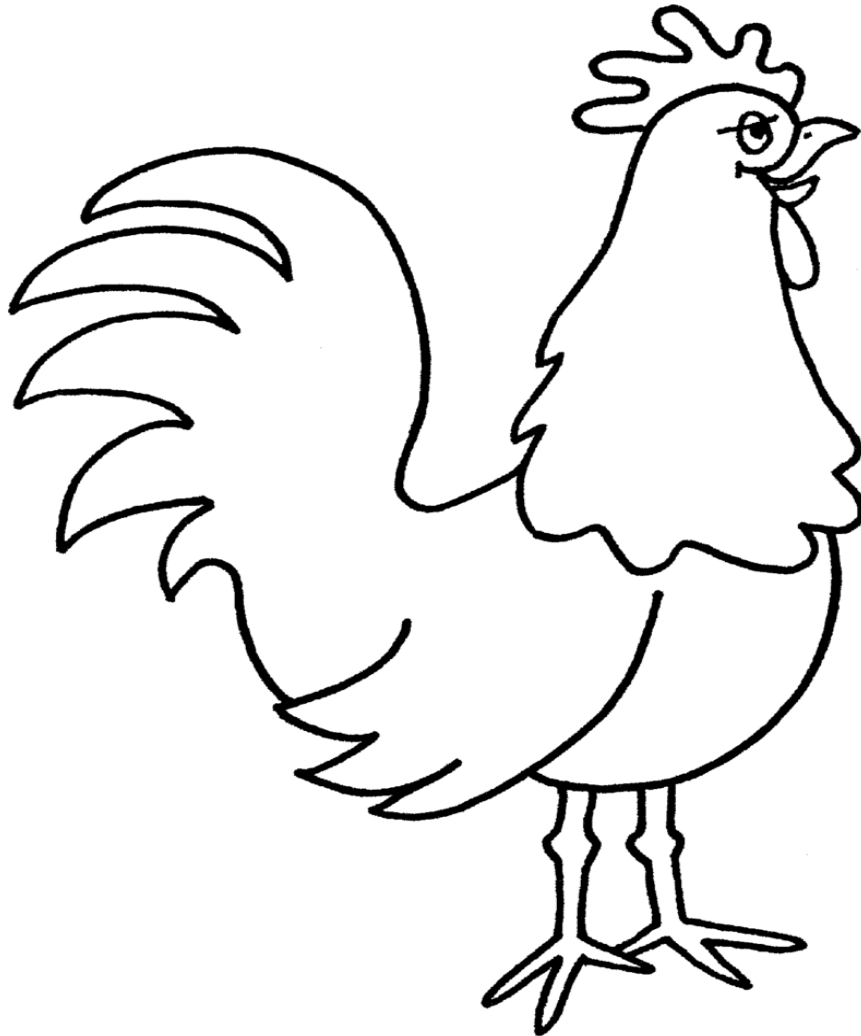


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Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn one's back on life.

-Eleanor Roosevelt-

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CO-OP

Forrest Clark

Welcome back to RoVer's Roost, the SKP Co-Op RV Retreat, Inc.! We are glad to have you back home with us for the 2020-2021 season. Whether you are staying all season or just a short period of time, we are glad to have you with us.

This season will be unlike any other I have experienced at the Roost and I suspect that will be true for many if not all of us. COVID-19 has left an indelible mark on our lives and has changed the way we experience many things.

We do have some guidelines for the way we live together during this COVID-19 era. I'm not going to repeat them here but there are three common sense rules everyone needs to follow:

1. **Wear a MASK** in the clubhouse, the laundry, the workshop and any other Co-Op facility. No mask, no entry!
2. **Maintain social distancing** (at least 6 feet) from people with whom you do not reside.
3. **WASH YOUR HANDS** and use hand sanitizer.

Please enjoy your time at the Roost even if life is carried on differently from that which you have come to expect. We are glad to have each one of us here. And we hope this can still be a fun and enjoyable season at the Roost!



ROOF RAISERS STEP “OUTSIDE THE BOX”!

Jeri Williams

Roof Raisers is changing the way it's doing things this year because of – you guessed it – Covid! The pandemic has Roof Raiser officers working on activities people can enjoy and share with others while maintaining social distance for safety.

Getting organized has been difficult but not impossible. People who volunteered to serve on committees are arriving later than expected and many are not coming at all. That leaves forty committees without the members needed to function as they have in past years. So, plans to “step outside the box” not only with activities but in the committees' organizational structure are in the works. Two new alternates have been selected, an “acting secretary” is lending a hand, and the treasurer will arrive by the end of the month bringing some much-needed help to the officers who have been in the park!

The mask project (started this summer to contribute funds to the floor project) has raised \$789. It will be given to the board along with \$7500 from Roof Raisers funds. The masks look great and it was wonderful to see the support for the project even when people weren't in the park.

Roof Raiser events coming up in November include a “drive-in” movie on November 27 featuring “RV” an oldie but goodie for those of us who have been there, done that in our own RVs, and a Golf Cart Derby on November 20 where a blindfolded driver maneuvers through cones following directions from a navigator. Masks and distance required, but fun by participating or watching. So, many thanks to Roof Raisers for their creativity, ingenuity and help in planning a great time for us while maintaining safety during this quite different year.

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Editor's Note: Thanks to Jeri Williams and Vicki Thompson for their efforts to make the mask project possible.

RoVer's Roost Management Team



Jan and Mike Brown, both from the East Coast, began fulltime RVing in 2004 after selling their businesses and headed out not knowing how it would all work out, but after 16 years they are still at it!

The Browns come to RoVer's Roost with administrative experience. They were managers of "The Ranch", an Escapees Co-op outside of Carlsbad, New Mexico for nine years and have directed Activities at Sundance I RV park before coming to the Roost. Mike and Jan wanted to return to managing within the Escapee's system because it better suits them than an RV Resort, and being leaseholders, they have a vested interest in the success of RoVer's Roost.

The Browns have a son who lives in Phoenix. On their days off they babysit for two grandkids to help while the parents work from home. Friday through Monday you will find Jan and Mike in the office and around the park. Make sure you say hello and let them know how much we appreciate them being here!

Tommy Mills has been helping to manage the Roost for sever years along with Glenda Ricord who, because of health issues, had to step back from those duties. Tommy agreed to stay on as assistant manager and continues to bring his skills to the operation and success of the park. A huge thank you for all you do for the co-op!



Janice Dearth is working in the office three days a week. Janice and Stephen (Steve) have been workamping since 2012 after leaving their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They worked in two RV parks, spent the last three years in the oil fields in Texas then came to Arizona and RoVer's Roost as leaseholders. Before workamping, Steve was a long-haul truck driver and Janice had a variety of jobs. But her favorite, and one in which she is still involved is dog obedience. She is an AKC Rally judge and has written a book about Rally, which is a sport for the handler and the dog based on obedience. Another important member of the Dearth family is their elderly Australian Shepherd named Dart. Please welcome Janice and her husband Steve to the Roost!



HALLOWEEN FUN!

Carved pumpkins, decorated pumpkins and a photo booth to remember the day!



Catching up on all the news!

Arkansas Sue designed and created a wonderful "photo booth" where we had our pictures taken—wonder if we'll be able to identify the folks in the pictures in a few years due to the masks!





NOVEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

November 20—1:00 p.m. Golf Cart Derby/

3:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

November 23—3:00 p.m. Happy Hour—Wear a Special Mask

November 27—6:30 p.m. Drive-in Movie: “RV”

November 29—3:00 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Cake and Ice Cream

LOOKING AHEAD

December 5—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Yard Sale Tables at Clubhouse

December 12—8:30 a.m. Meet at Clubhouse for Annual Road Clean-up

December 12—Healthy Eating Event



HONORING OUR VETERANS — NOVEMBER 11, 2020



TRASH PICK-UP DAY

DECEMBER 12

8:30 A.M.

At 8:30 a.m. on December 12 we'll be passing out equipment and bags at the

Clubhouse for trash collecting along South Montgomery Road from Highway 84 to the southwestern corner of our park. If you have trash pickers please bring them and gloves.

We have our wonderful sign near Highway 84 and want to keep our area look good!



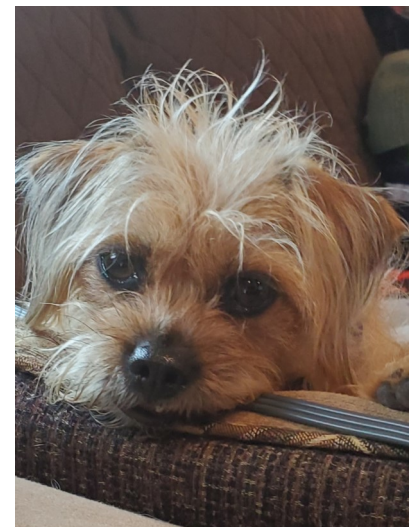
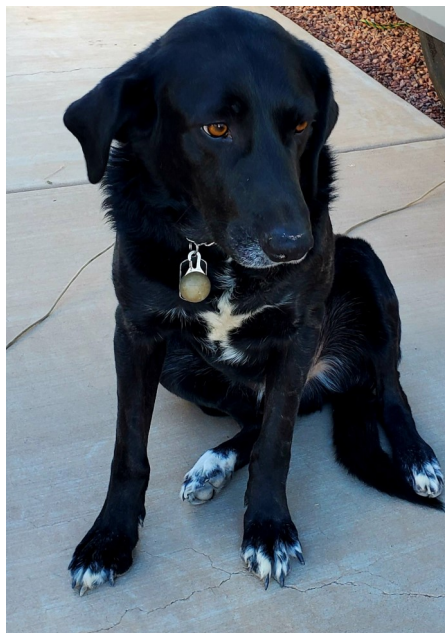
PET CORNER



Many thanks to our pet owners for keeping the park and the surrounding acreage clean by picking up after your dog.

A Reminder:

The bags available at the gates out of the park are for emergencies and not for every day use. Please be sure to use your own bags unless you forget, run out or need one for some other reason. As pet owners, we need to be responsible for the cost of necessities for our animals and bags for poop are a necessity!



WAIT LIST—TOP TEN



1. Larson, John
2. Friedman, Andy
3. Griffiths, Georgia
4. Schooley, Bernal & Kathryn
5. Huber, John & Nadyne
6. VanHorn, Linda
7. Onest, James & Keys, Luann
8. Drysdale, Linda
9. Britton, Bill and Diane
10. Thureson, Otto



A LITTLE AWAY TIME

Needing a little “away” time from the Roost, don’t want to travel too far but still want to feel safe?

Picacho Peak State Park is a great location that satisfies those needs, especially on weekdays. There are short trails leading off from covered ramadas and if you are an avid hiker there are trails that involve climbing, using a cable, and carrying lots of water!

On our visit we walked on several trails and didn’t meet anyone closeup. The picnic ramada we chose was at a trail-head and although a couple passed by, they were about a quarter of a football field away.

Dogs are allowed if they are leashed. Restrooms around the park are open and have hand sanitizer, sinks with soap and paper towels and doors that open outward so a push with an elbow gets you outside.

The weather is perfect now for a hike, the park is only 30 miles down I-10 exit 219, and the views are spectacular. Not a walker or hiker? Just sitting at a table enjoying the quiet and beauty is a salve for the soul!

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR
SPEEDOMETER AND
OBSERVE THE 10 MPH SPEED
LIMIT INSIDE THE PARK**



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

Kathleen Anderson



The poet Mary Oliver wrote this:

Have I admired sufficiently the little hurricane of the hummingbird?

—from the Book of Time

I think of that line as I walk on the desert where plant life, except for the alfalfa and cotton fields, is sparse and dusty cracked earth is a constant reminder of the lack of moisture. I think of it when I'm feeling sorry for myself because I am not in the "land of the 14'ers" with their glorious height, or surrounded by the rich thickness of forest flora or feeling the cold water of the Arkansas river splashing on my face as it races over the rocks that hinder its journey.

A hummingbird came to our feeder today. Just one. It fluttered around, flew down to the red flowers on the table then returned to the feeder and took some sips before flying away. I am beginning to feel satisfied watching, noticing, noting what is closer, and how interactions take place between tiny bits of nature. There are things to "admire sufficiently" on a much smaller scale and they are no less interesting or fulfilling.

So it is in our park this year. We aren't going to have huge gatherings for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners, "Meet and Greet" has been revised and will only happen occasionally and outdoors. No one is sitting around the table having coffee in the morning, and sometimes, it's hard to recognize a neighbor because a mask is only letting us see a small portion of his or her face. Life is different - we will miss friends, gatherings, and the "normalcy" of past years. But in our smaller, socially distancing, masked-up gatherings we will still share the commonalities of our life experiences, help each other through the unknown days ahead, and strengthen our resolve to choose hope.

