



FEBRUARY 2008

# VERDE VALLEY TIMES

## Quartzsite Rally Report

The chapter's Quartzsite rally was held January 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Greasewood RV Park. There were 35 rigs with 72 people boon docking in downtown Quartzsite.

The weather was cool when the rally began, so we had two campfires burning constantly. Everyone was so busy going to the flea markets, the RV tent, going out to eat, shopping at the many RV dealers' lots, and investigating the town that they didn't have time to notice the cool temperatures. It became warmer as the week progressed.



We had several activities during our social hours. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Jim Kimmins and Ernie Webster (guest) entertained us. We enjoyed their singing and music. The Chapter's

business meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Brown Bag Auction and used book sale were on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Brown Bag Auction netted \$282.50 and the book sale netted \$25 resulting in \$185.50 for C.A.R.E. and \$122.00 for Cecilia's Rainbow Gardens in the Quartzsite Town Park. Also, one of the 50-50 raffle winners donated \$30.00 to Cecilia's Rainbow Gardens.

Fifty-five attendees dined at Silly Al's Pizza Restaurant on the last evening of the rally. It was the only restaurant in town that was big enough to seat all of us!

Wagonmasters, Jim & Maralyn Kimmins

## From the President's Corner

Many thanks are due to Jim and Maralyn Kimmins for doing a great job as wagonmasters for the Quartzsite Rally in January. The variety of things to do was great. The campfires at breakfast and evening gatherings were great. When outdoors, there is something special about a campfire that draws people near. Maybe there is something to that line on the TV Survivor show – "Fire represents your life".

I'm looking forward to the April 17-21 rally at Dead Horse State Park in Cottonwood hosted by Wagonmasters Larry and Donna Francis. I recently camped in the park and had a great time. Also upcoming is the Fall Rally at Death Valley National Park, October 31 – November 4, hosted by Wagonmasters Bob and Judy Kominski.

The Gillette, WY Escapee's Escapade, June 29 – July 5, 2008 has something to offer for all Escapees. Read about it in the Escapees Magazine and if possible, plan to attend it this Summer when you are making your travel plans. It's a great way to celebrate the Escapees 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday and see a great part of the USA.

The election of the President and Secretary for Chapter 32 will be held at the business meeting during the Dead Horse Park spring rally. The nominating committee members are Chuck VanWinkle, Rita Wentz and Larry Frances. When approached by this group to consider running for an office – please give serious consideration to doing so. Yes – there are duties to do – but seeing your efforts helping to make a successful Chapter are rewarding. You also will have fun and get to know other Chapter members better.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of Chapter 32 who have volunteered their time, talents and efforts to make Chapter 32 a successful organization. Special recognition and thanks to Maralyn Kimmins who has served two terms as Secretary and has done a superior job. You volunteers have definitely made my job as President an easy and enjoyable one.

Jim Williams



### FROM THE ORRs

We THANK everyone who attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> Escapees Happy Hour in Quartzsite, AZ. In spite of the COLD and WIND, we'll count it as a great success. And following the Happy Hour many chapters and C-BOFs had well attended rallies in the Quartzsite area.

It's only February, but time to plan your summer adventures. We hope you'll be heading west to Gillette, WY for Escapees 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Escapade Celebration – June 28 to July 4. Check the Escapees magazine and website for details and extra adventures. Some chapters are caravanning to Gillette. What a neat way to have fun – see the country – and enjoy SKP friends!

See you at Escapade – SKP Hugs  
Susie & Denny Orr

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Quartzsite Rally – January 17 – 22, 2008  
Greasewood RV Park, Quartzsite, AZ  
35 rigs – 72 people attended, with 5 member drive-ins

Officers present: President, Jim Williams  
Secretary, Maralyn Kimmins

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. Williams on January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, at the gathering site and campfires.

Pres. Williams made the following announcements;

- Spring Rally, April 17-21 at Dead Horse State Park in Cottonwood, AZ, Wagonmasters are Larry & Donna Francis.
- Fall Rally, October 31 – November 4, at Death Valley Nat'l Park, Wagonmasters are Bob & Judy Kominski
- Row Reps for Gillette Escapade are Bob & Judy Kominski, Backups are Bob & Mary Hoerling.

Pres. Williams presented a thank you gift (WalMart gift card) to wagon masters, Jim & Maralyn Kimmins.

**VCR Report:** Ron and Jerrie Lea Hopf expressed a thank you for having them at our rally. Also, they thanked us for allowing them to train new VCR's Roger and Liz Grant. All of them enjoyed the rally.

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

Yearly Audit Committee – Shirley Taylor and Mary Pelley volunteered to do the year-end audit.

Brown Bag Auction – Carl Taylor made a motion to donate the proceeds to C.A.R.E. and Cecilia's Rainbow Gardens, giving equal amounts to each charity. Joy Notmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Gail Pelley made a motion to adjourn. Jayn Courchain seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maralyn Kimmins, Secretary

### **COME JOIN US - APRIL 17 - 21 SPRING 2008 RALLY DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK COTTONWOOD, AZ**

WagonMasters Larry and Donna Francis for the Spring Rally have been very busy planning a really fun and busy time for the Chapter.

Some activities planned are as follows:

#### **Thursday 4/17**

All Day – Arrivals & Registration

Stop & Check in at Ranger Station for Permit

4:00pm – Social Hour

**Friday 4/18**

7:30am – Coffee & Donuts – Short Walk  
9:30am – Depart for African Safari  
Lunch on your own  
1:00pm – Crafts  
4:00pm - Social Hour, Door Prizes & 50/50  
Dinner on your own  
7:00pm – Campfire and Games

**Saturday 4/19**

7:30am – Coffee & Donuts  
8:00am – Walk  
10:00am – Crafts, or  
10:00am – Depart for Ghost Town & Gold King Minne -  
\$4.00 admission  
Lunch on your own  
1:00pm – Crafts  
1:30pm – Horse Races & Ladder Golf  
4:00pm – Social Hour, Door Prizes & 50/50  
5:00om – Catered BBQ  
7:00pm – Campfire and Games

**Sunday 4/20**

7:30am – Coffee & Donuts  
8:00 am – Walk  
Lunch on your own  
3:00pm – Annual Meeting  
4:00pm – Social Hour, Door Prizes & 50/50,  
Silent Auction, Sheriff’s Report  
Dinner on your own  
6:30pm – Campfire and Sing Along

**Monday 4/21**

7:30am – Coffee  
8:00am – Hitch-Up Breakfast  
Clean Up  
Depart  
Schedule may be subject to change. If you would like to help with any of the activities planned, please contact Larry or Donna via email at: [SKP27024@StarBand.Net](mailto:SKP27024@StarBand.Net)

Sign-up sheet is enclosed with this newsletter – **sign up now!**

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**CHAPTER LUNCHEONS:**



Our luncheons are held on the last Monday of the month, October through April, at 11:30am. Because of the size of our chapter, the luncheon site or date may be subject to change. There is 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 then North ranch, notify our contact person, Bob Kominski at [Dieterk@peoplepc.com](mailto:Dieterk@peoplepc.com) or call 623-388-0507.

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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](mailto:raypeggyd@yahoo.com).

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:**

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!

Thanks to Sandy Wilson for pictures from Rally. She has many more pictures if anyone is interested in seeing them – also many pictures from the chapter luncheon!

VERDE VALLEY CHAPTER 32 – SPRING 2008 RALLY

REGISTRATION

April 17 – 21, 2008

DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK

675 Dead Horse Ranch Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

(Park Info Only 928-634-5283)

(Approx. GPS for Park Information Center: Lat. N34-45.25 – Lon. W112-01.25 using DeLorme 2006 Map Data)

Directions from North ranch: Go easterly to I-17, either on Hwy 89 or Hwy 74, and proceed north on I-17 to Exit 287 near Camp Verde. This is the Hwy 260/Cottonwood Exit. Proceed northerly on Hwy 260 to Cottonwood, the highway becomes Main St. as it enters Cottonwood. Main St. merges with Hwy 89 for about four blocks, (Hwy 89 will turn left) continue north on Main St. crossing Cottonwood St. and proceed to North 10th Street. Turn right (north) on North 10th Street. Continue on North 10th across the Verde River Bridge to the park entrance. Pick up parking permit and directions at Ranger Station as you enter campground.

RALLY FEES: ----- # Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPING FEES: Raven Loop (Dry camping only) -----# Nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$12.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: We need 23 Rigs to park inn Raven Loop Group Parking.

Quail Run (Water & Electric)-----# Nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$19.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EVENTS:

4/18/08 Out of Africa (African Safari & Wildlife Preserve Tour) # Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x\$26.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4/19/08 Babe’s Round-Up (Catered BBQ Dinner) -----# Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x\$22.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES: Walks or Hiking, Bird Watching, Games, Crafts and Campfires (Bring fire wood). Also Silent Auction – Bring one item per rig for the auction – proceeds to C.A.R.E. and Verde Search & Rescue.

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

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

TOTAL PAID with this reservation: =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT: SKP # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Contact: Larry and Donna Francis, Rally WagonMasters via E-mail: SKP 27024@StarBand.Net

**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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