

Cactus Patch Dispatch

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Ray and Hilda Nichols

Congratulations to Ray and Hilda on being elected to serve as Region VII Director. As former State Managers in Arizona, both are well known in the region as well as nationally. They take over from our own Erwin and Marilyn Peake in July at the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri.

Little Known Fact

Did you know that prior to the Nichols', the last three elected Region VII Directors were from New Mexico? They were Jim Steward, Don Lange, and Erwin Peake. (Jean McClure from Texas was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club to fill a vacancy.)

Cochiti Campout

The Cochiti campout in May was very relaxing and laid back. Parked in a Corps of Engineer campground around fifty miles from Albuquerque on a bluff that overlooked the lake, those of us participating enjoyed some of

the most spectacular views for which New Mexico is famous. Cedar studded hills seemed to dominate the near views while they blended into the more indistinct green and blue of distant mountains in every direction. We sat there and watched the clouds build over the mountains and gradually move closer and closer toward the valleys below.

One of the highlights was a trip to the famous Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks, a National Monument situated only about ten miles from the camp ground. Hiking among the domes on the Pajarito (Little Bird) Plateau, one witnesses what remains of the huge explosions from the volcanic eruptions which happened between 6,000 and 7,000 years ago, leaving "pumice, ash and tuff deposits over 1,000 feet thick." The hiking trail we followed took us deep into the village of tents and into a steep, narrow, slot canyon through which the wind whistled and which felt at least ten degrees cooler than out in the flatter terrain.

Beyond the Tent Rocks, about three and a half miles along a more primitive road and at the top of the mesa, we stopped at the Veterans' Memorial Scenic Overlook. There we sat and could view the entire area from high above. Spectacular!

If you haven't hiked in the Tent Rock area or haven't traveled those extra three and a half miles to the Veterans' Memorial Scenic Overlook, you are missing the sheer pleasure of an easy day trip from either Albuquerque or Santa Fe!

Bob Patten had several choice comments about the camp out and the area but he had one in particular that he wanted to have included in this edition of the newsletter. Tell them, he said about the wagon masters, "Thanks for limiting the number of people allowed at this campout. All of us were able to sit in the shade!"

Recipe.

This is a recipe that got a 100% vote as the best cake brought to the Cochiti camp out! (OK! It was the only one that was brought but it was excellent!) This recipe is one from Bob Patton's Mom!

BEST CAKE

Set oven for 350 deg.

Mix together with wooden spoon:

- 2 eggs
- 2 C flour
- 2 C sugar
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 C chopped nuts
- 1- 20 oz can crushed pineapple & juice

Bake 35-40 min. in 9" X 13" pan.

Icing:

- 1 - 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 1/2 C powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat together and spread on cooled cake

Are You a Pun Lover?

Try this one:

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. (The editor tried to find a pun about cake but pi did a nice job of filling in.)

About the Members

Bob and Betty Luikens attended graduation ceremonies for **two** grandsons at Texas Tech in early May. One of the grandsons actually finished school in January while the other one is finishing up this spring. They are the sons of Brian who passed away about nine years ago from ALS. Bob and Betty took their motor home over there where they stayed for a few days.

Bob and Betty are also anticipating a trip back to that same part of the country in June when they expect their oldest grandson to be getting married.

Bob and Rose Patton are off to California during the last days in May where they will be attending the wedding of their grand daughter in Santa Rosa. They will not be traveling with the motor home, however, choosing instead simply to take their car. They plan on spending up to three weeks in the area where they will also be visiting their daughter, Cheryl, in Petaluma.

Barbara Geurin has always put out a great newsletter for Chapter 433. We've all enjoyed reading what she's written in that easy going, very informative style she uses. But in this last newsletter she's really outdone herself! If you've not read her rendition of "The Tale of Tails," you missed a great story, one in which she and Don were involved directly. It was interesting to read how creative they were in handling the offending culprit!

Rossanna and Bill Hays have been out in California for weeks! Remember, they went out there to be with their daughter in law while she had a baby. Well, they extended their stay some. The baby sitter for which the kids had arranged couldn't make it. Rossanna rode to the rescue! She offered, at great sacrifice for a grandma, to spend as much time as she could, taking care of that precious new grandbaby! Bill, on the other hand, did find

some time to break away long enough to come back to New Mexico to do some more on-site work on the New Mexico State Rally scheduled for this fall.

JB and Pat Hamlet have new e-mail addresses:

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Chapter 81 Needs Secretary.

The position of chapter secretary remains open. Currently, Don Lange is the acting secretary and the chapter newsletter editor. Start thinking about who will do those jobs when he no longer remains in either position. If you may be interested in either or both positions, please contact either the President or the Vice President.

Tales from the Trail

Rusty Mason. Rusty rues the day she and Jim traveled through the check point between the U.S. and Canada. They stopped and were asked all the regular questions: In which country are you a citizen? What articles do you wish to declare? Do you have any guns or ammunition? Do you have any alcoholic beverages to declare? And so on. They answered the questions and thought that they were well on their way...only to be asked to pull over for a more detailed inspection. Lo and Behold! The inspector found two or three quarts of Rusty's special, inexpensive, very sweet, fruity wine (that she will admit, not everyone likes!). Rusty had not declared it! The inspector proceeded to confiscate it and then to pour it out! On top of that, Rusty was fined a hefty sum of money for trying to bring booze across the border without declaring it. Her special wine really did become special! Instead of costing her \$3.50 per bottle (or some such amount), she ended up paying close to \$25.00 per bottle...and didn't even get to drink it! .

June Campout

The following is from our state managers.

“You are invited to our JUNE Campout. The dates are: June 12-14. Contact Bill and Rossanna at: bnrhays@comcast.net. The dates have been changed from the ones posted on NMHRRVC Web Site. A crashed computer has caused a lot of problems but we are endeavoring to overcome. We hope to hear from as many as possible. It would be helpful to let us know if you can come.

This is a copy of info on Golden Eagle RV Park, Eagles Nest , NM that I googled. The customers have been happy. The price quoted to me this AM is \$34.52 which includes tax. This price is good if you pay by cash or check. There is a 5% additional cost if you use a credit card. If you would like to see their Web Site go to: www.goldeneaglerv.com. Bruce and Bridgette are extremely nice and accommodating. They have special events listed on their sites for the time of our campout. They provide a tour guide of the area, specific or general, and he is good with the local history. If this is desired we can schedule him. They will cater a meal if you wish and the cost is between \$7.00 and \$12.00 depending on what you order. It is a 5 star operation.” Bill and Rossanna

International Rally/Events Summary

The following is a message from our Region Director.

Traditionally, this event has been the big gathering, a sort of "pow-wow" for our club. Let us help in keeping it so!

Erwin

[Are you waiting to sign up for the International Rally? Look at all the opportunities you will have enjoying and educating yourselves by taking advantage of](#)

any one or all of the activities in the list below.

Do you see techs and dealer displays in the list? Yep, you do! That something that is important to you? How about entertainment, food seminars; it is all going to be at Sedalia.

Now is the time to send in your registration!

- There will be 5 nights of parking.**
- We will have 30 amp electric water and shared sewer**
- We will have a dealer display (limited number of units)**
- We will have techs**
- More seminars than you will ever be able to attend.**
- 8 Seminars of Direct Product information (presented by the Techs)**
- A great Gospel quartet for Sunday AM Music with our church service.**
- The grand champion Teen Piano player of Scott Joplin Ragtime music**
- 30 some different Crafts.**
- 4 mornings of warm hospitality and 1 of cold hospitality**
- 2 coupons per person to eat whenever you want and your choice of the buffet**
- A \$5.00 concession coupon towards lunch**
- Ice cream**
- 3 nights of High Quality entertainment.**
- A vintage Wedding show, with Wedding cake**
- A Saloon Girl style show.**
- Refreshments at the Saloon**
- Presidents reception**
- Book exchange**
- Bazaar**
- Arts and crafts show**
- Bingo**
- Blood Drive**
- Trams**
- CAR Table**
- Great tours**

This celebration gathers together members the Holiday Rambler RV Club from across the nation. It is tradition and fun and social and educational and more. Come to Sedalia!

International Rally

Why not seriously consider joining several of us on the Trifecta. If you can't make that, be sure to attend the International Rally where we'll see Erwin and Marilyn in their last official role as Directors. We'll also be there to welcome Ray and Hilda Nichols into that very important position.

Future Events

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| 1 June: | Breakfast at Shoneys, ABQ |
| 12-14 June: | Campout, Eagles Nest |
| 6 July: | Breakfast at Shoneys, ABQ |
| 11-14 July: | Colorado State Rally, KOA, Colorado, Springs, CO; also begin the Trifecta through Branson, MO to International Rally in Sedalia, MO |
| 20-25 July: | International Rally, Sedalia |
| 7-9 August | Quemado campout |

June Birthdays

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| 2 June: | Ursula Candelaria |
| 3 June: | JB Hamlet |
| 29 June: | Terry Ellis |
| 29 June: | Betty Koch |
| 29 June: | Louann Peer |

Well! I declare!...all my wine!