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From the President's Desk

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This is a column I had hoped to never need to write. Some of you are acquainted with my medical problems that have arisen this summer, and many are not. I will give a quick recap to bring everyone up to date. While traveling to Enumclaw, Washington in June for a grandson's high school graduation I lost the peripheral vision in my left eye. This caused me to have an accident while driving the jeep after arriving in Washington. Daughter Darcie took me to the nearest ER where a CT Scan was done immediately. This scan discovered two tumors on my brain. The lower right side tumor pressure was causing the left vision problem. I was

transported to Tacoma General Hospital where it was determined I needed an operation without delay as the larger of the two tumors was a fast growing one. It was felt the smaller of the two (upper right side) could be taken care of with "Cyber knife Radiation" later. I was not given much hope for my eyesight to get better; but it would not get worse. Anyway to make the long story short thankfully my eyesight did return as when the tumor was removed the pressure was gone allowing it to happen. The University of Washington Medial School has a board of cancer specialist doctors who take certain cancer cases under review. Since mine is so rare they accepted my case and after review decided the second tumor should also be surgically removed since it too was fast growing. Within two weeks I had two brain surgeries. The second one really through me for a loop and I came down with pneumonia first and then blood clots in my legs and lungs. All this caused me to be hospitalized again and ended with 9 days in a skilled physical therapy facility to get my strength and energy back. I am now back at the motorhome doing my exercise program. I have six weeks of radiation ahead of me starting around Labor Day. After radiation I will have a series of MRI/CT Scans to keep a check on a return of the cancer.

With all the above I must submit my resignation as President of Chapter 21. My term would be up in January but we definitely will not be able to attend the October rally. I hope that someone will step up and volunteer to be President. I know Vice President Don and his wife Sharon have the October rally under control and if the election were deferred until January rally it would not be a problem. Kay will also of necessity resign as Historian so again hopefully someone will volunteer for this appointed position. The January rally election will also need to consider a Treasurer, as Ron's commitment will be completed at that time.

I have enjoyed my almost two years as President of Chapter 21 and wish the chapter well as it moves forward. With my unknown schedule of tests I can only guess that our return to Benson this winter is doubtful at best. SKP Hugs to all, Don Damkaer and Kay too.

Orr Travels

Our travels took us to Alaska this summer for our 1st trip North. We began our RVing adventures in July of 99. Since then, it seems there was always a reason or excuse not to make that big trip. This is our year to go. We have enjoyed the wandering amble from Fairbanks, to Denali, to Anchorage, to the Kenai Area. Plans are to stay until after the State Fair in mid August. What a wonderful trip – now why did we wait so long to come.

Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

Chapter 21 Needs YOU!

If everyone does just a little to help, then everyone gets to have fun. If you think you don't know how to do something, just ask. Someone who has done it before will be happy to light the way for you.

Our chapter needs volunteers to host or co-host next year's rallies. We need those volunteers **NOW** so planning can begin. Hosting can be **LOTS** of **FUN**, and new ideas are always welcome. Come on – won't you give it a try?

Call Don Del Rosario

TODAY



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WEB PAGE

Type in:

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You'll be linked to our Chapter Information website. Here you will find past & current newsletters, information regarding upcoming rallies & other chapter events, a listing of all chapter officers and their contact information, our club rally rules, and a photo gallery.



Recipe for a Rally

Preparation:

1. A member volunteers to be host
2. Choose a location and date
3. Advertise – Advertise – Advertise:
Newsletter, Magazine, Voicemail,
E-mail, Telephone, Tell a friend

Ingredients:

4 pm Social Hour
Campfires
Morning Coffee
Pot Luck Dinner
Tours or side trips
Dine Out
Friendly neighbors



Method:

Mix the above ingredients in any order.
Stir with lots of hospitality
Sit back and enjoy!



Results:

Wherever 2 or more rigs meet, you can have a rally.

Presented by Dennie & Susie Orr

Escapee Chapter 21 Rally

Fall 2013

*The Fall Rally will be held October 15-19, 2013 at Dream Catcher SKP Park in Deming, NM.
Hosts: Don and Sharon Del Rosario.*

All Escapees are WELCOME to join us for our Fall 2013 Rally. Hosts for the rally are Don and Sharon Del Rosario. They have put together a schedule that gives you time to explore on your own and with others. There will be no forms to complete in advance for this rally. Everyone will be "signed up" (i.e., registered) as they arrive. However, it will help with planning if you would send Sharon Del Rosario an email (sdr1105@gmail.com) or call her (503-341-2053) to say you are planning to attend.

The rally fee will be \$3.00 per person to be collected at registration. The rates at Dream Catcher are \$18.00 per day, plus tax and electric. Dry camp rates will be \$5.00 per day. The weekly rate is \$108.00 plus tax and electric. These rates are for Escapees' members; non-members pay a higher rate. All sites are full hookup with up to 50 amp service. Individuals will sign into the park office upon arrival and settle their accounts for the camping fees at the office individually when they depart.

Feel free to arrive early and take advantage of the weekly rate. Don and Sharon will arrive on October 14.

- Let Sharon Del Rosario know you plan to come
- Bring your name tag & Bring your passport & Invite your friends
- Get acquainted with new friends and the Deming, NM, area

Rally Schedule of Events

All RVers in the park will be welcome at any of our activities, however, only registered attendees are eligible for door prizes.

Tuesday, October 15 - Arrive Dream Catcher RV Park (unless arriving early)
Noon -4:00 PM - Registration & sign in
4:00 PM - Happy Hour, "Meet 'n Greet" – Bring Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres as this will serve as dinner (Clubhouse), or enjoy a local restaurant later

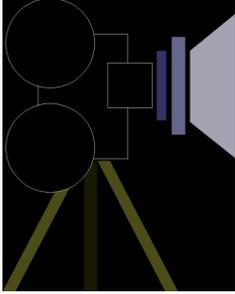
Wednesday, October 16
8:00 -9:00 AM - Coffee/Juice/Pastry "Hugs 'n Mugs" (Clubhouse)
9:00 AM -4:00 PM - Self-guided tours (information packets will be furnished, with recommendations for visiting in the greater Deming area)
4:00 PM - Happy Hour & Announcements – Share Your Day - 50/50 drawing and door prizes
5:30 PM - "Burn Your Own" Potluck (bring your choice of item to grill and a dish to share)

Thursday, October 17
8:00 -9:00 AM - Coffee/Juice/Pastry "Hugs 'n Mugs" (Clubhouse)
9:00 -1:00 PM - Open time
1:00 PM - Meet by exit from park to carpool/convoy to [Luna Rosa Winery](#)
1:30 -3:00 PM - Tour winery and wine tasting
4:00 PM - Happy Hour & Announcements – 50/50 drawing and door prizes
5:45 PM - Dinner in Clubhouse will be optional (\$6/person, menu TBD) or enjoy a local restaurant

Friday, October 18
8:00 -9:00 AM - Coffee/Juice/Pastry "Hugs 'n Mugs" (Clubhouse)
9:00 -10:00 AM - Chapter Business Meeting in Clubhouse – Door Prizes
10:00 AM -2:00 PM - Visit Deming Museum and other local places
2:00 PM - Meet by exit from park to carpool/convoy to the [Pink Store](#) in Palomas, Mexico
([Bring Your Passports!](#))

2:30 PM to ??? - Happy Hour and Chapter Dinner at the [Pink Store](#)
Saturday, October 19 - Hitch up and official end of rally (some may be staying over)
- Park breakfast available; (\$3.00 - \$3.50, menu TBD)

Preview of Coming Chapter Events



Polar Bear Party: This annual event will be held on January 6, 2014, starting at 4:00 pm in the SKP Saguario Co-op Club House. If you've never attended a Polar Bear Party, come and enjoy some adult beverages (non-alcoholic version available) and finger foods.

Winter Rally 2014: Plans are being made for the Winter Rally to be held January 10-15, 2014 at La Paz County Park in Parker, AZ.

Hosts are needed!

Spring Rally 2014: Why not start thinking about hosting this rally? You'll get lots of help and advice if you need it, and folks are always willing to pitch in once we get together. Lots of members say they have more fun when they volunteer for chapter events. **Try it, you'll like it!**

Consult VP Don Del Rosario (807-266-8806) to find out what's involved in being a rally host.



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