

Alamo Rec-Veh Park • 1320 W. Frontage Rd. • Alamo, TX 78516 • email: alamorecvehpark.comVol. 2, Issue 3Activity Office (956) 783 5440 • General Manager (956) 787-8221 or (956) 703-8025 or (956) 602-9056Editors: Barb Zanetti (Taetsch) 586-438-5115 and Colleen Benoit 262-914-7100 • Email: Echo1320@att.net(Please place upcoming announcements in the Main Office "ECHO" Box by TUESDAY at 5 p.m. OR use the Echo email.)

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

To All Alamo Rec-Veh Park Residents,

The winter season is here, and we hope your stay will be a fun-filled time at the park. If we can help you with anything, please let us know. If you can't reach us at the office, my email is ann322@rgv.rr.com. My personal cell phone is (956) 602-9056.

An example of unique activities being introduced at Alamo Rec-Veh Park this season is installation of RC Carpet Track Racing in our north hall. This will happen soon. With this RC addition, it's easy to figure out why we have earned the title of "RC Capital" park of the Rio Grande Valley.

Stop by the large assortment of RC activities as racing begins this season. Be careful; handling those controls for cars, trucks, 'copters, sailboats, and power boats can become addictive. At each of these events, some type of food and drink will be available. It's even a treat to be an RC spectator here.

The evening of November 19, we going to be using the hall for a wedding reception for my son and his bride. Because our grandson will be going into the Navy soon, we had to move up the date of the wedding so he could attend. The park rec hall was our only option. I hope I don't inconvenience anyone. All of you are more than welcome to attend.

Respectfully, Barbara Hamel, Mgr.



JAY & TAMMY will begin hosting the popular Alamo Rec-Veh Park JAMS on Monday, Dec. 12. (Lunch at 11 a.m., followed by Jam at 12:30 a.m.)

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.

Upcoming Calendar

- **FRI., NOV. 11 --** *FIRST BUSY BEE QUILTERS GET-TOGETHER* (1 p.m.) in Annex.
- FRI., NOV. 11 -- WESLACO VEGE-TABLE WAGON (3-5 p.m.) near side exit gate.
- FRI., NOV. 11 -- TOUR: *McALLEN VETERAN MEMORIAL*. (Cost: Free) Leave park at 2:30 p.m. Meet at Tour Office.
- SAT., NOV. 12 -- TOUR: *McALLEN LIBRARY BOOK FESTIVAL & SALE* (Cost: Free) at McAllen Public Library. Leave Park at 10 a.m. Meet at Tour Office.
- SUN., NOV. 13 CAKE & ICE CREAM (6 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$1 per dip with a piece of cake. (Bring your own bowl and spoon.) Need volunteers for month of December.
- MON., NOV. 14 *FIRST WATER AEROBICS* (8 a.m.) in pool. First date for 9 a.m. class not set yet.
- MON., NOV. 14 -- PAINTING CLASS (1 p.m.) in Annex. Project: Bird or gingerbread house or 12" Christmas tree. May be purchased from Michaels. Bring paint brush and acrylic paint for plasticware. Project continues for following three Mondays.
- **MON., NOV. 14 --** *BÍNGO* (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall.
- TUES., NOV. 15 *RC QUADCOPTER RACES with Bakery* (8:30-11 a.m.) in Annex. Bakery and coffee will be available. Races, along with bakery sales, will be offered every Tuesday. Bring your copters and race or challenge yourself to learn how to operate a copter.
- WED., NOV. 16 -- FIRST FUN NIGHT (6:30 p.m.) in Pool Hall. Bring food to share if you wish. Sign-up sheets in Pool Hall. Everyone welcome.
- WED., NOV. 16 FIRST EXERCISE CLASS (7:55 a.m.) in Annex. THURS, NOV. 17 -- TOUR: QUINTA

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SAT., NOV. 19 – *FIRST PATIO SALE* (8 a.m. until noon). Residents are not required to participate.

SUN., NOV. 20 – CAKE & ICE CREAM (6 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$1 per dip with a piece of cake. (Bring your own bowl and spoon.)

TUES., NOV. 22 -- FOLKLORIC DANCERS (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Freewill offering.

THURS., NOV. 24 -- *THANKSGIVING DINNER.* Cost: \$1. (Seating at 2:45 p.m.; dinner at 3 p.m.) (*See pg. 3 for more info.*)

THURS., NOV. 24 -- MR. GATTI'S PIZZA GET-TOGETH-*ER* (cancelled due to holiday). Will resume the second Thursday of Dec.)

FRI., NOV. 25 -- 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE (1 p.m.) Women welcome. Sign-up sheets in Pool Hall. Victory Palms is first competitor.

FRI., NOV. 25 -- *VETERAN'S PROGRAM* (9:30 a.m.) at Alamo Park on the city's new stage (just off Business 83). Cost: Free.

MON., NOV. 28 -- SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON FOR ALAMO POLICE AND FIREMEN. All proceeds will be donated to the departments equally. (12:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Police and firemen will be here. Menu: Spaghetti, salad, roll and dessert. Cost: \$5. A collection will also be taken at Wednesday morning Park meetings Nov. 16 & 23.

TUES., NOV. 29 -- TOUR: *RIVERSIDE DREAMER CRUISE* (Cost: \$23, which includes lunch) at the Riverside Club. One-hour Rio Grande River boat cruise begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Leave Park at 10 a.m. Meet at Tour Office. (*Note: when signing up, stop at Tour Office to choose from lunch selection.*)

SAT., DEC. 3 – RC & PELLET GUN SWAP MEET / CRAFT SHOW (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) in Rec Hall, Annex and Outside Patio. Features Raffles for RC Car, Pellet Rifle, RC Boat, Quadcopter, and Fishing Pole. Watch RC Demos. Check out Minnow Racing. RC Cars & Trucks for sale (new and used). RC Gun & Fishing Vendors. Residents invited to bring RC Trucks, Cars, Boats, Copters, Accessories and Equipment, as well as Pellet Guns and Fishing Equipment to sell or trade. Craft and Vendor -- \$5 per table. Lunch & Treats for sale!

SAT., DEC. 3 -- TOUR: *McALLEN CHRISTMAS PARADE* (*RESERVED SEATS in VETERANS MEMORIAL STA-DIUM*) (Cost: \$11). Leave park at 4 p.m. Please sign up and pay as quickly as possible so we can reserve the seats. Limited number available.

MON., DEC. 12 -- WEEKLY JAM & LUNCH. (Lunch at 11 a.m., Jam to follow at 12:30 p.m.)

WED., DEC. 14 -- LADIES DAY LUNCHEON (noon) at Harold's Kitchen. Cost: \$10.50. Tickets may be purchased in the Activity Office. Meal includes iced tea but not coffee.

SAT., DEC. 31 -- NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE & BREAK-FAST (Dance 8 p.m.; Breakfast 12:15 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Music provided by Jay & Tammy and Friends. Tickets (Dance = \$10 each; Breakfast = \$3) are available in Main Office and

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."

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• WED., NOV. 23 -- THANKSGIVING EVE SER-VICE at 3:30 p.m. Please bring an offering of canned goods for the Alamo colonias.

• Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (after Park Meeting). Topic: *Spiritual Warfare*.

• Please check Church Bulletin Board for information about future events.

• Special services will be held on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Look for Pastor Cathy's letter to park residents which will be published in the Dec. 2 issue of the **Echo**.

ACTIVITY OFFICE. Table reservations available in Activity Office (only). To make table reservations, you must bring your dance ticket. *See ad on pg. 3*.

DONATIONS SOUGHT

North of Alamo, a small colonia of impoverished residents desperately needs help. (*A colonia is an unnamed community of people, living often with less than adequate housing and utilities.*) Fred and Lorey Meier are collecting donations -- food, warm clothing, furnishings, blankets, etc. -- to help these colonia residents.

Contact the Meiers for more info at Lot 311. If they're not at home, you're welcome to leave your donations in their enclosed patio area.

NOTE: All offerings from the Alamo Rec-Veh Park Church's Thanksgiving Eve service will be donated to the people of the North Alamo colonia.

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A sincere thank you to Connie and Bob Brown, as well as their sister Elaine, for their extra effort to make the Halloween Party a success. Thanks, too, to all who attended the Alamo Rec-Veh Park party, its first formal get-together with friends and neighbors.

REGISTRATION CARDS

Everyone is asked to fill out a NEW registration card. 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 mail forwarding.

Rec Hall doors open at 5 a.m. Coffee available.





CUSI: \$1 per perso

Turkey and Gravy cooked by Gordy and Aggie Jensen.

Hostess Sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Please add your name to the list under any hostess' name whose sheet isn't full. Hostess will have you sign up for whatever dish you'd like to bring. Don't be bashful about signing up under someone's name that you don't know. No matter what, we will see to it that you will have a place to eat.

It's a special time to get together with our Alamo Rec-Veh Park family. DUE TO LATE EATING TIME, NO EVENING BUFFET.







with JAYE TAMMY and Friends

DEC. 31 – Dance (8 p.m. to 12 a.m.) Breakfast (12:15 - 1 a.m.) DANCE TICKETS: \$10 per person; BREAKFAST: \$3 per person

Breakfast Menu: Scrambled Egg Casserole, Mixed Fruit Cup, Toast and Coffee



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The following groups NEED participants, players, spectators, etc. *Go to a meeting, game, or activity just to see if it's a good fit for you.*

Group Leaders: You will need to submit info for this column by Tuesday at 5 p.m. every week. Please be brief. Copy will be edited.

RC Racing To Begin ...

• Tuesday, Nov. 15 -- 8:30 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in Main Hall. Bring your helicopters and drones. Bakery fare and coffee will be on sale during the Tuesday morning races. (NOTE: Quadcopter Racing started Nov. 8.)

• Friday, Dec. 2 -- 1 p.m., Oval Track Racing in front of Main Office (11 a.m. Practice, 12 noon Lunch) Bring your RC cars or just come down to watch. Lunch will be on sale at noon. Proceeds help to defray track upkeep and updating facilities.

• Sunday, Dec. 4 -- 1 p.m., Sailboat Racing at the dock. (12 noon Lunch) *Menu:* All-beef hotdogs, chips, brownies, a variety of sodas and water will be on sale for participants and spectators.

2016-17 REMOTE CONTROL RACING AND RIFLE RANGE DONATIONS:

(The following donations give you access to ALL RC and Gun Range competitions and activities for the 2016-17 season. There's NO separation for individual activities.)

Annual Couple: \$50 *OR* Annual Single: \$35 donation Monthly Couple: \$20 *OR* Monthly Single: \$15 donation

UPCOMING TOURS

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Tours Bulletin Board. Meet in the Rec Hall before the tour unless otherwise indicated. Watch for new tours (posted) because opportunities often open for park residents. *For info, call Tour Directors Marion Peterson at* (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.

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CARD GAMES STARTING

Note: You don't need a partner. Come and join us. WED., NOV. 16 -- CANCELLATION HEARTS (6:30 p.m.) in Card Room.

FRI, NOV. 18 -- SHANGHAI (6:30 p.m.) in Card Room.



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- 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! \$5 per table. For info, call (252) 914-7100

-Just in time to pick up holiday gifts!



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- Pellet Gun and Fishing Vendors

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

\$5.00 a table For more info, call (262) 914-7100. **CRAFT SALE** with park resident items and outside vendors

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