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## ANASAZI's On The Road...

(Narrative by Wayne Cernie and Ron Woodworth)

The December Christmas rally was held in Hope, Arizona at Ramblin' Roads RV Resort. The Hosts for this wonderful time was Mel and Amy Jones, Barry Stallings, and Ron Woodworth, a shout-out to them for making the rally a great success. On Thursday we had 16 rigs attending with Dick and Anita joining us on Friday for a total of 17. We had the pleasure of 3 couples from the Tucson Drifters (an FMCA Chapter from Southern Arizona) join us: Tom & Ruth Roubal, Marvin & Suzi Bass, and Bill & Rita Henrich. We also had guests Kathy Abbott & Joel Schraan attend their first ANASAZI rally. We were also

fortunate to have Rett Porter (FMCA President) and Claire take time out of their very busy schedule to attend our rally and give us a presentation, more about that later...



Thursday Afternoon we gathered outside and started with a happy hour, the weather was perfect and the clubhouse was busy celebrating a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday for one of the park residents so we decided to hold our potluck outside. The Hosts had assigned different parts of the potluck menu based on the first letter of your name so the food was an even mix of main dishes, salads,

and desserts. Wanda and De's homemade sloppy joes were a really big hit along with some fantastic salads and desserts. After dinner we headed to the clubhouse for some games of card bingo. The lucky winners were: Jeanne and Claire tied game one. Claire came back and won round two on her own.



Then Kendra cleaned house by winning the last two games! Now the stars lit the sky and it was time to head to the RV's.

Friday morning started out with a biscuits and gravy, fruit and coffee breakfast while Wayne & Betty stepped in as activity directors for this rally. Betty collected four sets of "Christmas" items and placed them into 4 identical red holiday bags. Wayne handed out a score sheet and each person was to feel around the bags during the rally and determine what items are in the bags. On Sunday the bags would be opened and the person with the most complete description would win a *really* big prize.



In the afternoon we gathered back into the clubhouse for games. The first event was a "Shut the Box" tournament. We had multiple boxes set up and you had to roll the dice to try and cover the



number 1 through 9. There were three rounds and the people with the lowest scores winning a prize. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jeanne Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Claire Porter and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Carole Eells. The winners were awarded a Christmas themed bakers' mitt and a holiday cookie mix.

Next up was A Christmas Carol game with emojis as the hint for each song. Hope Arizona was a great place to play this game as Verizon and ATT don't have coverage so it wasn't possible to check you phones for the right answer! When time was called the crowd yelled out the answers as Wayne



went down the list. It was quite entertaining with Rett Porter, Suzi Bass and Carole Eells all winning a prize.

Friday evenings dinner was Ham, baked potatoes, vegetables, and salad. As folks came into the clubhouse the table for the gift exchange started to overflow with brightly decorated gifts. Soon Santa made his appearance and as everyone gathered in a gigantic circle as Santa orchestrated the gift exchange. Santa was on his game with his comedic commentary as folks opened their gifts in front of the crowd. The gifts went



around and there was a lot of stealing and a little planning as couples tried to strategize how to lock down certain gifts.



There were so many wonderful and different gifts it was hard to keep track of them all.





Finally, when the game was over the hosts brought out two huge cakes and served them as everyone chuckled over the results of the

evening and the array of unusual gifts. Alas, it was finally time to head to the rigs after a very busy day.

Saturday morning, we had a choice of having a continental breakfast outside or join the park with a pancake breakfast in the clubhouse, some went for the pancakes, some went for the continental breakfast



provided by the hosts, some did both (LOL). The morning and lunch were free time to explore the park, play desert golf or just relax. A large group headed to a



Mexican restaurant a couple of miles away and enjoyed some great food,



margaritas and fellowship.

In the early afternoon, we held a ladder-ball tournament. We set up three identical games and then determined two person teams. Each team to see how many points they could



score in a ten-minute time slot. We had nine teams compete and a large crowd of spectators cheering on their favorite. When the dust settled two teams came out on top. Rett Porter and David Ridley and the second team of Joel Schraan and Tom Roubal. As the scores were so close a five-minute play off

determined the winning team: Joel & Tom! The wining team was awarded a large box of specialty chocolates.

Next up was a Christmas Movie Trivia game. The correct answers were few and far between. We did



have a number of easy questions that everyone quickly shouted out when we went down the list. However, when the answers were read aloud there was a lot of moans from people remembering those parts of the movie.

Next up was Happy Hour. Rett and Claire held an impromptu information seminar about "go bags". It was a real eye opener when they showed us how they plan for emergencies with the many items they





keep in a ready to go bag by their door. Even though they were pressed for time they packed a lot of great information about being prepared "just in case". Hopefully we can get a list of things they pack so we can share in a future newsletter. The Hosts then provided a "Taco Bar" dinner. As you went down the line you were able to build your own fiesta plates anyway you choose. The proof that it was delicious was the number of people going back though the line for seconds. Then it was cookies and ice cream for dessert.



The evening entertainment was "Lenny Lizzard" and he provided a very different show. The ANASAZI's had invited the park residents to attend for a small donation and we filled the room for Lenny's show. He started



with a few Sinatra songs, then morphed into some soft rock and all the while dancing and playing air guitar and air flutes. In the middle of his show his dad called in and requested a country western song so he broke out "Rawhide". This had a lot of people up on the dance floor. All in all, it was a very different but entertaining show.

Sunday morning, the hosts provided a Belgian waffle breakfast with all the trimmings. Wayne and Betty handled the waffle irons while Mel and Barry kept the batter mixed up. Amy handled the bacon and strawberries to keep the line going. Barry and Ron handled the cleanup. Finally, it was time to open the red Christmas bags to see what was inside. As the items were dumped out, we were surprised at how many people had identified the items and added them to their score sheet. The tie breaker was, which were the 5 true ornaments. The finalists were Kathy Abbott, Shirley Ridley, and Carole Eells, with Shirley winning the grand prize of a bar-b-cue set and the runner ups earning cookies.

Another fun rally day came to an end with everyone heading back to their rigs with great memories generated over the past few days.



## Presidents Message

I just returned from the Hope, Arizona Rally and I am thinking that we really packed a lot of fun into a short amount of time! I want to thank Joyce and Steve, the park Managers at Ramblin' Roads RV resort. These

folks and their staff go out of their way to make sure your visit is a pleasant one. The facility is great and really set up nice for RV rallies. They have one of the best club houses we have visited in all of Arizona. The kitchen and serving line are top notch and the coffee is wonderful! The stage, sound and video systems are nice. It's fun to hold a rally there! What makes our rallies fun is the people who attend. The food, the games the friendly banter all add to a pleasant weekend. It is my pleasure to introduce the latest members of the ANASAZI Chapter: **Joel Schraan and Kathy Abbott**. These guys are great, and I am glad that I got a chance to spend time with them. It is fun seeing the new members blend in, we had Dave and Cheryl McElhaney and Sandy Blackwell join us again and they all helped make our rally enjoyable. Having the folks from Tucson drive all the way up to join our rally was awesome. I think their Chapter (the Tucson Drifters) would like for us to attend some of their rallies in the future. That's the best part about FMCA, all the different Chapters and the fellowship that is included.

We use the Kokopelli Kronicle to document the events and fun time we share at our rallies for those members who can't attend and for those who have retired from our Chapter. We also use the newsletter to send out to folks who might be interested in joining the fun in the future. So, when you are hosting be sure to take photos and be prepared to write the narrative for the newsletter. It doesn't have to be perfect but give the newsletter editor something to work with. If you ever have any questions on how to transfer photos or for a newsletter template just ask Larry or myself and we are glad to help.

Betty and I wish all of you the Best Holiday Wishes and a safe New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Wayne



## December

Randy Higgs	4
Sandy Blackwell	6
Rett Porter	13
Kendra Gould	19



## December

David and Shirley Ridley	16
Chuck and Betsy Livens	20
Tim and Adrienne Kearns	21
Mel and Amy Jones	23



A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a creepy old castle.

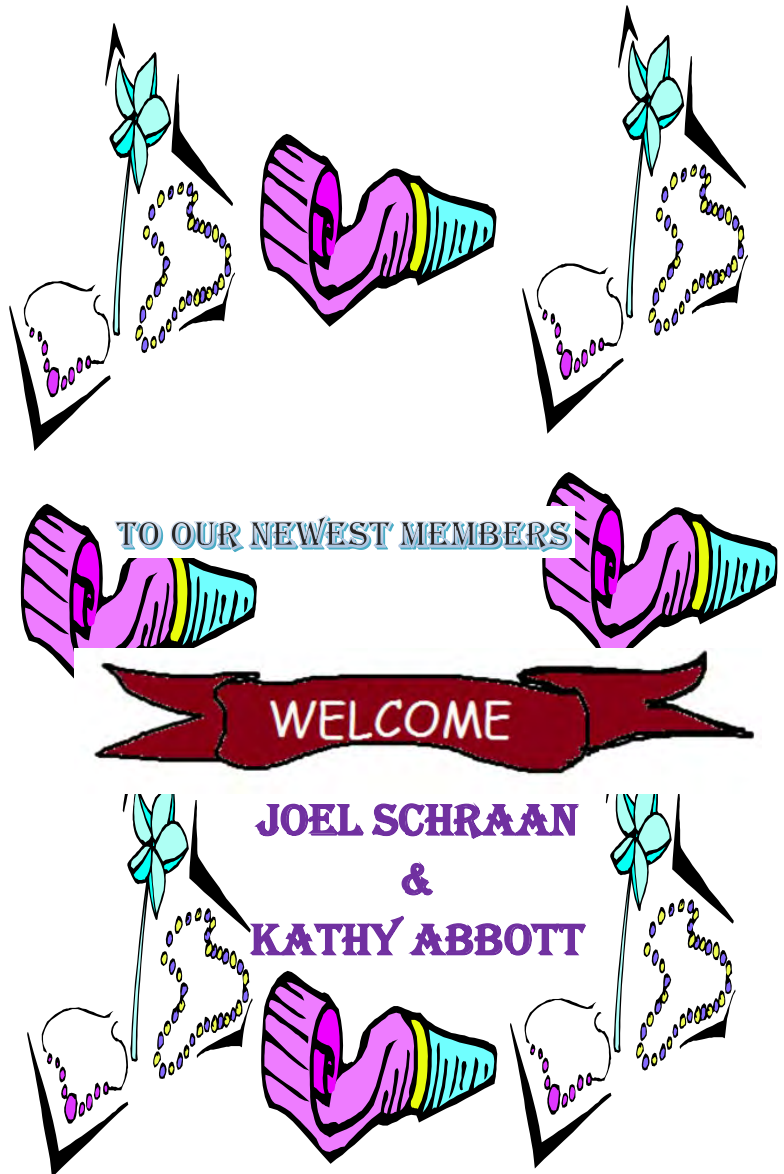
At the end of the tour, the guide asks her how she enjoyed it.

She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark cobwebby rooms and passages.

"Don't worry," says the guide. "I've never seen a ghost all the time I've been here."

"How long is that?" asks the girl.

"About three hundred years."



Kathy Abbott and Joel Schraan

# CONGRATULATIONS FOR 10 RALLIES THIS YEAR

*David and Shirley Ridley*



## Overnight Blueberry French Toast Casserole

By: Wishes n Dishes.com  
Serves 16

- 12 slices day old bread, cut into 1-inch cubes  
(Italian bread works best)
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, cut into  
1-inch cubes
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 12 eggs beaten
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup maple syrup

### SAUCE

- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 tablespoon butter

### Instructions:

1. Lightly grease a 9X13 inch baking dish.
2. Arrange half the bread cubes in the dish and top with cream cheese cubes. Sprinkle 1 cup blueberries over the cream cheese and top with remaining bread cubes.
3. In a large mixing bowl mix the eggs, milk, vanilla extract, and syrup. Pour this mixture over the bread cubes. Press down the cubes a bit to sort of "soak"

them and make them "French toast-like". Cover tightly and refrigerate overnight.

4. Remove the bread cube mixture from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking.
5. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
6. Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and continue baking 25 - 30 minutes, until center is firm and surface is lightly browned. Enjoy warm.
7. In a medium saucepan, mix the sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook 3 to 4 minutes. Mix in the remaining 1 cup blueberries.
8. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, until the blueberries begin to burst. Stir in the butter and pour over the baked French toast. Enjoy!



## Today's Thought



*Ever do an Interview on  
You Tube TV?*

***WATCH THE INTERVIEW BY COWBOY  
KEN WITH RETT PORTER.***

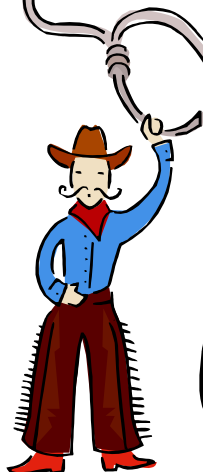
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Rett explains the benefits of FMCA to Ken while Ken keeps asking pointed questions.

Our own Wayne Cernie gets his chance at the micro-phone as well

A fun interview to watch

To view the YouTube video, copy the above link and paste it into your browser.







## SAFETY REMINDER

### GREASE

#### ✓ What is GREASE?

- ✓ What does the Number Mean?
- ✓ What about the color – Which is better black, green, blue, brown ----?
- ✓ Is Tacky or Smooth better?
- ✓ Are all greases compatible?
- ✓ How does it lubricate?

**What is Grease?** Grease is a lubricant that has many good qualities and some not so good qualities. Grease is like a thick gel that stays in place and provides lubrication to the area which it is applied and keeps contaminants from entering. That being said, because it is like a thick gel, it can also attract dirt that can affect its lubricating properties. So why is grease even used if it attracts dirt? Grease is typically used where oil would be impractical to apply and to areas that have limited or no access.

**What does the Number Mean?** Grease comes in different thicknesses (similar to going from a light oil to something like a brick) for different applications. The Numbers start at 000 then go to 00, 0 1,2,3,4,5, & 6. Each number represents a specific thickness or density. A #2 grease is the most common thickness or density used in the automotive industry. The number has nothing to do with the quality of the grease only its thickness or density.

**What about the color – Which is better, black, green blue, brown ----?** In reality, the color (except black) is for marketing and manufacturing purposes. It has nothing to do with the quality of the grease.

Some have said that a red grease is much better than a green or brown or white grease. Others have said that black grease is the worst because it does not wash out of clothes. It has nothing to do with the quality of the grease. As a note, Black grease usually has an additive called molybdenum (moly) that is black. You cannot add enough color to overcome the black moly, so you have a black grease.

What color of grease should you use --- choose your favorite color and go for it. Just make sure the grease you choose meets the specifications required by the manufacturer of the equipment you are using.

**High Temp Grease vs. Low Temp Grease:** So, some specifications call for a high temp grease – what then? The high and low temperature grease specification is based on when the grease releases the oil based on temperature alone.

A high temperature grease is typically used with disc brake wheel bearings because of high temperatures the bearings can be exposed to. A low temperature grease is typically used with chassis applications. Which one to use in automotive applications? – most general-purpose automotive greases are high temperature and can be used in both wheel bearings and chassis parts

**Is Tacky or Smooth Better?** There are 2 types of grease for automotive use – tacky (created by adding a tackifier to the grease mixture) and non-tacky. Each has a purpose.

I often hear – I like the tacky grease because it is sticky and stringy. It has to be the best. About 80% of “multipurpose” greases are tacky greases. Make sure you check your equipment manufacturing specifications for the type of grease to use as some applications do better with a smooth grease while others do better with a tacky grease.

**Are all greases compatible?** The short answer is NO. The grease base is made up of a metallic soap. As long as the base (soap) type and number is the same, the greases are compatible. DO NOT mix different soap bases as this could create a chemical reaction that would leave both greases ineffective.

**How does it lubricate?** Grease is oil, thickener and additives held together in suspension. When the grease is worked in chassis parts or bearings, the oil is released. The oil is what is doing the actual lubrication.

**Manufacturers Specifications:** Again, as with all lubricants, check with the equipment manufacturer specifications for the correct grease for your application.