

ECHO

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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.)

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,

As our traditional winter season comes to an end, many of you will be making your journey home. We wish you all a safe trip. We also thank you for your business and for the endless hours you've given to make our activities so successful.

At a recent meeting of park management, Alamo Rec-Veh Park Board and key members of RC & R, kitchen and church groups, we came up with many constructive ideas and positive feedback to help us plan for next season.

To develop additional activities to meet our park residents' needs and to offer them good choices, we've selected four residents to serve as an advisory group. These residents will work directly with the Activity Board and Activity Director. We'll continue to do whatever we can to ensure that everything runs more smoothly for all of us.

An event teaser for next year (in planning stages) is Alamo Rec-Veh Park's "Event of the Season" Week. It will feature 7 DAYS of FREE Activities for park residents - Feb. 25 thru March 4. You won't want to miss this fun-filled week! To help us get ready, we are looking for a total of 30 volunteers, representing each park activity area, to serve on the event's planning committee. Our first meeting is Tues., March 14 at 1 p.m. in the Annex. Bring your ideas, pad and pencil.

Remember that the Activity Board is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., March 15 at 5 p.m. to help fund the bleachers that so many enjoy during the new Friday Night Races. Please support this dinner.

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.

Enjoy the variety of special activities this week. We look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

Sincerely, Barb Hamel, General

WEDNESDAY MEETING TIME

8:30 a.m. Donuts & Coffee (Self-Serve)
(Suggested donation 50¢ covers Activity Board bakery cost.)
9:00 a.m. MEETING (Please be seated by 9 a.m.)

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.



RANDY PARKS to host JAM & DANCE
MON., MARCH 13 - 12:30 p.m.

11 a.m. MONDAY LUNCH

LUNCH MENU: Chicken Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Dessert, Iced Tea or Coffee. (Cost \$5.00)

SAT., MARCH 11 - 4:30 P.M. (COST: \$6)

CHICKEN DINNER

WED., MARCH 15 - See Activity Office for info

WALTER PLANT LAST DANCE OF SEASON

WED., MARCH 15 - 5 p.m. (Cost: \$6)

SPAGHETTI DINNER

TICKETS IN ACTIVITY OFFICE



Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Ahead One Hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday!

Upcoming Events

SAT., MARCH 11 - LAST PATIO SALE OF SEASON

8 a.m.-12 Noon. It's a resident's option to participate.

SAT., MARCH 11 - CHICKEN DINNER (Eat-in or Take-out) 4:30 p.m. (Cost: \$6) in Rec Hall. Menu: Chicken (half), potato salad, baked beans, slice of bread, and dessert. Sponsored by Alamo Rec-Veh Activity Board. Limited number of tickets available in Activity Office.

SUN., MARCH 12 - HYMN SINGSPIRATION 6:30 p.m. in Rec Hall after Cake & Ice Cream. Randy Parks on guitar and Frieda Ingram on bass get together for this old-style hymnal and hymn singing session. Everyone welcome to attend.

MON., MARCH 13 - JAM hosted by RANDY PARKS 12:30 p.m. in Rec Hall. (Lunch at 11 a.m. Menu: Chicken Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Dessert, Coffee or Iced Tea. Cost: \$5.)

Upcoming Events . . . (Continued)

MON., MARCH 13 – 5TH STREET POTLUCK 4 p.m. in Annex. Bring table service and drink of choice. Coffee will be provided. Come dressed in Texas attire.

WED., MARCH 15 – SPAGHETTI DINNER 5 p.m. (Cost: \$6) in Rec Hall. Menu: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert and Drink. Tickets available in Activity Office. Sit-Down Dinner. Tablesetting provided. *Volunteers needed.*

WED., MARCH 15 – WALTER PLANT DANCE (Last dance of the season!) See Activity Office for info and tickets.

FRI., MARCH 17 – ST. PATTY'S DAY

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE EUROPEAN (Early) DINNER. 12 Noon. (Cost: \$8.50) in Rec Hall. Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage (with Potatoes and Carrots), Biscuit, Dessert, and Drink. Tickets available at Activity Office. Sit-Down Dinner. Tablesetting provided.

PARADE: 3 p.m. (start time). Meet at The Range at 2:30 p.m.. Everyone invited to participate. Decorate your golf carts, pets, or one another. Have fun!

PATIO PARTY: Following parade meet at the Patio (between Rec Hall and Lake). Bring your own beverage and finger food to pass. Everyone invited.

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.**



Celebrate St. Patty's Day events with US!

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN GUIDE



12 Noon Sit-Down Dinner:

St. Patty's Noon Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (with Potatoes & Carrots) served with a Biscuit, Dessert and Beverage. (Cost: \$8.50*) in Rec Hall. **SIT-DOWN DINNER.** Tablesetting provided.

2:30 p.m. Line-up; 3 p.m. Parade Start:

St. Patty's Park Parade **PATIO SOCIAL** to follow parade **BRING YOUR OWN DRINK & FINGER FOOD TO PASS.** Golf carts, parade pets, bikes, and park residents participating in parade line-up at The Range at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome in parade.

4:30 p.m. Practice; 5:30 p.m. Race Start

Manager's Challenge Horseshoe Oval Track Race Join the fun with your RC Race Car or stop by to watch this night race under the lights. Food served from 5-6:30 p.m. Menu: To be posted on RC&R Bulletin Board.

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 the event, 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!**

Los Amigos de Los Ninos de Mexico

MON., MARCH 13 -- Last workday for this season

We meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Annex to make **PLASTIC CANVAS CRAYON BOXES** to take to children in Nuevo Progreso on Christmas Day. We'd love to have you join us. All materials provided. We'll show you how these boxes are made. If you have questions, call Carole (269) 718-8536.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner!



A Sit-Down Dinner Experience!

WED., MARCH 15 – 5 p.m. in Rec Hall

\$6 per Ticket

Tickets available in Activity Office

MENU: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert and Drink.

• TABLESETTING PROVIDED •

– VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –

GROUP NEWS

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

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

GOLFERS

On Thurs., March 2, Alamo Rec-Veh golf group had its 8th Annual Owners Tournament (*sponsored by Park Owner Mr. Kim and Park Manager Barbara Hamel*). Winners and runners-up include: Gene Konold and Frank Evanitski in Flight One; Lee Brandt and Bob Schrottenboer in Flight Two; and Eric Sungaard and Jim Rocco in Flight Three. Golfers wish to thank both Mr. Kim and Barbara Hamel for sponsoring this event. Previous winners are listed on a golf plaque located in Rec Hall.

BIKE RIDING GROUP

MON., MARCH 13 – BENTZEN PARK RIDE thru ritzy district. Meet at Alamo Rec-Veh Park's East Gate at 8:45, then leave park at 9 a.m. (Contact Gary at (515) 370-4289 for more information. (*Senior Bike Olympic results: Due to an Olympic computer snafu, results weren't available this week.*)

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

From 8-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in Annex. We're still 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.

RECYCLING

All proceeds from aluminum can recycling will be used for park activities. Orange-covered collection containers are located in NE corner near kitchen in Rec Hall, in the Annex by water fountain, and on north side of all laundry rooms. Cans may be deposited on north side of *The Range* in Can Shack (thru direct access door).

POOL HALL

Only one week left for Pool League. Wednesday Night Fun League will continue if enough players sign up.

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

(Non-Denominational)

ALAMO REC-VEH PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Randy and Susan Parks



Contact Information:

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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

- Church Services on Sundays at 9 am
 - Choir Practice: Fridays at 9 am
- Bible Studies:
- Wednesday at 10 am (after Park Meeting) for men and women
 - Fridays at 10 am for women

Please check church bulletin board for information about future events.

GOSPEL SINGSPARATION
MARCH 12th, 2017
6:30-7:30 p.m.

CHURCH PIANIST NEEDED! Contact Tripp Wright, Vera Welty, Randy or Kathy Moore, or Doug Kortbein if you're interested in playing piano for the church next year.

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.

CHRISTIAN BOOKS

Christian books have been relocated to cases outside the library. They need to be organized and kept straight. Any help will be appreciated. Thanks a lot. Please contact Kathy Moore at Lot #130.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, food and good wishes. I especially want to thank the Helping Hands ladies for the lovely quilt. This is a great park with lots of great people. Thank you all again. *Betty Pfander*

The four of us at the Tour Office want to thank everyone who allowed us to be a part of their experience here at Alamo Rec-Veh Park. We have enjoyed learning about the Valley, the history, the culture and about the people who live and work here. But the best part of our jobs was meeting the wonderful people who live here in Alamo Rec-Veh Park. Thank you!
JoAnn and Dave, Marian and Doris

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Heart and Cancer Fund Raffle, sponsored by Alamo Rec-Veh Park. Our collection amounted to \$300, so we donated \$150 to the Heart Fund and \$150 to the Cancer Fund. Thanks to all!

RC Racing & Range

- **FRI., MARCH 10 -- HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK NIGHT RACE** (Practice 4:30 p.m. with Lunch at 5 p.m.; Racing 6-6:30 p.m.*) Menu: Sloppy Joes, Dessert, Chips, Pop/Soda and Water. *Weather Permitting. Race or come down to watch!
- **SAT., MARCH 11 -- OFF-ROAD TRACK --** (Racing 1 p.m.* Snacks) *Weather permitting.
- **SUN., MARCH 12 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE SAILBOAT RACING** at Dock (Lunch 12 Noon; Racing 1 p.m.*) Menu: Grilled Hotdogs, Brownies, Chips, Pop/Soda and Water. *Weather Permitting (If winds are over 14 mph, we can't race.) Note: There is an extra sailboat for anyone's use! Race or come down to watch!
- **MON., MARCH 13 -- INDOOR SMALL-SCALE CAR RACING** in Annex (9 A.M.-NOON).
- **TUES., MARCH 14 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE QUADCOPTER RACING** in Rec Hall. (9-11 a.m.) Bring your 'copters and drones. *Bakery fare and coffee on sale.*
- **FRI., MARCH 17 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK NIGHT RACE** (Practice 4:30 p.m., Racing 6-6:30 p.m.*; Lunch 5 p.m.) *Weather Permitting. Grab your race car or come down to watch!

MANAGER'S CHALLENGE RIFLE SHOOT

THURS., MARCH 16 - (1 P.M.) at *The Range*
See Jim Davis for info. Join us for fun and prizes.

OVAL TRACK 3/3 NIGHT RACE RESULTS: Winners: 2-WHEEL CLASS MAIN: 1st place, Doug Kortbein; 2nd place, Larry Littler; 3rd place, George Gardner; 4-WHEEL CLASS MAIN: 1st place, John Wallace; 2nd place, Doug Kortbein; 3rd place, Mike Tolliver; OPEN CLASS MAIN: 1st place, John Wallace; 2nd place, Doug Kortbein.

RC&R FREE PIZZA BANQUET

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - 4-5:30 in Annex

All RC&R Members Are Welcome and Encouraged To Attend!

OWNER'S TOURNAMENT SHUFFLEBOARD WINNERS

(This year: 24 participants)

• **MAIN EVENT:** 1st, Don Sterba; 2nd, Ron Schmitz; 3rd, Jan Ronfeldt; 4th, Gary Cotton.



• **CONSOLATION:** 1st, Al Moeller; 2nd, Jerry Moeller; 3rd, Pete Gonzales; 4th, Peg Hartwig.

RC & R Special Events

AWARDS for TOP FINISHERS

- SUN., MARCH 12 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE SAILBOAT RACING** (1 p.m.) at Lakeside dock (with lunch* at Noon).
- TUES., MARCH 14 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE QUADCOPTER RACING** (9 a.m.) in Rec Hall (with bakery).
- FRI., MARCH 17 -- MANAGER'S CHALLENGE HORSESHOE OVAL TRACK NIGHT RACE** (Practice 4:30 p.m., Race 6-6:30 p.m.) in front of Main Office (with lunch* at 5 p.m.)

*SEE "RC RACING & RANGE" COLUMN AT LEFT FOR LUNCH MENUS.

VICTORIA PALMS RC GRAND PRIX

WED., MARCH 14 from Noon to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be available. (See RC Bulletin Board.)

Everyone is welcome -- BOTH RACERS AND SPECTATORS!

POP TABS • CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS EDUCATION COUPONS • EYEGASSES & FRAMES

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 items are in Card Room. We're also saving eyeglasses and frames for the Lion's Club. Box is on kitchen window shelf by water fountain.

The Range! PISTOL BREAK-BARREL COMPETITION

- 1 P.M. MONDAYS -

*For more information,
contact Joe Hines*

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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.