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## ANASAZI's On The Road...



Hosting were Kathy Abbott, Joel Schraan. Larry and Virginia Morrison. We all braved the heat for the normal set up in 109 degrees and were relieved to



49.1 miles to attend the Rally. They thoroughly enjoyed their travels with the highlights of watching their granddaughter compete in summer bowling tournaments in Oregon. Barry enjoyed visiting his family in Montana and drove away with an extra companion: a dog. Now he has joined the group of dog walkers.

It was a small but adventurous group that arrived at "Valley of the Sun RV Resort" in Marana Thursday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.



know that we did have a club house for our use with a full kitchen. A place to congregate, eat and have shared activities out of the sun. We gathered at 5 PM for lite snacks and cold sparkling cider. A chance to catch up on our summer wanderings and compare notes. For Ridleys' this was their last stop of their long summer travels, having driven past their home by



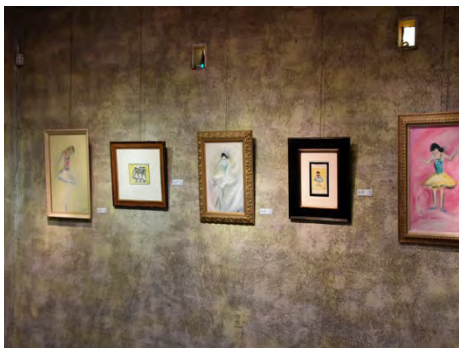


Joel and Kathy had a very busy summer traveling to join a family reunion and attending the Tiffin Rally. Sandy Blackwell joined us from her home in Pinetop. We look forward to seeing her more now that she is able to travel. Betsy and Chuck caught up with us on Friday since Bowling season has started again.



Friday morning, we had an early start at 8.30 for Breakfast consisting of Oatmeal with toppings of fruit and ice cream

accompanied by fruit and juice.

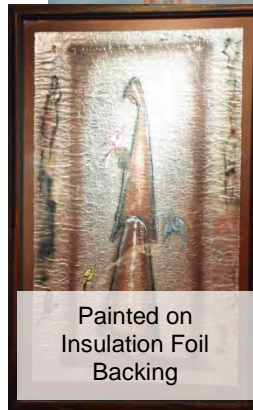
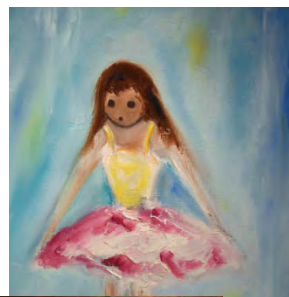


We left for the "DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun" at 9:30 which was about a half hour East of our rally location.

We met with Lance, Director of the Gallery at 10.30, who gave us about an hour's tour thru the Gallery. He had some wonderful



Cholla Cactus Floor



Painted on Insulation Foil Backing



background stories and insights into the history of the artist



and the several buildings on the 10 acres which is now on the National Register of Historic Places. DeGrazia grew up in Morenci, AZ and did several

enamels on copper. He had 3 degrees from U of A and bought his land for \$500, with a \$25 down payment. When DeGrazia approached the owner of the land and said he was an artist that wanted to build a studio on the land, the owner said "H..., artists don't make any money".







DeGrazia's paintings are often noted by his pastel colors and the brush strokes that impart movement with minimal detail. Although he is known for his Ballerina

pictures, he used all types of mediums including, covered snuff boxes, aluminum stripped off insulation and even ceramics, covering cactus pieces. He often painted with classical music in the background and noted which piece was painted to which music. He also



He painted several "series" paintings depicting folklore of the Yaqui and Tohono O'odham tribes who he became friends with.



He did a full series of paintings depicting Father Kino and his life in the Southwest. De Grazia also studied architecture and constructed all of the buildings on site using cactus pieces, like Cholla, in some of the flooring and made thick adobe walls.

The Chapel he built is visited yearlong and a large gathering of pictures, letters, mementos are left



behind. At our visit we could see an empty Tequila bottle left on the altar. A paragraph is too short to give the uniqueness, creativity and beauty of the site

and paintings. If you missed it, look it up and plan a visit when in the Tucson area. The joy of having a group visit is the availability of a Docent which made our visit that much richer and informational.



Our group gathered again at 4PM for light snacks and sparkling cider before a dinner of Chili, cornbread, salad and Cowboy Cookies. A Raucous game of Left, Right, Center Wild ensued after dinner.



Again, don't sit left or right of Shirley who has a knack for calling out the dice to turn up left or right. Kathy, Chuck and Barry were

our lucky winners going home with an overflowing pot of \$7.50 each. However, we were all winners after a wonderful day of camaraderie, food and fun.

Saturday, we slept in, with breakfast at 9.00AM. Thanks to



Virginia just rolled 3 Wild Dice

Kathy and her unending research she did for the weekend we had a very easy Pancake breakfast. She found an excellent recipe suggestion for Sheet Pan Pancakes with toppings. Simply pouring the batter onto a greased sheet pan; topping with fruits (blueberries and strawberries) and baking for 12 to





18 minutes. Being able to serve a group all at once without waiting, and being able to customize the pancakes with different toppings

(chocolate chips, coconut, other fruits etc.) made this way of cooking them an easy alternative. Sausages, fruit and Juice were served along with the pancakes.

Everyone had some downtime with lunch on their own, meeting back at the club house at 1.30PM for



an afternoon of diversion. First up we divided into teams of 2 each by counting off and

each team started to draw a picture. Inspiration

came from anything around. After 10 minutes time was called and each team moved to the next picture in

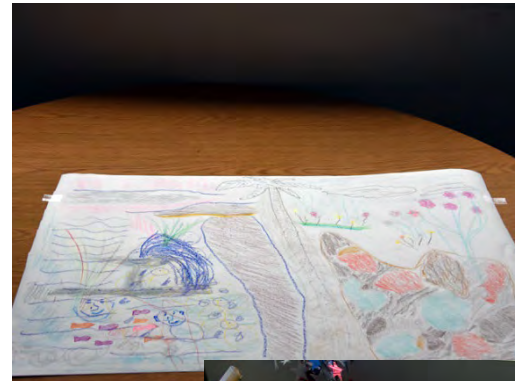


succession. Enhancing, changing or adding in whatever struck their whim.



Every team was able to add to every picture and we all had to go back to our

original to find out what it ended up to be. Before and after pictures were taken and we all clamored



for a few insights into the end result. "Oh, that was a waterfall", "Those were reflections

in the pool?", "We thought that was the start of a palm tree" and "Who put a face on the mountain tops?". It was all in



good fun and we enjoyed working off each other's inspiration. Next, we played the altered version of "I Should

Have Known That". We kept our teams, and much to our chagrin, did not know much, but we did learn a lot. "Mickey Mouse has four fingers on each hand", "RPG- in computer games





refers to – Role Playing Games”, and “The population of the US is 320 million”. The Team of Kathy, Shirley and Sandy (The Three Musketeers) were the winners and each of us walked away with



a meaningful candy bar. We were all ready for a Happy Hour to give us a little rest while dinner



consisting of “Pasta Chicken Casserole”, salad, Green Beans with bacon and Garlic Bread was being

prepared. We sipped on Punch and munched on lite snacks.

Following dinner, we set up to watch “Now You See Me” A movie about four magicians who are on a quest for the ultimate magic trick, which kept us guessing what and who the target might be. The action and twist in plots kept us awake. After a



late-night snack of warm Peach Cobbler and ice cream we retired for the night. Our usual early morning

breakfast of yogurt, fruit, pastries and Juice was enjoyed as we were thinking of the journey ahead (from 49 miles to Casa Grande, and 183 miles to Pine) and saying our Goodbyes till Zane Gray in October.

## Presidents Message



Hi everyone, Betty and I just returned from our Alaskan cruise adventure. It's always nice when the summer heat abates, and we start enjoying our beautiful Arizona Fall. We were sad to think that we wouldn't make the rally in

Marana to kick off the fall rally calendar. However, after watching whales, sea otters, icebergs, and majestic glaciers wearing cold weather gear it was a little tough to get off the plane in Phoenix wearing jackets and remembering that summer isn't quite done with us. We are hoping to see everyone at the next rally at Zane Grey in Camp Verde.

I do look forward to reading this Kokopelli Kronical and seeing all the smiling faces and folks enjoying their rigs along with great company. As we discussed at the last Board Meeting, the parks are making it a little harder to register groups and we find ourselves making our advance registrations to insure our spots for the rally. We will continue to work through these issues until we can find the “new normal” for our rally's/registrations at the various resorts in the future.

We were fortunate to have dinner with David and Shirley while they were passing through Lake Havasu last week. We were pleased to know that they are working hard to fill the calendar with some great rally's in 2023. Also, as I continue to communicate with new FMCA members I get the feeling that we are going to have some great guests joining us in October and November, and it sounds like they would enjoy being part of the ANASAZI family. So, Lance, John, and Tom we look forward to meeting you soon!

One last note, I noticed after the skyrocketing fuel prices, we now see some trickling down in the price per gallon, hopefully the price will continue to go down, but after realizing the cost of air travel, hotels, or cruises, the RV lifestyle seems to be a pretty good bargain.

Be Safe!

Wayne



## September

Tom Eells	6
Mel Jones	9
Larry Kennedy	12
Betty Cernie	20
Linda Colby	21
Dick Hancock	26



## September

De and Marv Pitts 16



A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature.

Her question was, "if you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"



## Baking Pan Pancakes

Researched by Kathy Abbott

Used at September Rally

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425° F and coat an 18-by-13-inch rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray (Kathy Abbott suggests parchment paper which we used at the rally)
2. Prepare 3 cups (we used 4 cups for our group size) of whole-wheat (we used regular) pancake mix according to package directions (we used 7up instead of water or milk).  
  
Pour the batter into the pan, spreading it into an even layer.
3. Create sections in the batter and dollop, swirl and sprinkle different add-ins in each section.
4. Bake until golden and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 12 to 15 minutes.



Recently, I brought my six-year-old grand-daughter, Brooke, with me on my trip to the recycling yard to dispose of a lawnmower and some other metal.

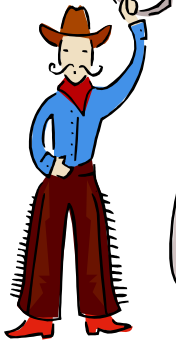
There, we wandered around among the hundreds of cars that were waiting to be crushed.

Most of them were missing parts, which had been removed for reuse in other cars.

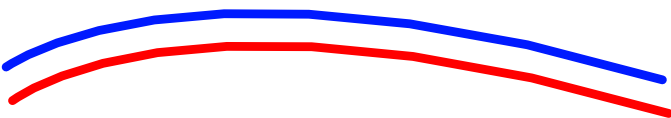
Brooke said to me "Poppa"

"Yes Brooke," I replied

"I'm not buying my first car here."



# Did You Know?



What's the difference between a poorly dressed man/woman on a bicycle and a nicely dressed man/woman on a tricycle?

A tire



I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before

they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand and dishtowel in the other.

It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing. I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So... while we have it... it's best to love it...and care for it...and fix it when it's broken...and heal it when it is sick.

This is true, for marriage...and old cars...and children with bad report cards...and dogs with bad hips...and aging parents...and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it.

Some thing we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special...And so, we keep them close.







### What is Labor Day?

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

### Why is Labor Day always on a Monday?

The first reason is because back in 1894, after 10 years of Monday observation, Congress established that first September Monday to be the official Labor Day holiday. The second (and quite possibly the reason that secures Labor Day's Monday status) is the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which was signed by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968.

### What year did Labor Day become a national holiday?

This resulted in a parade of some 10,000 workers on September 5, 1882. By 1885 Labor Day celebrations were being held in a number of states, and in 1894 U.S. President Grover Cleveland signed into law a bill making Labor Day a national holiday

### What countries celebrate Labor Day?

#### When and Where Is Labor Day Celebrated?

- More than 160 countries celebrate Labor Day and have May 1 as a holiday.
- In the United States and Canada, it is a holiday on the first Monday of September.
- Some countries, including the UK and Ireland, have the first Monday after May 1 as a holiday.



We hope that you all enjoyed your Labor Day Weekend.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming rallies October through May.

**Ron Woodworth**

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**Larry Morrison**

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