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VERDE VALLEY TIMES

Spring & Fall Issues

Walt and Shirley Greenes were our wagon masters for the Fall Rally. They chose the county park in Parker, AZ. It was one of our larger rallies for fall, 19 rigs and 36 people. The Greenes' did an outstanding job and everyone had a great time. We signed up two new couples; they are Dick & Margaret Bogen, and Ed & Judy Anderson. Welcome to the chapter. Guests were Jim & Chris Patterson, Dick & Gail LaPointe and Dave & Linda Ireland from England.

During the four day rally, we had coffee and goodies each morning. An early walk started the day, followed by games and crafts. Penny Vogan was the craft instructor, the gals made attractive necklaces made out of cotton balls. The different colors were outstanding. Donna Holcomb, Joan Rockey and Connie Hopkins were in charge of outdoor games. Ladder Golf is always a hit, Jim Kimmins took first place for singles and Joan Rockey was runner-up. Doubles winners were Bill & Dolores Glatfelder, second place went to Connie Hopkins & Joan Rockey. It wouldn't be a rally without a **ROWDY** game of bean bag baseball. This time the Slow Pokes beat the Verde Valley Chapter 32. The Slow Pokes were Bill & Janet Wolcutt, Jean Lumbard, Connie Hopkins, Joan Rockey and Rita Wentz. Carol Butterfield was in charge of the indoor game of Farkel. Lloyd McAdams took first place and Roger Wentz got the lowest score.

The thing all Escapees do best – eating – everyone enjoyed a potluck breakfast and dinner. We had a dine-out for the group. To add to the enjoyment was impromptu music from one of our guest, Jim Patterson, accompanied by a friend of Jim's and our own Jim Kimmins.

There was lots of time to visit and to explore the area. Walt & Shirley introduced a new game, writing one or two sentences about something that you did in your lifetime that you think no one knows. These were read out loud and you tried to guess who it might be. It was lots of fun and you got to know things about each other that were very interesting.

Jim & Maralyn Kimmins were the VCR's. They explained under the new policies, the chapters will no longer receive 10% of the proceeds. The Kimmins featured many new products.

Hitch-up breakfast brought a fun rally to a close at which time everyone helped clean up.

GREAT JOB WALT AND SHIRLEY

SPRING ESCAPADE:

Walt and Shirley Greenes did double duty, not only the rally hosts but earlier they were on The Row for chapter 32 at the Escapade.

We served as chapter 32 representatives at the Chico Escapade. This was a first for us. Once we got past sinking into the mud around us, we began to enjoy ourselves.

It's a few days commitment to greet people, explain about chapter 32 and answer any questions. We had a map of the area that our chapter covers, and handouts about some interesting places.

Many chapter 32 members offered to give us free time, so it wasn't difficult.

The biggest thrill was participating in the Parade of Chapter Banners at the opening ceremony. We can be very proud of our banner and our chapter.

By Shirley Greenes

MINUTES FOR FALL RALLY:

Fall Rally – 10/14-10/18/06

La Paz County Park, Parker, AZ

19 Rigs – 36 people attended, including guests (LaPointe's, Patterson's & Ireland's)

Officers present: Sec. Maralyn Kimmins

Tres. Larry Francis

The meeting was called to order by Sec. Kimmins, on 10/17, at 2:15, in the park's pavilion. Jim Kimmins led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. First time rally attendees and guests were recognized.

Secretary Kimmins read the 2006 Spring Rally minutes. Motion to accept as read was made by Jim Kimmins, seconded by Walt Greenes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Francis read the treasurer's report. Carol Butterfield moved to accept as read, seconded by Walt Greenes. Motion passed.

Wagon Master, Shirley Greenes, reported the rally attendance count and thanked everyone for their help. Walt and Shirley were presented with a thank you gift (electric candle warmer and candles).

Sheriff Butterfield called individuals who were fined forward and announced their fines, totaling \$4.00. Barbara Henderson reported the table raffle brought in \$69.00. Ed Lyle reported the 50/50 was not finished, so he did not have a final count. Note: Treasurer has since reported the table raffle, 50/50 and other donations, excluding coffee and donuts brought in \$131.00

The following announcements were made:

Past Vice President Jean Lumbard will finish Jean Berard's term. She will also chair the nominating committee.

Spring Escapade Row Reps – Roger & Rita Wentz will represent the chapter in Stockton, CA.

The chapter's banner, signs and photo albums are missing. Sec. Kimmins will contact the Orr's and find out if they are bringing the banner and signs back from the Fall Escapade. Jean Lumbard will try to locate the albums.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sec. Kimmins reported that Jim & Linda Williams have setup the spring rally, on March 13-17, 2007, at the McDowell Regional Park, near Fountain Hills and wagon masters were needed. Roger & Rita Wentz volunteered to be the wagon masters. A paddle boat two hour cruise has been booked.

Ralph & Jean Lumbard volunteered to be the 2007 Fall Escapade Row Reps.

Barbara Lyle & Shirley Greenes volunteered to help Jean Lumbard on the nominating committee.

Steve Bower & Shirley Greenes volunteered to perform the Treasurer Audit, prior to spring elections.

Jean Lumbard made a motion to donate half of the rally profits to the Parker Senior Center and half to CARE. (A check for \$65.50 has been sent to each.)

Jim Kimmins led everyone in singing, "God Bless America".

Walt Greenes moved to adjourn. Barbara Lyle seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maralyn Kimmins, Secretary

SUSIE AND DENNY ORR CORNER:

Hi Folks – The Row was parked among the trees (so we helped the fairgrounds by pruning lots of trees). The "I Don't Care Grill" provided a feast for The Row dinner. The Row Contest continues to bring lots of visitors whether it is sunny, rainy or cool. And The Row was in the heart of all of the action. Fall Escapade was informative with many new classes and Boot Camp for learning the basics. Evening entertainment was terrific – especially The Singing Trooper. We THANK you for participating on The Row. Hope to see you along the way – or at Spring Escapade Stockton, CA, April 22-27.2007. Happy Trails till then. SKP Hugs.

ALSO FROM THE ORR'S:

Are you heading West this winter? We invite you to join the fun and/or share your chapter/BOF information – by personally inviting Escapees to your events at an:

ESCAPEES HAPPY HOUR IN QUARTZSITE JAN. 17-18, 2PM.

All are welcome and of course, bring a friend! We hope to share information about Chapter/C-BOF Rallies, HOP events and Escapades at an: Escapees Happy Hour – bring your own chair, drink and snack to share.

- We chose Jan. 17-18 because it is right before the Big Tent Show.
- We chose 2 pm because it gets cold and dark early in the desert.
- We have invited some jammers for a bit of music. Do you know someone who would like to entertain us at the Happy Hour?
- **Frontage Road South side of I-10, just East of Quartzsite Exit #19.**
- Look for **ESCAPEES HAPPY HOUR** sign.
- Do you have other ideas to share? Do you want to participate? Please let us know. Hope you think this is a terrific idea. We hope to see you there.

SKP Hugs, Susie & Denny Orr –
densu@escapees.com

ADDRESSES OF LONG TIME MEMBERS:

Jean Berard (lost Bill last spring) is presently living with one of her daughters in Littleton, CO and will be there for the winter. She has sold her rig and has divided up her property between her children. She is planning to move to a senior complex sometime early spring of '07. She misses everyone and would love to hear from you.

- Address – 5824 S. Kline St., Littleton, CO 80127-2049
- Home phone – 303-989-4818
- Cell phone – 303-594-7925

Alice Biel:

Alice and her late husband were early members of the chapter and helped to form it's present state, they were very active.

- Address – 1771 E. McMurray Blvd. Apt. 902, Casa Grande, AZ 85222
- Cell phone (only) 520-450-0954
- E-mail – aaabiel@cox.net

Marion & Harold Erichsen

Charter members, attended our rallies until the last couple of years. You might remember Marion as the lady crocheting hats and other things from plastic bags.

- Winter address – P. O. Box 385, Tonto Basin, AZ 85553-0386
- Cell phone – 620-727-7028

SPRING 2007 RALLY

Roger & Rita Wentz have agreed to do it one more time; take the wagon masters job. Thanks to the Williams', Burke's and Derrick's much of the leg work is completed. They came up with the date, place and paddle boat ride.

The rally will be March 13-17, 2007 at the McDowell Mountain Regional Park, located at 16300 McDowell Mountain Park Dr., MMRP Arizona 85255. Arrangements have been made with the ranger that anyone who wishes can come in March 12. All the sites are dry camping - \$8.00 per night in the group area. If you really need electric, they have sites with electric and water for \$13.00 per night. These are located 1.4 miles from the group area. At the group area we have 2 covered Ramada's a large area of concrete between the two, fire pits and flush toilets. Showers are available at the hookup area. Great walking trails and a night view of the huge fountain.

On March 14th we have planned a paddle boat cruise on The Desert Belle. The cost is \$17.00 per person, this is a beautiful lake and at that time of the year it should be outstanding. You can have lunch at the Lake Saguario Restaurant on the lake, or if you prefer, somewhere else. The rest of the day will be on your own to site see. We will give you information and places that you might be interested in. We are planning a talk from the Ranger at the camp. There will be crafts and games. Plan for a lunch, potluck, this should be sandwiches, salads and desserts. We would like to try something a little different and tht is we would like those **DEDICATED** book readers to bring any books that they would like to get rid of. We will sell the hardbacks for \$1.00, and the paperbacks for 50 cents and 25 cents, depending on condition. This money will go towards the **CARE** and youth fund. This is a great way to get rid of what you have read and pick up some books you haven't read. We plan to have the **Brown Bag Auction**. We ask each rig to bring one gift in a brown bag (decorating is always fun), this should be a nice gift not less than \$5.00 in value.

The registration is in this issue, there will not be a newsletter until after the spring rally.

If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer, email us at rrwentz@tabletoptelephone.com or you can call us at 928-685-3386.

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FALL ESCAPADE:

New members Jim and Joann Lumbard were recruited at our spring rally '06, they took on the job of representing the chapter at the fall escapade.

It was our absolute pleasure to represent Chapter 32 on The Row during the Fall Escapade in Van Wert, Ohio. Attending our first Escapade was exciting to say the least. We enjoyed all of the evening entertainment and learned a lot from the classes we attended. Everyone was friendly, made us feel welcome and right at home. We loved meeting many new people. Denny & Susie Orr did a superb job of organizing and keeping The Row going during the Escapade.

SKP HUGS to all,
Sincerely Jim and Joann Lumbard

While visiting Escapees headquarters and CARE in Livingston, TX, Denny and Susie Orr, Chapter Directors, were invited to CARE for a special luncheon and presentation. All of the CARE participants signed a Certificate of Appreciation.

We learned at CARE that Escapees members often wait to long before applying to CARE for assistance. Consider visiting CARE, learn what they offer and see for yourself the facilities available through your donations.

Marion Ivy is a participant at CARE, but he does travel. He attended Fall Escapade in Van Wert, Ohio. He was so impressed he wrote the following to ALL of You – as Chapters, Certified BOF's, Co-ops and individual members of Escapees:

The "Parade of Banners" at the opening of the Fall Escapade was impressive. The representatives of the groups carried banners with their name and logo. Small round patches, usually in a circle, around the border indicated a donation to CARE of \$1,000. All the banners had several patches, some had as many as ten – fifteen and some even more.

Each \$1,000 patch represented generous donations by Escapees for the CARE Center. They no doubt enjoyed the fund raising and work involved. They will be blessed for their love and kindness.

The CARE Center is my home. This wonderful place was made possible by generous people who wanted to help those who needed some help in caring for themselves or their family members. The "Parade of Banners" seemed like an endless line of people who cared for each other for all of us and especially for me. It is a blessing to know that people do care.

We, as participants and caregivers, are grateful for the support and love from our fellow Escapees. Thank you for all the donations.
Marion Ivy SKP #37525

Remember, if the date next to your name on your address label on your Newsletter is 2006 or earlier, your dues are due January 1, 2007 for the 2007 year.

I think your whole life shows in your face, and you should be proud of that.
Lauren Bacall

The truth needs so little rehearsal.

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Linda and I are still in Oregon. We are looking forward to returning to North Ranch early in December. **VOLUNTEERING** is a key element in a successful Chapter. I thank all members who have volunteered their time and services during the recent months. Walt & Shirley Greenes were Row reps at the Spring Escapade. Jim & Joann Lumbard were the Chapter 32 reps at the Fall 2006 Escapade. Walt & Shirley Greenes were wagon masters at the successful Fall Rally, 2006. Rita & Roger Wentz have volunteered to be wagon masters at the 2007 Spring Rally. Jean Lumbard volunteered to fill your help to make the Chapter successful. I thank you in advance for volunteering to help them. (It's not to early to consider being a wagon master for the VP position, vacated by Jean Berard, until Spring 2007. Jean Lumbard will also chair the nominations committee for the VP position, for the elections at the Spring 2007 Rally business meeting. Larry Frances has volunteered to run again for the Treasurers position. Spring 2007 Escapade reps are Roger & Rita Wentz. Fall 2007 Escapade reps are Ralph & Jean Lumbard. Delores & Bill Glattfelder are considering the Fall 2007 wagon masters. These members have volunteered to lead various activities in the chapter. They need the spring or fall rallies for 2008).

Please keep an eye out for potential new active members for our Chapter. Invite them to our activities and Rallies. Any successful organization needs an inflow of new members to replace those who move out of the Chapter.

I'm looking forward to a great year for Chapter 32 in 2007. Jim & Linda Williams, President

CHAPTER LUNCHEONS:

Our Chapter luncheons are always held on the last Monday of the month – October through April (we do not meet in December).

For November 27, 2006 we will meet at the Mine Shaft Restaurant, located on the corner of Tegner and E. Wickenburg Way, at the light, across from the Circle K station. The Mine Shaft is under new owners and has been completely redecorated. Because of the size of our turnouts, they are offering the following menu for expediting.

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| 1. Cheeseburger & fries | \$6.95 |
| 2. Lasagna | 7.95 |
| 3. Chix. Caesar Salad | 7.95 |
| 4. 8" Pizza (3 toppings) | 7.95 |
| 5. Linguine & Shrimp
(white sauce) | 7.95 |

There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse at North Ranch. For those coming from elsewhere, you can contact Bob Kominski, 623-388-0570, or Dieterk@Peoplepc.com. Bob will forward the information. You will find the above information on our website. Julie does a good job of keeping it current.

Not only is it nice to get together but a good way to find out information for the coming rally.

"What we must decide is how we are valuable, rather than how valuable we are".

CLIP AND SAVE:

- Spring 2007 Rally: March 13-17, 2007
- Location: McDowell Mountain Regional Park.
- Directions: From North Ranch: Hwy 74 for 42 miles, turn right on N. Scottsdale Rd for 5 miles, turn left on E. Dynamite Blvd. For 16 ½ miles, turn right on McDowell Mountain Park Rd. for 4.5 miles to McDowell Mountain Park, turn right – FOLLOW SIGNS. Or Shea Ave. east to Fountain Hills, then Fountain Hill Blvd to McDowell Mountain Park – FOLLOW SIGNS.
- Camping fees: dry camping \$8.00 per night.
- March 14: two hour paddle boat cruise on Lake Saguaro - \$17.00 per person.
- Bring books for book sale.
- Bring one nice gift item minimum of \$5.00 in brown bag for auction.
- Plan for potluck luncheon: sandwiches, salads or dessert.
- Bring wood for the fire.
- **BRING A HAPPY FACE TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN.**

WHO KNEW!!!

To remove a bandage painlessly, saturate the bandage with vodka. The solvent dissolves adhesive.

Using a cotton ball, apply vodka to your face as an astringent to cleanse the skin and tighten pores.

Add a jigger of vodka to a 12 oz. Bottle of shampoo. The alcohol cleans the scalp, removes toxins from hair and stimulates the growth of healthy hair.

Fill a sixteen ounce trigger-spray bottle and spray bees or wasps to kill them.

To clean the caulking around bathtubs and showers, fill a trigger-spray bottle with vodka, spray

the caulking, let set five minutes and wash clean. The alcohol in the vodka kills mold and mildew.

To relieve a fever, use a washcloth to rub vodka on your chest and back as a liniment.

Prolong the life of razors by filling a cup with vodka and letting your safety razor blade soak in the alcohol after shaving. The vodka disinfects the blade and prevents rusting.

AND ALL ALONG WE HAVE BEEN DRINKING THE STUFF!!!