

Escapees Chapter 8 RV Club

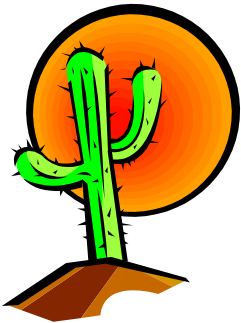
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We are all Escapees - also known as SKPs - that makes us all Special Kind of People. We all enjoy going to rallies - sharing the camaraderie, games, tours, and SKP meals. So when your chapter needs volunteers - officers - chairpersons - hosts --- don't hesitate to say "I will!" - that is the **SKP (Special Kind of People) way**. All groups need active member participation to make their group extra special.

We are looking forward to some summer rambles north to Gillette, WY Escapade August 28-September2. We hope Escapade is in your plans. Bob and Molly Pinner have interesting activities and new events for Escapade. Do check their Escapade information in the Escapees magazine and on the website <http://www.escapees.com/escapade/> for details and registration.

We hope you will enjoy some summer rally adventures - whether at 'home' or while wandering. There are chapter rallies from east to west. All enjoy having members and visitors participate.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

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From our Row rep at Escapade

Help Wanted!

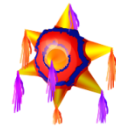
I am thrilled to be Row Representative for Mexican Connection in August. I have a super team of volunteers who are willing to give their time during the event. Since this is my first time, I am asking for any suggestions anyone might have for some type of decoration or any fun idea you might like to share.

Thanks,

Joy Melton

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Wagon Master 2012 Report



The plans for the Mexican Connection Chapter 8 Rally in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico have been finalized. We will start our Pre-Rally in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on Feb 7, 2012. We will be at Organ Pipe on Feb 7, 8 & 9 for registration and to get the paperwork needed to enter Mexico. We will also have meetings to discuss the best way to travel in Mexico, and information you will need while in Mexico. We will depart for Puerto Peñasco, Mexico on Feb 10 (about a 2 hr. drive, 75 miles) and stay until Feb 20, 2012 for the main Rally at Playa de Oro RV Park. At the Pre-Rally we will have sign-up sheets for participants who want to go on a fishing trip, sunset cruise, el Pinacate Biosphere Reserve tour (archaeological and geological area that features a giant extinct volcanic shield and Maar craters), boat trip to bird island, etc. Please indicate on Rally forms if you are interested, so I can find the best deals. Included in your Rally and Rig fees will be 3 catered meals (1 at Organ Pipe) (2 in Puerto Peñasco), a full hookup camping spot at Playa de Oro RV Park, 1 city tour with (Russ Tours), 1 commemorative windbreaker, a Rally pin and Margarita parties.

Applications will be posted on the Mexican Connection Website on July 1, 2011. Please contact me by e-mail or by phone if you have any questions. We will continue to take applications by e-mail until November 30, 2011, or until the rally is full. After Oct 30, 2011, if you do not have e-mail, then contact me by phone and I will mail the Rally Forms to you and give you a new address where you can mail them to. Come and join the Mexican Connection in Mexico.

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A Memory of Roger "Spook" McFillen

By: Dick Babione

Roger "Spook" McFillen has left us, but rich memories of him remain. Carolyn and I were privileged to spend time with Spook and Brenda several times this year, most recently in Albuquerque just before he came down with his final bout with interstitial lung disease. We were able to attend his memorial service in the Black Forest Lutheran Church near Colorado Springs, and can report that it was truly moving. One of his Cub Scout grandsons helped present the American flag to Brenda, and granddaughter Courtney, 15, played a viola solo and sang (also solo) the Lord's Prayer beautifully. At a lunch reception afterwards, friends and relatives related tales (many humorous) about Roger and his most impressive life. He never talked much about himself, you just knew who he was by his magnetic personality, and everyone's stories rang true. I (Dick) told about Escapees and the charity auction Roger conducted at the Mexican Connection meeting in Quartzsite this year. Roger held up this 12" X 12" tile, saying, "I've hauled this around long enough. I think I spent 75 cents on it." He ran the bid up to \$15.00, and sold it to my wife! We then spent a few hours at Brenda's home with family and close friends. We can report that Roger and Brenda have a most impressive family and that we were warmly received and comfortable with everyone we met. We were the only members of the RV community that could make it here, but we learned of several who will be stopping by to visit Brenda in the weeks ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

In joy for Roger's life, Dick and Carolyn Babione



From your Newsletter Editor

By: Jan Biller

Hola amigos,

As you can see this newsletter is very short. I just want to remind all of you that you could write up an article for the newsletter. It is not just up to the board to write articles. If you have something to share or a story about a time you were in Mexico or anything else we would love to have you share with us. The next deadline for articles for the Fall newsletter is September 25, 2011. Please send them to: chapter8.newsletter@yahoo.com.

Have safe travels.