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ANASAZI's On The Road...

Narrative by Wayne Cernie

This month's Kokopelli Kronicle covers two rally's including January's and February's travels.

First, the ANASAZI Chapter members headed to Indio, California to attend the 31st Annual Western Area Rally of FMCA. This event was scheduled from January 9-13 at the Indio County Fairgrounds, however the chapter decided to caravan and arrive one day early.



Even though Faye and Larry don't sit too close together they did a good job of coordinating the caravan!

The theme for the rally was "Once upon a Time" which suggests a magical time and place which is what this years rally was all about. If you have attended a regional rally in the past you know how jam packed the activities and events are with a wide range of interests to insure everyone a good time.



This one was no different. Our members enjoyed Bingo, coffee and music in the morning, Ladies

Social, Line Dancing and of course one of our favorite events, the WHMA Parade designed around the rally theme, Ice Cream social, and lots of very informative seminars.



A rowdy group getting ready for the entertainment.

The evening entertainment for Thursday and the Opening Ceremonies was Jeff Dayton with his "Salute to Glen Campbell". Friday evening was filled with the comedian Ken Kaz. His routine is an ever-evolving mix of current events, personal experiences, and everyday life observations. Then Saturday evening "Grovin thru the 60's" had our group travel back in time with the popular folk rock hits of the Mama's & Papa's, Peter, Paul and Mary, Simon & Garfunkel and more. Of course the entertainment was top notch as Showtune Productions is based in Mesa, Arizona!

There were plenty of new coaches and RV's to tour along with a good selection of vendors willing to show you their wares and services.



Judy, Carole and Chuck enjoying the show

Again, the best part of any Rally is always spending time with friends, new and old, along with making new memories.

DAVIS CAMP RALLY Bullhead, Arizona January 31- Feb 4th

The February Rally was hosted by Jon & Marge Hillegas, Wayne & Betty Cernie and Ron Woodworth. A special thanks to Ron who stepped in when we found out Barry was scheduled for knee surgery two weeks prior to the rally. By the way, I just got off the phone with Barry and he is doing great and is attending a rally in Gila Bend this weekend!

We had eleven rigs attend the rally including our newest members Mark and Donna Kenly. Mark and Donna had guests Ken and Ann Grosser attend with them. Wayne and Betty had Roger and Laura Hester attend as guests, so in all we had 23 people in our group for the weekend.

Thursday evening after driving an average of 225 miles to the Davis Camp located on the banks of the Colorado River we settled in with a happy hour, the hosts provided wine tasting from the vineyard we were going to visit the next day, and then dinner consisting of pulled pork sandwiches and all the trimmings was served.



Friday was a busy day! The hosts served a full breakfast and then we carpoled to Kingman to visit Alpacas of the Southwest.



Alpacas, native to South America, are world famous for their luxurious, soft fleece. Alpacas are in the camel family and are considered a cousin to the llama. Alpacas are half the size of llamas and have a very different temperament; typically more docile and kid friendly.



Did you know....

- Alpaca fiber is 3 times warmer than sheep wool and twice as cool as cotton
- The fiber is stronger, warmer, 1/3 the weight of wool, hypo-allergenic, and extremely soft
- Alpacas have very long memories. If they learn to trust you they will always trust you
- They are very docile animals and children friendly
- Baby alpacas are called 'crias'
- Each alpaca has its own temperament - just like us
- They will stay in family units and have a set group of alpaca friends



Mel checking the under carriage



After the Alpaca farm tour the group followed the printed directions handed out and drove out to the middle of nowhere to arrive at the Cella Winery. There the hosts had a box lunches set up with picnic tables in the vineyard. Mother nature was kind to us and provided perfect weather to enjoy our lunch.



After lunch some members decided to try the wine tasting with Carlos (the owner) answering all kind of questions about wine, the location,



grape growing and processing, water etc. Those who engaged with Carlos found him charming and very knowledgeable about wine, and the business of producing wines.



By the time we returned to base camp we had a couple of hours to relax and then happy hour consisted of Margaritas (with and without tequila) and afterwards a complete roasted chicken dinner was served followed by cupcakes for dessert. Then as the rain approached most decided it was going to be an early evening and retired to the rigs.



Saturday morning we awoke to the sound of rain pelting the roofs of our RV's. The hosts served breakfast, we then formed our caravan to travel to Davis Dam for a quick drive by and photo op.



Then we were off on our off-road adventure up to Christmas Tree Pass. The scenery was awesome and the low cloud cover had us driving though the top with very low visibility. The only disappointment was most of the trees had been cleaned up the weekend before by a group of local volunteers. So we only saw the remnants of the highly decorated trees. After a bumpy 15 mile drive on a dirt back road there were plenty of smiles when we pulled into a newly built rest stop off the highway in Nevada.



When we returned from this adventure the hosts prepared grilled turkey and cheese sandwiches, chips and cookies for lunch.

With a break in the weather we were able to play a music/Superbowl/trivia game with questions about past Superbowl's with musical hints to help get the answers correct. The winner of this game was Mark Kenly. Mark was rewarded with a champagne bottle filled with candy bars for his effort.

Then we handed out a "Prop Bets" score sheet for everyone to fill out. The sheets had questions like: who will win the coin toss, will Tom Brady throw an interception, will there be a score in the first 6:30 minutes of the game etc. After the Superbowl game is played the person with the highest number correct would win a prize.



OLD COUNTRY STORE

The afternoon was free to relax, shop or visit the casinos right across the bridge.

Saturday nights dinner was Pot Roast, scalloped potatoes, green beans with almonds, garden salad, rolls and apple pie for dessert. After dinner most called another early evening and returned to the warmth of their RV's.

Superbowl Sunday we served a continental breakfast for those who were departing saying our goodbyes and bidding safe travels for those heading home.

We ended with six rigs staying to watch the Superbowl at the camp. Larry and Virginia provided their outside TV to watch the game and everyone brought snacks to enjoy the game.





Marge provided her "Cincinnati Chili" and we had hot-dogs, chips, egg rolls, pretzels and too many other snacks to remember (or maybe it was the beer and mudslides), anyway a good time was enjoyed by all.



During the game Tom Eells and Wayne tallied the prop bet score sheets and we had 3 second place finishers, Larry Morrison, Dick Hancock and Faye Kennedy with 9 correct.



Roger and Laura Hester provided a portable campfire and with plenty of layers we braved the cold weather.



The first place finisher, the person with the most knowledge of how the game will end and winner of the \$25 Cracker Barrel Gift Card with 10 correct out of 15...

VIRGINIA MORRISON!

Congratulations!



Roger and Laura keeping warm!



Presidents Message

It was Super Bowl Sunday and time to get comfortable in your favorite chair -- except the ANASAZI decided to forego the warm comfortable chair and instead opted for Tail Gating RV style. With a warm fire pit, plenty of snacks and Marge's famous Chili the cold was held at bay (albeit - 3 to 4 layers did help). A great time and something we might try again?

Wait - What? What is RV Tailgating -- reading the newsletter will give you some great insight.

Larry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February



March

Pat Coppinger	16 th
Jon Hillegas	16 th
Pat Ruese	16 th



February/March



Notes from the Editor

A special thanks to our photographers this month. Larry Morrison as usual, Betty Cernie, and Tom Eells who struggled a little bit getting me the Indio pictures. This months rally must have been really good because I had over 100 pictures to review for our publication. One of my favorites is below, I just couldn't come up with a proper caption. Maybe we should have a monthly contest to caption a random picture? Help me out and I'll publish the responses next month!

Wayne

