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MENSAJE de los PRESIDENTE
Message from President Cynthia Ponder

We had a wonderful time at the Escapade in Gillette. We were glad to see members of The Mexican Connection and thrilled to have new members join us there. Joy Melton with her able crew of assistants did a wonderful job on THE ROW representing CH. 8 and we were all excited to find renewed interest in our 2012 trip to Puerto Peñasco. We signed up at least 20 registrations for the rally at Escapade alone. We also had folks who can't join us then but are anticipating traveling with us in 2013.

Many commented on enjoying our gathering in Quartzsite in January. If you are interested and will be in the area we would like to do a shortened and less formal version again this year. Let me know if you are willing to help host.

We have a growing list of people signed up for our 2012 rally to Puerto Peñasco. Just a reminder that you can reserve an interest in all the fun activities we have planned but do not have to pay for them until the pre-rally in Organ Pipe National Monument. We can take up to 80 rigs. See Wagonmaster, Dannie Dolan's article in this newsletter and our website for full details and registration forms.

We will hold our annual meeting at that time, approving our rally site for 2013, installing new officers and making future plans. We will also need to appoint a Row Representative for the Sedalia, MO Escapade which will be in Sept 2012.

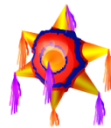
This year Frank and Marlene Hinman will be joining us as VCR, Volunteer Club Representatives, on the rally. They can bring us up to date on all the latest news on the Escapees Club and are just a lot of fun to be with.

Hope you have all had a wonderful summer of travel and have great plans for the fall and winter. We look forward to seeing you in Feb. 2012 at Organ Pipe National Monument for the pre-rally.

Cynthia Ponder

Wagonmaster 2012 Report

By: Dannie and Beverly Dolan



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 Cactus National Monument on Feb. 7, 8, 9 for registration and to get the paperwork needed to enter Mexico. We will have meetings to inform and 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 and annual Mexican Connection meeting at Playa de Oro RV Park. At the Pre-Rally we will have signup sheets for participants who want to go on a fishing trip, sunset cruise, El Pinacate Biosphere Reserve tour, and boat trip to Bird Island, etc. Please indicate on Rally forms if you're interested, so I can get 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 were posted on the Mexican Connection website on Sept. 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, 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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Wagonmaster 2012 Report **Puerto Peñasco 2012 Rally update:**

The Rally applications are starting to come in and it is starting to fill up. Don't be late; we only have a certain number of campsites available. If you're interested in going, please get your application in so we will have a campsite for you, we don't want you to miss out on a great Rally in Mexico. I will be going down to Puerto Peñasco in December to arrange the best prices as a group for the tours and the activities that we have planned.

The prices for all activities will be available at the Pre-Rally, so you will be able to sign up for the trips that you want. Please indicate if you're interested in going on the trips on the Rally forms so we can get a group discount. If you change your mind after the prices are confirmed, and you do not sign up for the trips at the Pre-Rally, you will not be committed to going on the trips. All of the prices I received on my earlier trip were reasonable and affordable, but I will need to confirm them. I have received some phone calls and e-mails asking what there is to do in Puerto Peñasco besides the activities that are planned. There are a lot of interesting places to shop, great places to eat, beautiful ocean views, sunsets to look at and a chance to meet new friends as we travel in Mexico.



Rosie Glover from ProAlliance Insurance wrote a nice letter to the chapter 8, please read it. We have travelers that carry weapons. You're not allowed to take them into Mexico. There is a store called Why Not Convenience store in Why, AZ that will store your weapons for \$ 2.00 a day or \$ 10.00 a week. If you need more information e-mail me and I will give it to you.

We will have a pot-luck dinner in Puerto Peñasco with a margarita party on a date to be decided later. At the 2011 Escapade there was a drawing from the ticket holders of the Quartzsite rally and the Escapade tickets. The winner for a free trip to Puerto Peñasco is Jack and Sherrie DeArmond. Congratulations to our winners.

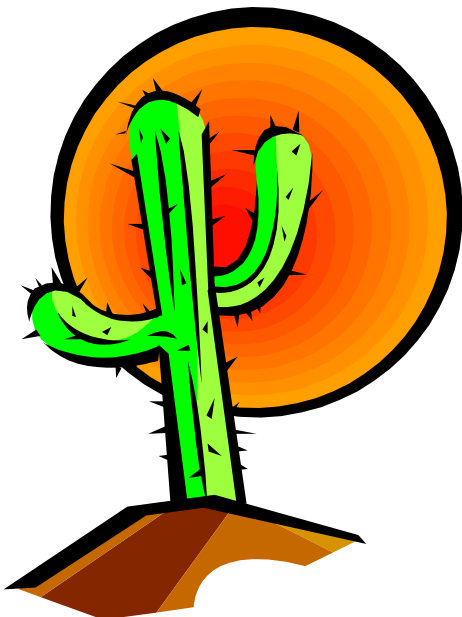


We have located some great charities to help while we're in Mexico. A children's home with 40 or more children can use clothes (ages 3 thru 15), school supplies, toys, sports equipment and food. We will be able to purchase some food with your money donations. We also have a senior citizens home that can use money to help pay their electric bill. These are just two of the places that could use our help. The businesses in Puerto Peñasco do a good job of supporting charities but we can also help as a good will gesture for the Mexican Connection as we travel in Mexico.

It has been suggested that we have a social in Quartzsite in January. Details of date and time will be in the next newsletter.

Come join us and enjoy a great time in Mexico with the Mexican Connection.

Dannie and Beverly Dolan



THE METRIC SYSTEM

Distance

1 kilometer = 0.62 miles

1 mile = 1.61km

Volume

1 liter = .26 US gallons

1 US gal = 3.79 lt

Weight

1 kilogram = 2.21 pounds

1 lb = 0.45 kg

Temperature

F° to °C [(F° - 32) x 5/9]

°C to F° [(°C x 1.8) + 32]

Formula for translating cost of pesos per liter to dollars per gallon at the gas pump:

Price per liter (pump price) x
3.79 (liters per gallon) ÷

exchange rate of pesos per
dollar or: **P x l ÷ e = \$/gal**

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We are all Volunteers in one way or another. And it is the Volunteers that keep a chapter/c-bof active, growing, successful and always a lot of fun. If each member just steps up to do a little part, the group can only continue to grow and thrive. We ask each member to volunteer some contribution to the chapter/c-bof.....be an officer, chairperson, rally host, helper, greeter, cleaner-upper. We can all contribute something to the chapter/c-bof and enjoy the friendships and good times together.

VOLUNTEERS

V aluable is the work you do.
O utstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of cheer,
U nending are your efforts throughout the year.
N otable are the contributions you make.
T rustworthy in every project you take.
E ager to reach your every goal.
E ffective in the way you fulfill your role.
R eady with a smile like a shining star.
S pecial and wonderful - that's what you are.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr
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From Treasurer Steve Bufty

The Chapter 8 Treasury has been successfully passed from retiring Treasurer George Young to the new Treasurer Steve Bufty. Working by phone and email with both the 2012 Wagonmaster Dannie Dolan and the Website Manager Don Busick, the Treasurer has been coordinating and staying on top of Chapter finances. Don Busick has done a fantastic job of setting up the Chapter's Website and creating a PayPal account so that Members have the ability to pay their dues, Rally fees, and to make charitable donations online. Of course payments by check are also gladly accepted. Through this website, Don had also been working hard to build and maintain the Membership Roster and Membership status.

So with the Wagonmaster's hard work supported by both the Treasurer and Webmaster, the February Rally to Puerto Peñasco is taking shape with 32 rigs signed up and paid for as of this writing (20 September). We encourage anyone who is even thinking about a trip to Mexico to give this Rally serious consideration as it is a safe and delightful destination within a couple hour drive of the US border and located right on the Sea of Cortez with the feel and warmth of Mexico. And if you like such things as fresh oysters, shrimp, margaritas, chili rellenos, volcanic geology, warm camaraderie, and much much more then you don't want to pass on this Rally in Puerto Peñasco.

¡HABLA ESPAÑOL! **A few Spanish words to learn before going into Mexico**

Quiero - I want

Busco - I am looking for

Habla despacio - speak slowly

No sé - I don't know

Mucho gusto - glad to meet you

Por favor - please

Más - more

El Banco - the bank

Recibo - receipt

Menos - less

Aquí- here

Tiene usted? - Do you have?

Ahora - now

Para niños - for kids

From
Secretary
Joy
Melton

I'm Going... Are You?

That became the theme of everyone helping on the Row at Escapade. It was a fun filled week on the Row and I had the best support team. We had excellent coverage at all times and everyone was enthusiastic, informative, and the results were impressive. We ended the Escapade with almost 20 paid registrations for the 2012 trip. Our social on Thursday was very well attended. Those to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for their help throughout the week, in alphabetical order, are Steve Bufty, Don Busick, Jack and Sherrie DeArmond, Randy Dolan, Donna Patten and Cynthia and Jim Ponder.

The Row was inside the auditorium, so the experience was different from having it at the rigs. People playing the Escapees Game came by the booth for a moment or so, but there were many interested in the trip and a lot took information. Don Busick was our resident Geek and people were able to pay by PayPal, check or cash. Besides trip registrations, we also handled membership renewals. Steve Bufty made up badges that said, "I'm Going... Are You?" for those who registered to wear at the social. It let those who were interested know who had already signed up for the fun trip to come. Cynthia gave a terrific presentation at the social on who we are, what we do, and please join us which was well received by those in attendance. Randy, Jim, Cynthia, Steve and Donna did a great job of turning a classroom into a Mexican fiesta for the social.

This was my first time being Row Representative, and I would recommend it to everyone, but only if you have the team support that I did. These friends made the job fun for me and everyone else. I could not have done it without them.

Joy Melton, Row Representative
Gillette, Wyoming

Escapade in Gillette, WY was a hit!

Lots of fun, smiles and interesting classes. The Row was inside wrapped around the assembly hall. The Row is a great way to promote your activities and share just how much fun you can have with Escapees. Next year **Escapade will be Sept 16-21, 2012 in Sedalia, MO.** We hope your chapter/c-bof is present to share in the fun. Bob & Molly Pinner, Escapade Directors, will be visiting Sedalia soon. We will then know where The Row will be located. Hours for The Row will be shortened to give those on The Row more time to go to classes. We're looking forward to seeing many of you in Sedalia.

SKP Hugs Susie & Denny Orr



Escapade in Gillette, Wyoming 2011



Please keep Arlo Thomas, assistant webmaster, in your positive thoughts. He has been diagnosed with a lesion on his pancreas. They will be doing a biopsy to make a final diagnosis. We wish him the best.

Remember to use the Mexican Connection website to pay for your annual dues using PayPal. Also sign-up for rallies and pay for rallies using PayPal.
mexicanconnection08.com

Dear Escapees,

My name is Rosie Glover and I own ProAlliance Insurance, www.proalliance.com.mx/, in Rocky Point. I am honored to be among the first to put out the Welcome Mat for you on behalf of this city.

In the time leading up to your trip and once you're here, you'll have many of fun decisions to make. Take the trip to the Pinacate volcano or explore the famous Malecon? Aged or Reposado tequila? Laze in the sunshine (yes, even in February) or cruise the curio shops?

By comparison, picking an insurance company for the 10 days you'll be here doesn't seem nearly as much fun, does it? Hopefully I can help you check this item off the list so you can move on to the more enjoyable aspects of preparation. Regardless whether or not you purchase your insurance from me, my staff and I are at your service and eager to answer any questions you might have.

Mexican Civil Liability coverage is a legal requirement in Mexico. Sometimes your U.S. carrier will say that they "cover you in Mexico". Be careful not to misunderstand what that means. It means that if your vehicle is damaged while in Mexico, your insurance will pay to repair it. It **doesn't** mean that you are complying with Mexican law that says you must have Liability insurance issued by a Mexican carrier.

If you're the type that just wants to cut to the chase and purchase the policy, feel free to visit our website. There you can quote, purchase and print out your policy.

However, if you have questions or doubts, don't hesitate to call our U.S. numbers listed below. It is my pleasure to announce that for every policy sold, ProAlliance Insurance will make a donation to the charity chosen by your event. This is our way of thanking you for helping our community!

I am also volunteer Director of the Visitor Assistance office in Rocky Point, so if there is anything I can do to help make your trip more enjoyable, please let me know.

Those of you who've never been here before might like a preview of what's in store. You can listen to a live broadcast of ROCKY POINT RAMBLINGS, the only English-language talk radio program in the State of Sonora. Just visit www.rpcal.com and click on the tab for **SOL FM 106.1**. To interact with us during the show, visit Facebook and search Rocky Point Ramblings.

Well, Escapees, thank you for your time. If the next five months fly by at the same rate as the five previous ones, then I'll certainly be seeing you soon!



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