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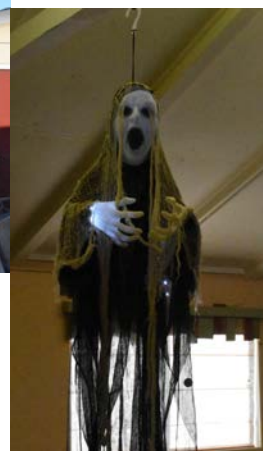
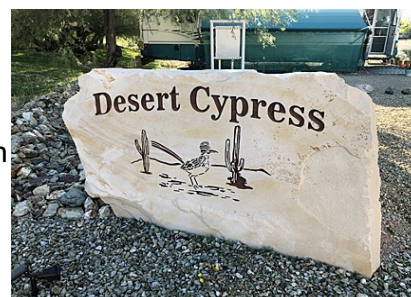
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## **ANASAZI's On The Road...**

*Narrative by Virginia Morrison*

It was a fateful night October 31<sup>st</sup>, when the ANASAZI gathered for their Halloween weekend Rally at Desert Cypress RV park in Wickenburg Arizona. It was a dark (not quite) and windy night (only a short stretch of driving near Lake Pleasant) and the thoughts of the children, ghouls, and goblins were not far behind. Gathered at the magic hour of 4:30 it was the scariest and most unrecognizable Anasazi group that had arrived for a feast of unusual treats. Excitement was in the air and little did they know what lie ahead. Dinner to be served was a mystery to all.



Surprisingly after eating bugs, candy coated fingers and Jalapeno mummies, the assembled group was still hungry for worms (black spaghetti) with blood sauce with two ghoulish eyes (meatballs with pimento olives). And along the line of food, Mummies were sleeping (wrapped garlic toast) served with, WHAT, a recognizable, delicious salad. But the owls, eyeing us for desert were not far away. YIKES.....the surprises did not end at dinner - arriving at the coaches, ready to put those scary thoughts to bed was a hand on the door delivering their trick or treat





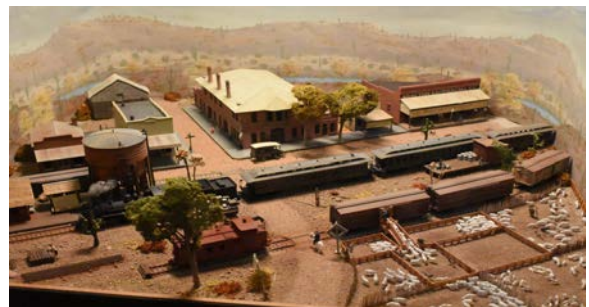
for a good nights haul. And they all went to sleep with wolves howling (their dogs barking and scratching) ready to put this memorable night in the past.



Everyone gathered, transformed into themselves Friday morning for a hearty breakfast of Hash Brown and Zucchini Casseroles with little smokies, fruit, coffee and juice.



With not too long to tarry the group was off to find the ghosts of Wickenburg at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in town.





Two Knowledgeable and entertaining Docents guided two groups of eight around the early cowboy art gallery (Russell's and Remington's and more) and then each group took turns touring the downstairs exhibit set up to replicate the old west town of Wickenburg. So many shops to look at and items of the early era, and, much to our chagrin we could remember back to our parents and grandparents using (Fels Naptha soap, wringer wash machines). But as you go, don't miss the General Store clerk that comes out of nowhere to serve you.



After a quick lunch on their own the group gathered at the Hassayampa Preserve, just down the road for a guided tour around the grounds.



Owned by the Nature Conservancy for almost 25 years, it has formed a new partnership with Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department. It was appreciated to have the guide point out the differences of the vegetation, the ongoing research into nesting bird houses and the tracking of wild life that is done at the preserve.







It was a perfect day of sunshine and cooler winter weather to meander around the pond to have a greater understanding of what we were enjoying.

Alas back to Happy Hour (tired hour) at the club house with tales of the day. Everyone brought their own meat to grill for dinner and what a relief to eat recognizable side dishes provided by the hosts of baked beans, potato salad and pumpkin and apple pie for desert.



We hadn't realized that at one time this preserve was a thriving farm with strawberries grown as big as a cup, and bountiful crops produced only to be washed away by a faultily built dam upstream near Walnut Grove. With all the top soil now gone the property went thru many hands and at one time was the site of an RV park. It was bought by a conservation group and became a preserve with ongoing research. It was a most rewarding afternoon as the group was able to see two Gray Foxes, a Badger, Egret and lots of Hummingbirds.







The evenings activities were set to take advantage of the Wickenburg first Friday of month celebration with some going downtown to hear the Western music bands and wander the shops kept open at night. Some stayed for quieter games in the clubhouse.



Saturday morning the group was again surprised to find their anticipated Biscuits and gravy had been turned into a Continental breakfast. The hosts did a quick change since The Desert Cypress management supplied the group and some of their residents to 5 boxes of scrumptious and enticing Bashas doughnuts. The rally committee executively decided that biscuits and gravy would be much more appreciated the next morning, but almost didn't survive the mutiny.

At 10:00 the Anasazi gathered for their Biannual meeting. A few members from Phoenix were able to join us for the meeting. Ed Cotier and Nancy Houck arrived and it was great to have them with us. The schedule for outings in 2020 and 2021 was distributed and ready for sign ups. Minutes of the meeting will follow.



A few hearty souls still had energy to play some games in the clubhouse and others took advantage of the afternoon to eat and rest.

With the black spaghetti safely tucked into the freezer, everyone was ready for a Mexican Meal at El Rancho Restaurant in Wickenburg. We were able to place our orders ahead so that when we arrived at 5 we didn't have to wait long. What a group? Hungry again? The food was delicious with some drinking down a big Margarita. We agreed; however, they weren't Wayne's' Margaritas.







Back to the clubhouse at 7 with an alternative to scheduled movie of "Racing in the Rain" since it hadn't been release for purchase yet. Thus the small gathering watched Hocus Pocus, an appropriate movie for the Weekend theme. Too full for popcorn we watched the witches try to come back to life by creating their spells on helpless but victorious teens.

Sunday morning seemed to arrive too soon with such a busy weekend. I guess we go home to rest. Breakfast of Biscuits and Gravy was served with leftovers of Fruit, boiled eggs, yogurt, juice and more pastries. At another table was the leftover foods from the weekend for grabs. The spaghetti was gladly taken by Wayne and Betty to have a neighborhood after Halloween dinner. Unfortunately they live in Lake Havasu and most members will not be able to enjoy it again.



The Host Committee of Dee and Marvin Pitts, Sharon and Rich Wilson and Virginia and Larry Morrison had a wonderful time planning this weekend but would like to especially thank Gerri, the coordinator at Desert Cypress RV park for providing such a welcoming environment for our weekend. We had full use of their clubhouse; they made themselves available to park

everyone; provided the table decorations, provided doughnuts for the group and gave us free reign of their cooking facilities with being more than willing to provide supplies. Our group was given amenities in every way possible.

We as the hosting group also want to say how much we enjoyed the Halloween weekend. Thank you to the group for truly bringing their good humor, spirit of Halloween and continued friendship and comradery that makes our group so special. Have a wonderful and safe month and we can't wait to see what is in the month to come.

## Presidents Message

*Just one more rally for 2019 left! I can't believe where the time has gone. In light of that, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and reflective Thanksgiving. We are living in a country with freedoms that were won on the backs of many believing in them. Let us not forget and continue honor those who have and are still fighting for us and our way of life.*



Larry

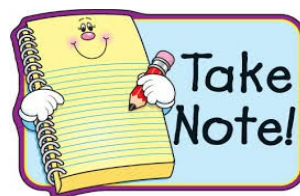


## November

<b>Jim Crimmins</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Margaret Cotier</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ronald Woodworth</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ted Smith</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>

## December

<b>Rett Porter</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Leslie Sipe</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>



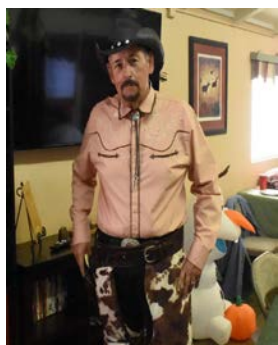
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Larry and Faye Kennedy 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wayne and Betty Cernie 11<sup>th</sup>

### December

David and Shirley Ridley 16<sup>th</sup>  
Chuck and Betsy Livens 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mel and Amy Jones 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Good news for  
people that  
wear glasses.  
Next year you'll  
finally be able  
to see 2020**



### Editors Message

Another great rally was put on by our hosts! It really showed some extra, extra effort on the decorations, food (including black spaghetti noodles) and fantastic activities. Then to top it off a really funny write up for this newsletter.

Larry as always did a fantastic job of taking photos to capture the fun events. This month he submitted 165 photos for this newsletter.

Included with this months newsletter is the calendar for next year. Again a special thanks to David Ridley, John Mathews, and Larry Morrison for arranging another great year of ANASAZI Rallies. Be sure, if you haven't already, put you name down to help fill in some of the remaining spots for hosting next year.

Lastly, we have some great entertainment lined up for next months rally in Buckeye. We look forward to seeing everybody at our annual Christmas event.



Rett and Claire stopped in Lawton, OK to visit with Pat Ruese and toured hew new apartment.

