



Member News

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Dear PLJ Beach Club Member:

This is an update on our clubhouse/pool power situation that we wrote to you about 2 weeks ago. As you may recall, we sent the 20KW generator that runs the clubhouse and pool areas back to Phoenix for repair. Loftin Equipment, the original dealer, worked on the unit for quite some time. They had quite a challenge to get everything back in order – including installation of a new radiator, a new speed-governor assembly and a general tuneup. While the repair took much longer than they estimated, they held to their original repair estimate of \$1,900. Their general assessment is that with these repairs, the unit should function well for us. This repair was paid for out of our “Startup Reserve Fund” established specifically for expenses such as these.

Danny Brown was able to find the original import paperwork, which helped David Livingston successfully re-import the unit back into Mexico without additional taxes, although some serious negotiations were still required. David sure seems to have a knack about getting across the border with large items and paying minimal taxes!

The generator was successfully re-installed last weekend, including new a new, larger gas supply line and improved wiring to bring the installation up to spec. In the meantime Dave Crum and Byron Leibold have worked together to design and begin installation of a “generator quieting” solution, so when the generator runs, it won’t be heard throughout the development. Fred Carpenter and Bill Bosmeny also lent a hand to get it started... This effort will continue for the next month or so, but with each day of work, the unit will get quieter and quieter.

During this down period, the pool stayed remarkably clean, considering the pumps did not run for two weeks. There is some sand in the pool, and the water isn’t quite that nice blue color, but we’re expecting it to be back in pristine shape within a couple of days. With the repair of this generator, and prior installation of the new inverters and batteries, we hope we have achieved a reliable power solution for the clubhouse and pool. This project is a great example of how teamwork can achieve great results... thanks to all involved for helping us get what seemed like a huge challenge accomplished in record time!

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