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ANASAZI's On The Road...

Fall is in the air and with-it thoughts of harvest time and celebration. This was the theme of the ANASAZI October Rally held at Cotton Lane RV Resort in Goodyear, AZ.

When you think of celebration in the fall in Arizona, you often think of BBQ, Picnic's, getting out into the wilderness, exploring our wonderful state and the list goes on. Our rally incorporated getting out, celebrating in Oktoberfest style and taking in some of what we could discover.

Arriving at Cotton Lane RV Park on Thursday afternoon, 6 brave and intrepid coaches pulled into the vast wilderness of the northern 40. With the office closing early we had a few hardy and early adventurers able to check in and acquire the packets for the rest of us. We all got parked and started wandering around trying to find where the rally watering hole was set up. You didn't have to wander far to see the bright blue top of the canopy and the American Flag table cloths. Of course, the plethora of different chairs could also have been a hint.



By the time everyone had relaxed the anticipation of dinner began to gnaw at our stomachs. Around 5pm everyone started bringing their own salad creations to share with the hosts providing French bread and cookies. Everyone must have been hungry because many of the salad bowls went back to their coaches' empty - Hmmm, it might have been that the salads were mighty good as well. At any rate, the party continued into the dark of night and then some. The weather outside was awesome.



On Friday morning the hosts provided Pastries, yogurt, fresh fruit (cut up) and juice for breakfast. After breakfast the day was left open to explore the area. Sometime after noon the rest of our group arrived and got settled in. In the meantime, the Kennedy's verified that our room was set up for the ANASAZI. Faye readied the room by putting red table cloths on all the tables and decorated them all in a fall theme.



After a happy hour of lite snacks, everyone sat down for dinner and found 3 small cups filled with beer at their place setting. Each of the 3 cups had a different beer and the 3 cups had distinctive decorations to tell them apart. The object was two-fold: 1st to identify the German beer and 2nd to match on a checklist the country each of the bees came from. To make it harder, there were 5 international countries listed along with the United States.



There were differing opinions of course. Some thought the country might not even be listed or perhaps the 3 tasting beers could all be the same beer. But, for sure, everyone's tasters were tested. In the end the winner was Mary Ann Matthews who matched two of the choices correctly. Oh, and Mary Ann - she is a non-drinker.



After happy hour, the hosts put on a true German type feast. They served German Brats (boiled in water and beer until done and seared on the BBQ), hot dog buns (for those that wanted them), German mustard, sauerkraut, fried potatoes with onions and bacon. Merlot and White Zinfandel wines were also served with dinner.

Does this look like Mel?





After dinner a non-strenuous activity of animal towel folding started. At least we think it was non-strenuous - we kept seeing furrows on some folks' foreheads? We started off with the desert scorpion. An Arizona native, and because we were doing an Arizona scorpion, some put sunglasses on theirs.



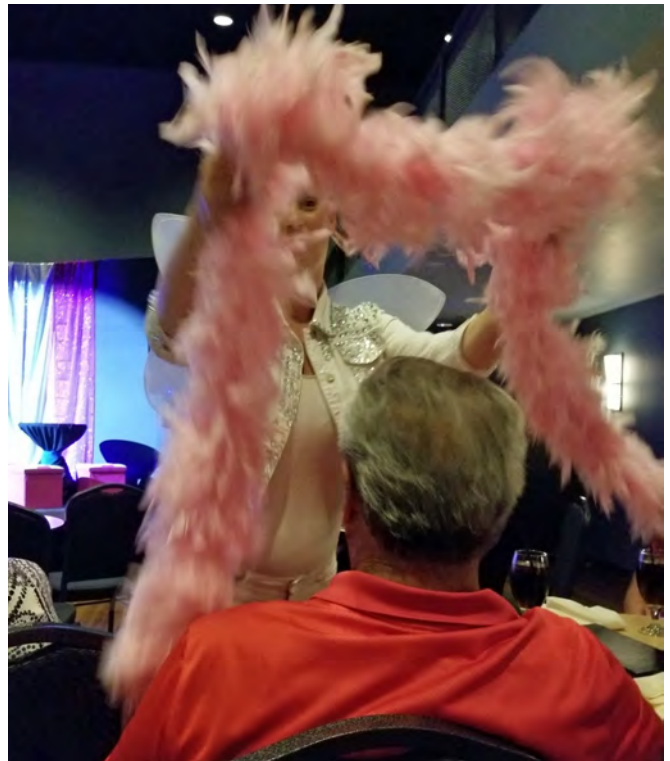
Next came the snake - I would like to think of it as a rattle snake except the hosts forgot to get the rattles. Of course, everyone likes an elephant, so that was next. Ever see a sitting elephant made of towels? Last but not in the least was a reclining dog - just happy to have the summer over and being in the company of such a group.

As the folding went along people were comparing their folding and wondering why it looked so different. The hosts went around providing eyes, felt noses and red felt ribbons to help define the head and faces of each of the creations. The laughter was spontaneous and everyone enjoyed making a towel or two come to life.





Today (Saturday) is the day of the play! There were 17 of us going and we met at the Arizona Broadway Theater at 2pm. We arrived and found that we were going to be in the Encore room at the theater. It looked like a sell out crowd. One unusual thing about the crowd, however, there were mostly women in attendance. Hmmmm - do you think it could have something to do with the title of "Girls Night Out?" At any rate the narrator of the play started her monologue, and noticed John Matthews sitting with his wife Mary Ann. She pointed to John and asked his name and then she asked why he was here at a play called Girls Night Out? John said, "I have no idea".



After the laughter died down she put a pink feather boa around his neck and the play started. At several times during the play the narrator referred back to John. Unfortunately, the play did not appeal to all of the ANASAZI and so at intermission a few of the group left and went to Arrowhead Mall. Might have been cheaper to stay at the play -----.



Saturday morning the hosts served breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and juice. We think that everyone was still full from last evening because we had left over biscuits and gravy!

We had dinner at the Old Country Buffet which was close to the theater. What a place to go to for choice, quality and quantity. The food was very good and the company of all the ANASAZI was great. A shout out to Nancy Houck and Pat Ruese, honorary ANASAZI members, for joining us at the play and dinner.



We arrived back at the RV resort to play a find a word search puzzle developed by Faye Kennedy. It had all of the ANASAZI names plus different RV'ing terms in it. It did take us an hour to complete it and would you believe - Mary Ann Mathews was the first to finish??? Congratulations to you Mary Ann.

After the game we all headed back to the gathering area at our coaches. Sitting out on a starry night all seemed peaceful and calm. The weather forecast had indicated rain during the night but at 9pm the sky was clear, the stars all shone brightly and there was not a cloud in sight. Just to be safe, everyone did fold up their chairs and place them under the canopy to avoid any possible rain. Alas, the night proved not to be uneventful! At 2am the wind began and looking out toward the canopy, you could see the blue top coming unattached from the frame. From 2am to 2:30am Mel Jones and Larry Morrison spent time folding up the chairs and putting them under the motorhome, removing the blue top and putting it inside a car and securing anything that was loose. Just as they went inside, the rain came - not lightly but with a fierce intensity.

Next morning the chairs were fished from under the motorhome - and they were wet. It looked like the rain had some sort of homing device that was tuned toward the chairs. The good news was nothing was damaged.

For Breakfast, the hosts went out to Fry's and got fresh donuts. We also had hard boiled eggs, breakfast bread, juice, cut up fruit, left over biscuits and gravy and juice.

Everyone talked of having a good time and looking forward to the next rally in November.

Respectively submitted - The Hosts, Mel/Amy Jones, Larry/Faye Kennedy and Larry/Virginia Morrison



Presidents Message

Can you believe that November is just around the corner and with it the Holiday Season? This year has seem shorter than most but yet I know that is not logical. I am encouraging all of you to attend the November business meeting. There have been requests from the membership to change some of the ANASAZI standing rules and we need a quorum to discuss and vote them either up or down. I will be sending out a draft agenda next week which will include all of the requests along with the current standing rule. Please take the time to review before the meeting.

Larry



October

Marilyn Bannon	2 nd
Bob Coppinger	20 th
Virginia Morrison	28 th

November

Jim Crimmins	1 st
Margaret Cotier	4 th
Robbin Schultz	25 th

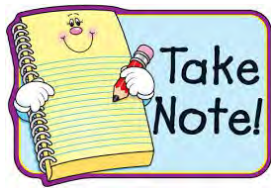


October

Ed and Margaret Cotier	6 th
Jerry and Robbin Schultz	14 th

November

Larry and Faye Kennedy	10 th
Wayne and Betty Cernie	11 th



If you haven't sent your membership dues to Amy please do so right away. Membership dues are collected in October for the following year.



Notes from your Newsletter Editor Wayne Cernie

Another shout out to Larry Morrison who always does a fantastic job of taking photos of our rallies along with this month's great recap. Thank You!

This was an unusual Rally month, the ANASAZI Rallies are always a really good time, this month however we conflicted with another favorite Rally. The California Chapter holds their annual Oktoberfest Rally in Hemet California. Since we didn't get to have our annual roving rally some of our Chapter members thought it was time to head out on the road for a more distant Rally even though it didn't count as an official ANASAZI rally.



Our first night was spent at the Morongo Casino RV lot. We started with a happy hour in the parking lot with lots of conversations about how we spent the summer and just fun catching up with our friends. From there we hopped onto the shuttle and went to dinner at the casino. The shuttle back was a little slow, while he was waiting Bob Coppinger decided to put \$20 in a machine. A few minutes later he boarded the bus \$200 richer!

Last year you might remember that the Crimmins' little dog Max jumped out of the RV window and we spent an hour chasing him around the parking lot.

This year we got to give Jim a ribbing about bringing a little of the desert to California. (Of course none of us have ever done anything like that ;)



On Thursday morning the five rigs headed into Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, about a half an hour drive from our first stop.



This is a really nice RV Resort with all the amenities you could ask for, including a 6 million dollar shuffleboard tournament facility.



The first evening CCFMCA offered a wine and cheese happy hour with all kinds of appetizers. Then we played Bingo with Carole Eells and Betty Cernie winning two pots!

Friday morning started with coffee and donuts in the club house and then we headed into the glass etching class using the glasses furnished the prior evening.



An Oktoberfest lunch was served with brats, potato salad and homemade sauerkraut. They had musicians playing on the patio and an open bar with all the beer, wine or soft drinks you could handle. I'm sure it is because Tom Eells is such a memorable character that Robert the owner of Mason Jar Brewing Company remembered him from last year or it might have been because Tom wore a trail in the concrete patio from our table to the bar;)

During lunch the guys entered the beanbag baseball tournament. The ANASAZI team quickly found out that this was not their game as we were eliminated in the first round by a bunch of "ringers" (mostly women).

Then it was on to the painting and wine drinking class. None of us needed help with the wine drinking so we had to focus on our painting. They had George from the California Chapter coming around and every time you took a sip from your wine glass he refilled it.



That evening we were served a catered dinner of smothered chicken breast, vegetables, salad, french bread and yummy chocolate eclairs for desert. They had a band play and of course Tom and Carole stayed on the dance floor. They rest headed back to the coaches for an early evening (could've been the wine?)

Saturday morning we regrouped for coffee and doughnuts at the club house and then walked over to their fantastic shuffleboard facility.



This was a better day as the ANASAZI Team came in 3rd Place. Of course the event only paid out cash to 1st, 2nd, and Last place:(





Saturday evening another catered dinner of roast beef, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad and a warm apple crisp dessert.



Saturday lunch was a repeat from the day before with another open bar and great Oktoberfest food. As hard as we tried Tom, Bob, Jim, myself and the girls could not put a dent in the Oktoberfest beer keg Robert was serving from.

The evening ended with the hosts passing out peppermint schnapps and toasting the crew who put on this special event. They had a really good band play well into the evening and I think every ANASAZI Chapter member spent plenty of time on the dance floor.

A Special and heartfelt thanks to Ed Speakman and his crew at the California Chapter of FMCA for putting on such a great Rally.

For those of you reading this newsletter I challenge you to look at the photos and tons of smiles by a group of people having really good times enjoying their RV and chapter family.

Come join us and find out how much fun you can have being a member of the ANASAZI Chapter of FMCA.

Questions? Contact Wayne @602-909-6773

ANASAZI Chapter Rally November 1 - 4, 2018

Val Vista RV Resort
16680 W. Val Vista Blvd.
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122
520-836-7800

Hosts: Ed/Margaret Cotier, Mel/Amy Jones, Larry/Virginia Morrison and Barry Stallings

Directions: Follow I-10 E to exit 185, take exit 185 and turn right onto AZ-387 S/N Pinal Ave. Continue on AZ-387 S/N Pinal Ave until you arrive at W Val Vista Blvd. Turn left at the light onto W. Val Vista Blvd. and continue approx... 8/10ths of a mile to Val Vista RV Resort on your left.

Thursday, November 1st

5:00 pm Happy Hour at Ramada – bring Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 pm Games of choice

Friday, November 2nd

8:30 am Continental breakfast by hosts – Assorted rolls, fruit, pastries, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Hardboiled eggs, juice

11:00 am Games or on your own.
Explore Casa Grande Ruins National Monument
Explore parks and other attractions in Casa Grande
Play Miniature Golf at the Resort
A heated swimming pool is available at the Resort

Lunch on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour – Bring lite snacks -- BYOB
6:00 pm Dinner – Lasagna, salad and French bread. Wine will be provided by hosts
7:30 pm Game: Left, Right, Center - Bring 9 quarters each
NOTE: BRING 9 QUARTERS PER PERSON FOR GAMES

Saturday, November 3rd

8:30 am Breakfast by the Resort \$4 each. Includes Belgium waffles, 3 link sausage, orange juice and coffee

10:00 am ANASAZI meeting

Lunch on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour – Bring lite snacks - BYOB
5:30 pm No Host Dinner at Eva's Fine Mexican Food Restaurant in Casa Grande
7:00 pm Card Bingo -- Bring 4 quarters each

Sunday, November 4th

8:00 - 9:00 am - Continental breakfast by hosts – Assorted rolls, pastries, Hard boiled eggs, juice and good-byes

Coffee will be served at all breakfasts. Decaf upon request at dinner.

Travel safely until we meet again

Registration

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Larry Morrison, 932 E. Stanford Ave., Gilbert, AZ. 85234

Name #1 _____ FMCA # _____

Name #2 _____ FMCA # _____

Guest (s) _____

Parking (full hook ups) Optional Thursday \$30 \$ _____

Parking (full hook ups) \$30 per night x 2 nights \$ 60

Saturday, November 3rd Breakfast by Resort \$4 each \$ _____

Meals \$8 per person x _____ \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Our sites are distributed throughout the park. If you wish to be parked next to someone, please indicate below. The Hosts will work toward accommodating requests as best we can. (Please Print)
