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ANASAZI's On The Road...

Narrative by Tom Eells

Hosted by Albert Gould, Tom & Carole Eells

Thursday April 4th: Seven ANASAZI motor homes “blew” into Quail Run RV park. The staff were very welcoming and helpful!

We kicked off the evening at the clubhouse with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages of choice along with renewed friendships and conversations.



Later Tom and Carole introduced a fun new game of teams bouncing ping-pong balls into a large egg carton. The object was to get 3 in a row for your team in any direction, which was harder than it sounds!! Some of the fun was chasing the balls!



After that Albert had the fixins for yummy ice cream sundaes. That was a big hit!



Friday April 5th : It was great to have use of the nice , large clubhouse. The hosts prepared a breakfast of eggs, sausage, potatoes and fresh fruit and coffee.

After breakfast many enjoyed several different games like Pegs & Jokers, Puzzles, Rummy Cube or just relaxed at their coaches. Lunch was on your own or you could check out the town.

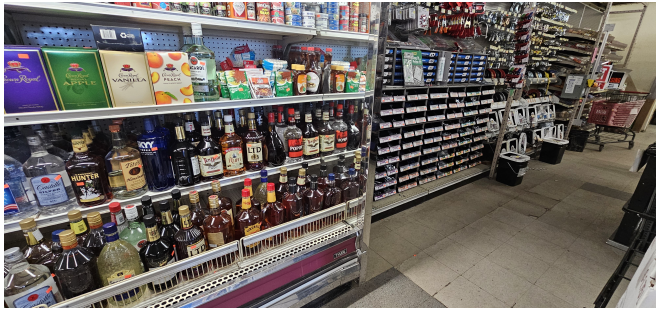
Dinner was at the Famous Silly Al's Pizza reached by caravan just down the street. We had never heard of a Reuben Pizza, complete with sauerkraut, but Ellen enjoyed it! Most of us went with more traditional pizza which was very good. Then we came back to the clubhouse for more ice cream and games. Or to the coaches to watch the Women's NCAA Basketball finals.

Saturday April 6th : The hosts provided delicious build-your-own Breakfast Burritos, fresh fruit and coffee.

The plan was to go to the Quartzsite Museum, but it was found out that on April 1st they just went to summer hours and are only open on Thursdays mornings. So rats ! Thus a day of rest and relaxation for some and more time to explore.

A trip to the tomb of Hi Jolly was made by some. Named for Hadji Ali, a camel herder for the U.S. Army's Camel Corps of 1857, there was a small cemetery and some history there.





The Kinsley's and Ellen McWilliams and her sister Pat had to leave early for personal reasons. We were sorry to see them leave, but wished them safe travels,

For dinner the hosts provided burgers and hot dogs and cookies for dessert. Everyone brought delicious side dishes. All opted for burgers except Claire Porter who came with her own hot dog and electric hot dog toaster! (a surprise gift in the ANASAZI gift exchange - thanks Cernies!)

Shirley made apple cobbler dessert that was yummy with a new cooker with a stone that kept it hot. A good buy at the Tucson Rally.



A cake with candles and a bottle of champagne showed up to help Shirley Ridley celebrate her birthday with us all!

After dinner some watched Basketball on the nice TV in the clubhouse, others played still more games and some went back to the coaches.

Sunday April 7th : After continental breakfast and fond farewells, we packed up and headed out.

It was a relaxing weekend with a chance to enjoy being together and getting to know one another. Many also got to learn new games or enjoy some not played for awhile.

Safe travels as we head out for new adventures down the road!!!





Presidents Message

First, I would like to thank Wayne and Betty for all the challenging work they have done over the past few years.

For all the behind-the-scenes work you have done for the chapter, thank you. I will offer equal guidance and leadership moving forward.

Here is a little background. I retired in 2015 with 37 years from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Pharmacy and Logistics. Here are few of my accomplishments, Civil Air Patrol Cadet Lt. Colonel, Commodore of a yacht club, past president of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, Oregon Gold Wing Road Riders Association District Director and currently on the Arizona United States Bowling Congress board, and Anasazi National Director.

On my first camping trip with David, we paddled a canoe with camping gear (I have a deep fear of water) to an island to watch the 4th of July fireworks. Since that time, we have owned 10' and 12' campers, 18' travel trailer, 16' Blue Water, 32' Uniflite sport sedan, 48' Tollycraft cockpit motor yacht, bunkhouse travel trailer, 29' Windsport class A and currently 33' Tiffin.

Both David and I rode motorcycles. David rode a 2012 Goldwing, and I rode a 2016 Can Am Spyder. When David retired in 2017, we road 14,800 miles in 113 days camping throughout Canada and United States.

I would like to welcome all our new members and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

We had a great rally in Quartzsite, A big Thank you to our hosts Tom and Carol Eells and Albert Gould.

Travel safe and see you at the next rally.

Shirley

Notes from our National Director

FMCA 108th convention in Tucson was fun filled. Here are just a few things we did at the convention, karaoke, silent auction, seminars, crafts, and great entertainment, just to name a few things. Anasazi had a booth at the chapter fair, and we have new members for the rally. Thank you to the broad members for putting it together. We had a lot of first-time convention goers, and everybody seemed to have a great time. With the display coaches we had over 1000 plus RVs in Tucson.

Next up is the FMCA 109th International Convention in Redmond, Oregon August 14-17th, 2024.

I hope to see you there.

Shirley



Broccoli Salad

A simple broccoli salad made with bacon, cranberries, and other simple add-ins!

Prep Time 10 minutes
Chilling Time 1 hour

Total Time 10 minutes Servings 8 cups

Ingredients:

5-6 cups broccoli florets¹ 1 lb, this was about 2 ½ heads of broccoli for me
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese thicker, not finely shredded
⅔ cup dried cranberries
½ cup crumbled bacon
½ cup salted sunflower seeds
⅓ cup red onion diced into small pieces
¾ cup mayo I use olive oil mayo

¼ cup sour cream
1 ½ Tablespoon white wine vinegar
3 Tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Combine broccoli florets, cheddar cheese, dried cranberries, bacon, sunflower seeds, and onion in a large bowl.

In a separate, small bowl, whisk together mayo, sour cream, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper until smooth and well-combined.

Pour dressing over broccoli combination and toss or stir well.

Broccoli salad may be served immediately, but for best flavor refrigerate for at least one hour before serving. Make sure to toss broccoli salad thoroughly again before serving. Keep refrigerated if not consuming right away.

How to Store Broccoli Salad Broccoli Salad may be stored in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 3-4 days. If you are making several days in advance, I recommend storing the salad and the dressing separately, then tossing everything together at least an hour before serving.

Nutrition Serving: 1cup | Calories: 291kcal | Carbohydrates: 17g | Protein: 8g | Fat: 19g | Saturated Fat: 5g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 2g | Monounsaturated Fat: 2g | Cholesterol: 33mg | Sodium: 617mg | Potassium: 92mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 12g | Vitamin A: 50IU | Vitamin C: 4.1mg | Calcium: 30mg | Iron: 0.7mg



As I finish this one last newsletter I can't help but feel a profound sense of gratitude and nostalgia. Our journey together in the realm of RVing has been nothing short of extraordinary. As we bid farewell to this chapter, I'm reminded of the countless miles we've traversed, the breathtaking landscapes we've beheld, and the cherished memories we've created along the way.

Ring isn't just about traveling from one destination to another; it's about the camaraderie we've shared, the bonds we've formed, and the stories we've woven into the fabric of our lives. From cozy campfires under a canopy of stars to spontaneous adventures on winding roads, each moment has been a testament to the spirit of exploration and discovery that defines the RV lifestyle.

To my fellow ANASAZI chapter members, I raise a toast to the memories we've shared and the adventures that lie ahead. May our paths cross again, whether on dusty trails or sun-drenched highways. Until then, may the road rise up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back.

Farewell, my friends, Be Safe!

Wayne & Betty Cernie

