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President's Message

Well, SOLOS, it's September and I am stuck just North of Lodi again. I have two (2) remaining doctor appointments; the second one being on the 19th: I will be headed for Pahrump on the 20th. Yes, Betty, I will be there for your BIG day.

I have no official news on the opening of Sunset Campground in Death Valley, but several NPS persons have told me the date would be posted on the DV Website in early October which causes me to believe that the information on the website is still the info from last year. If you believe in Prayer, start praying that I am correct. If you are not, then put on your Hoping Cap, and start hoping I am correct. All y'all know that I need all the help I can get.

For all of you who are not going to Death Valley with the SOLOS this year, I hope you will be with friends and nice people wherever you are and you have as much fun as we do.

Please remember a few of the SOLOS will be boondocking at the Fishers Landing Boondock Campground at Martinez Lake during December and January as we have done in the past.

I know all of you were worrying about this year's election of the SOLOS C-BOF Officers. You may stop worrying; the Nominating Committee has fulfilled the assigned duty. WE have volunteers for every Elected Position. The Ballot will be published in the December Newsletter.

I will take this opportunity to wish every SOLO a Happy Thanksgiving.

Lastly, Pam Fuehrer, welcome to Grandma Land.

Cyber Hugs!

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Upcoming Event: Death Valley '49ers Encampment Gathering

The 69th Annual Death Valley '49ers Encampment will be held November 4-11, 2018, at Furnace Creek, Death Valley National Park, California. For more information about the event, please go to www.deathvalley49ers.org. As in the past, many SOLOS will gather at Sunset Campground in Furnace Creek for this event. This year, as with last year, we are not sure when Sunset Campground will open. Last year, it opened at noon on Friday, November 3, 2017. We are assuming that it will open no later than at noon on Friday, November 2, 2018. As Roy said in his message, we are hoping for an earlier opening date.

Many SOLOS gather in Pahrump, NV, prior to going into Death Valley. Although other campgrounds are available, many will stay at Preferred RV Resort. You may stay at 50% off for up to 14 days with a Passport America card. It is a popular spot for holding a daily SOLOS Happy Hour, typically at 4:00 PM. This year is special in that Betty Ogden will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on Tuesday, October 23rd with a party at the Resort (Happy Hour will be at 3:00 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM. Betty's son, Paul, will be the chef.). If the Sunset Campground is not open after Betty's big day, some may go to a boondocking area of BLM Land called 'The Pond' near Beatty, NV, until Sunset Campground does open.

Upcoming Event: 2019 SOLOS Winter Rally and Annual Business Meeting. Quartzsite, AZ

Date: January 16th - January 25rd, 2019

Rally Dates are Wednesday January 16th THROUGH Friday January 25th. Annual Business Meeting is at 10:00 AM on Tuesday January 22nd. The Quartzsite Big Tent event is scheduled for January 19-27, 2019

Location: The location for both is: Plomosa Road Mile 2.35. Turn NORTH onto BLM Trail and follow the SOLOS Signs.

Information: SOLOS will begin arriving by January 9th and the signs should be up by January 10th

Upcoming Event: 2019 Western Winter Blast Gathering in Lake Havasu City

The Western Winter Blast is an annual fireworks extravaganza that will be February 13-17, 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.

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