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Please pardon the appearance of this issue's layout. Your newsletter editor's computer crashed just before she was deployed to Rhode Island to work. Needless to say, it's been a challenge.

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Chapter 8 Rally Plans for 2011

Chapter 8 has decided to hold a rally in the McAllen Texas area this next year. It will be from Monday, January 31st until Friday February 4th.

Rally arrival is BEFORE 12 noon on Monday Jan. 31st. We will have registration, a welcome meeting and social hour before a catered dinner that evening.

Continental Breakfast will be provided on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Tuesday we will spend time in the morning discussing:

- A Correct paperwork for travel in Mexico and how to obtain it
- B Necessary and optional insurance requirements for travel in Mexico
- C Vehicle preparedness.

The afternoon will be free for help with Chapter 8 charity program or plans of your own.

Wednesday will be for a trip to cross the border to Progresso to experience the culture and food of Mexico. We will park our cars on the U.S. side of the border and walk across. There will be an opportunity to obtain the paperwork necessary for further travel into Mexico. We will have time for shopping and a planned group meal with a general meeting plus a board meeting in Mexico. The agenda will be to make plans for the 2012 rally which we expect to be a trip into Mexico with RV travel as a Chapter 8 group and election of officers for the chapter.

Thursday afternoon we will discuss

- A. Safety tips and suggestions to make Mexican travel more fun
- B. Choosing a border crossing
- C. Tips for travel as a group.

We have planned a pot luck dinner for this evening with everyone contributing a dish to share. Chapter 8 will provide the DRINKS.

Friday will be a day of departure for those who wish to travel farther into Mexico. We will be assisting those who are continuing to Mexico in small groups to get underway if they desire.

The option exists for people to arrive early or stay later at our rally rate of \$10.00 per night at Lazy Palms Ranch RV Park. There are many things to do in this area including amazing bird watching, fishing, sea life observation trips. There are historical sites, good shopping and warm weather.

Fee for rally will be \$87.00 for 1 person and Rig, each additional person will be \$47.00. Total for 2 persons is \$134. Registration begins on Sept. 1st.

Forms are available at our Chapter 8 website mexicanconnection08.com and at Escapade. Contact Wagonmasters Jim and Cynthia Ponder with questions at Pondermexico@gmail.com or 919-606-1156.

The Road to Escapade!

Goshen, Indiana is the place....September 12th is the date...and HERE is where you can meet your friends, and make your plans to have FUN at Escapade!

We encourage the chapters/c-bofs to post their social / pre or post Escapade information on the Escapees Forum --- www.escapees.com > Discussion Forum > Road to Escapade. A great way to promote / advertise your group's activities.

Check this Thread often for information regarding Chapter and BOF socials and meetings at Escapade. Don't belong to a Chapter or BOF... then stay tuned here, join up with one...and rendezvous at Escapade! Or plan your "rolling rally" and "caravan" to Goshen...all roads lead to Goshen, for the 50th Escapade!

Planning to attend, but haven't registered? Visit <http://www.escapees.com/escapade/2010/> to get all the details...but don't delay...the count is quickly filling up!

Coming to the 2010 Escapade? Be sure to join us there.

The Chapter 8 Social will be Wednesday, Sept 15th at 5:45 in the HFA Bldg.



Dawn at Lake Chapala (Jalisco state)

Hi Folks --- We know everyone would like Escapade in their back yard – however seasons, facilities, classrooms, hookups, and costs all come into play in choosing a location and a date. It is not an easy task. With only one Escapade a year – there are ways to share Escapees closer to home and enjoy the fun of being with Escapees friends – old and new. So if Escapade is in the East, why not plan a group rally with a neighboring chapter(s) in the West. Likewise, if Escapade is in the West, why not plan a group activity in the East.

There are a number of chapters that have had very successful, enjoyable and terrific joint rallies. Florida chapters are now sharing their Nov rally. MI/OH/IN have a tri rally each summer. 37/47

share several rallies each summer in Northern Ca/Southern OR. Last summer the NW chapter 34 hosted /5/35/33 at a grand joint rally. This past winter 32/45 shared a terrific rally. Coming soon is the All Eastern Rally in NC. And this fall there will again be an All Texas Rally. By joining together chapters/c-bofs can have neat rallies, share ideas, hosts and enjoy great camaraderie.

There are a number of ways to plan such events.

- Rotating hosts from one year to another by group. Eg: #6 host this year, #36 next year and #51 the following year.
- Rotating hosts by the day. Eg: #10 host Monday, #11 host Tuesday, #19 host Wednesday, #30 host Thursday
- Rotating hosts by event. Eg: #34 does meals, #5 does games, #33 does Happy Hour, #35 does tours
- Review and use the Rally Host Manual to get started with ideas. Easy download at <http://www.escapees.com/chapters/OfficerManuals.asp>
- Share ideas and success stories with us at densu@escapees.com

It is never too early to dream some dreams, make some plans or get started with some new ideas. It takes just one enthusiastic person to get things started. Don't be afraid, there are always folks there to help if you just ask. Others are just waiting for someone to take charge and then they are then there to help. Hope this tickles your interest!

SKP Hugs, Susie & Denny Orr, Chapter Directors, Escapees RV Club

Escapees Decal

Do you display your Escapees decal on your RV and truck or car? The Volunteer Club Representatives regularly offer members either the 5" or 10" free decals when they attend rallies. We, as VCRs, tell folks to be proud to show that they are Escapees members and that Escapees stop for Escapees when in need of assistance along the way. We have stopped to ask if assistance is needed when we have seen an RV stopped along side of the road – especially if they have a SKP decal in view. Often they will say, they are okay or that help is on the way.



We can personally attest that the **Escapees spirit of Caring and Sharing** is alive and well. After attending a recent rally in North Carolina, our diesel engine did a shake, rattle and smoke show! Yikes we were on a narrow curvy two lane road with no pull offs. We coasted to a wide spot in the

road and called our road service Coach-Net. While waiting for a tow truck every Escapees RV that passed us stopped to see if we were okay or needed any help. We were grateful for their caring and their concern, but alas there was nothing they could do, but lend us their support. It is nice to know that SKPs really do stop for SKPs and SKP to still CARE and SHARE the spirit of Escapees.

Our diesel engine needs to be replaced (boo-hoo!) so it is still in the shop. Not a fun experience, but glad to know SKPs care. May your travels be smooth and uneventful and do display your Escapees decal. You just never know when you may need a SKP Friend.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

WANTED FOR MEXICAN CONNECTION CHAPTER 8 (two positions):

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Our 2nd Vice President has recently resigned. This person had been planning an El Fuerte/Copper Canyon 2012 Rally. This rally will of course not occur without a 2nd VP transitioning into the Wagonmaster for 2012. I am asking someone in the Chapter 8 community to step forward to handle the planning of a 2012 Rally. As 2nd Vice President you have the option to choose a Rally location with approval of the board and general membership at the 2011 Rally. You do not have to stay with the previously proposed El Fuerte/Copper Canyon location. **Please contact me at the email address below** or any board member for more information.

TREASURER

I am sorry to have to report that Earl Reese has found it necessary to resign as treasurer of Chapter 8, due to health reasons. By way of this post I am asking for someone in the Chapter 8 community to step forward to handle the chapter check book for the balance of Earl's one year term. This is not a difficult task, but one that is important. It will be a critical task for the 2011 Rally. Please contact me at the email address below for more information. In the meantime, please keep Earl & Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

Ed Biller

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TREASURERS REPORT

MEXICAN CONNECTION CHAPTER EIGHT

MAY 1, 2009 TO APRIL 30, 2010

Bank balance as of May 1, 2009	\$18,528.86	
Less checks outstanding	1,700.00	
Chapter account balance as of May 1, 2009	16,828.86	\$16,828.86
PLUS INCOME		
Charity: See Charity Report Attached	\$ 3,294.00	
Rally & Rig Fees	28,680.67	
T-Shirts	560.00	
Hats	170.00	
Membership	922.00	
Hermosillo Bus Tour	1,320.00	
Total Income	33,626.67	33,626.67
LESS EXPENSE		
Operating Expense (See note #1)	\$ 1,133.40	
Rally	22,960.58	
Rally Refunds	3,284.00	
Bus Tour	2,000.00	
Charity	5,750.00	
Total Expense		35,127.98
Bank balance as of April 30, 2010		\$15,327.55

Note #1; ROW expense; storage rental; WEB page fees; bank checks; Print Wagonmaster manuals.

Respectfully submitted,

George Young, Treasurer

Charity Committee Report Bahia de Kino Rally 2010

INCOME

Funds allocated from Chapter 8	2,000.00
Paid with registration	1,038.00
Donations received during rally	1,391.00
Auction income	<u>1,589.00</u>
Total Income	6,018.00

CHARITY PAY OUTS

CRREDA	500.00
Soup Kitchens	500.00
Ricarda Hurtado Fund	800.00
Desayunadors	1,868.00
Familias Unidas	1,600.00
CARE	<u>750.00</u>
Total Charity Pay Outs	6,018.00

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Davidson
Chairman, Charity Committee