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A Note From Your President By Don Del Rosario



I would like to give our most capable Vice President Stu Dutcher a greatly appreciated "well done" for his help in my absence. Thanks Stu.

Sharon and I had a wonderful summer in the Canadian Maritime Provinces. We are currently in Red Bay, Alabama, getting some service done on our RV. From here we are going to Florida for some fun and some interesting experiences with Escapees. We will be working the RV show in Tampa as recruiters for the club.

After that we will be heading west, with a stop at Betty's RV park in Louisiana for Mardi Gras, then back to Benson in time for Escapade.

This will be my first winter in 15 years I have not been to Quartzsite, but for those of you who are going, have fun with Bunny and Bruce at their gathering in January.

Hope to see many of you at the Escapade, Mar 8-13 in Tucson. Sharon and I are in charge of the Volunteer Desk and would love for you to come by and say Howdy, and maybe volunteer to help out during the Escapade.

Don't forget our rally in Tucson after Escapade at Lazy Days Mar 24-29.

Finally, we both want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

*Don Del Rosario
President*

From the Orrs

As I turn 70 this year, celebrate our 50th Anniversary, 16 years of RVing and 11 years as Chapter Directors, Denny and I are slowing down our travels. We are retiring as Chapter Directors for Escapees effective *October 31, 2014* but will remain active Escapees Members. We will spend more time at North Ranch in Arizona, but we will also continue to RV and wander at a slower pace. We have enjoyed the many years working with Escapees members, the many wonderful friends we have met, and the amazing memories of good times shared. We'll see you down the road.....

Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

**Please Note:
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED**

Apparently, YOU told Santa that
you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing



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Just a note from the “Confuser” of the Vice-President

First, I would like to thank Bud Antuna and Sharon Parmer for hosting the Fall Chapter 21 Rally at Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, New Mexico. The work of being the hosts was placed upon them by the illness which overtook Dee Dupuis. Dee is still quite ill and we all need to keep her in our prayers and wish her a speedy recovery. She and Chuck were originally scheduled to be the hosts. Jean Holloway-Burkhart assisted the hosts by conducting the game day activities and other things. There were 19 members and 11 rigs at the Rally. I would have liked to see more participation, but we will take what we can get.

Now, for that which worries me most about Chapter 21, *declining membership*. Unfortunately, we are following in the path of a lot of organizations of this day and age, we are experiencing a slide in our membership numbers. It is imperative that we reverse this slide and get our membership numbers on the increase. Every member in good standing must become an active recruiter for the Chapter. Personally, I would like to see our roster include a higher percentage of the SKP Saguaro Co-Op residents even though now said residents comprise the majority of the Chapter's members. In the near future, I propose to embark on membership recruiting drive. I will put forth more on my methods after the Holiday season.

At this point I will say something about the forthcoming “Spring Exodus Rally” which is scheduled for 24 - 29 March 2015 and will be held at KOA, Lazydays in Tucson, Arizona. Sandy and I are well into the planning for the event. As the schedule currently stands, Tuesday, the 24th, will be Registration Day and getting acquainted. Wednesday, the 25th, will be devoted to a visit to the ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center and the ASARCO Copper Mine. Thursday, the 26th, we plan on going to the Reid Park Zoo. Of course, we will have a business meeting on Friday, 27 March followed by a KOA, Lazydays luncheon. On Saturday, 28 March, we will go to the Gaslight Theater for their evening performance. We are making no formal plans for dinner before the Gaslight Theater performance; we figure it will be easier on all us if we arrange our own dining. Marilyn Wix has done the groundwork for this adventure. 29 March, Sunday, will be our day of departure. In the January Chapter 21 Newsletter, there will be amplifying information which will cover the costs involved.

Through good luck and the graciousness of Althea Matthews, we now have a new Chapter 21 Historian. Althea has volunteered her time and efforts. If you have any information and photographs which need to be made part of history, please, give it to her. Speaking the Chapter 21 history; the Library in the Saguaro Co-op Club House has a number of loose leaf binders which contain information and pictures of historical significance. There are separate binders for the Chapter 21 History and the Co-op History. My wife, Sandy, has had her nose buried in the Chapter History for sometime now and is really enjoying her adventure, but she can not fulfill her quest because one of the binders is missing. We have been looking high and low for the 2011 - 2012 binder with no success. We ask that if anyone has information concerning its whereabouts, please, let us know.

Well, the time has come for me to get this to the Newsletter Editor. Thanx for reading my ramblings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Stu Dutcher
Vice President
Chapter 21

MINUTES
SKP Saguaro Chapter 21
October 17, 2014
Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, New Mexico

CALL TO ORDER: 10:01 am

OFFICERS PRESENT: Vice President: Stu Dutcher, Secretary: Betty Dawson, Treasurer: Ann Meilicke

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: None

INTRODUCTION OF VCRs PRESENT: Bill and Jan Mains

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Stu reminded those present that the Minutes of the Spring Rally held in Tucson had been "Approved By Committee" at that time as a future Business Meeting was uncertain. The reading of the minutes from that meeting was dispensed with.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Meilicke reported that as of October 1, 2014 the Chapter had 109 members. As of March 30, 2014 the chapter had a balance of \$4,752.57. Income associated with the Spring Rally in Tucson and miscellaneous items totaled \$471.27. Expenses associated with the Spring Rally and miscellaneous items totaled \$2,081.26. As of October 1, 2014 the Chapter has a balance of \$3,142.58. Don DeMent made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read; Pat Spalding seconded that motion.

WAGONMASTER REPORT: Stu reported that he is looking for future Rally Hosts. He is also looking for new areas in which to hold rallies that are within 200 miles of Benson, specifically sites with pavilions. Stu then recognized Bruce Ratcliff who reported on the Quartzsite gathering in January. Bruce emphasized that the combined gathering of Chapters 6 and 21 in Quartzsite will not be a rally; there will not be games or a business meeting. The gathering will be January 19-23. He requests that anyone planning on attending please bring firewood for evening bonfires.

Stu then reported that since there will not be a formal rally in January that the Election of Officers will be at the Spring Rally to be held March 24-29, 2015, at KOA/LazyDays RV Resort in Tucson. Activities that are being considered include a visit to the Asarco Mine and also The Reed Park Zoo. Information will be included in the next Chapter Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

VCR REPORT: Jan reported that she spoke with representatives in Livingston and the latest membership number issued is 119600. One month ago the number was 119179 showing an increase in Escapee membership to be 421 during the past month. She mentioned that she has Escapee stickers if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Stu reminded everyone of the Saguaro SKP 25th Anniversary Spring Fling to be held in Benson March 19-23, 2015. He will be getting together with Ingrid Kluegel to what Chapter 21 might be able to do to help with the festivities. Jean Holloway-Burkhart suggested that the Chapter might put together a Slide-Show of Chapter Activities to be shown in the Clubhouse. Jean made the motion to have an Ice Cream Social, Don DeMent seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Stu discussed the possibility of getting Chapter 21 tee-shirts. He said that he knows someone in Tombstone and will contact them regarding prices.

Stu then brought up the subject of the Escapades to be held in Tucson in March. He reported that there are only Dry-Camping spots available. Jean mentioned that it was her understanding that Walk-Ins for some of the activities will be allowed. Stu said that he had heard that KOA/LazyDays RV Resort would be an “overflow” area for participants who wanted hook-ups. He will check to see if that information is correct and include that in the next Chapter Newsletter.

Stu reported that he had received a mailing from The 2 Crazy Ladies who make badges. They wanted everyone to know that they are still in business and will take orders via mail, e-mail, and phone. They will not be traveling as much, but they will be at Quartzsite and at Escapades. Information that they sent will be included in the next Chapter Newsletter and also posted on the Chapter Bulletin Board in the Saguaro SKP Clubhouse. Jan reported that badges can also be ordered from the Escapees in Livingston and showed a sample of one. However, they do not take custom orders.

Stu reported that he is going to review the Chapter By-Laws regarding the election of officers to see what action, if any, is required to move the election to the Spring Rally. He will provide any information in the next Chapter Newsletter.

Bunny Ratcliff brought up the subject of the Chapter 21 Trailer that is currently in the storage area at the Saguaro SKP Park. After lengthy discussion it was decided than an inventory of property in the trailer be made and then the Chapter membership be notified of a meeting to discuss what to do with the items.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bunny Ratcliff reported that it had been a busy summer. She mentioned that she needs to be reminded when a card is needed. She brought up the recent passing of Barbara Edmunds and the fact that Edmunds were delinquent in paying Chapter dues. It was discussed and all agreed to send a card regardless. The question was raised as to whether there should be a report in the Chapter Newsletter regarding how many cards were sent out. Consensus was that this would be a good idea. Pat Spalding moved, Jean Holloway-Burkhart seconded to accept the Sunshine Report.

Ann Meilicke reported that 50/50 ticket sales had brought in \$58. Jan Mains won the 50/50 and donated her winnings to CARE, therefore CARE will be receiving \$58 from Chapter 21.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Jean Holloway-Burkhart, seconded by Bruce Ratcliff.
The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty Dawson
Secretary, Chapter 21

Chapter 21 Rally

The rally was held on schedule in the New Mexico Pancho Villa state park on October 14 through Saturday AM October 18, 2014. The Rally events were held as had been posted by Dee Dupuis. Dee's unfortunate surgery/illness prevented her from attending but she was in all our minds through out the rally!! Jean Holloway-Burkhart volunteered to help and took over responsibility of all the games. There are pictures of the CHILDREN that played some of the games.

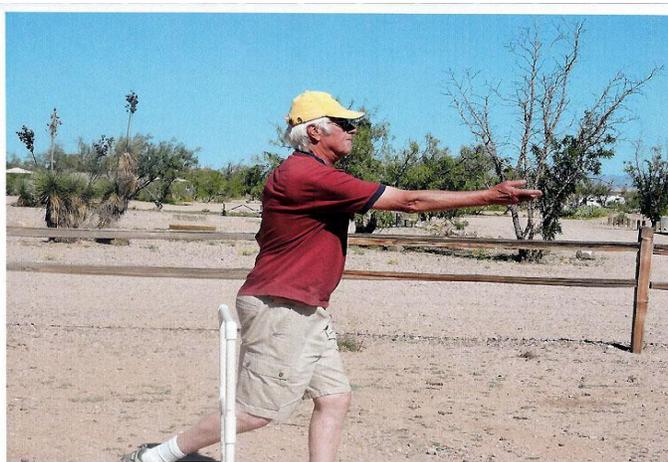
There were only 11 rigs which is small when compared to the 25-30 rigs we used to have in years past. I believe this decline is partially due to the FLY infestation and the change in pricing set by Santa Fe!!! Due to the fly problem we had to use the old Rec Hall (without air conditioning) to have a peaceful meal. Yes we did have to pay for the use of the hall (\$60).

A Chapter 21 business meeting was held. VP Stu Dutcher was in charge of the meeting.

The evening fires were under the control of "Fire Marshall" Bruce Ratcliff.

The Friday Happy hour and meal were at the Pink Store. 16 attended.

Respectfully, **Bud Antuna/ Sharron Parmer**



Greetings from your Sunshine Lady

It was a busy spring and summer, and I must thank those who sent me details on folks who needed some SKP sunshine and hugs. Without you I would not have known much.

Sad to say we lost two members, Jim Markwood and Barbara Edmunds. Sympathy cards were sent to Lynda and Don, and we continue to keep them in our thoughts.

Get well cards were sent to the following: Drew Moehlau; Andy Vert; Andre Bernard; Dee Dupuis (2X); Dick Johnson; Shirley Groth and Jerry LeRoy. We hope you are all on your way to a complete recovery.



Please continue to keep me informed.

Bunny Ratcliff

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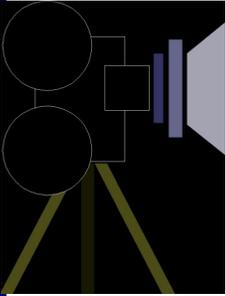
Hi members of Chapter 21!

The TwoCrazyLadies.com wants to put to rest the rumor that we are out of business and retired living a life of luxury! Not true! After 70 and over 20 years on the road we have become part-timers & are living on our property in Deming NM 8 months a year and doing mail/web orders; we still take phone & e-mail orders, as well. We have moved most of our mail to this New Mexico address so we receive it in a timelier manor. The address at Rainbow Dr. is still good. We will be in Quartzsite at our new location on the SE corner of 95 South and East Kuehn road @ the stop light! And, because it is so close we will be able to be at Escapade in Tucson! So there are plenty of opportunities for you to get to us to order your badges and other engraved items.

We look forward to helping you.

Oh yes, you can pick up order forms designed especially for your chapter from your treasurer, Ann Meilicke or newsletter editor, Marti Moehlau.

Previews of Coming Chapter Events



Chapter Luncheons: Monthly lunches continue to be held on the 2nd Wed of each month at the San Pedro Golf Course in Benson at 11:30 am.

Quartzsite: Bruce & Bunnie Ratcliff will sponsor a joint gathering with Chapter 6 Jan 11-25, 2015 (informal) / Jan 19-23, 2015 (official). Location is MM-3 on Plumosa Rd north of Quartzsite, AZ. ***BRING FIRE WOOD***

Escapade: The 55th Escapade is happening March 8-13, 2015 at the Pima County Fairgrounds southeast of Tucson, AZ. [Register NOW!](#)

Silver Anniversary: March 16-21, 2015 See you at the Saguaro Co-Op in Benson for Fun, Activities, Games, Entertainment, Laughter, Food and More. Don't Miss Out!!!

Spring Rally: The Lazydays KOA in Tucson, AZ will again be the site of our Spring Rally March 24-29, 2015. Stu & Sandy Dutcher will be our hosts.

Volunteer to help at one of the above events – You'll have more fun!



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