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ANASAZI's On The Road...

The ANASAZI Chapter headed West to Ramblin Roads RV Resort in Hope, Arizona March 8th through the 11th. The date was unusual as we had postponed the Rally one week because Easter weekend fell on the first Saturday of the month. We had nine Chapter rigs and two guest rigs join us for a total of 21 people.

This location was plugged into the calendar as a replacement for the roving rally as we are still recovering from the disruptions caused by the Covid 19 virus. This change turned out to be a bonus for the ANASAZI Chapter as the resort and the managers, Joyce and John, proved to be super accommodating and allowing the full use of the clubhouse, kitchen, BBQ grills with an amazing video set-up to watch movies. Each morning before the hosts started making breakfast John and his crew had the entire facility sanitized and even had the first pot of coffee made! Hats off to the entire team, surely any of the other Chapters in Arizona would benefit by holding a rally in this location.

Thursday was a typical arrival day with everyone getting settled in and getting the rigs hooked up to the full-service campsites provided. Then, since this was the first "normal" rally since March of 2020 we had a lot of catching up to do. As 4:30 rolled around we met in the clubhouse and set up Heavy Hors d'oeuvres. The food was varied and great, the conversations were swirling with everyone excited to get to spend time with friends we hadn't seen in quite a while. We were fortunate to have four guests join us, Randy and Chris, and Tim and Adrienne. These were new folks to FMCA and I can attest that everyone did their best to make them feel welcome. The hosts provided their special Margaritas, Traditional and Mango blends with both available in virgin blends (no alcohol). All I can say is Kendra, Albert, Betty and I went through a lot of ice! We even had Joyce and John come by to check that we had and if everything was to our liking and asking if there was anything else they could do insure our visit was a great experience. We said yes! Help us drink some Margaritas.

Friday morning we started with a wonderful breakfast of egg casserole, which took forever, it seemed, to completely bake, with everyone enjoying the camaraderie and coffee no one really cared that we were serving breakfast on "ANASAZI" time. After a lengthy breakfast everyone scattered exploring what the park had to offer. The resort offers a nice horseshoe pit, bocce ball court, and putting green course.



Others gathered at the rigs for more conversations and games.



Since lunch was on our own, a group headed to a local Mexican restaurant about 4 miles away and

enjoyed a nice lunch (with good water according to Albert) and really enjoyed the unique decorations throughout the large restaurant. Their special was a fish and chips platter and it was "delicioso" as well as plentiful.

Mid-afternoon the hosts had everyone gather in the rec room and set up teams for a puzzling event. The trick was to get 4 teams of four with two men and two women on a team that were not husband and wife. So, each person drew a coded puzzle piece setting up team A, B, C, and D. Once that was decided the teams were seated and then given a brand new 100-piece puzzle to



complete. The team finishing first was allowed to pick their reward from a pool of prizes laid out on a table and then the second and third place teams got to pick from the remaining prizes.



Friday evening the hosts served hamburgers, turkey burgers and sausages with all the fixings along with brownies for dessert. Mel and Albert proved to masters of the grill with me supervising the overall operation with a beer in hand (you know in case of flare ups). Betty and Kendra had all the condiments to build you own burger laid out picture perfect along with the potato salad and ranch beans. One of our guest couples had their grandkids with them for the first night and their dad, Trevor, came to pick them up so we made sure he and the boys went home well fed.

We ended Friday evening with everyone attending our big screen viewing of Captain Ron. A great comedy that kept everyone laughing throughout the screening and well into breakfast then next morning. As everyone entered the rec hall for Saturdays breakfast they saw an arrangement of horses all lined up on the tables. Another table was filled with all kinds of decorations, paint, glues, glitter, ropes, pipe cleaners and a lot more. Breakfast was scrambled eggs with biscuits and gravy with the usual compliment of pastries and juices.

After breakfast everyone was given a horse to



decorate and was instructed that the judging would start at 3:00PM. Hopefully you can tell by the photos that we have some very talented people in this Chapter! At the designated time everyone was given a special ballot and asked to pick their top three favorite horses. It was a lot harder to judge than you

would think with all the great entries. Jeanne Kinsley squeaked out a first-place win with Carole Eells and Virginia Morrison trying for second place. Some nice prizes were awarded for their effort.



After the judging was over all horses were allowed to enter the ANASAZI downs race. There was a \$1 entry fee and four qualifying races were held. Each race winner earned \$5 and was then entered into the final race. Tim Kearns one of the guests made the final race with his horse "Eyeball", and was leading the final race until the end. Then Jeanne Kinsley's horse came from behind and won the \$14 grand finale race.



Soon it was happy hour and the margarita machines were whirling again. Kendra Gould was the lead for this evening's dinner and she went all out. We had a Mexican fiesta with two kinds of enchiladas, Mexican rice and beans and a full complement of salsas. Her grand finale desert was super special Sopapilla Cheese cake bars.



It just so happened that this day was a special birthday for David Ridley (60) so he was wrapped up in caution tape and we placed a warning placard warning of an old age person. Because we have so many birthdays to celebrate in



April, we placed birthday signs on all who had a birthday in the month of April.

To close out a very busy Saturday we held a card bingo tournament. We upped the game to 50 cents a round so each time a winner called bingo he or she won \$8. We played 5 games with Mel, Barry, Jeanne (of course), Randy (one of our guests) and Anita



winning a round. The last round cost \$1 to play so when Mel yelled BINGO!!! he won \$16.



Sunday morning came too soon. We cleaned up the left-over breakfast items (ahh enchiladas for breakfast) packed up the red bins and everyone chipped in to arrange the room back to the way we found it.

Then as we were all getting ready to head out the Hancock's had a problem with their slides. They guys all gathered and started checking things and soon the problem was diagnosed and solved! Soon everyone was on the road heading home with memories of another great ANASAZI Rally.



Hmmmmmm--



You know your old
When your mind makes
Contracts your body
Can't keep.



Presidents Message

I'm typing this message on my tablet in my RV sitting back watching the Masters on TV. Wow how great is the RV life we are all so fortunate to enjoy! Since I was part of the hosting team for this rally, I will try not to sound like I am

bragging about our Rally. It was FANSTATIC! We had a great facility to use, the food was great the crafts and games were great and it was held at a location not too far from Lake Havasu!

All the above is true except what really made this Rally great was the people. Betty and I got to see friends we have been missing for almost a year. We also were able to welcome two new couples into the ANASAZI family. I hope you will all get a chance to meet the new folks in the upcoming rallies.

When you are hosting a rally, it sometimes seems that it is a lot of work, but as I sit here I realized how much I enjoyed working with people I know well, and getting to work with a newer couple. Kendra and Albert are great people to host with, lots of ideas and enthusiasm and that becomes contagious. Kendra and Albert had thought up the decorating party using sombreros but due to cost constraints Betty and I came up with the horses as a substitute. The collective outcome was fun! Now Amy was a bit under the weather but you guys might not have seen the work Mel put in grilling and most importantly helping with the kitchen clean up. Everybody contributed to make the Rally successful.

Don't worry, the next couple of Rallies will be held close to Phoenix or more to the East as David will be working to firm up our schedule. Once that calendar is updated, I will be calling you all to be sure you get a spot to host one of the Rallies. Hopefully we will get to see every ANASAZI member by years end. Finally, after we all said our goodbyes and prepared to leave one of the couples notifies us that they have a problem with their slides. It is heartwarming to see Mel, Larry, Me and even the new guy Tim gather around and troubleshoot the problem and get it solved. To me that's what make the ANASAZI family so special, we know that we are not traveling alone and when problems arise the ANASAZI members shine.

At each meal we give thanks, ask the Lord for his blessing, and ask that he watch over the troops and first responders. I feel blessed to be a small part of the ANASAZI family.

Wayne



April

Faye Kennedy	2
Anita Hancock	5
Barry Stallings	5
Chuck Livens	6
Shirley Ridley	6
David Ridley	10
Wanda Wieters	14
Larry Morrison	26

May

Nancy Houck	2
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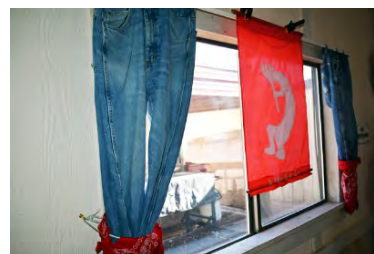


April

No Anniversaries In April

May

Jon and Marge Hillegas	24
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Did you ever wonder what to do with your old pair of Jeans??

Welcome to Our Newest Anasazi Members



*New Members
Randy and Cris Higgs*



*New Members
Tim and Adrienne Kearns*

Forever young at heart----
Even on your way to dinner
You can celebrate



*Thank you, Tom and Carole,
for showing us
the important things in life*



A favorite dish from the April 2021 Rally

SOPAPILLA CHEESECAKE BARS

Submitted by Kendra Gould

Preheat Oven to 350

Place 3ea 8oz packages softened Cream Cheese in a stand mixer

Add 1 ½ cup White Sugar and 1 ½ teaspoon Vanilla extract.

Blend until smooth

Unroll 2 8oz. cans of Crescent Dough onto a clean floured surface.

Keep the dough whole, don't allow separation

With a lightly floured rolling pin – roll each sheet into a 9X13 rectangle

Then use your rolling pin to transfer one of the sheets into the bottom of a 9X13 pan

Trim to fit the pan.

Spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the dough.

Press the second rectangle of dough over the top

Drizzle ½ cup Melted Butter over the top

In small bowl mix together ½ cup sugar and 1 tablespoon Cinnamon

Sprinkle this over the top of the butter

Sprinkle ¼ cup of sliced Almonds over the top

Bake until dough is puffed and golden brown – about 45 minutes

Allow to cool completely before cutting



SAFETY REMINDER

As we head into summer there is one preventative safety measure often overlooked ----



Make sure you check your RV's house and engine battery connections for corrosion – make sure you keep all connections clean.

Also check the water levels in all your RV batteries. If low, bring the water level up to the recommended level. You should check the water level in the batteries at least once a month during the summer months.