

June
2021

Southwest Sun Chasers

Our Memorial Day Weekend getaway was to Rose Valley RV Ranch in Silver City, NM. Most of us arrived on Thursday, and enjoyed a relaxing evening with a variety of sandwiches for dinner. Jim and Lisa were delayed a day due to an employee accident. Thankfully, the employee is on the road to recovery. Friday morning, we headed to the Cat Walk. What a wonderful place to visit. Those who hadn't been there in awhile commented on the changes to the walkway/bridges. The dogs didn't care too much for the "grated" surface. Cooper wound up in his mama's arms, Vienna was in her stroller, but Chewie & Obi had to tough it out. The scenery, trickling water, and weather couldn't have been better. Dinner was at the Adobe Springs Café in Silver City. The Juarezes decided to join us after just barely arriving at the park. Just want to say, you both have great kids. Saturday morning, some of us ventured to Wolf Song Sanctuary. A wolf whisperer and her hybrid wolves treated us to a great time. The rest of us walked around Silver City taking in "The Ditch," the shops, and the historical markers in town. For dinner, we ended up at the Little Toad Creek Brewery. Sunday morning, we decided to skip the trip to the Gila Cliff Dwellings – it will have to wait until another time. The Juarezes took their children to the Cat Walk since they weren't able to go Friday. Some of the guys watched the Indianapolis 500, and the rest of us went to town...again. We enjoyed scones, roasted butternut squash, and coffee at Tranquilbuzz Coffee House. Dinner was potluck Sunday evening, and what a spread we had. Monday morning, most of us headed home. Jim and Lisa stayed one more day to relax.

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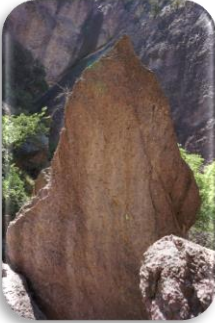
Little Toad Creek Brewery dinner



Cat Walk



Tranquilbuzz Coffee House



Wolf Song Sanctuary



Chair shenanigans



"Cheers, Merle!"





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| ▶ July 1-5, 2021 | Mayhill, NM |
| ▶ July 7-10, 2021 | Gillette, WY |
| ▶ July 21, 2021 | Monthly Meeting (location TBD) |
| ▶ August 13-16, 2021 | Fort Davis, TX |
| ▶ August 18, 2021 | Monthly Meeting (location TBD) |
| ▶ September 2-6, 2021 | Lyman Lake, AZ |
| ▶ September 10-12, 2021 | Alamogordo, NM |
| ▶ September 15, 2021 | Monthly meeting, (Location TBD) |
| ▶ September 30 –
October 4, 2021 | Fredericksburg, TX |
| ▶ October 20-24, 2021 | Tucson, AZ |

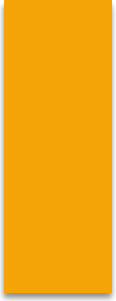
Upcoming Outings (click on the links for more information):

- ▶ **July 1-5, 2021** (THU-MON): [Deer Springs RV Resort](#) – 2112 Rio Penasco Rd, Mayhill, NM (127 miles). Reservations are being taken at this time (575-687-3464). Just a reminder – this park fills up quickly.
- ▶ **July 7-10, 2021** (WED-SAT): Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities, Gillette, WY (978 miles). This is not an official chapter outing; however, all are welcome to attend. Bill and Wilson will attend as our National & Alternate National Directors.
- ▶ **August 13-16, 2021** (FRI-MON): [Davis Mountain State Park](#) – TX-118 N., Park Rd. 3, Fort Davis, TX (206 miles). Group reservations were made January 27th and are closed. Individuals still wanting to attend need to check availability and make their own reservations.
- ▶ **September 2-6, 2021** (thu-MON): [Lyman Lake State Park](#) – 11 mi. S. of St. Johns on highway 191, St. Johns, AZ (316 miles – time zone difference)
- ▶ **September 10-12, 2021** (FRI-SUN): [Boot Hill RV Park](#) – 1 Dog Ranch Road, Alamogordo, NM (96 miles). This outing is to attend the White Sands Balloon Festival.

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



It really is important that we all share hosting responsibilities.



MAYHILL ITINERARY

- ▶ Thursday, July 1
Dinner – Soup, salads & sandwiches
After-dinner cocktails
- ▶ Friday, July 2
Breakfast (potluck)
Trout Fishing at Silver Springs
Lunch on your own
Trestle Trek
Happy Hour
Dinner - Fish Fry/Grill
After dinner games
- ▶ Saturday, July 3
Burrito bash breakfast
Succulent gardens (craft)
Lunch
4th of July Parade
Burro Street Dance & CLOC
Melodrama
- ▶ Sunday, July 4
Breakfast – custom omelettes
Apple Barn
Cornhole tournament
Classic 4th of July BBQ (burgers & dogs)
After-dinner games
- ▶ Monday, July 5
Coffee & continental breakfast
“send-off”

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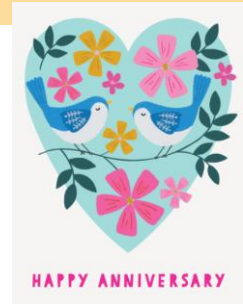
- ▶ **Mayhill, NM** ~~~~~ Beaulieus
(July)
- ▶ **Fort Davis, TX** ~~~~~ Linvilles
(August)
- ▶ **Lake Lyman, AZ** ~~~
(September)
- ▶ **Alamogordo, NM** ~~~
(September)
- ▶ **Fredericksburg, TX** ~~
(September/October)
- ▶ **Tucson, AZ** ~~~~~ RMMA
(October)
- ▶ **Rodeo, NM** ~~~~~
(November)
- ▶ **Carlsbad, NM** ~~~~~
(December)



Time to Celebrate

Noel	6/13
Charlie B.	6/16
Steve	6/19
Nelson	6/25

Bill & Cindy 6/13



Just for Giggles:

While sitting around a campfire, a boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Did you know...

Juneteenth marks the day (June 19, 1865) federal troops took control of Texas in order to ensure all enslaved people were freed. General Gordon Granger formally announced the emancipation from the balcony of the former Confederate Army headquarters in Galveston, Texas. It took 2 ½ years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation for the last enslaved people to find out they were free. Juneteenth recognizes and honors the end to slavery in the United States. It was originally known as Emancipation Day. It was also known as Juneteenth Independence Day and Freedom Day. Texas was the first state to declare Juneteenth as a paid state holiday in 1980.

Massachusetts, New York, Texas, and Virginia observe the holiday on June 19th. New Jersey observes it the 3rd Friday in June. Washington state will recognize it as a paid, state holiday beginning in 2022.

Sources:

History.com

<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/usa/texas/juneteenth>



A message from your president



Linda, Merle, Cindy, and I had the pleasure of attending the RMMA Region 1 Rally in Albuquerque, NM this month. Vallarie and Brian Smith did an outstanding job of putting the rally together. This was my first rally of this type, and I cannot imagine one being any better!

The first evening, Vallarie and Brian, had an assortment of cold and hot snacks for all to enjoy.

Every morning, Vallarie and Brian had coffee with all the fixins ready for us. They had a variety of breakfast items each morning including biscuits, sausage, sausage gray, fruit, eggs, and yogurt just to name a few. They treated all of us to hamburgers and hotdogs one day, coordinated a potluck one day, coordinated a desert evening, and provided a meal with brisket and all the trimmings.

Two days and nights, Vallarie and Brian, had an assortment of games available to play, along with hosting happy hour each evening we were at the park.

Each day there were several drawings for prizes. Linda won a basket of flavored oils and vinegars. Cindy won a gift card to Camping World.

We had a day trip to the Pueblo Indian Cultural Center and to old town Albuquerque. Both were fun and educational. We also took a trip to the Turquoise Museum. This place was really cool. Since Cindy and Bill were celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary, Cindy landed a new turquoise bracelet.

We had one day to have lunch on our own. We tried to eat at old town but found all the restaurants were closed. We had to settle for Lescombs Bistro.

We were treated to movie night and watched the 2006 movie with Robin Williams, "RV".

I am sad to say our trip ended almost like the movie. One of our campers did not have his 5th wheel hitch secured and drove out from under the hitch causing significant damage to the pickup tail gate. One camper forgot to unplug from the shore power and drove off with the power pedestal. One camper forgot to unhook the sewer line. At least the valve was closed. One camper forgot to close his two large awnings. How he made it out of the park without grabbing tree limbs I will never know. Our best efforts to stop him failed and several of us watch him disappear east bound and down! Hope fully he noticed his mistake prior to getting on the interstate.

We really had a great time. I hope all of you will consider participating in an RMMA rally or an RMMA Region 1 Rally in the future.

Bill



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Meet Our Members

Victor & Melinda

We first started camping with the group in 2013. Our all-time favorite trip thus far has been the Angel Fire trip. I cannot even tell you the specifics, but we loved that trip and would love to take it again. Our bucket-list trip would be a l-o-n-g trip with no time constraints...which means when we retire. Perhaps it would be a trip to New York, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, and...beyond

Bill & Cindy

Cindy and I started our RV lifestyle during April 2007. We were enjoying a warm spring weekend in Cloudcroft, New Mexico (tent camping) when the weather turned during the night and dumped several inches of snow with low teen temps. On the way home, I told Cindy we were going to stop and look at a pop-up trailer.

We had a wonderful salesman who had us look at pop-up and bumper hitch trailers. We ended up purchasing a small Keystone with a couple of bunks for Ashley and a friend and a master bed that extended from the rear of the trailer.

A year or so later I upgraded our tow vehicle which allowed us to move to a larger bunk house unit with a single slide. Not long after that, I acquired a Ford Expedition, and you guessed it, it allowed for a longer trailer with two full slides.

We enjoyed weekend trips throughout the southwest taking Ashley's school friends with us on almost every trip. We travelled to California (Disneyland) and to Mississippi to help family after hurricane Katrina. After Ashley finished high school, our interest in camping diminished, and we sold both our RV and tow vehicle.

One Sunday, after church, we were eating lunch and ran into a group we often camped with. They were planning their outings for the upcoming year. Cindy and I immediately went looking at RVs again. We found the 5th wheel we really liked and placed an order for one as the one we were looking at was sold. Of course, we were told that it would be at least 8 weeks before we could expect delivery. A week later, we received a call that our unit had arrived early. Did I mention I did not have a tow vehicle? We rushed around, found, and purchased our Ford 350.

Not long after the purchase of the new unit, we were introduced to Bordertown Sams and met wonderful new friends and enjoyed many great outings for about two years. Then Covid came upon us, and our outings came to an end. On one of our outings with BTS, I learned a little about FMCA and the various rallies they sponsored.

As we waited to again camp with BTS, I contacted FMCA and learned they had no restrictions on their chapters camping as a group. I contacted several of our existing BTS members, and we worked to form our new chapter Southwest Sun Chasers. And here we are today!

Cindy and I enjoy visiting new places with our group and the group activities. I enjoy the history of the many places we visit. Cindy enjoys finding local vineyards and the various kinds of art at these locations. While I like to get out and see the sites and hike, Cindy is just as happy in a quiet place reading a book.

We are always ready to go for a weekend trip or for an extended four-to-five-day adventure. Not too many from now we plan to semi full-time in our recently purchase motor coach.

Member News



- **Bill and Cindy spent Memorial Day weekend in Tennessee attending their daughter's wedding. Congratulations to Ashley and her hubby and of course to her parents.**
- Bill and Cindy celebrated their 38th Anniversary!
- Merle is celebrating a milestone birthday July 1st – wish him a “Happy 80th!”
- Steve and Renate are headed to Carolina Pines in Myrtle Beach – safe travels and happy camping!
- Jay & Annette met up with some friends at Lazy Days in Tucson for a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend. They toured the Titan Missile Museum located just south of the city on I-19. The tour, covering the Cold War Era, the Titan II Missile, and the silo it's housed in lasted about an hour. We were lucky to have an informative guide who spent most of his military career as part of a 4-man missile combat crew on 24-hour shifts. Thanks for sharing, Jay.
- Barbara K. is undergoing medical procedures Thursday, June 17th. Hope all goes well.
- Bob officially retired!! Whoop! Whoop!
- In every pet owner's comes the day when we must let our fur baby cross the Rainbow Bridge. Jim & Lisa, Lucy had the perfect parents, and we know you miss her.



5 RV Storage Problems & how to fix them

- ▶ RV Batteries
- ▶ Mold & Mildew
- ▶ Rodents
- ▶ Environmental Elements
- ▶ RV Theft

(click on the title for the full article)

Rv-ing Tips

Have a "tip" you'd like to share? Let your editor know.

Need a place to stay one or two nights while traveling through Arizona? Check out [Homolovi Ruins State Park](#) just outside of Winslow. You can explore Winslow, a meteor crater, the Petrified Forest, and the Native American dwellings within the park. Although it is hot during the day and Haboob dust storms pop up fast and prevent awning use, the experience can be rewarding. The park does have pull-through sites and most have electric and water. A dump station is easily available.



HOMOLOVI STATE PARK
EXIT 257, I-40 near Winslow, Arizona
(928) 289-4106

Places to

Visit

Recipes to Share

Broccoli Casserole

(courtesy of Barbara K.)

Ingredients

1 pkg. chopped broccoli
4 eggs (beaten)
1 small can chopped green chiles
6 oz. cottage cheese
1 stick melted butter (or margarine)
1 tsp. salt
1 chopped onion
¼ cup chopped bell pepper
1 pkg. Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Directions

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a 13x9 baking pan. Bake at 400°F for 20-30 minutes



Mississippi Pot Roast

(submitted by Cindy)



Ingredients

3 lb. pot roast
1 pkg. Au Jus gravy mix
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch seasoning mix
1 stick butter
1 jar Pepperoncini Peppers

Directions

Place pot roast in crockpot. Make an indentation in the top of the roast. Pour the contents of the Au Jus and ranch seasonings in the indentation. Place the stick of butter in the indentation. Next, you can pour half the juice from the Pepperoncini jar on top, or you can use the juice and half a jar of sliced peppers. Cook on low setting for 8 hours.

Note: Some people use only the juice; some use the juice and peppers. I've done it both ways.

June Monthly Meeting

Meeting was held at Applebee's.

- ▶ We started with an icebreaker: if you woke up as an animal tomorrow, what would it be and why?
- ▶ Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, Lisa led us in prayer, and Bob led us in the Pledge.
- ▶ May minutes were reviewed, motioned to accept, and carried.
- ▶ Treasurer's report was presented.
- ▶ Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.
- ▶ Information was given in reference to the Signal messaging service and our website.
- ▶ The Wagon Master covered upcoming rallies and outings.
- ▶ Barbara K is having medical procedures June 17th.
- ▶ Victor will check with Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough about meeting there next month.
- ▶ Rebecca will check with locations in Las Cruces for our August meeting.
- ▶ Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM



You can submit to Ginny: virginia.beaulieu@att.net. I truly welcome your feedback and any recommendations.

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Websites: click on the title to access the site

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