

QUEMADO POLO CAMP OUT QUEMADO LAKE, NM August 19-22, 2010

20 Rigs did not miss this one! Chapter 433, the NM HRRVC State Manager & Associate and the NM Airstreamers sponsored a great Buddy Camp Out in the beautiful Gallos Mountains in West Central NM, just a few short miles from the Arizona border, August 19-22. It is not only located next to Quemado Lake, but it is next to the El Caso Rancho owned by polo player Buzzy Easterling, native New Mexican. El Caso has hosted Polo Matches every July & August weekend for the past nineteen years.

This year was a first time Buddy Rally at Quemado. The NM Airstreamers and NM Holiday Ramblers hosted a great camp out. Both Juniper & Pinon campgrounds were occupied by new and vintage Holiday Rambler & Airstream rigs. They were so impressive, an Open House was held on Saturday afternoon to the pleasure of everyone. Beautifully decorated 1960's Airstreams won the heart of all.

The best part of this event was the spectacular setting of lush green grass, trees and a plethora of wild flowers centered around lovely Quemado Lake in which several enjoyed kayaking & fishing. The weather was perfect - warm days & cool nights. The sites of wildlife, the music of birds & perfumed smells of nature made this the ideal camping atmosphere.

Group meals & gatherings were held under the outdoor pavilion. Conversation & the establishment of new and

old friends in this mix of RVers, helped us to realized Campers are basically the same no matter what brand. Bonding was instantaneous.

Three of several activities highlighted this occasion:

1. A scrumptious pancake breakfast prepared by Airstream "professionals," Tom & Barbara Stallings accented by fresh Bacon prepared by Holiday Rambler Bill Hays & Monaco "Buddies" Roger & Madeline Black.

2. Dinner at Snuffy's rustic bar & restaurant on an atmospheric outdoor deck. This delightful establishment is dedicated to Polo & historic photos of the Quemado area. Our chef was no other than the grandson of famous Will Rogers, which only lent more interest to the experience.

3. Sunday's specially planned Polo Game for the Quemado Campers. Arranger Chuck Rogers, also a polo player & match announcer, had the Polo Governor of the Board of Circuit for NM, TX & CO instruct & demonstrate the rules & procedures of Polo, the oldest continually played game in the world, going back 5000 years. The heads of the enemy instead of balls were originally used. Thank goodness, civility has intervened. Those who had previously attended the Polo Games agreed that never before had they understood the rules and depths of the game as they now did.

The vote was over-whelming in favor of repeating this event as a Buddy Camp Out. 2011, here we come!