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SUN CITY GRAND RV CLUB

December 2015



President Laurie Stewart

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday I hope that you all had a "delicious" Thanksgiving and that you are now ready to jump right into the month of December with all of the delectable food, family, friends and parties!



Speaking of parties....are you all ready for the Grand RVers **HO HO HO HOLIDAY PARTY** on **December 3rd?! It will be a night of delicious food, great friends and dancing the night away. I hope that you won't miss out on the best holiday party in Sun City Grand!**

As 2015 comes to an end, I want to thank all of our wonderful members who stepped up to make 2015 a very successful year for the Grand RVers!



I especially want to thank **Louise Adams**, who took over as Secretary, and **Ron Szwiec**, who took over as Treasurer under some very sad circumstances.

I also want to thank the following members for their leadership roles in our club:

- **Timm Burke** - Vice President AND Entertainment Director

- **Dale and Carroll Rees** - Entertainment Committee
- **Lou and Eileen Provenzano** - Entertainment Committee
- **Janet Bluhm** - Membership Chairperson
- **Wayne Adams and Chuck Cook** - Trip Directors
- **Jan Hatmaker** - Day Events Coordinator
- **Helena Gorden** - Sunshine
- **Sue Perry** - Newsletter
- **John Stewart** - Webmaster/Historian

A special thank you to **Ford Rollo** who is writing fabulous articles about the Grand RVers and RVing in general for the Grand Lifestyles Magazine! And **Margie Akers, Sandie Cook, Ann Francis** and **Ray Granzow** for being this year's Nominating Committee.

Thank you to all who have answered the call to be a club officer or to be on a committee for 2016! We couldn't do our new officers for 2016 are:

- **Laurie Stewart** - President
- **Penny Betcher** - Vice President
- **Jan Sloan** - Secretary
- **Ron Szwiec** - Treasurer

Your new committee members for 2016 are:

- **Dale and Carroll Rees** - Entertainment Committee
- **Lou and Eileen Provenzano** - Entertainment Committee
- **Dan and Nancy Newman** - Entertainment Committee
- **Janet Bluhm** - Membership Chairperson
- **Ray Granzow and Mike Schwab** - Trip Directors
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Be sure that you have our next meeting written on your 2016 calendars. We'll be getting together at **5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th** in the Agua Fria Room at the Cimarron Center. Your newly elected officers will be looking forward to seeing you there!

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season and a very happy and healthy New Year!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!



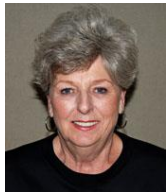
Janet Bluhm Membership Committee

We had 74 members and 6 guests at the November meeting. New members are Denny and Lynn Caulfield and Lance and Barbara Berglund. Bill and Sharon Navratil and the Berglunds were welcomed to the club and given their packet at the meeting. Please make sure to give them a big hello when you see them.

Dues are due for 2015-2016. They do become delinquent on December 31, 2015. They are \$10 per person or \$20 per couple. You can pay at the Christmas Dinner or, if it's easier, checks can be mailed to me at:

Janet Bluhm
15759 W. Goldenrod Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85374

I hope to see most of you at the Christmas dinner/dance. Thank you to the Entertainment Committee for all that they do to make us feel welcome at the meetings and events like this. Thank you again.



Helena Gorden Sunshine

Joe Pallavicini, our very first Wagon Master, is home from the hospital. He has physical therapy at home twice a week, and kidney dialysis three times a week at a clinic here. At present a home health care nurse comes to their home twice a week to tend to Joe's needs until he can have the temporary stint moved from his chest to his arm and under the skin (if he is a candidate). His vision has left him blind with the exception of shadows. With all this said, his spirits are good and he keeps on smiling. He and Janet celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, Joe's 88th birthday and Janet's 86th in November. They have put the Choya home up for sale and are so happy that many have shared their home in Mexico. Cards remembering good times would be appreciated by both Janet and Joe. Their address is: 20419 N. Shadow Mt. Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374

We can all use a little cheer up at various times. Please let me know if you know of someone who is in need of some sunshine! Contact me at sunshine@grandrv.com

OLD TOWN TUCSON RALLY 2015 RECAP



The Old Town Tucson Rally began on 11 Nov 2015 (Wednesday) with 6 rigs convoying from the Sam's Club Parking Lot at Bell Road and HY 303. Another 5 rigs departed on their own. We arrived at the Tucson/Lazydays KOA Campground about 1PM where by approximately 3:30PM every one had arrived and was settling in.

Our first evening consisted of a Potluck dinner at a room provided by the campground. Everyone got their fill and this was followed by games.

The next day (Thursday), consisted of different groups going to various sites. Some included Tubac, Titan Missile Museum, Pima County Air Museum and the Air Force Airplane boneyard. For dinner that evening we all went to Los Portales Mexican Restaurant on 6th Ave. Had a great meal. Several people then went back to the Campground and played games in our meeting room.

On Friday everyone was on their own. Some went to downtown Tucson, drove up Mt Lemon (Not named for the fruit), toured an active copper mine, and visited Saguaro National Park. Our dinner consisted of HEAVY hors'derves, with games following. We were joined by the Marotti's who were able to get their rig out of the shop.

On Saturday several of the group explored the Old Tucson Movie Studio discovering it was created in 1939 to replicate the town of Tucson as it was in the late 1800's. Others went to the Desert Museum.

One couple went shopping for a new RV. Our evening meal was at the Cattle town Steak House. Again, everyone had a good time. After the meal we went back to the campground and cleaned up the room the campground had provided.

Weather was great until late Saturday night when rain showers appeared. Most rigs got rain on their way home. Overall it was a great time and your wagon masters suggest that this rally could be done again next year.

Wagon Masters: John & Ann Francis / Bill & Karen Petersen

Attendees: Elliots, Westfalls, Akers, Sloans, Paciones, Kronenwetters, Betchers, Szwiecs, Navratils,



Webmaster John Stewart

Be sure that the club has your current information. The information on the website is what the club uses for many things. Our Club Roster, Club Directory, Email list and Rally information (including emergency contact info) are all derived from your information on the website.

To change your information on the website: Go to <http://grandrv.org>

- Log on to the website by clicking the "Log On" button
- Enter your username (firstnamelastname)
- Enter your password (4-digit CAM number)
- Click the "My Info" button
- On that page you can:

- See your current picture (used for the Club Directory)
- Change Your Password
- Edit Your Individual Member Information (Email, Cell Phone, Emergency Contact Info)
- Edit Your Residence Information (Home Phone and Secondary Address)
- Edit Your Vehicle Information (Both for your RV and Tow Vehicles)

If you have any questions, need assistance, or see anything that does not appear to be working correctly, please let me know at webmaster@grandrv.org.

NEWSLETTERS / MEETING MINUTES – If you have missed

an email for the Newsletter or the Meeting Minutes they are archived on the website under the "Newsletter" button.

Regarding email messages which you receive from the Grand RV Board:

DO NOT HIT REPLY! This will not go back to the person who sent the email. Instead, at the bottom of the email message, the individual sending the message will be putting his or her email address. Click on that link and send the message directly to that person.

If you need any assistance or have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me (webmaster@grandrv.org).



Jan Hatmaker Day Events

How quickly the hustle and bustle of the holidays have arrived. There's a wonderful feeling in the air of celebration with family and friends. When filling your busy calendar, don't forget to check the Grand RV Day Events. December 5th is the Annual Cowboy

Poetry gathering in Wickenburg led by Timm Burke. December 9th is the trip to Queen Creek Olive Mill for the tour and lunch led by Louise Adams. The Thrift Store shopping spree with Helena Gordon date has been changed to January 5th so be sure to change that date on your calendar. Helena has included a detailed plan for the day so click on

"detail" to read her write-up then add your name to join the fun. January 8th is the great tour of the University of Phoenix Cardinal Stadium.

Let me know if you have an idea to plan for a day event. All ideas welcome.

DO YOU NEED A NEW OR REPLACEMENT NAME BADGE?

You will need to order your name tag directly from Mikey Hodgden with Eagle Laser Engraving.

E-mail Mikey at mikeyshop@live.com

- Give him your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and specify that the name tag is for the Sun City Grand RV club
- The cost is \$8.00 for either the magnet or pin (specify which type you want)
- Mikey will call you when it is done, usually 1-2 days
- Pay for and pick up the name tag at his home in Sun City Grand
16025 W. Kino Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374

UPCOMING RALLIES



2016 COWBOY POETRY MUSIC FESTIVAL SIERRA VISTA, AZ DATE: FEB 5-8, 2016 WAGON MASTER: TIMM & LYNNE BURKE

If you enjoy the Wild West, try something from its tamer side. Cowpokes sat around the campfire and wrote poetry and western songs. This is a chance to see and hear some of the original works of art!

In addition, there is a poetry festival at the College on Saturday afternoon . . . but this is \$10 per person extra.

In the evening, after the festival, they have bands jamming at the local hotel. FREE admission to this event for those who can stay up past 10:00pm! Each evening they also have school children who are poetry winners. This is an audience favorite!

We will be staying at Tombstone Territories RV Resort, 2111 AZ-82, Huachuca City, AZ.

Your fees will include tickets to three performances for two people and RV site with an extra charge for electricity ranging from \$5 to \$15 per rig for the weekend.



BEACH PARTY ROCKY POINT, MEXICO DATE: MARCH 1-6, 2016 WAGON MASTER: SAM & SANDY PACIONE ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: ROGER & JANICE PORTER

Enjoy the beautiful beach in front of the RV park. Many shops and restaurants to enjoy. Visitor friendly atmosphere!!



DEATH VALLEY BEATY, NV DATE: MAR 14-22, 2016 WAGON MASTER: WAYNE & LOUISE ADAMS ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: MIKE & PENNY BETCHER

Limit to (12) rigs - high demand time!

Each member will have to make their own

reservation at Furnace Creek Resort RV Park no later than January 15, 2016. Call 760-786-2345 - block code: 709951 - Grand RVers March 16-22, 2016

Our plans are to leave on Monday, March 14th - stop in Las Vegas and leave Wednesday, March 16th for Death Valley. We will be staying at the Furnace Creek Resort RV Park. All resort amenities are available to us staying in the RV sites, including the Ranch's spring-fed swimming pool, shower facility, laundry, WiFi, tennis, just to name a few.

Go to www.furnacecreekresort.com to get more info! Death Valley has countless things to do: auto touring, biking, hiking, backpacking and exploring!!



BARLEENS
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ
DATE: APRIL 1-4, 2016
WAGON MASTER: CHUCK & ANN KRONENWETTER

We will be attending Barleens 50s and 60s musical rock and roll show and dinner on April 1st. There are many interesting sights and side trips in the Apache Junction area. We will be staying at Supersition Sunrise RV Resort.

Limit 20 rigs - Length 40' - More information during the October meeting. (Lost Dutchman State Park may accept rigs over 40' and is close by.)



LAUGHLIN AVI RESORT CASINO
SUGGESTED DATES: APRIL 12-17, 2016
WAGON MASTER: NEEDED

Guests enjoy playing all their favorite games on their spacious Casino floor which offers over 1000 slot machine games, and all table games. The Mojave Resort Golf Club is a spectacular 18-hole championship golf course adjacent to the Avi. A true island retreat when relaxing next to the new Avi Lagoon Pool. When it comes to restaurants, the Avi has something for everyone! You don't have to cook!! Live music to enjoy nightly and a theatre.



WAHWEAP RV CAMPGROUND
LAKE POWELL, AZ
DATE: MAY 1-6, 2016
WAGON MASTER: CHUCK & SANDIE COOK
ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: DALE & CARROLL REES

At the southwest end of Lake Powell is Wahweap RV Campground, which is just a few miles from the town of Page, Arizona. In Page, you'll find restaurants, shops and conveniences like the Super Walmart, as well as the John Wesley Powell Memorial Museum. Near the campground, you'll find its most impressive feature: The Glen Canyon Dam, which is open year-round for tours. It is also where many expedition and excursion companies have their home base for mountain biking, 4X4 tours, horseback riding and scenic air tours. The campground offers full hook-ups with 30 and 50-amp service. Sites accommodate over 45', most up to 70'. We will be limiting the Rally to 20 units.



**BALLOON FIESTA
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
SUGGESTED DATE: OCT 1, 2016
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

Attend one of the premier gathering in the United States with hot air balloons from across the US as well as many foreign countries, it is a real spectacle. Event consist of mass ascensions, balloon glows, fireworks and much more.

The real thrill is when the balloons are right over your unit!!!!



**CHULA VISTA RV RESORT
SAN DIEGO, CA
SUGGESTED DATE: NOV 1, 2016
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

Come and enjoy the San Diego area with its beautiful sites, scenery, parks, restaurants and shopping. Some things to see: USS Midway, Sea World, Old Town, Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo, Old Town, and ride the Trolley to view the whole area.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Note: Only Grand RVer members may submit RV-related items for sale and such items must be submitted by one week prior to the end of any month to be considered for inclusion in the issue scheduled for the first of the month.

