

ECHO

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

To Park Residents:

A week from Saturday at our Open House, we'll show off our friendly park's many talented park residents. Please share your group's best work by displaying it for this event.

If you're new to the park, be sure to stop by to see some of the opportunities we offer.

As soon as Open House is over, we will host a special guest: Bill from B&S Kites, South Padre Island. He promises to teach our residents how to fly a kite indoors without fans or air conditioning on. He'll also teach us the basics of sports kite flying (indoor lessons). Then, he'll take us outside to apply those skills (weather permitting). *Won't it be great to show off our new kite flying skills to our children and grandchildren this spring?*

Also, remember that Alamo Rec-Veh Park's 45th Anniversary Celebration ticket sales end Jan. 20. We don't want anyone to be left out of this amazing week! Please stop by the Main Office to get your \$20 ticket. Such a bargain!

Also, tickets are on sale for an elegant prime rib dinner to be held on Feb. 3. So that you don't miss this event, be sure to get your tickets before sales end on Jan. 19.

We hope you enjoy our park and all the opportunities available here.

Sincerely, Barbara Hamel, General Mgr.

ALSO: Be sure to keep yourself and your property and home safe by remembering to leave an outside light on or to install a motion detector. Plus, call 911 or the Alamo police if you see anything unusual.

• ENTERTAINMENT •

See Activity Office for ticket prices.

TUES., JAN. 16 – SWEETWATER
(Dance) (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. See Activity Office for info.

THURS., JAN. 18 – JC HARRISON
(Show) (6:30 p.m.) in Rec Hall. See Activity Office for info.

TUES., JAN. 23 – REGAN JAMES
(Dance) (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. See Activity Office for info.

MONDAY, JAN. 15



Join us for *Lunch* and then stay for our *Jam*!



**LUNCH AT 11 A.M. (Cost: \$5),
FOLLOWED BY
JAM AT 12:30 P.M.**

MENU: BEANS & HAM, CORNBREAD, HONEY, DESSERT,
COFFEE OR ICED TEA.

Upcoming Events

Alamo Rec-Veh Park residents are encouraged to attend ALL EVENTS listed on Activity Board in Rec Hall and in *Echo*. It doesn't matter if you have experience in the event or not.

FRI., JAN. 12 – SQUARE DANCING LESSONS (10 a.m.) and **ROUND DANCING LESSONS** (1 p.m.) in Rec Hall. Free.

FRI., JAN. 12 – FREE HEARING CLINIC (10 a.m.) in Card Room. (They will clean and service all hearing aids.) Sign-up sheet on Health Board.

MON., JAN. 15 – JAM & LUNCH (Lunch: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Jam 12:30-3 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (Cost: \$5.) Menu: Beans with ham, cornbread, honey, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

MON., JAN. 15 – WOODCARVERS' SESSION (1 p.m.) in Wood Shop. Not necessary to be an RCR&W member for this session ONLY. See Gary Morin for more information.

MON., JAN. 15 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS SECOND SESSION (1-3 p.m.) in the Annex. **Project: Potato Chip Bag** -- Bring 3 coordinating fat quarters that must be at least 18" wide and 1/2 yd. of fusible midweight interfacing (44" wide). Optionally, brings one sheet plastic canvas for bag bottom.

TUES., JAN. 16 – COSTCO PRESENTATION OF BENEFITS (1-2 p.m.) in Rec Hall's North Hall.

THURS., JAN. 18 – SPAGHETTI DINNER (5-5:30 p.m.) Cost: \$6. Menu: Spaghetti (sauce with or without meat), French bread, dessert, coffee or iced tea.

FRI., JAN. 19 – LAST DAY TO BUY "ELEGANT DINNER" TICKETS for Feb. 3 prime rib event. (See Ad, pg. 4)

SAT., JAN. 20 – PATIO SALE (8 a.m.-noon).

GET YOUR

45TH PARK ANNIVERSARY TICKETS NOW!

\$20 PER PERSON plus a **FREE HAT** (while supplies last)

Includes at least 6 FREE meals, Masquerade Ball, dances, prizes, clown bingo, and many, many more events.

(TICKET PRICE COVERS **8 DAYS** of Alamo Rec-Veh Park's **45th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**. You won't want to be left out of any activity during these fun-filled days.)

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN MAIN OFFICE thru JAN. 20

Events . . .

Optional for residents to have their own patio sales.
SAT., JAN. 20 – OPEN HOUSE (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) All park residents and public invited. Prizes. Demos. Displays. Treats.

SAT., JAN. 20 – INDOOR PLUS “SPORTS”
KITE FLYING LESSONS (2 p.m. after Open House) in Rec Hall. Bill, the owner of B&S Kite Shop, will teach park residents how to fly a kite inside without fans or air conditioning on. He will also give sports kite flying lessons. Residents will have a chance to practice their newly learned kite flying skills outdoors (weather permitting).

(If you have a sports kite, you're welcome to bring it. Some kites will be available for residents to fly. No kites will be on sale. Tickets for the indoor South Padre Island Kite Fest Performance on Thurs., Feb. 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. will be available for \$6 from Bill. This event is held at the South Padre Island Convention Center. Limited seating. Advanced tickets required.) See posters on Bulletin Board in Rec Hall.
SUN., JAN. 21 – BOB McARTHUR'S BIG BAND JAM (6:30 p.m.) in the Rec Hall. Performers by invitation only. Goodwill offering for Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.

MON., JAN. 22 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS THIRD SESSION (1-3 p.m.) in the Annex. Project: **Wonder Wallet** (JANICE DAVIS) Bring 1 fat quarter or a 1/4 yd. cut from the bolt; 1/2" Velcro; (optional) 3/4-inch to 1-inch button. Coordinate fabric with the Potato Chip Bag. Will probably be able to use some scraps from the Potato Chip Bag.

MON., JAN. 29 – CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS FOURTH SESSION: Clue for 'Mystery Quilt' (1-3 p.m.) in the Annex. Project: We will work on quilt for entire session.

THURS., FEB. 1 – QUILT & HOBBY SHOW (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Cost: \$2 at the door. (Anyone displaying items in show gets free admission.) Please bring your handmade items for registration to the Rec Hall on Wed., Jan. 31 between 4-5:30 p.m. They will be labeled and locked in the Card Room overnight. A special display area features "On the Trail" quilts. There will be a donation quilt, as well as other raffle items and multiple door prizes. Two vendors will be present selling fabric and sewing notions. Of course, no show is complete without a hospitality table. All proceeds from this show will benefit the projects that Helping Hands does for the Rio Grande Valley. (See ad on pg. 4.)

SAT., FEB. 3 – ELEGANT DINNER WITH SMOOTH JAZZ BACKGROUND MUSIC (Seating at 4:45 p.m.; Dinner served at 5 p.m.) in Rec Hall. (COST: \$20 PER PERSON). Menu: **PRIME RIB**, Baked Potato, Candied Carrots, French Bread, Salad, Dessert, and Coffee or Iced Tea. **Limited number of tickets available in Activity Office.** Note: Tickets are now on sale to the general public. **NO TICKETS SOLD AFTER JAN. 19.** (Proceeds to RCR&W.)

THURS., FEB. 8 – CRAFT SHOW w/LUNCH (No admission charge) (8 a.m. - 12 Noon) in Rec Hall. Also, New Sun Racing will demo at Oval Track and/or Indoors, weather dependent.

SAT., Feb. 17 – GOD'S WORTHY WOMEN 10th Annual Valleywide Leaders Conference (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Victoria Palms Ballroom, Donna. (Cost: \$35) See Leila Preuss, Lot 298 (479) 957-6683 for tickets and more info.

LIBRARY NEWS: Dean and Karen Starks
 Stop in and check out your favorite authors. We have reserved many new books this year. Please place returned books in baskets provided.

SUPER BOWL POOL

It's that time of year again to start thinking about the Super Bowl. I have the Super Bowl Pool ready for those interested. We will play as we have in the past. \$125 paid for 1st quarter and also for the reversal of the numbers. This will also be for the 2nd qtr., 3rd qtr., and final scores. A total of \$1000 will be won by various people. Good luck to all. See me at Lot 306, call me at (956) 566-1182 or look me up in the office in the morning when I am sorting mail. Thanks, Bea

TOURS

(Please see Activity Office for Tour Info and Tickets.)

Check Tour bulletin board for new tour information.

"Men are respectable only as they respect." RALPH WALDO EMERSON

FOOD SERVERS FOR DANCES NEEDED

Looking for park residents interested in serving food at upcoming dances. It would be items such as nachos, hot dogs or sandwiches. This is not a long-term commitment, maybe only a dance or two; more if you'd like. See Activity Office.

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

(NON-DENOMINATIONAL)



PASTOR RANDY and SUSAN PARKS

Contact Information:
 Lot #117 (on 5th Street)
 Phone: (620) 222-7624
 Email: crandyparks@gmail.com

9 A.M. CHURCH SERVICE

"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

FRIDAYS: • CHOIR PRACTICE

(9 a.m.) in Card Room.

SUNDAYS:

- **CHURCH SERVICE** (9 a.m.)
- **CHURCHWIDE BIBLE STUDY** (10-11 a.m. following worship service). Refreshments served.
- **MOVIE -- Jan. 14** (7 p.m.) in Rec Hall. "Miracles from Heaven."

WEDNESDAYS: • LADIES BIBLE STUDY (following the 9 a.m. Park Meeting) Leading the Study: Kathy Moore and Maggie Biedekapp.

From our Church . . .

On Wed., Jan. 3, Park General Manager Barbara Hamel, Juanita Vess, Tripp Wright and Pastor Randy Parks presented money from the Alamo Rec-Veh Community Church, along with two quilts made by ARVP's Helping Hands group, to the two children of former park resident Michael Ramirez, who was recently killed in an industrial accident. The girls will be raised by their grandparents, Gonzalo and Maria Ramirez. (SEE ONLINE ECHO FOR PHOTO.)

Thank You . . .

A great big thank you to everyone who helped make the Red Hatters Breakfast a success, as well as to all the ladies who joined us. We hope you had a great time and consider joining us for future events.

Maggie Biedekapp

p.s. It's not too late to join the Red Hatters. The group's yearly dues are only \$2.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!

Please recycle and place them in fluorescent orange topped garbage cans or drop them off at the Can Shack next to The Range.

WATER AEROBIC CLASSES RESUME -- Both 8 and 9 a.m. sessions.

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

BIKERS, PLEASE USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT.



ALAMO REC-VEH PARK

Celebrates its

45th Anniversary

1973 - 2018

Join us for our 45th Anniversary Celebration
SAT., FEB. 24 thru SAT., MARCH 3

8-DAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

ALL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES & MEALS FREE WITH \$20 TICKET

SAT., FEB. 24:

- 9:30 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies** (American Flag raised by Merle Williams and daughter Corrine *(who worked with Oliver North)* and Noel Roe. Canadian Flag raised by Robert and Darlene Klassen, Bob McArthur and Barb Latimer. Both National Anthems performed by Jay & Tammy.
- 10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies (cont.)** in Rec Hall
- 10:45 a.m. – Balloon Release** Location TBA
- 11:00 a.m. – Social Brunch** in Annex
- 11:30 a.m. –** Rec Hall closed for Masquerade Ball decorating
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. – Masquerade 45th Anniversary Ball with Bob McArthur Band** in Rec Hall
(Doors open at 6:45 p.m. – No reserved seating) King & Queen with their Court will be crowned. Lifetouch will be here for photos.

SUN., FEB. 25:

- 9:00 a.m. – Non-Denominational Church** with special music and speakers
- 10:15 a.m. – Social Breakfast** in Annex
- 1:00 p.m. – RC Boat Races with All-Beef Hot Dog Lunch** (Boats available for those wishing to participate.)
Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**
Also, **Attendance and Race Winner Prizes**
- 6:00 p.m. – Ice Cream & Cake** in Rec Hall
- 6:30 p.m. – Park History Reading** in Rec Hall
- 6:45 p.m. – Gospel Sing-Along with Rev. Randy Parks**

MON., FEB. 26:

- 8:00 a.m. – Range Shooting Competition** in The Range.
(Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**. Competition requires one 45th Anniversary target to be turned in each day: M-W-F for total of 3 targets.)
- 8:00 a.m. – Fishing Derby** (Participation Prize Drawing: **Dinner for Two at Dirty Al's, McAllen**)
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 45th Anniversary Jam Lunch** in Rec Hall (FREE to ticket holders ONLY.)
- 12:30-3:00 p.m. – 45th Anniversary Fun Jam w/Randy Parks and the Winter Kings** in Rec Hall

8-DAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Cont.)

6:00 p.m. – Gypsy Bingo in Rec Hall (45 Bingo Prizes will be awarded after Bingo.)

TUES., FEB. 27:

- 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Game Day** in Annex (Participation Prizes)
- 7:00 p.m. – Class Reunion 45th Anniversary Dance** in Rec Hall with Live Band TBA

WED., FEB. 28:

- 9:00 a.m. – Special Morning Social Activity Meeting**
- 10:30 a.m. – 45th Anniversary Special Parade**
Line-up near The Range.
- 1:30 p.m. – Reverse Gender Fashion Show** in Rec Hall
- 4:00 p.m. – Cookout Dinner & Karaoke** on Back Patio

THURS., MARCH 1:

- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Social** in Rec Hall
- 12:00 p.m. – Chili Cook Off** in Rec Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Mariachi Band** in Rec Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Tex-Mex Fiesta Fun Dance with Randy Parks & and the Winter Kings** in Rec Hall

FRI., MARCH 2:

Attendance and Race Winner Mystery Prizes Awarded at ALL RCR&W events today. Attendance Mystery Prizes at all RCR&W meals. CRUISES and DINNER FOR TWO awarded at Saturday's Closing Ceremony.

RCR&W DAY

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** in Rec Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Copter & Drone Fly** in Rec Hall
Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Sloppy Joe Lunch** in Rec Hall
- 1:00 p.m. – Off-Road Races** at Off-Road Track
Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**
- 4:30 p.m. – Range Fishing Derby Ends**
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner** in Rec Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Oval Horseshoe Races** at Oval Track
Participation Prize Drawing: **Osprey Dolphin Cruise for Two**
- 7:00 p.m. – Fun Bingo** in Rec Hall (45 Bingo Prizes will be awarded after Bingo.)

SAT., MARCH 3:

- 8:00 a.m. – Range Shooting Competition Ends**
- 9:00 a.m. – Morning Social** in Rec Hall
- 5:00 p.m. – Street Dance** Location TBA
- 7:30 p.m. – Closing Ceremonies** in Rec Hall

ALL MAJOR EVENT PRIZES & GRAND PRIZE (EXCLUDING BINGO) TO BE AWARDED AT CLOSING CEREMONIES!

NOTE: This is NOT the official program, only a tentative list of events, activities and meals to help park residents better schedule their appointments, etc.

TICKETS in MAIN OFFICE until JAN. 20th – Don't miss the FUN !

• FOR 8 DAYS ALL ACTIVITIES AND MEALS ARE FREE with purchase of a \$20 TICKET •
Plus, most events will feature PRIZES -- PRIZES -- AND MORE PRIZES!

Elegant Dinner

WITH SMOOTH
JAZZ BACKGROUND MUSIC



**SATURDAY
FEB. 3, 2018**

- SEATING: 4:45 P.M. •
- DINNER: 5:00 P.M. •

MENU: Delicious Prime Rib,
Baked Potato, Candied Carrots,
Salad, French Bread, Dessert,
Coffee or Iced Tea

\$20 PER
PERSON

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE
No tickets sold after JAN. 19

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ACTIVITY OFFICE

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK

See us in action...

OPEN HOUSE

SAT., JAN. 20, 2018

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

RC DEMOS • PRIZES • SNACKS • DISPLAYS

• RCR&W NEWS CORNER •

THE RANGE:

Air Rifles now have 2 COMPETITION CLASSES – Those powered with CO2 / Compressed Air and Spring Guns or Break Barrels (any gun that you have to cock).

Each of these COMPETITION CLASSES will be divided into – Sharp Shooters and Experts

NOTE: Individuals **MUST** write their name and “Spring” on their target. Otherwise, they’ll be scored in the Air Rifle Class.

FUN SHOOT -- 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursday

RC RACING:

OVAL HORSESHOE RACING –

- FRI., JAN. 12 – FIRST RACE of Red, White & Blue Series (5 p.m.) SPONSORED BY HOBBYTOWN, McALLEN. Lunch available.

OFF-ROAD RACING –

- SAT., JAN. 13 – (1-4 p.m.) Menu: Nachos, Pop and Water.

SAILBOAT & POWER BOAT RACING –

- SUN., JAN. 14 – (1 p.m.)

COPTER & DRONE COURSE –

- TUES., JAN. 16 – (8:30-12 Noon) in Rec Hall.

WOOD SHOP:

Residents wanting to use the Wood Shop should have their RCR&W membership. (WOODCARVERS ARE EXEMPT DURING THEIR MONDAY SESSIONS BEGINNING AT 1 P.M.)

RCR&W SPONSORED . . .

Learn to fly a kite indoors! Plus, get sports kite instruction.

FREE Lessons on SAT., JAN. 20 at 2 p.m.

(in Rec Hall after ARVP OPEN HOUSE)



... No Strings Attached!

WEATHER PERMITTING, FLYING LESSONS WILL ALSO BE HELD OUTSIDE WITH USED KITES ... FOR PARK RESIDENTS.

QUILT & HOBBY SHOW

Thurs., Feb. 1

9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. IN REC HALL

Cost: \$2 at the door

(ANYONE DISPLAYING ITEMS IN SHOW GETS FREE ADMISSION.)

Bring handmade items for registration to Rec Hall on Wed., Jan. 31 between 4 - 5:30 p.m.

They will be labeled and locked in Card Room overnight. A special display area features “On the Trail” quilts. All show proceeds benefit projects that Helping Hands makes for the Rio Grande Valley.



- DONATION QUILT
- RAFFLE ITEMS
- DOOR PRIZES
- VENDORS
- HOSPITALITY TABLE

DOG PARK

UPDATE

We’re still working to raise money to buy the fencing and gate to make the Dog Park a reality.

To accomplish this, we’re asking park residents for a donation of \$10 per dog.

Non-dog owners may also contribute if they’d prefer to see park dogs run behind a fence.

45th Anniversary T-SHIRTS

**Park residents may purchase
T-SHIRT & BUTTON PACKAGE
from Activity Office.**

COST: \$15

Donations presented to Ramirez family



ALAMO REC-VEH PARK PASTOR RANDY PARKS and General Manager Barbara Hamel presented a money from the park's church, along with two quilts from the Helping Hands group. (From left to right: Pastor

Parks, two- year-old Elsa, Gonzalo and Maria Ramirez, one-year- old Mia, and Park General Manager Barbara Hamel (presenting the Helping Hands children's quilts). (Not in photo: Juanita Vess and Tripp Wright.)

Alamo Rec-Veh Park groups make donation to former resident's family

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, Alamo Rec-Veh Park General Manager Barbara Hamel, Juanita Vess, Tripp Wright and Pastor Randy Parks presented money from the Alamo Rec-Veh Community Church, along with two quilts made by ARVP's Helping Hands group, to the two children of former park resident Michael Ramirez, who was recently killed in an industrial accident. The girls will be raised by their grandparents, Gonzalo and Maria Ramirez.



QUILT design on one of the quilts for Michael Ramirez's daughters, donated by Alamo Rec-Veh Park's Helping Hands.