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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.)

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Alamo Rec-Veh Residents,

This Winter Season is really going by quickly! We hope those who attended the New Year's Eve dance and breakfast had a good time.

Our New Year's Eve breakfast was attended by about 30 people. Barb Zanetti, Phyllis Tieszen, Juanita Vess, and I, along with our husbands, shared in helping. We brought in the new year with door prizes and plenty of food for everyone.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year. Our goal is for all of you to have a great time here. This January promises to be fun-filled.

On Saturday we will host an RC Free Day for all Winter Texans in the Valley to race their RC cars or copters. Please attend our Wednesday Activity Meetings. Two RC copters a week will be given away as door prizes.

Be sure to stop by the Rec Hall on Tuesday mornings to check out the copters. The copter course covers the hall all the way to the west door of the north hall. *(We have partitions up now so no one will get hit.)* If you're not ready to participate, just stop by to watch. It truly is interesting and great fun!

On Saturday, off-road racing will resume on the track near the gun range. On Sunday, sailboats will be on the lake, weather permitting. Lunch will be ready at noon. Oh yes. Do not forget The Range. You can try out your pellet guns and pistols. Our oval track by the Main Office is one of a kind. You can now monitor how fast you are going with its new computer system!

Hang onto your hats. Even more fun is about to begin.

The Bocci Ball court is ready for your use. Come to play. We have everything you need to play, as we do with shuffleboard. Come down during the day or evening and join in.

All of our activities, entertainment, dances, card games, swimming pool and pool hall (where attendance is increasing) are here for everyone to

enjoy. The people who are active in the park say they're having a great time. *(See Activity Director Linda Miller in the Rec Hall office if you wish to have any activity or event booked.)*

Starting Jan. 16, the Monday Jam is going to turn in to a "Jam and Dance" with weekly themes. Jan 16, it will be a Jam with a Rock 'n Roll theme. On Jan. 23, the theme will be Western Style. On Jan. 30, the theme will be Rock 'n Roll; Feb. 6 will be Big Band Jam; Feb. 13 will be Sweetheart Dance; and Feb. 20 will be Rock 'n Roll.

So folks, get your dancing shoes on and come on down. The Jams are free, compliments of the Activities Club Board and Alamo Rec-Veh Management. Lunch is still at 11 with the Dance and Jam beginning at 12:30.

Next week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will have a booth at the fairgrounds in Mercedes, TX, at the RV show. If you want to help represent us there, please let me know. We need your assistance.

On Jan 21, we will be hosting an RC & Pellet Gun Swap Meet. The last one we had was so successful, we planned another one. Don't miss it.

On Jan 28, we will be hosting an Open House for the park. I'm hoping you will all come to help with this and to enjoy the day. Just maybe you have something from your group that you would like to display or show off that day. Please contact me if you do.

MUCH, MUCH is going on here at Alamo Rec-Veh Park, and we are proud to have all of you here enjoying your winter with us.

We are here to help you in any way we can. Enjoy.

Respectfully, Barb Hamel, *Park Manager*

*Note: The lawns and trimming are being brought up to speed. If we have missed your lot, please call or come to the office. Trees that are in need of cutting or removing will be done shortly. We have not forgotten to do that.*

## ENTERTAINMENT

SUN., JAN. 8 (6:30 p.m.) Freewill Offering

### WALTER PLANT'S GOSPEL SHOW

TUES., JAN. 10 (7 p.m.) FREE if wearing park badge.

### DIEGO & EDITH

\$5 for non-residents. *Courtesy of The Activity Board*

THURS., JAN. 12 (7 p.m.) \$5

### SWEETWATER

## Upcoming Events

FRI., JAN. 6 – **RESERVED TICKETS FOR JANUARY EVENTS**

**ON SALE.** Month of January reserved tickets for park entertainment events will go on sale. Reserved ticket holders will not be assigned individual seats, but will sit in a reserved area.

SAT., JAN. 7 – **FREE RC DAY for Winter Texans.** (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

In Rec Hall. A day for Winter Texans in the Valley, who are interested in RC and Pellet Gun activities, to join us. Minnow racing and lunch available, too.

SUN., JAN. 8 – **WALTER PLANT'S GOSPEL SHOW.** (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Freewill offering. The concert will follow Cake & Ice Cream.

MON., JAN. 9 – **FIFTH STREET POTLUCK.** (4 p.m.) in the Annex.

TUES., JAN. 10 – **HELPING HANDS OPEN HOUSE** (9-11 a.m.) in Annex. On display: Items group made such as quilts, bibs and

## Events . . .

chemo hats that are donated to area hospitals, nursing homes, colonias, Driscoll Children's Hospital, and Vannie Cook Children's Cancer Center. Snacks will be served. *(Table of Helping Hands items on sale. Proceeds go toward buying supplies such as needles, thread, yarn, batting, etc.)*

**TUES., JAN. 10 --DANCE: DIEGO AND EDITH** (7 p.m.) Cost: FREE *(courtesy of The Activity Club)* in Rec Hall. Since it will be park's patriotic dance, feel free to dress in patriotic attire.

**WED., JAN. 11 --DEADLINE FOR RED HATTERS STYLE SHOW TICKETS.** / *(See Red Hatters article on pg. 3.)*

**THURS., JAN. 12 --CRAFT SHOW.** (8 a.m.-12 noon) Donuts at 8 a.m., Lunch at 11:15 a.m. If you'd like to rent a table to sell your crafts, see Activity Office.

**THURS., JAN. 12 --TRIP TO MR. GATTI'S PIZZA.** (5 p.m.) Sign-up sheet is on Pizza Bulletin Board.

**THURS., JAN. 12 --SWEETWATER (DANCE)** (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Cost: \$5.

**SAT., JAN. 14 --BREAKFAST** (7:30-9 a.m.) in Rec Hall. Sponsored by Off-Road Track. Kitchen help is appreciated.

**WED., JAN. 18 --BERNIE & RED** (1:30-3:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. *See Activity Office for cost.*

**WED., JAN. 18 --TOUR: GREYHOUND RACING.** (Cost: \$15) includes reserved seating and a complete buffet during races. Sign up as soon as possible to secure seats. (Leave park at 12 noon.)

**WEDS., JAN. 25 --CRAZY T-SHIRT DAY.** Please decorate them any way you'd like. Some are choosing to order one with something funny on it. It's up to each of you.

## JAY & TAMMY

are hosting the JAM!

**MON., JAN. 9 Lunch (11 a.m.),  
Jam (12:30 p.m.)**

MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea. *Please offer to help in the kitchen!*

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

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR CORRECTION:

**SAT., JAN. 21--** is an RC, Pellet Gun and Fishing Swap Meet. *(It's not a generic Swap Meet.)*

## SAVVY STITCHERS

**Knitting and Crocheting Group --** Tues., Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. in North Hall. Bring whatever project you are working on. For more information, contact Janice Davis at (231) 690-3681.

## PARK PICTURE DIRECTORY

**Alamo Rec-Veh Park Pictorial Directory photos are now being scheduled for Jan. 5 and 9. Please sign up after the Wednesday Activity Meeting OR in the Activity Office. In addition, feel free to call evenings or week-ends to make your appointment.**  
**(956) 475-5018**

## SUPER BOWL POOL

See Bea at Lot 306 or call (956) 566-1182 to make sure she is home. The raffle 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.*



## RESIDENT INFORMATION 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.

**KITCHEN WORKERS NEEDED!** Sign-up on Kitchen Bulletin Board.

## Happiness is...

when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. - MAHATMA GHANDI

## 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!

## HELPING HANDS

# Open House

**TUES., JAN. 10  
(9-11 A.M.) in ANNEX**

**ON DISPLAY:** Items we have made such as ... quilts, bibs and chemo hats. We donate these items to area hospitals, nursing homes, colonias, Driscoll Children's Hospital and Vannie Cook Children's Cancer Center.

A variety of Helping Hand items will be **FOR SALE** during this time.

*All proceeds go toward buying supplies such as thread, yarn, batting, needles, etc.*

**SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.**

## SPANISH CLASSES

**TUES., JAN. 17  
1:30-3:30 p.m. First class free.**  
**Sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board.**

## 2016-17 CALENDAR CHANGES

- JAN. 7 -- RC Swap Meet postponed until JAN. 21 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) *Will include H.E.B. wine tasting.*
- JAN. 21 -- Mystery Dinner postponed until March (Date TBA)

# 13-MONTH (Dec. to Dec.) CALENDAR

**\$5 Donation**  
*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!*

## FREE RC Day for WINTER TEXANS\* ONLY

*Come play with us!*

**ALAMO  
REC-VEH PARK**



**SAT., JAN. 7 (9 A.M. TIL 1 P.M.)**

- Run your **RC Race Cars & Trucks** on Oval,  
Off-Road or Carpet Tracks
- Bring your **Quads/Copters** for Inside Course
- Remember your **Pellet Gun or Pistol** for Range

**MINNOW RACING — LUNCH AVAILABLE — MUSIC — PRIZES**

**\*Winter Texans must wear Park Badges to participate.**

### RED HATTERS

**MON., JAN. 9 — STYLE SHOW** at *Trophy Gardens Park*. (12  
Noon) Fashions are from ROPA AND Thrift Stores. Menu: Chicken  
Salad and Croissant, Dessert and Beverage. Entertainment: Randy  
Davis from Nashville. Ticket \$15. *Must be purchased by JAN. 11.*  
Pay Mary Ann Martinson, Lot 286 (507) 373-1981 or cell (507) 581-  
1625. Meet at Rec Hall to pool rides at 11 a.m.

### CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- **MON., JAN. 9 — MYSTERY QUILT** (1-3 p.m.) in Annex. First  
clue given. Bring following supplies: 1-1/4 yd. large-print or Focus  
fabric, one yd. Coordinating fabric that reads solid, one yd. light  
background fabric, 1/2 yd. contrasting coordinating fabric for small  
border. Size will be approximately 42x50". A great project for large  
prints to be fussy cut into 6-1/2" blocks. Avoid one-way designs.
- **MON., JAN. 16 — ID HOLDER** — Linda Albin. Bring 1 fat quar-  
ter, 1- 5" x 3 3/4" clear 8 or 10 gauge plastic, 1- 7" zipper matching  
the fat quarter. I have some clear plastic I will bring and share.

## 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 CANCELLED** on Friday, Jan. 6.
- **BIBLE STUDIES** on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. *(after Park Meeting)*.
- 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 to order food online, which helps  
church funds. Schwan's drive for ARVP's Salt & Light started on  
Dec. 28, 2016, and will continue through Jan. 28, 2017.

### SALT & LIGHT COMMUNITY PATIO SALE

Looking for donations for the Sat., Jan. 21 patio sale. This is a fundrais-  
ing 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 will be  
announced at next week's Activity Meeting.)*

### LIBRARY NEWS

Come in and check out our new book additions in the library. We recently  
received more than three large bags of books. Note that shelves had to be  
rearranged. Please place incoming books into baskets and we will shelve  
them. Thank you for your cooperation. *Dean and Karen Starks*

### BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Busy Bee Quilters meet on Friday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Annex.  
**Thurs., Jan. 19 all-day sewing project: Sweatshirt jacket.** SEE US ON  
FRIDAYS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN US IN QUILTING AND FRIENDSHIP.

### POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS • EDUCATION COUPONS

We're saving POP TABS for Ronald McDonald House. In addition,  
we're saving Campbell Soup labels, along with Education coupons  
from Campbell products. Collection containers for both of items are  
in Card Room.

### 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!*

**THANK YOU** to the person who left a Christmas gift on  
my porch. *Judi Swanda*

**COMBINATION ON FLEA MARKET  
GATE HAS BEEN CHANGED.**

***Please stop at office to get new code.***



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. 6 -- 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. 7 -- Off-Road Track: (1 p.m.)
- Sun., Jan. 8 -- Sailboat Racing (1 p.m.); Lunch at 12 noon: Hot dogs, chips, brownies, and soda.
- Tues., Jan. 10 -- NEW TIME! 9 a.m., Quadcopter Racing in Rec Hall. Bring your helicopters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee will be on sale during Tuesday morning races.*
- Thurs., Jan. 12 -- Fun Shoot at 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 **OR** ...

Annual Single: \$35 donation

Monthly Couple: \$20 **OR** ...

Monthly Single: \$15 donation

### FEBRUARY RANGE COMPETITION SHOOT RULES

1. Become a member. Dues are paid in the Main Office. *(See above for info.)*
2. Sign up with Sue Signs at Lot 195. Sue will give you a target to shoot for the 1st week.
3. Each week after that, your shooting target will be at the range in the slot marked for that week.
4. When you've completed your target, place it in the "Completed Targets" slot.
5. Targets can be completed any time from Monday until midnight Saturday.
6. Sue will pick up and score targets on Sunday.
7. **Monthly Competition starts on the 1st Monday of the month and runs for four weeks.**

### JANUARY RANGE MONTHLY COMPETITION:

*High Master* -- 1st, Janice Davis; 2nd, Jim Davis; 3rd, Russ Signs. *Expert* -- 1st, Kenny Tieszen; 2nd, Phyllis Tieszen; 3rd (tie), Merlin Stratton and Jene Chadwell. *Sharp Shooter* -- 1st, Gary Klepper; 2nd -- Helen Chadwell.

## 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 the 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 Marion Peterson at (651) 307-3104 or JoAnn Langseth at (612) 719-0350.*

- **SNACK FACTORY TOUR & RUBEN'S GROCERY TOUR ARE FULL**, but we're working to arrange other tours for each of these venues at a later date.
- **WED., JAN. 18 -- GREYHOUND RACING.** (Cost: \$15) includes reserved seating and a complete buffet during races. Sign up as soon as possible to secure seats. (Leave park at 12 noon.)
- **THURS., JAN. 19 -- WETLAND & CAMPFIRE COOKING.** (Cost: \$6) Leave park at 5 p.m.
- **FRI., JAN. 20 -- ADOBE HOUSE in McAllen.** (Cost: \$3) Leave park at 9:15 a.m.
- **SUN., JAN. 22 -- BLOODLESS BULLFIGHTING.** (Cost: \$31) Leave park at 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Tour Office.
- **THURS., JAN. 26 -- COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL in McAllen.** Spa day to get haircuts, manicures, facials, etc. See flyer in Tour Office for prices.



**SAT., FEB. 11, 2017 from 5-9 P.M.**

#### How it works:

1. **LADY (or Partner 1) brings BOXED MEAL** (Cold -- not hot -- food) **FOR TWO** (MINIMUM VALUE \$10)
2. **MAN (or Partner 2) brings Mega Cash** (at least \$10) **To Bid on a Box** (to share with Partner 1)
3. **BOXES to arrive by 4:30 p.m.** (Boxes should be concealed in cloth or garbage bag.)
4. **EVERYONE is WELCOME** (Couples & singles)  
*Coffee, Iced Tea and Water will be provided or BYOB.*

**TICKETS: \$2.50 per person**



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