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Please note that as of this edition the editor had had no information as to chair persons for Long Range Planning

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PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello Ranch Hands;

As of this writing I have been in my new role as your president for little more than a week now. I just couldn't be more pleased with our BOD and their enthusiasm in working with our committees. I am seeing almost daily, committee meeting minutes posted on RR with great ideas and plans for implementation of those ideas, all for the betterment of The Ranch! Our committee chairpersons are showing their leadership skills and hitting the ground running, embracing change, improvement, whatever it takes to make our park the best it can be. There is always opportunity to improve, be all that we can be, and I am truly optimistic that with your support this can be a wonderful year for all of us!

Happy New Year

Merrilee Mager





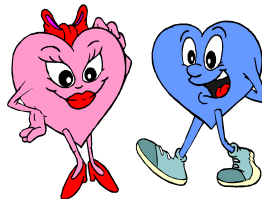
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Cecy Neitz 4
Chance Brunton 4
Judy Bell 11
Doris Gage 12
Helen Abbott 12
Greg Obst 12
Roger Heaver 17
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Roxy Colomb 4
JoAnne Butler 8
Connie Mitro 9
Henry Butler 10
Spike Jones 11
Jolianne Brunton 12
Roy Gilbert 14
Jenny Schubert 18
Trish Teegarden 19
Thayer Tarvin 20
Mary Smith 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Schubert 4
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Bell 23

MOVING IN

Rob & Taffy Levin Lot #39

Charles & Paula Russell Lot #44

TO CUBA AND BACK

Hasn't the year flown by? Last year at this time we were headed for New England via Greyhound bus. It has been nine years since Carl retired and we hit the road. We will have spent our first Christmas here at the Ranch with our Escapees family

We have lots of wonderful news. Our Boston daughter has decided to have her first child around the end of June. We are very excited. At her 3 month mark we have already seen the little one via e-mail/ultrasound. On the other end, our eldest grandchild will be graduating in June from high school in Michigan.

Early in May, we headed from Carlsbad to the Pacific Northwest. We first visited former Ranch Hands Kurt & Cleone who were BLM campground hosting in Moab, Utah. That settled it for us. Heck, we'd get plenty of sightseeing time hosting and at \$5.00 a gal fuel... Yep we found an oasis in Cuba (NM) at a 12 site campground in the Santa Fe National Forest. At about 8400 ft elevation we used blankets every night. It felt like we had a cabin in the woods all to ourselves.

We were back at the Ranch for early fall. Hey, national elections were exciting this year! We had fun volunteering at the Carlsbad campaign headquarters. It was neat. Thanksgiving was spent with friends at their granddaughter's home in Odessa TX. We could find just one RV park. From the boondocking guide (Spike and Casey put together) we found the county arena. Nice hard surface, FREE without hookups, or \$10/night for W/El. Can't beat that.

After Thanksgiving weekend, Carl and I went west to Columbus, NM for a return stay at Pancho Villa State Park. Some of you newbies may not be aware that it is a small historic border town. Pancho Villa and "Blackjack" Pershing made history here in 1916. Columbus is just 3 miles from Palomas MX. We parked our car on the U.S. side and walked the sidewalk a few steps into Palomas where we had our eyes checked at and got four pair of eyeglasses at Dr. Garcia's behind the "Pink" Store for \$335. While in Palomas we looked for a massage business. The doctor's assistant took us to the Elena's at the edge of town. Cindy had a most wonderful massage for \$20 by the tiny 84 year old Elena. She also could "Help people with fertility"... Thank goodness we had our interpreter with us for who know what miracles might have been wrought for Cindy.

Hugs & Happy New Year To all
Cindy & Carl
Lot #92



DID YOU KNOW?

This month we're focusing on "Water and The Ranch".

COOL CLEAR WATER

The water coming out of every faucet at The Ranch is RO (Reverse Osmosis). No longer do we need to carry jugs to the Ranch House. However, that wonderful water comes with a condition (not a conditioner) and the condition is this: considering that the system discards about 20% of the water taken in during the process of reverse osmosis, *we must conserve water*. We have water to use; we have no water to waste. Remember, the Ranch is located on a high desert. Recall the water saving procedures used when boondocking? Try putting some of them into practice. Use reclaimed water (such as water that is run while waiting for hot water) to water house plants or new (desert-appropriate) plants outside on your lot. Check all hose connections for leaks. (P.S. only teenagers take 30 minute showers)

WATER AND THE ARROYO

The arroyo west of the Ranch House is really a branch of the Seven Rivers and water can flow through it. Rain may not be falling at The Ranch but a thunderstorm upstream can send lots of water rushing by. It seems that in the archives there is a picture of some leaseholders having a fishing party at the arroyo.

WATER AND THE LAUNDRY

The Ranch has a convenient laundry room with front loading washers and gas dryers. There is a sign-up sheet by the door in hour slots; please put your name and how many machines you think you will use. This is helpful if you are using only two machines so someone else could use the other machines at the same time. Since we are washing with RO water, 1/4 c or less of liquid soap is all that is required; excess suds tend to 'clog up the works' as does powdered soap. Dilute any fabric softener used. There was a strange "rock" formation taken out of one of the machines from excess something or other. There is a machine in the shop area for doggie beds and rugs. That's all for this month. Let's toast the New Year with a glass of cool, clear RO water, fresh from the tap.

Shirley Partch
Chairman – Welcome Committee

DEL POSADO = From Our Past
By Cindy Johnson Lot #92



These don't quite go back to Coronado but they are from 10 years ago at THE RANCH per Palaver Jan-Feb 1999.

Welcome New Leaseholders (Members still here Jan-Feb 1999) Greg and Lynell Lot #3 . *Happy Anniversary Greg and Lynell currently on Lot # 29.*

FROM TRAIL BOSS: Again, thank you to Russell Loomis, the commercial coffee maker is much appreciated... maybe with that we can have a monthly "Chatter Hour" in the a.m.

GALA EVENTS:...The Chili Chapter's Annual Memorial, Holiday Potluck Brunch on December 30 and was another great success.

Anniversary Headline: "Palaver" celebrates one year of Publication.

Extracted From "Beans, Beans, the Musical Fruit" written by Bob Railey, Investigative reporter (*Plagiarized... and transcribed Del P. reporter*)
Legumenace – derived from the Latin Legume, meaning wind, and nice, meaning fruit. English speaking word "BEANS".

Anasazi Beans... These beans require a shorter cooking time than ordinary pinto beans, and the taste is sweeter. Do not attempt to cook these – or any beans – in Ranch water. This will convert almost any vegetable into pure rock. (*ye reporter – Some things do change, as in Ranch water, Eh?*)

By the way, Anasazi is the Navajo word meaning "wind fruit Indians" (*Ye reporter Johnson can vouch for the "Wind Fruit" literal meaning after one use of Anasazi beans years ago by ye family. Extremelt good for you and potent – be sure to rinse beans at least once after soak/parboil*)

YE Editor: *Nicely put yon reporter but I do believe more has changed at the park than just the water and everyone has worked too hard to get where we are*

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Well it sure is good to be back at The Ranch and away from all the buffets experienced on our Panama Canal trip. We got back just in time for Thanksgiving at The Ranch. Time to get out of the old recliner and burn a few calories walking around The Ranch. On my walks I see everyone getting in the Christmas spirit putting out their lights and decorations. Does this mean that Christmas dinner is right around the corner? Well by the time you read this it will be a past event and great as always.

It sure is good to see some new motorcycles on Lot #56. Welcome Jennifer and Gary. A new trailer is parked on lot # 39. Welcome Taffie and Rob. A U-Haul trailer was parked on Lot #33 with treasures being unloaded to their shed. Welcome Bev and Jim. What a great sight seeing new Ranch Hands moving in. As the old saying goes, "If you provide the water, they will come".

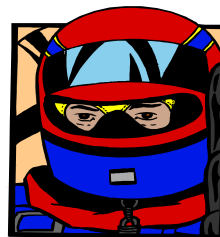
Mother Nature has been very busy decorating our park by blowing shingles off our sheds and providing lots of unwanted dust. I think it is called "Trailer Park Chic".

Dean Cryar has returned to the park and is building the Taj Mahal on Windmill Vista. Jack and Carol Koontz have a snazzy new paint job on their shed.

Looks like the Ranch is back to normal with making our park into looking like the wonderful place that it is.

Oh by the way did I mention that Art and Sherry are making soup for New Years Day.

May 2009 be a great year for all our Ranch



Hands.
Frank Lieberman
Lot #54



ROUND-UP AT THE RANCH

This year Round-Up was called “Ghostly Round-Up” because it was held from Oct29 to November 3rd. The weather was fantastic. Yvonne Minard and Mary Ann Obst were in charge. Mary Ann had never even attended a Round-Up before but she jumped right in. They did a great job.

Coffee, donuts and bagels were served each morning except on the last day. Hitch-up breakfast was pancakes and sausage. One evening was a potluck and three great lunches were served. All delicious.

There was so much offered that you had to decide on craft classes, a poker walk, geo cache, Pecos Diamond hunting, Halloween Party, horse races, garage sales, and a game night. We can’t forget the 50/50 drawings each day. These are always a big hit.

There are always deputy sheriff’s to look out for. They will fine you for not wearing your name badge or just looking at them cross-eyed. They could serve you with a summons and you had to go before the judge (Norm Partch) and plead your case. Court was held each day at 4:00pm. Of course happy hour was held each day after court, and door prizes were given out.

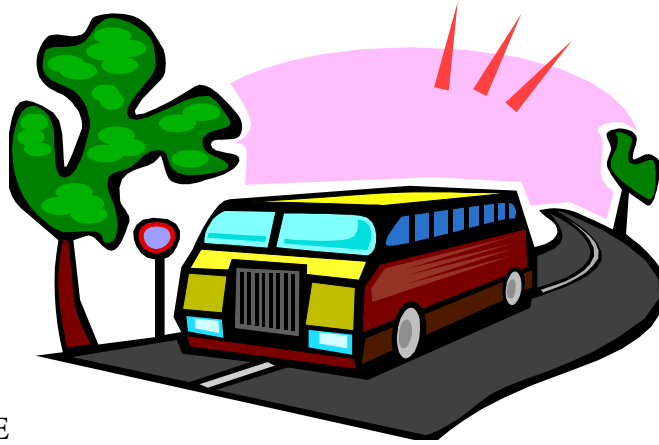
There was an officer from the Veterans Service to speak to all that wished to attend. The animal shelter brought out several dogs they had up for adoption. Rusty was adopted by Ron Pardee. Also a shop in town that sells pet supplies brought out several items for sale.

Every year leaseholders and some guests donate items for the raffle. Over \$800.00 was raised on these items. A very special Anniversary Quilt made by the quilters of The Ranch was also raffled off separately. They made over \$400.00. It was absolutely gorgeous and was won by Ede Trockels.

There were 119 people registered and everyone had a great time.



Hugs
Trudie & John Tenison
VCR



HERE AND THERE

COME & GO

GOING AND COMING

As you read this, Spike and I will probably have just arrived in El Paso for two or three days at the Air Force Base and, of course, a trip to the commissary. From here we'll head to Deming for a quick visit with our newly adopted kids, Jay and Ellen McConnell of lot #91. They still have a house in Deming and promised us dinner at one of their favorite restaurants. From there we plan to move on to Benson for an overnight as we head toward Yuma and then Q site for a few days of shopping.

Our next stop will be Poway, CA to visit Spike's brother, Bill; our daughter's son, Jason; and our son, Brian who will be attending a Marine school in San Diego in preparation for his upcoming tour in Iraq. We'll then head for 29 Palms/Joshua Tree for about a month. Brian will be there for a month or so of desert training. He'll have his trailer there so his family can drive over from El Monte, CA on weekends. My guess is the kids will bunk with us at least one night each weekend! Right now we can only guess that we'll return to The Ranch the first week in April.

Kasey & Spike Lot # 117

HELLO EVERYONE:

Bev and I have been staying in our park model at Sunscape RV in Casa Grande since the 1st of Oct. and one two week trip to the Ranch in early November for the meeting and then back here. We both really enjoy the area and the park model which is very comfortable. Once a week we drive up to Phoenix so that Bev can attend physical and speech therapy classes at the Muhammad Ali Parkinson's Clinic there. She likes going and it does help her. I spend a couple of hours with the other care givers and we just talk about things in general. There are great golf courses in the area and generally I play 2 or 3 times a week.

We have made a couple of trips to Laughlin NV, Once with some old friends from the LA area . In Jan we will take the motor home and make a two week trip to So. CA. Bev has an appointment with her neurologist Jan 21st., so we will stay in San Diego for a few days, then Lake Forest, CA to visit Bev's brother and finally the San Fernando Valley for a week to visit old friends. On the way we will stop at Algodones MEX so that I can have a crown put on. After that it's back to the CG until April.

Bev and I are both doing well and hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Hugs,
Bill & Bev Heeter
Lot # 76

The Ranch and all its Ranch Hands extend our deepest sympathy to our guests Monty and Wendy Smith on the death of Monty's father.

HELLO RANCH HANDS,

Greetings from Ohio! Bill and I are still settled in here and keeping nice and warm in the apartment. We've had a fair amount of snow the month of December, but usually just a few inches at a time. The weekend before Christmas, we had several windy days that got down to zero with even colder wind chills and one night of freezing rain, but then it warmed right up again before Christmas Eve and rained quite a bit and all the snow disappeared... and there went our white Christmas! I'm sure we'll get more of the white stuff while we're here though.

We're both busy working, although Bill has no idea how long this contract will last with the economy in such a downturn. Life has been pretty uneventful here, other than a weekend trip in November to the Buffalo area to visit one of Bill's former co-workers and go to the American side of Niagara Falls. Shortly after we got back, I threw my back out the weekend we winterized the coach. After 2 days of intense pain I started going to a local chiropractor and finally broke down and went to Urgent Care to

get some major drugs... It was the worst flair-up I've had in about 15 years and I couldn't sit, stand, lie down or sleep, and I was begging to be put out of my misery...

This was our 10th Christmas as full-timers but it was a quiet affair with just the two of us. We had gone out and bought a new DVD recorder over Thanksgiving so we just did stocking stuffers and then adopted five kids from the Angel Tree at Walmart. We'll be going to visit Bill's family in Michigan for the New Year's Holiday but otherwise we don't have any travel plans on the agenda right now until we see how long this job lasts. For those of you who are traveling, enjoy these lower fuel prices! If you're at home at The Ranch, put a few rocks in your pocket so you don't blow away in those winds. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2009.

Holiday Hugs,
Pat, Bill & Samantha the Kamper Kitty
106 Windmill Vista

HERE WE GO

The Walthers will be leaving The Ranch about Jan 4th, heading for Quartzite and the Escapees Elk BOF Rally. We will enjoy Quartzite until the end of January when we will travel to Gila Bend for a group induction into the Elks. Tentative plans after that is the Gypsy rally in AZ We may or may not. Depending on dental stuff. If we have to go back to Columbus for dental work we may skip the Gypsy rally. The final place on the schedule is the is Alpine for the Poetry Gathering. We really enjoyed that last year and hope to be able to attend again. We should be back to The Ranch early in March.

Rosemary and Jean Stuvell will be taking charge of the Ranch Hands Committee while I'm gone. The committee is open to all members of the Ranch. We are ALL Ranch Hands.

Barb & Soren Walther
Lot #10

APPLES & BUGS

Johnny Appleseed traveled the country spreading appleseeds. Well Cliff and Needra spread lady bugs. On our way to Indiana back in November we were in North Texas during a Lady Bug Hatch. Thousands of the little dears. We chased and chased and chased out of the coach. We also left some in Okalahoma, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana on the way east and again on the way west where we added Arkansas to the list. We are now in south east Texas and found another one that we let out here.

We had a great Thanksgiving with Cliff's children and grandchildren in Indianapolis before going to Branson for a week. We would highly recommend a show by Allen Edwards that performs in the show room at, of all places, The Golden Corral in Branson. Cost is only the cost of the meal. We also enjoyed Shoji and His violin since both of us used to play. Andy Williams has a good show but his voice is going away. Dixie Stampede is a waste as far as we were concerned.

We are now finishing up some medical tests for Cliff and all indications so far are positive. We will leave Conroe TX and go to Columbus TX for a few days before we head for Slidell LA. on January 4th to work on a habitat for humanity build for two weeks. Assuming the medical results (Biopsy) comes out okay we will head for Harlingen TX after the build and work our way west to try to be at the Ranch for the spring meeting.

HAPPY TRAILS

Cliff & Needra

Lot 59

Quiet, Quaint Quintessential Quail Trail

UPDATE FROM PAM AND GEORGE

This is written the week before Christmas and as is all too common we are not together. After working in So. California, Pam flew to No. California to spend time with her family and to fly her mother to So. CA for Christmas. George is driving there from The Ranch.

For Christmas we park in Pam's sister's driveway – the campsite is a bit steep, but we have water and 30amp power. We will also have internet if we can fix up their wireless connection.

After the holidays we will wander around until we go to the Gypsy Journal Rally in Casa Grande and then on to Guaymas Mexico with Chapter 8 in February. We hope to meet up with some of you along the way.

George & Pam

Lot #65

Who else but our esteemed web master would fix a wireless connection while parked on a steep grade.

ADD-ON FROM GEORGE AND PAM

Many of us are traveling again and we really like to eat!

You might want to check on the internet for the recommendations of Jane and Michael Stern, who travel the USA, eating at places and writing about it. Their food finds are listed by region and then by city--- you might find a place worth checking out that is near you.

<http://splendidtable.publicradio.org/whereweeat>

Here are two of their recommendations:

Near Austin TX – Great Doughnuts and don't forget the Kolaches
Round Rock Donuts
106 Liberty St
Round Rock TX 78664

Bisbee AZ – Cajun Food and a highly recommended Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
Located at the entrance to Shady Dell Trailer Park (Open Tuesday and Saturday for breakfast and lunch)
Dot's Diner
1 Douglas Rd.
Bisbee AZ
520-432-2046

MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES

Money grew on a Christmas tree at The Ranch House this Christmas season. Members and visitors pinned bills to the tree, covering the branches with a different "green". \$395.00 was given to Grammie's House, which was used to purchase gifts for their clients.

Grammie's House is an organization in Artesia, NM for women and children who are at risk from domestic violence. They provide immediate, safe shelter for those in need. In addition they also give counseling, and can help women make a new home themselves and their children. Helping women find jobs so they can be self-sufficient is another aspect of the total program.

For many years The Ranch has supported Grammie's House at Christmas time. In previous years, gifts have been purchased and stacked under the tree before their trip to Artesia. It often took 2 pickups to transport those generous gifts. This year it was agreed to give cash, and the staff could purchase the best gifts for each person. Everyone at The Ranch should be proud of their continued support to a most worthy cause.

Happy New Year from the Raileys

We arrived back at The Ranch in mid-November, just in time to go to Santa Fe for a week to celebrate Thanksgiving with our son and his family. Back to The Ranch for couple of weeks before going to Odessa TX for Christmas with our daughter and family. The Santa Fe crew joined us there and it was a merry time with the 9 of us enjoying each other.

We are back at The Ranch to be with our Ranch family for all the New Year's festivities. The annual contest to see who can ring the bell at midnight is shaping up. John Tenison can be seen practicing his sprints. I (Marilyn) will endeavor to outsmart him with cunning and treachery... Roxy may insert a news bulletin before the Palaver goes to press, declaring a winner.

Marilyn & Bob

Lot # 30

Great idea Marilyn. Will see what I can do.

THANK YOU

I guess you could say I'm away from The Ranch, but Roxy has kept me up-to-date.

How does one say thank you for love given so freely and so openly. There is now way we (or at least I in particular) can ever pay you back. You all helped to bring me back and I hope that I have learned that when I am feeling better I can't quit keeping on. Maybe you all could remind me.

Your generosity, visits and support have helped so very much so again THANK YOU and God bless each and every one of you.

Tom Colomb

Lot #1

The Big Red Barn

AND THE WINNER OF THE RACE WAS:

Best wishes for
A HAPPY, HEALTHY
NEW YEAR
TO EACH AND
EVERY RANCH
HAND WHEREVER
YOU MAY BE.

There is an update to this race for the bell but you will all have to wait for the next issue of the Palaver. Your Editor

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ALMOST GOT OUR DOUBLE RAINBOW FOR THANKSGIVING