

# August 2021



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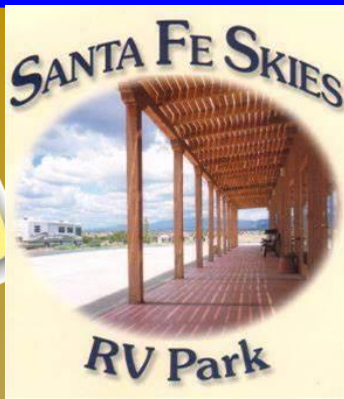
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# Davis Mountain State Park

## FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

Our trip began with the Parmans, Telfords, and Masseys meeting in the afternoon of August 12, 2021, at the rest area in far east El Paso County, I-10. They travelled to Van Horn, TX spending the night at the Wild West RV Park. Jim and Lisa were in their recently purchased Newmar. The Wolfpack has gone on to a new home. We will miss the many wolf paintings she displayed. They had a wonderful meal at the El Capitan Hotel restaurant. Lisa and Bill enjoyed a pecan infused whiskey while the others enjoyed wine and beer. The next morning the group enjoyed breakfast at Chelas. This place had good parking for big rigs. Others, Beaulieus, Linvilles, Rodriguez', Jill P, Brooks, and a little later the Juarez', began the trip from El Paso. Everyone arrived at the state park enjoying the scheduled Soup/Sandwich night. The Linvilles were the hosts for this outing and did a wonderful job. They provided their campsite as the primary meeting place for all the potlucks, games, ice cream social, and socializing. Kathy treated us to some wonderfully flavored fruit punch. She introduced us to a meal called the Hawaiian Haystack. They arranged a wonderful tour at Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center & Botanical Gardens, where we learned about all the desert plants being treated to seeing all of them growing in the vast garden. We had beautiful views of the mountain area. We learned about mining in the area and toured their mining exhibit. Some saw a heard of Barbary sheep. We learned that the Barbary were brought in by the state as a hunting game and have pushed out the native Desert Big Horn Sheep. We had several nights of rain and intermittent showers every day. The trip to the observatory for star gazing was cancelled. Some took time to drive to Alpine and enjoy a local pizzeria. Others enjoyed the soda fountain in Fort Davis. The Juarez children enjoyed playing at the park with their new puppy. Monday was the day to pack up and leave. Everyone had a safe return trip home, driving in the rain.





RMMA Region 1 Rally  
June 15-19, 2022

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

- **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 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.

Rally and Outing updates can be found at  
[Southwest Sun Chasers FMCA Chapter \(shutterfly.com\)](#)



We made some rally changes for 2021 and 2022  
Don't forget to make your new reservations and  
cancel old.

**December 9-12, 2021:** KOA Carlsbad, Carlsbad, NM

They have several types of RV sites and different prices and they  
have three different types of cabins.

Call: [\(575\) 457-2000](tel:5754572000), for your reservations.

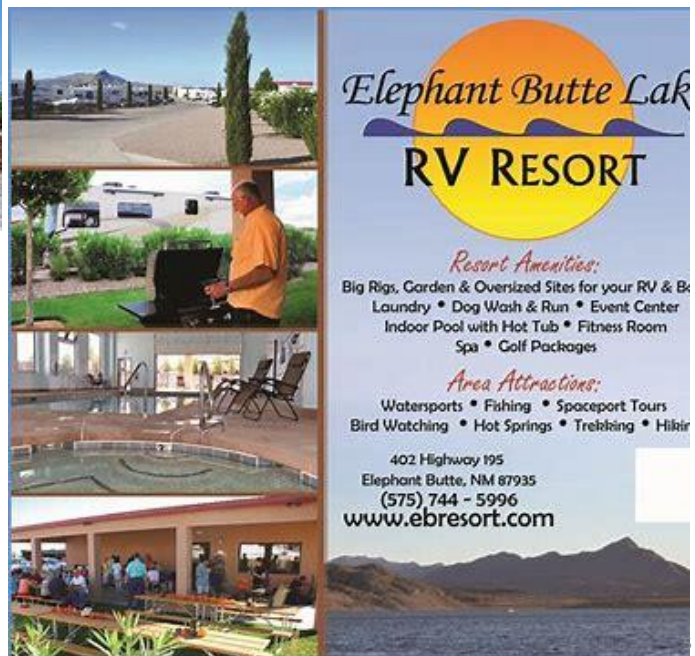
We will be making Christmas on the Pecos reservations as soon as  
they are available.

**January 14-17, 2022:** Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort

There are several discounts available, don't forget to ask.

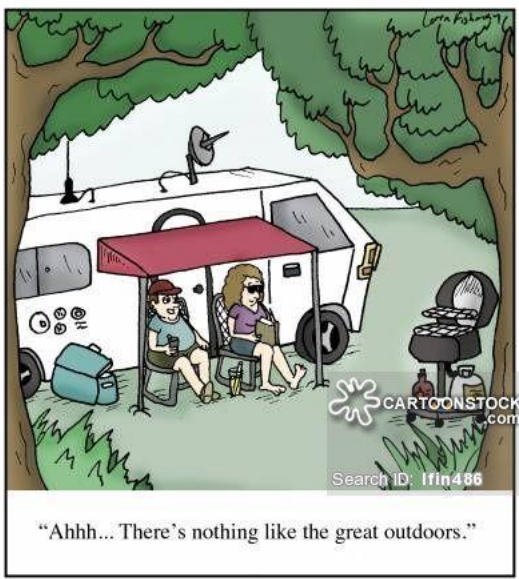
Call: [\(575\) 744-5996](tel:5757445996), soon for reservations.

Replaces Percha Dam State Park.



Please sign up to host a Rally!!

It really is important that we all share hosting responsibilities.



# Rally Hosts

- Mayhill, NM      ~~    Beaulieus (July)
- Fort Davis, TX    ~~    Linvilles (August)
- Lake Lyman, AZ    ~~    Masseys (September)
- Fredericksburg, TX    September/October)
  
- Tucson, AZ                      RMMA (October)
- Rodeo, NM                      ~~                      SWSC Officers (November)
- Carlsbad, NM                      ~~ (December)
- Elephant Butte (January2022)
- Tucson Gem Show (February 2022)

September 1-6, 2021

Lake Lyman Outing

(Don't forget the time change when entering AZ)

### **September 1, 2021**

Early Birds depart El Paso afternoon/evening. Stop at the Owl Restaurant, San Antonio, NM for a Hatch Chili/Cheeseburger. Early birds meet a mile or two west of Magdalena at roadside stop and overnight. Evening cocktails to watch the sun set and the moon rise.

### **September 2, 2021**

8:30 Early Birds depart camp and drive to Pietown for breakfast.

Other Campers depart home base.

After 11:30 am all Campers arrive a Lyman Lake State Park and setup camp. Stop in Springerville for any needed supplies, like ICE!

9:00 AM-2:00 PM **Farmer's Market**, 20 W. Main, Springerville, AZ  
(On Your Own)

6:30 PM **Soup/Sandwich Potluck**-Massey's Rig (Bring a Chair)

8-10 PM **Camp Fire** -Bring your favorite refreshment-Massey's Rig

### **September 3, 2021**

8:00 AM Leave for Casa Malpais

9:00 AM **Casa Malpais Archaeological Site Tour** (Reservations Required-Guided Tour), Springerville, AZ (2 to 2.5 hour walking tour)

Lunch: On Your Own or as a group at Safire Restaurant, Springerville, AZ  
(Noon)(Reservations Required)

6:00 PM **Chili Competition**. Make your favorite chili for all to try. Location: Massey Rig (bring a chair)

8:00 PM-10:00 PM Camp Fire/Social Hour/Movie Night (Massey Rig) (Pop Corn will be provided!)

Lake Lyman (Cont)

## **September 4, 2021**

11:30 AM: Leave for Springerville Rib Throwdown

Noon: **Spingerville Rib Throwdown**, Springerville, AZ (This is an all-day event/tickets required and can be purchased at the event)

Dinner: On your own.

8 PM-10 PM **Camp Fire/Social Gathering** (Bring your favorite evening refreshment and chair) Massey Rig

## **September 5**

8:45 AM Depart for Alpine, TX

9:30-12:00 **Alpine Artisan Festival Street Fair** (No Admission Fee 9A-4P)

12:15-1:30 **Lunch at Fox Fire Restaurant** (Group Reservation Required)

3:00-4:30 PM: Card Bingo Location: Massey Rig (Bring your chair and a deck of cards per couple)

6:00 PM: Potluck Dinner Location: Massey Rig

## **September 6**

Pack up and head home.

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Wilson 08/31  
Rosie 08/24

Tim & Daphne	08/21
Daniel & Grace	08/12
Eddie & Rosie	08/10
Merle & Linda	08/06
Joe & Sandy	08/31

Happy Anniversary!!!!!!

### A Little Humor:

A woman named Mrs. Grazinski bought herself a brand-new Winnebago. She was excited and took her first trip to an Oklahoma football game. On the way home, she set the cruise control to 70 as soon as she got onto the freeway. She then walked to the back to make herself a sandwich, leaving the Winnebago to drive itself. The resulting crash was spectacular. It's hard to believe that someone would actually do that, but she did not feel at fault. In fact, she sued Winnebago for the crash because the owner's manual didn't tell her she couldn't leave it to drive itself. The jury agreed with her and she was awarded \$1,750,000 plus a new motorhome. This is why Winnebago manuals now warn people that they must actually drive the vehicle at all times when it is moving. True story — while technically not an RV joke, it's certainly a conversation starter.

August 2021  
Chapter  
Meeting



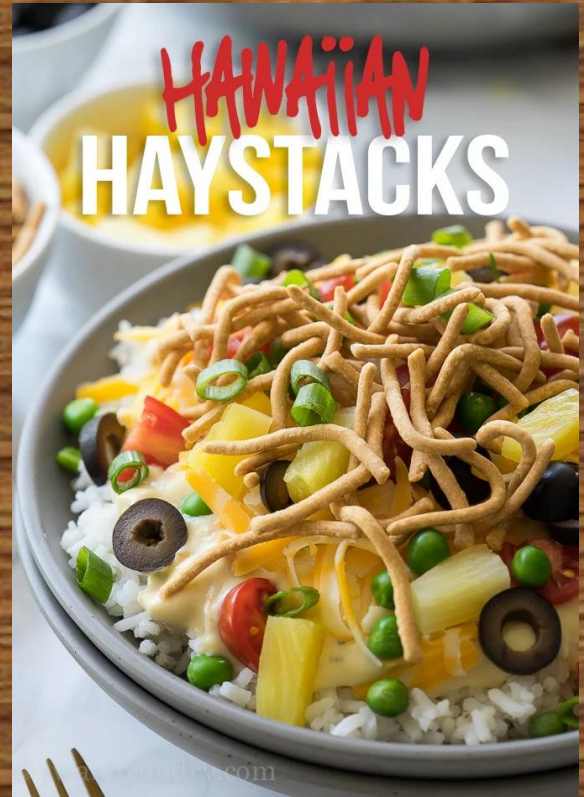
Las Cruces, NM



## Our Favorite Recipes

Served on barbecue chicken  
Recipe by: Kathy Linville

Item
6 cups cooked rice
1 bag or 2 cans crunchy chow mein noodles
3 cans pineapple tidbits, drained
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
8 stalks celery, chopped
3 large tomatoes, chopped
4 bell peppers, diced
1 bunch green onion, sliced
1 1/2 cups slivered almonds, toasted
1 bad shredded coconut



**EXERCISING YOUR GENERATOR** It may seem surprising that “not” using your generator could cause performance problems, but with RV generators that’s exactly the case. Regular “exercise” is a very important part of keeping your generator healthy. Lack of exercise can cause moisture build-up and fuel system degradation that will make it run poorly. In fact, in as little as 30 days, the fuel in gasoline-powered generators can begin to gum and varnish the fuel system. Fuel varnishing results in hard starting and surging. (A surging generator never settles at a stable operating speed.) To prevent such problems, it is recommended to run gasoline generators at a minimum of 50 percent capacity (2,000 watts, or one air conditioner for a 4,000-watt set) for two hours once every month. This is necessary to help keep moving parts lubricated, expel moisture and control fuel varnishing in the carburetor. A long two-hour exercise period is preferable to several short periods. While traveling, this can be accomplished by running the air conditioning. If you own an LP or diesel generator, regular exercising can help reduce internal condensation and helps keep seals lubricated. Remember to exercise, not just start and run your generator.

### Tech Tip!



My family has been involved with FMCA for many years. I became a member in 2011 when I purchased a class C Motorhome and have attended and volunteered for many Regional, RMMA and FMCA international rallies.

My husband Brian and I retired to Farmington, NM. In January of 2018 and purchased our second class A Diesel pusher in Gillette Wy at the FMCA international rally. We have enjoyed visiting many of the chapters of RMMA and made many new friends along with volunteering at region 1, RMMA and international rallies. We look forward to working with region 1 chapters to give them the support and tools they need to meet their goals.

Vallarie & Brian Smith



## REGION 1 VICE PRESIDENT

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Websites: **click** on the title  
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