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Presidents Post

Hello Ranch Hands;

Well, there is a subtle change in the air, the day time temps have dropped slightly and the night time is getting cooler too. Soon fall will be in the air and many of you will be returning back home to The Ranch! The Ranch will start to bustle with activity, happy hour will grow, the bell will ring more frequently and preparations for Round-Up will move into high gear. And let us not forget about all those eating events we love so much...any excuse for a potluck will do, a throw on BBQ or dinner at the Elks! Time to renew friendships and share stories of our spring and summer adventures with one another. And there are several new leaseholders to get to know. No doubt a great time in store for all.

Those of us here are ready to welcome you home, so don't delay, come on back! We have a big Ranch hug waiting for you!!!

Happy Trails,

Merrilee Mager



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Raney**
- 2 Russ Loomis**
- 5 Tom Colomb**
- 7 Doug Wood**
- 7 Kathy Gilbert**
- 9 Barry Weiss**
- 15 Martha Nyman**
- 23 Earl Culpepper**
- 27 JoAnne Mauck**
- 28 Barbara Walthers**

AND

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bill & Mary Smith**
- 7 Jim & Mary Lee Wissman**
- 12 Russ & Gretchen Berquam**
- 18 Rich & Melody Baker**
- 30 Bill & Linda Good**

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chickee Rundall**
- 5 Joe Cherry**
- 7 Charles Butler**
- 10 Mary Lee Wissman**
- 13 Merrilee Mager**
- 16 Cass Davis**
- 18 Sue Hoffmeister**
- 18 Jim Fagan**
- 19 Jim Cunningham**
- 25 Harry Fishel**
- 25 Bob Nyman**
- 25 Sally Stribling**
- 28 John White**
- 29 Judy Fagan**
- 31 Bob Helm**
- 31 George Fry**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jim & Noreen Ward**
- 12 Bob & Helen Abbott**

HAPPY DAYS TO ALL OF YOU

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DAY IN THESE TWO MONTHS THAT IS NOT LISTED HERE PLEASE LET YOUR EDITOR KNOW. IN FACT IF YOU ARE A NEWCOMER (OR A LONG TIMER) WHOSE SPECIAL DATES DO NOT APPEAR WHEN DUE PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR.



DEL PASADO =From The Past

Written by the Raileys- Lot #30

Pershing Larsen (#628) was one of the original members of The Ranch. He was a most unique individual, a real “Norwegian Bachelor Farmer”. However, he didn’t farm, he was a very skilled machinist. He built the brick building on Lot # 100 to house his tools and he could and would help anyone, anytime with projects.

Each summer Pershing would travel to Idaho and spend several months fishing and enjoying the scenery. This sounds like the kind of travel most of us would enjoy. However things never quite went smoothly on his trips. The mishaps were numerous.

Pershing would arrive at The Ranch each Fall, and when welcomed back at Happy Hour, would tell of his summer. He would have flat tires, engine trouble, accidents such as backing into ditches and tearing important things off his rig etc .etc. etc. All this was told in the driest manner and in the greatest detail. By the time he was finished he would have the rest of the people laughing, which never ceased to puzzle him. Many of us hoped to be back from our travels when Pershing arrived just so we could hear his latest tail.

Pershing passed away in 2001 and was mourned by all. We missed him greatly, and surely missed his yearly saga. However, at least one of the members would come back to The Ranch each year with stories of a summer like Pershing had – accidents, problems, just bad luck. That person would be told, “Sounds like you won the Pershing Larsen award”.

So if you have a summer of appliance failures, accidents, truck troubles, or other mishaps, don’t despair. There is a bright side to your problems. You too can arrive back at The Ranch, tell your tale of woe and someone is sure to say, “SOUNDS LIKE YOU WON THE PERSHING AWARD THIS YEAR.

(Just remember the award is only a verbal award and some of our current ranch hands won’t know what it is so tell them about Pershing)

MOVING IN
Charlie & Sheila
Scarborough Lot # 46
Eric Bayliss & Jean Brunett
Lot # 68
Richard & Johnnie Wygant
Lot # 37

MOVED OUT
Jerry & Carol Jones Lot #46
Tom & Connie Mitro Lot # 37
Tex & Susie Taylor #68

MOVING AROUND
Gunther & Elaine Kekstadt
Moved into and out of
Lot # 37
And ended up in Lot #102

RAFFLE RAFFLE

RAFFLE

It's that time again

Please keep in mind, when you are shopping, to think about a little something for the raffle.

**You know how Melody loves your
Money, money, money.**

(Please)

**I can only get your money,
if I have things to Raffle.**

HUGS

HUGS

HUGS

Melody

(EDITOR'S ADD-ON "You can't win if there is nothing to raffle or if you don't take some chances)

BACK TO NEW MEXICO

After visiting family in El Paso, Richard and I decided to renew our acquaintance with the Carlsbad area. Since I was born and raised in the El Paso area, the caverns are as much a part of my life as the desert and the mountains. After Richard was discharged from Ft. Bliss, he went to work for Western Electric (part of the Bell System) installing telephone offices all over the southwest. As we moved from town to town we called ourselves migratory wire pickers.

For the past 10 years we have been Geritol Gypsies. I loved every minute of it but Richard has been talking of finding a home for the past several years. I, on the other hand was not ready to give up traveling. In fact, when we made the decision to renew our acquaintance with this area, I really didn't want to come out to The Ranch, as I preferred to stay in Carlsbad. But he insistently pointed out that this is what we could afford after all the repair bills we had spent on the coach last month. So we came.

The welcome into the park was great and as Richard looked around becoming more familiar with The Ranch, finding that there were lots of things for him to do, like weeding, and mowing, he really felt at home so we started looking at lots. Number 37 was available: it had a big mulberry tree on it, and a smaller desert willow. (As an old desert rat, trees are of the utmost importance to me). But I still wasn't ready to buy. I used the standard excuse of lack of ready cash, we would buy next year. However, he kept pointing out that, next year the lot with the big tree may not be open. So I relented and we bought.

I want to thank all the Ranch Hands for making us feel at home.

Johnnie & Richard Wygand
Lot # 37



AROUND THE RANCH

Lemonade and iced tea have been seen at happy hour lately so I guess folks are trying to stay cool and hydrated.

In spite of the heat and some high humidity for us there has been some work going on with the various lots.

Back on Windmill Vista Gunther is using the entrance to the shed as a carport and it is a nice fit. You already heard about Merrilee's changes. Joe Cherry screened in # 80 so Mary could enjoy the porch. Looking good. Mary can also be seen wheeling around in her new electric chair walking her dog.

Lot # 51 has a new screened in porch or maybe it is an old one since this gal doesn't get out back too often.

Lucy's # 36 has a new paint job and it is heard that she also redid the insides.

Chris in # 28 has a lovely new screened in patio and Lot # 22 now has just one shed and it is in a new spot.

Our weekend work campers have moved their rig to # 12 so the new managers will be parking in the managers' spot. They will be in this week sometime.

The Casita on # 6 belongs to the Frey's and the motor home on # 2 belongs to the Wissman's. The Big Red Barn on # 1 is looking less and less like a barn with its new doors. It will need a new name soon. Maybe BIG RED BLOB.

Filling in for Frank



DID YOU KNOW

Things at The Ranch have gone rather smoothly even though there have been a few problems. Folks have chipped in to help out and everyone has done what they could to keep things smooth.

These have been mentioned before but now is a good time for some reminders since many of our lease holders will be returning and many visitors will be dropping in.

1. Please wear your name tag to all events at the Ranch House. Our new leaseholders don't know us and neither do our visitors.
2. The speed limit in the park is 10 miles per hour for all vehicles – cars, trucks, carts, bikes and electric chairs.
3. Remember to stop at the cattle guard when entering or leaving The Ranch. The overhead sign is attached to the cattle guard and could come tumbling down.

A NOTE FROM SALLY

[This went out on Ranch Ramblings but knowing that many of our Ranch Hands are not on-line I thought it was important enough to pass it on. Your Editor]

I have a new phone number. It is 907-350-5194. Please delete the 702-355-1759 number that is currently on the membership list from The Ranch office. Dave is still using the 907-230-3048 number from previous lists.

Sally Stribling
Lot # 86

SUMMER OF GRASSHOPPERS

We have had the “Summer of the Rat”, The Summer of the Rabbit” and “The Summer of the Needle Grass”: and now we are having “The Summer of the Grasshopper”.

There are ½ inch grasshoppers up to 3 inch grasshoppers. Grasshoppers of every description are hopping around The Ranch this summer. They are on the walls of the Ranch House, hopping here and there all over the lots, streets, and common areas, but they are eating a certain weed so it is nothing but a skeleton of stems, which is great. My favorite is the black grasshopper whose wings are orange when it flies. Yes they do fly besides hop around. Dude like them all, as he will chase them and when he catches them he bites them and then spits them out immediately. They must taste terrible.

According to Eddy County Extension Agent Woods there are over 100 species of grasshoppers in Eddy County and The Ranch must have 99 species hopping around here, at least it seems that way when they are hopping all over the place. Their food habits are varied, eating grasses, sedges, and weeds. But some will eat anything.

On the common area underneath the Pecan Trees here are some VERY UGLY MUSHROOMS. That is what those ugly brown piles are. They are not what dog owners' forgot to pick up. As you walk by, take a gander at those mushrooms. Very interesting ones but I can't find them in my mushroom book. If you can identify them please let me know.

Lucy

The Chili Chapter fall rally will be October 13-16 at Pancho Villa State Park, NM. Come join us for fun and food. If you are not a member of the Chilies please consider joining in the fun activities. You can see Sally Stribling at Lot # 86 at The Ranch to join. If you are not at The Ranch, come on down to Pancho Villa State Park and you can join when you get there. Please e-mail Phil & Gene Sharp at Sharpagogo@aol.com to let us know you plan to attend so we can be looking for you. A good headcount always helps in the planning. Any SKP member is welcome to attend.

Gene & Phil
WagonMasters

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

This is a request from you editor. As most of you know our managers left over one month ago and for a time we had leaseholders covering the office. For the last month Lynell has taken over the job. Everyone did the best they could and it was pretty darn good but a few things just couldn't be done or found.

Barbara, the past manager, kept the list of all those who wanted a hard copy of the Palaver, a list of those who wanted it on-line only and a list of those who wanted both. Also a list of birthdays and anniversaries of all leaseholders was kept somewhere. At this time no one has been thru all of the folders in the computer.

PLEASE – PLEASE

Send me an e-mail with your birthdays, wedding anniversaries and whether you want a hard copy of the Palaver sent to you. If you want it sent to you please include a mailing address. The Palaver will be sent to all Livingston addresses in one envelope for them to distribute, all others will be mailed to your address unless you are in the park. In that case they will be placed in your mailbox in the Ranch House.

**Thank you for your help and answers.
Your Palaver Editor**

Roxy Colomb

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NOT TO BE MISSED

On October 17 at 7:00pm the US Army Concert Band and Chorus will be performing at the Civic Center in Carlsbad NM. They come every 5 years and we have been twice. One of the best concerts we have been to hear. Check local listings to see if tickets are required. The main sponsor in the past has been the Carlsbad Argus

Ede Trockels
Former Lease Holder

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

The Ranch has been a beehive of activity since the old managers left. I know that I am missing many names of hard workers, as many members have worked very hard to control the weeds. Due to our monsoon rains, weeds have been growing like "weeds" around the Ranch. Nettie H had several weed parties just after the managers left. Greg V and Dave S with Richard W did the common areas and the edges on lots where the spray cart couldn't go, they used the hose to spray these hard to reach places like behind sheds. The lots will be saturated sprayed later.

Meanwhile Charles and Paula R sprayed weeds in their area. CeCe N and others have sprayed or pulled weeds in their area. Richard W used the spray cart to saturate spray the big common area as it is a big giant weed patch, green but weeds. He did leave a little patch of grass up by the office alone. This common area is under study for landscaping. Richard W and Lucy B sprayed all the paths in the Wedge Garden plus the trail out to the dog run one day. Lucy sprayed the big weeds growing out by the paper boxes and around the flagpole. Now the flag can be raised and lowered and the newspaper picked up without worrying about snakes in the weeds.

There was a major campaign waged against weeds in July and August and it shows. The Ranch looks good and almost weed free.

Elaine and Gunther have adopted the common area next to their lot. That very stubborn willow tree that wants to be a bush is being trained to be a tree. A huge New Mexico Sunflower has started to bloom and the group of chocolate daisies are doing well and smell so good in the morning.

Carl M repainted the signs on the corner of Windmill Vista and they are beautiful. He also went dumpster diving and rescued a nice wooden top which he used to build a bench in the corner of the tractor shed. As it is waist high it is great for storing spray bottles and weed killing chemicals and for mixing the chemicals for our campaign against weeds. The spray bottles are for members who want to spray weeds.

Harry F spent a long morning on his day off with the tractor to repair a sink hole in the common area across from boondock.

After Ron F came home he got busy cleaning out the dead weeds and hoeing the new weeds out of the path to the dog run.

Lucy and I spent one day and pruned some trees and bushes that were growing out into the roads. Hope I haven't missed anyone. Thanks to all of you.

Charlene

PS GOLF ALERT

Tee box is looking good. Richard B is caring for it and soon will be able to use it. Richard will mow our "driving range" and "LOOK OUT TIGER WOODS".

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