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## ANASAZI's On The Road...

As the rally began at Woody Mountain Campground on Route 66 near Flagstaff, we were greeted with cool

weather and a forest of pine trees. Just far away enough from town to enjoy the quiet but close enough that we could be anywhere in about 10 minutes. This is a great place to get away and the staff are terrific - we highly recommend

it. There is quite a bit of history behind the campground. They even have a small lounge on site called the Last Haul. The coffee shop provides fresh baked pastries and tasty breakfast sandwiches to pair with locally sourced coffee. The wine lounge proudly serves local Arizona wine and "build your own" charcuterie boards!

Cris and Randy Higgs and Kendra and Albert Gould were the weekend hosts and planned the weekend around a "beginning of fall" theme - with apples appearing at every turn.

Guests were given swag bags with apples, caramel apple candy, spiced apple cider mix and green apple swizzle sticks. The schedule was pretty low key as we knew we were all just hot, tired of being hot, tired of being hot in the Valley, and excited to get away and see friends after a long summer.



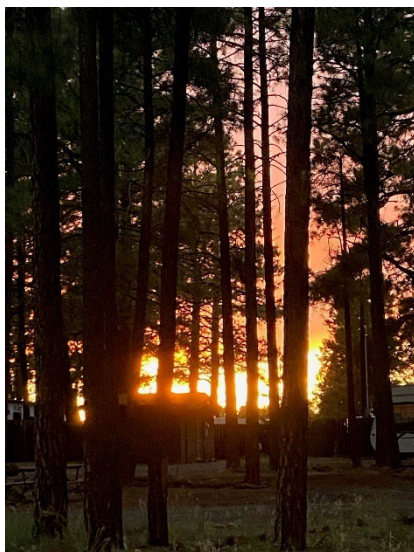
When the Gould's pulled in they were a bit perplexed. There was a Cruise America Rental Class C in the site reserved for the Higgs. We knew there was a story to be told when we saw Cris and Randy exit the rental rig. We found out that someone approached Randy two weeks ago and offered him a tempting amount of cash for his fifth wheel and truck. It was an amount that he couldn't refuse. He quickly packed everything up and the new owner drove off.



We wondered at what point he thought about this RV Rally that they were hosting. Probably not until he finished counting the cash! They bought a new truck, packed it up, drove to Flagstaff and rented the class C. Brilliant. Only thing is that in Randy's excitement he forgot to empty their island so most of Cris' kitchen went with the sale.

Thursday evening a vote was taken and instead of a happy hour we would all just make our way over to Sizzler Restaurant for their gigantic salad bar. Everyone chose what they wanted and then there was talk of who could make the biggest dish of ice cream. Hands down, Albert won deciding he would go around in circles building an impressive hollow wall of ice cream. It was great to get together for the rally and we were excited to see what the weekend held.

When we arrived back at the



campground everyone grabbed jackets and we went up to the patio area where a big table with party lights hung above welcomed us. Higgs were in charge of teaching all of us to play Blitz - a fun card game with quarters. You can play without too much strategy and was perfect for our short attention spans. However, as the game progressed it took a turn toward serious competition as Kendra was the only player that still had all of her money. Randy, who was out of quarters and on his final hand told her that he was coming for her quarters and the tide turned. But the joke was on him as Jeannie took the whole pot. Exhausted and laughing about the turn of events we said good night and called it a day.

We gathered at the picnic tables for breakfast Friday morning enjoying



scrambled eggs, lil smokies, apple sauce and fresh apple fritters along with strong coffee and orange juice. It was so

pleasant that we sat and visited till it was time to go to the Museum of Northern Arizona. We had a personal tour guide named Mickey who was fantastic. She loved her job and talked to us as if we were friends. We all said the tour was just the right balance of information and length of time. We were able to cover the entire museum. This museum was founded by zoologist, Dr. Harold S. Colton in 1928 and focuses on preserving the





history and cultures of northern Arizona and the Colorado Plateau. We learned that there are 10 Native American tribes



in this area. The museum gave each tribe final say in how their story would be told with ancient artifacts representing their history, their everyday life and their art. Mickey pointed out the subtle differences between the tribe's jewelry, textile weaving and basket making. We learned that in the Navajo tribe the women were the weavers and jewelry makers and in the Hopi tribe the men took on these traditions.

Although the museum is small it is filled with interesting pieces and is highly recommended by all who went. Fun Fact: Dendrochronology which is



the science of tree- ring dating was developed from the work of the astronomer A.E. Douglas, who studied ponderosa pine trees in the Flagstaff and Prescott areas. Now you know.

We headed back to the downtown area for lunch on the patio at Fat Olives - a true Italian wood fired pizza experience.



They are the first certified VPN (Verace Pizza Neapolitan) Certified restaurant in Northern Arizona and 1 of only 4 in the state making true Neapolitan Pizza. They have even been visited by the infamous Guy Fieri. The owner says they make over 500 lbs. of fresh Mozzarella each week. The dark clouds rolled in and we were greeted by a lovely rain and even cooler weather and we moved inside and enjoyed great company and a yummy lunch.





With the overcast sky, gentle rain and cool weather we all returned to rest and enjoy the afternoon.



When we got back to the campground Barry had arrived. A little later than expected - he took the scenic route - and that is all we are

allowed to say.....

At 4:30 we gathered for some light snacks and laughed as we found out a few more funny facts about each other - but also agreed that what happened at Woody Mountain stayed at Woody Mountain. So, if you want to be in the know you've gotta go.

Dinner followed and we feasted on Slow Cooker Chicken Alfredo, Hot Garlic Bread and Tossed Salad. Again, not wanting to leave the table with our story telling we decided to have dessert. Cris made a yummy apple crisp in keeping with the theme and we circled up and laughed some more as we enjoyed the lively conversation and we were greeted with a beautiful sunset.

Saturday morning began with more beautiful weather and we gathered around the coffee pot and sat down to a Ham and Cheese breakfast casserole and fresh cinnamon rolls made in the Last Haul, the camp gathering spot. As we cleared away breakfast, Albert set up an Axe throwing game and we all were



amazed as Randy picked up a hatchet and hit a bullseye first try. The game was such a hit that 2 more Axe Throwing games were

ordered online while we sat at the tables.

Everyone was so full from our late breakfast that it was decided the ladies would head to town and do some retail therapy while the men problem solved under the awning. When the ladies



returned a few hours later, they talked about the big rain storm and wind and were amazed that the

campground only had a few sprinkles.

If it hadn't been for another camper talking about the rainstorm on the East side of town, I think the men might have questioned the ladies and just how much rain really fell.

It was time for happy hour and we gathered again and chatted some more regaling more tall tales and laughing together. Randy made an excellent chili with fixins and Kendra brought out hot cornbread. The crockpot was scraped clean and dinner was done. For dessert we had Salted Caramel



Apple bars continuing the theme. Again, the sunset did not disappoint with a sky that looked like it was ablaze with color.

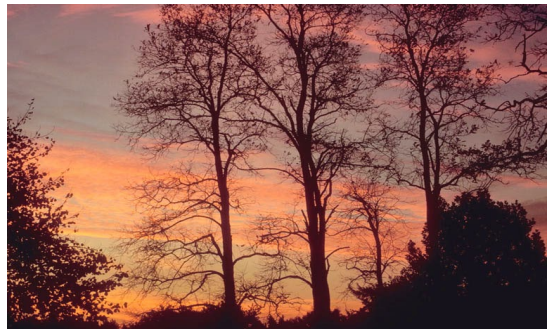
A rousing game of Family Feud began and we all decided that the group polled for answers definitely came from either a different generation or country as we struggled to guess all the answers



correctly. There was much interaction as the questions brought up more stories to tell and we heard some whoppers! You know Barry is always good for some stories of his many adventures but we found out there are a few more

Anasazi with colorful pasts. Sorry we can't repeat them but we laughed till our sides hurt. Finally, at 9 pm we decided that it was time retire to our coaches and end the day.

As we prepared to end our weekend together sharing one last meal of fresh biscuits and apple butter, scrambled eggs, assorted leftovers and a couple more cups of coffee we all agreed that although there were many "things" and places we could have gone while in Flagstaff we really were happiest to have the chance to just relax and visit with one another and enjoy the marvelous weather.



It was bitter sweet to pack up and leave so we won't say Good bye but instead "see you next month in Dewey!"



A co-worker asked if I knew what to do about a computer problem that was preventing her from getting e-mail

After calling the help desk, I told my colleague that e-mail was being delayed to check for a computer virus. "It's a variant of the I Love You virus, only worse," I said. "What could be worse?" my single co-worker asked wryly. "The Let's Just Be Friends virus?"







## Presidents Message

Betty and I just returned from traveling (and enjoying cooler weather) in California. In

Havasu it was so nice to have our morning cup of coffee on the balcony overlooking the lake with temperatures in the low 80's. The brutal heat is finally gone and now it's time to enjoy some fellowship and sharing summer adventures at the upcoming Rally's. Kendra has some really great places set for the remainder of the year, and she told me she has the 2024 calendar almost complete. I'm sure that I'm not speaking just for myself when I applaud the time and effort, she has put in to ensure new and fun places to visit along with some of our favorites from the past. Be sure to let her know how much we appreciate her hard work!

Through our marketing efforts we have quite a few folks interested in checking out our Chapter. We know from experience that once they attend a Rally they will want to come back for more! I am really pleased to announce that Bob and Diana Hillegas have decided to join the Chapter. How great is it to have a second generation join the fun?

The registration is open for the FMCA's 108 International Convention and RV Expo in March of 2024 in Tucson, AZ. Since the Convention is in the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association area we are considered the Hosts. So, with David Ridley and myself on the Board of RMMA, and Larry Morrison continuing to offer his expertise in multiple areas, the ANASAZI Chapter will be well represented. Of course, as always, we will be looking for volunteers on various projects.

We are looking forward to visiting with all our Chapter friends and guests at Rally's this fall.

Until then, Be Safe!

Wayne



## September

There are no September Anniversaries



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Tom Eells	6
Mel Jones	9
Larry Kennedy	12
Betty Cernie	20
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This fellow's wife was constantly nagging him to teach her to play golf. Finally, one morning he relented and off they go. First hole: Par 3, 179 yards, very pretty.

The husband steps up first and says, "Now watch me, and do the same thing." He hits a beautiful shot, lands on the green with about 30 feet to the cup. The wife steps up, drills it, hooks it, and it ricochets off a tree, bounces off a rock and roll up onto the green and drops into the cup. The husband looks at this, and says, "OK, now you know how to play, let's go home."



Recipe from the Weekend

### Slow Cooker Chicken Alfredo

- 2 Jars Alfredo Sauce
- 1 Cup Water
- 2 tsp Garlic, Minced
- 1 Tbsp Italian Seasoning
- 1lb Penne Pasta, uncooked
- 1 - 2lb Cooked Chicken Breast, bite size cubes
- 16oz Mozzarella Cheese, Shredded
- ½ Cup Parmesan Cheese, Shredded

- In large bowl combine Alfredo Sauce, Water, Garlic, Seasoning, and uncooked Pasta.
- Spray crockpot with non-stick spray
- Spread 1/2 of sauce/pasta mixture, layer 1/2 of the chicken, cover with 1/2 of the cheeses and repeat.

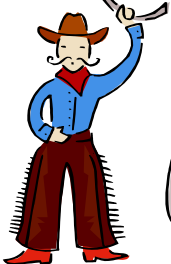
Cover and cook on high for 2-4 hours until pasta in middle of crockpot is tender. Sprinkle with a little more Italian seasoning before serving.



### Hardware Store Sign

My local hardware store puts its customer in their place before they even enter.

The sign on the door reads: "Shoes required, because you might hurt yourself. Shirts required, because you're not as good-looking as you think."



### Safety Reminder

As we get ready for the RV season this fall and winter – a few reminders:

#### Road Conditions

Truckers have a saying: "There are only two seasons, winter and construction." If you're traveling in an RV, plan on running into construction.

Save time and frustration by checking one of several websites that report road conditions, closures, and construction. The [US DOT Federal Highway Administration](#) website shows a map of the states. Click on the state you will be traveling in and choose a link that shows current road conditions.

#### Electrical Load

It's easy to put our electronics and appliances into our RVs and just plug them in. But unlike our homes, RVs are not wired to run them all at once. Most RVs are wired for 30 or 50 amps.

For example, if a toaster is 1650 Watts (14 amps) and an egg cooker is 600 Watts (5 amps), you can't run the 1800 Watt (15 amp) air conditioner when making breakfast in a 30 amp RV.

#### Campgrounds

Confirm your reservations when you are within a couple hours of your stop. You may be stuck if you arrive after the office closes unless your campground has a 24-hour check-in.

Keep a list of nearby [campgrounds](#). It's maddening when reservations get lost. But if the campground is full when you arrive, or if you can't get there due to weather or bad road conditions, you'll be glad you have a list of alternative RV parks on hand.

Call as soon as possible if you are not going to make it to your reservation. Not only is it courteous, but you might prevent a night's camping from being charged to your card.

Wishing you the best of September

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Ron Woodworth and Larry Morrison



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