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ANASAZI's On The Road...

First ANASAZI No Host Rally

Wherever you go – It's the people, comradery, the one-of-a-kind experiences and the unexpected challenges solved together that make our Rally's ones to always remember.



This month's rally was held at Gila County Fairgrounds March 30th to April 2nd. We had perfect weather. Sunny, but temperatures were still cool. There were beautiful views from the top of our hill looking across the valley to the mountains that were aglow with patches of yellow and purple. With white patches at the tops of some of

the mountains it reminded us that winter was not that far behind.



However, arriving at the Fairgrounds was a little more challenging for some. "Two roads diverged" Right

or Left? GPS confused and only too late does the correct decision become clear. You know the drill- unhook- find someplace to turn a motor home around on a hill, and help those behind you who faithfully followed. An experience to share and laugh about – LATER—but a great story and memory shared.

After this event it was decided to have dinner out at the Casino. It was a good stress relief. Dinner was reasonably priced; the food was good and some had luck at the machines.

Since this was a no host weekend all who attended took turns cooking a couple of meals. Dave and



Shirly were able to demonstrate the benefits of their Blackstone cooktop outdoors. On Friday, a hearty breakfast of sausage, scrambled eggs and hashbrown was enjoyed by all.

After breakfast everyone appreciated a little down time before deciding to visit a nearby Ancient Archaeological Park and Museum – Besh Ba Gawah. The visit was well worth our unexpected efforts of getting there.



Once in Globe we faced the difficulty of interpreting our GPS and deciding, is it the upper road we take



or this one that seems to go to the same place. Unfortunately, some streets in Globe do not have street signs and it is your best guess.

We were almost there when we faced running water over a roadway with a sign “Do not Drown-Turn Around” Again those following the initially confident misguided leaders had to turn around and find another alternate route.



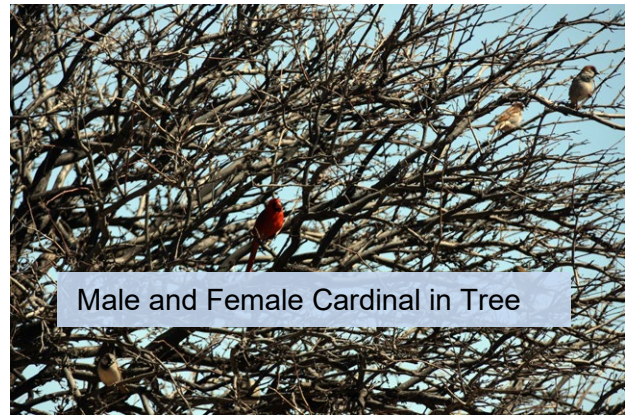
Inside Besh Ba Gawah, a short film gave a good



history of the successive inhabitants of the site. And we walked around an amazing partially restored site of an ancient village last occupied by the Salado people between 1225 and 1400. Hard to imagine what it was like living in the area off the land back then.



We walked thru the partially restored buildings and imagined what life was like thousands of years ago. And per the notes it was thought that the area was eventually uninhabitable because of several years of draught. Sound Familiar? As we were sitting and resting on the



Male and Female Cardinal in Tree

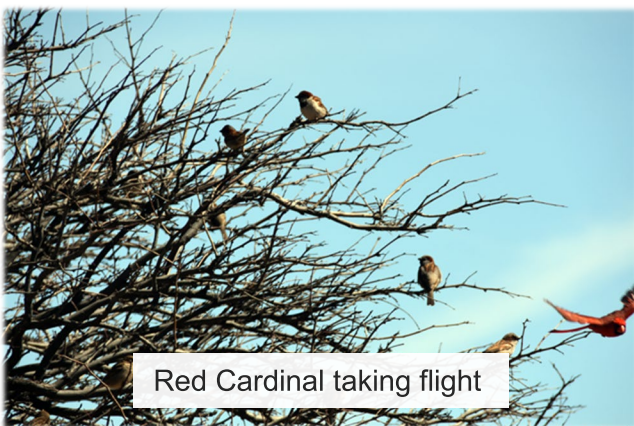


benches Darnel spotted Cardinals in the trees. Beautiful birds, often elusive for our prized pictures.

Of course, the trip back to camp meant a detour at the local Dairy Queen – Yum.



Beehive and honey on street sign
Next to the Dairy Queen



Red Cardinal taking flight

Back to camp we had, by popular demand, Darnel's Chili. A perfect blend of spices that demanded seconds. We enjoyed visiting and discussing our experiences of the day, sharing the highs and challenges of the day.

The next morning, we had a leisurely breakfast of Oatmeal, Ice Cream, toppings, fruit and a few mini-cinnamon rolls to top it off. After lunch in our coaches, we decided to explore the



Stairizona staircases in Globe that we had read about in a recent newspaper. It is a

84 steps uphill or downhill?



network of urban trails connected by several staircases throughout the historic downtown Globe. Each step has been uniquely painted to form a beautifully combined pattern. You can hike the 1 1/2 to 2-mile trail connecting the staircases



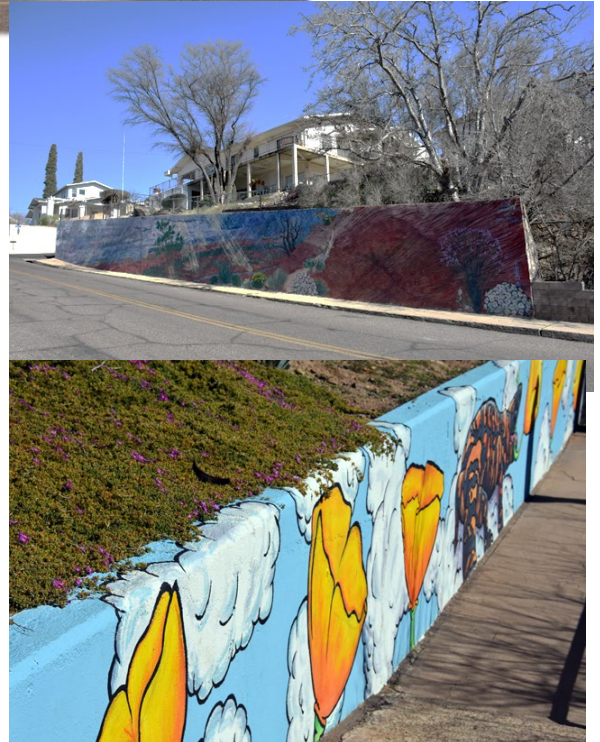
but we opted to drive to different ones to appreciate them.



Once again, the hills, some unmarked roads and a large motorcycle event created our challenge of the day. Some opted for a stress relief at the Dairy Queen on the way home and some continued their search.



An eventful trip with the Caravan leaders again interpreting how to overcome the obstacles but it proved very



worthwhile to see and appreciate a part of Globe that is a hidden gem. "And the April Fool's Joke..... who found the \$100 bill at one of the staircases?"

A relaxed dinner of Crack Chicken sandwiches, veggie platter, fruit, chips and cupcakes were a great ending dinner as we rehashed the day and watched the semi-final game of the final four between U Conn and Miami.

Unfortunately, Sunday AM came too quickly and our weekend ended too soon. However, we did not get sent off without full stomachs. Once again, the Blackstone served up Pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Complementing that we had fruit, leftover pastries and cupcakes.

We packed up to go until the last challenge of our weekend. David Ridley could not get power to his driver's seat to be able to drive. After an hour and 4 people, connecting wires, by-passing switches, the seat moved enough for him to drive home.

Again- sometimes taking roads less traveled, venturing to new experiences and enjoying a simple meal together create the memories of life that we value. "It's not the Time we have, it's what we do with it that counts." See you all in May for another adventure and special send off to summer.



Presidents Message

It's almost time for our Summer! The hosts for our May rally have put together an extended, fun and informative rally and Betty and I are looking forward to seeing everyone before our summer recess. Be sure to send in your registration forms early to secure your spot at this Rally.

The ANASAZI Chapter congratulates Connie Jones for her new position as Region 3 VP. Most of us who know Connie are sure she will do a great job and help the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association meet the needs of the collective Chapters.

Connie has volunteered to fill a big job, however every Chapter needs volunteers to function. Remember to ensure the health of our ANASAZI Chapter we need volunteers, filling Board or Chair positions, hosting rally's, taking photos, marshaling memory books, promoting new membership, and looking for new rally locations and points of interest.

This month I leave you with one of my favorite quotes:

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Be Well, Travel Safe!

Wayne



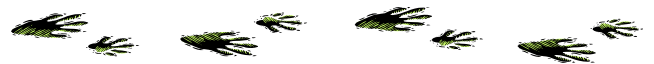
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David Ridley	6
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A friend of mine mentioned that she had an appointment with her son's Spanish-immersion kindergarten teacher. I knew that regular parent-teacher meetings were not due for a while, and when I asked if there was a problem, she related a conversation she had had with her son.

"Mom, I can speak three languages now!" he said excitedly.

"Three?" she questioned

"Yes" he replied proudly. "English, Spanish and Inappropriate."



Spring Vegetable Fettuccine Alfredo

From the Food Network

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil.

- *Kosher salt
- *1 9oz package fresh fettuccine
- *Extra-virgin olive oil, for tossing
- *2 cups shiitake mushrooms (about 4 ounces) stems removed and discarded
- *1 bunch thin asparagus, about 1 pound
- *1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- *1/2 cup frozen peas
- *Freshly ground black pepper
- *2 cups heavy cream
- *1 1/2 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- *1 tablespoon chopped chives
- *Finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon

Add the Pasta to the boiling pot of water and cook according to package directions until al dente, tender but slightly firm. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pasta water, then strain the pasta and toss with a splash of oil in the colander.

Meanwhile, slice the mushroom caps into 1/4 inch thick strips. Snap the woody ends off the asparagus and cut into 2-inch lengths. Heat a large skillet over medium heat and add 2 tablespoons of the butter, When the butter melts, raise the heat to medium-high and add the mushrooms in 1 layer. Cook, without moving, until the undersides have browned. 1 to 2 minutes, then stir and cook until golden, about 2 minutes more. Add the asparagus, another tablespoon of butter, and 1/2 teaspoon salt and continue to cook, stirring occasionally until the asparagus is tender and the mushrooms are browned, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer the vegetables to the colander with the pasta.

Reduce the heat to medium and add the remaining 5 tablespoons butter.

When the butter has mostly melted, whisk in the cream and bring to a simmer, then add the peas and cook for 2 minutes. Turn off the heat.

Whisk the Parmigiano-Reggiano into the sauce. Add the vegetables, cooked pasta, chives and lemon zest and toss well. Season with salt and pepper. The pasta will thicken as it cools. To thin it, add reserved pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time and toss to reach the desired consistency. Serve hot in heated bowls.

NOTE: Heavy whipping cream contains stabilizers to help it whip up and stay at the desired consistency. It will thicken your Alfredo sauce more than regular heavy cream will. You may adjust the consistency of your sauce by adding up to 1/2 cup reserved pasta cooking water.



SAFETY REMINDER

Owning a RV is more than just getting in and driving somewhere – there is maintenance involved.



Have you ever thought about the ride height of your rig -- motor home or trailer?

On a diesel pusher it could mean abnormal wear on drive train parts as well as handling problems. There are adjustments that can be made to make sure your ride height is the same side to side and front to back.

On a Gasoline coach, ride height can be affected by the springs. Incorrect ride height can affect handling and braking.

On trailers, ride height can affect handling.

It is recommended that the next time you take your RV in for service, you ask them to check your ride height.



Why does the date of Easter change every year?

The date of Easter changes each year because it is based on the lunar cycle. Easter Sunday always falls on the Sunday after [the first full moon](#) following [the Spring equinox in March](#).

We now use the solar, Gregorian calendar rather than a lunar one, which means the full moon occurs on different dates each year, and therefore so does Easter – it can be any date between March 22nd and April 25th.

This year, the full moon peaked on Thursday, April 6th – meaning that Easter Sunday is on April 9th. The 2023 spring equinox was on March 20th, its most common date.

Dr Greg Brown, astronomer at the Royal Observatory Greenwich, said Easter is based on a combination of the seven-day week and the cycle of the phases of the Moon.

“The March equinox is the date when the sun crosses from the southern hemisphere of the sky to the northern hemisphere marking the beginning of spring.

“The day and night of the equinox are of approximately equal length. As neither the calendar year (365 days) nor the cycle of the phases of the Moon (29.5 days) divide evenly by the seven-day week, the date of Easter Sunday can move irregularly by up to a month, from between late March and late April.”

Easter can fall any date between March 22nd and April 25th (Photo: Getty Images)

How was the Easter date decided?

The decision on how and when Easter should fall each year was made by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the first major church council.

As the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus happened after Passover, some early Christians decided to celebrate it then – on the 14th of the month of Nisan (from the Assyrian and Hebrew calendars).

This correlates with March or April in the Gregorian calendar (named after Pope Gregory XIII), which is what we use today.

Other early Christians preferred to celebrate on a Sunday because it is thought Jesus’s tomb was found on this day, according to Brent Landau, a lecturer in religious studies at the University of Texas.

The Council of Nicaea was asked to resolve this. It decided Easter should be after the first full moon following the March equinox.

Why do different churches celebrate Easter on different dates?

Easter dates change between churches because they use different calendars.

Eastern Churches (Greek and Slavic) and Oriental Churches (Syrian, Armenian, Coptic Egyptian and Ethiopian) continued using the Julian Calendar, named after Julius Caesar, even after Europe adopted the Gregorian Calendar in 1582.

“This is why even now Easter is calculated differently by the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches to the Catholic and other western Churches,” said theology and religion Professor Emma Loosely, from the University of Exeter.

“Easter is only ever celebrated by all Christians on the relatively rare occasions when the two calendars align,” she added.

Easter last took place on the same day last year for both Christian Churches in 2017, but this will not happen again until 2034.

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