

Alamo Rec-Veh Park • 1320 W. Frontage Rd. • Alamo, TX 78516 • webpage: alamorecvehpark.com Vol. 2, Issue 12 General Manager (956) 787-8221 or (956) 703-8025 or (956) 602-9056 • Activity Office (956) 783-5440 / (956)-475-5018 Editors: 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.)

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** The defibrillators are currently located in the East Laundry Room, north section of the Main Hall, and in the Laundry next to the Pool Hall.

#### FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

#### Dear Alamo Rec-Veh Residents,

Welcome to all our new and returning park residents. We're so glad you're here! We have so much fun planned for everyone for the rest of January!

Remember that on Monday, Jan. 23, we continue our Special Jam & Dance with a Western theme. Hosts Jay & Tammy will help you to have a fun afternoon.

The Range is sponsoring a Fishing Contest that runs thru Sat., Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. Our RC and Pellet Gun Swap Meet / Craft Show is a can't miss event on Sat., Jan. 21. H.E.B. will be here with Wine Tasting from 11-12:30, plus many other

vendor samples and displays, RC demos, minnow racing and so much more! At next Wednesday's morning Activity Meeting, we are sponsoring two RC helicopter drawings. To be eligible, you'll need to register with Dave Langseth, who is sitting at a corner table across from the kitchen. When you sign up, you must agree to attend the following Tuesday morning's RC Quad & Copter Flight

Training beginning at 9 a.m. in the Rec Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this practice to learn how to fly quadcopters or to practice with your own vehicle. On Jan 28, we will be hosting an Alamo Rec-Veh Open House. I'm hoping you

will all come to help and to enjoy the day. If you have anything from your group that you'd like to display that day, please contact me.

We hope you are finding events you like. Our volunteers are running so many activities from pool, to shuffleboard, to a large variety of card games, to crafts and quiltmaking, plus much, much more. They're always looking for others to join.

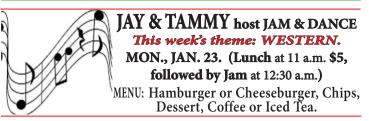
Remember, if you want to reserve your lot for next season, reservations should be turned in by noon on Jan. 24. *Sincerely, Barb Hamel, General Manager* 



#### **OFFICE NOTICES:**

- POOL CLOSED 7-8 a.m. for cleaning
- Water should be added to the lake this week.
- Gun Range should be opened on Friday.

Note: IT IS A VIOLATION TO TAMPER WITH METER BOARDS BY MIXING UP NUMBERS.



## **Upcoming Events**

**FRI., JAN. 20 – TOUR:** *ADOBE HOUSE in McAllen.* (Cost: \$3) Leave park at 9:15 a.m. Sign up at Tour Office.

SAT., JAN. 21 -- RC & PELLET GUN SWAP MEET & CRAFT SHOW (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Bring your RC vehicles, pellet guns and fishing poles to swap or sell. (See ad on pg. 4.) Vendors include Hobby-Town and New Sun Racing with RC demos, Engert Farms with citrus and fresh orange juice samples, RV Supply Center with a drawing for a motion detector RV light (\$100 value online), then H.E.B. Wine Tasting is from 11-12:30, plus purchase park resident crafts and more!

SAT., JAN. 21 – PATIO SALE (8 a.m.-Noon).

SUN., JAN. 22 – TOUR: *BLOODLESS BULLFIGHTING*. (Cost: \$31) Leave park at 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Tour Office.

- MON., JAN. 23 PICTURES FOR PARK DIRECTORY by Appointment. (9:45 a.m. start). Tuesday dates open. See Activity Office.
- MON., JAN. 23 SPECIAL JAM & DANCE. (Lunch 11 a.m.; Jam & Dance 12:30 p.m.) Theme: Western.
- MON., JAN. 23 *SKY-MED PRESENTATION*. (4 p.m.) in Annex. Serving wine and cheese.
- **TUES., JAN. 24** *RC&R MEETING.* (11 a.m. after RC Quadcopters) in Card Room. All RC and Range members, plus anyone interested in becoming a member should attend.
- **TUES., JAN. 24** *SAVVY STITCHERS Knitting & Crocheting Group.* (1 p.m.) in North Hall. For info, call Janice Davis at (231) 690-3681.
- TUES., JAN. 24 SPANISH CLASS (1:45 p.m.) in Annex. Fee f/classes.
- **TUES., JAN. 24 GORDY & AGGIE SPECIAL DINNER** (5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$7. Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Bring your own table service. Tickets in Activity Office.

WEDS., JAN. 25 – CRAZY T-SHIRT MORNING. Make it or buy it.

THURS., JAN. 26 – *RED HAT BREAKFAST & STYLE SHOW*. (8:30 a.m.) in Annex. Cost: \$3. Clothing by Bealls. Must have ticket to

## Events . . .

attend: Available in Activity Office. Wear breakfast attire. *Must have accurate count by Tues., Jan. 24.* Sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board.

**THURS., JAN. 26 – COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL in McAllen.** Spa Day to get haircuts, manicures, facials, etc. See flyer in Tour Office for prices.

SAT., JAN. 28 – ALAMO REC-VEH PARK OPEN HOUSE (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

SUN., JAN. 29 – BIG BAND JAM (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Bob McArthur host.

SAT., FEB. 4 -- OLD-TYME RADIO DINNER THEATER w/Dance To Big Band Music. (Seating at 6 p.m.; Sit-Down Dinner 6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$12.50. Tickets available in Tour Office. NO TICKETS CAN BE SOLD AFTER FEB. 1.

SUN., FEB. 12 -- CANADIAN LUNCHEON (New time: 1 p.m.). Meet at El Dorado Restaurant. Contact Denise Gareau, Lot 98 or call (956) 223-4469 to confirm attendance.

SAT., FEB. 18 — 9TH ANNUAL CONFER-ENCE GOD'S WORTHY WOMEN (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Center Church, 4801 N. Cage Blvd., Pharr. Tickets: \$30. (Info & Registration: Leila Preuss 479-957-6683). See flyer in mailboxes.

## **SUPER BOWL POOL**

See Bea at Lot 306. Call (956) 566-1182 to make sure she is home. The pool will be played as it has been in previous years.

#### PARKING

Please don't park cars and trucks in spots designated for Golf Carts. *There is a limited amount of golf cart parking.* 

Thank You!

Fred and Lorey Meier want to say a big thank you to Gordy Jensen and Ed Johnson for helping Fred when he fell. We appreciate your kindness. *Fred & Lorey Meier* 

Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday wishes. I really appreciate it. Dick Horras, Lot 9

Carol and I thank all of you who helped at and attended the Saturday Breakfast. Without all of

you, this wouldn't be possible.

Sincerely,

Noel Roe, RC Off-Road Track Coordinator



(9 a.m.-1 p.m.) in Rec Hall

HELPING HANDS invites all residents to consider entering the "Quilt & Hobby Show."

**Registration** will be on **Wed.**, **Feb. 1** in the Rec Hall between 4-6 p.m. If you have a hobby such as woodworking, jewelry making, knitting, crochet, quilting, painting, etc., please enter these items in our Park Show.

We always have a great day with refreshments served and many door prizes distributed. A quilt will be given away. *Contact Judi Swanda, Vera Welty or Jan Mathias if you have questions.* 



4. EVERYONE is WELCOME (Couples & singles)

Coffee, Iced Tea and Water will be provided or BYOB.

Please write ticket number on your box inside your bag.

TICKETS: \$2.50 per person

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY at the Activity Office. (ONLY 150 AVAILABLE!)

## **RESIDENT INFO FORMS DUE**

Please turn these forms in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This important information helps us to update our office records. If you've already completed them, thank you!

#### 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.

### PACKAGE DELIVERY INFO

When ordering anything to be delivered to your lot here, be sure to use the correct lot number. If you're on the blacktop use an A before your lot number. Use an F for F section, and B for B section.

**REMEMBER:** Speed limit in the park is 10 mph. Keep our residents safe!

COMBINATION ON FLEA MARKET GATE HAS BEEN CHANGED.

Please stop at office to get new code.



featuring even more coupons than last year!

**AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE** 

MORE ALAMO REC-VEH PARK SPECIAL EVENTS listed in this calendar. Check out fun photos of your friends and neighbors. *Plus, money-saving coupons!* 

#### **GROUP NEWS** CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

• MON., JAN. 23 – SHORT-SLEEVE SWEATSHIRT – Candy Schuster. Bring one sweatshirt in your own size, 4 large buttons (*at least 1" in diameter*), 4 smaller buttons (½" to ¾" size) 3 small pieces of coordinating fabric (*at least 8"x 8" size*), small piece of double-sided fusible interfacing such as Heat and Bond.

• MON., JAN. 30 – WREATH – Linda Albin. 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 half-price marked.

#### **BUSY BEE QUILTERS**

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday at 1 p.m. in Annex.

## The Church Corner

## Pastor Cathy Graham

Salt and Light Community of Alamo Rec-Veh Park

Tele: (956) 524-4913 Email: 2dlbug@msn.com

"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

- Church services on Sundays at 9 a.m.
- CHOIR PRACTICE resumes Friday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m..
- **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (after Park Meeting) for men and women; Fridays at 1 p.m. for women
  - MINDFUL COLORING follows Wednesday Bible Studies.
  - Please check Church Bulletin Board for info about future events.
  - Special services will be held on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
  - Go to Schwans-Cares.com & enter #30812 to order food online, which

helps church expenses and charities. Continues through Jan. 28, 2017.

#### SALT & LIGHT COMMUNITY PATIO SALE

Looking for donations for the Sat., Jan. 21 patio sale. This is a fundraisig event to defray printing costs, etc. We will set up on Friday, Jan. 20. Everyone is welcome to bring their items at that time. *Location: Near shed behind exercise room (across from main office.)* 

#### LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our DVD collection. We welcome additions. Please do not reshelve books. Place incoming books into baskets, and we will shelve them. Donated books must be in good condition and puzzles must be complete. Thank you for your cooperation. *Dean and Karen Starks* 

#### **HELPING HANDS**

From 8-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in Annex, Helping Hands invites everyone to make quilts for the needy here in the Valley. You do not have to sew. Lots of quilts need tying, etc. *Both guys & gals needed!* 

#### **POOL NEWS**

Alamo Rec-Veh Pool League won meet against Casa Del Sol on 1-13. Score: 29-20. *Sue Bentz ran the table to win a game!* Our Friday Night Pool League could still use a couple more teams. Please sign-up. It's fun. Next week we compete against Victoria Palms here. We need help!

Also, Fun Night every Wed. night at 6:30 p.m. sharp. We need players and scorekeepers. Everyone is welcome!

#### **BIKERS FOR GOLDEN AGE OLYMPICS**

WE NEED BIKE RIDERS! Winning Golden Age Olympics is based on percentage of riders/number of park residents. Last year we got third place and would like to improve this year. Course: Approx. 1.5 miles around Bentsen State Park on level paved roads. (Go around as many times as you wish.)

Must register by Feb. 1; then sign in on Feb. 8 before 9 a.m. at Bentsen State Park.

Gary will register everyone who pays \$3 fee with completed registration form *or* \$8 if they want a Golden Age Olympics t-shirt. (*Last year a snacks included milk, orange juice, water or coffee, along with doughnuts, bananas and granola bars.*) Contact Gary at Lot A19 or call him at (515) 370-4289.

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 and Range** Activities Started!

Fri., Jan. 20 -- 1 p.m., Oval Track Racing in front of Main Office (11 a.m. - Practice, Noon -Lunch) Bring your RC cars or just come down to watch.
Sat., Jan. 21 -- Off-Road Track: (1 p.m.)
Sun., Jan. 22 -- Sailboat Racing -- CAN-CELLED DUE TO EXTREMELY HIGH WINDS
Tues., Jan. 24 -- Quadcopter Racing in Rec Hall. (9 a.m.) Bring your 'copters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee on sale during Tuesday morning races*.

• Thurs., Jan. 26 -- Fun Shoot at The Range.

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.) Please get your donations in soon. Donations help to fund RC, Gun Range and Fishing events.

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

Donations and paperwork for RC&R name cards are handled in Main Office. See Dave Langseth for info.



VOLUNTEERS for race tracks, inside quadcopters and drifter/carpet tracks, as well as The Range.

*Contact:* Colleen Benoit at (262) 914-7100.

# **UPCOMING TOURS**

Sign-up for all tours in Tour Office or in Main Hall on Bulletin Board so you don't miss out on opportunities. (*Once a tour is filled, you LOSE your chance to go.*) Meet in Rec Hall before the tour unless otherwise indicated. Watch for new tours (posted) because last-minute opportunities often open for park residents. *For info, call Tour Directors Marian Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.* 

- FRI., JAN. 20 *ADOBE HOUSE in McAllen*. (Cost: \$3) Leave park at 9:15 a.m.
- SUN., JAN. 22 BLOODLESS BULLFIGHT in LaGloria. (Cost: \$31) Leave park at 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Tour Office.
- MON., JAN. 23 PORT OF BROWNSVILLE CRUISE & LUCNH. (Cost: \$37). Leave park at 7:30 a.m.
- TUES., JAN. 24 *QUILT PARTY in McAllen*. (Cost: FREE). Snacks. New techniques. Leave park at 8:30 a.m.
- THURS., JAN. 26 SPA DAY: COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL in McAllen. Get haircuts, manicures, facials, etc. You pay for your services directly to the school. See flyer in Tour Office for prices and to make appointments.

Watch for FEBRUARY TOURS in next week's Echo.

