

Southwest Sun Chasers

December 2020

**Butterfield Trail
RV Resort**
Benson, AZ



The Masseys, Telfords, Linvilles, Parmans, and Mendez' headed to Benson, AZ to celebrate the end of 2020 and the arrival of 2021. Park facilities were still closed due to COVID, but that didn't stop the group from having fun. The weekend started with excellent Mexican cuisine at the Eighty-Six Café.

They were joined by the Mackeys and Vallerie and Brian Erickson-Smith. Smith. Vallerie is the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association Vice President, and she traveled to Benson to meet our chapter.



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The days were cool and clear, but the nights were a bit cold. Bob and Kathy opened their site to all, and two tents were set up with gas fire pits for heat. It was quite toasty. Kathy made several flavorful drinks for all to try, and the New Year (New York time) was welcomed in.

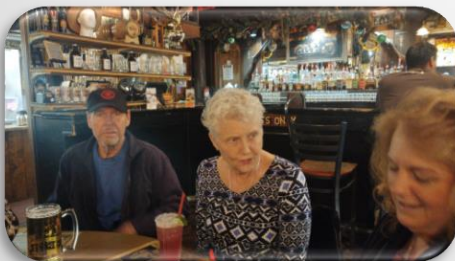
New Year's Day was spent sight-seeing in Bisbee. Most establishments were closed; however, a nice stroll through town to view art and architecture was enjoyed by those who attended.



Meals were enjoyed in different restaurants such as Pablos' Steakhouse and the Horseshoe Café. And...since this was a camping trip, some individuals cooked at their rigs.

Two trips were made into Tombstone. Drinks and appetizers were sampled at Big Nose Kate's. Bill savored Doc Holliday's favorite drink – Old Overholt Rye Whiskey. We intended to dine at Longhorn Restaurant, but the crowd and long wait forced a change of plans. Jim "showed up" all the men by buying Lisa a beautiful piece of jewelry.

January 2nd saw some members returning home, some dining at Magaly's Mexican Restaurant which Jim stated was worth revisiting, and some dining at the Benson City Grill in order to enjoy the prime rib special.



Tombstone: horse coach, OK Corral "dudes" and Wyatt Earp Saloon.



Christmas tree in Benson



- **Dates to remember:**

- January 27, 2021 Monthly Meeting (Saltgrass Steakhouse)
- February 11-15, 2021 Quartzsite, AZ
- February 24, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- March 18-11, 2021 Tucson, AZ
- March 24, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- April 8-11, 2021 Lajitas, TX
- April 28, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- April 30 – May 2, 2021 Timberon, NM
- May 26, 2021 Monthly Meeting (location TBD)
- May 27, 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): RV Park TBD – This outing is scheduled in order to attend the [Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair](#); we have not started making reservations yet. (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 man who had recently arrived at an RV campground noticed a dog resting beside an RVer who was relaxing in a lawn chair.

"Excuse me, sir, does your dog bite?" the newly arrived camper asked. The RVer looked up over his newspaper and replied, "Nope."

So, the camper approached the dog, but it began snarling and growling viciously. He quickly backed away then yelled angrily, "You said your dog didn't bite!"

The RVer muttered, "That ain't my dog."

Time to Celebrate...



- Ana 12/7
- Jim 12/14



- Nelson & Ana 12/21

Welcoming the newest members...

Paul and Rebecca joined the chapter via Wilson and Dolores. If you get a chance to meet them, give them a warm welcome.

President's Message



Not wishing my life away, but I am happy to see 2020 in the side mirrors. I am looking forward to many rallies and outings with all of you during 2021. We have some exciting locations planned for this year. As a new chapter, we will try to participate in some of the FMCA/RMMA sponsored rallies. Please log onto our website: southwestsunchasersfmcachapter.shutterfly.com for updates regarding these and other planned activities.

A few of us were together in Benson, AZ over the new year. It was supposed to be an RMMA Arizona rally, but because of COVID, the rally was cancelled. Those of us who planned to attend went anyway and were joined by our RMMA Region 1 Vice President, Vallerie Erickson-Smith, and her husband, Brian. Bordertown Sams Members, Greg and Jay, joined us as our guests. We enjoyed several dinners on the town in Benson and took road trips to Bisbee and Tombstone.

Coming up next is our February trip to Quartzsite, AZ. It is not too late to join make reservations and join us!

These continue to be trying times with COVID-19 and the many restrictions in place. We will do everything we can to make our outings safe and enjoyable this year.

Bill

December Monthly Meeting

Thirteen members and one guest attended the meeting. Bill opened the meeting, Wilson led us in prayer, and Bob led us in the pledge. Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read. Kathy shared her address so members could mail dues. Birthdays in December were Ana (12/7) and Jim (12/14). Ana & Nelson celebrated their anniversary (12/21). FMCA provided us with a COVID waiver which replaces the one we created, so... "Yes," a new waiver must be signed by all members. Forms can be printed from the website: southwestsunchasersfmcachapter.shutterfly.com, or you can complete a form at the January meeting. There is also a photo-release form (required by RMMA). Ginny provided instructions on submitting names for badges. Bill covered upcoming rallies/outings.



Please submit any articles or suggestions for the newsletter by the 25th of the month. You can submit to Ginny: virginia.beaulieu@att.net.

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