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President's Message

Welcome to Summer. I hope it's not too hot where you are, Since the last Newsletter, the 2018 WARE, the Pre-Escapade Rally, and the Escapade have become memories. From the information I received all attendees enjoyed these events and new SOLOS joined the C-BOF. Welcome, New Members.

Due to unforeseen problems, I was unable to make my trip to Mississippi this year. I was disappointed, but "Life is what happens when one is making Plans."

I am now looking forward to the Fall and the Death Valley 49ers Encampment in November. The NPS/Death Valley website states that Sunset Campground will not open until 12:00 PM on November 3. I have sent an email requesting further information, but have received no response to date. I will post any information I receive on the SOLOS Yahoo Group.

In addition, I have tried to purchase my 2018 DV 49ers Membership on-line, but the website states that they are "Out of Stock." I will also post any information when I receive it.

(PRESIDENTIAL HUMOR: I just love it when all my plans work smoothly!)

Please be happy and travel safely until we park together again.

Cyber Hugs!

RoyK

April 2018 WARE Rally Report

This year's Western Area Rally for Escapees (WARE) was held in Las Vegas in late April. There were approximately 10 SOLOS members plus at least 2 new members in attendance. This is a new location for the WARE rally, which was held in central California in recent years. There was lots of walking between the RV Park and the casino/hotel where the activities were held. But once attendees got to the casino/hotel, there were many activities to choose from. The committee that planned this event did a wonderful job!

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May 2018 Escapade Pre-Rally in Oswego, Kansas Report

Oswego is in the southeast corner of Kansas, about 200 miles from Sedalia, Missouri, the site of the 58th Escapade. Donna Tyler did a wonderful job of hosting the pre-rally at the fairgrounds of her home town. There were about a dozen SOLOS at the pre-rally. Donna planned interesting daily outings to surrounding towns in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. Plus there was coffee and donuts every morning, a variety of group evening meals, plus daily happy hour gatherings and evening fires. A great time had by all!



Coleman Theater Tour in Miami, OK



Mickey Mantle's Boyhood Home in Commerce, OK



Baxter Springs Historical Museum, KS



"Big Brutus" Electric Shovel, West Mineral, KS

May 2018 58th Escapade, Sedalia, Missouri Report

Bob Svitak, our SOLOS Vice President, led a 200 mile long caravan trek from Oswego to Sedalia and managed to not lose anyone along the way! Some SOLOS arrived early for volunteer work duties. As always, lots of opportunities to attend seminars and great evening entertainment shows. One of our own, Ken Wadland, assisted by Patricia Smith, was a participant in the Escapade's Got Talent show.

We had daily Happy Hour gatherings and sat together at the evening entertainment shows.



Happy Hour gathering under Patricia's tree

Ken Wadland with his assistant, Patricia Smith

Upcoming SOLOS Get Togethers and Events (dates tentative)

Pre-Death Valley 49er Encampment Get Together in Pahrump, Nevada (many SOLOS gather at Preferred RV Park or other places in Pahrump during the week or two before the Death Valley 49er Encampment)

Death Valley 49er Encampment at Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Park - November 4-11, (many SOLOS gather at the Sunset Campground currently scheduled to open at noon on November 3rd, to attend this event)

Annual Quartzsite Rally and Annual Business Meeting - The Quartzsite Big Tent event is scheduled for January 19-27, 2019. SOLOS will gather at the normal Plomosa Road BLM Camping Area site. More information on actual rally dates will be in the next newsletter.

2019 Western Winter Blast Gathering in Lake Havasu City - The Western Winter Blast is an annual fireworks extravaganza that will be January 14-17, 2019. Many SOLOS stay on Arizona Trust Land east of Lake Havasu City at a site called The Steps. SOLOS will start gathering at The Steps about a week after the Annual Quartzsite Rally ends.

ESCAPEES SOLOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Circle one: *New* *Renew* *Data Change*

Date: _____

Name: _____ Male Female

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone No.: _____

SKP #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Email # 1: _____

Email # 2: _____

Interests: _____

I would consider:

Hosting a Rally Leading a caravan Other: _____

I would like to:

- join SKPing Solos email discussion group at Yahoo Group
- I have a Yahoo ID. My Yahoo ID name is: _____
- receive the newsletter electronically through Yahoo Group, **OR**
- receive the newsletter electronically via my own email mailbox

I am submitting \$ _____ for _____ year(s) membership.

I am submitting \$ _____ to be donated to CARE.

**\$10 per year (US funds). You may join for multiple years.
Make checks payable to ESCAPEES SOLOS.**

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