

Sun City Grand RV Club

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Important! New Meeting Room! Location Change!

February 19, 2019 - The Hopi Room, Chaparral Center!
(March 19 meeting will be held in the Hopi Room as well!)



President: Penny Betcher

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It was an interesting January meeting. With all the rain that day, I'm surprised we all didn't wash away with the ducks. We all learned about inspecting our RV's, who knew about some of that stuff? We also have some interesting speakers lined up for February and March meetings that the Vice President will be telling you about.

We are beginning a new year with a lot of new faces, please remember to take a look at your information on the website, make sure it's all correct. Maybe you purchased a new RV and haven't updated your info, your wagon master needs current information when he/she is making reservations with the RV Park. So just check out your info on the web.

We also have some Rally's planned that are at capacity. If you want to go, add your name to the rally anyway. Often someone has to drop out for one reason or another so you may still make it on the rally.

Keep checking the website for new rally's also. And it's not too early to think about next fall for a rally. Many of the State and National Parks need six or eight month reservations. So, let's go RV'ing....where do you want to go????



Vice-President: Janice Porter

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Our February program will feature a presentation by John Alexopolos from Cummins. John is the Regional Service Manager and will discuss the Service and Maintenance of the Cummins Engine and the Cummins-Onan Generator. Many of us have Cummins Diesel engines and most of us probably have Onan Generators. Should be a great program.



Membership: Sharon Navratil

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Greetings everyone!

We currently have 109 members that have paid their 2019 dues. **FYI:** If you have not paid your name will fall off the website on January 31st. We have many new members so if you see a new face make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club. Newcomers...I encourage you to attend the “Newcomers Rally” that starts on April 3, 2019 in Tucson. Bill Albee will be snapping a picture of new members for the club directory at the next meeting on February 19th in the HOPI Room at the Chaparral Center.

Please make your \$20-per-couple dues check out to Sun City Grand RV Club and mail to:

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Please let me know if any member needs some sunshine from the Grand RVers. Please contact me with the person's name and address. 623-521-0960



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We have 2 fun and valuable documents that you, as a club member, can contribute to.

One is the **Super Parks** spread sheet, listing great RV parks visited by our members. **Just send me the state, park name and why you like it and I'll add it to the spread sheet.**

The other is **"Let's Meet Up!"** Tell me where and when you will be this summer and I will add this to the site so others can "meet up" with you!

Look for these links on the "Home" page of the RV Club Website.

7 UPCOMING RALLIES!

Please check the club website for more details on each of these upcoming rallies! Looks like a lot of fun to be had!

Huntington Beach, CA

Depart March 3, return March 7

This rally is currently full. Please add your name to the interest list in case there is a cancellation.

San Antonio-Remember the Alamo

Depart March 11, return ?

There are five members signed up for the rally, but no wagon master

Rocky Point, Puerto Penasco, Mexico

Depart on March 18, return March 22

This rally is currently full. Please add your name to the interest list in case there is a cancellation.

New Member's Appreciation Rally, Tucson, AZ

Depart on April 3, return on April 7

This rally is for new members only. There is room for several more rigs.

Santa Fe, Taos, New Mexico

Depart April 29, no return date set as yet

This rally is currently full. Please add your name to the interest list in case there is a cancellation.

Golf in Southern Arizona

Depart November 4, return November 19th

There is room for more rigs

Phoenix Raceway, NASCAR Monster Energy Cup

Depart on November 7, return on November 11

There is room for several more rigs.

Day Events

Be sure to check the club website under **DAY EVENTS** of more details on the events that are in the process of being planned.

Event leaders and dates are need for these fun day trips! Please Volunteer!

**Desert Botanical Gardens, Phoenix
Encanterra, A Trilogy Resort and luncheon, San Tan Valley
Talking Stick Casino, Scottsdale**



Webmaster: Bill Albee

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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 LOG ON THE 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 on 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 vehicle)
- * 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.

RV Stuff For Sale by Members!

Folding Ladder

6 foot folding aluminum ladder. Folds to 4" x 4". Easy Storage

Call Roger Porter: 253-217- 6242

Hammock

Full size hammock.

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2014 Itasca Sunstar Class A Motor Home 30T For Sale! Price Reduced! \$63,900



Pristine condition. Many extras.

Opposing slides and swivel captain chairs make the living area feel roomy and comfortable

Dining table/buffet has a retractable 42" HDTV

Roof mounted Satellite with two receivers

AM/FM Stereo radio/CD Player. Speakers are throughout the MH

Microwave/Convection Oven and a 3 Burner range

Corian counter with flip up extension

Refrigerator freezer and pantry

Queen size bed with nightstands and overhead storage plus wardrobes with storage cabinets and a TV located between.

Textured glass shower door

Skylight in shower

Rear view and side view camera

Automatic hydraulic leveling jacks

Included: Demco KarKaddy SS Disc Brakes Tow Dolly

Winegard Trav'ler Satellite TV Antenna roof-mounted

Magne Shade Sun Shades for Front Windows, driver and passenger side windows, windshield wipers and tires covers

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Fun Things to do in your RV! (Lifted from the internet)

8 Scenic Lakes For Camping In The Southwest

Though you probably know the Southwest for its desert landscape, you might be surprised by the many scenic lakes where you can go waterfront camping.

These lakes are an oasis for activities like swimming, fishing, and kayaking, and they have campgrounds that can accommodate RVs and trailers.

1. Lake Pleasant, Arizona

The cool blue Lake Pleasant is located in a regional park about an hour north of Phoenix. The recreation area is open year-round and has campsites, hiking trails, boat ramps, and a Discovery Center where you can learn more about the area's plants and wildlife.

The developed sites are complete with water and electricity, a covered ramada, picnic table, barbecue grill, fire ring, and access to a dump station. If you don't mind dry camping, the semi-developed sites have similar features except for hookups and they're about \$10 cheaper.

2. Roper Lake State Park, Arizona

Northeast of Tucson, Roper Lake is surrounded by palm trees and views of the Pinaleno Mountains. The lake has a swimming area, boat ramp, and variety of fish to catch like largemouth bass and catfish.

There are lakeside campsites for tents and RVs as well as furnished cabins. The campsites fit motorhomes up to 45 feet long and include water and electric hookups.

3. Patagonia Lake State Park, Arizona

Patagonia Lake is well known for its great fishing in Southern Arizona. The park also has a beach, boat ramp, and a picnic area with tables and grills. If you don't have your own watercraft, they offer canoes, pontoon boats, row boats, and paddle boat rentals.

The campground has over 100 sites with electric hookups, picnic tables, and fire rings. Waterfront cabins can also be rented on the southeast end of the lake. The park can get crowded, but it's usually more peaceful during the off-season and middle of the week.

4. Parker Canyon Lake, Arizona

Parker Canyon Lake is off the beaten path and not as easily accessible but it is usually much less crowded than Patagonia Lake. The USFS campground is open all year; in the summer there are also boat and paddleboard rentals available.

Lakeview Campground overlooks the lake with 65 campsites (max length 36 feet) on top of a hill. There are no hookups, but there is potable water, a general store, and restrooms. It's also very budget-friendly, sites are only \$10 a night!

5. Lake Mead & Lake Mohave, Nevada/Arizona

Lakes Mead and Mohave are both on the Colorado River and worth a visit in the RV. The two reservoirs are located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. There are several campgrounds and RV parks along the shores of the two lakes. The NPS sites cost \$20 nightly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. These include Las Vegas Bay Campground, Callville Bay, Boulder Beach Campground, and Echo Bay. The RV sites at Lake Mead RV Village are more expensive but include pull-thrus and full hookups.

6. Elephant Butte Lake State Park, New Mexico

The largest state park in New Mexico surrounds the state's biggest reservoir. Elephant Butte Lake has beach access, a fishing pier, marinas, and boat rentals. The park has 15 miles of hiking and biking trails as well as several picnic areas where you can enjoy lunch overlooking the lake.

There are about 170 RV sites in Lions Beach, Desert Cove, and South Monticello Campgrounds. There is also primitive beach camping, group sites, and boat-in camping available.

7. Brantley Lake State Park, New Mexico

Many RVers have made Brantley Lake State Park their home base while visiting Carlsbad and Carlsbad Caverns. The park surrounds the southernmost lake in New Mexico and is a destination in itself between the camping and many water sports.

8. Caballo Lake, New Mexico

With the scenic backdrop of the Caballo Mountains, this lake is one of the prettiest in Southern New Mexico. The park is located between Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces, with easy access off Interstate 25 and Highway 187.

Primitive and developed campsites are available along the reservoir including sites with 30/50-amp power and full hookups. They also have group campsites and a group picnic area.

Have fun out there! If any of you visit any of these sites, please make sure to report your findings to the club...or even better, become a Wagon Master and lead club members for a Rally

