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An awesome time on the road helping the National Park Service celebrate their Centennial! The ANASAZI Roving rally for 2016 was an exciting and picturesque filled adventure.

The journey began in Kanab, Utah when 15 hardy souls gathered for the first day. We all pulled into the Kanab RV Corral, a beautiful and yet rustic park centrally located in Kanab. We gathered together for happy hour to get our bearings and discuss what things were offered (like restaurants, parks, sightseeing options and other points of interest.

On our first day in Kanab, everyone went on their own exploration treks. Many the tales and harrowing yarns would be shared over dinner of pulled pork, corn on the cob, coleslaw and rolls supplied by the hosts.

The second day was a trip arranged by the hosts to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. This is no shelter. This is no roadside diversion. This is [Best Friends](#), the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals. Nestled in between the sprawling red rocks of Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks, lengthen your leash and experience for yourself the nature and nurture of this lifesaving haven for hundreds of adoptable animals. Going to the shelter you could possibly think of a typical animal shelter with barking dogs, small cages and an over stressed staff. This was not the case. The shelter itself is situated on 3,000 acres, has a full time veterinarian (with staff), has volunteers from all over the world and takes in all animals, handicapped or not. Its model is used throughout the world as a way to handle misplaced, abandoned, feral or handicapped "Best Friends". While we were there we saw dogs, cats horses, exotic birds and pigs -- all up for adoption to the right family or person. This was a very heartening experience and made you feel empathy for all of the animals and want to adopt them all!

We all went out to dinner at Houstons restaurant. This is a very popular place and their specialty is Chicken Fried Steak -- we can all attest that there is a reason that Houstons is popular and the Chicken Fried Steak is their specialty.



Zion Park was the next day. The park buses helped but many of us experienced sore and tight muscles that needed some kind care in the evening. Zion lived up to its expectations and it was nice to visit after the crowds from the Labor Day weekend had dispersed. This is not to say there were no crowds – there were still many visiting the park but the labor day rush was over. Our next stop was the Hitch n Post in Panguitch, Utah. Bryce Canyon was the featured event at this stop. Most of us went on the shuttle to explore the park. Some brave souls decided to brave the trails, even at the high altitude. A lesson learned is -- if you walk down into a valley you must walk back up again to get out.

Thank goodness there were rangers strategically placed that calmed nerves and made sure all of the visitors to the park had a positive and enjoyable time.

Continuing on to Torrey, Utah we arrived at Thousand Lakes RV Park. Upon arrival we immediately made plans to explore Capital Reef National Park. As we were making these plans we found out there was a 5-star restaurant in town, Café Diablo. Go figure! At any rate, this was a must for dinner and reservations were made for Patio seating beside the herb and tulip garden. There was nothing else to do but plan our day so we could test the food at the restaurant. One of our rally members became so enamored with the deserts being served at another table – they went over to the table, made introductions and, with permission, started sampling the deserts. Coming back to our table, the report was – the deserts were to die for, note to self – another trip to Torrey for lunch and dinner visit and yet another night just for dessert. Every dinner ordered was an artful plate and the palate was truly rewarded.



Capital Reef was almost an afterthought after discovering the restaurant. It is a newer park and does not have shuttle service. Visiting the different overlooks and trail heads you began to appreciate the shuttle service in the other National Parks during their busy season. Capital Reef is a beautiful park and a must see if you make it to Torrey, Utah.

On to Moab, Utah and ACT RV Park. The park greeted us with a hosted reception that included local wines, beers, soda and heavy Hors-d'oeuvres. What a welcome to weary travelers, that is – if you can be a weary traveler going by motor home! In Moab there are many things to do and many places to see. Since eating is always a specialty for our group we did enjoy a great dinner with a view at the Sunset Grill overlooking the valley. The rally scheduled visiting Arches National Park, Canyon Lands National Park and Dead Horse State Park. We found out that 3 days was not enough to visit all there is to see around Moab.



We were surprised to learn that Arches National Park has over 2,000 arches. Most of us only saw 7 or 8 while driving around and walking the trails. Makes you wonder where the other 1,992 arches are and who discovered/counted them ----.

We also learned that Canyon Lands National Park is huge, thus we were only able to explore the upper portion. Looking out into the canyons it was very impressive to realize that they were made by the Colorado and Green Rivers that we saw in the valleys. We also were able to read about the confluence of the Colorado and Green rivers and through their joined forces they became the raging force and action that is the current Colorado river. Dead Horse State Park is not as big as the other two national parks in the area but provides a colorful history of the area and how some of the folks lived.

Before we could leave we had to celebrate De and Marvin's 55th wedding anniversary! With cupcakes, sparkling cider, music and many well wishes – we all laughed and saluted them both, for arriving at such an amazing milestone! Again – congratulations De and Marv.



On to Sundance RV Park in Cortez, Colorado. Green trees and lush grass greeted us in this park located in the heart of the city. This became our jumping off place for Mesa Verde National Park. Mesa Verde is a land of unanswered questions and origins.

It seems that the inhabitants were farmers on the Mesa and had built structures they used as their homes on the Mesa. They also built structures in the cliffs – which one would suppose they would be used as protection. The evidence seems to indicate that the cliff dwellings were not built for defense – so why were they built? It was also discovered that only about 10% of the residents in the area lived in the cliffs – so who were the cliff residents and why? Questions that may never be answered.



The rally, sadly, had to come to an end. The hosts prepared an exciting repast farewell dinner consisting of Bar-B-Que hamburgers, salad, coleslaw, chips, salsa, and water melon. John Matthews willingly jumped in to help the hosts with grilling when extra help was needed. We also celebrated Melva Crimmin's birthday with more sparkling cider, a birthday cake and (Ice cream) bars. It was a great surprise and she thoroughly enjoyed everyone singing happy birthday.



Sadly, the rally come to an end. Every one expressed fond goodbyes and safe travels. It truly was a great adventure visiting some of our National Treasures/Parks on their Centennial year.

HAPPY TRAILS TO ALL



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wow, can you believe that it has been a year since we had to send out the dues reminder? Your check should be made out to -- ANASAZI Chapter – and sent to Amy Jones. This a bargain at \$15 for a full year of activities and adventure!



The summer is now waning into fall and with it our rally’s come back into full swing. We kicked off the fall with our 3rd consecutive annual roving rally. The rally explored National and State parks in Southern Utah and Colorado.

Awe inspiring scenery and the mighty forces of nature were observed and sometimes experienced. From the roving rally we joined other FMCA Chapters in the Rocky Mountain Region for the “Autumn In The Rockies” ramble. Again, the ANASAZI members in attendance distinguished themselves by volunteering for many tasks and events at the Ramble. A benefit of the Ramble was meeting members of other chapters and sharing experiences gave insights into other chapter problems and solutions. The Ramble was both fun and informative and we should look forward to the Ramble in Farmington, NM in September 2017.

Larry



Do I smell birthday cake?

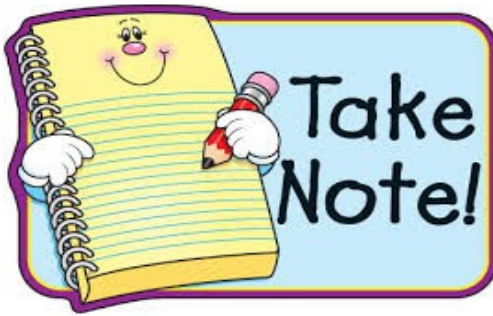


Oct – Nov

- Marilyn Bannon Oct 2**
- Sharon Diaz Oct 19**
- Bob Coppinger Oct 20**
- Virginia Morrison Oct 28**
- Jim Crimmins Nov 1**
- Margaret Cotier Nov 6**
- Bob Myers Nov 23**
- Robbin Schultz Nov 25**

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- Ed & Margaret Cotier Oct 6**
- Jerry & Robbin Schultz Oct 14**
- Larry & faye Kennedy Nov 10**
- Wayne & betty Cernie Nov 11**



The following was submitted by Bob Buse for the ANASAZI boards review. After careful consideration the board has accepted Bob Buse's request to be relieved of the requirement for attending 3 rallies and hosting one rally for the calendar year of 2016.

On Tuesday I went out and did some cleaning in my RV - I guess I did too much as my legs got real sore. While I may have done too much, it didn't seem like I was over doing it. This did point out that I still have some limitations on what I can and can't do. My personal trainer has been working with me to strengthen my legs and rear end, but it seems that it is going to take some time for that to happen. Based on the above, I'm not sure I'm ready to be totally active. A member has to be able to participate in events and I may not be able to do that yet. This is why I've held off in sending you a letter requesting an exception for the requirement of 3 rallies and hosting one rally. I'm thinking that maybe I need to hold off until January and start over. If you remember, it was at the Christmas rally last year that I did my back in when trying to get my TVs working. It was down hill from that point until I had my back surgery. The time between the problem starting and my surgery was too long and that duration has made full recovery more difficult. Spent too much time trying pain management procedures prior to getting the referral to my surgeon. With everything that has happened this last year, I would like to request an exemption from the requirement attending 3 rallies and host one rally for the year 2016.

Thanks for your consideration of my request, Bob



ANASAZI Chapter Rally November 3 - 6, 2016

DESERT CYPRESS MOBILE HOME & RV PARK
610 Jack Burden Road
Wickenburg, AZ 85390
928-684-2153

Hosts: Nancy Houck, Pat Ruese, Bob and Mary Catherine Myers

Directions: US Highway 60 west to Wickenburg. The park is behind McDonalds. **Do not** pass McDonalds. The road in is between Subway and McDonalds. It is a very sharp right turn. Go straight into the park.

Note: *There is a McDonalds billboard 2 1/2 miles before you get to the turn. If you get to the traffic circle you have gone too far.*

All activities except Saturday dinner will be in the Club House

Thursday, November 3rd

4:00 pm Happy Hour - lite snacks - BYOB
5:30 pm Mexican dinner by Lydia's La Canasta - BYOS
Members who's last name begins with A - H please bring dessert
7:00 pm Games of choice

Friday, November 4th

8:30 am Full breakfast provided by campground - BYOS

Lunch on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour - lite snacks - BYOB
5:30 pm Dinner: Minestrone Soup, salad, bread
Members who's last name begins with I - Z please bring dessert
7:00 pm Game: Left, Right, Center - Bring 9 quarters each
NOTE: BRING 9 QUARTERS PER PERSON FOR GAME

Saturday, November 5th

8:30 am Full breakfast provided by campground - BYOS
10:00 am ANASAZI meeting

Lunch on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour - lite snacks - BYOB
5:30 pm Dinner at **RANCHO 7 Restaurant**, 111 E. Wickenburg Way
pay as you go, reservations in a private room at 5:30
7:00 pm Games of choice

Sunday, November 5th

8:00 - 9:00 am - Continental breakfast and good-byes
Coffee will be served at all meals.

Travel safely until we meet again

Registration

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Make checks payable to ANASAZI CHAPTER FMCA - due by October 20

Send checks to:
Bob Myers, 11443 E. Monte Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209

Name #1 _____ FMCA # _____

Name #2 _____ FMCA # _____

Guest (s) _____

Coach length _____ Slides _____

Parking (full hook ups) \$32 per night x 2 nights \$ 64

Parking (full hook ups) Optional Thursday \$32 \$ _____

Meals \$15 per person x _____ \$ _____

Guest Fee \$ 2 per person x _____ \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

