



The SKPing Solos



-- providing a framework for single members of the Escapes RV Club to make new friends through organized rallies and other announced social events

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SKP Solos President's Message

from Robin McFadden

I'm sitting here, enjoying some Arizona sunshine and reminiscing about our Quartzsite annual rally in January. We had a good turnout and this year we didn't have rain!

It was sunny almost every day, though we did have some pretty windy days, which is common in the desert. We had one wind storm that took out the club's pop-up tent, so we will need to get that replaced before next year.

We had some absolutely fantastic volunteers. They just jumped right in and made sure everything got done, which allowed all of us to enjoy our week together. I would like to thank James Forsyth for being our host for this event. It took a lot of organization and it went off very smoothly, so James, thank you.

One of the things that we had this year for the first time was a round table where some of us talked about various camping clubs and apps that we use and our own Deb Heen talked about how she uses Google to find interesting places wherever she goes around the country.

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2025 Board of Directors

President: Robin McFadden

Vice President: Nan Oliver

Secretary: Sharon Polak

Treasurer: Leota Spalla

Members at Large:

Bev Dessert

James Forsyth

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L-R Robin, Nan, James, Sharon, Leota, missing Bev

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This year the membership voted to make a change to our bylaws, changing our officers term from one year to two years. Since we have very little turnover, it didn't make a lot of sense to be having an election every year. Next year, in 2026 the first two year term will take place. We also did a major revamp of our standing rules, and the changes were voted in by the membership. A copy of the rules can be found in the files section on the groups.io bulletin board.

We also voted in our officers for the 2025 season. I'd like to welcome Nan Oliver as our new vice president. Thank you for stepping up Nan. Sharon Polak and Leota Spalla will remain as our Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. I will remain as President for one more year, but I did announce at the annual meeting that this is my last year to run for president, so I urge everyone to consider stepping up and running for president. If you would like more information on the duties of the president, please contact me.

I'd like to thank Nan Oliver for coordinating the CARE fundraiser. Chris Rynhart's family generously donated a new ebike which was won by Kathy Derochie. Thank you all who bid on the bike.

Our next event will be our no host pre-rally in Tucson, followed by the Escapade. Nancy and Bob Stenick have agreed to host our table at the Row. Thank you Bob and Nancy!

June 8th - June 14th is our Land Between the Lakes rally in Kentucky. Bev Dessert and her team have some exciting and interesting things planned so if you're in the area in June, be sure to attend. You can find more information at our website skpsolos.org or our Facebook page Escapees Solos.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you out there at some of our events. It's been a lot of fun meeting new members this year.

See you down the road,

Robin

Rally and Annual Meeting in Quartzsite, Arizona – January 2025



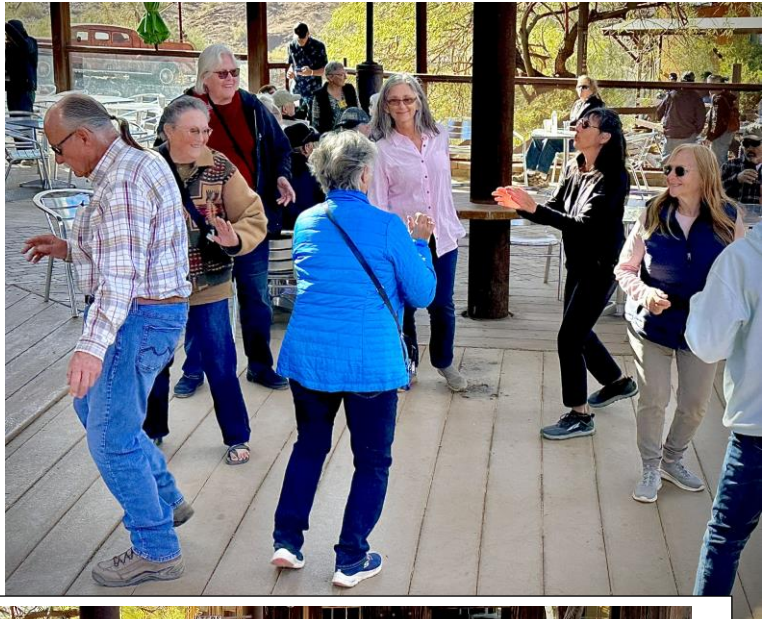
Walking Tacos!



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Dancin' at the Desert Bar!



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Desert Hikers!

Stone Soup!



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Annual Meeting!



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Spontaneous omelets!



Round table discussion!



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CARE Auction!



Financial Reports:

**Solos Quartzsite Rally
2025 Summary**

	# of Paid Participants	66	
Money Collected:			
	Membership Dues	\$ 77	
	Rally Fees	\$ 650	
CARE Contributions:			
	Paid with membership registrations	\$ 9	
	50/50 Raffle		
	Auction Proceeds	\$ 913	
	Separate cash donations	\$ 7	
	Total CARE Contributions	\$ 929	
	T-shirt & Decal Sales	\$ 1	
	Total Collected	<hr/>	\$ 1,657
Rally Expenses:			
	Gen Food & Supplies	\$ 601	
	Deli Lunch Sandwiches	\$ 287	
	Generator Reimbursement	\$ 75	
	Firewood Transport cost		
	Total Expenses	\$ 963	
	Rally Income	\$ 650	
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	Net Loss covered by club		\$(313)

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Income and Expense Statement For Years Ended Dec 31, 2024 & 2023

	2024	2023
Income:		
Membership Dues	2,177.00	2,476.00
CARE Donations:		
From Rallies	1,296.00	1,516.00
From membership renewals	459.98	217.35
Rally Fees	1,220.00	1,535.00
Misc (T-shirt + Decal Sales)		435.00
Interest Income on Bank Acct	0.36	0.37
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Total Income	5,153.34	6,179.72
Expenses:		
Quartzsite Rally	1,785.18	2,053.00
Other Rallies	294.66	299.04
CARE Contribution	2,000.00	2,000.00
Office & Other Supplies	104.35	178.16
Postage & Mail Service	0.00	154.94
Newsletter	0.00	
PayPal Fees	128.91	116.85
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Website Fee	325.98	391.00
Storage Lot	540.00	540.00
T-shirt & Decal supplies	99.00	
Misc		
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Total Expenses	5,278.08	5,732.99
Net Income/(Loss)	-124.74	446.73
Beginning Bank Balance – Checking Acct	7,014.26	6,567.53
Ending Bank Balance – Checking Acct	6,889.52	7,014.26
Net Change in Cash on Hand	-124.74	446.73

Upcoming Events

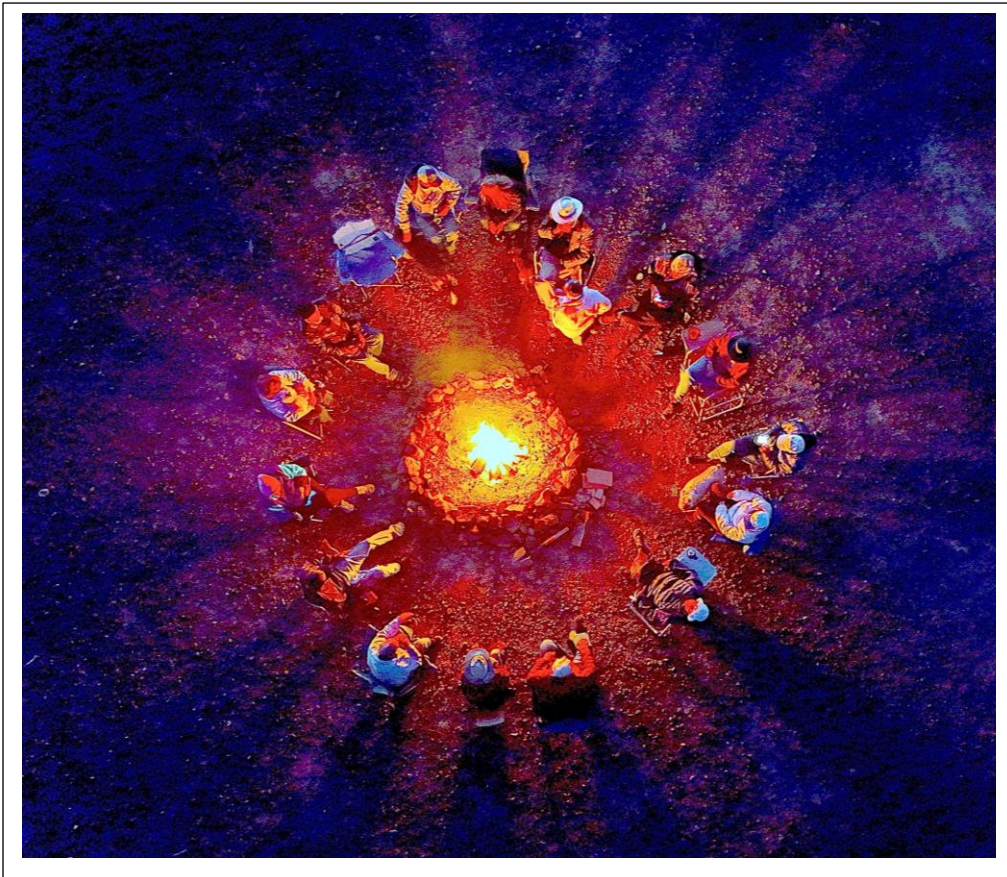
*Escapade No Host Pre-rally, Desert Diamond Casino, 1100 W. Pima Mine Road,
Sahuarita, Arizona –*

March 11 to 15, 2025

East Coast Rally, Land Between the Lakes, Piney Campground, Tennessee –

June 8 to 14, 2025

*Special thanks to Paul Drinkwater for his **fabulous photos**, and to everyone who contributes smiles*



See you on the road!