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### ANASAZI's On The Road...

*Narrative by Wayne Cernie*

This week ( March 5-8th) the ANASAZI's traveled to Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde. The Co-Host for the weekend were the Kinsely's, Hillegas and Cernie's. We had a great turnout and ended with 16 RV's attending the Rally. Adding to the excitement and fun for the weekend was having so many guests joining us.



On Thursday evening we started out with a happy hour and then a pot luck. It was great to meet so many new friends and potential new Chapter members. For our meal there were plenty of pasta dishes to share, but not a salad in sight LOL! Then for the evening entertainment the hosts presented a new video travel log highlighting the ANASAZI Rally's for 2019. The hosts had all the memory books on display capturing all the travels of the group covering over twenty years. Cookies and hot chocolate was served. We then passed out a short quiz about the video, the ANASAZI's, FMCA and the

RV industry in general. Prizes supplied by FMCA were handed out to the folks with the best scores. Funny thing was, the top scores were provided by a majority of the guests. I think everyone enjoyed the evening and headed back to their rigs looking forward to the events planned over the next couple of days.



We started Friday morning with a large spread of bakery items, fruit, yogurt and juices. Then it was soon time to caravan to the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town. Many of the group had visited the town of Jerome but had never traveled a mile past to Haynes, Arizona.



There we enjoyed a tour of the town and lots of history by our tour guide Steve. The group scattered looking at the antique equipment, farm animals and the various displays of 1800's laundry, shoe repair, dentist shops, antique race cars, and plenty more. I think everyone had a great time taking pictures of the many items to see.



After our tour and shopping in the gift shop we caravan-ed to a great barbecue place in Cottonwood called Hog Wild BBQ. The restaurant was suggested by Kendra (one of our guests) and everyone was impressed with their meals!



A couple hours on your own (nap time for some) and then it was time for Happy Hour. We enjoyed the beautiful weather and the patio at the club house and soon it was time to take the shuttle over to Cliff Castle Casino for dinner.



Of course after a great breakfast and super lunch, dinner seemed a bit too much for some and they ended up having milkshakes at Johnny Rockets. The resort supplied everyone who wanted a \$10 voucher to play in the casino. As people started to return everyone was comparing their results with a majority of folks coming back winners! Then there was Barry, he said he put the money in and then, poof, it was gone!



Southwestern United States, between approximately 1100 and 1425 AD.

The entire group then headed to Clear Creek Vineyard and Winery. Clear Creek is one of the few Arizona Estate Winery's, which means that all the wines are grown, fermented, and bottled on the property. We met the owner and vintner, Ignacio and learned about the various wines he produces.

After dinner we played the dice game of Left-Right-Center. Everyone lined up their quarters and anxiously watched as the contestants slowly rolled the dreaded "C" and had to place their quarters in the money cup. After a lot of back and forth the winner of the first round was Betsy Livens.



There were two more games played with Barry and Les (a guest) providing plenty of chuckles, Wayne and Shirley bantering back and forth and the rest of the gang providing plenty of suggestions (left, left, left, right, right, right). The outcome of the last two games was Wayne winning both times. Of course there were plenty of calls to inspect the dice as Wayne and Betty had supplied the dice for the game:)

He uses geese and chickens to get the weeds and bugs, uses nitrogen water from the bottom of the fish pond he built to irrigate his vineyard so he doesn't have to purchase chemical fertilizers for the vineyard. Those who choose to, enjoyed wine tasting in the winery and purchased a few bottles to enjoy later. The ANASAZI hosts provided a box

Saturday morning started with a waffle breakfast with all the trimmings, fresh blueberries, blackberries, bananas, whipped cream, along with scrambled eggs and turkey sausage.

After breakfast some of the group headed off to see Montezuma's Castle National Monument. It's always an impressive sight to see work of the tribes people so long ago. The monument protects a set of well preserved dwellings located in Camp Verde which were built and used by the Sinagua people, a pre-Colombian culture closely related to the Hohokam and other indigenous peoples of the



lunch with homemade chicken salad sandwiches, chips, grapes, tomatoes and cookies. We all brought our chairs and enjoyed the sunshine with a few people taking advantage of the corn-hole games provided. It was a wonderful area to enjoy our picnic.



***Pet Area!***

After some time to relax it was again a social hour before dinner. I was fun to see how all the guests had now turned into new friends with everyone sharing stories and reliving the past couple of days adventures. Dinner was hamburgers cooked on the grills on the resort patio. Wayne manned the grills as the other hosts prepared the condiments to

build sky-high burgers, salads, baked beans, and party potato casserole. Everyone enjoyed the carrot cakes that Marge had baked for dessert. A special thanks to De Pitts for filling in for Jeanne who had to attend another function that afternoon.



After the dinner was cleared we took a short break and then the evening game was card bingo. The first round winner was Bill Sampson (guest), the second round was shared by De Pitts and Betty Cernie, the last round and double pot was won by Jon Hillegas. (Oops, my notes don't show who won the other rounds) After the games a few couples broke out some dominoes, others just chatted at the tables and still others headed off to their rigs for some well needed rest.

Sunday morning we enjoyed another continental breakfast and then the diving up of all the left overs from the weekend. We all said our goodbyes and wished safe travels. Chuck and Betsy are co-hosting the next rally so they gathered up the buckets, signs, coffee pots, whiteboard and headed out. Overall another great ANASAZI Rally!

# Welcome Guest

We were fortunate to have 10 guests attend our Rally!



*Albert & Kendra Gould*



*Bill & Nancy Sampson*



*Tom & Sharon Coffin*

*Ted & Kathy Biladeau (no Photo)*



*Debra Zeman & Karl Schmidt*



*Les Morrow*



*Woody's friend Jean*



## Our Newest ANASAZI Members

*Albert and Kendra Gould*

*Tom and Sharon Coffin*

*Debra Zeman and Karl Schmidt*

*Les Morrow*



## Presidents Message

The ANASAZI are looking forward to our annual business meeting (which is held in conjunction with our rally) in April. It will be held at the beautiful Arizonian RV Park in an awesome desert setting. At this meeting we will be electing new officers and considering 2 standing rule changes. I will be sending out a draft agenda with the proposed standing rule changes next week.

If you have a desire to participate at the officer level with the ANASAZI, please let me know. We can discuss the different positions and their obligations.

Larry



## Newsletter Editor

What a great rally we just enjoyed. The co-hosts were great, the venue was great, the day trips were great and having so many guests was AWESOME! It is

so wonderful that we get to meet new people, and in the course of a couple of days become friends! I still chuckle when I think about the LCR game with Les and Barry teasing each other, or Kendra and Albert picking a restaurant that wasn't on my radar and turning out to be a great choice. How about Karl clowning around when I was trying to get a picture for the newsletter. Bill and Nancy were so gracious to allow tours of their brand new Airstream trailer. Then a problem arose with one of the new couples joining us, Ted and Kathy Biladeau. Ted suddenly got sick at the restaurant and had to return to his RV. I still have visions of Tom and Sharon holding on to him, helping him from the shuttle to his rig. Unfortunately, Ted had to be transported to the emergency room, his wife Kathy was assured that the ANASAZI's would take care of their dog Jasmine while they were away, and the next day as she prepared to drive Ted home in the RV, Les Morrow was quickly unhooking the sewer, water and power for her, and getting things properly stowed. Talking with Kathy today Ted is doing much better and the Vertigo has calmed down. Even though this was an unfortunate incident, it clearly reminds us all how we as a group are supportive and caring of our fellow members/friends.

Next month it's on to Gold Canyon and one of our semi-annual meetings. We have some things to discuss and vote on, I am sure Larry Morrison will keep us all up to date on changes and suggestions for the next meeting. Plan on attending, remember the meeting is usually only an hour out of our Saturday. I am sure the Co-Hosts will have another great rally planned.

Betty and I look forward to seeing you there!

Wayne



**MARCH**

Pat Coppinger 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Jon Hillegas 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Ruese 16<sup>th</sup>

**APRIL**

Faye Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anita Hancock 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Barry Stallings 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Chuck Livens 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Shirley Ridley 6<sup>th</sup>  
 David Ridley 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Wanda Wieters 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Larry Morrison 26<sup>th</sup>



**MARCH**

Dayton Osland & Linda Colby 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Ted and Leslie Smith/Sipe 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Jim & Melva Crimmins 15<sup>th</sup>

*St Paddy's Day Humor*

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind, I found one!"

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An Irish priest is driving along a country road when a police man pulls him over. He immediately smells alcohol on the priest's breath and notices an empty wine bottle in the car.

He says: "Have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The cop replies: "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says: "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

