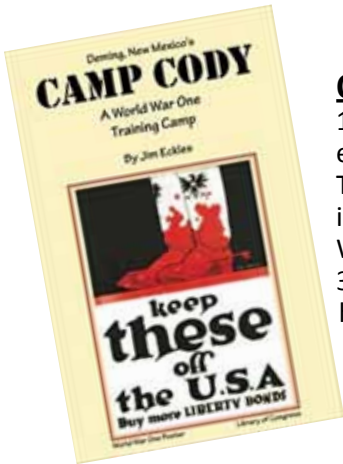


# What's Rockin' at Rockhound for July 2017

July Garden Care...Wednesday, July 19th...8:00 AM...Native Garden  
July Monthly Meeting...Wednesday, the 26th ...Regular Meeting... 10 AM...Visitor Center...

**Annual July Friends Picnic/Potluck!** It's time for our potluck/picnic...The Friends group will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs (Brats), drinks, and a dessert cake. Friend's members are asked to bring their favorite side dishes: salads, baked beans, chips and dips, etc. Also, a bit of good news: a portable air conditioner is on order for the Garage....hooray!



**Our June meeting** with author/historian Jim Eckles was fabulous! The program was presented at 10 AM by author/historian Jim Eckles, who spoke on the history of Camp Cody, a World War I Army encampment near Deming which housed 30,000 soldiers before the camp closed at the end of WWI. The camp became a tuberculosis treatment site after the military closed Camp Cody. Jim is a wealth of information when it comes to Camp Cody and all the events that happened in the Deming area during World War I. He provided great pictures and posters regarding those events, too. Can you imagine 30,000 National Guard soldiers from various states converging on Deming, a town that at that time had 2,500 residents?! At the Camp, they had to bake 10,000 loaves of bread a DAY, with wood-fired ovens, and one hundred bakers...Wow! Eckles showed slides, answered questions and everyone enjoyed his presentation immensely. He presented and autographed his book. Approximately 40 members and guests were present. Donuts, coffee, and bottled water were provided.

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**A long-time hot air balloon pilot friend, Jim Hoidahl is coming back to the Deming Duck Races/Balloon Fiesta this year and is looking for folks who are interested in crewing for him. Please let me know if you are interested...**

I think our **Director of Programs** spot may be filled! Friend's member Cherie Luck and park volunteer Clair Shawan have expressed interest in the spot. Thank you, Ladies!

Thanks everyone, for all you do for Friends!  
Gratefully, *Sally Allen*, Friends of Rockhound State Park, Inc.

## FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND STATE PARK, INC. Board Meeting, 9 AM-----June 28th, 2017

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sally Allen, President; Keith Harris, Vice President; Barb Fichtenmueller, Secretary; Donna Whitten, Treasurer; Doc Edwards, Board Member; Art Vasquez, Immediate Past President. Also Present: Robert Apodaca, Park Manager.

**MINUTES** of the May 31st, 2017 meeting were read: approved by Keith, seconded by Doc, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for June 28th, 2017 was reviewed, motion to accept by Barb F., seconded Art, motion carried.

**ROBERT'S REPORT:** (a) Former Rockhound State Park employee Carlos Tafoya now officially a New Mexico Department of Transportation employee. (b) The Mesilla Valley State Park will be transferred to the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. (c) Inventory from Mesilla, such as tables, chairs and shelving will be given to Rockhound State Park. (d) Inmates presently on-site keeping trails up-dated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (a) Annual picnic to be held at July meeting with approximately 40 people expected. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and cake will be provided. Members and guests are encouraged to bring a side dish. (b) Programs for August, September, and October are scheduled. (c) Art shared a brochure on commemorative flag requests for Arlington National Cemetery.

There being no further business, Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM.  
Respectfully submitted by ***Barb Fichtenmueller***, Secretary