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<http://www.mexicanconnection08.com/>

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Mensaje de los Presidentes

Well, it's getting close now and we're excited to be getting ready for another Mexican adventure at the Chapter 8 Bahía Kino Rally! Anticipation for the upcoming Rally is heightened by the weather forecast here in the Seattle area for low to mid-20 degree temperatures for the next 3-4 nights! Can't wait for 70s and even 80s in February in Kino Bay!!

→ Chapter 8 needs future Wagonmasters! ←

Please think about your future role in Chapter 8. We will need a 2017 Wagonmaster, several officer positions, a new Membership chair and Historian along with some Committee chairs. If you've been on Chapter 8 Rallies and enjoyed them, consider giving a little time to the Chapter by filling some open position. Just to elaborate on the all-important post of Wagonmaster---- Most Wagonmasters have a favorite place that they want to take their Rally. If not, we can supply a list of great places that we have visited and had successful Rallies in the past. Wagonmasters are reimbursed for their basic scouting trip expenses and do not pay, other than the Rally fee, for the actual Rally they organize. Many times, other members with experience will come along on your scouting trip to help. In the course of scouting, you will probably come into contact with potential charity organizations that will help the Charity Chair of your Rally. One of the most gratifying parts of each Rally is seeing the impact our group can make in our Rally area with non-profits that help needy people and children, the handicapped and schools that always need basic supplies to teach the kids. You will enjoy making our Rally participants comfortable in Mexico and enjoy a friendly family-oriented culture! We'll talk more about this on the Rally as it's very important to the future of our Escapees chapter and it really is fun putting on a Rally!



2015 Chapter 8 Rally to Bahía Kino—2-18 February 2015

Don't forget that Tucson, Arizona, my old hometown, is the host for the initial rendezvous of our 2015 Chapter 8 Rally that begins February 2 in Tucson and ends on February 18 in Kino Bay, Sonora. For complete information on the 2015 Rally, go to the Chapter 8 website <mexicanconnection08.com>

The 2015 Escapade—8-13 March 2015

Tucson is also the host for the 2015 Escapees RV Club ESCAPADE, the ultimate fun event for Escapees members! Escapade happens March 8-13, 2015 at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Hurry and get your Escapade registration in as parking spots are going fast! Call the Escapade office for the latest info at 888-757-2582 or <escapees.com/escapade>



VCRs for the Kino Bay rally are: Lynn and Mickey Waite

Row reps for Chapter 8 at the Escapade are: Orene and Larry Brown & Stan and Mary Christenbery

Our "Escape to Mexico" Seminar and the Chapter 8 FIESTA social afterwards!

Check your Escapade program for the day and time of our Chapter 8 Seminar titled "Escape to Mexico" and presented by Co-Presidents Lin and Maryke Hines. And don't forget the Chapter 8 Fiesta Social will be held again this year right after the seminar in the same room with Mexican style chips & salsa and more information about the Chapter and, if we get a digital projector, lots of pix from the 2015 rally! Please join us at both events!

Visiting Tucson

Tucson is a great place to visit too with lots of history, great scenery all around, the University of Arizona, a great university (my alma mater), many museums, a gorgeous Spanish Mission, a big Wild West rodeo, all the Arizona National Parks and National Monuments and many exciting events year round and the clincher—350 days of sunshine each year! This would be a good time to call the Tucson Visitor and Convention Center at 800-638-8350 or online at <visittucson.org> and ask for their free Tucson: Official Destination Guide.

We look forward to seeing you at the rally in Bahía Kino and the Escapade in Tucson!

*Lin and Maryke Hines
Chapter 8 Co-Presidents*

Here are some photographs of our last visit to Bahía Kino in 2009 after the Chapter 8 Guaymas Rally—
it's a great destination!

Photographs by Lin and Maryke Hines



Display at Seri Museum

OTHER NEWS

Ensenada Toll Road fully repaired and reopened December 16!

The Ensenada, Baja California scenic toll road from the U.S. border has completely reopened in both directions on December 16, 2014 after a section north of Ensenada was badly damaged by an earthquake nearly a year earlier. Folks who attended the February 2014 Ensenada will remember the detour around the slide area.

Look for Vaquita Marina in Bahía Kino!



Vaquita marina is a critically endangered small porpoise found only in the extreme northern reaches of the Sea of Cortez. It is captured in gillnets by fishermen fishing for totoaba, a huge, heavy fish whose swim bladder is prized by chefs in China and can bring between \$5000-10,000 per bladder! Totoaba fishing is already illegal but it is so lucrative that it is still done.

A recent study estimated that there are less than 100 vaquita remaining including only a few dozen reproductively mature vaquita. The Mexican government in late December announced a plan to ban gillnet fishing in most of the upper area of the Sea of Cortez to save this rare porpoise, which is the most endangered of all cetaceans, which include all whale species.

Vaquitas are the smallest cetacean species with the most limited range—only the upper Sea of Cortez. They grow to a maximum length of 4' 11" and weigh about 100 pounds. Vaquita have large flippers and a tall dorsal fin, they have a blunt beakless head and a girth up to 68% of their body length. Vaquita are also called the “desert porpoise” because of the Sonoran desert surrounding the Sea of Cortez. They can sometimes be seen at the harbor entrances.



Will there be Carnaval in Bahía Kino????

Will there be Carnaval in Bahía Kino between 12-17 February 2015 as there is in Guaymas, Sonora, Mazatlan, Ensenada, La Paz, BCS and most other port cities in Mexico? We've inquired but gotten no firm answers, so far! If so, that would be another highlight of being in Mexico close to the end of Lent. It's much like Mardi Gras in New Orleans but even more colorful and spectacular with great parades, fireworks and crowning of King and Queen and all the princesses!



Greetings from your Wagon Master Team.

We are writing this from Connecticut. We are a long ways from Tucson where are motor-home is being treated to new floor coverings. We will drive to Tucson (6 Days), pickup the coach and repack it (3 days). We hope to see you all in Quartzite, we'll be the folks with a 2,000 yard stare.

We now have 20+ rigs registered to go to Kino Bay. We expect this weeks mail will bring in 5 more. We are in the black, but a few more rigs would be great.

On January 1st, our official registrations will close. The reason for this is our vendors need time to produce & ship our shirts, pins & goodie bags. We are able to add rigs at the last minute, however those folks may not be able to share in the a fore mentioned goodies.

If you think you may be late sign-up, please e-mail us with your intentions so that we can make sure to save you a place!

We would invite you to follow our blog as we continue to wander and experience our country. You can find us at: <http://arnoldsserendepity.wordpress.com/>

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Leading the Way,

To Kino Bay.

12/25/2014

Report from Sue Schaffer, Charity Coordinator

First, all of you will love Kino Bay. We explored the Kino Bay Area in February. The weather was beautiful, sunny and 80's during day with low 60's at night. The beach is across the road, and you can walk for miles along the bay. The highway from the border to the city of Hermosillo is 4 lanes.

Old Kino is a fishing village. There are lots of fishermen. Some have injuries due to poor diving practices. The Mexican-American Club , Club Deportivo, now gives scuba diving lessons and diving safety classes.

There is much need in old Keno. I have been working with three of their officers to get a list of needs.

The needs are:

- Medical needs: 3 wheelchairs, walkers without wheels, canes especially with 3 or 4 prong bases(have 3), 2 blood pressure cuffs, a cardiac defibulator, oxygen tank regulators for portable oxygen tanks that have regulator that goes from 0-15 mlm (millimeters per minute).
- School supplies: colored pencils, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, paper, no colored paper.
- Clothing needs for infants, toddlers, children, and adults. Sweaters, sweats, and light coats for all ages. The Club Deportivo has an AA Group that needs adult clothing. Shoes all ages, no high heels are needed.
- Blankets are also needed
- If you are not going, cash donations to Kino Bay Charity Fund would be greatly appreciated.

The Club Deportivo has a very active charity outreach. (See next page for info on Club Deportivo... copied from <http://www.mexicoecoresort.com/friends-of-la-posada/kino-bay-club-deportivo/>)

This is a photo of the items already collected



Background: Francine Bailey is this years President of Club Deportivo in Kino Bay. See: <http://www.kinobayclubdeportivo.com/>

She has been very helpful in working with us on YOUR rally to Kino Bay next February.

Francine Bailey recently emailed Peter and Ann Marie Arnold:

"We are looking forward to your visit in Feb. 2015. Our Board of Directors made and approved the motion to offer your Escapees a 14 day membership at a reduced price: \$15 for a couple and \$10 for a single. We will have many activities going on during your stay, so some of your members may want to take advantage of a membership. All of the Escapees may visit 2 times as guests of a member.

You will be here for 2 of our Friday night social hours, on Sat. the 7th, we have our General Membership yearly meeting in the morning, of which only members may attend. We will be having Bingo on Monday the 9th, and Trivia on the evening of the 10th, always a lot of fun with much participation. We will have 2 Club meals scheduled, the 8th is a breakfast and the 14th is our Valentine Rib dinner/dance.

You have scheduled a dinner at the club on Feb. 17th to be cooked by locals and club members & include entertainment.

We are hoping to have the Seris to KBRV park on the 8th for sharing/selling their baskets, carvings and shell necklaces, along with music and dancing.

I will have our 1st VP, Mark Tracy, work with the RC to see what items they are needing, and will write you as soon as we know.

have a wonderful holiday season, will keep in touch as it gets closer to your date of arrival."

Francine Bailey

MY Note: 'Seris' refers to local indigenous Indians who are very needy.

We have reviewed our finances and have decided that we will absorb this cost into our already tight budget.



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Kino Bay Club Deportivo

History of Club Deportivo

In the 1960s and 1970s, abundant game fish in the Sea of Cortez and the pristine beaches of Bahia de Kino — already known to Hermosillo residents — were powerful attractions for visitors from the north. Individual sportsmen and families came in ever-increasing numbers, staying for longer periods of time, and returning year after year.

In the early days, aside from the Port Captain, there were no facilities in Kino to assist fishermen and no means of communication between boats or with families ashore except for citizen-band radios with limited, line-of-sight transmission. It was easy to get into trouble. Visitors and local residents acquired valuable experience and willingly provided rescue work, but an organization to provide more effective rescue services was needed.

In early October of 1977, 23 people met to discuss the growing needs of Kino Bay. They organized a club dedicated to helping sportsmen and fostering boating safety and elected the first officers. On October 26, they met again to discuss chartering the new Club under Mexican laws. Each contributed 500 pesos (US\$22.50) to establish a working fund. They drew up by-laws, named a chairman of the rescue program (soon to become “Rescue One”), and met with lawyers in Hermosillo to get the Club chartered.

Rescue One is the number one activity of our club and is the reason the club was established. Rescue One is a 24/7, 365 days-per-year service that provides a safety net for boaters using the Sea of Cortez and crossing the Sonoran Desert. It is also the communications hub for emergencies in our community. This service is open to all, not just our members. It is the only service of its kind in Mexico.

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