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REMINDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

These reminders are for everyone but especially for the new leaseholders that may not have had the opportunity to check out all of our policies.

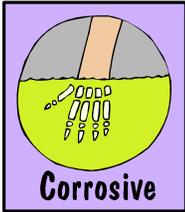
1. For those who are considering making improvements to their lots, please note that there is a procedure in place for doing so. You must:
 - a. Obtain the proper documents from the office
 - b. Meet with building and safety to approve your written plans
 Maintenance does not require approval or permission but improvements definitely do.
2. Each lot owner is responsible for removing any weeds from their lot while they are at the park. The out door manager will begin spraying when weeds are at the proper height and will cover each lot at one spraying. At this time they have not reached the appropriate height.
3. We have always asked members to stop at the office, as a courtesy, to let the managers know when you are leaving or returning to the park. This enables them to calculate your 120 days out, and to get emergency messages to you if needed whether you are in the rental pool or not. However, as this system does not seem to work very well, as of April 1, 2008, there will be a clip board hung on the outside of the office, where everyone needs to date and initial their leaving or returning. Those of you who do not bother with this arrangement and who have rental lots could find themselves billed for a non-rental lot at the end of the year. We also need to know who is here in case of any emergency that might happen in your families or here in the park so that you do not get overlooked.
4. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HEAD UP THE 2008 ROUND-UP. IF YOU HAD FUN AT THE LAST ONE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUED, PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO RUN OR HELP.

Remember the word co-op is found at the beginning of the word cooperative, which is what we are all about here.

Thanks for yours!
Debra Simmonds-Amari

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IS NOT FIGURING OUT HOW I CAN WIN, OR GIVING IN, BUT ABOUT CHANGING MY PERSPECTIVE TO SEE ANOTHER SIDE.

EDITOR'S GOOF
Besides being the world's worst typist my computer also has a problem spelling. In the last issue it wrote Tyler instead of Taylor and Trockel instead of Trockels. So sorry folks. Will have to see if we can both get better.



ODE TO THE WATER WAGON

Each and every morning early,
Along about seven thirty,
Every Monday to Saturday
The water wagon starts on its way.
The hoses start to come out
And you can hear the people shout:

CHORUS:

The water Wagon,
The water wagon
It's coming our way
The water wagon,
The water wagon,
We can have a bath today.

All around the Ranch they wait
Hoping the wagon won't be late
Oh look they're only two rigs down
We'll still have time to get to town
Oh, No, they're leaving the Park
We'll sing this song until it's dark:

CHORUS

Through wind and rain, sand and sun
By 12:30, the work is done.
The wagon is parked by the office with care
So next day water weenies find it there.
Sign up in the Ranch House for water tomorrow
Or you'll be singing with some sorrow:

KUDOS TO THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

A million thanks to GENE, our manager, and his handy helpers. ART LUMB and RON FREY. While the water system was down for suocerlorinating the pipes, they built and installed a platform to level the washers in the laundry and also put in new faucets and hoses.

This was accomplished in 2 days of very hard work.

And a million thanks to the anonymous donor of our new sound system in the Ranch House. Two microphones can be used at the same time, and the sound comes from speakers more clearly. Some people who had trouble hearing say they can now hear all that is spoken through the mikes.

Marilyn Railey

Marilyn spoke the feelings of everyone at The Ranch and I thank her.
Many have said thanks but she put it in The Palaver

CHORUS

They say that one day we'll all have RAC
But when that will be we do not know.
Then the water wagon will run no more
Soon forgotten what we had it for
The echoes all will fade away
Of the song we sung each day:

CHORUS

Some day the RAC will come rushing through
And then we'll have something else to do.
No more minerals, you know what that means
At least we can cook our beans!
We'll play in the water all day long
And learn to sing a new song:

The RAC
The RAC
It's coming through the pipe.
The RAC
The RAC It's the best day of our life.

Written and presented at a Happy Hour at The Ranch by Shirley Partch
Published by request of those on the road who did not hear it read by Shirley.



Quilting Corner

We have been working on the Quilt and three lines are finished. Everyone in the area is welcome to come and join in the effort. Many hands make a light load. Sheila Miller has given The Ranch a quilting frame that belonged to her aunt. I am sure it will be well-used Thank you again Sheila.

Hugs,
Noreen Ward
Lot #9



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT ?

Several years ago I was asked to do a column about the “ Did You Know About?” things at The Ranch. The column was dropped when they started holding special welcome meetings for new leaseholders since all, or most, of the Did You Knows were discussed at this welcome meeting. It seems that we have had a number of new leaseholders in the past few years and there is not always someone around to hold the welcome meetings. In addition I for one seem to forget different ones at different times. Anyway I thought this might be a good time to review at least some of them. Hope I can remember the explanation for them correctly and hope you all enjoy seeing them again.

THE RANCH HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

At one time only the side door facing the horseshoe pits could be opened and it had a combination entry. After an incident or two where someone had a problem with their toilet facilities overnight and couldn’t get the combination opened for whatever reason, the motion was made and passed that accessibility to the Ranch House be available 24-7. When using this privilege please remember to turn off all lights and or appliances you may have turned on.

EMERGENCIES:

OUTSIDE ALARM

Most of you have seen the signs about our alarm system and have heard it go off once a month on Wednesday at

MOVING AROUND

Laura Melvin from Lot # 42 to Lot # 118
Tex & Susie Taylor Lot # 85 to # Lot # 68

noon. Please check the sequence of sounds so you recognize when it is time to get going and meet or to take whatever action is suggested.

RED LIGHTS (over Rest room doors)

This means that the rest room is occupied so if the door won’t open please be willing to wait. In an emergency or if the light has been on without change for a very long time, it would probably be okay to knock and ask someone to hurry or to check if the user is okay.

BLUE REFLECTORS (emergency phones)

These reflectors are standing in blue painted cinder blocks at various lots and indicate that the current lease holder has a phone available on their patio, porch or screen room which may be used without bothering the owner at odd hours or when they are not at home.

FLASHING CAR LIGHTS & CAR HORN

Someone is probably in trouble and could use some help. It may be a medical emergency so be prepared to know what action to take. Please check before calling an emergency service.

STRING CHAINS (In Laundry and Restrooms) For use when anyone in the room is in need of assistance. The red lights will blink.

A few more in the next issue.

Roxy

MOVING IN

Alan & Betty Lunar Lot # 90

STOP WHEREEVER YOU ARE

ENJOY WHAT YOU SEE

SMELL THE FLOWERS

THEN GO ON LIVING

RANCH HANDS RIDING



EDKOOKIEMAKER

We have had a rough winter here in NH. We had 147 inches of snow; Harold's heart attack and I had an accident with the truck, fell down the outside stairs and cracked my ribs. However a lot of you had it worse so I'll stop belly aching and get on with the good news.

Harold is much better, it is getting warm and we will be able to host at the campground which is opening 5-28.

Big welcome to all our new members and Harold wants to thank you all for the nice cards!!!

Hugs to all,
Harold & Ethel
Lot # 84

GREETINGS TO ALL

It seems like whenever we make plans in advance, something happens to change the schedule but guess that's what fulltiming is all about!

Spending another summer in Las Vegas was NOT an option for me so our play period for this year was to have Bill give his notice and leave the beginning of June, heading straight for the Tetons, Yellowstone, our 2 weeks at the cattle ranch in Idaho, and then continuing to explore ID, MT, WY, WA, OR or northern CA before arriving in NM sometime after Labor Day.

Unfortunately, Bill's job came to an end abrupt end in mid-March when they pulled the plug and let five contractors go with only a 1 hour notice, so it was time for a new game plan. We'd only done 5 horseback riding sessions so we talked to the owner and made arrangements to finish the rest of them in the next ten days, and then since it was too early to head north, we headed back to The Ranch on Easter Sunday.

As a result of the change of plans, Bill has worked on the ol' homestead, rebuilt most of the porch, replaced/repainted wooden trim, and we've even had a new metal roof put on (trying to schedule it for a day when the spring winds weren't too gusty!). It's nice to be here at a time when things are blooming and there are baby bunnies and little birdies, etc. Although I've continued doing my transcription, also took a few days off to enjoy the 25th anniversary activities here and appreciated everyone's efforts and hard work for this celebration. Hopefully we'll still be here in another 25 years when the time capsule is opened...

We bought a 2003 Santa Fe off of Ebay and drove over to Santa Fe to pick it up (not a typo), so we're set up again with a toad. Now that my boss has had time to cross-train someone on my accounts, we plan on leaving here early in May with stops in a few places in NM and on to Pike's peak, Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse added to the front end of the schedule before resuming the June itinerary. I

suppose fuel prices and how long we spend in any given area may alter travel plans as needed. Sounds like there will be some folks in that part of the country this summer so we'll have to try and monitor Ranch Ramblings and see any potential get-togethers. Hope everyone has safe travels and a great summer!

Pat, Bill and Samantha the Kamper Kitty
106 Windmill Vista

Hi Ranch Hands

We have been at Catalina Spa in Desert Hot Springs since Jan25. Orv had a 10-hour back surgery including a spinal fusion of the L4-L5 & S- and a laminectomy of the L2-L3 and L4-L5 on Feb 21. He is doing well when measured with others who've had the same surgery. He starts water therapy on Monday, April 21. Medicare will pay for 4 sessions and then he will be on his own there in the pool at Catalina Spa. We will stay here until Orv feels comfortable about moving the rig even if that is several more months. We resigned our staff positions for the 30th Anniversary in Gillet WY because the doctor said he would not be ready to travel yet so we expect to be here through the summer. It's a great place and we are making the best of it.

The cacti are blooming right now and every day when we take a walk I take picture of new flowers. The prickly pear flowers are beautiful. There is a type of yucca that has light bluish-green petals and one near the clubhouse has a tall shoot in the center. We take pictures of it every day. It is now a foot taller than Orv. Some say it will get to 20-30 feet tall. I expect we will still be here when it gets its flower on top or whatever it plans to do.

A couple of weeks ago we enjoyed a visit from Linda Ranes. We were sorry for the loss of her brother that brought her here, but we were happy that she took the time to visit us while She was here.

Today we had lunch with John & Jana Swanson, Escapee friends of ours. Anyone coming down I-10 past Desert Hot Springs & Palm Springs give us a call 319-360-6509. We are trying more restaurants and found a wonderful Mexican Restaurant called De Leon Mexican Restaurant & Seafood Cuisine on Date Palm Drive next to where old Sam's used to be for anyone familiar with the area.

We miss being at the Ranch and look forward to coming back there when Orv is able to travel long distances.

Hugs,
Marge & Orv Schinke
Lot #83

**FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS
AND
MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN**

UPDATE ON JOHN

I am here in Tampa with Chris and John and I am amazed at the progress he has made since coming to the VA Hospital. He not only smiles, but laughs out loud at times. He is getting some control over the movement of his shoulders and can hold his head up for short periods of time. He lets us know if he is hungry by clicking his teeth and then opening his mouth. He is really a big "baby Bird"! On good days when he is happy, we get to take him outside. We had dinner tonight outside at Fisher House. The Fisher House is somewhat like Ronald McDonald Houses but for military families. We stayed at the one in San Diego and now here in Tampa.

Tomorrow we will be taken on a picnic where we will probably see an alligator. I've never seen one in the "wild" before. This might be incentive for John to begin to move around a bit! Ha!

On Wednesday he was put on a special table where they can stimulate the motion of walking. The table can be brought up to a full standing position although they didn't quite get there with John. He smiled and laughed the whole time he was on it. Sarah, his girl friend, put on some music and all the nurses and therapists were rockin and rollin! It was quite a site.

I was supposed to encourage Chris to go home for a few days while I am here, but I don't think there is any chance of that. When John is having a rough time, she won't leave his side. And she never knows when those days will come along. Yesterday (Thursday) was one of the bad days. He clicked and snapped his teeth for 24 straight hours. He just can't be left alone when that is happening. No one seems to know why it is happening. We were so relieved when he finally quit.

Thank you all for caring
Grandma Barbara Walthers
Lot #10

ACROSS THE COUNTRY

We left The Ranch on March 21st, after celebrating our 25th Anniversary with a Chili Picnic and having all of our Ranch family sing for us. We managed Holy Thursday services in Sanford TX and both Good Friday and Easter Services in Hondo Texas where we stayed at the SKP Park and visited a bit with Carol and Jack Koontz. While there we also managed to have a great Greek lunch with Roxy's brother Tony who lives in San Antonio.

Left there for GA and a visit with daughter Jahni. The farther east we went the more the cost of gas. When we arrived we couldn't get into the state park or any park near her and ended up near Okefenokee at a historic

county park. Nice and quiet and very relaxing which we both needed. Saw the daughter and her latest four times and had dinner twice before we had to take off.

The trip north was not pleasant as the weather got worse each day and the rig started acting up. By the time we got to brother Vince's in Auburn we ended up having to get the rig towed to Camping World for repairs. Thought for a while we would end up with a newer rig instead of repairs but that didn't work either, but repairs were expensive.

Finally made it to Erie NWR south of Erie PA and it is beautiful (as most refuges are). It is also quiet, peaceful and somewhat lonely. Our jobs will be varied. Yes I did say OUR jobs. They are finding things for Tom to do which do not consist of walking, standing, or listening to people or getting out of breath. So far he has done mostly copy work getting flyers ready for the June Heritage Festival. I have been working on contacting the new TCC teens for this summer, working on trail games for the children, and generally handling the phone. There is no real visitor center so visitors are greeted in the office.

Took a tour of one section of the refuge today and it is really different as regular driving roads go all through the refuge. Some are state highways and some county roads. Almost no roads are strictly for the refuge. Anyone heading for the northeast do stop in and say hi. It is only 15 miles off Route I-79. Take route 198 East thought Saegerville and about 15 miles of twisty turning roads you will make a left turn in Guys Mills (still on route 198) and come to the refuge sign. About ¼ mile after that make a right on McFadden Rd until you see our rig on the right.

Roxy/Tom
Lot #1

COLORADO VIA TEXAS

Leaving the Ranch after the grand 25th Anniversary celebration (and it was truly wonderful), we headed for Colorado, via the scenic route through Texas. We went to Caprock Canyon State Park southeast of Amarillo. It is part of the canyon country of west Texas where the high plains meet the rolling plains and the streams have carved out lovely unexpected canyons. There are lots of great hiking trails.

We are at Boyd Lake State Park near Loveland, CO being camp hosts for the summer. If you are in the area, stop in to see us. We're just a few miles off I-25.

Hugs,
Norm & Shirley Partch
Lot # 5

A GOOD YEAR

We left the Ranch in May of 2007, one year ago, and we headed to a Newmar Rally in Gillette Wyoming. This was our first Newmar Rally and really had a great time. Here we started our National Park tours. We went to Devil's Tower, wow that was awesome. After the rally we headed west and met up with the Koontz'. Then we headed to Idaho to check out the town of Stanley. After a while we drove to Couer d' Alene and parked at the Elks. We visited with Ken & Don Good, they were were camphosting just north of us. Then it was over to Washington and Oregon. In Oregon we stayed at an Elks Lodge and toured all around, down the coast

We go, visiting any National Park on the way. We met up with Greg and Lynelle and Phil and Gene in Florence, OR and we all enjoyed some great tasting clam chowder and enjoyed time with our fellow Ranch hands. Soon we were heading south with a stop at Coos Bay and Brookings OR Into CA we go, with stops at Elk Lodges in EUREKA, Clearlake and Stockton. Then a few days in Coarsegold SKP Park so we could visit Yosemite National Park. In Coarsegold we were parked near John & Cathy Gleason. Soon it was time to leave and off we go to see Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park. After a few days we go south again and stay in Santa Clarita at yet another Elks. We were biding our time till we head into Los Angeles with a visit to our daughter Cara in Hermosa Beach. The weekend was spent in Torrence Elks (do you see a pattern here?) and visited with Cara. Monday morning we pack up and now head east. A couple of nights in Indio (Elks) to see Joshua Tree NP, then to Casa Grande SKP where we met George & Linda Frey and a visit to Casa Grande Ruins. There was a stop in Wilcox Elks and then a beeline to Deming, Ft Stockton then HondoTX. Holidays with our son and then down to Rio Grande valley for the winter. And here we finally are at the Ranch. 15 National Parks and 12 Elks later...

Hugs, Lot # 78

Craig, Gale and Samson too

RELAX THEN WORK

WE ARE SPENDING 2 WEEKS AT DREAM CATCHER, 2 WEEKS AT NORTH RANCH, THEN VISITING FRIENDS IN LAKE HAVASU CITY AND THEN ON TO UTAH. WE'LL BE AT DUCK CREEK VISITOR CENTER THIS SUMMER. IT'S 30 MILES EAST OF CEDAR CITY ON HIGHWAY 14. COME SEE US IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA.

HI ALL FROM BALMY FLORIDA

Well, we usually are getting on the road to somewhere north by now but this year we are lingering a bit longer. However, there is a good reason this year. We posted Eleanor's one year anniversary present of a deep sea fishing trip on Ramblings. Well, that was something that could be done at the appropriate time but the big one had to wait till just the right one could be found. We looked and looked and we finally found it. We bought a house!

Eleanor is as giddy as a school girl. After the inspection, it is as close to perfect as could be. It is in a lovely 55+ community with four lakes. The clubhouse consists of three buildings and a pool overlooking the big lake. One of the smaller lakes is about 40 feet from our back door. So, Eleanor will have water at her doorstep every day. Of course, we have no furniture. I've been full-timing it for almost 22 years and Eleanor sold all her furniture to move into the trailer. So, more shopping was and is needed. We had been visiting the furniture stores on and off for some weeks now and one Sunday on the way to look some more, we stumbled into a store with great prices and a lot of sales to boot. It happened that the owner's son was in that day and the sales lady told us that he may make us a really good deal. So, after several hours of looking, talking, and planning, we have most of what we need. And you talk about excited—this little New Mexico Cowgirl can hardly contain herself.

We plan to return to the Ranch soon to pick up some of the household stuff from the shed and bring it back here. Then later will return and go to Denver to see Doc's etc and maybe do some touring on the motorcycle before stopping by the Ranch.

We certainly don't see our traveling days as being over but with the housing market the way it is, we decided to take advantage of the low prices and establish a home port now rather than later.

Lew & Eleanor

Lot #56



AND THE HOME FIRES KEEP BURNING
 THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Here is the Nominating Committee input for 2008.

To the most important part of The Ranch - YOU THE MEMBERS:

As members of this Co-Op we all face a heavy responsibility in the days ahead. We must keep up with the rising cost of “doing business”, the aging of our capital equipment and a host of new improvements/innovations yet to be started.

Now is the time for you to make a commitment to support The Original Ranch in a way that is very important to all members. **Become a candidate for the Board of Directors.** Each member of The Original Ranch Co-Op is eligible to be a candidate. Please submit your name or get a friend to submit his/her name. This is a way of demonstrating, as an important member, your commitment to The Original Ranch.

Your reply (The Intent Form) is due in the office by June 1, 2008. If you need another copy, contact the office or a committee member. Needless to say late applications WILL be considered. However, we would like to have your “Intent Form” returned ASAP as we need to send a questionnaire to you and ask that it be returned to the office no later than August 15, 2008. The returned questionnaires will then be mailed to all members for review before the voting date. The questionnaire is used in place of a resume. This will allow voters to learn more about your past involvement in co-op activities, your ideas for a secure future of the co-op and your knowledge of our governing documents.

Keep in mind that the Board of Directors requires four (4) new members. Please don't let this become a difficult situation by not having enough candidates to replace those who have completed their terms or to give the full membership a choice of electing those they prefer.

Thank you for your support,
 Richard Baker
 Cass Davis
 Kasey Jones
 Rosemary Lieberman

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- Marilyn Weiss – 1
- Richard Baker – 12
- Mary Jordan - 29
- Phil Sharp – 31

JUNE

- Barbara Komatz - 2
- Cindy Johnson – 7
- Craig Anderson – 11
- Tony Simmons-Amari 13
- Linda Frey – 15
- Sherry Lumb = 21
- Charlene Tarvin - 22
- Shirley Partch – 24
- Marie Helm – 26
- Arnie Arnold – 27
- Marilyn Railey - 28

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- Trockels - 5
- Mitro - 12
- Arnold - 30

JUNE

- Helm, Marie & Bob - 8
- Butler, Charles & Joann - 8
- Partch, Shirley & Norm - 9
- Jones, Karen & Robert - 12
- Mauck, Joann & Wally - 15
- Fagan, Judy & Jim - 15
- Dulcich, Needra & Cliff -17
- Gage, Doris & Don - 19
- Wood, Lola & Doug - 21
- Neitz, Cece & Larry - 25
- David, Donna & Russ - 26
- Billings, Lucy & Dick - 28

25 years and 25 years and going on going on

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE RANCH **What a wonderful two day anniversary we has!!! Here is a** **brief day by day breakdown**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

It started out with Chris Giffin, Helen Abbott, and Helen Farnsworth making sure everyone had schedules of events, and special pins designed for us. They also gave away Ranch Notepads.

Five classic cars from a club in Carlsbad came to our park. There were eight ladies and gentlemen that also stayed and joined us for lunch. It was a beautiful day for outside events. I think everyone enjoyed browsing around these beautifully restored automobiles and talking with the folks that owned them.

Next we had a lunch of Bar-b-que sandwich, beans, coleslaw (donated by Trish Teegarten) and potato salad. Baskets of chocolate kisses and decorations for a 25th Anniversary decorated each table. It was a delicious lunch prepared by Sherry Lumb and Rosemary Lieberman. 115 folks joined us for lunch. Several people ate out on the porch where we had put up tables.

Later in the afternoon, Jean and Bob Stuvell put on a poker walk. We were given clues of several different things found in the park. When we found them, we had to write down the answer to a question. When we were finished we met back at the Ranch House. We could draw playing cards for as many questions that we had answered correctly. Then from five of those cards, you made a poker hand. Sally Stribling won a bottle of wine for two pair (Kings and Tens).

At 6:30 everyone met in the Ranch House for Happy Hour, anniversary cake and ice cream. When we finished eating, Sally Stribling ran pictures of The Ranch from the very beginning to the present. Ede Trockels read "my New Mexico Babe" by C.T. Hancox. We had six previous leaseholder couples join us for the celebration. Joan & Tom Feller, Shirley and Bob Foster, Betty and Fred Keizer, Martha & Tom Mc Ilvan, Christine and Dick Serkland and Elaine and Don Witschger shared many memories with us. We were so glad they came. Gina our postmistress also joined us for some of the events and brought her daughter Effie to the dinner.

Shirley and Norm Partch were in charge of the entertainment and did a fantastic job of rounding up lots of talent here at The Ranch. Charlene Tarvin, Lucy Billings, and Mary Smith put on a cute routine pulling the wagon with all their belongings to The Ranch to get a lot. Then the talented singers consisting of Debra Simmons-Amari, Rosemary Lieberman, Chickie Rundall, Noreen Ward, Jim Wissman, Bill Good and Norm Partch showed us just what good voices they have. Shirley Partch read her poem about the "Water Wagon" to thunderous applause (See page 2 of this newsletter). To top off the evening the Partches did their famous rendition of "The Bickersons".

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Our semi-annual meeting was held at 9:00 am for all leaseholders. The rest of the day was free until Happy Hour at 4:00 pm.

At 6:00 pm we all met at Stevens Inn for a Buffet Dinner. We had 92 people attend. Dave Stribling gave the invocation at both the Tuesday Lunch and Wednesday Dinner. Lynell Arnott did a great job as Emcee. Marilyn wrote and spoke on some of the history of The Ranch. Bob Railey spoke of some of the background of the sewer and water woes, and how everything is coming together now. Debra Simmons-Amari, President, was presented with a plaque from Livingston, to be hung in The Ranch House. Then she presented us with a few words of wisdom. The former lease holders were introduced and given picture boxes made by the committee. Lynell read a letter sent by Joe Peterson expressing his regrets for not being able to attend and telling us of getting The Ranch started. Original leaseholders sent us lots of cards filled with the memories of their time at The Ranch. Several of these were read by the following ladies: Kasey Jones, Rosemary Lieberman, Shirley Partch, Chris Giffin, Cindy Johnson, Barbara Walthers and Trudie Tenison.

Dots had been placed on the bottom of one chair at each table. The person that had the lucky chair with a dot took home the centerpiece. Sally Stribling said that the head table centerpiece that she was lucky to get, would be placed in The Ranch House for all to enjoy.

General Doings

Local merchants from Carlsbad and Artesia donated 22 very nice gifts for our door prizes. These were given out several times during the two days.

A name the pond contest was held and the winning name was "raunchy Reservoir" submitted by Sherry Lumb and Trish Teegarten. They had to split the prize of a four -roll package of toilet paper.

Carl Johnson built a time capsule in which lease holders are placing interesting items. It will be buried on "Boot Hill".

Tuesday was a fun relaxed day and Wednesday evening a fun and more formal event. Something for everyone.

A special thanks to all that helped make this a very special anniversary..

ANNIVERSARY TRAILBOSS

Trudie Tenison

**CHECK OUT THE "CHILI CHATTER" FOR ALL INFORMATION
REGARDING THE FALL RALLY
IN THE FOUR CORNERS AREA OF NEW MEXICO**

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