

# SOUTHWEST SUN CHASERS

## JANUARY 2021



The chapter didn't have a January outing/rally scheduled, so photos are from our January meeting at Saltgrass Steak House. While playing the icebreaker game of "Who Is It," no one was able to guess that Lisa was the one who had "flown" a plane or that Jill was the one who had met Joe Namath. Yup...all of us (including the women) guessed it was one of the guys! Typical stereotype. Ladies, you have your choice of beverage around the next campfire! It was also pretty cool to find out that the Beach Boys used Wilson and Dolores' Airstream as a dressing room during one of their concerts. Yes, we enjoyed ourselves!



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## Dates to remember:



- February 11-15, 2021 Quartzsite, AZ
- February 17, 2021 Monthly Meeting (Landry's)
- March 17, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- March 18-21, 2021 Tucson, AZ
- April 8-11, 2021 Lajitas, TX
- April 21, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- April 30 – May 2, 2021 Timberon, NM
- May 19, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- May 27-31, 2021 Silver City, NM

## Upcoming Outings (click on the links for more information):

- February 11-15, 2021 (THU-MON): [Quail Run RV Park](#) – 918 N Central Blvd, Quartzsite, AZ. Reservations are required and are being taken at this time. You will need to call (928) 927-8810 to make your reservation and follow up with a deposit by check in the mail. (559 miles)
- March 18-21, 2021 (THU-SUN): [Lazydays KOA](#) – 5151 S. Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ. When making reservations, it is recommended to reserve online through KOA versus calling the park directly as there is a difference in the cancellation fee. The 4th Street Festival was cancelled. We are looking into wine tours in the area. (312 miles)
- April 8-11, 2021 (THU-SUN): [Maverick Ranch RV Park](#) – 21701 FM 170, Lajitas, TX 1-877-LAJITAS or (432) 424-500 (front desk). Reservations are being taken at this time. (315 miles)
- April 30 – May 2 (FRI-SUN): [Circle Cross RV Park](#) – 1282 Sacramento River Rd, Timberon, NM. Reservations are being taken at this time (913) 200-5670. (137 miles)
- May 27-31, 2021 (THU-MON): [Rose Valley RV Ranch](#) – 2040 Memory Lane, Silver City, NM. This outing is scheduled to coincide with the Blues Festival. Reservations are being taken at this time (575) 534-4277.

\* Don't forget to let Bill (Wagon Master) know you are attending these events.

## Just for Giggles:

A motorhome got hopelessly bogged down in a muddy hole along a dirt road. After a few minutes, a passing farmer drove by on his tractor and offered to pull him out for only \$100. After the motorhome was back on dry ground, the RVer said to the farmer, "You must be making a pretty penny pulling vehicles out of this mud night and day!"

"Well," replied the farmer, "I only pull folks out during the day. At night I have to haul water to fill up the hole."

## Time to Celebrate...



- Melinda 01/02
- Tim Br. 01/19



No January anniversaries

## Meet the members: Tim & Ginny...

In 2009, Tim decided to help a friend who was in the process of salvaging a 1972 Apache Mesa hard-side popup trailer. He towed it home, refurbished the interior, and a-camping we went. It didn't take long to catch the camping bug, but we soon realized that we (Ginny) wanted a bathroom, and having two large dogs in a popup made things a bit crowded. We upgraded to a travel trailer which didn't last too long. We went to the RV Show at the El Paso Convention Center in 2013, and two things happened, we became the proud owners of a 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel (Columbus), and we met a group of Bordertown Sams members who were recruiting for their chapter. The rest is, as they say, is history. The Columbus (and Bordertown Sams) became our home away from home. In 2014, we took a 21-day trip from El Paso to Seattle to visit our kids (sites on this trip: Yosemite, Yellowstone, Colorado Springs, San Francisco, Pacific Ocean in Eureka) . In 2016, we took a 30-day trip to Upstate New York (the North Country) to visit Tim's family (sites on this trip: Old Orchard Maine, Shenandoah Valley Caverns). Ginny started "bugging" Tim about upgrading to a motorhome specifically because it would be easier traveling with two dogs and two cats. Her pestering paid off, and in January 2019, we purchased a Fleetwood Discovery 38k. Not in a million years did we see ourselves camping/Rving in a motorhome. Ginny has since retired, and traveling will become a major pastime. Our favorite activity is to hit the mountains, relax, and hopefully enjoy a campfire. Ginny's bucket-list trip would be an Alaskan adventure. Tim would like to head into Canada and possibly check out Banff.

# Welcome to Signal...

...our new messaging service



We are in the process of switching from the WhatsApp messaging service to the Signal messaging service. Please follow the directions to the right to set up Signal on your device. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the officers, and we will help you.

Download/install Signal App to your smartphone: [Signal](#) or from your App store.

or scan this QR Code:  
To become a group member of Southwest Sun Chaser Signal Talk Group





## President's Corner

January flew by for me. How about you? It seems like just the other day, a few of us were in Benson, AZ celebrating the new year. On January 27, we had our monthly chapter meeting at Saltgrass Steak House. We missed you if you were not there. We had a tremendous turnout. Ginny introduced us to a new game, and we learned a few secrets about each other. I want to welcome new members Joe and Sandy Sweeney. They were recruited by Charlie and Ceci Westbrook. Visitors George and Adela Torres joined our dinner and were brought by Jim and Lisa Telford. We are eligible to move from an associate chapter to a regular (voting) chapter with FMCA and RMMA. Keep up the recruiting please! I made reservations today for eleven of us to go to Davis Mountain State Park, August 13-16, 2021. If you are not one of the eleven, you may be able to make an individual reservation by calling 512-389-8920. Tell them you are part of the Southwest Sun Chasers Group. We discussed four changes to the chapter's Standard Rules; see our minutes for details. We will vote on these changes at our next monthly meeting on February 17, 2021. We will be meeting at the Edge of Texas, 8690 Edge of Texas Street. El Paso, Texas at 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 PM for our meeting. Wilson brought our chapter name badges. They look great! If you don't have yours, please make sure you send Ginny how you want your name to appear, and provide Kathy with \$15 for each name badge. Wishing everyone a safe and happy February. Don't forget something special for your significant other on Valentine's Day!!

# January Monthly Meeting

Meeting was held at Saltgrass Steak House. We opened with an icebreaker (Who Is It?) which turned out to be a crowd pleaser. We had visitors in attendance (George & Adela) and voted in new members (Joe & Sandy).

Meeting was called to order by Bill at 7:18 PM. Wilson opened with prayer, and Bob led us in the Pledge. December minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was presented. January birthdays were announced, but since they weren't in attendance, we couldn't sing Happy Birthday. Proposals were made to amend our Standard Procedures:

1. Add an Associate Member status.
2. Add an Honorary Member status.
3. Add the position of Historian.
4. Add the position of Sunshine Person.

We have collected almost all COVID Waiver and photo release forms. All current members have submitted names for their name tags, and Wilson presented name tags to those at the meeting. Dolores will address an online merchandise store at a future meeting. If there is anything you would like to see, feel free to submit your suggestion(s). Outing/Rally information was presented. There was a discussion on creating cards/flyers to promote our chapter. It was mentioned that we are listed in the Family Rving Directory (January 2021 issue). We have a contact form on our website, and FMCA gives our information to new FMCA members in our zip code areas (Southern NM and West Texas). Our next meeting is at Edge of Texas (8690 Edge of). Dinner is at 6:00 PM; the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.



Please submit any articles or suggestions for the newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. You can submit to Ginny: [virginia.beaulieu@att.net](mailto:virginia.beaulieu@att.net). I would love to hear any suggestions you might have or what you'd like to see included in the newsletters.

**Your Officers:** Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

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Websites: click on the title to access the site

- [Southwest Sun Chasers](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association \(RMMA\)](#)
- [Family Motor Coach Association \(FMCA\)](#)