

Southwest Sun Chasers

February 2021



Our group spent the first night on the road in Tucson, AZ either at the Lazydays KOA or the parking lot of Cracker Barrel. We arrived on Thursday at the Quail Run RV Park, and after hearing about all the park rules, we were each taken to our designated site. After setting up, we went to a store with all kinds of jerky, which of course we had to purchase in addition to other snacks. Dinner was Mexican food and margaritas. The next day, we went to a flea market, had an afternoon rain shower, and ate at Silly Al's Pizza. Dinner was fajitas accompanied by tamales, queso, and chips. We topped it off with hot fudge brownie sundaes. Bill was disappointed that the Yacht Club was closed until next October. Merle purchased a new scooter - it was a hard choice between red or blue. You will have to come to our next outing to see the color he chose. Bill and Cindy thought hard about purchasing electric bicycles and finally made the decision to make the purchase. We took a trip to see Hi Jolly's Monument (a camel herder). The Parmans and Masseys decided to leave a day early and spend a night in Tucson trying out a different RV park at the Casino Del Sol. They think this park is worth visiting again. Since it was Valentine's, they thought it would be fun to have a nice dinner at the casino steakhouse. They should have made reservations. Everyone came home on Feb. 15 with the Linvilles catching up to the Parmans and Masseys in Las Cruces.

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LAST CAMP OF HI JOLLY

This pyramid of native stone marks the resting place of Hi Jolly, a Creek born cowboy who was known as Philip Toledo and Hadji Ali. Hi Jolly was hired in 1857 as a cattle herder in the US Army's short lived historic Camel Corps by Lt. Edward F. Beale in his expedition to chart a wagon route between New Mexico and Arizona, ending at the Colorado River. In 1864, the Civil War compromised ending the day of the Camel Corps. Hi Jolly returned to Quarante, trying his hand at mining, packing, scouting, delivering the "Jackson Mail" and setting water to members. The Quarante Cemetery is named in Hi Jolly's honor.

ARIZONA



Dates to remember:

- ▶ March 17, 2021 Monthly Meeting (Landry's Seafood House)
- ▶ March 18-21, 2021 Tucson, AZ
- ▶ April 8-11, 2021 Lajitas, TX
- ▶ April 21, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- ▶ April 30 - May 2/3, 2021 Timberon, NM
- ▶ May 19, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- ▶ May 27-31, 2021 Silver City, NM
- ▶ June 9-13, 2021 Albuquerque, NM
- ▶ June 16, 2021 Monthly meeting (Location TBD)



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

- ▶ **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. (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.
- ▶ **June 9-13, 2021 (WED-SUN):** [Enchanted Trails RV Park & Trading Post](#) - 14305 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM. (505) 831-4244. (269 miles). This is the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association Region 1 Rally. Reservations must be made directly with the campground; however, an agenda and information is available on the [RMMA chapter newsletters](#).

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

Time to Celebrate...



- ▶ Bill 2/2
- ▶ Dolores 2/12
- ▶ Renate 2/18

- ▶ Jim & Lisa 2/3
- ▶ Wilson & Dolores 2/10
- ▶ Terry & Barbara 2/11



Just for Giggles:

After an afternoon at the lake near his RV campsite, Stanley was returning to his motorhome with a bucket full of freshly caught, still-alive fish. That's when he was stopped by a game warden who asked to see his fishing license.

"These are my pet fish," Stanley told him.

"Pet fish?" the warden asked.

"Yes, sir. Every night, I take these fish down to the lake to let them swim around for a while. Then I whistle for them and they jump right back into my bucket and I take them back to the motorhome."

"That's a bunch of baloney," the game warden said as he reached for his pad to write a ticket.

"Wait!" Stanley said, "Come back to the lake with me and I'll show you how it works."


The game warden was wary, but he agreed to follow Stanley back to the lake. That's when Stanley tipped his bucket, pouring the fish into the water where they disappeared.

"OK," said the game warden. "Call them back."

"Call who back?"

"The fish," replied the warden.

"What fish?" Stanley asked.



President's Message

February was a month of weather confusion in the Southwest. We saw near record warm days, and then on Valentine's Day, we had frigid cold with snow and ice. While most of you were trying to stay warm, a few of us (Parmans, Linvilles and Maseys) ventured to Quartzsite, AZ.

FMCA is currently offering a special limited-time offer for new and current memberships. New members can join for as little as \$60 (one year) and current members can renew for as little as \$50 (one year). Note that no more than 3 full years of membership can be on a membership. Click here ([FMCA](#)) for more information. Just click on the "join" or "renew" tabs.

Southwest Sun Chasers is now a regular (voting) chapter of FMCA. This means we have a vote, and representation is required at the national meeting (by either our national director or alternate national director). FMCAs 103rd International Convention & RV Expo will be held in Gillette, Wyoming - July 7-10, 2021 at Cam-Plex (multi-event facilities). Registration is coming soon. Check the FMCA website for updates.

We also added new committee positions: Historian and Sunshine & Cheer. If you are interested in filling one of these two positions, please let us know.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to accept the invite to our website. The site has a "members only" page which contains valuable information.

Bill

Meet Our Members: Charlie & Lynne...

We started RVing together about 2014 in a 2011 Cougar 5th wheel. Our big trip in the Cougar was to Corpus Christie, Texas and San Diego to visit the Midway and then to San Juan Capistrano, CA. While we were there, the Ronald Reagan was docked - beautiful... In 2018, both of us said, "We've had enough!" Charlie retired from DHS and I, myself, from Inn of the Mountain Gods (2nd retirement from AT&T), and we gifted ourselves with a brand new 2018 Avalanche. We've made a lot of trips with the group but also many on our own to Colorado and Utah visiting all the national parks and riding the Cumbres, Durango, and Grand Canyon trains. Last winter, we made a trip to Florida, stopping in Alabama to visit my sister and then continuing to Florida to visit the kids. We toured the USS Alabama. I highly recommend a tour if you're ever there. WE love our Avalanche and hope to make our next big trip to the east coast visiting the national military parks and to the northeast where I am from. Someday, we would like to go to Germany where Charlie was born, find family members, and tour where he was a child. I'd love to go to Italy where my grandparents came from.

RV-ing Tips

Propane

1. Keep the tank in proper position
2. Inspect your tank
3. Requalify your tanks
4. Inspect hoses and vents
5. Propane regulator
6. To drive with it on or off
7. Propane safety equipment
8. The GasStop device

Clicking on “Propane” will take you to the entire article should you wish to read it.

Recipe of the Month: Scalloped Pineapple (courtesy of Cindy)

- 4 cups breadcrumbs
- 1 (20 oz) can pineapple chunks, drained
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter, melted

Toss together bread crumbs and pineapple chunks and place in a greased 2-quart baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over pineapple. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Casserole can be made up and refrigerated overnight before baking. Reheats well. Good with ham. Serves 8. *(Mrs. Samuel H. White, Jr.)*

Note: my family uses bread cubes, usually white, but I have used wheat. White absorbs more of the juice. For a lower-sugar version, you can leave out about ½ cup of the sugar called for.

Places to Visit/Camp

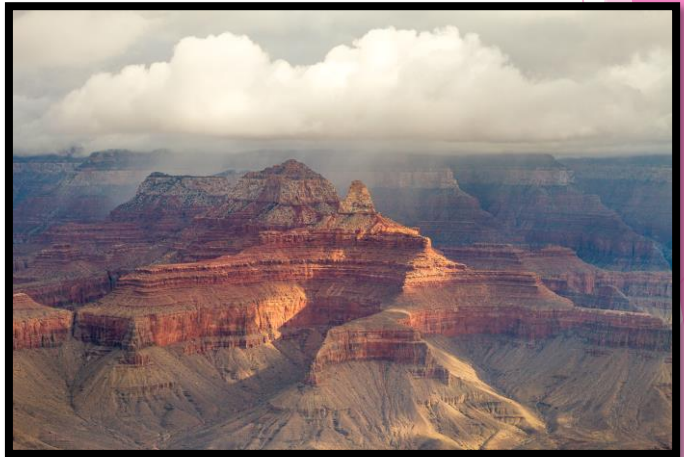


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Grand Canyon National Park ([click here for more information](#))

When visiting Grand Canyon National Park, there are four campgrounds to choose from, but only one - Trailer Village, located on the south rim, has sites with full hook-ups (80 sites for rigs up to 50 feet). With the variety of activities - everything from hiking to river trips to mule trips - there is something for everyone.

February Monthly Meeting

Meeting was held at Landry's Seafood House. The opening icebreaker was Two Truths - One Lie. Renate Hobson and Steve Narbone, guests of Charlie & Ceci were introduced. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Wilson opened with prayer. Bob led us in the Pledge. January minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was presented. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. The following amendments were motioned, seconded, and carried: Associate Members, Honorary Members, Historian, Sunshine & Cheer, change of chapter from an associate chapter to a regular (voting) chapter, and the changing of the Wagon Master from an elected position to an Ad Hoc Committee Chair. The National Director (to be filled by our President, Bill Massey) and the Alternate Director (to be filled by our Vice President, Wilson Mendez) was voted on and approved. The online store is a work in progress. A flyer and sample merchandise will be presented at the March meeting. Wilson presented the Signal messaging platform. Bill covered upcoming rallies/outings. Daniel and Grace Fogarty were voted in as members of the chapter. The next meeting is on March 17, 2021 @ Landry's Seafood House. Meeting was Adjourned at 7:58 PM.



I am looking for recipes, tips, and places you have or would like to visit. You can submit newsletter items to Ginny: virginia.beaulieu@att.net.

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Your Officers (and committee members): Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

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- (vacant): Historian We need a volunteer
- (vacant) Sunshine & Cheer We need a volunteer

Websites: click on the title to access the site

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