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FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

To All Residents,

For those heading here, please drive safely. We hope you have had a great summer. Don't forget to keep checking our website for new information.

Please join us for our upcoming Halloween Party, complete with its pumpkin decorating contest.

You still have time to make a reservation for this season. We do hope you will stay with us. Call the office or stop by to book your site.

Don't forget to reserve your Alamo Rec-Veh calendar (or two) for 2017. More coupons will be added, plus its a 13-month Dec.-to-Dec. issue. The NEW cost? \$5.00 donation. They will be available in the Main Office at the end of November. (Remember to use the coupons from your 2016 calendar. Most of them are still valid. Advertisers want you to use them!)

Thank you to those who are working so hard to make Alamo Rec-Veh Park one of the finest and friendliest in the Valley. You'll love what's happening this season. Guaranteed. Respectfully, Barbara Hamel, Mgr.

Please read my letter in your mailing packet.

FROM THE OFFICE:

REGISTRATION CARDS: Everyone will be asked to fill out a NEW registration card upon arrival. We need to update our records with current information such as: your home address, your emergency contacts, vehicle that you're driving, etc. This is needed for office records and also for mail forwarding. If we don't have a correct home address for you, your mail won't be forwarded back to you correctly.

We are asking everyone to fill out these forms, including household members who have more than one last name. If this applies to you, please fill out a registration form for each last name.

HOLDING MAIL FOR MORE THAN A DAY: If you are going to be gone from the park for more than a day, please notify the office. We NEED TO KNOW.... It's not that we are being nosy, but if a DISASTER HAPPENS, we need accountability for you.

Remember the fire last season? If responders ask who might be inside a place, we have to know if you are. We have a form in the office for you to fill out if you are going to be gone. In that case, we hold the mail and that is our notification that you are not at home.

FREE WI-FI: There will be 24/7 FREE Wi-fi throughout the park. Time Warner speeds will be better than last year as long as park residents aren't video streaming movies, etc. Residents can bring laptops to the main building because Wi-fi will be available throughout. The Wi-fi password will be available at check-in.

From ARVP's Onsite Managers

Hello Winter Texans and Friends,

We hope everything is going well and that all of you are having a super summer. Even more, we hope you're looking forward to returning to your family at Alamo Rec.

We can't wait to get you back, so we can see and spend time with everyone.

We think this will be the best season yet because of the many things planned, both old and new.

Some of you already know that we have a new minister. Her name is Cathy Graham. She seems willing to work hard to make this a special and blessed RV season and is relying on all of our support.

Rest up and be ready to get involved.

Please remember if we can help you, we are onsite seven days a week.

In closing, we are looking forward to renewing our friendship with each and every one of you. See you soon!

Onsite Managers, Bob and Juanita Vess

MON., OCT. 31 (HALLOWEEN) -- HALLOWEEN PARTY in Rec Hall.

Join fellow residents for a Halloween Party, complete with a Decorate-the-Pumpkin Contest. Wear a costume to be eligible to earn Best Costume Award.



FROM THE ACTIVITY OFFICE

Dear Residents,

Here it is in the middle of August, and I can't figure out where the summer has gone. We have had a lot of hot weather since the first of May and not much rain, which we really need. It won't be long before we have the terrific fall weather that park residents have grown to appreciate.

We received great news in April. Jay and Tammy will be back with us as our Monday Jam hosts. The Jams will start the last week of December and continue weekly through the first Monday in March.

Several activities have been scheduled by the Activity Office. Patio Sales this season will be held the third Saturday of every month. In addition, Craft Shows are set for the second Thursday during the months of January, February and March. *(Note: I will need some help with the once-a-month Craft Shows this winter. We will also need "parkers." Please let me know if you are available.)*

Ladies Day Out will be Wed., Dec. 14 at Harold's Country Kitchen. Tickets will go on sale in November. This is always a special day for the Ladies to just get out and have some fun relaxing a little. A Ladies Tea is planned for sometime after the first of the year, so be sure to bring your tea cup.

I am really excited with the Entertainment and Dances scheduled for this year. There will be a lot of new ones, and I'm sure you will enjoy them all. The following list includes most of the entertainers: The Happy Knights (*Gospel*), Pat Davidson Magical Show, Jay & Tammy, Wilson Family String Band, Walter Plant (*Gospel*), Bill Chrastel, Ambassador of Grace (*Gospel*), Maggie Mae, Sherwin & Pam Litton, Rolando, Absolutely Country (*Gospel*), Southern Anthem, and 4 His Glory (*Gospel*). All events are subject to change.

The following are dance groups. *(Numbers in parentheses indicate how many times they'll be here.)* The scheduled groups include: Regan James Hired Man (3), Hitman (1), Sweetwater (4), Smoking Guns (1), Diego (2), Bob Dolle & Texas Variety Band (1), Richard Lynch (1), and Walter Plant (1). Some entertainment is in the planning stages, but that will be announced later.

In January, a woman will teach Spanish lessons for those who would like to be able to communicate in day-to-day situations. She will be at a Wednesday morning meeting to explain the details.

Also, in January we will sponsor a Wednesday Crazy T-Shirt Day, which is a T-Shirt competition of funny sayings or pictures. The T-shirts can be handmade or purchased. Two shirts may be attached. More to come on this.

Our theme Dances will be Patriotic in January, with a Black & White Dance in February. It would be nice to come dressed accordingly, but it's not mandatory.

We will again be celebrating those who are having a 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2016. If you will celebrate your 50th, we would love to include you in our celebration. Bring one of your wedding pictures to the Activity Office. *(You will get your picture back.)* There are other plans for that evening, which will be announced later.

For those who haven't been here before, we celebrate

The Church Corner



Pastor Cathy Graham

*Salt and Light Community
of Alamo Rec-Veh Park*

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"You are the salt of the earth ...
You are the light of the world, a city
that is set on a hill cannot be hidden ...
Let your light so shine before man, that
they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven."

Mark 5: 13-15

It is the "Dog Days of Summer" here in our sleepy little valley known as the Rio Grande Valley (RGV). But, things are coming to life here at Alamo Rec-Veh Park (ARVP) and its church congregation.

I am happy to introduce myself as the new Pastor here. To start the new season, our congregation has a new name: "Salt and Light Community of Alamo Rec-Veh." In Matthew 5, Jesus said that we are the "Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World."

Our congregation is an interdenominational group. EVERYONE is always welcome at the Table of the Lord.

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the card room, we started a summer Bible Study on Spiritual Warfare. It seems right for such a time as we are now going through.

A Mindful Coloring Group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the card room. This activity is a great way to clear our minds of any concerns for an hour. It's a time to just relax. Everyone should see the pictures because we have some wonderful colorists in our group. We are anxious for all of you to join us!

I look forward to meeting each of you! Be Blessed in all that you do.

Pastor Cathy

Thanksgiving and Christmas with a dinner. Everyone is invited. If you will be coming down just before these holidays, please call the Activity Office (956-783-5440) to let me know or to answer your questions. I will make sure there's a place for you at a table. We ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. Since most of us miss our families up North during the holidays, the next best thing is to spend time with friends.

Again this year we've planned a Silent Auction. If you have anything that you want to part with, please bring it down with you. Nothing that breathes will be allowed, nor do we want any clothes. The Auction proceeds will go to help pay for some of the bands. That way you will be able to get in at a reduced price or possibly free if we make enough.

There are several things still in the planning stages and will be in place in December.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you this fall.

Linda Miller, Activity Director

13-MONTH CALENDAR (Dec. to Dec.)

CALENDAR

\$5 Donation
featuring even more coupons than last year!

MORE ALAMO REC-VEH PARK SPECIAL EVENTS listed in this RC & The Range sponsored calendar. Check out the fun photos of your friends and neighbors.

Please reserve a 2017 Alamo Rec-Veh Park Calendar for me. Enclosed is my \$5 donation for this new RC&R-sponsored calendar that features special park events, as well as important park information, plus valuable coupons. Pick up in Main Office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ No. of calendars _____

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART EXPLANATION IN BRIEF . . . (See Separate Page for Chart)

Alamo Rec-Veh Park's Organization (Org) Chart is designed for everyone who is involved in any way with a specific event, activity or group. It will give all park residents a sense of how everything works and who to contact if they have questions or concerns.

There are no longer boards or clubs *except* the Alamo Rec-Veh Park Activity Club Board. Almost everything falls under this board's jurisdiction.

For example, on the Alamo Rec-Veh Org Chart: If the gun range and RC tracks, copters or boats group members have a question or a problem, they would first go to their respective coordinator. If he or she could not resolve the issue or answer the question, that coordinator would go to David Langseth. If for any reason he could not solve the issue, then he would come see the park manager.

Top coordinators will give a report to the Activity Club Board on the second Monday of the month. *(On the Friday before that meeting, the coordinators are required to turn in their written report to the Activity Club Board President Bob Hurd.)* At the Monday meeting the coordinator of each group will come to the meeting to review their written report with the Board, and then they will be excused. This way if Activity Club Board members have questions, they can get an immediate answer, and everyone will have a better idea of what is happening.

We believe this org chart is an excellent tool to advance our park's organization. We are not finished with it yet, so watch for updates. There will be more to come.

FEB. 2017 BOX SOCIAL

A "BOX SOCIAL MIXER" party will be held next season on Sat., Feb. 11, 2017. You may recall attending such an event. To get ahead of the game plan, you may want to make your "box" over the summer months.

The box should be large enough to hold a substantial lunch (for two), which would be shared with the lucky bidder who buys the box.

You might include such hometown, state or Canadian province items that helped to put your area on the map, such as cheese, wine, meat or sweets.

Everyone is invited (*both couples and singles*). Watch for more advertisements to come.

Upcoming Events . . .

- Halloween Party and Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Painting Classes
- Spanish Lessons
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- December Craft Show / RC and Pellet Gun Swap Meet
- Christmas Parade & Program
- Christmas Dinner
- January Open House
- Radio Show
- Wine and Cheese Event
- Box Social
- Plus MUCH, MUCH More!

Alamo Bike Riders Schedule

Jan. 16 -- Bentsen State Park thru Butterfly Gardens to Conroy and Back
Jan. 30 -- Brownsville Bike Trail from Events Center to Vermillion Restaurant
February -- Golden Age Olympics at Bentsen State Park (*Bikers must register at least one week before race.*)
Feb. 13 -- South Padre Island (*depends on Golden Age Olympics Bike Tour*) from Convention Center to Dirty Al's.
Feb. 27 -- From Granjano to The Riverside Club
March 13 -- TBA

Miriam, a Beautician living at Alamo Rec-Veh Park, will do hair, including men's cuts. Lot #393. Will go to people's homes. Phone her to set up an appointment. (956) 443-6509.

Notes from Dave Langseth, New RC&R Association Coordinator . . .

Greetings to New and Returning Residents:

We have several Remote Control & Range (RC&R) Associations in the park this season. Some of them were introduced to park residents at the end of last season, and some of them are new this fall. (*See Organizational Chart.*)

To oversee and organize the activities are the following coordinators: "The Range" Coordinator – Joe Hines, Off-Road Track Coordinator – Noel Roe, Yachting Coordinator – Dennis Zanetti, Lake Coordinator – Gary Morin, Oval Speedway Coordinator – Mike Toliver, Carpet Track (*New*) Coordinator – Larry Littler, and Copters Coordinators – Fred and Lorey Meier. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any or all of these fun activities at the park, please feel free to contact any of the people listed above or RC&R Assn. Coordinator Dave Langseth.

Please remember to bring your .177 air rifles, race cars and trucks, sailboats, fishing rods, helicopters and Quad copters so you are ready to participate. We plan to schedule more fun shoots, lots of racing, and fun fishing derbies, so you'll want to bring all your equipment.

Don't forget our RC and Pellet Gun Swap Meet, which is scheduled for early December. If you have equipment you want to sell or swap, bring it along and enjoy the fun. Several area vendors at the Meet will offer you terrific RC ideas for holiday gifting. An added incentive to attend the Swap Meet is a raffle, as well as Minnow

Races, which you'll have to see to believe!

Some of the projects planned for this year include a new dock on the other side of the lake, as well as a patio, including tables with umbrellas and chairs at The Range. Another "Range" improvement is the installation of a nitrogen bulk fill tank.

Remote Control racing and Pellet Gun shooting are relatively new activities in our park. We know there is room for improvement. If you have any suggestions, please submit your ideas in writing to the coordinator for that activity. All suggestions are appreciated and will be reviewed with a response given.

I want to thank all the volunteers, as well as Barb Hamel, Park Manager, and Mr. Kim, Park Owner, for all their support that guarantees all of us can enjoy the great activities at Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

Safe travels to Alamo Rec-Veh Park, the very best in the Valley.

Dave Langseth, RC&R Assn. Coordinator
Phone: (612) 719-2041

2016-17 SEASON REMOTE CONTROL AND RIFLE RANGE SEASON:

(These donations give you access to ALL RC, as well as Gun Range activities. There's no separation of fees for individual activities.)

Annual Couple: \$50 donation

Annual Single: \$35 donation

Monthly Couple: \$20 donation

Monthly Single: \$15 donation

RC & Gun Pellet Swap Meet/Craft Show

at ALAMO REC-VEH PARK in REC HALL, ANNEX and OUTSIDE PATIO

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring . . . **CRAFT SALE with park resident items and outside vendors**

- **RAFFLES: RC Car, Pellet Rifle, RC Boat, Quad-Copter, and Fishing Pole**
- **RC Demos** • **Minnow Racing**
- **RC Cars/Trucks/Boats and Copters for sale (new and used)**
- **RC, Gun and Fishing Vendors**

Bring RC Trucks/Cars/Boats/Copters, Accessories and Equipment, Pellet Guns and Fishing Equipment to sell or trade.

-- LUNCH and TREATS FOR SALE! --
PUBLIC INVITED!

Just in time to pick up holiday gifts!

BIG NEWS!

Bring your woodworking tools and enjoy the new woodworking area, located in the West Laundry building! The laundry machines are being removed to make room for the wood shop.

FROM THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR: This year we will once again have a **Cancer/Heart Fund Raffle**. To make this a success, we ask that you bring new items, gift cards, homemade items (such as wood-carving projects, jewelry, etc.) We will start selling tickets for the raffle in January with the raffle being held in February. If you would like to help with this project, please contact me in the Activity Director's Office.

Funds from the raffle will be divided between the local Cancer Society and the Heart Society. Note that we haven't organized this project for several years. A number of residents have asked to have it returned.

After talking to the Alamo Lions Club, there is a need for **used eyeglasses**, including sunglasses. The donations will stay in the Alamo area. I thought many of us have some of our old ones laying around. To donate, just bring them to the Activity Office.

A **Toys for Tots** collection for Alamo children will be conducted again this year. Alamo Rec-Veh Park resi-

dents have always collected more toys than any other Winter Texan Park in Alamo. I am very proud of all of you who have helped to make this possible. This toy drive will start in November.

You, the residents, have delighted us with your generosity to help meet our community needs. We thank you very much.

Linda Miller, *Activity Director*

HELPING HANDS SEWING CLUB: Again this season, Helping Hands Sewing Club will meet on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Annex to make bibs, chemo hats and quilts (all sizes) for the needy in the Rio Grande Valley. With this in mind, we are asking you to consider bringing 100% cotton fabric, sheets, and yarn to Alamo Rec-Veh Park to assist us in helping others. (*We also collect toiletries that you've collected from hotels / motels in your travels for the local Women's Shelter*). We look forward to another year of sewing and friendship on Tuesday mornings.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION (2016-17 SEASON CLASS SCHEDULE)

Join us each Monday afternoon in the Annex from 1 to 3 p.m. for some **fun classes** including a variety of quilting and sewing projects, along with craft classes. *Sample pictures will be featured on the web page.* Be sure to check out our display cabinet in the hall.

• **Jan. 9 -- 1st Clue given for "Mystery Quilt"** – Bring your supplies and be prepared to start work on this project. The goal is to get your quilt top done before you go home for the summer. Mystery quilt (approx. 42"x50") is great for large prints to be fussy cut into 6-1/2" blocks. Avoid one-way designs. Supply list to bring: 1-1/4 yards large print or Focus fabric, one yard coordinating fabric that reads solid, one yard light background fabric, 1/2 yard contrasting coordinating fabric for small border.

• **Jan. 16 -- ID Holder by Linda Albin** – Bring one fat quarter, one 5"x3-3/4" clear 8 or 10-gauge plastic, and one 7" zipper that matches the fat quarter. I have some clear plastic I will bring to share.

• **Jan. 23 -- Short Sleeve Sweatshirt by Candy Schuster** – Bring one sweatshirt in your size, four large buttons (at least 1" in diameter), four smaller buttons (1/2" to 3/4" in size), three small pieces of coordinating fabrics (at least 8"x8" in size), a small piece of double-sided fusible interfacing such as Heat and Bond.

• **Jan. 30 -- Wreath by Nancy Afeld** – Bring a 12" or 16" wire wreath ring, one roll of 6" or 10" wide mesh, one roll of coordinating ribbon, one large pkg. matching pipe cleaners, ruler, rotary cutter or scissors, and decorative pieces such as floral stems to decorate your wreath. (*Hobby Lobby has a nice selection of*

mesh and everything you need. The mesh is usually 1/2 price there.)

• **Feb. 6 -- 2nd Clue given for "Mystery Quilt"** – We will be working on the quilt for this session.

• **Feb. 16 -- Pillowcase** – Bring 9" x width of fabric (at least 42" wide) for cuff, 27" x width of fabric (at least 42" wide) non-directional fabric for the pillowcase, 3" of contrast fabric for trim if desired.

• **Feb. 20 -- Earrings by Gelene Logsdon** – Make these cute button earrings. Bring two earring hooks, 26 jump rings, ten 2-hole or 4-hole buttons (*may be a little larger than the 4-hole small buttons*) and ten 4-hole small buttons. (*Hobby Lobby carries a nice selection of everything needed for this project.*)

• **Feb. 27 -- Final Clue given for "Mystery Quilt" and revealing!** – We will finish the quilt top or work on any other unfinished project.

Don't forget to bring your **Challenge Project** with you to display at the Quilt & Hobby Show. This year's challenge is "**Spring Fling**." Create a project with anything to do with spring. This could be projects such as Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Flowers, etc. We would like to have a large display of your creations at the quilt show.

You may work on your own quilting project, wood-carving item, scrapbooking, or needlework each Monday afternoon – or just come to visit and see what we are doing.

Please bring your ideas for future classes with you this fall. We will find a teacher if you don't care to teach the class. If you have any questions, contact Linda Albin at 573-680-3469 or email me at lalbin274@gmail.com.

Alamo Rec-Veh Park Organizational Chart

Revised
Aug. 16, 2016

General Manager
Barbara Hamel

Resident On-Site Managers / Assistants to the GM
Bob & Juanita Vess (wc)

Website, Echo and Advertising
Colleen Benoit (v)
Barb Zanetti (v)

Planning Development Projects Coordinator
Mike Benoit (v)

Activity Club Board
President – Bob Hurd
Vice-President – Larry Rustan
Secretary – Connie Brown
Treasurer – Sue Bentz

Area Rep - Don Sullivan
Area Rep - Bob Brown
Area Rep - Kate Gonzales
Area Rep - Bill DeNeve
Area Rep - Woody Wilson

ARVP Staff
Office – Jim Hamel
Mail – Bea Kraus
Security/Coffee – Jim Van Tuyl
Maintenance – Pablo Palacios, Mary Garza and Mary Ramirez

General Activity Director
Linda Miller

RC & R Association
Coordinator – Dave Langseth
Treasurer – Betty Sternbach
Assistant Treasurer – Jim Miller
Planning Coordinator – Phyllis Tieszen

Sound System
Bob Vess
Pete Gonzales (Asst.)

Range Coordinator
Joe Hines

Off-Road Track Coordinator
Noel Roe

Tours Coordinators
JoAnn Langseth
Marian Peterson
Doris Walimaa

Congregation
Clergy – Cathy Graham
Coordinators – Tripp Wright and Maggie Biedekapp
Treasurer – Kathy Moore
Bulletins – Barb Zanetti
Sound – Bob Vess

Yachting Coordinator
Dennis Zanetti

Lake Coordinator
Gary Morin

Kitchen Coordinators
Gordy and Aggie Jensen

Helping Hands Coordinators
Judi Swanda
Vera Welty

Oval Speedway Coordinator
Mike Tolliver

Carpet Track Coordinator
Larry Littler

Decorations Coordinator
Sharon Kamka
Connie Brown
Tess Ficcaglia

Creative Expressions Coordinators
Linda Albin
Candy Schuster

Copters Coordinators
Fred and Lorey Meier

Other Activities
Pool Hall – Bob Hurd **Bicycle Club** – Gary Ronfelt
Bingo – Elmer Burns and Phyllis Brandt (Asst.)
Water Aerobics – David Heimal and Sheri Rath
Shuffleboard – Gary Ronfelt and Ed Johnson (Asst.)
Red Hat Club – Mary Ann Martinson
Library – Karen and Dean Starks
Bocce Ball – Woody Wilson