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Presidents Message

Howdy from your new chapter president. Thank you for honoring me with the responsibilities required to keep our chapter enjoying the things we do while maintaining our standing with FMCA. I do not see much change in the direction of the

ANASAZI's as all the previous presidents have put us on a right and steady path enjoying our travels, sightseeing, games and most importantly building strong friendships. My focus will be to continue with actively recruiting new members and promoting the benefits of belonging to our local chapter and FMCA.

Speaking of past presidents, we all owe a big THANK YOU to Larry Morrison for the outstanding job he has done over the past years as our chapter president. As the newsletter chairperson, I had the pleasure of working closely with Larry and came to realize just how much he does for the chapter "behind the scenes". I can attest with hundreds of emails, text, and phone calls that he continuously kept the good of the chapter foremost in his mind. Following Larry as president requires some pretty big shoes to fill, and it is a little intimidating to follow in his footsteps. I am hopeful that I can continue to lean on him for advice on matters concerning ANASAZI, RMMA, and FMCA (along with his amazing knowledge of mechanical things, lol). I also want to thank Anita Hancock for doing a great job of secretary, and Amy Jones for watching over the chapter finances. Our new Wagon Master David Ridley, and most probably with some help with Shirley, has done a great job filling the 2021 calendar with exciting places to visit and explore. Review the months, and when you see a spot available for hosting give David a call and let him know that you want to do your part to help host, and continue the success we enjoy ANASAZI's. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic we will be forced to keep our guard up and follow the guidelines that will keep us safe and still enjoy our RV lifestyle. So, for the near future we will adjust some of the things we do at our rally's to keep us all safe.

Looking forward to a better 2021!

Wayne

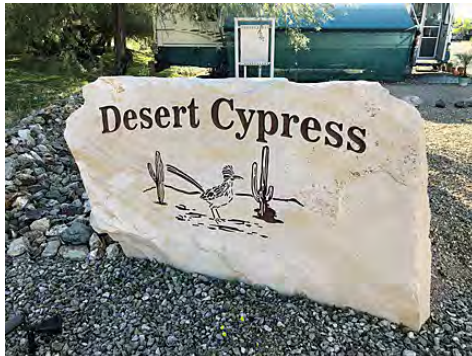


ANASAZI's On The Road...

Narrative by Wayne Cernie

The ANASAZI Chapter headed for Wickenburg on November 5th and was greeted with 95-degree weather! We set up camp at Desert Cypress RV Park and the hosts got busy setting up a canopy, tables, and chairs for our “all outdoor” event.

The hosts for this rally were Sharon and Rich Wilson and Betty and Wayne Cernie. Ron Woodworth (Woody) was planning to help host but ran into a little mishap with his coach and wasn't able to attend. I



would mention that when something prevents one or more of the hosts attendance other chapter members quickly jump in and offer help.



David Ridley really helped with the parking and arranging the Veterans dinner on Friday evening. Tom and Carole, Mel, and others were always ready to lead a hand when needed.

What a great group of folks we have in this Chapter! We had 10 rigs able to



attend the early camping and each person received a welcome bag with a custom ANASAZI logo facemask, patriotic candy, bingo daubers, and a free play bingo game neatly packaged in a patriotic gift bag.



Right on schedule Thursday evening the margarita machine started whirling and soon everyone had

either a virgin or regular (alcohol) cocktail. We even invited a nice couple from Colorado parked next door to enjoy some refreshments. The hosts had prepackaged snacks set out with plenty of different things to choose to help wash down the frozen



drinks. The best part of the early evening was getting to visit with friends we have not seen in quite some time due to the pandemic restricting our travel. The fellowship we have in this group is priceless and was on full display. Dinner was on our own and some went in search of restaurants and others retired to their coaches.

Friday morning started with a large spread of prepackaged pastries, hard boiled eggs, yogurt, fruit cups, and various juices. Coffee was “bring your own” as we were cautious about COVID-19 safety.

We had two more coaches attend the rally on Friday for a total of 12 for the weekend. Around noon we





headed to the Hassayampa River Preserve. The Hassayampa River Preserve is a 770-acre riparian nature reserve owned by The Nature Conservancy of Arizona,



near Wickenburg. The Hassayampa River has mostly subterranean flows for most of its 113 miles (182 km) length, the stretch contained within the preserve has year-round flowing water. The preserve is in the Sonoran Desert, which contain one of the most rare and threatened



types of riparian environments, cottonwood-willow forests. During the last 100 years, it has been estimated that over 90% of these environments have been either lost or damaged. These environments are particularly important to many forms of wildlife, and it is estimated that at least 80% of Arizona's wildlife depend on these riparian environments. Because of the year-round water and lush vegetation, the preserve is considered to be an oasis in the Sonoran Desert, and is home to approximately 300 different bird species, as well as numerous other wildlife. The hosts had prepared a picnic lunch with chicken salad sandwiches, grape tomatoes, tangerines, potato chips, and a chocolate chip cookie. While we were enjoying our lunch, we had the park ranger give us an overview of the history of the preserve and things to look out for on the half mile trail around the lake.

With the help from the RV park and coordination by



David Ridley, almost everyone headed to the Wickenburg Elks Lodge for a T-bone steak dinner. The best part, the cost was free for all the veterans and they simply asked for a donation for the spouses. We were offered a separate room social distanced from





the rest of the crowds for our group. Most participated in a large raffle they were holding and "Lucky" (aka Tom Eells) won a gift certificate to Denny's and Barry won a unique holder for mail.

We must include a picture of the steaks as they were so big, they hung over the

plates! Everyone walked out with doggie bags with large portions of steak for another day. Correction: everyone



except Barry Stallings, he ate the whole thing LOL.

Saturday morning was a repeat from the previous day as far as breakfast. We then held our Annual

Meeting for the ANASAZI Chapter. We had John, Mary Ann, and Woody drive out to visit with everyone, and attend the meeting. We enjoyed updates from the President, along with reports for the Wagon master,



Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Membership. We discussed changes to the Standing Rules and discussed travel locations for 2021.

At the end of the meeting it was time for elections for new officers and the ceremony to swear in the newest members to the ANASAZI Board.



In the early afternoon we paid tribute to our Chapter Veterans by participating in trivia games about the history of Veterans Day. To open the event,





Dayton Osland played his trumpet as we all sang America the Beautiful. We then held two trivia contests, the first

won by "Lucky" (aka Tom Eells) and the second won by Albert Gould. The trivia was tough for some but became more embarrassing when Wayne mentioned that the games provided were targeted for 3rd graders. The hosts then passed out American flag pins and patriotic rock candy in red, white and blue for those who played the games. We brought the games to a close with Dayton playing a wonderful version of "Taps" on his trumpet.



Now remember when I mentioned that we arrived in 95-degree weather? Well Saturday afternoon a cold wind arrived dropping the temperatures and making most of us



head back to the coaches to put "big boy" pants and jackets on. After a shortened happy hour, the hosts distributed a chicken dinner with baked potatoes, rolls, and coleslaw in insulated containers. As the wind increased some members decided it was best to enjoy their dinner in the comfort of their rigs. Dessert was



cupcakes decorated with red, white, and blue and a flag on top. The hosts even delivered the cupcakes to the folks in their coaches.

As the people braving the cold dwindled, it was decided to postpone the evening event of



Bingo until next months rally hoping for an indoor event or an early afternoon time.



Sunday came too soon and after cleaning up the rest of the continental breakfast items it was time to say farewell, wished safe travels, and seemed excited to meet again next month at Paradise RV Resort in Sun City.



November
Debra Zeman 5th
Margaret Cotier 6th
Ronald Woodworth 10th

December
Rett Porter 13th
Kendra Gould 19th

A note from the Co-Editors

We would like to congratulate all of our new ANASAZI officers.



We would like to thank Wayne Cernie for the work that he put into the ANASAZI Newsletter for the past years. His humor, insight, integrity and sometimes stark reality made the newsletter the success that it is.

Speaking of Wayne, we would be remiss if we did not mention his “Margarita” machine? Is it one or two??

Larry Morrison and Ron Woodworth

November
Larry & Faye Kennedy 10th
Wayne and Betty Cernie 11th

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

