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ANASAZI CHAPTER FMCA

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## May 2024 Rally Verde River RV, Verde Valley, AZ



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After checking in on Thursday and getting parked and the rigs hooked up at the lovely Verde River RV Resort and Cottages, we all began to feel the stress fade away. Carboni's and Gould's, who were hosting, parked their rigs so that their doors faced each other and we had a large grassy area with picnic tables between so that we could meet on and off during the weekend for all kinds of activities. At 4:30 we gathered at our host site. We had a new guest this month, Shuree who travels in a class C joined us for her first FMCA event. She is a friend

of the Gould's and we hope will be joining the Anasazi's soon. As we were sitting and chatting getting ready for our first "scheduled event" a couple came and introduced themselves to our group as Mike and Joan. They had just joined FMCA and read about our weekend on the website. They booked a site on their own, saw our white board and came on over to check us



out. We welcomed them and asked them to join us later that evening for our social time as well as some of our outings during the weekend and check us out. We also met a couple parked next to the Gould's who are interested in attending a future rally and by coincidence live about 2 miles due East of the Gould's.

At the slotted time our small group



caravanned up the hill about a mile to the famous family owned La Fonda Mexican



Restaurant. This popular Mexican food restaurant has been owned and operated by



the same family and at the same location

for 48 years and we found out why. The food and service were top Muey bueno. Starting with Happy Hour Margaritas and fresh chips and salsa, moving on to various combo plates and finishing with complimentary hot and fluffy sopapillas and honey. We were stuffed. We all made note that this would be a great stop for lunch or dinner when driving past on the I-17.



We drove back to the RV Resort and met in the Rec Center for a rousing game of Mexican Dominos and some "It's It" Ice Cream Treats. Mike and Joan

joined us and we were all amazed as we discussed how to play the game. It seems everyone puts their own spin on the basic rules.



We agreed on some guidelines and began a competitive and fun game of Dominos trying to remember whose turn it was and whose train was open or derailed. Joan brought a yummy coffee cake but after the sopapillas AND the Ice Cream Treats we asked if she would kindly bring it for breakfast. She agreed.

After our game time we went back to our rigs and got jackets, chairs, headlamps (if you had one) and a beverage and



gathered at the host's site.

Albert lit the Fire Pit and passed out serape blankets for anyone who needed one and Mike passed out our official



Anasazi Campfire Sing-a-long booklets he put together. He picked up his guitar and we howled at the moon till we were ready to go to bed. It was a great evening and a great kickoff to a packed weekend.

Friday morning, we all slept in and gathered at 9am to go to the Clubhouse and enjoy Waffles, juice and coffee. Mike and Joan had saved seats for everyone and because the Resort did all the work the hosts didn't have any cleanup or chairs to put away so we went back got in our cars and headed off for Gold King Mine and Ghost Town.

At one time this was the little town of Haynes, AZ, a suburb of Jerome Billion Dollar Copper Camp. They mined gold here from 1890 to 1914. We did a self-guided tour where we saw exhibits such as the 1914 gas White saw mill, black Smith shop, dentist office, school building, assay office as well as assorted antique trucks, cars, and motorcycles. As we



wandered along, we were greeted by mini goats, Bella the mini pig, chickens and turkeys. There was a great little gift shop



where several of us picked up a little something to take home. We finished our tour in time for lunch. We pulled out chairs we had brought with us and circled them between our cars in the parking lot under a shade tree and had a great lunch. The hosts brought Ice Cold Water & Soda, Walking Tacos (Fritos, Chili, Shredded Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Salsa, Sour Cream) then Turtle or Cookies & Cream Brownies for Dessert. It was a perfect lunch to send us on our way.

As we left the hillside town of Jerome and came back down through Clarkdale and Cottonwood some of our group stopped at local businesses for some retail therapy. Others went back and took naps or read in the cool sunshine.

At 4:30 we gathered again at the Host's site and those who had opted to go to the dinner theatre got into cars and headed out. We drove into Cottonwood to the Blazin'M Ranch Dinner Theater. Kinsley's opted not to go because they had been numerous times but they made us



promise not to leave early because there would be a surprise at the end. This was a terrific experience

and I think all of us agreed we would return. Before dinner we walked around the Olde Tyme Town and tried our hands at the shooting gallery.



pulled wagon ride tour around the property.



We are still not sure which of his stories were truth and which were tales. As we got off the wagon, we went into the dining hall and were met with tin cups of iced tea,



Mike in the Spirit of Blazin'M



lemonade or ice water. Our meal consisted of BBQ chicken and baby back ribs, cowboy beans, Macaroni and Cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, prickly

pear coleslaw, yeast rolls with butter and cherry cobbler with coffee. This was all you can eat and all you had to do was raise your hand and the servers would throw you a roll. Mike, Albert and Barry all took a turn at catching and didn't miss. When we couldn't eat anymore our servers, who were also the employees who had been working in the shops and booths before dinner took to the stage and picked



up instruments. They took on roles of old west characters and we were treated to a cheesy western saga that keep us laughing and guessing at what would come next. There was a lot a talent in this group - one of the actors had even performed at the Western Stage. Well, we stayed and we were treated to the surprise and NO - we won't tell. Instead, we would encourage you to go to the website and plan a trip yourself, it is worth the drive.

Saturday morning our guests were treated to a full breakfast prepared and



served in the lovely sunshine in our grassy area. We feasted on a yummy ham,



pepper, onion and cheese egg casserole that Kendra made, a decadent coffee cake made by Joan, a berry

Danish, fresh strawberries, cantaloupe, and grapes with coffee prepared by Jodi.

After we ate to our fill, some of us having seconds and thirds and enjoying the lovely weather, we got in our cars and drove to the Copper Art Museum in Old Town Clarkdale. This is a collection of over 5000 works of

copper art spanning from 3500BC to present day. It is located in the historical Clarkdale High School and connects this mining town with Arizona's copper history. We were amazed at how instrumental copper has been throughout history - with its durability and availability all over the world. Sadly,



we had to say goodbye to Clarence and Jeanne, as they had to return home early and take care of some things.

We again, brought folding chairs with us so that we could have a picnic lunch together after our tour.



We gathered a block over at the Clarkdale



community park and the hosts set up lunch under a huge tree overlooking the Verde Valley. Although windy, we managed to hold onto our ham and turkey sandwiches, chips, sodas and some of the best cookies we ever tasted. We laughed at the hair styles we all sported as we went back to the cars and got a look in the rearview mirrors.

At 3:00 we combined craft and happy hour in the Rec Center. In preparation for our Taco Dinner in honor of Cinco de Mayo we all made Festive Sombreros. The hardest part was picking just the right color. Barry went with a



stunning Neon Green, Mike a bold Red and Albert a Caution Yellow - watch out! The girls didn't quite have the problem choosing.

Next was decoration; flowers, ribbon,

buttons and as time went on creativity increased and the nacho chip bags became decor too. Everyone had his or her own



flair and proudly wore their work of art as we left the building to get ready for dinner.

Dinner time!! We gathered together and walked up to the Clubhouse wearing our

Sombreros for a Mexican fiesta feast of Chicken and Beef Tacos, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Chips & Salsa, Pineapple Avocado Salsa, Churros, Cookies, and



Margaritas. We continued to wear our



Sombreros and were the talk of the group. A guest of the park, Chris Yackles played his guitar and sang



while we ate. We sat by the pool until the sun went down and returned to our rigs.



At 8:00pm we gathered once again around the firepit with our lights and serapes and passed out the song booklets. Mike played and we sang and enjoyed our last

evening together.

Sunday morning, we joined in at the Clubhouse for their famous Sunday Brunch. We feasted on Homemade Waffles, Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs, Fruit, Juice, Coffee. We enjoyed sitting around talking about our weekend and how it seemed to fly by, yet we had done so many things. The Gould's left the RV Resort and headed to SD for the remainder of the month, Jody & Mike, Shuree, Barry, Joan & Mike headed down the mountain to prepare for their next adventures.

### ***Safe travels everyone.***



When it comes to wine, I'm very particular about what I buy. There are two things to look for before making the selection. First the word "Wine" must appear somewhere on the label. This is something I insist on.

Second, I look for a sign nearby that says, "On Sale" Follow these two rules and you won't go far wrong.



### **Presidents Message**

What an exciting time we had at our last rally in Quartzsite. We learned a new game, had pizza at Silly Al's and had a beer or two. Tom, Carol, and Albert put on a great rally.

Thank you.

Wow, I can't believe that summer travel is upon us.

Sorry, David and I will miss the May rally. We are leaving on May 6<sup>th</sup>, taking his mom and dad to Oklahoma for a family wedding. While we are there we are attending the International (INTO) area rally in Muskogee. Then to Las Vegas, and Reno on our way to Oregon.

The chapter has day trips planed for June and July this summer to Prescott, and Payson.

Thank you to Wagonmaster Kendra for keeping us in touch this summer. I am looking forward to seeing the pictures.

I hope to see you in Redmond, Oregon for the 109<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Aug 14-17<sup>th</sup>.

The next area rally will be October 23-27 for the Rocky Mountain Area in Farmington, New Mexico. Let's show our support and have a large group of the Anasazi chapter present. We will have a chapter fair, ladies' luncheon, and fun exploring.

We have seven new members of Anasazi, and I would like to welcome all of you to our chapter, and I hope to meet all of you in September in Williams, AZ. It sounds like an exciting time and a place to cool off from the Arizona heat.

We have some chapter business to discuss about the new positions FMCA has presented us. See your National Directors report for more information. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please email, text or call one of your board members. I will set up a zoom call in June and July with the board to discuss these positions and bring them in November to the meeting. If you are interested in a position, please let us know.

Have a great summer and please travel safely. Stay cool!

Shirley





## May

Nancy Houck	2
Ken Oakes	14

## June

John Harms	3
Jeanne Kinsley	10
Dee Willow	12
Tami Davie	24



## May

No May Anniversaries

## June

Albert and Kendra Gould	1
Dave and Carol Lester	20



An antique is something that has been useless for so long it's still in pretty good condition



From Pioneer Women

## Southwestern Salad

Total time: 30 Minutes

Yield: 6-8 servings

### Ingredients:

#### For the Dressing

1 ripe avocado, pitted and peeled  
 ¼ cup red wine vinegar  
 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro  
 ½ jalapeno, seeded and coarsely chopped  
 1 clove garlic, coarsely chopped  
 ½ teaspoon kosher salt  
 ½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
 ½ cup olive oil

#### For the Salad

2 heads romaine lettuce, chopped  
 1 (15-oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed  
 1 ½ cup grape tomatoes, cut in half  
 1 orange bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
 1 cup frozen corn, thawed  
 1 cup shredded pepper jack cheese  
 4 green onions, sliced  
 ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed  
 ½ cup crushed tortilla chips or strips

### Directions:

1. For the dressing: In a blender or food processor, add the avocado, red wine vinegar, lime juice, cilantro, jalapeno, garlic, salt and pepper. Blend or pulse until almost smooth/ there should still be bits of cilantro. Add the oil and blend until incorporated.
2. For the salad: To a large bowl, add the lettuce, black beans, tomatoes, bell pepper, corn, cheese, green onion, cilantro, avocado, and tortilla chips. Drizzle with the dressing and toss to combine. Serve immediately

Tip: Toss the cubed avocado with a tablespoon or two of lime juice before adding it to the salad to maintain its beautiful green color





## Notes from our National Director.

Hello everyone.

FMCA has been busy with developing new tools to help chapters, training videos for office positions, updated their website and created positions for recruiting and retaining members.

Here are two new positions that our chapter should consider.

These positions are recommendations, and not directives, for chapters and the areas. Please use them as a guideline for your group. These duties could be incorporated into existing officer positions, or this might be a way to involve someone or team not yet in a leadership role.

### **#1 Chapter Membership Coordinator Position**

Description: Membership is every person's responsibility. A Chapter Membership Coordinator would be the person responsible for motivating chapter members to recruit and retain members, contacting RVers at campgrounds and making personal contact with potential new members. The Chapter Membership Coordinator will respond to new membership recruitment efforts and receive central office leads. This is a vital position to keep FMCA's chapters healthy and thriving. The Chapter Membership Coordinator must be familiar with their chapter's scope, special interests, or activities and must be able to respond to inquiries as quickly as possible. The coordinator will work with the chapter leadership, the chapter members, the Chapter Services Department at FMCA, and the Area Vice President to keep chapter membership within a healthy range.

### **#2 Area Chapter Developer Position Description:**

The Area Chapter Developer position/group would not be a regular officer requiring bylaws change. The person or committee would endeavor to establish new chapters that are hobby/interest focused, more local/regionally focused, and may include RVers who have towable when possible. The Area Chapter Developer is a position/group recruited and appointed by the Area Vice President to the area leadership team. The Area Chapter Developer will work with FMCA staff to create a zip code range, brand specific RV, or special interest lists for a potential new chapter. FMCA staff will pull information from the database to show the number of chapter and non-chapter members in the requested pool. Once they have the information, the Area Chapter Developer will work with the current chapters to see whether they are interested in recruiting more FMCA members to their group. If there are no current chapters that suit the needs, the Area Chapter Developer will work with the list and the Area Vice President to set up a meeting for this new group to get

together to discuss the possibility of chapter formation. Focus of a Chapter Developer will seek contacts with regionally focused hobby/interest groups. The Area Chapter Developer will formulate a plan to discover and meet such groups, exhibit at area gatherings, and pursue the development of new chapters oriented to such groups.

The governing board members will be meeting in Redmond, Oregon on Aug 14, 2024. Here are the changes for which we are voting.

### **#1 Proposal**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee moves to change the title of the national "Area Vice President" to "Area President."

### **#2 Proposal**

Executive Board. The national officer Senior Vice President to read Vice President.

### **#3 Proposal**

In case of a permanent vacancy in the office of Executive President the Vice President shall become the President to fill the unexpired term. This would be the same for the Area President and Senior Vice President.

### **#4 Proposal**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee moves to change the date for receiving proposed Bylaws amendments from January 1st to March 1st and for the Governing Board members to receive proposed Bylaws amendments not later than 60 days versus 120 days prior to Governing Board meeting.

### **#5 Proposal**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is moving to update the wording in this article to include the new Pathfinder category of membership.

### **#6 Proposal**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee moves to update the wording in the Bylaws to be consistent with the Purpose statement in the FMCA Constitution.

Article I – FMCA Mission and Purpose – Paragraph (2) to read as follows.

The purpose of FMCA is to promote good fellowship and cooperation among all FMCA and provide services to meet the needs of the RV community.

### **#7 Proposal**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee moves to amend Article XV I – Area Associations, paragraph (5) to include the requirements for electing the Area Senior Vice President. That position is to be filled by a person that is qualified to fill a vacancy in the office of Area President.

I will be voting on this proposal in August. If you have any questions, comments or amendments to these proposals please email me. I will provide more information about Pathfinder in next month's newsletter. Have a safe and fun summer. See you September.

Shirley  
Anasazi National Director



## SAFETY REMINDER

### Tire Pressure

I know that we have talked a lot about tire pressure in the past, but as summer is here, it is a good time to think about this again.

Remember that it is recommended to check your tires when they are cold.

Okay that is all good, but what is cold tire pressure and how is it defined:

**Cold Tires:** Ensure that your tires are truly cold, meaning they haven't been on the road for several hours. Driving or moving on tires generates heat, which can elevate tire pressure. Waiting at least three hours after your last trip ensures a more accurate reading.

**Temperature Compensation:** Tire pressure is not based on any laboratory standard temperature. Instead, it's based on the tire not being warmed from use (driving) or sun exposure in the previous two hours. The classical "temperature in the shade" is the ambient temperature that tire engineers consider. So, check your tire pressure before the sun has a chance to shine on the tires and before you've used the vehicle.

**Pressure Changes:** As you drive, both temperature and pressure can increase. It's essential not to bleed pressure from a "hot or warm" tire after you've started your travels. Tire pressure changes by about 2% for every 10°F change in temperature. However, this varies for different tire types. For RV tires (80 or 100 psi), consider a +10% cushion above the required inflation pressure to avoid constant adjustments



I think my grandson best summed up my feeling about abstract art.

We were looking at a painting with a wild mishmash of colors and he asked, "What's that?"

I said, "It's supposed to be a cowboy on his horse."

"Well," he continued, "Why isn't it?"



My diminutive Aunt Flora, just four feet, nine inches tall, accepted an offer to visit a health club for a free session. After being greeted heartily, she was shown where she could change and told an instructor would soon be with her. Having changed her clothes, Aunt Flora went back to the exercise area. Along one wall, she noticed a silver bar that was not in use. And decided to try her hand at chin-ups while she waited. She jumped up, barely reaching the bar, and managed to strain through two chin-ups before the instructor came to her side. Smiling politely, the instructor said, "if you want to let go of the coat rack and follow me, I'll be glad to help you get started."



Mark on your Calendars, The ANNASAZI outing on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Day Trip to Prescott

Sharlot Hall Museum  
Lunch @ Park Plaza Liquor

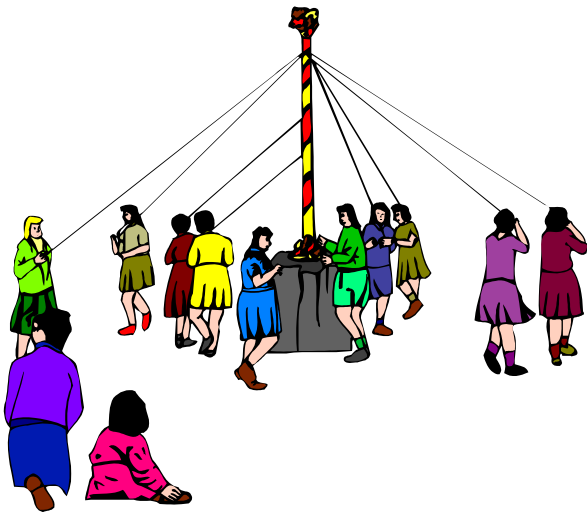
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# The Month of May

May Day



Mother's Day



Mother's Day

Memorial Day

