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ANASAZI's On The Road...

ANASAZI Chapter April Rally 5th - 8th 2018 Good Life RV Resort

April is a very special month, as it is one of the rally's where our semi-annual meeting is held. This year's meeting promised to be especially exciting as the Anasazi Chapter was voting not only for the election of officers to lead our local Chapter, but also to decide upon and approve significant changes to our charter and bylaws -- resulting from the progressive move that was initiated by FMCA National Headquarters to allow "Towables" into our membership.

The result is now many of our friends, relatives and fellow RVers can participate as **official ANASAZI** Chapter members, enjoying travels, rallies, and events together!

It was exciting to see that two of our guest couples arrived with towable RV's! If they play their cards right, one or both of them may become the first official members to join the Anasazi Chapter with towable RV's. Looking ahead, twenty plus years from now, they'll always retain that bragging right!



As we arrived in the heart of Mesa, AZ on Main Street - where there are probably more RV dealers and RV Parks per square mile than anywhere else in the United States, the folks at Good Life RV Resort were ready to roll out the welcome carpet for us.



We thought they went over and above asking their residents to display our Chapter Logo on flags along the street. They must have heard the Anasazi were coming!

Or, might that just have been a nice coincidence?

Hosting this event were Chuck and Betsy Livens, Bob and Mary Catherine Myers,, Dick and Anita Hancock and Jim and Marilyn Bannon.



It should be noted that we plan our rallies with the "official" event days being Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. However, many/most of our folks are anxious to see their friends whom they have built such strong bonds with, so they frequently choose to arrive on Thursday afternoon - to get a jump start on what always turns out to be wonderful rally.



It has been said that being late to the "Happy Hour" is something just short of a crime, but folks congregated around the pool/bar area, enjoying the music provided by a band supplied by the resort. Others visited among their rigs, and generally enjoyed the unique facilities offered at this Cal-Am Resort prior to the start of dinner.



When the "Pot Luck" dinner began under the shade of the trellises next to the sports complex, a total of 10 rigs out of the 11 registered - were already present and accounted for. The one exception to the early-arrival crowd was Mel and Amy Jones, who had a commitment that did not permit them to arrive until Friday.



Of course, as always, the food was great, as we have many skillful Anasazi master chefs. The members and our guests had plenty of variety to choose from. As our Past President Nancy Houck

always said, "No one ever goes hungry at an Anasazi rally", so everyone cooked enough to feed a small army, just to keep that little tradition alive and well! Who are we to attempt to break with that great tradition!

Friday morning most of us headed to the clubhouse where the Good Life Resort prepared a breakfast for all residents for a reasonable charge.

After breakfast we scattered to enjoy the many amenities the resort had to offer.



In the early afternoon a few hardy couples braved the near 90 degree temps to play Bocce Ball. Chuck Livens went over the rules and officiated the event. Jim Bannon added his twist by having the winner in each tournament squirting the loser with a squirt gun he supplied. Thank goodness it was hot that afternoon!



Welcome Guest John Moe!

Happy Hour sort of morphed into dinner by the pool as we listened to the music and kept the wait staff very busy. As the group kept growing we kept adding more tables and chairs and even had a fun Canadian couple join us.



Laura and Roger Hester enjoying ANASAZI stories

Of course there was plenty of stories, laughing and a little friendly teasing. You might have missed a great comedy routine between Mel Jones and Jon Hillegas going back and forth over their sandwiches/dinner. Mel got the waitress involved by asking her to bring chips for Jon and Marge before they ordered their dinner explaining that if they didn't get served quickly

Jon gets a little grumpy.



Happy Hour(s)

Then the cafe ran out of the sandwiches Jon had ordered on Mel's recommendation. Mel then spent at least 10 minutes teasing Doc about how good the Reuben sandwich was he received. Meanwhile our guests John and Doris Moe looked on as unfortunately they were the last to be served. Still, everyone had a good time and our hard working waitress earned her extra nice tips!

After dinner we all gathered in the rec hall for a game of card bingo. Jim and Marilyn collected the quarters and called the game. Jim had fun by mixing up the games and using giant playing cards that could be clearly seen at the back of the hall.

Saturday morning coffee and doughnuts were provided by the park. The hosts provided scrambled eggs, sausage, bagels and some really finely cut up fresh fruit (Thanks, Mary Catherine)







The highlight of the evening was a trip to Baarleen's. Joining Barbara and Brenda Barleen with an extraordinarily talented lineup of versatile musicians, comedians, and variety entertainers, whose one job is to make sure that we had a great time!

The big winners were our guest couple John and Doris Moe. When they showed up for the game they had forgotten their quarters and had to borrow a few to get started but after winning a few rounds and the grand prize they had no problem paying off the debts! Talk about beginners luck!





With cars lined up, the caravan of ANASAZI's heading out at 5:30 for the short trip done Main st. Listening to the reviews at breakfast on Sunday morning everyone seemed to really enjoy the dinner and show.

Sunday morning found us meeting "campfire" style with everyone converging near the Liven's coach were we enjoyed a really nice continental breakfast. Of course, plenty of conversations and goodbyes, with many discussing their upcoming plans for their summer travels.

Presidents Message

This past rally we had the privilege to meet John and Doris Moe --Guests of Jim and Marilyn Bannon

and Roger and Laura Hester -- Guests of Wayne and Betty Cernie. We really enjoyed their company and would like to express my hope, and that of the ANASAZI, that we will see them at our future rallies. I know that many of our members are getting ready to leave the valley in August the next few days to start on their trek to cooler climes. I would like to wish all of those traveling -- safe travels -- and look forward to seeing you all at our rallies in the fall.

Larry



May

Nancy	Houck	2 nd

July

	
Luverne Underhill	5^{th}
Betsy Livens	8 th
De Pitts	13 th
Claire Porter	13 th
Ed Cotier	24 th
Wayne Cernie	26 th
Carole Eells	27 th

August

John Matthews	2^{nd}
Mary Pitts	11 th
MaryAnn Mathews	13 th
Marge Hillegas	20^{th}
Amy Jones	31 st



May	
Jon & Marge Hillegas	24 th

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John & MaryAnn Matthews	2 nd	
Bob & Pat Coppinger	20 th	

Bob & Mary Catherine Myers	1 st
Tom & Carole Eells	18 th
Dick & Anita Hancock	27 th
Larry & Virginian Morrison	27 th



Highlights from our Semi-Annual Meeting



The annual meeting was held in the club house on April 7th. We had two new guest couples, Laura and Roger Hester and Doris and John Moe, and a guest from last month Ron (Woody) Woodworth attend our meeting. We also had the pleasure of two Honorary Members Nancy Houck and Pat Ruese attending.

- New Bylaws were approved
- We confirmed Leaf Verde for December
- We discussed a Route 66 Rally
- New Officers were installed for 2018-2019
- Confirmed two meeting a year
- Discussed commercial membership
- Discussed the number of couples required for hosting various rallies.
- Received a "Sunshine" Report from Wanda

There are 5 that signed up and 2 of those would have to leave the rally after Las Cruces. Working with the parks for the remaining 3 coaches is a problem. In light of this -- Jim and I have decided to cancel the rally.

ANYONE WHO HAS SENT IN THEIR REGISTRATION AND CHECKS WILL HAVE THEM RETURNED



Ed Cotier swearing in the new Board members



ROVING RALLY FOR MAY 2018 IS CANCELLED!

FROM LARRY MORRISON:

Jim Crimmins and I just talked about who has signed up to go on the roving rally.



From your Newsletter Editor

As you all know we try to have the Kokopelli Kronicle in your inbox by the 10th of

each month. The hosts are required to send the narrative and some pictures to the newsletter editor prior to that date. This month was a tight deadline and Jim Bannon (on his way to Mexico), Mary Catherine Myers, and Larry Morrison quickly had pictures and a write up for me to work with! Thank You.

In light of the announcement above the next copy of the Kronicle will be sent in August along with the registration for our Rally at the Venture Inn in Show Low, AZ (Aug 31st - Sept 2nd). I think Larry is still looking a a host couple for that rally so if you can volunteer give him a call!

Safe Travels, have a great Summer and Enjoy the RV Lifestyle!

Wayne

