

# SOLOS NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Feb 2022

The Annual Winter Rally in Quartzsite ended with smiles on most SOLOS' faces. After not having the rally in 2021, people stepped up to make this year's rally super special. I want to thank the Rally Host, Carol Preimesberger and her assistants, Carol Hinkley, Carole Tibbets, and Fran Rothdiener for their hard work before, during, and after the rally. I also want to thank all of the volunteers who assisted them in making the rally a success. There were 86 in attendance during the rally, not including the visitors who attended the Dance.

As you are all aware that anyone is now able to join, or to renew their membership to the SOLOS C-BOF on-line. There is a cost for this service. The SOLOS Board decided to increase the annual dues to \$11. This change must be approved by the SOLOS Membership. Therefore, during the Annual Business Meeting, a motion was made to amend the SOLOS' Standing Rules to raise the Annual Dues to \$11 per year. The motion was seconded and was approved. The Standing Rules were later modified by committee and posted on the Bulletin Board at Groups.io.

Our SOLOS Webmaster, Ann Palmer, put a lot of work into getting the on-line Membership up and running in November and December. As a way of thanking her for her efforts, the Board voted to make Ann the First Lifetime SOLOS C-BOF Member. VP Carol Preimesberger presented her the membership during the Annual Business Meeting.

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INFO TIME: 48 New SOLOS used the website to join in January and 6 so far in February.

Since Robin McFadden was appointed to the Position of Member-at-Large in the SOLOS Board, she gave up her post as Sunshine Chair.

Claudia Alexander has agreed to and has been approved as the New Sunshine Chair. If you hear of any SOLO needing a Ray of Sunshine, please notify Claudia.

Information on the SOLOS Get-to-Gather (GTG) starting Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at The Steps near Parker, AZ, for the WinterBlast at Lake Havasu City has ben posted to the SOLOS Website. Keep looking there for updates to coming SOLOS events during the rest of the year.

Lastly, the Board is looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee to be appointed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. This committee's duty is to find SOLOS who are willing to stand for election as a SOLOS Officer. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact VP Carol Preimesberger or me at your earliest convenience.

Safe Travels to all. SKP Cyber Hugs!

RoyK



## Solo Rally at Death Valley Days 2021

When we first arrived, we went to the visitor center and signed in and paid for our spots. Then we watched a short movie and learned the history of the Shoshone Indians that still live in Death Valley, the valley itself, and how it formed. It was such a wonderful and informative movie.

Once we settled, one of the first ventures out was Beatty Days. We ate breakfast and watched the town annual parade, and ended up at the festival where there was a chile cook off, a car show, 2 big bands with great music and all kinds of vendors. It was a beautiful fun filled day.

Some of the things that we did during the week while anxiously awaiting the 49ers Encampment was Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge where we saw pupfish in the ponds, a bird sanctuary, if you listened quietly you could here the birds in the beautiful trees that were turning fall colors of yellow orange and red. The view was breath taking. What a beautiful oasis in the middle of the desert. On our way back to the campsite we stopped at the Andrew Jackson Long Street Casino for lunch. It's a beautiful hotel and casino and has a wonderful restaurant where we ate. On the patio are all these different statues and structures that are just amazingly beautiful artwork.

Some of the other places we went were the Devil's Hole where they discovered that the pupfish survived deep down inside.

We traveled out to Bad Water Basin where we stood 289 feet below sea level and ventured out onto the salt flats of the valley where there were ponds of salty water not fit to drink.

Then there was the Pallet of color Mountain. It's a mountain that has a natural artist palette splashed across the slopes with colors of green blue purple red and yellow just gorgeous.

Depending on the time of day you are there, the colors change all the time.

We went through Titus Canyon which is like a 3-D tour between these mountains that maybe had enough space for two vehicles to pass each other. Views forever. It was just gorgeous and the structures and the colors were just absolutely amazing.

Also there is the 20 Mule Team Harmony Borax Works that you could visit.

Then there was the Zabrisky's Point where you looked over the Badlands that was very awesome and beautiful, with yet another color of white biege mounds and dark tops that look like Vanilla ice cream with hot fudge topping. You could hike out along the many paths to see the structure up close. SO different than anything else around.

Then there is Rhyolite Ghost Town Museum surrounded by different unique artist structures. It was just amazing I've never seen anything like it.

We had hugs and mugs every morning and planned out our day. Happy hour every evening

to socialized before dinner.

We played bingo hosted by Solo Nancy Steneck and the proceeds went to care.

Solos also did their own ventures, some hiked in the morning at the different canyons and different locations. Some went stargazing at night in the foothills.

There were just so many things to do. There was never a dull moment.

Then came the 49ers Day Encampment. More Fun! Live music every night for 3 nights with the Trios. Seminars and festivities to go to. One of the things that we did was panning for gold. It was a contest of who could keep the most gold in their pan. Our very own Solos, Carole Tibbets came in 2nd place and Carol Hinkley came in third. Yahoo!!!

We stayed busy while waiting for the 49ers. A couple days before they arrived at Furnace Creek Ranch, we went out to meet up with them, had a Chuck Wagon pot luck with some of the best food. We met the 49'ers, talked with them, listened to their stories on how they traveled across Death Valley. There was so much to learn. We met their animals their horses and their mules that pulled the wagon team and met the people who are dedicated to doing this year after year. One girl, who was 14 years old, made her own wagon. Her grandmother made all the cloth coverings for the wagons. It was very interesting. They ended the evening with music.

A couple days later they ended their journey at Furnace Creek Ranch. Everyone brought their chairs and lined the streets and waited for their arrival. While we waited we were once again entertained by the Trios.

Then here they came.... starting with the Color Guard as they paraded down the street everyone cheered them on. It was great fun and a great experience.

The remainder of the time we had Alex muddy Smith come and sing and entertain us at Happy Hour and invited the Boomers to join us.

We all had a lot of fun. Thank you Roy and Robin and all who host the event and made sure we had a great time. Not to mention the Burn Your Own, Stone Soup dinners. It was a lot of fun it was a great rally! So worth the trip! See you next year! Don't miss it!—Milly Paulson





## **Quartzsite Rally and Business Meeting**

Quartzsite started on Wednesday, January 19th with Hugs and Mugs and a continental breakfast.

In the afternoon we went to the Escapees Happy Hour which was held right down the street from us. They served free beer and wine with Hot Dogs and chips. The solos had a table and gave out invitations to our dance. The entertainment by the Status Crows was fantastic.

Thursday started with a wonderful breakfast made by the Christian Fellowship group followed by a family of entertainers. What a joy it was to see the Children perform.

Our first seminar was given by Dave the battery and solar guy. He was able to replace many of our batteries with Lithium. batteries. The day ended with our own weenie roast over the fire pit. The Christian Fellowship group joined us and brought many delicious desserts and side dishes. The day ended around the campfire sharing stories and getting to know one another.

Friday started out with Hugs and Mugs and breakfast. Cool Judy came and spoke to us about Valley Fever. Many of us were not aware that it even existed. Games were brought out and played and at 2 PM Diesel Dave came and talked about how to avoid being taken by unethical mechanics. We ended the day with dinner on your own. Many of us chose to go to our favorite restaurant in Bouse . We arrived at 4:30 . only to find out that they were out of everything and they were closing the restaurant for the day. We ended up at a near by bar and had our meal there.

Saturday we were treated to lunch by Skymed and learned how to avoid being stranded if something happens to you. We ended the day with a burn your own and tasted a great variety of food from all the good cooking solos.

Sunday, right after breakfast we prepared to go to the desert bar. Those who decided not to go began to get the dance floor ready. After a good meal and some dancing we headed back from the desert bar so we could prepare the dance floor for the following day.

Monday was full of excitement as we put the finishing touches on the dance floor and the band began to set up. At 1:00 the band started playing and the dancing began. Pizza was ordered and picked up and wine was available for a small donation to Care. So many other groups came and enjoyed the dance with us.

Tuesday was our business meeting. We told everyone about being able to now renew your membership on line by credit card. Roy Kanada was reelected as President, Carol Preimesberger was elected as Vice-President, Carol Hinkley was reelected as Secretary and Leotta Spalla was reelected as Treasure.. Robin McFadden is our member at large. Because of all the hard work that she did to set up our website to allow people to pay on line

Ann Palmer was given our first life time membership as a solo. The meeting was followed by the auction and then Stone Soup. We raised over \$1700 for Care. Wednesday was a pancake breakfast followed by our good-byes. We are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Carol Preimesberger



## **Isabelle Collins Memorial**

Isabelle Mary Collins was a long time Solos member and an even longer Death Valley 49'ers member. Her health kept her from attending the SOLOS Death Valley Rally and the Death Valley 49'ers Encampment in November. We received word in January that she had passed away.

I received a telephone call recently from one of her sons. The family is planning an on-line Memorial Service and is in the process of calling all of the people on her phone's Contact List. They are getting email addressed so that they can send the contact information needed to attend. I promised to post the information to the SOLOS Bulletin Board at Groups.io for those who were not on her contact list, but who loved her and would want to attend.

He informed me that the Email would be sent by early March. So keep watching for my post.

\*Isobelle, I am going to miss you most when I renew my DV 49'ers membership. Seeing you leave the campground on your bicycle heading for you shift in the booth right after Hugs and Mugs was always a bright spot of my day.\*

Roy K