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VERDE VALLEY TIMES

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CHAPTER 32 VERDE VALLEY QUARTZSITE 2008 RALLY January 17th – 22nd

Wagonmasters, Jim and Maralyn Kimmins are busy planning our next chapter rally to be held in Quartzsite, Arizona January 17th – 22nd at the Greasewood RV Park. Park is located west of Hwy 95 off the south side of Main Street. Dry-camping only \$5.00 per day and you will pay camping fees when you arrive at the RV Park. The park is close to the many flea markets and the Big Tent (RV Show). Plenty to do for everyone!

Events planned include a potluck breakfast, a dinner dine-out, campfires (bring fire wood) and a brown bag auction (proceeds for CARE). Bring one bag per rig with a nice, new gift with minimum value of \$5.00 for the auction. Bring your musical instruments for jamming with Jim!

Rally Fees are \$7.50 per person. Registration form is enclosed with this newsletter and is also available for download from the chapter web page at www.Escapees.com/Chapter32. Sign up now and mail to Treasurer Betty Smith.

SIGN UP FOR LOTS OF FUN !!

Denny & Susie Orr will be hosting the 2nd Quartzsite Happy Hour January 16-17, 1-3pm. Bring a chair, a drink and a snack to share. All Escapees and friends are welcome!

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2008 DUES – RENEW NOW

Just a reminder – membership dues for 2008 are due January 1st. If your mailing label lists 2007, take this opportunity to pay the \$5 per person along with the registration fees for the Quartzsite Rally – or, please mail to Treasurer Betty Smith if not planning to attend the rally.

Notice - If your mailing label has a date of 2006, this will be the last newsletter you will receive until membership dues are paid. Please contact Betty Smith if you believe this date is in error.

The President's Corner

What a year 2007 is turning out to be. Fuel prices going higher and higher. (although gasoline in the 50's was over \$5/gallon when adjusted for inflation, buying Power and lower efficiency autos). The Democrats are in the majority in Congress – but can't seem to get much done – and when they do get going on something Bush says he will veto it (although when they do act it sometimes costs us more for something we might not need or want). Crime seems to make the highlighted news on TV (although we do leave our doors unlocked at North Ranch) The War in Iraq is proving difficult to win or get out of (although we may forget Iraq once we escalate the Iranian issue).

So – with all of these events occurring - what's going on in Chapter 32's world.

I'm looking forward to getting back to North Ranch in December and attending the Rally in Quartzsite in January 2008. It will be different than some of our past Rallies but will be fun with different activities occurring. Many thanks to Jim and Maralyn Kimmins for being Wagonmasters and organizing the event.

Please mark your calendars for the Rally at Dead Horse State Park in Cottonwood on April 17-21 with Donna and Larry Frances as Wagonmasters. Still in the planning phase is the fall 2008 Rally with Bob and Judy Kominski and Jackie and Kaz Hada as Wagonmasters. These events are lots of fun, so please volunteer to help as the need arises. Chapter 32 is fortunate to have all the Wagonmasters who have provided the leadership for these events.

The Escapees organization will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in Gillette, WY June 29 – July 5, 2008. This will be the 1st of annual Escapades replacing the twice yearly Escapades. I know it's a different time of the year - but going to Gillette in July would be a great way to celebrate the anniversary of the organization that has provided a significant place in our daily activities. I'm sure Chapter 32 can arrange to get together for a couple of days at Gillette.

I spoke with our Treasurer, Betty Smith, and she assured me that the Chapters financial condition was sound. A reminder – please send in your 2008 dues.

2007 has been a fun year for the Chapter - Thank you to all those who have participated and volunteered to make us successful.

Jim Williams

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FROM THE ORRS

Hi Folks – Our summer has been enjoyable – spending time in Oregon touring and visiting Escapee friends. After some play time and some relax time, it was time to head east for the Fall Escapade in Goshen, Indiana, Sept. 9-14th. Indiana is “Home” and Goshen is in Amish country – a delightful place for Escapade. We had a total of 42 Chapters / C-BOFs / Co-Ops represented on The Row – that was terrific!

If this sounds like a sales pitch for Escapade – you’re right, it is! We have enjoyed the friendships, classes, entertainment and just plain Escapade so much that we would like to share these good times with you! So, if you have never been to an Escapade, or haven’t been in quite a while, we do encourage you to come, visit, and enjoy an Escapade! Hope you’ll plan your travels to join us at Gillette, Wyoming, June 29 – July 4, 2008 for Escapees 30th Birthday celebration – more information will soon be in the Escapees magazine.

As we change from Fall into the Winter season, any of us have headed south for the winter. Whether you’re heading to Florida, Alabama, Texas, Arizona or California, we invite you to check the Escapees Magazine for the Rally Calendar and the SKP Get-Togethers. All chapters/c-bofs welcome visitors. Winter activities are in full swing – check out the monthly luncheons. And, if you are staying up north, well that’s okay too! You can enjoy rallies / luncheons in the spring up north.

See you Along the Way,
Denny & Susie

SPRING ESCAPADE STOCKTON, CA



Spring Escapade was a great week – with sunshine, lively entertainment, many new classes, lots of friends – new and old, and of course LOTS OF HUGS! Thanks to Roger and Rita Wentz for volunteering to be on the Row and represent Chapter 32. They were terrific – warm and friendly!

Thanks also to out to Jim & Maralyn Kimmins for all your busy work as Coordinators for the Escapade.

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CHAPTER LUNCHEONS:

We have resumed our monthly luncheons! Thanks to Rita & Roger for setting up the luncheon in October at the Mine Shaft and in November at Rancho 7. The time is 11:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the club house at North Ranch, notice on the chapter web site and the chapter voice mail. If you are from an area other then North ranch, notify our contact person, Bob Kominski at Dieterk@peoplepc.com or call 623-388-0507.

Our luncheons are always on the last Monday of the month, October through April. We do not have a luncheon in December. Because of the size of our chapter, the luncheon site is subject to change. However as mentioned, you can always find out the area on the web site and voice mail.

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FALL ESCAPADE GOSHEN, IN



Thanks to Ralph and Jean Lumbar for being on The Row and representing Chapter 32 at the Fall Escapade in Goshen, IN in September. The Row was a busy place with folks playing Row Bingo. Each group was represented with the game so everyone had plenty of visitors. Jean reports 296 Escapees signed their register so they talked a lot!

From Jean & Ralph:

We wish to thank Chapter 32 for letting us represent our group on the Row in Indiana. We had wonderful help from Denny & Susie, as they were our row directors. They and their helpers were kept busy! The entertainment was very good and the bingo helped to bring the Escapees to us for signing. Our parking crew did a great job parking all of us. Neighbors were wonderful – told us about free parking on our way home! The meal we had for our chapter row was just great – Denny & Susie took us to dinner with Elaine & Steve Jones, our Amish hosts. They really know how to feed! Lots of talk about the Gillette Escapade. We signed up one new member and they are very nice people. Thank you again!

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Many of you asked to have the newsletter emailed to you. This should save postage costs and you will be getting your newsletter in a timelier manner. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact me at raypeggyd@yahoo.com.

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VOLUNTEERS

Escapees is founded upon the value of CARING and SHARING and where would we be without VOLUNTEERS.....So here's many THANK You to all of you – and your time, talent and love that you share along the way!

Valuable is the work you do.

Outstanding is how you always come through.

Loyal, sincere and full of cheer.

Unending are your efforts throughout the year.

Notable are the contributions you make.

Trustworthy in every project you take.

Eager to reach your every goal.

Effective in the way you fulfill your role.

Ready with a smile like a shining star.

Special and wonderful – that's what you are!

HELPFUL HINTS

No More Mosquitoes – Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. You can also clip a dryer sheet to your RV awning. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Good-bye Fruit Flies – To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it ½” with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants – Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it “home”, and can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have to worry about pets or small children being harmed.

Squirrel Away – To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. It doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Special thanks to Susie Orr for the Volunteers and Helpful Hints segments, as well as feeding me information for the newsletter. Remember, this is your newsletter, so please send me articles you would like to have included. Thanks much to everyone who helped me put this newsletter together!

**VERDE VALLEY CHAPTER 32 – QUARTZSITE 2008 RALLY
REGISTRATION**

January 17 – 22nd

Greasewood RV Park/Flea Market
Main St & Hwy 95, West of Hwy 95 off of the south side of Main St.

Directions from North ranch: Tune right on Hwy 89, Go left on Hwy 71 (at Congress), Turn right on Hwy 60, Travel Hwy 60 until it merges with I-10 Westbound, Go westbound on I-10 to Exit 19. At the end of the ramp turn right (continuing westbound) on Main St. Go past Hwy 95, approx. one block. Turn left (south) into the RV park. Watch closely for the RV park sign. It is before the Greasewood Flea Market.

RALLY FEES: \$7.50 Per Person _____ # Persons x \$7.50 = \$ _____

CAMPING FEES: (Dry camping only) \$5.00 per day _____ Arrival Date _____ # of Days
Pay camping fees when you register at the RV Park. Come a couple days early if you want to. Include those extra days on this registration form, so we know how many total days to reserve sites for early arrivals.
There is a honey wagon available for a fee.

EVENTS: Potluck breakfast, dinner dine out, campfires (**bring fire wood**). Bring your musical instruments for jamming, Escapees Happy Hours hosted near by, by Denny & Susie Orr, on Jan 16th & 17th. **Brown Bag Auction (Proceeds for CARE). Bring one bag per rig with a nice, new gift, minimum value \$5.00.** You will be busy visiting the Big Tent (RV Show) and the flea markets.

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

2007 Dues paid with this reservation _____ # People x \$5.00/Year = \$ _____

2008 Dues paid with this reservation _____ # People x \$5.00/Year = \$ _____

TOTAL PAID with this reservation: = \$ _____
(includes Rally Fees and Dues only)

PLEASE PRINT: SKP # _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

E-mail: _____

RV - Type & Make: _____ Other Vehicle: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

By your attendance at this event you are agreeing in 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, its 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 an attendee at this vent, you are granting your permission to 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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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 !!!!!**