

Cactus Patch Dispatch

Newsletter for NMHRRVC Chapter 81

January 2009

Your Officers

President: Ed Spivak (acting)
Vice President: Bob Luikens
Secretary: Don Lange (acting)
Treasurer: Pat Lange

Elections for Officers in January

The Nomination Committee for Chapter 81, Bob Luikens and Pat Lange, has put forward the following as the slate of officers for 2009.

President: Ed Spivac
Vice President: Bob Luikens
Treasurer: Pat Lange
Secretary: Open
Board of Directors: Bill Candelaria
Ursula Candelaria
Jim Dow

The election of Chapter officers will be held at the January 5, 2009 breakfast meeting at Shoney's Restaurant located at the corner of Louisiana and Menaul in Albuquerque. Don Lange has agreed to be the acting Secretary until someone else can be elected to that office.

Board Members

Your officers have agreed to widen the scope of the chapter leaders by adding some names for election to a Board of Directors. The Board will help to broaden the number of people who will be involved in some of the day to day decision making that is necessary in running a chapter. Getting input from a greater number allows for more input and balance in trying to implement new ideas or

when contemplating changes that affect all of us.

Membership List

An up-to-date membership list is attached to this newsletter. The one mailed in December had not yet been edited before it went out. There were some changes made to the list as well. Taken off the list are the birthdates and anniversaries. At the suggestion of Bob Luikens, our Vice President, we added to the list cell phone numbers for all of the members who have provided them to at least one of the officers.

Please communicate to an officer of the chapter any changes on the membership list that you know about or any corrections to your personal information that you find to be incorrect.

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Have you taken the opportunity to visit the new web site that has been developed by the Hays'? They've put a lot of time and effort into making it an exciting, interesting and informative site for any and all of your Holiday Rambler questions. Take a look if you have not done so. And while you're still on the site, why not sign their guest book?

Remember the January Campout

The first campout of the 2009 camping year begins at the La Hacienda RV Campground in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Lange's

agreed to be the Wagon Masters. Please let them know as early as you can so that they can make some plans for you too. Call them at 505 350 5261. They will make the reservations for you.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

February 2: Breakfast at Shoney's
February 6-8: Campout at Rockhound State Park, Hays' are the Wagon Masters.
March 2: Breakfast at Shoney's
March 10-12: Campout at Usery Park in Apache Junction, AZ Luikens are the Wagon Masters.

Rockhound State Park

Located about seven miles southeast of Deming, this will be the site of the February campout. Bill and Rossanna Hays, the Wagon Masters for this event, have chosen an excellent place to hold a February campout. Situated on the southwest side of the Little Florida (pronounced *flo rita*) mountains, most of the sites have an excellent view of Deming and the Southern New Mexico sunsets. There are a lot of things to do: hiking, rock hunting, botanical garden, wild flowers, cactus, and an excellent, small visitor's center.

RV Owners Advisory Council

Tim and Darlene Kuhler, Holiday Rambler Club members from Kerrville, Texas, are working to help all RVer's. Tim has been asked to serve on the Good Sam Club's RV Owner's Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council was formed in 2007 to provide RV industry personnel and legislators with direct input from RV owners on specific and pertinent issues. The Council is committed to bring matters of concern to the attention of key industry players such as

RVIA. More can be learned about the committee on the Good Sam website. The Council welcomes your comments. Send them to RVCouncil@GoodSamClub.com

Published at the End of Each Month

Every attempt will be made to publish this newsletter and have it sent out the last week of every month. That way you can be reminded of the campout that is scheduled for the next month and listing the Wagon Masters and their telephone numbers.

Also, let the editor know what you've been up to and/or what you have planned so that it can be included in the newsletter. Either call him at 505 350 5261 or e-mail him at donaldlange@Juno.com any time up to that last week of the month.

News About the Members

Dan Hollenshead, as many of you knew, experienced an unsettling experience in December of 2007, the loss of the use of his vocal chords. And because of that loss, they did not travel to Brenda, Arizona as they normally did during the winter months. He has gone through many tests and treatments without the medical community being able to determine what happened or what the cause was. Having lived with that condition for a year and being able to communicate in a loud whisper, he and Norma did attend the Region VII Rally in Creede, Colorado and are back in Brenda at this time. Dan writes that he and Norma hope to join "the many fine folks" in Chapter 81 for many of the campouts which have been scheduled for this year.

Don and Barbara Geurin spent a week at Disney World just before Christmas with members of their family. They flew to Florida rather than to take their RV. They offered to drive the Woods' motor home back to New

Mexico but Jim and Vera felt that they could accomplish that after Jim gets better.

Vera Wood sent an e-mail just before Christmas.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

“Jim saw the orthopedic surgeon yesterday. The x-ray showed that his leg is about 70% healed. He can now put 50% weight on it and use a walker. He will be more mobile now that he doesn't have to use a wheelchair.

”I don't know how they can figure what the 50% weight means. His next appointment is on January 20.

“We are hoping that the leg will be healed by then and we can head back to NM. We haven't talked to his physical therapist yet about whether he can get the PT on an outpatient basis or not. That would really be nice

“We are checking him out of rehab later today to take him to Christmas Eve Service in Melbourne and again tomorrow to take him to the Christmas buffet at Patrick AFB.

“Thank you all for the cards, notes and prayers.

“Love, Vera”

Jim and Rusty Mason are spending the winter at Happy Trails RV Park in Sun City, Arizona. They headed over that way right after they finished working the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and plan on spending time there until it gets too warm. Rusty is happy because she gets to work in the ceramics shop and gets to move about the park in her

recently purchased golf cart. Their son is living in their home in Albuquerque while he builds a house out on the West Mesa.

Bill and Ursula Candelaria have had a quite a summer and fall! First, Bill and Ursula had an electrical fire in the basement of their home in Quemado causing serious smoke damage to the house. Because the smoke had penetrated so deeply, they had to rebuild much of the first floor of the house and replace much of the furniture. They expect to be able to move back in some time in January of 2009. Fortunately, they had a rental trailer that was free so that they moved into it for the duration.

But that wasn't all! While they were at the Region Rally in Creede, Colorado, Bill had a urinary medical emergency which required them to leave early one morning. He ended up in the hospital where he was relieved to find out that it was treatable. He now reports that he's back to his normal self and enjoying an unrestricted lifestyle.

Pat and Don Lange moved down to the La Hacienda RV Park in Las Cruces for the months of November, December, and January. They've gotten together with members of Chapter 433 individually and have enjoyed going to their events. They are also having a great time with the La Hacienda crew and the other long term guests. Mostly, however, riding their bicycles on level ground through the pecan groves gives them the fresh air and exercise that they need.

Birthdays

27 January: Pat Hamlet (sorry, I missed it!)
4 February: Marilyn Peak
28 February: Jim Mason