

SOLOS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Well, it's that time of the year again. The Quartzsite Rally is fading into history. I want to thank Carol Preimesberger and her two Assistants, Carol Hinkley and Carole Tibbets, for hosting the Rally. I also want to thank all who volunteered their time and efforts to make the Rally a success.

Carol Preimesberger has agreed to host the 2018 Rally. So make your plans to attend. Dates for the Rally will be announced soon.

A motion was past at the Business Meeting that a Committee be established to research any and all advantages and/or disadvantages for the SOLOs C-BOF remaining Certified. Stuart Johnson stepped up and volunteered to Chair the Committee. Dave Enfeld and Karen Cobert agreed to assist. The results of this research will be discussed as Old Business at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting.

In addition, Marty Jenner has agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee for this year.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact her so she can put your name on the Ballot.

I was unable to attend the SOLOs Pre-Escapade Rally and the Escapade in Tucson due to Medical Appoints and Tests. It seems that I missed great times. You can read all about the great times in this issue of the SOLOs Newsletter.

I want to give big, I mean BIG, Cyber Hugs to Perry Kesterson who has become the new Newsletter Editor. If Perry had not become the new editor, I would have had to try my hand at something that could only result in BAD. Please give Perry your thanks for saving me from that. Bless you, Perry!!!

As I am writing this, ACRE and WARE are still in the future. There is still time to make plans to attend these events. There will be a SOLOs presence at both events. Information can be found on the SOLOs Website at Escapees.com. The website is up-to-date thanks to our new Web Master Ann Palmer.

Start planning now to come see me in Death Valley this fall. I will be in Sunset Campground Site B-32 no later than October 25th.

SKP Cyber Hugs

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Minutes**Annual Business Meeting of Escapees SOLOs
January 23, 2017
Quartzsite, AZ**

President Dave Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Roy Kannada. A sign-in sheet was circulated to record attendance. The attendance listing is attached to these minutes.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting held on January 18, 2016 be dispensed with, as they had been approved by a committee. Motion passed.

Judy Holmes presented the Treasurer's Report. The Income and Expense Statement as of December 31, 2016 showed a net income of \$918.51 after income and expenses. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Sunshine Chair Karen Colbert reported that she had sent two condolence cards to SOLO members.

Under New Business, President Anderson presented the issue of decertification of the SOLOs as a Certified BOF (Birds of a Feather) Group. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed by the SOLO's Board of Directors to study the issue of decertification and recommendations be presented to the membership for a vote at the next annual meeting.

Discussion followed with points regarding financial responsibility, insurance coverage, and other matters being raised, The question was called, and the motion as stated above was passed. The committee's report will be made available for review by the membership prior to a vote being taken.

President Anderson read the tellers' report concerning the election of officers. Those elected are Roy Kannada, President; Robert Svitak Vice-President; Celeste Vaughters Secretary; and Judy Holmes, Treasurer. New officers were installed by Ida Tompkins.

Announcements:

- Ida Tompkins noted that the BoF's Standing Rules need revision. Stuart Johnson indicated that he has experience in this area.
- Leota Spalla gave information on the Pre-Escapade Rally to be held March, 12-19 in Tucson.

- A card will be sent to Iva Kahloff.
- Bobbi Harden announced that the SKPACRE(All Chapters Rally East) will take place in Sevierville, Tennessee from April 26 – May 2, 2017.
- New members will receive newsletters by electronic mail only. Current members who receive their newsletters by U.S. Mail will continue to do so.
- Lyn Chrystal has resigned as Newsletter Editor. A volunteer is needed to take this position which involves doing three newsletters per year. Software is provided by the SOLOs BoF.
- It was announced that single people are now being accepted as volunteers by the CARE program.
- Today's Social Hour will be at 1:00 in conjunction with the CARE auction. Heavy hors d'ouerves will be served.
- Carol P., Carol H., Carole T., and Fran R. were given a round of applause for all their work in hosting this gathering. Outgoing President Dave Anderson was also thanked for his service.

There being no further business, Deb Heen moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted by Celeste Vaughters, Secretary

Minutes reviewed and approved by the following committee on January 24, 2017.

(Signature on file)
Myrna Patterson

(Signature on file)
Claudia Alexander

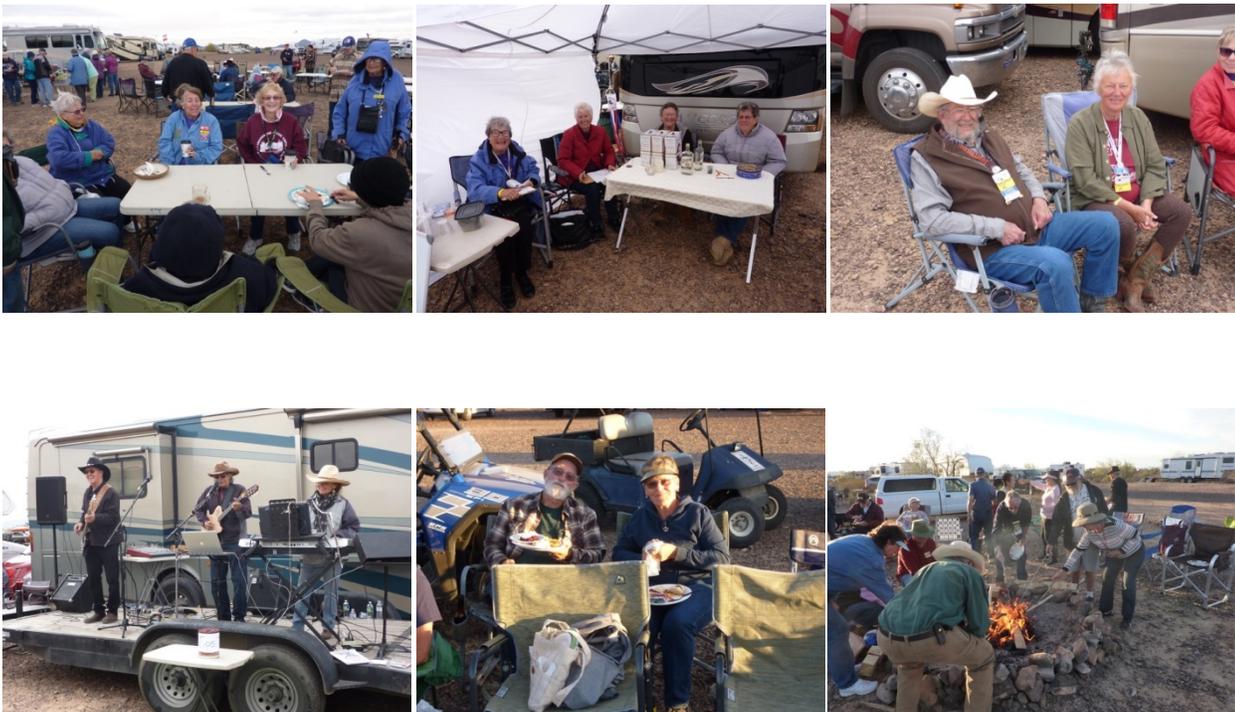
(Signature on file)
Stuart Johnson

Annual Quartzsite Rally
January 2017

The rally started on January 18th with Hugs and Mugs including a continental breakfast each day. We invited the Christian Fellowship to join us for a weenie roast that evening. They brought desserts. Thursday morning they invited the Solos for biscuits and gravy. We brought the coffee. Thursday evening ham was served and everyone brought a side dish to share. Friday morning was Hugs and Mugs. Friday evening many of us went to Bouse for an all-you-can-eat fish fry. It started raining and rained throughout the night. Saturday morning was Hugs and Mugs followed by a trip to the Dessert Bar. Sunday we finished the dance floor (RV mats taped together). The dance was at 1 PM. We had a three piece band followed by Kentucky Fried Chicken for dinner.

Monday was Hugs and Mugs followed by a business meeting. That afternoon we had the Care auction and raised over \$1,000. At 3:00, Mac the fire guy came and gave us a demonstration of what to do in case of a fire in our rigs. Monday evening we had a burn your own. Tuesday morning we had a full breakfast with a choice of French Toast, pancakes or waffles with strawberries on top. Wednesday after Hugs and Mugs everyone going to Mexico said goodbye and the rally officially ended. Many stayed on to enjoy each other's company.

We all owe Carole Preimesberger and Fran Rothdiner a huge thanks for all the effort and thought they put into the meals. Also a special mention to Carol Hinkley and Carole Tibbets for all of their work in making this a successful rally.



Solos Pre-Escapade Rally
Tucson, Arizona

The Solos Pre-Escapade Rally was hosted by Leota Spalla at the Mission View RV Park in Tucson, Arizona, on March 12-19, 2017. There were 25 Solos who stayed at the Park plus others who joined the fun from other nearby parks and the casino. Most days began with Hugs and Mugs with Continental Breakfast hosted by Carol Preimesburger and Fran Rothdiner with lots of help from Carol Hinkley, Carole Tibbets and others. At the end of the day we gathered for Happy Hour which frequently extended well into the evening.

Leota scheduled and coordinated more than a dozen activities that attendees could attend over the six days. These included tours of the Biosphere, Mt Lemmon Sky Center, Titan Missile Museum, Asarco Copper Mine, Mission San Xavier Del Bac, Taste of Tucson, Pima Air & Space Museum including the Boneyard, Kitt Peak Observatory, Mirror Lab of UofA, Old Tucson File Studios, Kartchner Caverns and the Fort Huachuca Museums. The most widely attended event was an excellent private tour of Presidio San Augustin Del Tucson with a soldier demonstration and colonial medicine talk by a doctor.

Cyber hugs to Leota and all those who helped to make this a wonderful event!

57th Escapade
Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona
March 19-24, 2017

Another Escapade is over. As always we all had a great time and made lots of new friends. The Solos Happy Hour was on the Escapade Daily Schedule of Events, so lots of new singles came to join in the fun. We showed up in force (more than 50 Solos) at the nightly entertainment held in the main hall. We were treated to wonderful performances by Native Spirit, an entertaining group who performed Native American dances and music, and The Longboards, a Beach Boys tribute band.

Willcox Elks Lodge Expedited Initiation

During the 57th Escapade in Tucson, the Escapees Elk BOF collected applications from 56 Escapees (including about a dozen Solos) wishing to join the Willcox Elks Lodge using an expedited initiation process. The Monday following the Escapade we all met at the Willcox Elks Lodge and went through the formal initiation ceremony.



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.**

Mail to: ESCAPEES SOLOS
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PAHRUMP, NV 89060

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