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SUN CITY GRAND RV CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Penny Betcher
President

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Happy New Year everyone! I hope you made it to the Holiday Party...it was really a ton of fun. Kudo's to Dale & Carroll Rees, Dan & Nancy Newman and Lou & Eileen Provenzano, along with everyone who chipped in and helped the Entertainment Committee that night, for a job well done. The food was great and it was nice to see how we all "Washed Up" so handsomely. Many of us even tried our hand (or feet) at Line Dancing. I have to admit I am a "Line Dancing School Dropout"....oh well, maybe next year....

I'd like to express appreciation to all the outgoing officers and committee members as well as welcome the new officers and some new committee members. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the RV Club. It's going to be a fun year.

I think everyone is feeling like Willie Nelson and "can't wait to get on the road again". I know I sure am. I hope you are checking the website for Rallies and fun Day Events. We had a new Huntington Beach Rally added and it was filled up in four hours with a waiting list the size of the original trip. But, with some creative maneuvering by the Wagon Master, Lou Provenzano, almost everyone that wanted to go has been able to get a space. Let's go RV'ing...



Where do you want to go? If there is someplace you want to go, let our Trip Director, Mike Schwab, know. He has loads of information and help to give you to set up a rally or just put an interest page on the website. Remember, the rally doesn't need to be a formally structured dinner every night. Cocktails and appetizers at a gathering of the clan is a great way to enjoy everyone's tales of their day. It can be whatever you want it to be. I know I'm thinking of a couple of places I want to go so watch the website for new rallies.

Everyone wants to know what the news is coming from the Compound. The plans for the expansion are completed and are just waiting for county approval. That's good news! I know some new folks are wait-

NEXT MEETING
January 17th

GUEST SPEAKER!

Sherry Plowman, from the National Parks System, will be speaking to us about...

ARIZONA'S
NATIONAL PARKS

ing for spaces to open and become available. Speaking of the Compound, we need a new Board Member if you are interested. Even if you're not, we need you!! February is the annual meeting when elections are held. So don't be shy, step right up. 😊



Our next meeting is **January 17th at 5 PM**. We'll have a presentation by Sherry Plowman of the National Park Service!

And, please remember these three things:

1. Show your CAM card when you sign in (this is a CAM requirement)
2. Initial the sign in sheet (an "X" or check mark won't cut it)
3. Wear your name tag! Why???? Well ... if you have a "Junior Moment" and you can't remember your RV Club friend's name, you won't be embarrassed because they are wearing their name tag!

Annual membership dues are due now and will be collected at the door along with your photo if you don't have one for the directory yet. We need your photos! Have you tried to look up a member so that you know who is going on a rally with you? We are currently missing about 35 photos of members...again, don't be shy, step right up. 😊

I am really looking forward to a fabulous new year and enjoying time spent with all the really terrific friends I've met thru the RV Club. I can't wait to meet new friends and go on a rally to a new place or even someplace I've already been. There are always new things to see and do.

See you at the January meeting.



Trish Schwab
Membership

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We did not have a regular monthly meeting in December. Instead, 94 members and 3 guests attended the Grand RVers Holiday Party. We enjoyed a great meal, many door prizes and dancing. Thank you to Dale, Carroll, Dan, Nancy, Lou and Eileen for their hard work on a successful party.

If you haven't done so, **it's time to renew your membership**. We have less than 1/3 of our members signed up for 2017. Please mail your check made out to Grand RVers in the amount of \$10 per person/\$20 per couple to:

Trish Schwab
20532 N Vermillion Cliffs Dr
Surprise, AZ 85387

You may also pay at the meeting on **January 17th**. However, this creates a "bottleneck" at the door so mailing a check to me is better. FYI...You do not need to complete a new membership form when you

renew. If you need to make changes to your personal information, such as a new address or RV, do so directly on the Club website by pressing the "**My Info**" red tab.

Mike and Marty Holloway rejoined the club now that they have obtained another rig. They jumped right in by signing up as wagon masters for the Verde Valley rally!



Dale Rees
Entertainment Chairman
entertainment@grandrv.org

Your entertainment committee has already had a meeting and we are hard at work planning the 2017 meetings.

In **January** we will have light snacks...Chex mix, candy, nuts, pop, water etc



Also, don't forget the 50/50 drawings at the meetings! Only \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets! You may be the lucky winner!! The money from the 50/50 goes to purchasing the food and drinks at the meetings.

UPCOMING...

January - Light snacks
February - Pizza Party
March - Heavy Appetizers
April - ???



Summer Break

October - Pizza Party
November - Potluck
December - **Holiday Party**

P.S. WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL COUPLE TO ASSIST US IN OUR DUTIES EACH MONTH.

Please email Dale at:

entertainment@grandrv.org if you can help us out!



2016 HOLIDAY PARTY





Ann Kronenwetter

Sunshine

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Wishing all club members a Happy and Healthy New Year! Please let me know if any member is in need of a little sunshine. If you know of someone who is ill, has had surgery, or needs a little cheer, please contact me at sunshine@grandrv.org or 623-584-9414. Thanks!



John Stewart

Webmaster

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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 information) 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.

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



Linda Foss

Day Events

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How about a Day Trip!

Hi, this is Linda Foss, I am your new Day Events Chairperson. I have been busy collecting and adding new fun trips to our Day Events tab on our Club Web Page. I have had lots of sug-

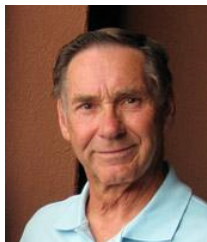
gestions from club members (keep 'em coming) and have thought of a few myself. Please go the Club's web page and check them out. Almost all of them need Event Leaders, but that is a simple and fun job. And if you need help in organizing, I will be happy to help. Below are day events that are listed so far:

- Miniature Horse Viewing and Hotdogs
- Palo Verde Energy Education Center
- Amazon.com Distribution Center Tour
- Desert Caballeros Western Museum & Lunch
- Wrigley Manson and Lunch
- High Tea at "The Spicery in our 1895 Home"
- Butterfly Wonderland - A Rainforest Experience
- Shopping and Lunch at Tanger Outlets Westgate
- Good Sam RV Super Show - February 23 - 26
- FMCA's 95 International Convention and RV Expo – 3/7 – 3/10



For more information on any of the above events, go the Day Events tab and click on "Details." If I could find them, I have added URLs for the events if you want to get even more information.

Hope to see you all at a Day Event soon!



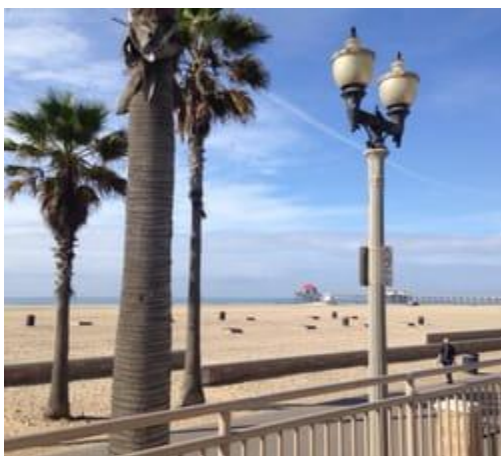
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Mike Schwab
Trip Director



UPCOMING RALLIES



HUNTINGTON BEACH

Sunset Vista Camping Facility

Huntington Beach, California

March 5th - 10th, 2017

Wagon Masters: Lou and Eileen Provenzano

Sunset Vista Camping Facility is located right on the beach in Huntington Beach, California and just south of the Huntington Beach Pier. Visitors are often at a loss for words when they arrive and get their first look at the world of Surf City USA – miles of broad sands, surfers catching waves near the pier, and sunsets that paint the sky in vivid hues of pink, violet, and orange. This glorious ocean scene is

only the beginning of what awaits when you visit Southern California's classic beach town.

With 10 miles of beaches and a lively downtown filled with shops and restaurants, Huntington Beach blends surfing's relaxed spirit with a contemporary style which creates an ocean side destination like nowhere else on the California coast. We will be staying for 5 nights arriving [on Sunday March 5th](#) and departing [on Friday March 10th](#). The weather will be absolutely wonderful. It takes just under 6 hours to get there.

Lou and Eileen have been here many times and have a list of sites you can visit on your own or with others. We are planning a Welcome Night pizza party and nightly Happy Hours and appetizers, campfires on the beach, lunch at Ruby's on the pier, and an evening on Main street [on Tuesday night](#) when the streets are closed to accommodate live bands, craft fair, and farmers markets. We are also planning a bicycle ride to Newport beach for those who are interested or it is just a short drive by car.

10 sites have already been reserved and paid for. There is currently a waiting list because there may be cancellations. Once you put your name on the Grand RVers Huntington Beach Rally page, your payment in full is due within 5 days. The first 10 paid sites will be confirmed. All others must get on the waiting list or book directly with Huntington Beach City if sites are still available. Here is the link to the direct Huntington Beach website;

<http://sunsetvistacamping.huntingtonbeachca.gov/index.asp>

All sites are partial hookups; there is 30 and 50 amp service and water to all sites but no sewer hookup. However, there is a free dump station on site. Book early... it is a rally you won't forget.

Cost of the rally is \$375 per RV. This includes the reservation fee, application fee, and 1st night pizza party.

CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST

Picacho Peak RV Park
March 17th - 20th, 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.





TUCSON

Lazy Days RV KOA
March 21st - 25th, 2017

Wagon Masters: Ford and Snaque Rollo
Asst. Wagon Masters: Mike and Trish Schwab

March 21st departing on March 25th. We've arranged for 15 sites. Costs and deadlines will be posted January 3rd. Tucson is always a fun place to visit. There are great restaurants, golf, 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 Chiricahua Mountains. Weather should be excellent with average temps in the high 60's to mid-70's.



BARLEENS

Superstition Sunrise RV Resort
March 30th - April 2nd, 2017 (*Tentative Dates*)
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.

BONITA RV PARK

Puerto Penasco, Mexico

April 3rd - 8th, 2017

Wagon Masters: Sam and Sandy Pacione

Bonita RV Park in Puerto Penasco, Mexico will be home for 5 nights. Enjoy a sunset cruise, deep sea fishing, a Tequila factory tour, and grilled shrimp on the beach. You can sit in your chair and watch your rig get washed and waxed for only \$1.50 a foot.



Sam and Sandy have reserved 10 spots. The price has gone up \$3 a day to a whopping \$20 dollars for a full hook-up. You will need to purchase Mexican auto insurance before crossing the border. You will also need your passport to re-enter the USA.

There is currently a waiting list. If you are interested in going be sure to sign up on the website in case there are cancellations.



VERDE VALLEY - COTTONWOOD - JEROME

Distant Drums RV Park

April 9th - 14th, 2017 (*Tentative Dates*)

Wagon Masters: Mike and Marty
Holloway

The itinerary for this rally has changed.... Thousand Trails RV Park cannot accommodate our club. Distant Drums RV Park is a beautiful site and rated 10-10-10 by Good Sam Club. This site is in the Verde Valley. Cliff Castle Casino, Montezuma's Castle and Well are nearby. The towns of Cottonwood, Jerome and Sedona are a short drive away. The Verde Canyon Railroad provides a 4 hour picturesque and relaxing ride. The train departs from Clarksdale. *The dates are tentative but will be firm by January 5th* and posted on the Club's web site. The estimated costs will be posted then also.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Note: Only Grand RV 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.