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ANASAZI's On The Road...

Narrative by Tom Eells & Larry Morrison

The Sept. rally at Zane Gray RV park started with coaches arriving on Thursday. The park is situated just above Clear Creek. Because of the creek tall trees were throughout the park, many of the mature Cottonwoods. We all had tree shaded spots which was practical in keeping the sun off. The downside - maybe those that wanted to use satellite for viewing TV were hard pressed to find a opening between the trees.



If you see some new faces in our pictures it is because we had the good fortune to have 4 guest couples join us on this rally. Joining us were Ron and Nancy Vanderhoof, Allen and Eileen Davis, Dayton Osland and Linda Colby, and Ted and Leslie Sipe. It is always great to have new folks visiting and interested in joining our Chapter.



The Hosts for this rally were Tom and Carole Eells, Clarence and Jeanne Kinsley and John and Mary Ann Mathews.



We had a pot luck dinner after happy hour. It was a good time getting to know our guests and learning more about them as they also learned more about us.



On Friday morning we had coffee at the Ramada (which was just a few steps away from our coaches) and had breakfast on your own.



Everyone took time in the morning free to explore the area. Lunch was also on your own to give you more time in your explorations or just relax. There were many trails to explore for those willing to take them on. One particularly close trail meandered throughout the partially dry creek bed. Most of the trail had been cleared from the high-water runoff earlier in the year. The rest of the campers also arrived during Friday and quickly settled in. Happy hour started at 4:30 at the Ramada and every one dared to venture the few feet they had to walk with snacks in hand. Once at Happy Hour the tall tales were being spun. Of what were the tales - everyone's summer adventures (or lack thereof) of course.



During happy hour and for dinner, the hosts were firing up the parks BBQ's to cook the hamburgers that were on the menu for the evening. Around 5:30, the Hosts John and Mary Ann Matthews, Clarence and Jeanne Kinsley and Tom and Carol Eells called us to dinner. Dinner consisted of hamburgers (with all of the trimmings) potato salad, cowboy beans and a bag of chips. A special note on the hamburgers - You could not get a better hamburger anywhere - the hosts were hawking double cheeseburgers but you better not be faint of heart because each patty of the double cheeseburger had to be a least 1/3 pound or bigger. Don't like cheese no matter you could get a double burger as well. Yes, there was a single burger or single cheese burger available as well.



**Do I smell
birthday
cake?**

A special treat for us all was celebrating Tom Eells 80th birthday. Cake and ice cream magically appeared for the celebration. Tom did himself proud - he was able to blow out all **one** of the candles.



A campfire was scheduled for the evening but everyone decided that they would rather stay under the Ramada and talk or play board games. It was still warm from the day and it was decided that a campfire would be nice but not this evening.

Saturday morning the RV Park hosted coffee and doughnuts which became most of our breakfasts. It was nice to sleep in?? The hosts had prepared a list of things to do in the area and many of our group took advantage of the farmers market and other local activities.



Some hiked the trails at the RV Park and others played board games and corn hole at the Ramada.



Of course, chilling out was always an option.



As we all gathered back for happy hour, the days adventures started to surface amongst the smell of steaks cooking on the BBQ.



Dinner time was called and we all lined up for steak. The BBQ chiefs had outdone themselves; you could get your steak rare or well done and anywhere in-between.



Along with the steak, a roll and various salads were served. There was one very special treat -

you had your choice of either an apple or peach cobbler cooked in a Dutch oven.



Cooking with a Dutch oven could be hard on your back!

Cooking in a Dutch oven, when camping, usually requires a campfire or fire-pit. A pit big enough to accommodate two Dutch ovens was not available, so the hosts used a regular charcoal briquette BBQ to cook the cobblers in the Dutch ovens. The comments by the hosts using this method, “wow this cooks a lot faster than a fire pit”.



It all turned out good in the end, the cobblers were cooked to perfection.



As it became darker, everyone was asked if they would like to have a campfire and all of the campers said they had a full day and would rather not.



Now that Tom is 80 his supervisor (Carole) will make sure he gets the pancake mix right!

Sunday started off at 8:30 with a pancake sausage breakfast by the hosts.



Now sad as always it was time to pack up and return to life. Everyone said their goodbyes and wished safe travels to all.



Presidents Message

Can you believe that summer is over and we are heading into fall? At least I think we are -- it is hard to tell when the temperatures in the Phoenix Valley are still hovering around 100 or more. At any rate, I would like to welcome you all back and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming rallies. I also look forward to all the stories of your adventures.

Larry Morrison

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

Tom Eells	6 th
Mel Jones	9 th
Larry Kennedy	12 th
Laura Hester	16 th
Melva Crimmins	19 th
Betty Cernie	20 th
Dick hancock	26 th

October

Bob Coppinger	20 th
Virginia Morrison	28 th
Sharon Holiday	30 th



September

Marvin and De Pitts 16th

October

Ed and Margaret Cotier	6 th
Jerry and Robin Schultz	14 th



Don't forget if you are going to Hemet for Oktoberfest to mark on the registration form you are with ANASAZI Chapter and e-mail Tom Eells at ktomas39@juno.com to let him know you are joining the group.

We will meet Wednesday, October 2nd at Morongo Casino West of Palm Springs, dry camp and then convoy the next morning to the Resort.



From your Newsletter Editor

Betty and I were unable to attend this months rally. Betty's mother celebrated her 90th birthday in Orange County California and the entire family got together to celebrate this milestone. Thanks to Tom Eels and Larry Morrison for supplying the notes and pictures for the rally.

This month we have a couple of rallies to attend, some are heading to Hemet CA to join with the California Chapter and celebrate their version of Oktoberfest. Then, the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association (RMMA) Ramble in the Old Pueblo will be held in Tucson AZ on October 17th. As usual the ANASAZI's have a heavy involvement in this production (I think Larry and I must have emails totaling in the hundreds concerning this event). We expect a great showing from our Chapter and hope to see most of you there!

Wayne

