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SUN CITY GRAND RV CLUB

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Welcome Spring!

It's almost time for our cactus to start blooming. Spring is here and before you know it, summer will be here too. Many of us leave for either all of the summer or a portion of the summer so it's time to think about getting our rigs ready to roll. I don't do the RV maintenance in our family but I do know that we have a checklist of things to be taken care of and before we hit the road we make sure everything is in good working order inside and outside the rig. So, wash the dust off the rig, check the tires and head on out.

It's been a good year to look back upon. We started off with a fun Welcome Back Rally to Buckeye thanks to the Navratil's. Everyone enjoyed the red clubhouse, pool and Pickle Ball courts. Then we followed the Holloway's to Chula Vista and had a blast riding the "trolley" to San Diego and going to Old Town...among other adventures. Some of us then took a risk and went where no one had ever gone before (cue the Star Trek music!) and went to Willow Beach, AZ. Such a fun weekend, the best darn Christmas Parade ever...followed by the once in a lifetime Blue Moon. Just can't top this stuff. Another great rally to Laughlin where gambling and golfing was high on everyone's list. The rally to Willow Beach was raved about so much that a second rally went and even though this group didn't get a big parade, they had a big river raft and special boat ride so it was a wonderful rally too. And we are not done yet. There are still two more rallies planned. A fun golfing, bowling, gambling rally to Mesquite, Nevada is up for April and a group of 20 brave souls are going to travel those California freeways and go to Temecula for a rally in the wine country. I hope they can find their way home.

NEXT MEETING
April 17, 2018
5:00pm
Agua Fria Room
Cimarron Center

I didn't even mention that fabulous Holiday Party that we had. Just check out the pictures if you need a reminder of what a fun evening it was.

All in all it has been a great RV Club Season. Be careful this summer. Make sure you come back in the fall. Sharon Navratil and I will be doing the Welcome Back rally in the fall....details to follow.

Have a great Summer.



Vice President Tony Marotti
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Mark your calendars for.....

**Wednesday, December 5th, 2018
for our annual
HOLIDAY PARTY!!**



Sharon Navratil
Membership
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Greetings! What fun we have all had at the rallies this year! It's a great time to meet other members, relax and explore new territories. We currently have 140 members! I look forward to our next meeting so until then....safe travels.



If you haven't had your picture taken for our club roster, please see me at the next meeting and we will be happy to take it for you!



Laurie Stewart
Newsletter Editor
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HELP WANTED!!

October through April, our club's newsletter is published for the use of our members. In addition, a scaled down version goes to the RV Compound and to the Sonoran Plaza (outside of the Library) so that non members can see what a great club we have.

After 8 years of service to the RV Club, I am stepping down effective December 31st. The RV Club will need a new Newsletter Editor beginning in January 2019.



If you have some experience using WORD, we need you!! Please contact me at laurie@stewartwa.net or 623-308-2046 if you have questions.

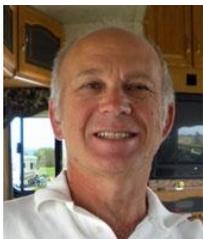


PLEASE NOTE: I am NOT going anywhere and will be available to help you until you feel ready to "leave the nest"!



Ann Kronenwetter
Sunshine
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If you know of someone who is ill, has had surgery, or needs a little cheer, please contact me at:
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Phone: 623-584-9414



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, Email list and Rally information (including emergency contact information) are all derived from your information on the website.

HOW DO I LOGON TO THE GRAND RVERS 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)

TO CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE:

- 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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Ahhh, April! Beautiful weather with lots of sun and warm temperatures! A lot of the Snow birds have gone and things are calming down to a nice, leisurely pace. But let's not get too calm. We still have two great Day Trip Events in April.

First is the **Vulture Mine Tour on Monday April 7**. Sharon Navratil has set up a great time with not only the tour at the mine, but lunch at Jake's Spoon in Wickenburg Ranch. It is not too late to sign up for this fun trip. You do need to let Sharon know if you will be having lunch by April 6.

Also in **April on Thursday, the 12th is "Shopping on a Dime"**. Laurie Stewart is leading this one, and you know it is always fun when Laurie is involved! There will be shopping at Dillard's Clearance Center at the Metro Center, Nordstrom's Last Chance Clearance Store and, then, lunch of course. You will get to decide to go to either the Cheesecake Factory or the California Pizza Kitchen. What a fun way to spend the day!

All other events do not yet have a date attached to them, but take a look and see if anything tickles your fancy and sign up. Better yet, take charge and put your name in as the leader and you can set up the perfect time for you and everyone and everything else.

If I don't see all of you after April, have a wonderful fun summer. Wishing you a fun and safe traveling season.



HELP WANTED! My term as Day Trip Coordinator will be up in the Fall. If anyone would like to take this fun and easy job over, please let either myself or Penny Betcher know.

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Below is a short summary of all the Day Events listed on our Day Event page:

Vulture Mine Tour - April 7th
Event Leader: Sharon Navratil
Wickenburg

Please join us for a two-hour guided tour of the historic Vulture Mine located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, 12 miles outside of Wickenburg, Arizona. This 1/2 mile dirt path walking tour offers an exploration of remaining buildings and artifacts which once belonged to the booming mining town. Hopefully the Event Leader will add a lunch!



***There is an excellent article in the April 2017 issue of Motorhome magazine regarding its history and things to see in Wickenburg.

Shopping on a Dime – April 12th
Event Leader: Laurie Stewart
Phoenix



Back by popular demand is a day of "**Shopping on a Dime**"! We will, once again, be perusing the racks and racks of clothes and shoes at the **Dillard's Clearance Center** at Metro Center after having a scrumptious lunch at either the **Cheesecake Factory** or the **California Pizza Kitchen**. (We will take a vote of the attendees) But before all of this fun begins, we will start our day at **Nordstrom's Last Chance Clearance Store**. Both stores are where Dillard's and Nordstrom's clothes, shoes, purses etc. go "to die" so you can get some incredible bargains!

We will carpool and will be leaving at 9:15am. We will return around 4:00pm.

So, put on your comfy shoes, grab your stash of cash (or your credit card that has a goal, not a limit) and join us for a fun day of shopping and lunch!

High Tea at "The Spicery in our 1895 Home" – Date TBD
Event Leader: Diane Collier
Glendale

This unique and charming restaurant is located in one of the oldest homes in the historic Catlin Court area of downtown Glendale. The 1895 Home chef's prepare the flavors of yesterday just like our mothers and grandmothers made. Enjoy their homemade fresh baked rolls, chicken salad and quiche, and make sure you save room for one of our delectable desserts.



Once the date has been set, attendees will need to contact Diane with their desire for lunch OR High Tea. For more information The Spicery website is: 1895Spicery.com. You can look at the prices and menu options. High Tea is \$23 plus tax and tip: \$28.

The restaurant is located near really neat little shops and of course there are the Antique shops on the Main St. Cerreta's Candy is a must place to visit. You can purchase wonderful candy by the pound!

Hurry and sign up for this delightful day!

Desert Botanical Gardens

Event Leader: needed

1201 N. Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, Arizona 85008



Experience and embrace the magnificent beauty of the desert through a variety of tours and activities at the Desert Botanical Garden that will make your visit unforgettable - included with membership or admission. Designed to accommodate individuals of any age and groups of any size. Private tours are available for an additional fee. Please go to their web site for a sampling of some of the events and tours offered.

For a complete listing go to: <https://www.dbg.org/tours-activities>.

Kierland Commons Shopping and Lunch

Event Leader: needed

Scottsdale

If shopping inside a mall isn't your thing, but would still like to go shopping and enjoy a wonderful lunch, how about Kierland Commons? Kierland Commons is a unique, upscale Main Street lifestyle center that artfully blends retail shopping, dining and entertainment. The one-of-a-kind development incorporates over 70 high-end specialty stores that include a distinctive selection of national retail choices and upscale restaurants.

Encanterra, a Trilogy Resort and lunch

Event Leader: needed

San Tan Valley (Wickenburg)

How about a day looking at the latest models in the valley? A visit to the Trilogy Resort located just outside of Wickenburg is a must. View the models and get lots of new decorating and landscaping ideas. (But don't buy – we want you to stay here in SCG!) After all the ooh-ing and ah-ing lets go to lunch in Wickenburg!

Casino day/night at Talking Stick Casino and Resort

Event Leader: needed

9800 Talking Stick Way
Scottsdale, AZ

How about a day or evening out at the beautiful Talking Stick Casino and Resort? Besides hitting the table or slots, enjoy upscale dining and top rate entertainment. Depending on the date of this trip, entertainment can include Engelbert Humperdinck, Alabama, Degree 270, etc. Also available is their luxurious open-air space Spa located on the 14th floor of the resort. It was voted one of the 10 best spas in Scottsdale by USA Today

Butterfly Wonderland - A Rainforest Experience

Event Leader: needed

Scottsdale

Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale is a one-of-a-kind experience, and one of the best activities for families and visitors of all ages. It is the largest indoor butterfly pavilion in America





Mike Holloway
Trip Director
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Dear SCG RV Club members,

There are 2 nifty RV Club services that I would like everyone to know about, one of which is brand new.

The first service is now back on the RV club home page as a link. It's called **SUPER PARKS**. It's a state by state list of great RV Parks that our members have added to the list. If you are RV traveling this summer, you may find some great RV parks to stay at along your way.

Also, note that the SUPER PARKS list is a "living document" that you, as club members, can contribute to. Just email me at mikeholloway5@icloud.com with the name of the park, the state it's in, and a few words about why you like it.

The second RV Club service, a new one, is **"LET'S MEET UP THIS SUMMER!"** As you travel this summer, it would be fun to find out that other SCG RVers are in your area. So send me your itinerary and I will add it to the document for club members to see. I have attached an example of how this doc will look.

As Trip Director, it's my responsibly to help the club have a good number of fun rallies to attend. A couple of months ago, I added 10 new suggested rallies with suggested dates to our website. These 10 came from members telling me of rallies they are interested in. As of March 19th, 112 RV club members had signed up for these 10 suggested Rallies. However, no one has offered to wagon master any of the 10.

So, at the March club meeting I presented a summary of the essential duties of Wagon Masters, along with some hints to make it easier, called **"WAGON MASTER MADE EASY"**. The list of duties is not everything you might do as a Wagon Master, but I think it does simplify the process. This document is also attached below.

Please consider being a Wagon Master. I will give you all the support you need! And I will enjoy doing it!





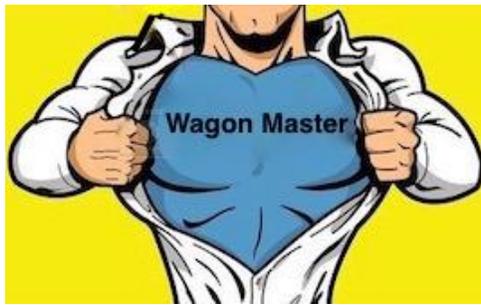
HERE ARE THE ITINERARIES OF SOME CLUB MEMBERS:

Jim Johnson

- June 24 - July 1 - Dakota Meadows RV Park - Prior Lake, MN
- July 1-15 - Minneapolis NW KOA - Maple Grove, MN
- July 15-29 - Country Camping Isanti, MN
- July 29 - August 15 - Oak Lake Campground – Kerrick, MN
- August 15-31 - Stony Point Resort - Cass Lake, MN
- August 31 - September 12 - Leech Lake Rec Area Federal Dam, MN
- September 12-18 - Rice Creek Chain Of Lakes Campground – Centerville, MN

Mike And Marty Holloway

- June 8 to July 6: Clear Creek RV Park, Golden Colorado
- July 11 to August 10: Blackwell Island RV Park, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- August 15 to September 14: Mountain Valley RV Park, Heber City Utah



WAGON MASTER MADE EASY

Tips to keep it simple:

1. Choose a rally location closer to home.
2. Limit the number of rigs...maybe 8 or so..
3. Choose a destination where there is an RV park you like.
4. Call the trip director, Mike Holloway, 623-293-0992, for advice and help.
5. Don't think that you have to be the social director and plan rally outings.

NEEDED STEPS/TASKS

1. Decide where and when to go (This one of the perks to being a Wagon Master).
2. Call the RV park to discuss dates and availability of sites and reserve them while finding out how they expect payment.
3. Call the trip director and have him put the rally on the club website.
4. When the rally is full, or nearly so, use the club website link to email participants to have them mail the Trip Application and fee, along with a check for the RV park if needed. Put a deadline on when they have to get the Trip Application and fee you. All checks are made out to the "Grand RV Club".
5. Make a rally booklet (Mike will deliver an example from a previous rally to you and help you make it, if you want).
6. Have a plan to spend the rally fee collected at \$5 per person. Most Wagon Masters plan a meal for the participants; generally it's the first evening as folks are tired from driving. Keep it simple. Precooked pulled pork sandwiches and a couple of sides will do it.
7. Have a pre-rally meeting with your participants. The easiest way to do this is at 4:00pm before the monthly RV Club meeting.

WAGONS
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UPCOMING RALLIES



MESQUITE, NEVADA

Solstice RV Park

April 2nd - 6th, 2018

Wagon Masters: Ford and Snaque Rollo

This rally is full. However, there may be cancellations. Add your name to the list on the RV Club website and the wagon master will contact you if there are openings.

Golf & gambling; bowling will be fun, too...a bit of entertainment at one of the casinos and plenty of stuff to do. It's a 350 mile trek to Mesquite via Las Vegas, so plan on a full day of driving. 4 nights will run \$180.00. Plus the \$10 rally application fee. Plus golf fees, bowling costs, etc.

\$25 deposit at the time you reserve your space. You'll lose the \$25 if you cancel. Balance will be charged upon check-in at the site."

TEMECULA RALLY

Pechanga Casino RV Park, California

May 15TH-19TH, 2018

Wagon Masters: Bob and Margie Akers

**Assistant Wagon Master Dan and Sue
Bartolotta**



This rally is full. However, there may be cancellations. Add your name to the list on the RV Club website and the wagon master will contact you if there are openings

Rated 10 10 10 by Good Sams Club, the Pechanga RV Resort and Casino is brand new. It is located in the Temecula Valley, Southern California Wine Country. With over 35 wineries offering award-winning wines, great restaurants, and beautiful gift shops, Temecula Valley Wineries have something for everyone. Most all of the wineries are open to the public daily. Wine tasting prices vary by winery; no appointments are needed. San Diego and Oceanside are both less than an hour away. The weather in late April and early May is usually very nice.



ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Balloon Fiesta

October 6th -11th, 2018

Wagon Masters: Linda and Ove Jakobsen

“Space is limited at the camping site and it is first come, first served on reservations, even for clubs so it is important to make your reservations now as the area fills up

fast. The sites at the balloon fiesta are dry camping. The cost for 5 nights is \$175 and if you cancel by July 15, 2018, you only lose \$10, the rest is refunded to you. Although it is early in the planning stages, except for reservations, we plan a trip to Old Town Albuquerque and maybe a day jaunt to the Taos Pueblo and Santa Fe for those who are interested.

Although the rally date says October 6th, which is the date we will enter the balloon site, we will leave October 5th and spend the night enroute in order to arrive at the festival the morning of the 6th.

Make your reservations for standard dry camping by going to balloonfiesta.com

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. Events consist of mass ascensions, balloon glows, fireworks, and much more. The real thrill is when the balloons are right over your rig.

Call Linda Jakobsen with any questions.

WHERE SHALL WE GO????

Call Mike Holloway at 623-293-0992
with your ideas!



PROSPECTIVE RALLIES

Signup on the RV Club website

**Please note: The rallies and their dates listed are just ideas and are not set unless indicated otherwise

BARLEENS ARIZONA OPRY

Superstition RV Park, Apache Junction
Dates to be determined by Wagon Master
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

CIVIL WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST

Picacho Peak RV Park
November 17th-19th, 2018 (Dates are set)
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

ESTES PARK, LEADVILLE, GUNNISON

Colorado Rockies
June 11th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

MORO BAY, CALIFORNIA

Explore Central California Coast
July 16th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

Summer Fun in Ski Resort Area
August 13th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

RANCHO SEDONA

Sedona, AZ
September 17th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

BRANSON, MISSOURI

See the shows
October 15th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

KARTCHNER CAVERNS

South of Tucson, AZ
October 29th, 2018
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

DEATH VALLEY

Located on the CA/NV border
January 14th, 2019
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

REMEMBER THE ALAMO

San Antonio, Texas
March 11th, 2019
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Huntington Beach, California
April 15th, 2019
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

SANTA FE/TAOS, NEW MEXICO

Explore the oldest settlement in the
United States
April 29th, 2019
WAGON MASTER NEEDED

ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS NEWSLETTER

What's happening in April?

To sign up for your own online newsletter go to: azstateparks.gov



Music in the Mountains

Catalina State Park

Every Other Saturday

April 7 at 5 p.m.

A variety of musical acts perform at this outdoor venue with the beautiful [Catalina Mountains](#) as your backdrop. This wildly popular music series gives nature and music lovers a chance to enjoy both aspects of their life in one amazing place.



Take Your Spring Break to the Championship with Arizona State Parks and Trails!

Eight amazing Arizona State Parks were recently featured in the Arizona Republic newspaper and online at AZCentral. The diversity of the parks is as different as the wants, needs, and desires of spring breakers! Everyone is looking for a great time during spring break, from families to college students. Good thing we offer a variety of experiences within our extensive park network, and there's surely an Arizona State Park for each and every one of you!

Spring is a magical time of year when the doldrums of winter give way to new life. New leaves sprout from trees, baby ducks swim happily in line behind their mother, and of course spring break festivities are on tap! There are two schools of thought in regard to spring break...On one hand, families take their young children on adventures to make memories, bond, and learn in the outdoor landscape. And college-age young adults descend on popular outdoor recreation sites to enjoy the relative freedom of life and escape responsibilities for just a while. The diverse reasons for which to enjoy spring break are as different as the parks that support this annual event.

PARKS IN THE NEWS

[Arizona State Parks: 8 that show off boating, hiking, birding and history](#) – Arizona Republic

[Spring break in Arizona: Lost Dutchman State Park](#) – 12 News

[Spring break in Arizona: Dark skies and lots of open land to group camp](#) – 12 News

[Spring break in Arizona: Patagonia Lake State Park](#) – 12 News

[Spring break in Arizona: The quieter version of Lake Havasu](#) – 12 News

[Where to find the best wildflowers in the Valley](#) – 12 News

[\\$500K will restore historic building at Fort Huachuca](#) – US News and World Report

[Make a gift to Arizona State Parks & Trails this tax season](#) – White Mountain Independent

[State Parks and Trails hopes to open Rockin' River Ranch by end of year](#) – Camp Verde Bugle

[The right person to lead Rockin' River Ranch State Park](#) – Camp Verde Bugle

[Arizona State Parks & Trails Family Campout Program](#) – Payson Roundup

[50 Most Underrated Tourist Spots in the World](#) – MSN News

[52 weekend adventures 2018](#) – Phoenix Magazine

[Kartchner Caverns Cave Fest upcoming](#) – Benson News-Sun

[Vintage Trailer Campout: Home Sweet Home Away From Home](#) – River Scene Magazine

[50 Most Underrated Tourist Spots in the World](#) – MSN News



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.

Adventurer 12 speed folding bike (like new)

Price: \$ 100.00

Contact: Anthony Marotti

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Cell: 623-326-2562