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SUN CITY GRAND RV CLUB

May 2016



President Laurie Stewart

"Happy Trails to you..."



April 19th we had our last RV Club meeting for the season. The meeting was followed by a fantastic BBQ hosted by our amazing Entertainment Committee! It was a great evening of friends, food and fun as we wished each other a happy and safe summer.



October 18th is our next general meeting and our Entertainment Committee has planned a real "Oh boy, itsa all you can eat Pizza pie.... AND pie" night for us! And all for only \$7.50 per person!

See You in the Fall!

October 18, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Agua Fria Room

Cimarron Center



Our Nominating Committee (Tony Marotti, Bob Akers and Margie Akers) will also have the slate of officers for 2017 presented to the membership at the October meeting. Voting on the slate of officers will be done at the November meeting and the newly elected officers will begin serving January 1, 2017.

We are still in need of a **Vice President**. And what, you may be wondering, does the Vice President do? Well....the Vice President conducts the general meeting when the President is unable to attend and also finds speakers for the monthly meetings.



Easy as...pie! So please contact one of the members of the nominating committee (Tony Marotti, Bob Akers and Margie Akers) and tell them that you would like to fill this position!

Be sure to check out our fall rallies....the Welcome Back rally in Tonopah, AZ in October and the Chula Vista (San Diego) rally in November. We need to start planning some rallies for the spring so put on your "thinking caps" and let our Trip Directors, Ray Granzow and Mike Schwab, know where you would like to go!

"Until we meet again..." have a fun and safe summer!



Vice President Penny Betcher

Even though we are all getting ready to go our separate ways for the summer, I want to take a minute to talk about next year's October and February meetings.

We have a great guest speaker coming to our October general meeting. Josh Deards, the Service Manager for State Trailer RV Supply, has agreed to come and discuss general RV issues. There will also be a question and answer period for members to pummel Josh with questions. I think this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered.

Josh is also making a return appearance at our February meeting to discuss preparation for travel and tire issues. This is a chance to get good information to prepare us for next summer's heat retreats.

Have a great summer, see you next fall.



Janet Bluhm Membership

Each one of you have a great summer traveling and we will see you back in October. Bring back lots of great ideas for rallies and day trips to share with us.

We had 74 members and one guest attend the April 19th meeting. Or we had 75 members and no guests as the guest had his paperwork filled out and a check in hand before signing in! Sam and Ann Almoney are our newest members, but only Sam was able to attend the meeting that night.


As of the April meeting, we now have 144 members in our club. We are again building up our membership, due in part to the many of you who are spreading the word about this great club.

Thank you to Trish Schwab and Margie Akers who helped both with checking badges and signing members in at many of our meetings. They will be taking over more of the membership duties this fall. Thanks, ladies.

It was wonderful for Helena Gordon to ask our original president and founder of the RV club to attend our end-of-the-season meeting. Jose (Joe) and Janet Pallavicini have been part of this great club since they started it in 1997. They have led numerous trips to the Playa Bonita RV park and to their fun home in Rocky Point, MX. We were able to socialize and even some years, go clamming on their property. Joe has helped almost every wagon master plan and set up rallies in Rocky Point, including the ones my husband Bob and I led over the years. An era has ended as Joe and Janet sold their home in Mexico a few months ago. Mucho Gracias, Joe and Janet.

Entertainment Committee



The **October** meeting will feature all-you-can-eat pizza for only **\$7.50** per person! Plus, the added bonus of desserts....an assortment of pies! 

Send your checks payable to "Grand RVers" to:

Dale Rees
18011 W. Tierra del Sol
Surprise, AZ 85387

Checks must be received by October 1, 2016.



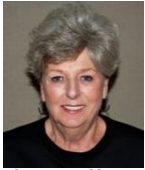
November will be a potluck and the club will be providing ice cream sundaes. Also bring your favorite games for game night.



Dillon's Barbeque will be catering a buffet prime rib dinner, with all of the fixings, at the **December 6th Holiday Party**. There will also be a no host bar and a DJ playing your favorite music. Be sure and bring your dancing shoes as the committee has lined up a special guest for time on the dance floor. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and, along with the delicious dinner and music, we will have tons of giveaways. Be sure to add this fun filled evening to your calendar!

Riding the Light Rail -- Day Event -- April 27th





Helena Gorden Sunshine

Bob Akers lost the end of a finger on his right hand while out at Lake Pleasant for an RV day rally event. Bob's right hand was smashed when the railings came together on the walkway. They rushed him to the ER in Surprise and it was decided he needed surgery. His finger is now the length of the two fingers on either side of it - just above the 3rd knuckle. He's in good spirits and should be healed in 3-4 weeks.

Sam Pacione is recovery well from his back surgery.

Monte Gorden is improving from all his pneumonias. It has been slow and steady but he is gaining on getting his health back. Thank you again for all your prayers.

Janet Pallavicini fell, dislocated her left shoulder and she is left handed. She is in a sling for three months, cannot drive or do many other things! Joe is blind and is on dialysis and oxygen, therefore any casserole, rice dishes, soups would be appreciated. Bonnie Biggins has offered to be the go between for Janet and Joe. If anyone can help with food etc., please contact Bonnie at 623-544-0751 (cell). If you would like to send a card to Janet and Joe their address here at Grand is:

20419 N Shadow Mountain Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85374

I'm hoping there are still a few of us still here at Grand that have not left for the summer that can help. Janet has been Joe's right hand or should I say "left hand" for a long time and this is a very difficult time for them. They could use our support.

Please let me know if you know of any member in need of a little "SUNSHINE". You can email me at sunshine@grandrv.org. You may also call me; my phone number is in our directory.



Old Town Glendale

Day Event

April 8th



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

The month of April was a busy month for Day Events. We had a wonderful time touring Old Town Glendale with Laurie Stewart, finishing with a very tasty and fun lunch at The Spicery. We all tried to get tattoos to surprise our husbands, but alas the shoppe wasn't open.

Our Sunset Cruise was an adventure to say the least. Although the Cruise was cancelled because of high winds, we had a fabulous but somewhat scary dinner at Dillon's at their new location at the Marina. Boats were being tossed about like toys. Unfortunately, Bob Akers suffered a hand injury due to the rocking gang plank we walked when leaving Dillon's. After that, none of us were interested in rescheduling the next week. We will reschedule next Fall or Spring and hope for a calm, warm evening to cruise the Lake and have more great food at Dillon's Restaurant. (I think Bob planned this event...not me! 😊😊)

We had a wonderful time last Wednesday riding the Light Rail from its new beginning all the way to Mesa as planned by John and Ann Francis. We got off at the Mill Street exit and enjoyed walking the streets of ASU shops and enjoying coffee and cinnamon rolls. We got back on and rode to Mesa and the end of the line. On the way back, we got off at McDowell and enjoyed a delicious lunch right across the tracks at The Old Spaghetti Factory before boarding the train to our cars. We learned it was an easy way to go to the D-Back's and Sun's stadiums without the hassle of parking. It was such a fun day and all for \$2 for seniors! Thanks to all our leaders for planning such fun Day Events. (Bob and I will try to do better on planning the Cruise next time! 😊)

BARLEEN RALLY - APRIL 1-4, 2016

What a great Rally!

Superstition Sunrise RV park employees met the 15 rigs, took you to your site, and assisted with parking.

The Grand RV club banner was displayed at our RV site and all members wore their name badges.



Walking into Barleens Arizona Opry, you were greeted by a huge piece of chocolate cake at your place setting. You knew you were in for a wonderful evening!

Talented musicians played the songs of the 50s and 60s. We all sang along and we knew all the words! Great memories of the music we grew up with. Lots of laughs when a Barney Fife impersonator came on stage. We were served a fabulous dinner.

The 30 members were free to explore the Mesa/Apache Junction area and went to the Mesa Market Place, Superstition Mt. Museum, and the Goldfield Ghost Town.

The Rally had the use of a huge room at the RV park and we all enjoyed a great appetizer night and visiting with members.



We carpooled to the Organ Stop Pizza Restaurant in Mesa and enjoyed the wonderful organ music and, of course, the good food.

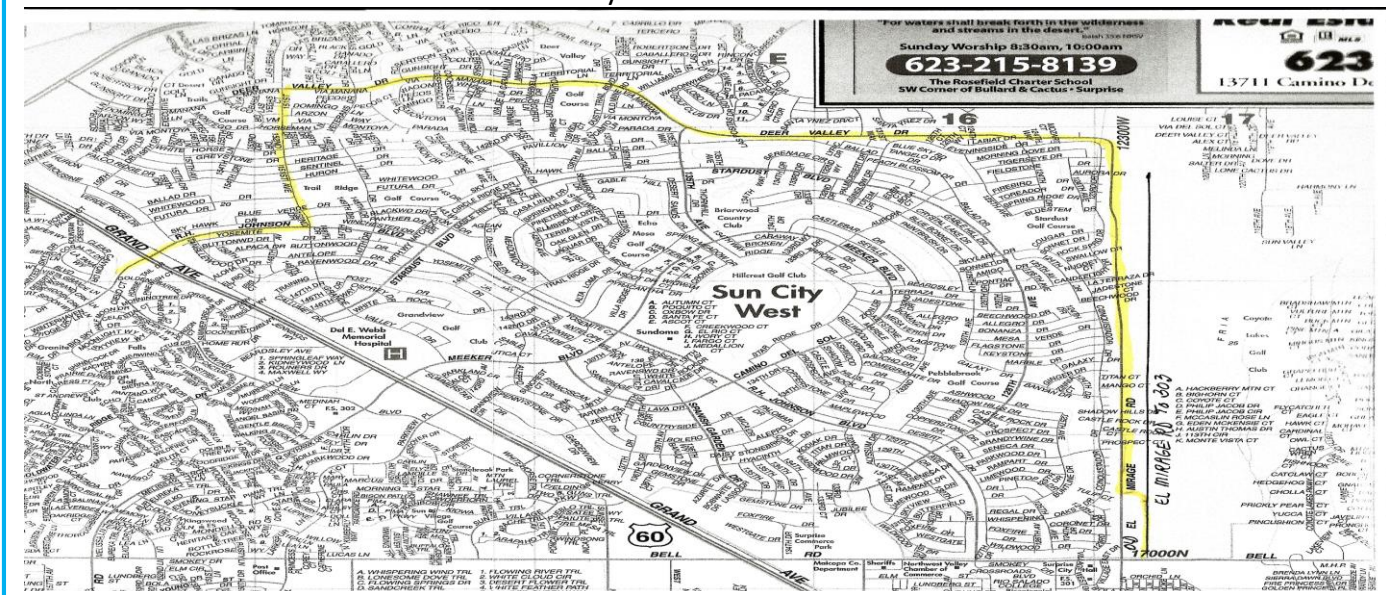
The last day of the Rally, the friendly RV park staff prepared an excellent breakfast for us before we departed for Sun City Grand.



Chuck and Ann Kronenwetter, Wagon Masters

Here are directions for avoiding the construction at the Bell and Grand intersection when driving from the compound:

- From Westbound Bell Rd., turn right onto El Mirage Rd.
- At the first signal, turn left
- Turn right onto Old El Mirage Rd.
- Old El Mirage Rd. becomes Deer Valley Dr.
- Continue on Deer Valley Dr. past Corte Bella
- Turn left onto 151st Ave.
- Turn right onto RH Johnson
- Follow across Grand Ave. into Sun City Grand





Ray Granzow
Trip Director



Mike Schwab
Trip Director

UPCOMING RALLIES



**BALLOON FIESTA
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
DATE: OCT 5-10, 2016
WAGON MASTER: TIMM & LYNN BURKE**

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. The cost is \$210, includes site for RV and 2 tickets to the event per day. Events consist of mass ascensions, balloon glows, fireworks, and much more.

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

This Rally is filled and sign up is no longer available.

**WELCOME BACK RALLY
SADDLE MOUNTAIN RV PARK IN TONOPAH, AZ
DATE: OCT 20-22, 2016
WAGON MASTER: JOHN & LAURIE STEWART**

Join us at our **2016 Welcome Back Rally**. We will be staying at Saddle Mountain RV Park in Tonopah, AZ. The nightly rate is currently \$29.00 but may increase slightly in May. If you would like to stay in the RV Park after the rally, you may do so at the rally group rate up to one week after the end of the rally.

There will be a catered meal from Dillon's BBQ on one of the nights. And we are planning some fun "getting to know you" games! A committee will be formed to help with the events.

This rally is limited to 35 rigs. Maximum of 2 pets per rig.





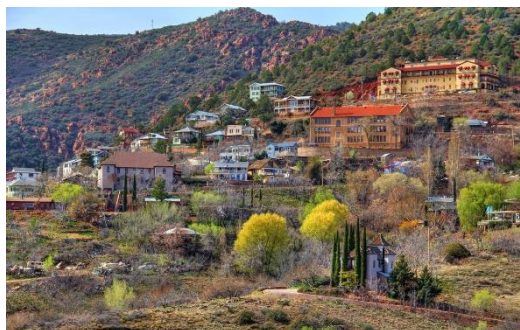
**CHULA VISTA RV RESORT
SAN DIEGO, CA
DATE: NOV 2-9, 2016
WAGON MASTER: MIKE & TRISH SCHWAB
ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: PAT & RAY GRANZOW**

We have 23 sites reserved for 7 nights. There is so much to see and do in San Diego, the "Birthplace of California". Points of interests such as Seaport Village, Sea World, World Famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Old Town, Coronado Island, and by all means the USS Midway Museum. The RV Park has a great pool and hot tub. Right outside the gate is a nice walking path along the marina and bay. We are planning a pizza party on the night of our arrival and at least one "share an appetizer" night. There is a \$1 pet charge per day which is a reduction from \$3 per day for non-rally participants. This fee is the responsibility of the pet owners.

The maximum number of rigs have signed up for the rally. However, if you are interested, be sure to sign up and your name will be put on a waiting list. The trip is more than 6 months away and there will be cancellations.

**TUCSON
LAZY DAYS KOA RV PARK
DATE: NOV 15-19, 2016
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

Tucson is always a fun place to visit. There are great restaurants, the San Xavier mission, the DeGrazia Gallery, Biosphere 2, and the Pima Air and Space Museum to visit. Within an hour or two drive are artsy Tubac, Tumacacori National Park, Tombstone, Kartchner Caverns and the Chiricahau Mountains. The yet to be determined Wagon Master will confirm the dates.



**COTTONWOOD -- JEROME
VERDE VALLEY RV THOUSAND TRAILS
DATE: FEB 21-24, 2017
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

This RV park is located near Cottonwood. Jerome, Sedona, National Monuments Montezuma's Castle, Tuzigoot, and Montezuma's Well are close by. The Verde Canyon Railroad provides a 4-hour picturesque and relaxing ride. The train departs from the Clarkdale depot. The dates are flexible and the choice of the Wagon Master.

**CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST
PICACHO PEAK RV PARK
DATE: MARCH 17-20, 2017
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

Each year hundreds of spectators descend on Picacho Peak State Park located half way between Phoenix and Tucson to watch reenactments of an Arizona Civil War skirmish. Visitors come from around the country to watch more than 200 actors with authentic gear reenact the furthest west Civil War battle.



**BARLEENS
SUPERSTITION RV PARK
DATE: MAR 30 - APR 2, 2017
WAGON MASTER NEEDED**

The Barleens Rally has become an annual favorite. The talented entertainers at Barleens Arizona Opry provide a memorable show of music and fun. But there is more than the Opry: Canyon Lake, Tortilla Flats, Mesa Market Place, Superstition Mountain Museum, and the Goldfield Ghost Town are close by. There are many restaurants in the vicinity.

The dates are tentative and will be set by the yet-to-be-determined Wagon Master. The Arizona Opry books quickly so reservations must be made soon.

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FOR SALE

DuPont Tyvek Sun Cover by ADCO. This is their very best cover. It is custom fit for a Montana 2011 3400RL 5th wheel. It is 37.5 long and it is custom fit for satellite, rear ladder, automatic awnings, one air conditioner.

Price: \$475

Location: Surprise, AZ

Call Dan at 907-830-0380