

HTC Newsletter

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Hello HTC Members,

Spring is officially here! The trees are leafing out, flowers are popping up, and soon it will be time to mow our lawns. It is also time to get our RVs ready for the journeys ahead.

Don and I are hosting the West Coast mini rally scheduled for May 20 through May 22. We are going to Kit Fox RV Park off of Interstate 5 in Patterson, California. The rally is usually laid-back and restful with happy hours, maybe a potluck or a group dinner in a restaurant, games, or sitting around a campfire after dinner. Rates are \$37 a night payable to Don when you arrive. Come join us whether you are a current member or you want to check us out. We would like to see old friends and meet people interested in joining.



We and several HTC members have joined the Escapees Club in our areas. The club is a nationwide club of RVers with local chapters that host campout and luncheons during the year we are going to a lunch with Escapees of the Gold Nugget group in Sacramento, California in early April. Some HTC members have suggested we organize ourselves into an Escapees chapter which would give us access to more camping areas with options for dry camping, desert camping, etc. Potential mini rally sites, which could help us increase our membership in HTC, might be available around the country. In addition we can advertise our events in the monthly newsletter.

We learned in January that Tom Chadwick passed away in March 2021. Tom and Letty were not able to come to all rallies, but they were a great addition when they were able to come. We also recently learned that Jim Smith who lived in Midland, Michigan with his wife, Brenda, passed away. Our condolences go to Letty and Brenda and their families.

Don't forget that our national rally is September 11-17 at the Elkhart RV Park in Elkhart, Indiana. Can't wait to see all of you. Please contact me if you have thoughts to share, questions to ask, improvements to be made, etc. (President@handicappedtravelclub.com or 925-437-9847).

Sincerely,

Sharon Bonney

2022 HANDICAPPED TRAVEL CLUB (HTC) RALLY - REGISTRATION FORM

Rally starts 3pm, Sunday, September 11th and ends early Saturday, September 17th
ELKHART CAMPGROUND 25608 County Road 4, Elkhart IN 46514

Do not make your campsite reservations directly with the Elkhart Campground.

Please send this registration form as soon as possible or at least contact the wagon master, Bill Gratzke at email address: wagonmaster@handicappedtravelclub.com or call 305-987-5329, if you are even considering coming so he knows how many campsites to set aside in a group.

Payment for your campsite is due upon arrival at the campground office and made payable to the Elkhart Campground. Cash, check or credit card accepted (surcharge for credit card use).

The rally block of sites is near the community room for this Rally, at the rate of:

\$45.00/night plus tax for 50 AMP

\$42.30/night plus tax for 30 AMP

If your plans change and you cannot attend, the rally registration fee will be refunded.

This campground is a very desirable spot in the Fall and it fills up rapidly, so please don't miss out on a fun 2022 HTC Rally.

Return this completed form with your check by July 1, 2022.

Name(s) of those Attending:

Rally fee: \$25.00 per person X _____ persons = \$_____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed

Make checks payable to William Gratzke and mail to:

William Gratzke 2660 SE 7th Place Homestead FL 33033.

For questions or need to require special accommodations contact the wagon master.

Please give us your cell numbers and email address in case we need to contact you while you are traveling to the Rally or need to notify you of any changes.

CELL NUMBERS

(1) _____ (2) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

For non RVer's. there are cabins available at the Elkhart campground. Also, there are motels and hotels available nearby.

Future Events

2022 May 20 to 21 HTC Western Mini Rally Patterson, California

The Annual West Coast Mini Rally will take place May 20-21, 2022, at Kit Fox RV Park in Patterson, CA. The park is located on I-5 about 30 miles south of Stockton. The rate is \$37 per night. You may come early and/or stay late.

Call or email Don Bonney for reservations. Non-members are welcome, come check us out.

For those without RVs, the Best Western Plus Villa Del Lago Inn is adjacent to the park (Reservations 800-780-7234; Hotel Direct 209-892-5300). Call the hotel for reservations.

See campground website for more information: <https://www.kitfoxrvpark.com/>.

Watch our web site for any updates <https://handicappedtravelclub.com/>.

Don Bonney

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2022 September 11 to 17 HTC Annual Rally Elkhart Campground, Indiana

The 2022 HTC Annual Rally will take place at the Elkhart Campground in Indiana. See campground website for more information: <http://elkhartcampground.com/>.

Rally Wagon Masters are Bill and Barb Gratzke 305-987-5329, 305-987-5328.

See registration form above. More information to follow.

New Members - Welcome!

Ann Landry Pearland, Texas

Tim and Barb Nagle Erie, Pennsylvania



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