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(Please place upcoming announcements in the Main Office "ECHO" Box by TUESDAY at 5 p.m. OR use the Echo email.)

THIS IS THE LAST ECHO PUBLICATION FOR THIS SEASON!

We hope to publish an abbreviated issue this summer.

If you have information for residents, please send it to the staff using the Echo email.

DEFIBRILLATORS: The defibrillators are currently located in white cabinets in shower area in East Laundry Room and Laundry Room next to Pool Hall. (*Both laundry rooms have 24-hr. Access.*) Also, defibrillator located in North section of the Rec Hall in white cabinet on wall (*Rec Hall closes at 10 p.m.*)

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Alamo Rec-Veh Residents,

It's heartening to see that so many park residents continue to meet to plan our Alamo Rec-Veh Park's 45th Anniversary. The dedication and enthusiasm of these volunteers is what makes our park truly extraordinary.

To get residents together and to help meet everyone's needs, I have formed a team of four park residents. Their goal will be to increase interaction between groups and our Alamo Rec-Veh Park's Activity Board.

My hope is that activities and events will run more efficiently and that any questions that arise among our residents will be answered quickly. Improved communication will help our overall decision-making process.

Noel Roe heads this team, which includes Dean Herick, Melrose Stodden and Tripp Wright.

You are welcome to email me with your suggestions or questions: ann322@rgv.rr.com or call me at (956) 602-9056 or at (800) 335-3131. Please let the office know if you are in need of anything. *Note that beginning in mid-April, I will be the only one in the office.* Sincerely, Barb Hamel, General Manager

WEDNESDAY PARK MEETINGS HAVE ENDED FOR THIS SEASON

However, DONUTS and COFFEE WILL BE available next Wednesday.

8:30 a.m. Donuts & Coffee (Self-Serve)
(Suggested donation 50¢ covers Activity Board bakery cost.)

RESIDENTS: Please be careful. Keep your doors locked. Be assured that we have surveillance in the park. If you hear strange noises, including knocks on your doors, don't hesitate to call 911.

Planning Committee Update Alamo Rec-Veh Park 45th Anniversary

SUN., FEB. 25 – SAT., MARCH 3, 2018

We are beginning to plan for our week-long celebration. Special events are on schedule for a fun-filled week of activities. Watch for details in your summer online *Echo* edition. This celebration will showcase the diverse interests of our park residents and encourage all to participate. Your ideas are welcome. *POC Deb Fulk*

SUN., MARCH 26 – 1 p.m. (Cost: \$1)
Bring a dish to pass, serving spoon and tablesetting.
Ham, Potatoes and Gravy will be provided.
'EARLY EASTER' DINNER

Upcoming Events

FRI., MARCH 24 – ENDURO RC RACE at HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK. 8 p.m. (*See Rules on pg. 4.*) All RC&R members are invited to participate in this "last car running" race.

SUN., MARCH 26 – CHURCH SERVICE 9 a.m. in Rec Hall. (*Final service for season.*)

SUN., MARCH 26 – "EARLY EASTER" DINNER 1 p.m.
Ham, potatoes and gravy will be prepared. Cost: \$1. Bring a dish to pass and your own tablesetting. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

WED., MARCH 29 – BOCCE BALL/ PATIO SOCIAL
4 p.m. on Patio. Bring your own chair, drinks and finger food to pass. Plan to play a round or two of bocce ball.

Bingo continues as scheduled through March 31, which will be the last game night.

WATER AEROBICS

continues

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

**NEW TIME:
8:30 A.M.**

**Name of class is changed to
AQUACIZE**

**Alamo Rec-Veh Park
T-Shirt and
3" 45th Anniversary
Button are
available for pre-order.**

\$15 for both

INFO IN ACTIVITY OFFICE

**Picture Book Directories
Available This Summer**

*See Activity Office if you'd like one
mailed to you at home.*

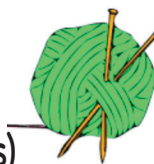
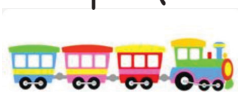
ECHO Editors Message

Your *Echo* will be published through March 31. Please forward ALL announcements, event notices, and thank-you notes to the *Echo* staff through either the *Echo* email (listed at the top of every *Echo*) or by delivering it in writing to the Main Office staff. Please don't rely on Activity Office to forward your info. As in the past, we will do our very best to serve all park residents. If you have questions or concerns, contact our staff. We'll be happy to help you in any way we can. We look forward to a fun-filled finish to our season. **If you have any items for a summer issue, we'll see what we can do.**

HELPING HANDS

Please consider helping **ALAMO REC-VEH PARK'S HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS** help others by donating . . .

- Old, clean sheets and/or bed ruffles for quilt backs
- Thread for sewing quilts
- Yarn for tying quilt tops
- Small-size shampoo and soaps (from hotels)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste samples (from dentists)
- Toys and dolls



FOR MORE INFO,
CONTACT VERA WELTY AT (641) 648-2502

Please be sure to sign any notice or request you submit to the *ECHO*. Also, add your phone number, if possible. Don't forget the date and time of your event or activity, as well as cost -- if there is one. *Thanks so much!*

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

PLEASE NOTIFY the office a couple of days before you plan to check out of the park. We need to read your electricity meter to get your final bill ready and also to apply credit to your bill for your mail key.

Please check with the Main Office to make sure we have your correct home address to send any mail delivered here back to you. *If you need labels, they can be made for you.* This procedure helps us expedite your departure and makes sure that your mail gets forwarded to you.

Please do not rely on the post office to forward your mail to your home address.

Have a GREAT SUMMER. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS FALL!**

AMIGOS de LOS NINOS de MEXICO

(Friends of the Children of Mexico)



Please consider bringing these items back with you in the fall:

- **CRAYONS** (24-count because these fit our crayon holder boxes)
- **RULED NOTEBOOKS** (1-subject type)
- **PENCILS** (#2 but NOT sharpened)
- **STUFFED TOYS** (NOT over 12" tall)
- **TOYS FOR BOYS & GIRLS UP TO AGE 12** (Some suggestions: Nothing battery powered. Nothing over 12" tall. Some ideas include -- Beanie Babies, Barbie's, Tennis Balls, Matchbox Cars, etc.)

CONTACT MAGGIE BIEDEKAPP, Lot 234, for info.

**Don't forget to make
your reservations
for next year.**

GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT.

RESIDENT INFO FORMS DUE

Please turn these forms in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This important info helps us update our office records.

MAIL FORWARDING LABELS

Please check with the office to see if you have correct mail forwarding labels. These labels will help us forward your mail back home when it's time for you to leave Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

GROUP NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

Please do not reposition books on the shelves. Just a reminder to place incoming books into baskets and we will shelve them. Donated books must be in good condition and puzzles complete. Thank you for your cooperation. *Dean and Karen Starks*

HELPING HANDS

New officers for 2017-18 season: Chairwoman – Martha Morin, Assistant Chairwoman – Zoe Erickson, Secretary – Kay Schmidtke, Treasurer – Jan Mathias, Adviser – Vera Welty, Quilt & Hobby Chairman – Susan Parks, Quilt & Hobby Assistant Chairman – Judi Swanda.

We're accepting donations for the 2017-18 season. Please feel free to donate any of the following items before you go home this season or when you come back next season.

“Old, clean sheets and/or bed ruffles for quilt backs, thread to sew quilts together, yarn for tying quilt tops, small shampoo and soaps from hotels, toothbrushes and toothpaste samples from dentist offices, toys, dolls.

Contact Vera Welty at (641) 648-2502 or talk to any Helping Hands member for more information.

ATTENTION QUILTERS:

The Quilt & Hobby Show Challenge for 2018 is “HIT THE TRAIL”. You are invited to participate in the Quilt & Hobby Show Challenge for 2018 by using any one of the following: **Conestoga Wagons traveling to Oregon, cowboys pushing cattle along a path established by Jesse Chisholm, being on the road to ball parks around the United States, places you have seen from your RV or travel trailer, memories of Route 66, or any other “TRAIL” your creative mind cares to wander down.** Make plans now to show off your creative abilities next year whether or not the project relates to the theme. *We look forward to showcasing the creative talents of Alamo Rec-Veh residents.*

SHUFFLEBOARD WINNERS:

Consolation Winners Correction: JERRY OGDEN'S NAME was inadvertently left out of the Consolation Winner's list at the Manager's Challenge Shuffleboard Tournament.

2018 ALAMO REC-VEH PARK BIKE RIDE SCHEDULE

- Mon., Jan. 15 – Bentsen State Park through the Butterfly Gardens to Conway and back
- Mon., Jan. 29 – South Padre Island (*depends on Golden Age Olympics date*) from Convention Center to Dirty Al's
- Feb. ??? – Golden Age Olympics (Bike Tour) at Bentsen State Park (*Bikers need to pre-register weeks before the race.*)
- Mon., Feb. 12 – Brownsville Events Center to Vermillion Restaurant
- Mon., Feb. 26 – From Granjano to The Riverside Club
- Mon., March 12 – Bentsen and the Butterfly Gardens thru ritzy district
- Mon., March 26 – Mystery Ride with the following choices to be made later in season: A) Estero Llano Grande, B) Gatti's and go north; C) Resaca De La Palma State Park, D) Other

(Non-Denominational)

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Randy and Susan Parks



Contact Information:

Lot #117 (on 5th Street)

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Have a great summer season, and we look forward to worshipping with you again next year at Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

CHURCH PIANO PLAYER NEEDED:

A piano player is needed for Alamo Rec-Veh Park's Community Church services for the 2017-18 season. Please contact Pastor Randy, Tripp Wright, or Cathy or Roger Moore for more info.

BIBLE STUDY ends at 10 a.m. today (*Friday, March 24*) for the season. Please check the Alamo Rec-Veh Community Church bulletin board for next year's information.

Thank You!

Thank you to all my friends for attending my surprise birthday party on March 22. Also, for all the birthday wishes, beautiful cards and gifts. Special thanks to my family for putting on the party, to Joe and Gloria Hines for helping get it organized and for all who helped in the kitchen serving and cleaning up.

I have made so many friends in the park over the past 19 years and will always cherish your friendship. Your thoughtfulness and friendship will never be forgotten.

God Bless you all.

Alice Tiemessen

Thank you to the Activity Board, to all the hard-working volunteers, and to everyone who supported the chicken dinner by purchasing a ticket. A special thank you to Mr. Kim, park owner, for donating the chicken and to Barb Hamel, park manager, for her support.

Susie Bentz

This has been an amazing end-of-year aluminum can collection. Currently, we have almost 500 lbs. to cash in. This is a record for us! If we go over 500 lbs., we get 2¢ more per lb. So, if you have any cans, please drop them off at the collection center on the side of The Range before we bring them to the recycling center early next week. Thank all of you for your recycling efforts. We're hoping to top 500 lbs. next season, too.

Elmer Bruns

Thanks to all the ladies and men who worked to make our Helping Hands season so successful. A special thanks to the ladies who brought snacks, all of those who delivered quilts to Alamo Rec-Veh Park residents who were hospitalized or recuperating, and those who made donations such as sheets, fabric,

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Thank You! . . . Cont. from previous page

yarn, thread, etc. We're looking forward to next year. Everyone is welcome to join us. *Helping Hands*

Thanks to park residents who supported and helped make our RC & Range events successful. Our spectators were absolutely wonderful! Support from park owner Mr. Kim and from park manager Barb Hamel allowed us to build and continue to improve both remote control facilities and The Range. We can't thank them enough. Also, the Activity Board members have contributed time and effort to make a significant difference this season.

Our RC event coordinators deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts: Fred and Lorey Meier for Quadcopters, Dennis Zanetti for Yachts; Mike Benoit for the new Small-Scale Cars (Sunscreen Track); Noel Roe for Off-Road. Also, thanks to Betty Sternbach, Treasurer; and to Phyllis Tieszen, Event Coordinator.

RC members who helped provide food during many events deserve special recognition, too, including Jackie Kortbein and her team for Oval Track lunches; Carol Roe and her team for Off-Road breakfasts and trackside snacks; Lorey and Fred Meier for Quadcopter breakfast bakery; and the Zanetti team for lake-side hot dog lunches.

Fundraiser organizers for The Range's Radio Dinner Show, Joann Langseth, Marian Peterson, Dorie Walimaa, and their team of volunteers did a super job of making this a stellar event.

Joe Hines also deserves a big thank you for serving as Range Coordinator and maintenance man. It takes a lot of effort to keep our Range facility looking great, so thanks to Joe and his team of workers this season.

A special thanks also to Jim Davis for organizing our Range shooting competition and to Sue Signs for scoring them. Their commitment made a big difference.

Thanks, too, to Gary Morin for being the lake and fishing coordinator and for organizing derbies and providing wonderful prizes.

We can't forget the wonderful photos taken by Dennis Zanetti for the fundraising RC&R 2017 calendar.

We don't have enough room to thank all the RC&R members who stepped up as volunteers whenever a hand was needed. You are so terrific!

We look forward to working with everyone to make the Range and RC experience even more fun next season!

Dave Langseth, Past RC&R Director
and Doug Kortbein, RC&R Director

THE RANGE AGGREGATE WINNERS FOR 2016-17 SEASON:

UNCLASSIFIED: 1st – Joe Hines, 2nd – Gary Morin.
EXPERT: 1st – Ken Tieszen, 2nd – Helen Chadwell, 3rd – Jene Chadwell. **HIGH MASTER:** 1st – Jim Davis, 2nd – Janice Davis, 3rd – Russ Signs.

HELP WANTED: MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS for race tracks, quadcopters and indoor small-car tracks, as well as "The Range." Contact: Colleen Benoit at (262) 914-7100.

RC ENDURO RACE

Friday, March 24 – 8:00 p.m.

Last car running on track wins Enduro pot!
(Amount per driver to be agreed on before race.)

NO RULES, EXCEPT . . .

– DISQUALIFICATION IF CAR OR TRUCK:

- Goes off track to center area
- Runs out of power
- Flips on its top or side (unless operator can right car or truck with its controller)

– NO HANDS CAN DIRECTLY TOUCH OR RIGHT CAR OR TRUCK

– CAR MUST STAY ON TRACK

– CAR OR TRUCK MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE ON ITS OWN POWER



MANAGER'S CHALLENGE WINNERS:

- **PISTOL:** 1st – Gary Klepper, 2nd – Mike Benoit, 3rd – Joe Hines.
- **RIFLE:** (HIGH MASTER) 1st – Janice Davis, 2nd – Gary Klepper, 3rd – Russ Signs. (EXPERT) 1st – Helen Chadwell, 2nd – Jene Chadwell, 3rd – Phyllis Tieszen. (SHARP SHOOTER) 1st – Jim Miller. (UNCLASSIFIED) 1st – Doug Kortbein, 2nd – Joe Hines, 3rd – Noel Roe.
- **RC OFF-ROAD TRACK:** (FIRST FLIGHT) 1st – Doug Kortbein, 2nd – Bernie Schwitzer, 3rd – Tripp Wright. (SECOND FLIGHT) 1st – Larry Littler, 2nd – Jim Davis, 3rd – Mike Toliver. (MOST IMPROVED) Gary Morin.
- **RC HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK:** (2-WHEEL DRIVE MAIN) 1st – Jack Ahlers, 2nd – Mike Benoit, 3rd – Mike Fleming. (4-WHEEL DRIVE MAIN) 1st – John Wallace, 2nd – Mike Toliver, 3rd – Larry Littler. (FASTEST LAP) Larry Littler (5.086 seconds). (MOST IMPROVED) Bernie Schwitzer.

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK CALENDAR

\$250 Coupons are good
thru Dec. 2017!

Using just one coupon could
cover the cost of your calendar.

AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE

**WHY NOT TAKE ONE HOME TO SHOW OFF YOUR
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