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ANASAZI's On The Road...

Narrative by: David Ridley and Wayne Cernie

Our holiday weekend was celebrated at one of our favorite spots: Leaf Verde RV Resort in Buckeye Arizona. The Co-Hosts for this Rally were Larry and Virginia Morrison, Barry Stallings, and David and Shirley Ridley.



We had 11 coaches arrive Thursday, with 2 more coaches arriving Friday. Our weather on Thursday was bright and sunny but we knew that rain was forecasted for the next couple of days so we took advantage of relaxing outside, playing games and enjoying each others company.

We started our Rally on Thursday night with a spectacular potluck dinner in "The Barn". The RV Park is in the middle of a really nice renovation and that included "The Barn" so there were signs of new construction and renovation in this facility. None of that effected the good times we had all weekend.





The Hosts provided a different holiday table decoration each day

After dinner the park residents returned to the Barn and held a game night with some of the ANASAZI's participating in the fun.

To insure our Chapter didn't go hungry, Friday morning the park hosted coffee and donuts early and then in a separate gathering room the Rally Hosts prepared all the fixings to design your own breakfast burrito. To build your masterpiece, David and Shirley served fresh hand made tortillas and we were offered scrambled eggs, sausage, shredded cheese, onions, salsa, and sour cream to make our own custom burritos. Of course there was plenty of coffee, apple juice and orange juice to enjoy with breakfast.



Larry supervising the burrito line



Burritos! Wow that the fastest I've seen Woody move in a long while!

Friday afternoon was spent playing pegs and jokers, visiting, relaxing or shopping while the Hosts started preparing for a fabulous dinner of turkey and ham, again with all the fixings. After dinner, the Hosts served three different cobblers, apple, peach and a delicious sugar-free blackberry for dessert.



After dinner we had our gift exchange (white elephant) game. Santa showed up to keep the evening organized and fun with his usual Christmas humor as the gifts were unwrapped.





Since John Mathews wasn't able to attend the Rally and perform his speed reading of a Christmas story while we tried passing gifts, we reverted back to drawing numbers for the gift exchange. This year we saw plenty of food and liquor items along with some special Kokopelli engraved art, kitchen utensils and some really funny gag gifts. (nothing ignites the Christmas

spirit like a "potty mouth Santa" for your restroom)

At the end of the game the Hosts handed out an award for the best Christmas Spirit Costume to Rett Porter for his snazzy holiday sports coat.



Then after the gift exchange, a little "horse trading" and everyone retreated to their coach with their final treasure.

Saturday, the ANASAZI's gathered for a pancake breakfast provided by Leaf Verde Resort for all their guests. The cooks had their fun joking with some of the residents and by serving a pancake the size of a large pizza to one of their older guests.

Many of the Chapter members then headed out for a tour of Verrado a short distance away.



Verrado is a master-planned community located in the city of Buckeye, Arizona, approximately 25 miles west of downtown Phoenix. The development, at the base of the White Tank Mountains, is the largest suburban community in

Metropolitan Phoenix in which the concept of New Urbanism was utilized. The town center was preparing for the lighting of their town Christmas tree which made for a great photo opportunity for our group. After our picture the group scattered with some going to lunch at the nice restaurants and others to look at the homes for sale by the different builders. We ran across a old town barbershop and the group decided that Jon needed a shave so we cajoled him into going into the barbershop but they were booked until Monday before they could fit Jon in. It would have been funny to get a picture of "Doc" in the chair. Of course, the Eells and Cernie's found a new builder having a grand opening serving delicious appetizers and mimosas and drawings for gifts.



When the group returned to the RV resort we were pleased to find Bob and Pat Coppinger had driven out to spend the afternoon and evening with us. We also had Russ and Sharon Diaz stop by at happy hour for a brief visit.

While we were out having fun, the hosts were busy preparing another special dinner. They put together a pot roast dinner with potatoes, carrots, celery and green beans. Then they served Dove ice cream bars for dessert.



The entertainment Saturday evening was Chelsea Robson. We advertised this show at the RV Resort and invited other park guest to join us and we ended up with 32 new friends enjoying the show with us.



Chelsea has literally grown up on stage. On her own and at her family's business, a western dinner theater, she has performed over 100 shows a year since she was 4 years old. Then started recording demos for others at the age of 14 and started writing songs a few years later. She's an entrepreneur, podcaster, classically trained vocal artist, and songwriter. She attended Berklee College of Music online, speaks 3 languages, and has had songs used in national brand advertising. Her YouTube channels have over 7.5 million views.



The show was great, and everyone was singing and participating in the enjoyment of the music from the Ol' Rocking R Ranch.

Sunday, we shared a continental breakfast and said our well wishes for the Christmas Holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



Presidents Message

Wishing you all a Very Merry and Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Larry



December

Rett Porter	13 th
Leslie Sipe	18 th

January

Sharon Wilson	14 th
Clarence Kinsley	27 th



December

David & Shirley Ridley	16 th
Chuck & Betsy Livens	20 th
Mel & Amy Jones	23 rd

January

Rett & Claire Porter	9 th
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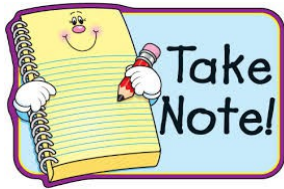


Newsletter Editor

After enjoying our latest adventure with the ANASAZI Chapter we spent the 3.5 hours driving back to lake Havasu marveling the effort the co-hosts put in making this rally so fun and

memorable. The food was amazing of course but it was the little things that really showed how much effort went into the planning of this event. Different table decorations at each dinner, hand made candy canes with individual messages and then at our Saturday evening dinner a custom tree ornament for each member with their name printed on it. Thank You, Thank You! Betty and I look forward to traveling with all of you on our adventures next year. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Travel Safe,
Wayne



2020 INDIO RALLY INFORMATION

Registration: Three ways to register;

- 1) Phone Call; Call FMCA at 800-543-3622 and ask to register for the 2020 Indio Rally.
- 2) On Line; On the FMCA webpage (fmca.com) go-to the menu and click on "Events", then click "Event Registrations", then click the "Register" box for the Western Area Rally.
- 3) By Mail; obtain the downloadable PDF from either FMCA (fmca.com) or WMHA (wafmca.com) websites. From FMCA follow the instructions from #2 above... the PDF is underneath the yellow "Register" box. From the Western Motor Home Assoc. website home page click on "Rally Info", then click on the WMHA 2020 Registration Form.

Roger and Laura Hester have volunteered to host the Indio Rally for the ANASAZI Chapter. They will be responsible for taking pictures and writing the narrative for the newsletter for those who can't make this rally. Time permitting they will organize either a Happy hour or pot luck. Questions? **Contact Roger @760-408-5284**

David and Shirley Ridley plan on driving to Chiriaco Summit which is 19 miles west of Desert Center. There they will overnite (dry camp) on January 7th (Tuesday) and will depart around 11:00AM on Wednesday the 8th heading into Indio. For those wishing to park together in Indio should **contact David @ 503-680-2987** and let him know that you want to join the caravan and plan to meet at the Summit Wednesday morning.



Sunset on 2019 by Larry Morrison





**Merry Merry
ANASAZI
Christmas**