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President's Post

Barbara Walther
BOD President

Hi all. I guess by now most of you know that Neil Brunton resigned as President and from the Board of Directors. We will miss his enthusiasm and energy. He cited personal issues as the reason for his action. This left an opening that had to be filled. The remaining BOD members had an emergency meeting and decided to contact Orv Schinke since he had thrown his hat into the ring as a candidate. Orv graciously accepted and became a member of the board. The first order of business was to elect a new president. After some discussion, the job landed in my lap. This left the position of secretary open. Orv accepted this position so we have a full board and all offices are filled. So far, we have had two executive meetings where we have been trying to deal with a few issues that have come up. It is my hope to continue with Neil's idea of having an open board meeting once per month. Thanks for the idea, Neil.

If you have been out of the park since the Christmas season began, you would be amazed at how beautiful everything looks. The folks who showed up to do the

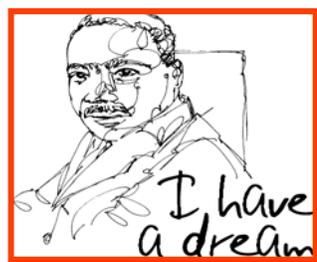
decorating did a bang-up job. As I walk the dog at night, I really enjoy the outside lights on the Ranch House as well as the wreath in the office window. Thanks to Donna, the office is beautifully decorated too.

The committees are all having meetings and making plans. Charlotte and the Ranch Hands committee have made plans for special activities throughout the year. They have been very busy! Other committees have been meeting and getting organized. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out. I believe each of us does what we can for the betterment of the Ranch Co-Op. Thank you all for what you are doing.

I hope I can depend on each of you to help me keep things running smoothly. I know that when a request is made, many people step up to help. That is the "sharing and caring" that we all love so much about the SKP RV club.

By the time you read this message, the holidays will be a thing of the past. I hope everyone's Christmas wishes have been fulfilled and that 2013 has gotten off to a great start.

Barbara Walther



From the Editor

It's a new year—again!

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the Palaver, especially your travel updates. Also, we have a *Health Tips* column from Marge Shinke and Trish Teegarden shared her recipe for *Pumpkin Praline Cake*.

Round-up was a big success this (I mean

last) year and I want to thank Phil Schneider for the pictures. One of my favorites, new to Round-up, was the hay ride shuttle. It was fun and saved a lot of walking.

Pam McMickin
Editor

REPORT FROM ROUND-UP 2012



Hi gang, For those of you who could not join the "Wild, Wild West 2012 Round-Up" this year you missed an ongoing fun time. We had lots of enthusiasm from all the participants as well as the chairperson of each event. Each chair was responsible for planning and running their events in the way they wanted as long as it didn't interfere with another persons plans. No one was special and no one person made the decisions. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation, enthusiasm and help. Everyone pitched in and even our guests were very much a part of the happenings. I could go on forever but instead I invite all of you to keep your eyes on Ranch Ramblings for the date or dates in January when one or more films made from the pictures taken during Round-Up will be shown. I understand that at least one such film is almost ready to see. So come one, come all and invite a friend to also come and see The Ranch when it becomes "Raunchy Town".



Lovya all,
Wagon Master Roxy

Two things stand out for me that I enjoyed about Round Up. The first was working alongside Rosemary and Olaf Thingvall as we prepared a breakfast for the event. The idea was the Thingvall's and it was great being asked to come along side them and work with them beginning with food prep and concluding with cleanup.

The other event I enjoyed was the Pecos Diamond field trip led by Barbara Walther. It was a group outing and it was a bit like going on a treasure hunt. When we began seeing the "diamonds" you would have thought we had discovered gold! Seriously, to see something formed naturally in that shape is fascinating. The facets on the stones are beautiful.

Beth White
Lot #102

REPORT FROM ROUND-UP 2012



Phil Schneider:



Ranch Roundup 2012 was a whole “Corral” full of events!

The 2012 Ranch Roundup was packed full of activities and fun. The Wagon master (Roxy) and her committee of ranch hands, too numerous to list, put together a real barn burner!

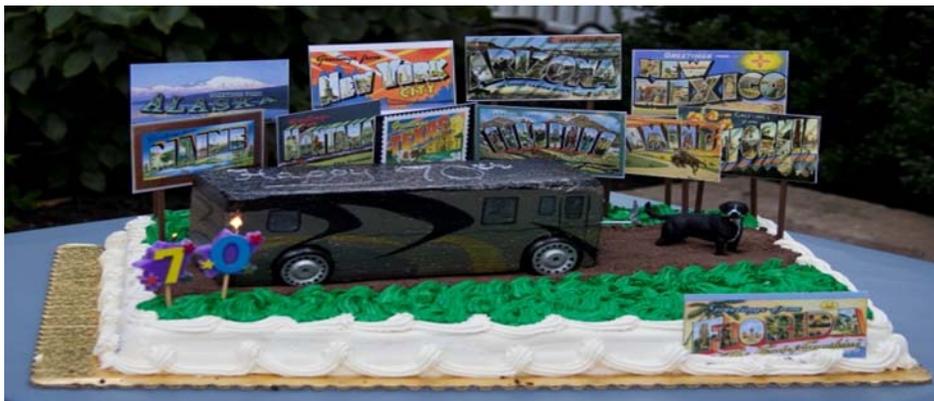
The best food in the Southwest, the wildest casino, hay rides, horse races, crafts and food show and belly laughing happy hours.

Sheriff Gil and his rough ridin’ deputies kept things together by using bribes and coercion. Master Range Cook Trish and her galley of western gourmet cooks out did themselves and increased the average weight of the ranch hands by at least 5

pounds each! When Deputy Phil returns in January from a brief jail term in Colorado (he took the fall for Sheriff Gil) with the tintypes (photos) and let all see the documented legal activities.



Ranch Hands Checking In — John White's 70th Birthday



For those of you who know John White, you know that there are VERY few times when he has been at a loss for words. But he was speechless when he was surprised by friends and family for his 70th birthday party in Skillman, New Jersey this past September.

Beverly and John's daughter Tracy had been planning the party for over a year and it was a great day for all. Friends from John's workplace, Safilo, and family gathered at Tracy's home for a backyard BBQ spread on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

Beverly had made a replica of their Allegro Bus and had decorated the cake with billboards from favorite states and John's dog, "Arvee". John received a lot of great gifts, including a new GPS for RV's and a bunch of scratch lottery tickets with which he won \$70. No kidding!

John comes from a long line of healthy-agers, his sisters being 75 and 78 and still going strong! The day was capped off by a video of John's life which brought tears and smiles from the family.

Beverly

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Ranch Hands Check In

RAMBLING RAILEYS REPORT

We missed the last Palaver, we were too busy traveling. After a wonderful summer traveling the state parks with the Schuberts, we arrived at Cochiti Lake COE for 2 weeks. It is always great to see Art and Sandy Singley. In late September my (Marilyn) brother visited us in Santa Fe. We enjoyed showing them some of the sights in the area.

We did manage to spend most of October at the Ranch. After Roundup and the semi-annual meeting we headed to the Big Bend National Park.

Lola and Doug Wood

Update from 12/19/2012

Hi Folks,

We are in Casa Grande for the winter. Took Doug to cardiologist 11-28, he did EKG & set him up for a cardiac cath on 11-29, the lower stent was getting blocked, so he ballooned it & put a stent inside of it to keep it open. He is feeling better, but tires easily. We came home 11-30 & he is taking it

Buster's Travels

(George & Bonnie Lot 85)

Buster pulled out of The Ranch the day after the meeting headed for Austin to Carole's our oldest daughter and our middle grandson we had a blowout on the left front tire after only one hundred and twenty-six miles but we were only two miles outside Andrews, Texas. Then on to Austin after three hours delay. The campground in Big Spring was full when we arrived after dark, but Buster got a parking spot and twenty amp electric. This trip east was extended after arriving in Austin we were needed to dog sit while they traveled to attend the wedding of a friend. I checked around and was able to purchase a full set of new tires for Buster. Our son-in-law's mother passed and we slowed down to arrive in North Carolina after they returned from arrangements in New York.

We altered our travel plan and detoured thru Memphis, Kentucky, SKP park Raccoon Valley in Tennessee and Pigeon Forge. We arrived at

It is still our favorite place to visit. We have been in Odessa off and on since then. Doctors and dentists always enjoy seeing us. Oh, our family does too!!

We will be at the Ranch for 2 days before spending Christmas in Santa Fe. Back to the Ranch long enough to say hello and then we will be off again. We aren't sure which way we will travel, but it won't be North.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year, riding the highs and smoothing out the lows.

Bob and Marilyn

easy until he feels better.

Hope all of you Ranch Hands are well & you all have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Hugs, Lola & Doug Wood #2

Christine's on the twelfth of December and are staying until after the first of January. The Kentucky part was to fill the map on Buster's states visited map as in four and a half years of travel were not able to plan a route thru the state. We traveled part way thru Tennessee and turned up interstate sixty-five and toured Mammoth Cave in Kentucky then continued east on the Cumberland Parkway then down to Raccoon Valley SKP park just north of Knoxville. Loyce and Lanie Finch # 48 were still there and we enjoyed a few days with them.

Christmas week we will all be together as our daughter Carole' and family will travel to North Carolina and our first Christmas together in many years. In January we will drive buster to Florida for the winter.

I would like to thank all members for a wonderful year of growth at The Ranch this year and my two years on the board of directors. Contributing to improving the ranch and moving forward.

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Health Tips from Marge Schinke

Macular Degeneration

A couple of weeks ago Carol and Lee Frederick were guests here at The Ranch for about 8 days. Before she left she told me that both she and Lee had Macular Degeneration and that she had seen a doctor in Arizona who who helped her tremendously and her condition is reversing through his treatments.

The doctor's name is Dr. Kondrot (who has now moved his practice to Florida) and his website is <http://www.healingtheeye.com/> He treats all kinds of eye conditions. She went to one of his 3-day seminars and she said it was well worth it.

For a cough

Since then Carol and I have kept in contact by e-mail. Lee developed a cough when they got to Deming and she said she made a cough syrup so I asked for the recipe. Here's what she said:

"I went to Wal-Mart and bought a bottle of Jim Beam. Squeezed a fresh lemon and mixed about 2 oz. of JB, lemon juice, and 3-4 T. of raw honey. Stir it up good, sip it from a medicine cup for cough syrup...worked very well." (In another e-mail she said Brandy would work also.)

Here's the recipe with measurements converted: 1/4 cup whiskey or brandy; lemon juice, 1/4 cup raw honey.

Note: it must be "raw" honey in order to have the medicinal qualities. Honey Depot in Artesia and Healthy Choices in Carlsbad both carry raw honey.

I found when making this I had to put my jar with rum and honey in hot water to heat in order for the ingredients to mix. Then I added the lemon juice.

For a cold

I have a tea that our niece who is a doctor gave me the recipe for when I'm having respiratory problems. Here's the recipe for that:

You can cut this in half, but I start with 8 cups of water. Add 1 teaspoon of each of the following spices: anise, peppercorns, whole cloves; 6 2-inch cinnamon sticks, about a 2-in piece of fresh ginger cut up in slices.



Bring water, with spices included to a boil, then simmer a couple of hours or more until about 1/3 of the water is evaporated. Add 1/4 cup of raw honey and stir.

It's best to drink this when it's hot, but I also drink it cold.

All of the ingredients are natural antibiotics. I also added some lemon peel that I had saved in the freezer - you could just cut up a whole lemon to simmer with the spices. If the tea gets too strong, add water. I find this tea helps me get over a cold and gives me energy.

Marge Schinke





Pumpkin Praline Cake—From Trish Teagarden



This cake was a hit at the holiday eating events!

Ingredients

1/2 Cup Margarine
1/4 cup Whipping cream
1 cup Brown sugar
3/4 Cup Pecans

3 Eggs
1 Cup Pumpkin
1/3 cup Oil
1 Yellow cake mix
1/2 cup Water

1 1/2 tsp. Pumpkin pie spice
Grocery store Cream Cheese Frosting 16 oz
Caramel topping and extra nuts if desired

Directions

Heat oven to 425

In 1 qt sauce pan, stir in margarine, cream and brown sugar. Cook over low heat until melted.

Pour into 2 ungreased 9" round cake pans.

Sprinkle evenly with pecans.

Mix cake mix, pumpkin, water, oil, eggs and 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice on low speed until moistened, then on medium speed for 2 minutes.

Spoon batter over pecan mix.

Bake 41-47 minutes.

Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely.

Mix remaining 1/2 tsp. Pumpkin pie spice into frosting.

Put one cake layer on a plate, nut side up. Spread with 1/2 the frosting.

Add the second layer, nut side up. Frost the top.

Drizzle with Caramel and sprinkle with nuts



Update on recent Ranch Hands moving out, moving in and moving around

Moving In

Lot 78 Lois and Bill Boose
Lot 84 Brian Allen
Lot 103 Stan and Joyce Frank

Moving On

Lot 78 Craig and Gale Anderson
Lot 103 Carl and Marrilee Mager



Birthdays and Anniversaries



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Bill Bigelow
 2 – Dennis Bratcher
 4 – Cecy Neitz
 4 – Chance Brunton
 10 – Chuck Haase
 10 – Rob Levin
 10 – Jerry Campbell
 11 – Laurie King
 12 – Doris Gage
 12 – Helen Abbott
 12 – Greg Obst
 13 – Beverley Holtsford
 16 – Ro Benish
 16 – Rosemary Thingvall
 16 – Ed Griffen
 17 – Roger Heaver
 21 – Tim Shaffstall
 25 – Jim June
 27 – Bob Gambol

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 – Kasey Jones
 3 – Patti Coble
 4 – Roxy Colomb
 4 – Elaine Simms
 11 – Spike Jones
 12 – Jolieanne Brunton
 14 – Roy Gilbert
 15 – Mike Ellsworth
 17 – Bob White
 18 – Jennie Schubert
 18 – Mark Benish
 19 – Trish Teegarden
 20 – Pam McMickin
 20 – Thayer Tarvin
 21 – Art Singley
 25 – Marge Schinke
 26 – George Keefe
 26 – Roland Begin
 26 – Bob Collins

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8 – Don & Linda Ranes
 16 – George Brother/Pam McMickin
 25 – Les & Elaine Simms
 29 – Al and Betty Lugar

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Rudy & Jennie Schubert
 10 – John & Trudie Tenison
 17 – Soren & Barb Walthers
 19 – Mark & Karen Ireland

Committee Contacts

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