

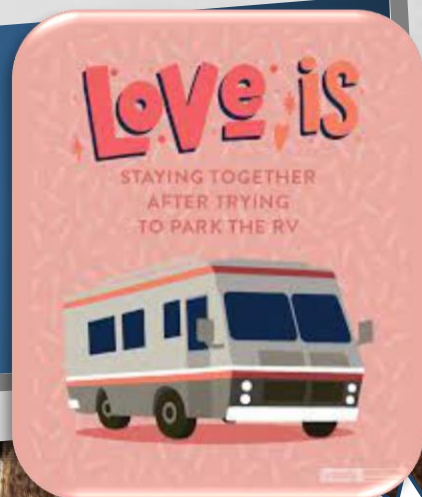
SOUTHWEST SUN CHASERS

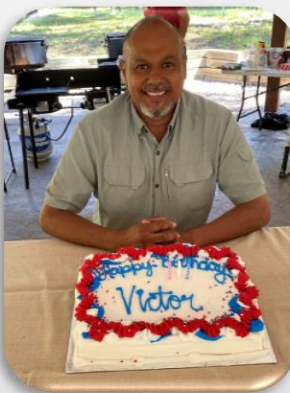


Another great outing goes down in the books. We did not let the weather deter us from having a good time at Deer Springs in Mayhill. Tim and Bob went fishing Friday morning, and they visited the Lopezes at Upper Fir. We spent the afternoon playing games. Dinner was grilled chicken and fish. The burrito breakfast turned out to be a hit Saturday morning, and Ana and Nelson made it to the parade just before the deluge of rain hit Deer Spring. Ginny, Kathy, and Ana made succulent planters from wine bottles. Cloudcroft itself, received very little rain and the parade went on as planned. Saturday The Sunday morning omelet breakfast was delicious, and Ana & Nelson added pancakes to the menu. The Linvilles and Beaulieus went into Cloudcroft to "shop" and walk around. The 4th of July picnic was perfect (even with the rain). We had hotdogs, burgers, ribs, fresh cherry tomatoes, a celebration (birthdays and anniversaries) cake, and a scrumptious caramel apple pie. Charlie and Lynne joined us for the day. Victor, Melinda, Aliris, and Nova & Kahleesi (two beautiful shepherds) joined us as well. We played ring toss, shot squirt guns at targets, and had a great time. We took silly pictures with 4th of July props - thanks for being such a good sport, Bob. Rain started to get heavy, and there was some confusion as to whether or not we'd have to evacuate the park (we did not); however 82 was closed between Mayhill and Ruidoso due to the canyon flooding and debris on 82.

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Save the date!

August 13-16	Fort Davis, TX
August 18	Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
September 2-6	Lyman Lake, AZ
September 10-12	Alamogordo, NM
September 15	Monthly meeting, (Location TBD)
September 30 - October 4	Fredericksburg, TX
October 20	Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
October 20-24	Tucson, AZ
November 12-15	Rodeo, NM
November 17	Monthly Meeting (location TBD)

Upcoming Outings (click on the links for more information)

- **August 13-16 (FRI-MON):** [Davis Mountain State Park](#) - TX-118 N., Park Rd 3, Fort Davis, TX (206 miles). Group reservations were made January 27th. Members still interested in attending need to check availability and make their own reservations.
- **September 2-6 (THU-MON):** [Lyman Lake State Park](#) - 11 Mi. S. of St. Johns on Highway 191, St. Johns, AZ (316 miles - time zone difference). Group reservations were made Sep 2020. Members interested in attending need to check availability.
- **September 10-12 (FRI-SUN):** [Boot Hill RV Resort](#) - 1 Dog Ranch Road, Alamogordo, NM (96 miles). This outing is to attend the [White Sands Balloon & Music Festival](#).
- **September 30 - October 4 (THU-MON):** [The Vineyards at Fredericksburg RV Park](#) - 2647 N, US 87, Fredericksburg, TX (494 miles). This outing is to attend the [Oktoberfest](#).
- **October 20-24 (WED-SUN):** [The RV Park at the Pima Fair Grounds](#) - 11300 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ (313 miles - time zone difference). This outing is to attend the Rocky Mountain Ramble Rally: [Sunset on the Sonoran](#). See FMCA website for registration and additional information.

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.

Fort Davis Itinerary

Friday, August 13

6 PM: soup & sandwiches

Saturday, August 14

Breakfast: on your own

10:00 AM Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center
(depart 9:30)

12:00 PM Lunch at Fort Davis Drug Store
TDB Dinner in Alpine at The Reata

6:00 PM Potluck for those not going to
Alpine

9:15 PM McDonald Observatory - evening
sky viewing

Sunday, August 15

8:30 AM Pancakes & mimosas breakfast

11:00 AM Craft

Lunch on your own

3:00 PM Root beer floats

6:00 PM Hawaiian Haystacks dinner

Monday, August 16

8:30 AM Continental breakfast or on your own

Rally Hosts

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



Paul	7/1
Lynne	7/1
Merle	7/1
Victor	7/3
Linda	7/11
Daphne	7/12
Jay	7/16
Charlie W.	7/26



Victor & Melinda	7/4
Tim & Ginny	7/21

Celebration Time...

Come On!!

Just for Giggles:

- How many RVers does it take to change a light bulb? Only one? the others are busy fixing the water pump!
- You might be a RVer if roughing it is only water and electric.

Did you know...4th of July fun facts

- The Declaration of Independence was dated and approved on July 4, 1776; however, the final document wasn't signed until August 2, 1776.
- The setting off of fireworks tradition began on the first anniversary (1777). *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported, "There was a great exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with 13 rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated" the night of July 4.
- The Star Spangled Banner became the National Anthem 117 years after it was written. It was written during the War of 1812 - Defense of Fort McHenry
- One World Trade Center was designed (height of 1776 ft.) to pay tribute to the year America gained its independence from Great Britain.
- Congress declared the 4th of July as an "unpaid" federal holiday in 1880. It didn't become a federal "paid" holiday until 1941.

More can be found at: <https://www.womansday.com/life/entertainment/g32869047/4th-of-july-facts/>

A message from your president

Hello all,

We recently returned from the FMCA International Convention and Expo, Gillette, WY. We had a wonderful time, attending seminars, visiting the many vendor tables, visiting with other attendees, fund raiser walk, nightly entertainment, dinner out on the town, and visiting Devil's Tower. I know several of you were able to attend and have many stories to share.

As part of the convention: the FMCA budget is set, new officers are elected, and changes to the constitution and by-laws/policy procedures are adopted. Out-going president Jon Walker provided a overview of the health of FMCA. He reported that membership is growing after several years of decline. The financial status of FMCA is the best that it has been in many years with FMCA able to put a substantial amount of money in long-term investments which will help with the continued financial health of FMCA in the coming years.

New officers were installed at the convention. It is the goal of the new officers to continue the increase in the number members of FMCA. The new officers are committed to develop ways to attract younger families and to include those that own other than class A rigs in the FMCA family. During the convention, it was approved to keep dues at \$50/year/per rig and to decrease the commercial membership to \$50/year. They are also committed to making sure FMCA rallies and conventions are not operated at a loss. The new officers challenged all current members to recruit new members helping not only FMCA to grow but to also grow individual chapters.

Bill



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Jill

My RV adventure started about 7 years ago as a total novice, never having even been inside one. Now, 77,000 miles later, I am still learning (many things, the hard way!).

The primary impetus was to see more of the real USA, not just cities but small towns and countryside. I wanted to see Wisconsin, and Idaho, and Iowa for heaven's sake! Another motivation was to be able to make long family visits without being a houseguest for two weeks. That was invaluable last year when the RV was parked at a brother's house in Alabama for 4 months and I flew back and forth.

Another special pleasure has been the music festival circuit. Wonderful experiences with everything from blues to bluegrass to Bach. Hopefully live music will resume this year...am already registered for a festival near Tampa next March.

I belong to another FMCA chapter, Roadtrek International, that has been a great experience. I have met people from all over the country and Canada, many of whom keep in touch these many years later. We keep meeting up all over. In Gillette my group will have a "rally within a rally". Twenty-three rigs are registered, many of whom I know from other times, other places.

So, seven years later, absolutely no regrets about my money pit investment!



Up "close and personal" with Crazy Horse

Meet Our Members

Member News



Happenings and Goings-on

- Happy 80th birthday, Merle!!!
- Tim & Ginny finally took their long-awaited trip to New York to see family. They spent 30+ days on the road. They visited Palo Duro Canyon, ate fried chicken in Kansas, saw the Arch of St. Louis, watched the Iron Man Triathlon in Lake Placid, visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and had a great time visiting family and friends in St. Regis Falls, NY.
- Jill visited Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, and enjoyed a great train ride from Hill City to Keystone on her way to Gillette, WY for FMCA's 103rd International Convention.



Tim photographing Springsteen's '69 Chevelle SS (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame)



Deer Run Winery sunrise



Sunset view at Palo Duro Canyon

Have something you'd like to share (special birthdays/occasions, additional trips, health news...)? Send Ginny a message or an email.

Did You Remember to...

We think we've remembered *everything* when it comes to setting up or breaking down our RV each trip, until you forget to...

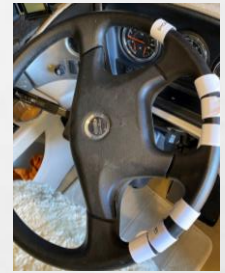
- Secure the 5th wheel before pulling forward
- Unplug from shore power
- Disconnect the sewer line
- Close your awnings

If any of these have ever happened (or almost happened) to you or someone you know, then you know how important it is to have a "check list." Labeling plastic "snap" bracelets and attaching them to your steering wheel is a quick and easy way to see what still needs to be done. Just remove them as you complete the task. (Tim bought plain white strips and created his own set of "snap reminders")

* [Livin Lite](#)

* [Best RV Checklist - Full-time RV Living](#)

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



Carolina Pines RV Resort

Looking for some southern hospitality? Want to visit the East Coast? Ever thought of going to Myrtle Beach? Then you might want to check out Carolina Pines RV Resort. They provide themed weekend events throughout the year. They offer oversized pads and can accommodate all sizes of RVs. There's a splash water park for kids and "kids at heart." Carolina Pines "sits in the heart of nature and at the center of all Myrtle Beach area activities". Want more information? Our very own Steve and Renate just spent a relaxing getaway there.



Myrtle Beach

Places to

Visit



Our
Favorite
Recipes

Broccoli Casserole

Submitted by Cindy

Ingredients

- 1 Pkg chopped broccoli (cook w/o salt), drained
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, melted
- Ritz crackers

Directions

Place broccoli in the bottom of a dish. Pour the rest on top. Melt $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter. Pour over mixture, and crumble Ritz crackers being sure to cover entire surface. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

Cheesy Crockpot Potatoes

Submitted by Lisa

Ingredients

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 (10.5 oz) Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 tsp black pepper (depending on taste)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dice onion
- 1 cup sour cream or 6 oz softened cream cheese

Directions

Add all the ingredients (using only 1 cup of the cheese) to a large bowl and stir together to combine. Spray the insert of a 4-6 quart slow cooker and add the potato mixture, spreading out in an even layer.

Cover and cook on high 3-4 hours or on low 6-7 hours. Stir the potatoes once during cooking if possible.

During the last 30 minutes of cooking, add the remaining cheese in an even layer to the top of potatoes. Cover and let cheese melt during the last 30 minutes of cooking time.

Potatoes can be kept on the "warm" setting if serving from the crockpot.

Note: recipe is easily doubled

July Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM and opened with a prayer and the Pledge. Jim and Lisa brought guests (Pat and Bill Mayberry) who then ended up joining the chapter. Minutes from June were approved. The treasurer's report was presented. Outings were discussed. Kathy shared the itinerary for Davis Mountains. Bill provided an events agenda for those attending Lake Lyman in September and briefly discussed other upcoming events. Christmas on the Pecos tickets will be available sometime in October (cost \$20/adult and \$15/child). 50% discount with proof of military service. They will accept a group reservation. No dinner cruise this year. Percha Dam is now open online for reservations for the January 22 outing. Next meeting will be held August 18 in Las Cruces - location to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.



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

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