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VERDE VALLEY TIMES

SPRING & FALL ISSUES

SPRING RALLY 2006:

If you missed the rally, you also missed some great sunsets as shown above. Jim and Linda Williams hosted the chapters 15th Anniversary, 2006 spring rally held at Usery Mtn. Park in Mesa, AZ. There were 36 rigs and 73 people in attendance. The park is a large beautiful desert area, many of the chapters use this park including the Canadian Chapters. There are two large group areas, each with outdoor fire-pits and covered patios.

When you came through the campground entrance, you were greeted by "Nola's Parking Crew"



From left to right is Nola Cook, Donna Holcomb, Joan Rocky, Connie Hopkins and sitting Jim Nowell. The crew have worked

together for several rallies. Our hats are off to them for a great job.

There were four fun filled days, starting out in the mornings with various degrees of hiking abilities. Shirley and Walt Greenes made sure we had a good breakfast of bagels, fruit and Danish. Roger Wentz built the fire each day and made sure there was coffee, hot chocolate tea and water throughout the day.

Jim and Maralyn Kimmins were in charge of outdoor games. One of which was

ladder golf. There were many teams and many play-offs before Bill and Linda Eash were declared the winners.

Four teams played a rowdy game of Beanbag Baseball. The play-offs came down to the Coyotes and the Unbeatable. Needless to say, it was an exhaustive game, but the Unbeatable came out on top.

Jean Berard took care of the indoor game of Farkel. Almost everyone played at sometime through out the rally. The winner with the highest score after 3 games was Peggy Derrick. This is a great mixer.

Kathy Van Winkle taught the craft, a beaded doll pin. The gals really enjoyed this.

Our evening out was to the Arizona Opry dinner-show. The food was great with ample portions. The music outstanding. There was music from the 40's to the present time. I have never seen such a large selection of musical instruments. It was a very impressive evening.

While there were lots of activities going on at the camp, there was time for exploring other avenues, such as the Mesa Flea Market. One of the largest in AZ. If they don't have it, you don't need it.

Joyce Linnerud and her husband Doug drove from North Ranch for the afternoon so Joyce could preside over the Annual Meeting. Jim Williams was voted to be our new president and Maralyn Kimmins agreed to remain as the chapter's secretary. An extensive discussion pursued, but much was accomplished. (see minutes)

Following the meeting was social hour at which time Longtree Austin, a Cowboy Poet from New Mexico, entertained us. Many of his poems and stories were from personal experience. Everyone enjoyed his humor.

We had a pot luck with a St. Patrick's theme. Great food and lots of it. Following the meal a painting that Jack Scheall (one of our charter members) had beautifully painted was auctioned off. Norma Scheall had graciously given the painting with the understanding the proceeds would go to

CARE. Barbara & Ed Lyle purchased the painting.

Afterward everyone settled around the big fire pit. As the sun was going down and it got darker, Jean Lumbard gave a history of the chapter and it's beginning, followed by a skit entitled "If I didn't live at North Ranch, what would I be"

After the skit people sat around the fire and were entertained by Ernie Webster on the clarinet and Jim Kimmins singing.

While everyone continued to enjoy the lovely evening, cake was served. We not only had an Anniversary cake, but also a St. Patrick's cake. While we were not able to eat all the cake that night, everyone got a piece the next day for an afternoon snack.

Sunday morning for hitch-up breakfast Liz Burke and Peggy Derrick served us toasted bagels, yogurt, Danish and juice. A nice way to end the rally.

KUDOS TO JIM AND LINDA WILLIAMS FOR A GREAT RALLY. YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB

SPRING RALLY 2006 MINUTES:

Spring Rally – March 15 – 19th, 2006

Usery Mt. Park, Mesa, Az

36 rigs – 73 people attended, including 4 drive-in guests and members.

Officers present:

President: Joyce Linnerud

Vice Pres.: Jean Berard

Secretary: Maralyn Kimmins

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. Linnerud, at 3:00 PM in the Usery Park pavilion. The president led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. First time rally attendees and VCR's Ernie & Colombe Webster were recognized. A thank you gift (WalMart gift card) was given to wagon masters, Jim & Linda Williams.

Sec. Kimmins read the 2004 Fall Rally minutes. Minutes were accepted as read. She reported the Dues Increase Ballot results (37 yeas to 1 nay). The increase to \$5.00 per individual member, per year, became effective income and expenses for the current rally. Jim Williams moved to accept

the report as read. Bill Walcutt, second. Motion passed.

Denny & Susie Orr, Escapee National Chapter Directors, talked about general club and chapter information.

The following announcements were made:

- Historian – Jean Lumbard had the photo albums and would take care of them during the rally for Elly Smith. Jean requested rally photos for the book.
- Newsletter Editor – Rita Wentz stated the newsletter will be published in 30 days
- Spring Escapade Row Reps – Walt & Shirley Greenes will be the chapter's reps. In Chico, CA
- Chapter's 2006 Fall Rally – The rally will be held at the LaPaz County Park, north of Parker, AZ, on Oct. 14 – 18, 2006. Wagon masters are Walt & Shirley Greenes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Web Master – Pres. Linnerud reported Louis Benton is no longer a member and a Web Master is needed. She asked for a volunteer. Julie Nowell volunteered. (The Orr's trained her at the rally.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Wanda Schneider made a motion to pay half of the chapter's Spring and Fall Escapade Row representatives registration cost. Bob Pugh second. Motion carried.

Janet Walcutt made a motion that the chapter should give the Row Reps. A maximum of \$50.00 for handouts or treats. Chuck Van Winkle second. After much discussion, Janet amended her motion to a maximum of \$35.00. Betty Smith, second. Motion passed.

Rita Wentz moved that the chapter develop a projected yearly budget, including rally expenses. Janet Walcutt second. After some discussion, Rita amended her motion, "Officers will develop, within April 2006, a budget for 2006. In coming years they will complete the budget, including rally expenses, by year-end. Janet seconded. Motion passed.

Rita Wentz made a motion that at the option of past officers they be given a bar badge to identify them as a past officer. Walt Greenes, second. Motion carried.

Jim Nowell asked if the chapter can send out an e-mail newsletter, so we can save postage cost. Susie Orr mentioned that the newsletter can be put on the chapter's website for members to download. After much discussion, it was decided that members will choose how they want to receive the newsletter, either by e-mail, on the website, or postal mail. Rita Wentz will collect the info. from the members.

Jean Berard, Vice Pres., thanked Nola Cook for working with her on the nominating committee. Jean presented the candidates for President and Secretary. Jim Williams for president and Maralyn Kimmins for re-election as secretary. Wanda Schneider made a motion to elect the candidates by acclamation. Rita Wentz, second. Motion carried. Chapter Director, Denny Orr installed the new president.

President Jim Williams led the remainder of the meeting. Pres. Williams made a plea for the Spring 2007 Rally wagon masters. No one volunteered. He assured the members he will be working on getting wagon masters and Fall Escapade Row representatives.

Chuck Van Winkle moved to adjourn. Wanda Schneider seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maralyn Kimmins, Secretary

It is with heavy heart that I report one of our cherished members, Bill Berard made his final journey in January, 2006. Jean and Bill have been very active in the chapter, taking the office of Vice President not once but twice. Bill loved to square dance and visit with everyone. Bill always had a smile on his face and you were cheered by his presence. Our prayers go out to Jean

Earl Henderson of North Ranch officiated at a wonderful memorial for Bill at North Ranch where his many

friends celebrated his life. Jim Kimmins sang and Dave Gilbert presented the flag to Jean, Bill had been in the military.

GOD SPEED BILL

Jean will spend the winter with one of her daughters in Colorado. Jean's address is 34480 Truckton Rd., Yoder, CO 80864.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I am looking forward to serving Escapees Chapter 32 as its president for the next two years. I plan to do my best and will need the help of the Chapter Members to accomplish our goals. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to get involved at all levels in the organization and have fun while making the chapter successful.

Please join me in thanking Joyce Linnerud for serving as Chapter President in 2004 and 2005.

The recent Spring Rally at Uesry Park in Mesa, AZ was lots of fun. Several 1st time attendees were at the rally. The weather turned out great (until we were leaving on Sunday) and several attendees enjoyed the AZ Opry dinner show. Several members enjoyed hikes and playing various outdoor and board games. I thank all of the activity Hosts and those that helped them for assuring success at the Rally.

Note: Jim stated financial the rally did very well. Our bank balance as of 4/1 - \$919.44

I would like to welcome new members Jim and Joann Lumbard, Kaz and Jackie Hada and Tom and Alet Kerns, Ray and Peggy Derrick to our Chapter. New members bring new backgrounds and experiences to our group – a value to all organizations.

One of the motions passed at the rally business meeting was to make an annual budget for the Chapter. This will give the members, leading various activities, some monetary guidance in their activities. I will be working with the officers to make this budget to be presented to the Chapter Members

In closing, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts on how to make improvements in our Chapter.

Jim Williams

MESSAGE :

Welcome, Thank You and Congratulations to all of the New Officers and Chairpersons for Chapter 32. And a HUGE THANK YOU to the out going officers for all of your time, talents and caring about Escapees. And for the New Officers – We Thank You for Caring enough to volunteer and Sharing your talents.

We ask all officers/Chairpersons to please review “First Task of New Officers” and your Job Description. It sets everyone on the same track. We remind the new officers that all of the officer manuals, job descriptions, Magazine and Treasurer Report forms are all located on the Escapee website. Remember that you will need to have your Escapees personal ID & <http://www.escapees.com/chapters/OfficerManuals.asp> to view, download or print copies of whatever may be needed. And while on the website, do take time to browse to see what’s new, or to check out your chapter website. Should you have questions, ideas and/or suggestions – we’re here for you.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER CHANGES:

The following changes have come about from the annual meeting held at the rally and your ballots that you mailed in..

1. New dues – the dues are now \$5.00 per person. Send to:
Larry Francis, 1315 Joplin St So, Salem, Oregon, 97302-2315
2. Since you voted to make the fiscal year ending Dec. 31; the membership dues will be due Jan 1, rather than March. This will help the accounting.
3. You voted that the chapter will pay for ½ of the registration fees for those on “The Row” for Escapades.
4. It was voted to pay \$35.00 for hand-outs at Escapades.

5. You voted to have a Budget (see Budget in this Newsletter.
6. The Newsletter will be put on the Chapter Web Page (thanks to Julie Nowell), e-mailed to those that furnish me with their e-mails, and of course regular mail for those who prefer. The thought was to save postage and a convenience for those traveling. **(If I do not get an e-mail from you it will automatic be regular mail. My e-mail rrwentz@tabletoptelephone.com is**
7. We now have a Contact person, Bob Kominski. You can e-mail Bob at Dieterk@Peoplepc.com or call 623-388-0570. Bob will be the person to contact if you are out of town and would like to attend our luncheons. Bob will be able to tell you where it is (you can find this info on the web page and voice mail) and if there is a special menu and then pass the information on to the person in charge.
8. Donations for CARE and local charity to derive from funds raised at the Rally (raffles, 50/50, etc.)

Our representatives for the Spring Escapade will be Walt & Shirley Greenes and for the Fall Escapade, new members, Tom and Aleta Kerns

FALL 2006 RALLY:

Walt and Shirley Greenes have graciously offered to be wagon masters for the Fall 2006 rally. This will be held at the LaPaz County park, 8 miles north of Parker, AZ. There will be electric and water and dry camping. (see registration)

Shirley and Walt are working on some very interesting activities, one of which will be a Treasure Hunt. Aside from the things going on at the park, there are many functions available in the area at that time. The Chamber is in the process of making up

a Brochure to cover these events. The local Casino have schedule different concerts as well. The park is on the beautiful Colorado River. Something for everyone.

Be sure and keep your registration form from this issue, there will not be another newsletter until after the rally. If you need extra registrations you can download from the chapter web page, there will be extras at the Club House at North Ranch and the Greeneries will have some at the Escapade.

CHAPTER LUNCHEONS:

April 24th will be our last luncheon for this season. We will resume monthly luncheons which occur on the last Monday of the month, in October. April location will be the Sizzling Wok in Wickenburg, AZ. 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 than North ranch, notify Bob Kominski at Dieterk@peoplepc.com or call 623-388-0507. As mentioned in this newsletter, Bob is our contact person.

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 and voice mail.

This year, vice. president Jean Berard selected the restaurants which gave us more variety. Nice job Jean.

KIDSPEAK!!!

When my daughter was 4, we were getting a prescription and the pharmacist asked when her birthday was. She replied "June 2", He then asked "What year", she replied, "every year".

A faithful friend is the medicine of life.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND STAY SAFE.