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El otoño es bello



MENSAJE de los PRESIDENTE

Message from President Peter Arnold

Summer News from The Mexican Connection.

Chapter #8's Mission Statement {A.K.A. The Mexican Connection} is two fold;

- 1) We want to introduce our RV family to the excitement and pleasures of traveling in Mexico, in a safe manner.
- 2) We bring charitable works, both money and in-kind donations of clothing, medical equipment. Incidental to these goals, we bring friendship and hope to our Mexican neighbors.

Our summer was spent touring up the east coast where we have family & friends. We attended the National Convention of The National Camping Travelers held at Essex Junction, VT. This will be the location of next year's Escapade. While assisting the parking committee, I fell off my bike and smashed (NOT BROKE) my left knee. Hint: A significant bone bruise will slow you down! We returned via 1000 Islands, Shipshewana, Detroit. Labor Day finds us at a C.O.E. Park in Kansas, we are meandering towards the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta where we will join The Boomers for the 4th year of crewing.

February's planned rally to Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), is well along in it's planning stages. Our Wagon Master's are Larry and Orene Brown. They have a new Campground for us to explore, several meals and a tour. Best info to be found on our website: [Chapter # 8](#).

Anne-Marie and I had our introduction to camping in Mexico with the Chapter #8 Rally in Puerto Penasco. We were very nervous and had a million questions which were all answered at the 3 day pre-rally. We had a wonderful experience and have been joining Chapter 8 ever since.

During the 2015 rally, about 25% of our participants were first timers. This was good for them and good for us as we do need 'New Blood' to join our officer line. We are volunteer driven which allows us to keep cost at about 25% of a commercial tour.

Peter Arnold, President





Registration for the 2016 rally on the Beach began on Thursday, September 10, 2015

We are planning many great activities for you, while also leaving you lots of free time to explore on your own. We have planned tours and excursions in an a la carte style, as some of you are very familiar with the area and won't care to repeat some things. We are catering to group of diverse experiences and interests. Some will have a cost - such as a tour or cruise provided by a local business, and some will be no cost. Once registration is underway we will be asking you to indicate your initial interests for our planning purposes.

- A city tour that will give you a base of information for your own exploration
 - A Jeep/4 wheeling day trip
 - Tag along day trip to El Pinacate, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
 - Sunset Cruise
 - Golf
 - Fishing
 - Senior Bar Hopping
- And more!

There is much to see and do in Puerto Penasco, also referred to as Rocky Point. Check out this web site: www.cometorockypoint.com

Our location, at The Reef RV Park at Sandy Beach, is fabulous! We are at the end of Sandy Beach, just past the big resorts. We have full hook ups at every site, Wi-Fi, and Bathrooms and Showers. We also have a first class restaurant, Mare Blu, and a Restaurant and Bar, Wrecked at the Reef, on site. So what is not to LOVE?

#2016rallyonthebeach

It is THE place to be in February 2016!--

**Larry and Orene Brown
2016 Rally On The Beach Wagon Masters**

Funcionarios de Capítulo 8

Chapter Officers elected in Kino Bay

President, Peter Arnold
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As you can see, we have 3 vacancies, two of them for Vice Presidents/Wagon Masters – very important positions to our Chapter! Please consider stepping up to fill these positions at our 2016 Rally. No VPs, no Wagon Masters. No Wagon Masters, no rally. No Historian, no past? Unthinkable!



Mexican Connection Website:

<http://www.mexicanconnection08.com>

Charity Report - from Margaret Jenia

Some early ideas for our members to bring on the rally for donation to the needy:

Please do not bring junk, anything that is dirty, unusable, or broken. Also make sure that any clothing items are clean and in good repair. NO stuffed animals or old or out of date electronics.

Needed items:

Plastic grocery bags, doubled for strength. These are used for food bags for some of the poorest people in Puerto Penasco. The Los Conchas committee fills the bags every week with food. They have also requested small bars of soap, shampoo, etc. to put in the bags.

Feb. 14th is the Las Conchas yard sale and all of the money goes to needy families. They could use volunteers before and after this event or donations.

Items for our silent and live auctions which supplies cash for local donations. Think about--'could someone use this in a motorhome?'. Auctions will be held at "Wrecked at the Reef".

Local orphanage needs are: Laundry soap, dish soap, Fabuloso (cleaning supply), clorox, toilet paper, size 3 and 4 diapers, wipes. Childrens' clothing and blankets. They also look for donations to help defray the cost of their children going to school.

On Saturdays a local lady has volunteers for a sack lunch for 100-150 kids. They welcome volunteers or donations.

School supplies are always needed.

I am sure there will be more needs as we get closer to our rally date.

Margaret





After a fantastic four month RV trip to Newfoundland and Canadian Maritimes, we're back home again in Olympia, WA and this weekend displaying our 53 year old American Marine Chanteyman trawler yacht (predecessor of the Grand Banks yachts) at the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend. Yes the *M/V Wandrian* is our "other RV" and needed to get out on the water after languishing in our boathouse during the whole summer!

We hope to see everyone in Puerto Peñasco in February 2016. We are looking forward to the Rally and will be signing up September 10 along with many of you. Wagonmasters Larry and Orene Brown with the help of other Chapter 8 members are in the process of preparing a terrific rally with lots of surprises. Puerto Peñasco is a great town and the area around it is very interesting. Lots to do and very friendly people. You don't want to miss it! Chapter 8 was there before about 4 or 5 years ago and we had a great time, but it looks like this one is going to be even better! Don't forget to bring charity items too! So "¡Hasta la Vista en la Playa!"

Lin and Maryke Hines, Immediate Co-Past Presidents



Message from your Editor:

As some of you may know, Bill and I recently purchased a home in Florida and are enjoying our new house. We sold our motorhome and jeep and recently purchased a truck and truck camper. We have decided to give up the "full-timer" life and just travel as "some-timers".

Consequently, after the next rally in Puerto Penasco, I am resigning as newsletter editor.

The previous newsletter editor, Jan Biller, made this job very easy with great instructions and everything on a thumb drive. So, it should be no problem for someone new to take over this fun and interesting position. I would help out as long as needed.

If this is the job for you, please email me at newsletter.chapter8@yahoo.com.

Thanks

Shelly Dominek

tienen una gran temporada de vacaciones, el próximo boletín es en diciembre

