



Sun City Grand RV Club

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November 2015



President Laurie Stewart




Fall has arrived in the Valley of the Sun! But where are the beautiful fall colors and the crispy night air? Well . . . we may not have those things, but we do have beautiful starry nights, blue skies and balmy temperatures. This is why we live here . . . right? With Fall's entrance we also start thinking about the upcoming holiday season . . . and where will the road lead us over the next year?

November 17th is our next meeting and it is going to be "jam packed"! First of all, we will be having the election of our 2016 Officers. The slate of officers is:

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

We will also have a guest speaker! Josh Deards, formerly the Service Manager at Orangewood RV, will be telling us about a new RV parts store located in Peoria . . . State Trailer RV and Outdoor Supply. And . . . *we will have a drawing for five - \$50.00 gift cards to State Trailer RV and Outdoor Supply!!*

Finally, to re-energize you for game night, which will follow the meeting, we will be having a "heavy appetizer" potluck! Whew! You won't want to skip this meeting!

 Our annual Holiday Party will be coming up on December 3rd from 5:00pm to 10:00pm in the Gila Room. This year our own Mr. Entertainment, Timm Burke, and his Elves, Dale and Carroll Rees and Lou and Eileen Provenzano, are busy planning a great Holiday Party with a delicious catered dinner and dancing the night away. Timm will give you more details under "Entertainment" in this newsletter.

We have quite a few rallies on the website with a few that still need Wagon Masters. So, don't leave them hangin' . . . volunteer to be a Wagon Master! We have folders from past rallies with all of the information you will need to put together a rally AND a former Wagon Master will be made available to you so that you don't have to go it alone into the perceived "scary world" of Wagon Mastering! Contact Wayne Adams and let him know that you are ready to yell those famous words, "RALLY HO!"

Unlike most of the clubs here in Sun City Grand, the Grand RV Club does not require that you Monitor or serve in an elected capacity in order to be a part of our wonderful club. What we do need, however, is that you have the desire to volunteer to help out in various capacities in order to keep the club running smoothly.

Next Meeting

Tuesday,

November 17, 2015

5:00p.m.

Agua Fria Room

Cimarron Center

GUEST SPEAKER,

APPETIZERS AND

GAMES!!

In 2016, we are going to try an Apprenticeship program for a couple of the positions so that you will have an entire year to "learn the ropes" before the position is turned over to you. Your experienced mentor will teach you and lead you, step by step, in the "how to" of being in that position so that you will feel confident in doing the job. Please consider volunteering to serve in one of these positions:

- Newsletter Editor/Directory
- RV Compound Board

Remember.....WE NEED YOU!!



Lastly, when you sign in for our monthly meeting, please remember to show your CAM card and initial the sign-in sheet (no check marks).

. . . and PLEASE be sure to silence your cell phones during our meeting.



Janet Bluhm
Membership Committee

Welcome back RVers. We had a nice turn out at the October meeting and know November's meeting will be even larger. We had 64 members and 6 guests attend the October meeting. New members to our club are Sharon and Bill Navratil. They are already looking at signing up for a trip this fall.

We had some excitement at the October meeting as our one "permanent" guest might finally become a member. Arnie Frieman announced he asked Kathleen Roemheld to marry him and she said "YES". Now where to live, Sun City Grand or? SCG, SCG, SCG! The two of them have been Wagon Masters for several of our most fun trips! We don't want to lose 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 November meeting or Christmas Dinner. If it's easier, checks can be mailed to me at:

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

Several of you said you would like to help check people in at the meetings and help greet new or potential members. If still interested, please send me an email at jlbluhm@gmail.com. This is a great way to meet and welcome members and guests and get to know the board members better. Since our club is made up entirely of volunteers, this is a nice change to be part of the "TEAM".



Timm Burke
Vice-President and Entertainment Committee

Tuesday, November 17th is our next RV Club meeting and we will be having heavy Appetizers and Games that night! It will be a Potluck for both . . . so bring your favorite appetizer to feed your fellow members and bring your favorite game to play. We will have a quick meeting starting at 5:00pm, followed by appetizers. We will finish off the evening, for those who choose to participate, with games. So bring your favorite games . . . Mexican Train, card games (Hand & Foot, etc.), Cards and Marbles or whatever your favorite game is. This is a great chance to have some fun . . . and who knows, maybe even learn a new game or two!



I hope that you are ready for our annual **Holiday Party!**



This year's party is being held on **Thursday, December 3rd from 5:00pm to 10:00pm in the Gila Room at Cimarron.** Dancing music will start at 7:00pm with a live band consisting of Denny and Dan!

The sit-down dinner is, once again, being catered by Classic Catering. There will also be a cash bar. Dinner will consist of:

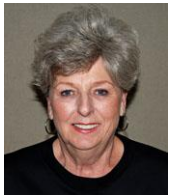
- Winter Greens Salad with Cranberry and Candied Pecans with Toasted Almond dressing & warm Artisan Rolls and butter
- Duet Plate of Beef Tender Medallions and Chicken Rollatini with Asparagus, Mozzarella & Sun-dried Tomatoes
- Herb Roasted Red Potato Wedges
- Malibu Vegetables with Basil butter
- Dessert is NY Cheesecake with strawberry topping

The cost is only \$20.00 per person for Members and \$28.00 per person for Non Members/Guests. Be sure to complete and print the attached Holiday Party coupon and then mail it, along with your check payable to "Grand RVers" to:

Timm Burke
17367 W. Calistoga Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85387

or . . . you may bring the coupon and your check to the November 17th RV Club meeting. **We must have your coupon and check no later than November 20th.**

See you on Tuesday, the 17th!



Helena Gorden
Sunshine

Joe Pallavicini, our first Wagon Master in 1998, has been hospitalized. He has been on kidney dialysis for a time, due to some complications the port site has been changed. He also needs some physical therapy for his sight loss. If you would like to send caring cards his address is 20419 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.

I want to thank the RV club for all the cards, letters and sympathy they sent to Linda while she was sick. She read them all.

Thank you and God bless.

Jonathan Foote

EEK! A Mouse!

If you've been RV'ing long enough you've most likely experienced the invasion of the dreaded house-mouse. Surprisingly, those little devils can do some big-time harm to your RV in short order. For some reason, the wiring in your RV is prime meat for mice. Not to mention the cushions on your couch and other nesting sources. They love to gnaw on the coatings on the many, many wires in your rig or build a nest out of the stuffing on the couch. They often get a bit rambunctious and gnaw through the conductor inside the wire coating and all of a sudden, you've got an electrical problem that could be very troublesome to track down and even more difficult to fix because of its' location. Can you spell "Big Money"?

My wife and I summer in our 40' 5th wheel permanently sited in Montana and every year when we return, we find the ubiquitous droppings left by winter visitors in the drawers, closets and storage bays. One year we found mouse droppings in a once-opened but now closed box of Cream of Wheat we'd left behind. How in the heck did they do that?

We were watching TV one evening and saw a couple of the furry critters scamper across our living room floor! At the end of last season, we put out traps and captured 13 mice in a couple of weeks!

As cute as the little rascals are, they are extremely dirty and medically menacing. If you Google up "disease caused by mice", the list is long and serious including the deadly hantavirus

We've tried stuffing openings in the rig with steel wool, putting "Bounce" dryer sheets in all the drawers, setting traps and poisons out, but we still have mice.

So what do you do about it?

Mousetraps have probably been around as long as mice have. But as we get older, the deteriorating coordination to set a mouse trap gets in the way and produces a lot of blood blisters, broken nails, and lots of "ow-ees". They are also a little gross for women to deal with. A dead mouse which has been caught by the neck is not a pretty sight. Wear rubber gloves when cleaning up mouse droppings, nesting materials, etc.

There are several products on the market, most notably D-Con and TomCat which provide a poisonous "chew" that makes the mouse seek water, thus leaving your rig to die.

But I'm here to pass on "the answer". I recently met a service writer at a Mercedes Sprinter dealership where I was having my Class C rig serviced. We got to talking about leaving rigs parked for a long time and the subject of mice came up. She swore that Wolf Urine, crystalized and spread around your rig will keep the mice away. Apparently it smells pretty bad for a day or two but it's reported to work really well. It doesn't bother cats or dogs, either.

I haven't tried it yet, but Amazon has a boatload of it in various forms for sale.

Good luck with mouse control!

Submitted by club member Ford Rollo



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

It's wonderful to begin another year enjoying our Meetings, Rallies and Day Events. The trip to the Art Museum for the florist competition in October led by Ann Kronenwetter was a beautiful experience. Several folks wanted to go but were unable to, so if we twist Ann's arm, I think she will lead it again next Fall.

Upcoming events are listed on the website with a detailed description of each event. Click on the Day Events and then on details of each event to see the description and also those names signed up to go on the event. Some members signed an "interest list" long ago and may have even forgotten his/her name is on the list. Check each event and then add, leave on, or delete your name if you're unable to go on the assigned day. It's important the person planning the event has all necessary information to make reservations and set up car pools.

Day Events coming up the rest of this year:

November 18th with Linda Foss: Lunch and Shopping on a Dime. We'll meet at 10:30 at Sonoran Plaza to go to lunch at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen (of course their menu includes other food also). After lunch we'll enjoy shopping at Dillard's Clearance Center for lots of bargains. We'll help each other shop 'til we drop!

December 5th with Timm and Lynne Burke: The 27th Annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the Wickenburg Community Center. Meet and have dinner together in Wickenburg and then go to the concert. Home around 9pm. Tickets are only \$15 if purchased before November 25th. Give Timm a call if you need information.

December 9th with Louise Adams: Queen Creek Olive Mill Tour and Lunch at the Mill. This is a wonderful tour and opportunity to sample and buy the best olive products around including lots of infused olive oils. These make wonderful Christmas gifts. We'll have a great lunch with fun SCG RVers. Men will love this tour also. Bob and I went several years ago and really enjoyed the presentation and the gift shop. They've since added lunch and I've heard it's a great addition! So let's have a great day together.

On January 8, 2016, Laurie Stewart has arranged for us to tour the University of Phoenix Cardinal Stadium. The group that went a couple of years ago raved about the tour and learned so much. If we have enough participants, we will have a private tour. Check for details on the Website!



Wayne Adams and Chuck Cook
Trip Directors

Listed below is an overview of all the rallies that are available for you for sign up!

NOVEMBER 11-15 -- TUCSON -- OLD TOWN TUCSON

2016

FEBRUARY 5-8 -- SIERRA VISTA -- COWBOY POETRY

MARCH 1-6 -- ROCKY POINT, MEXICO

MARCH 14-22 -- DEATH VALLEY

APRIL 1-4 - BARLEENS -- APACHE JUNCTION

APRIL 12-17 -- AVI RESORT & CASINO -- LAUGHLIN, NEV -- NEED WAGON MASTER

MAY 1-6 -- LAKE POWELL

OCTOBER 1 -- BALLOON FIESTA, ALBUQUERQUE -- NEED WAGON MASTER

NOVEMBER 1-- CHULA VISTA RV RESORT -- CHULA VISTA/SAN DIEGO -- NEED WAGON MASTER

UPCOMING RALLIES

OLD TOWN TUCSON TUCSON, AZ

DATE: NOVEMBER 11-15, 2015
WAGON MASTER: JOHN & ANN FRANCIS
**ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: BILL &
KAREN PETERSEN**



Tucson gives its visitors a truly Southwestern experience. South of town, you can wander the historic town of Tubac, visiting galleries and shops. Tumacacori just next door on Route 19, is the ruin of a Franciscan mission built in 1795. Pima Air & Space Museum 80 acres/300 planes. The National Historic Landmark "Titan Missile Museum". This is just naming a few, there are many more to see!!! Submit application and deposit NLT 1 Oct 2015. Final payment of \$100.00 is due NLT 1 Nov 2015.

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
SUGGESTED DATE: MARCH 1-6, 2016
WAGON MASTER: NEEDED



**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 Superstition 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



**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 our country as well as many foreign countries. It is a real spectacle!

**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.



GRAND RV CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY



Thursday, December 3rd, 2015

5:00pm to 10:00pm

Gila Room at the Cimarron Center

\$20.00 per person for Members

\$28.00 per person for Non-Members/Guests

Name(s) of Member:

Names(s) of Non-Member:

Please make your check payable to "Grand RVers". Your check must be received by the end of the day on Friday, November 20th.

Send your check & this form to:

Timm Burke
17367 W. Calistoga Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85387

Or you can bring your check and this form to the next RV Club meeting on November 17th at 5:00pm at the Cimarron Center in the Agua Fria room.