

SOLOS NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER, 2016



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The Death Valley 49ers Encampment is over for another year, and what a great time was enjoyed by the 40+ Solos in attendance. Past President Roy Kannada provided coffee for everyone each morning and hugs and mugs stretched for more than an hour some days. This Encampment was the 56th Annual; the weather was perfect, there were lots of excursions to enjoy including Titus Canyon, Dante’s View, Bad Water, Ash Meadows as well as some great hikes. I will insert lots of photos in the web version of the newsletter, for those who were not able to attend.

The next big gathering of Solos will be in Quartzsite at our Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Plomosa Road from January 20th to January 24th, 2017. Please don’t forget Lake Martinez which was enormously enjoyed by all who attended in both 2016 and 2015. Boondock parking is about \$3/day. Solo Trish Robson has head up that gathering for the past two years. She intends to be out at Lake Martinez on December 3rd. A lot of Solos will stay in Yuma over the Christmas/New Years Holidays, there is always some impromptu gathering going on so keep your eye on the Solos Yahoo Groups page.

This being the final newsletter of the year below is the ballot for 2017. Please cast your ballot and mail it in to the address provided.

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Write-In Candidate: _____ Office: _____

Please mail your ballot by December 15th to: Ecapes Solos, Box 556, Pahrump, NV, 89060

This is my first attempt at composing a newsletter on a MacBook. Please bear with me – huge learning process

Death Valley Photos



Left to Right:
Top Row: Aguerberry Point, Beehive Kilns
Center Row: Mike Fish with rosettes he received in the poker tournament, Carole Hinkley and Trish Robson won first and third panning competition (respectively.) Leroy Rust and Corkie took 2nd place in the Dog Parade, B.J. Clarke and Mike Fish off to the Poker Tournament.
Third Row: The Hiking Group, Solos on Parade, daily happy hours were enjoyed by all

Solos Pre-Escapade Rally Tucson, Arizona

Escapade pre-rally will be Mar 12-19 (7 nights) at Mission View RV Park on the south side of Tucson. Cost will be \$19 per night for full hookups. But they will only guarantee us 25 sites, so it will be necessary to commit early if you want a camp site. If you want to reserve one of the sites, please send an e-mail to leotaspal@aol.com with your name, address, phone number, rig length, and estimated arrival date.

I will have more information at Quartzite about all the various activities and places to visit around Tucson. It's sure to be a jam packed week of fun and interesting things to see.

Contact me if you've any questions.
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57th Escapade.
Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson Arizona,
March 19th- 24th.

If you are interested in joining a number of Solos at the 57th Escapade time is getting short. All the full hook up sites are taken, so please sign up soon, either on-line at www.escapees.com or by calling 888-757-2582

If you have never been to an Escapade the event offers first class education with more than 80 educational seminars, classes, and workshops; there is something for everyone.

Escapees Boot Camp will be in session March 16th-18th preceding Escapade.

If you'd like to have your rig weighed, SmartWeigh certified Professional Weighmasters will be on hand to take care of you.

One of the seminars I am very interested in is presented by GeeksOnTour, just prior to Escapade with a programme especially designed with Rvers in mind; to help those of us who are a "little technically" challenged to master using the "smart camera."

The world class entertainment sounds especially enticing. Native Spirit, through their entertaining, educational, and sometimes humorous presentation will perform dances that have survived thousands of years. Native Spirit has performed throughout Europe, Central and North America.

Woodie and the Longboards will be performing Monday evening, they are the number one rated group who perform a tribute to the Beach Boys.

Update on Iva Kollhoff.

As many of you know long time Solo Iva Kollhoff was diagnosed with a brain tumor earlier this year. She was forced to hang up her keys and is living in Las Vegas with her wonderful son David. A group of us met at one of Iva's favorite restaurants of Iva's in Pahrump, Nevada to meet Iva and show support for her on-going challenge and courageous attitude. If you know Iva and are in the Las Vegas area she would love to see you. Be prepared for a short visit, lengthy conversation is difficult and exhausting for her. When I visited Iva before the luncheon, her biggest concern was for her dog Pappy. Luckily Trisha Schmidt was more than willing to adopt Pappy and he is doing well.



Iva's lovely smiling face.
The group who attended the lunch at the Winery in Pahrump, NV.
Left to right: Back row
Trisha Schmidt, Trish Robson, Dottie Brunner, Bob Svitak, Iva's son David Larrington.
Center Row: Carol Primesberger, Carole Tibbets, Betty Ogden, Carol Hinkley, Leroy Rust.
Front Row: Leo Potter, Iva, Lyn Chrystal

If you would like to visit Iva please contact her son David Larrington at 702-375-2300

PRESIDENT DAVE ANDERSON'S MESSAGE:

While we were running around Canada having a great time this summer I neglected to do one of the few things that the president is supposed to do. I didn't appoint a nominating committee. I asked our officers if they would be willing to serve for another year and they graciously agreed then I asked the president to step down at annual meeting.

We will again be going to Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico after Quartzsite.

We will stay at Organ Pipe National Monument on the nights of January 25 & 26 and caravan to Concha Del Mar RV Park on Friday morning. We will be dry camping but they do provide water, propane and pump out service.

You will need Mexican liability insurance and I will try to get an agent over to Organ Pipe to write policies on Thursday. I should have more info by Quartzsite.

NO GUNS OR AMMO!!! You can check them at the Why Not Store in Why AZ. I did this year.

You will need a valid passport to reenter the US or an enhanced driver's license. A license with a gold star is not an enhanced license.

This will be my fourth year and the Solos third. I believe everyone who went the first year also went the second and is planning to go again. It's that great! Join us and find out why.

I have done my best with this newsletter. If you have a problem receiving it please let me know I may not be able to rectify the problem but will try.

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We have so much to be thankful for
Happy Thanksgiving everyone

