolna (602) 717-3373 azjayzee@yahoo.com

DUES: Please check the label on this newsletter. This is the date your membership expires. Be sure to send your \$5.00 per person annual dues to the treasurer. **WE DO NOT SEND DUES NOTICES!!!!**

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RENEW TODAY !!!!!**