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## ANASAZI's On The Road...

The February rally at Butterfield RV Resort and Observatory was a fun time. We arrived on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of February after everyone was setup we went to the local Mexican restaurant for dinner and then returned to our coaches for the evening. Thursday we were on our way to Kartchner Caverns for a



great tour of the Big room.



After the tour we drove over to St. David Monastery



and walked around the grounds. We also visited the chapel building with its surrounding grounds.

We then returned to the coaches relaxed and gathered for dinner. Darnell made a



wonderful soup and we had grilled cheese sandwiches.



For dessert we a wonderful tuxedo cake brought by Virginia.



After dinner we went over to the observatory that is located in the park. The Observatory at Butterfield RV Resort features a Meade LX-200 GPS 16-inch



A very bright moon

Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. This university quality installation is housed in a 15' diameter electrically operated dome. We had made reservations earlier along with many others. The program



Shirley Ridley and John Darnel



was interesting and we were able to view the moon, Betelgeuse (a star that is the size of our sun and the earth's orbit around the sun --

thought to getting near becoming a supernova, a nebula in Orion's belt, a galaxy over 1,000 light years away, and Jupiter with its bands. It was a fun adventure; however, the observatory did not have heat and was very cold (outside temperature in the high 40's). The observatory did have blankets and some of our group gladly made use of them.

Friday, we traveled to Green Valley and the Titan Missile Museum. It was amazing to see the equipment that they had to work with.

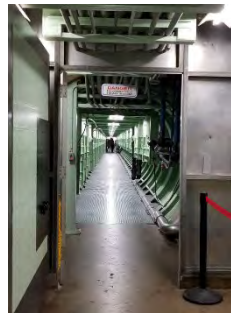


To think that one of our current cell phones has more computing power than all of the equipment they had there.

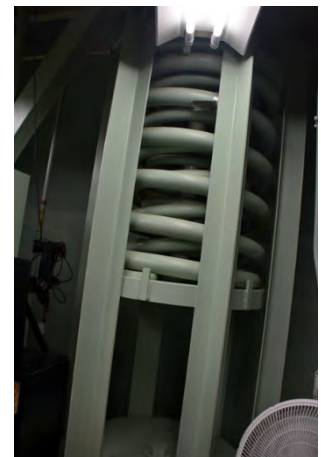
The missile fuel was a combination of two items, an oxidizer and the fuel itself. Because of technical problems in mixing the fuel, both of these half's could not be loaded until the missile



was ready to launch. The missile



silos team had a routine that only took 20 seconds to load the fuel. Because the noise, heat and vibration were so great when the missile was launched, all of the equipment was on shock absorber type mounts, including the area where the launch crew slept and





ate. The concrete around the silos and separating the launch crew as extremely thick. There were also

many blast doors on corridors that led to the outside as well as other areas of the silo. At the time the Titan



Missile Program was active, there were no buildings or structures on the surface

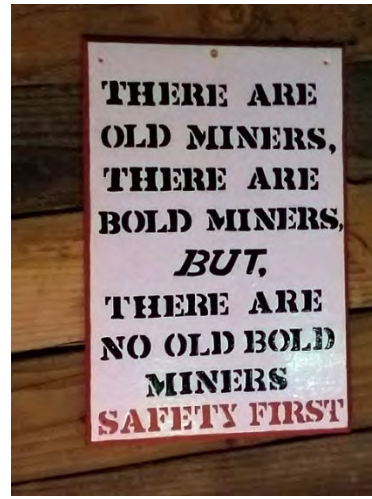
around the silos. The Titan Missiles were not completely forgotten after their silos were decommissioned; they were used to launch satellites for the private and government sectors. It was interesting to note that once a missile was launched from a silo, the silo could not be used again. After the tour and looking at all the equipment used in the Titan program and grounds, we traveled to Tubac and



had lunch at Tubac Jack's restaurant and saloon. Tubac restaurant is truly unique with the food being good and the portions generous. After lunch we walked around and looked at some of the wares, both unique and not so unique that were for sale. Friday night we had chili for dinner



and finished off with a tuxedo cake.



Saturday Shirley prepared breakfast of eggs, hash browns, sausage, and English muffins. After a sumptuous breakfast we then traveled to Bisbee and went on the Queen Mine tour. Going underground is a unique dark experience but we

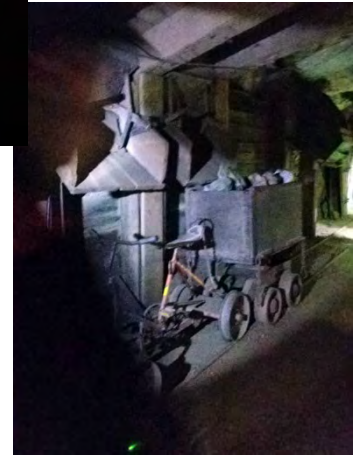
had electric lights for the tour. Can you imagine the miners working by candle light with an allocation of only 3 candles per shift? Also, some of the early drilling equipment did not have water dust suppression, so it only took



a few minutes to fill



up a work space with fine silica dust. The working conditions did eventually get better; however, it did take a long time. While underground deposits of copper and gold were pointed out. It was interesting to see what the deposits looked like before the minerals were refined.



After the tour we went into Bisbee to walk around and had lunch at the Queen Mine

Hotel. We sat together on the porch and watched the cars and people go by.

We also contemplated what it would be like to have a ghost visit us during lunch, although the ghosts



are probably relegated to certain parts of the hotel and not the restaurant. While we



were walking around Bisbee it was interesting to see how the



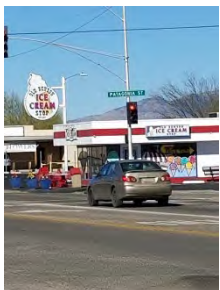
houses were built on the sides of the hill. You could literally walk out onto your porch and see the top of your neighbor's chimney.



After lunch and touring Bisbee, we returned to the coaches and decided that with the late lunch and the size of the lunch we would not

go out for dinner. Later that evening we all did go

down to the local soft serve ice cream store and had a taste of their offerings later that evening.



Due to our continuous running the last three days, Sunday was a down day, everyone relaxed during the day and gathered that evening for a spaghetti dinner and visiting.

Monday morning, David cooked a breakfast of



bacon and pancakes on the Blackstone (a type of griddle). After breakfast we all traveled down to Tombstone and perused the boardwalk and

visited the shops. Along the way we all went into a



quilting shop. It was amazing to see the precise stitching that was done by hand and the intricate designs the quilters came up with for their quilts. Of course, some of us had to enter the raffle drawing for a quilt – support the local businesses, right? It was sad that many of the shops in Tombstone are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays,



Rose Tree Trunk



Rose Tree Canopy

so our chances to buy that “must have item” did not seem to present itself. We had lunch at Puny’s BBQ, we then walked around town stopping at the world’s largest rose bush (so it is claimed). The rose bush has a trunk the size of a very large mature tree.

The museum and the rose bush attached made an



interesting site to see. As the day started to wane, we made our way back to the vehicles. Again, we had a late and big lunch so we decided that we would have ice cream (at the local soft serve store) for dinner. The ice cream had to be taken back to our coaches to be eaten because the wind had come up and the temperature had dropped back into the high 40's

I would like to thank John and Darnel Harms in hosting with Shirley and myself. With their help and input it made this a great rally.

David



### Presidents Message

Happy New Year everyone! Betty and I started off the New Year with a full traveling schedule. We were actually in Lake Havasu only three days in the entire month of

January. The Indio Rally (with Mel and Amy), Quartzite and the RV Show (where we had a nice dinner and visit with past members Warren and Susan Hoyer), filled up the month. Now we just attended Winterfest in Lake Havasu and are looking forward to the "Rockabilly Reunion" and car show next week. We have the Eells visiting later in the month to enjoy the Annual Pyrotechnics Firework Show, The Livens might make it over to get some work done on their new car and the Morrison's might plan a visit. The reason I share all this information is to showcase how when you are a part of the ANASAZI Chapter it gives you the opportunity to join the family of lifelong friends. If Betty and I hadn't joined FMCA and the ANASAZI Chapter 11 years ago we probably wouldn't have been given the opportunity to meet these wonderful folks.

Next month at Ramblin' Roads we will hold our semi-annual meeting. I challenge all attendees to come with ideas to help grow our membership, and recommend new places to visit in the future. In the almost 30 years ago that Chuck and Betsy along with many others founded this Chapter, they knew that it takes great people willing to help, to make this Chapter flourish.

Until then, Be Safe!

Travel Safe,  
Wayne



### February

Russ Diaz	14
Kathy Abbott	17



### February

No February Anniversaries





## Game Day Dips

10 interesting recipes  
from Food Network  
Enjoy

- 1. Chunky Guacamole** Finely chop 1 small white onion and 1 serrano chile. Mix with 1 cup torn cilantro, 3 diced avocados, the juice of 2 limes and salt to taste.
- 2. Chipotle Guacamole** Mash 3 avocados with 1/4 cup minced red onion, 1 tablespoon minced chipotles in adobo sauce, the juice of 1 lime and salt to taste.
- 3. Tropical Guacamole** Make Chipotle Guacamole (No. 2), replacing the chipotles with minced jalapenos. Add 1/4 cup each chopped mango and pineapple and 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro.
- 4. Lima Bean Guacamole** Cook 10 ounces frozen lima beans in salted water until tender; drain and rinse. Pulse in a food processor with 1 avocado, 1/2 chopped small white onion, the juice of 2 limes, 1 serrano chile, 1/2 cup torn cilantro, and salt to taste. Fold in 1 chopped tomato.
- 5. Garlic-Herb Dip** Halve 3 heads garlic crosswise. Drizzle with olive oil, wrap in foil and roast at 400 degrees F, 40 minutes. Squeeze out the pulp; mix with 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon each lemon zest and juice, and chopped sage and parsley to taste. Season with salt.
- 6. Hot Crab Dip** Mix 3 ounces cream cheese, 1/4 cup mayonnaise, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, and hot sauce and chopped parsley to taste; fold in 1/2 pound crabmeat. Spread in a baking dish, top with breadcrumbs (preferably panko) and bake at 425 degrees F until golden, about 15 minutes.
- 7. Blue Cheese Dip** Mix 4 ounces crumbled blue cheese, 1/2 cup each mayonnaise and sour cream, 1/4 cup buttermilk and some minced chives.
- 8. Thai Crab Dip** Make Hot Crab Dip (No. 6), replacing the lemon juice with lime juice and the parsley with cilantro. Use sriracha for the hot sauce.

- 9. Buffalo Dip** Make Blue Cheese Dip (No. 7), adding 2 tablespoons hot sauce and 1/2 cup finely chopped celery, and replacing the chives with minced celery leaves.
- 10. Mustard-Beer Dip** Simmer 12 ounces pale ale until reduced by half. Stir in 1/2 cup yellow mustard, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon each mustard powder and cider vinegar, and 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; cool.



*Hmmmmmmm*



*Looking in the mall for a nightgown,  
I tried my luck in a store known  
for its sexy lingerie.*

*To my delight, however, I found  
just what I was looking for.*

*Waiting in the line to pay, I noticed a young  
woman behind me holding the same item.  
This confirmed what I suspected all along:  
despite being nearly sixty, I still have a very  
"with it" attitude!*

*"I see we have the same taste," I said proudly  
to the twenty-something behind me.*

*"Yes", she replied, "I'm getting this for my  
grandma."*



## SAFETY REMINDER

Make sure you check your tire pressure before you leave on your trip and the tires cold. With the colder weather, tires lose pressure.

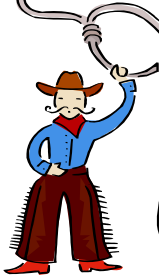
This also applies to your car or truck as well.

Low tire pressure can cause you problems while driving, turning, braking, fuel economy and tire wear just to name a few.

## FEELING OLD?

I was feeling pretty creaky after hearing the TV reporter say,

“ to contact me, go to my Facebook page, follow me on Twitter, or try the old-fashion way, e-mail.”

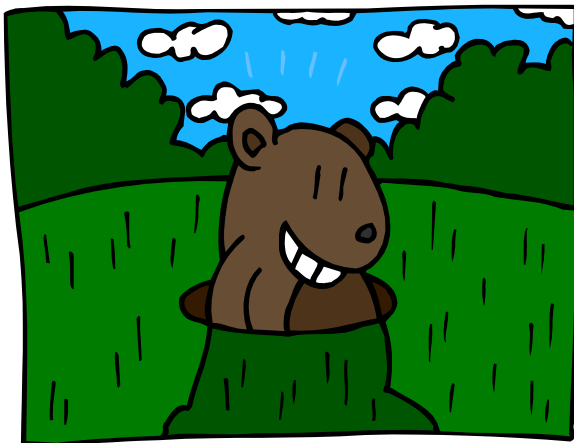


## Valentine's Day

**St. Valentine**, (died 3rd century, Rome; feast day February 14), name of one or two legendary Christian [martyrs](#) whose lives seem to be historically based. Although the [Roman Catholic Church](#) continues to recognize St. Valentine as a [saint](#) of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the [patron saint](#) of lovers, [epileptics](#), and [beekeepers](#).

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman [priest](#) and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor [Claudius II Gothicus](#) about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope [Julius I](#) reportedly built a [basilica](#) over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the [bishop](#) of [Terni, Italy](#), who was [martyred](#), apparently also in [Rome](#), and whose [relics](#) were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to [legend](#), St. Valentine signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from [blindness](#). Another common legend states that he defied the emperor’s orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.



He saw his shadow on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and went back into his borrow –

Does that really mean 6 more weeks of winter?

Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrows on this day and sees its shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.

# Indio Rally Setup And Rally 2023

***Did you ever want to know what it takes to put on a rally for a couple of hundred coaches? Thanks to Wayne for sharing this from the Indo Rally held in January***

The ANASAZI Rally for January was held in Indio, California attending the Western Region's annual Rally which was themed "The land of OZ". Betty and I decided to go in early with Mel and Amy Jones to help set up the parking lots to accommodate 500+ RVs. Volunteering at this event was a little bit of work, however the new friendships made, the morning gatherings, the volunteer dinners, along with the extended chance to explore Indio and the surrounding areas made it a very enjoyable time spent. Over the years we have traveled to many events like this but never really gave any thought about what it takes to put on a rally like this. We would just drive in and have the guys and gals with orange parking hats direct us to our spot. So, I thought it might be a great time to offer a glimpse of "behind the scenes" set-up for this rally.

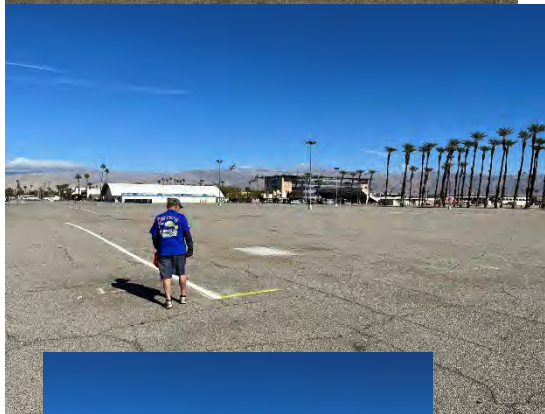
We arrived early on December 30<sup>th</sup> well before the January 11<sup>th</sup> rally start date. We parked in a big open field and spent the day checking out the various parking areas.

We were concerned about the weather and woke to an early morning fog. Our Team Captain was worried that if we started marking the

parking lots with 600 pounds of chalk the rain may wash away our lines. Mother Nature was kind to us and for the next week even though there was rain all over California we were spared with only a light sprinkle one day. It was time to start marking the lots.

So, this required a lot of long measuring tapes. From prior year the parking crews made spools of twine about 200 yards long with knots every 25 feet to help with the layouts. The teams would layout the strings all away across the lots and then we would fill

the marking machines with chalk and start marking the lines. Meanwhile Mel would drive along with a downward spray can held off to the side of his golf cart marking the individual spots where eventually the motohomes/RVs would park.







In this picture you can see Mel sitting on the back of a golf card dumping chalk as the driver (Rod Kenly) keeping the cart centered on the lines of sting that are being held by two team members (not in the picture). You can see the orange mark that we had painted the day before showing where to lay the strings down so the chalk can be laid down.

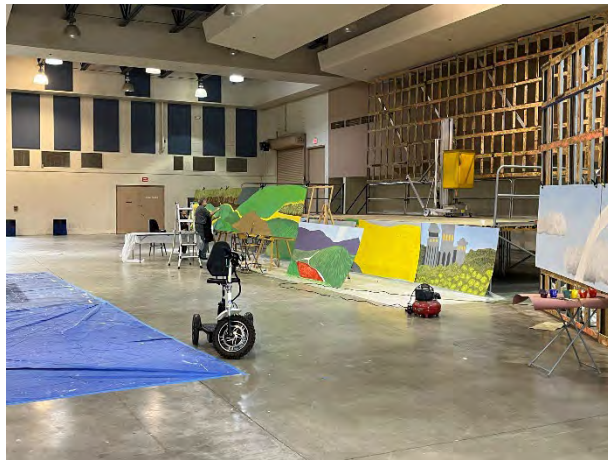
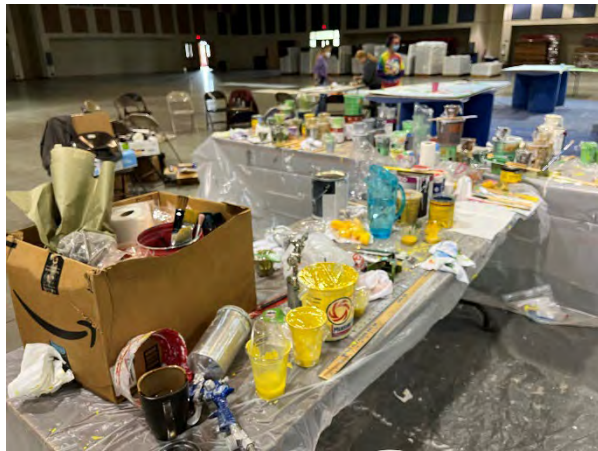
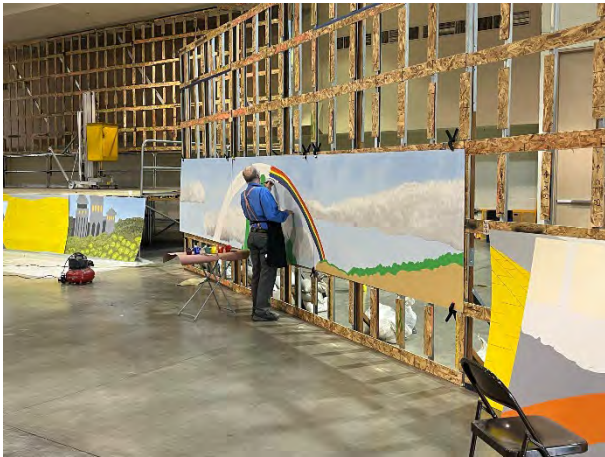


It's actually quite fun sitting on the cart backwards holding on to the chalk box as we traveled along the line. Each line in this lot was longer than a football field and there were many, many lines to mark.

We didn't get a picture of Mel's golf cart with the side now painted orange from the overspray but you can be sure that he got harassed at the morning roundup. Luckily, the paint washed off with a little elbow grease and a bucket of water, but it didn't stop the kidding!

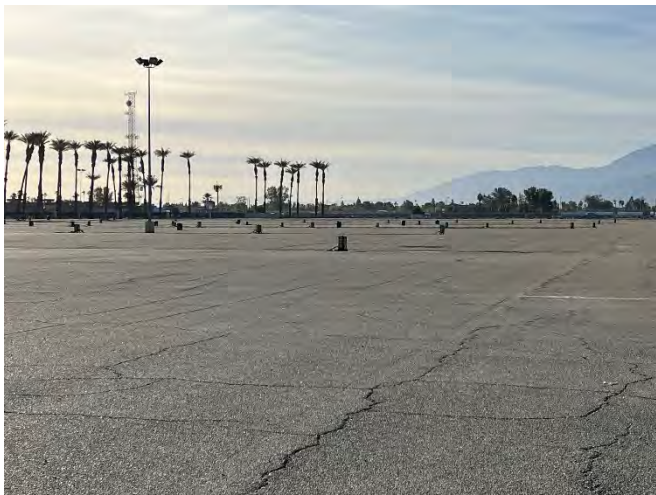


This picture is taken during the parking crew volunteer dinner. The event is sponsored by Pete's Tires in Indio as a thank you for the effort to help put on this event. It was a nice way to relax, recap the weeks effort and just have fun chatting with the folks away from the daily work.



Each morning we would meet in the main hall for coffee and donuts. Here we would figure out what the plan for the day was. It was fun to watch the painting crew work on what would eventually become the backdrop for the Rally.

Once the parking lines were in place the electrical contractors come in and start setting up the electrical to power 500 RV's. This requires miles and miles of cabling and many, many electrical boxes.



The picture on the left is the main volunteer dinner. All the folks in this picture are helping putting on this rally! There are parking crews, painting crews, security crews, chair and table crews, donut crews, communication crews, golf cart crews, staging crews, sign crews, will call crews, vendor crews, tram crews, and many more!



I know you were thinking table and chair crews? Well, guess who has to set up table and chairs for 1000 people? Then the set-up changes for donuts and coffee, then seminars and then evening entertainment.

Donut crews? How many donuts can 1000 people eat in a morning session? Don't even try to think about how much coffee is consumed.



Then you must wet the ground because hundreds of RVs are about to show up and we don't want a lot of dust in the air.



**Show Time!**



At the end of the day there is a huge satisfaction when you see the hundred of motorhomes, 5<sup>th</sup> Wheels, and Trailers parked and ready to enjoy the show!



# Then of course there is the Rally!



The annual parade, the entertainment, vendors, seminars, the ice cream socials, Bingo, and a whole lot of fun!

