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### ANASAZI's On Quarantine

*Narrative by Wayne Cernie*



### Presidents Message

As we transverse this unfamiliar and challenging time, I hope that everyone is staying safe and doing well. I believe that a major frustration for us is not to be on the road and exploring new things. This in part, lies in RV parks being closed, Parks (National, State, City and otherwise) and the uncertainty of the different rules and regulations for each municipality and state. Please stay, think cool ? and have a great summer.

Larry



### The Newsletter Guy

Once again I find myself ready to report to our members and friends the exciting rally we just held.

Unfortunately our world has changed over the past few months, and now we are slowly trying to understand what the future holds for us as we put this trying time behind us.

I now realize that travel broadens a person, but so does sitting at home on the sofa! Few things are more dangerous to a person's character than having nothing to do and plenty of time to do it. Well most of us enjoy our rallies, traveling in our RV's, and sharing time with friends, new and old. So this month once again I reached out to friends to see how they are handling all this extra time we have been given to be at home. The best part of talking to friends is that there is still a smile in their voices even as they shared not so funny experiences. Most of you probably know Ed Cotier

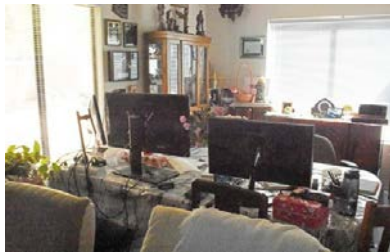
better than I. We talked last week about he and Margaret moving in to an assisted living complex. He detailed the struggles of moving from a large home of many years to a much smaller space. Actually he was supposed to be moved into a two bedroom and two bath home but only a one and one was available. So he paid the movers to move on the last day in February, and the day after he moved in the company said that a two bedroom two bath was now available. So he doesn't unpack most of the belongings and is living rummaging through 30 boxes of stuff. Of course the new apartment tenant is having trouble moving out so Ed and Margaret are on hold until next week. Ed had me laughing all though his story. I played phone tag with Mel and Amy Jones. It seems Mel is putting pavers down at his new home and anytime I call he is on his knees trying to keep his lines straight! I did chuckle when he mentioned that his prized jeep is dirty. You all know how particular he and Amy are about a clean car...but to get to his home he has to drive down a quarter mile of unpaved road!

A whole bunch of you folks were kind enough to respond to my email queries so here are recaps of the many responses. I did have to prod a few (like our esteemed President) into sending a little better update. LOL

### Larry and Virginia Morrison

The Covid-19 virus can cause many unanticipated directions happening, sometimes at once. At our household it started off innocent enough when going to church, you could no longer hold hands. Face masks and social distancing were phrases not yet introduced -- Alas.

Then that all changed, our daughter announced that she was going to be working from home and would be bringing her work station computer with her. She said she was also going to bring her 27" monitor and did we have another spare monitor and a space she could set all up at.



In the meantime, our granddaughter said her college in Virginia (Washington and Lee) was going to be closing --

sending all of their students' home because of Covid-19 and all course and semester work would

be completed at home. She asked if we had a place she could work from.

Our daughter never imagined, in her wildest dreams, that she would be working at the same desk as her daughter (our granddaughter) in college.

We determined the best place for the both of them would be the dining room table. We could extend it out to accommodate their monitors and computers. Little did we know at the time, how difficult it would be to buy all of the needed connecting cables plus 100 feet of Ethernet Cat6 cord and an Ethernet Cord switch. We would be competing with all the other folks out shopping for these same items because they were going to be working from home as well.

Since both of them were now working from our home, that meant -----  
**NO SOUND FROM OUR**



**TV DURING WORKING HOURS** (and sometimes later)! This time it was Crutchfield to the rescue. We purchased a pair of Blu Tooth, noise canceling headphones and a Blu Tooth broadcasting device that would allow us to watch TV without disturbing the workers in our dining room. Small problem - a war of the remotes for favorite shows. The arbitrator became Ruger our dog, the solution became another Blu Tooth broadcasting device in our family room.



We don't always watch tv, as this may sound - we do find time to sit around our pool and take a plunge into it

now and again. An oasis in the middle of a hot summer day and evening.

All in all, life is good and we are enjoying each other's company and our daughter and granddaughter when they are not working, going to school or off to points unknown.

Larry and Virginia

## Dayton Osland

### All Quiet on the Arizona Coast

This past month has been pretty quiet. It's hard to be to adventuresome when hiding from a virus. One can only work on a Jigsaw puzzle for a few minutes at a time.

But we have gotten some important house improvements done. Including having a 9x4 foot granite topped cooking island moved. It's now in a position where we can get things done. Also got the hot tub running. There wasn't a lot to this, just being careful to make sure the water was treated correctly. It really makes the old backs feel good!

Of course, Suzi, our Blue Heeler Australian Cattle dog, won't let us stay indoors. So, some socially distanced trips to the Lake for her to swim and meet her friends. It helps us to get the steps in. When not walking Suzi, it's the stationary bike.

We bought a Hobie Fishing Kayak from a friend who was leaving Beachcombers RV Park to go home. It's an older one so we've been cleaning, replacing bungee cords and learning how to use it. Then there was transporting it. We brought it home in the pickup truck but it really didn't fit in the bed of the truck. Our jeep has a cloth top. That's a real problem. So, I ordered a Smittybilt Top Carrier kit and installed it. Somehow, the bolts had shrunk in China, so had to wait for some additional ones to be mailed from California. But it's on and the Kayak fits on top. I'm still learning how to push



that sucker up there without doing myself in.

We are really looking forward to our next ANASAZI camping trip!

Dayton

## Ted Smith

Hi Wayne, how goes life on the west side of the valley? Not a heck of a lot done this past month. We moved our coach from its storage spot to one a bit closer to us, and a bit less costly. My kids have planned a family reunion at Casini's Ranch, in CA on the Russian River July 31st thru August 3rd, Looks like we'll be able to crank up the coach and head for the land of tall Redwoods come July/August.

We haven't done much this past month but stay quarantined. We've had the experience of ordering our dinners from local restaurants and eating them at home. It just wasn't quite the same as being a patron in the restaurant.

I've become quite proficient in playing solitaire, of course this is on the iPad. Leslie has got Mahjong beaten.

This isn't a heck of a lot different than our confinement during WW 2. As I recall, my mother and I spent a good deal of time at home. There's another comparison, being retired, we spend a great deal of time at home although we're able to see others and move about freely. Oh well, guess we'll just chalk this up to another experience of life.

Hope to be able to camp freely when we are scheduled to return in the fall. Looking forward to the RV camps reopening when this virus craze is over.

Best wishes to the both of you, take care and fall isn't too far off.

Ted

## John and Mary Ann Mathews

We have been spending time at our cabin in Munds Park. We are on the golf course and enjoy watching the golfers, the dog walkers, the hikers to the Dam and the staff from the Pro Shop care for the course.



The weather is 73 degrees and doors and windows are open. John is enjoying BBQ and trying to catch a squirrel who wants to live under our house. I have been enjoying scrap-booking and sitting by our fire pit. Talked to several friends and catching up.



We took a ride to Lake Mary yesterday and it was nice. They have swimming, boating, fishing and day picnic area. It was only 25 minutes from our cabin.

We love our sunsets here too.

Hope to get back on the road!

### **Pat Ruese**

I look forward to the Kokopelli News. Very glad I am not in my big house sheltering in place. Thank goodness for smartphones, tablets, jigsaw puzzles, TV, great friends, and my loving family.

If you just say I am well as one can be quarantined, that is okay. And I miss my AZ friends too much. My son had a storm hit his property last week. Big hail, high winds. No windows broken, roof to be replaced on house, barn, shop. No one hurt. He lives 25 miles east of me.

Missing hugs. Hope all my AZ friends are well.

Ciao, Pat

### **Dick and Anita Hancock**

We canceled also last week. (editors note: We had made arrangements to camp with them at the Oceanside Elks Lodge in early June) No fun if you need to stay in! We have been at our cabin near Christopher creek at least 4 days every week. It is our favorite place to be. We also hope to get out of

town to Colorado if things get better and we can travel. We are both in good health again. Well with so much time on our hands we have decided it was time to have some home maintenance done. Roof repair, refinish all our outside alderwood doors (they don't do well with the sun,) cool decking, some inside painting. Next project is replacing carpeting in 4 bedrooms! Can't decide between trying to match our travertine or do wood. It isn't much fun but needs to be done since we recently decided we will age in place and not downsize! Our new puppy Abbey, was a great decision, she keeps us entertained!! We really miss the RV trips and hope we all can travel safely soon. We also miss seeing friends...love to both of you. Sorry I don't have anything exciting to share. Oh with hair salons closed I now have long hair, you would not recognize me.

Dick

### **Sharon and Rich Wilson**

Gee, Wayne, our life has not nearly been as exciting as those you have written about already, but it seems as though we are always busy. Due to the hot weather we have been having here, it has forced into taking Sadie for her morning walk as 5:00 am; then, in the evening, we usually go out around 8:00 pm. All three of us are looking forward to cooler temperatures this coming week. Rich put a new smart TV in the bedroom of the RV after redesigning the mounting. Next on the RV is repairing the clear coat on the top. Needless to say, this will be done in stages early in the morning. The person we usually have do this has disappeared! We have exhausted all our sources to try and locate him again but none have worked. Oh yes, Rich modified the disc brake mounting on the golf cart so the ride is much quieter. Rich plays golf several times a week with his buddies, too. Besides cleaning out needless accumulations from the closets, drawers, and cabinets, I am enjoying reading Craig Johnson's series of "Longmire". Like everyone else, we are eager to get back on the road but at this time we are quite cautious due to my compromised lungs. "Hello" to all the Anasazi; stay safe.

Sharon





**Wanda Wieters (AKA Miss Sunshine)**

**WHO SAID I MAINTAINED MY SANITY????????????????????? LOL**

I am a stark raving MANIC.....If I survive this it will be by the Grace of GOD, you know the meaning of Grace is "unmerited favor". I have accomplished absolutely NOTHING.

I get up by MYSELF, have coffee by MYSELF, eat by MYSELF then go to bed by MYSELF! *By that time I am sick of MYSELF!!!!* If I wasn't so blessed with my friends and family I might have run away from home. I have been policed by them making me STAY HOME, STAY SAFE and STAY DISCONNECTED.

Seriously when Wayne asked me to write something I was at a loss, then I remembered when I called everyone before and asked them for their contribution what JOY I got from the reception from the wonderful friends in the Anasazi Chapter. Everyone was surprised and really nice to me, many thanked me for calling. I don't know why Wayne and Larry thought I would do the job knowing how shy and quiet I am!! I really am timid and insecure! I am anxious for the time when we can all gather together again and all the fun and fellowship we share at our rallies.

I am proud to be a member of such a wonderful group of people. Let's keep on Praying and asking our Heavenly Father to bring us back to Him as he is the only one who can fix this situation we have found ourselves in. When GOD stops the entire World I believe HE means business. Love y'all and hopefully be 'ON THE ROAD AGAIN" soon.

Wanda Wieters (me, myself and I)!

**Nancy Houck**

My life is very boring at this point. I am doing a hard jigsaw puzzle, I swish a dust cloth occasionally, play way too much spider solitaire but I am a silver grandmaster working for gold. Rosie, my robot roomba, does the hard work and Bart and Fred and I just keep out of her way. My pneumonia is over with and have not gone back to working at the hospital yet. Not sure I can handle it after all this being so lazy. ?  
Love to all and smile!

*Editors Note:  
Nancy also asked me to share this.*

**Lil Hoover** - If you knew her, you know what a great lady she was. If you did not know her, you really missed someone very special. We served together for several years on the RMMA board and Lil and I became good friends. She was something else and it hurts to see our old friends pass on.

Nancy

**Roger and Laura Hester**

The Hester's welcomed a new Grandson Taylor Enzo Pond into the family April 9th. Roger and Laura jumped in the RV Nick named the Rex to go down and help. They were not permitted in the hospital to be there for the birth which was sad but were in constant phone contact. Found a nice RV spot to rent 2 miles from the family. Pickles came along for the comic relief. She loves babies and children. We were able to spend Easter with the kids and Roger made a wonderful dinner of his beef stroganoff. Back at home we enjoy the lake which is very busy and recently went camping at the River which was fun! Keeping sane! Hope you all are to!!!

Laura

**Chuck and Betsy Livens**

Nothing new to report. Yes, the vanity is stripped . but I am deciding on the finish. The weeds are still an obsession and removing the last grapefruit from the tree. Trips to the grocery store are about as far as we venture out. Thinking about all of you. Stay well this will soon be over... Happy Mother's Day to Betty.

Betsy

## Tom and Sharon Coffin

Hi Wayne, Sharon and I have been following orders and staying home. Sharon ordered groceries on-line and then drove over and picked them up. She wasn't real happy with some of the substitutions but overall she seemed pleased with the process. She stays busy in the kitchen and in her quilting room. One of my hobbies is Ham Radio so I spend time in my ham shack practicing morse code.

I mentioned last month that the GPS antenna was installed under the hood. I researched and determined where to drill and moved the GPS and Sirius/XM antennas to the roof. That required disassembly of the dash to get to the back of the radio and interior trim removal to route the antenna cables. I have also spent time researching "motorhome remodel" web sites. We're looking into "ditching the dinette" and installing a Bradd & Hall computer desk and free standing table. The jack-knife couch will also go bye-bye and be replaced with theater seating. We did the same project in our class A and really enjoyed the upgrade. I was very disappointed with how the class C handled compared to our class A so I've upgraded front and rear sway bars, steering stabilizer, and added a trac bar to the rear axle housing. Hopefully that will cure or improve the handling issues.

We're still hoping to make our annual trip to the Denver area to visit family this summer. However times being as they are have sidelined our plans for now. Hopefully they'll come up with a treatment or vaccine soon.

Regards, Tom & Sharon Coffin

## Claire and Rett Porter

Rett and I are still sheltering in place at Happy Trails in Surprise. Since March 15 we've only left the resort for food and dental appointments.

Rett has been busy with FMCA business: emails, Zoom video conference calls, and regular phone calls. We were so impressed with Wayne's idea for Wanda to call ANASAZI members that he sent an email to Jon Walker, FMCA President, describing what ANASAZI was doing, along with other ideas he had for checking on FMCA members. Jon approved Rett sending a letter to the entire Executive Board to suggest that they follow ANASAZI's lead. We

hope many FMCA members received calls like we did from Wanda.

Many of you know that I am the National Director for the Racecar Fans chapter and that Rett and I go to NASCAR races. Before the stay-at-home orders, only four NASCAR races had happened, and we had been at two of them: Las Vegas and Phoenix. During the last eight weeks, we have really enjoyed watching race simulations on iRacing on Fox Sports channel. iRacing has been around since 2008 but has never been as popular as it is now while we have no races at the tracks. Special drones mapped every detail of each racetrack, and the results are remarkably realistic. We love that Hall of Fame racers who have been retired for decades can race in simulators against current drivers. The racing is simulated but the competition is real. Live racing returns soon but without fans in the stands.



As in our last report, we're still working lots of really hard jigsaw puzzles (as seen on Facebook), watching TV (Hallmark movies), and reading books. Unfortunately for me, I'm having to do one of my least favorite things: cooking. I can do it, but I really don't enjoy it. In eight weeks, we've eaten only one meal out – burgers at a Sonic. Rett is still alive, so I guess my cooking is fine, just not enjoyable for the cook.

We have no travel plans until the fall. Stay safe. Stay healthy. We miss all of you.

Claire



## LuVerne and Gary Underhill

Gary and I have had a couple of interesting months since our return from the Amazon. When we arrived in San Juan on our return the announcement was made that Viking was not sailing again. We made it home safely, and having been self quarantining. Just a few doctor's visits and food shopping. The doctor visits was because Gary has begun having imbalance problems again. We have spent two months trying to get a neurosurgeon appointment, since our medical insurance is on a network and none of the doctors work with hydrocephalus. We finally are in contact with a Barrow Brain physician and are working toward an appointment there. We think Gary's shunt needs adjusting.

Then on a trip to pick up groceries and dinner, I missed seeing a curb and took a flying leap, this caused many bruises, plus 2 broken ribs Then I was diagnosed with acute bronchitis. I am on the mend and we're working toward Gary's treatment.

This too will pass. We will continue to travel. I canceled our trip to Rome in October and return over the Atlantic. We plan to get on the Caribbean portion in late November, then we booked two more cruises around the Caribbean. Next February, if it all works out we have booked a trip to Viet Nam, Thailand, Japan and Australia. Gotta do this before we get too old.

Hope we don't have to maintain social distancing for too long. There's a lot more issue in people not having jobs and being lonely. Feel free to share whatever seems important. Keep safe.

LuVerne

**All this COVID-19 talk is depressing, so here's some better lab results..**



## John and Marge Hillegas

When we initially saw Wayne's email, we thought there's nothing to share with all except "our boring life" presently. We live in a retirement community now, that takes good care of us, and for this we are grateful. We live in a Villa, and go to the Main Lodge almost all days of the week, for our meal of the day, in a large dining room, with many other "inmates" at each meal.. The lodge is also our activity center, with swimming pool, great workout gym, library, and other venues. We could come and go as desired.

Well, things changed for us, and everyone, on March 16, (my birthday so I'll remember), when the expanding Corona virus became a world-wide pandemic, and we "inmates" were placed on "shutdown status"!

So, then, dramatic changes,,,,,no more meals in the closed down dining rooms, all group activity centers closed, the lodge essentially closed down, and all inmates stay in your apartment, or villa, and No Outside Visitors!! Our meals are prepared the same, but packed up in big brown bags and delivered to our front door by dining staff workers! To get your mail, you walk up to the main front door portal, with face mask on, sign in, answer medical questions, and have your temp taken. Then to Post office, pick up mail,(one at a time), and back to our villa living quarters..

The villas are one story individual units, behind the 4 story main lodge. Tessa gets out for her walks, and of course, this is very good for guess who! And, we can walk across the street to our Motorhome parked at Life Storage!! (Couldn't have picked a better, convenient site!).

We have readily adapted to this routine, and feel very safe, protected here, which is really good for 80 year olds!!

We did have a mild scare last Saturday night, when the entire complex lost all power at about 9 pm! No monsoons, nor storms!! The good news is that we were notified about 20 minutes later, by some Emergency Contact system, that APS was working on the problem, and the power was back on within 30 minutes! That's great, since daily temps had been in the 95-100 degree range!

We are OK and comfortable, and this past Sunday Marge was greeted with a Happy Mother's Day

celebration, in front of our villa by 14 of her kids, and grand kids, etc.! They all had masks on, stayed outside with Big signs and balloons to celebrate her day!! A great ending to an unusual weekend!!! You all have a great, but different!!, Summer, and Stay Safe and Healthy!

Jon and Marge



### Bob and Kathy Mitchell

*(Editors note: Bob and Kathy are one of 14 couples we are in contact with regarding joining our chapter)*

Thanks for the newsletter. Recently joined FMCA this year. Was looking forward to attending some rally's this spring. Will now have to wait until this fall. Looking forward to it.

Bob & Kathy Mitchell from Parker, Arizona

### Susan and Warren Hoye

Cleveland clinic called yesterday. Warren's surgery (septal myectomy) scheduled for July 24. Approximately a 4-5 hr surgery, with about 5 days in hospital, about a month to stay in the local Cleveland area. We will fly confirmed on the 17<sup>th</sup>.17. Have reservations at local holiday inn that has shuttle to hospital. Probably stay in Cleveland area till late August. Right now visitors not allowed in ICU but that is still a ways away. So hopefully that will change  
Hugs around,  
Susan & Warren Hoye

*Let's all keep warren in our prayers!*

### Wayne and Betty Cernie

We moved to Lake Havasu over 5 years ago. The home we bought needed some updating but with our travel schedule things always got deferred. Well we were able to use this "down" time to get to the various projects. The first was to remodel the kitchen. Re-configure the cabinets, paint, change the appliances and install a tile back-splash. That project is complete. We also have finished the first guest bathroom and are just about complete in the second. Next up is to replace the flooring in Betty's Hobby room. You can bet that with all the work going on here we are anxious to get back to RV traveling and enjoying the fellowship of our Chapter members and friends.

Be Safe!

Wayne and Betty



**Maaan, all these doctors and nurses and microbiologists and immunologists and epidemiologists and other researchers keep saying COVID is dangerous but all these dudes I went to high school with who barely passed science say it's not dangerous. It's so hard to know who to believe anymore.**

**Have a GREAT SUMMER! Hopefully the next Kokopelli Kronicle will be out in August including the September rally information!**

**Let's keep in touch!**

**Wayne**