

**Southwest Sun Chasers  
February 2022 Issue**



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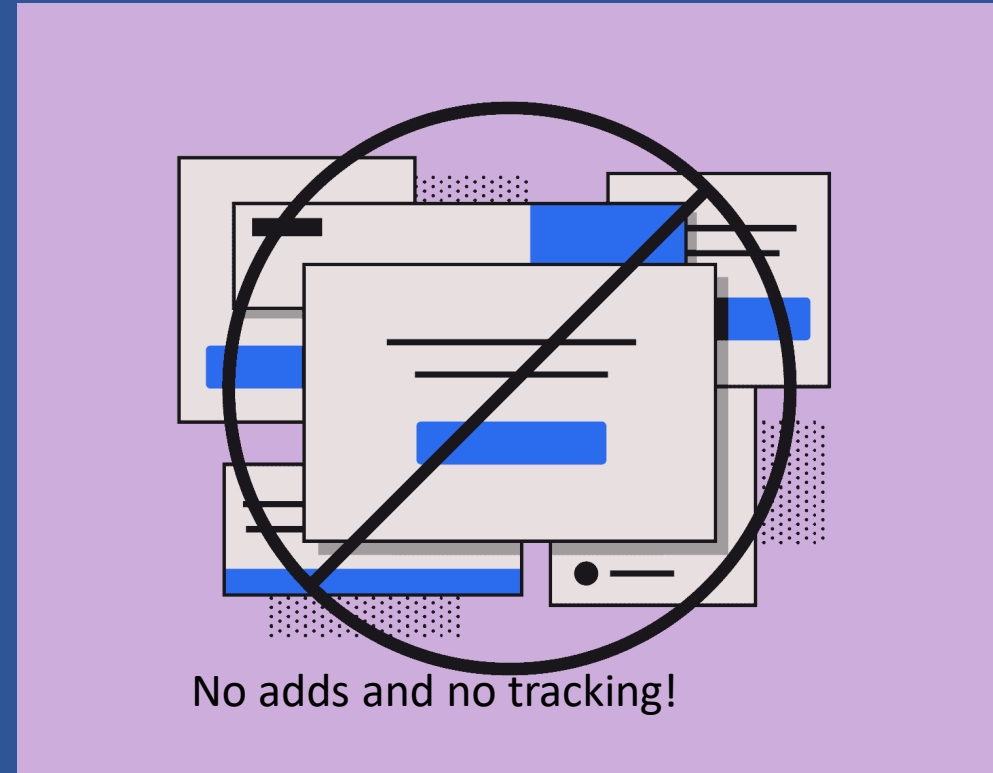
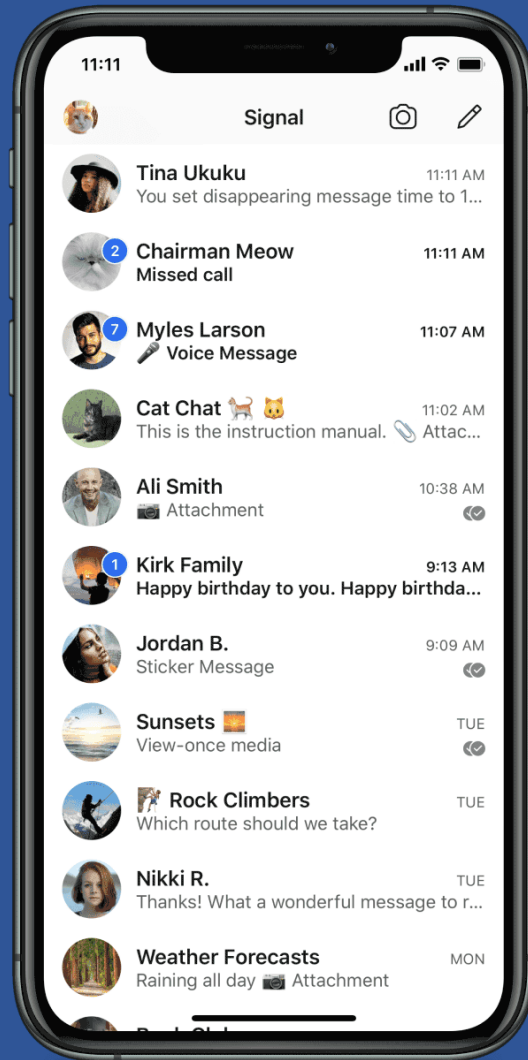
Southwest Sun Chasers uses the Signal App to provide information about specific rallies and outings.

This allows us to communicate information about an event to only those going.

Have you downloaded the Signal App to your cell phone, smart device, or computer?

If you are not already a part of the chapter group let Bill know so he can add you.

<https://signal.org/>





Chapter Meeting via TEAMS  
February 16, 2022  
6:30 PM

**You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting**

Title: Southwest Sun Chasers Chapter Meeting  
Time: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:30:00 PM Mountain Standard Time

Join on your computer or mobile app  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Have you made reservations**

**For**

**2022 chapter**

**Rallies?????**

**See below**

**Please let Lisa and Bill know you have reservations**





Join us March 10-14, 2022  
Columbus, NM

Reservations: [Campgrounds and Camping Reservations - New Mexico State Parks \(reserveamerica.com\)](https://reserveamerica.com/campgrounds-and-camping-reservations-new-mexico-state-parks)





- April 1-3, 2022
- Fourth Avenue Street Festival
- KOA-Lazy Days-Tucson, AZ
- Reservations: Telephone: [\(520\) 799-3701](tel:5207993701)





- April 29-May 2, 2022
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- Cool Pines RV Park
- Mayhill, NM
- Reservations: [\(575\) 687-3200](tel:5756873200)
  
- <https://www.coolpinesrvparknm.com/>







- May 27-31, 2022
- Silver City KOA: (575) 388-3351
- <https://koa.com/campgrounds/silver-city/>
- Silver City Blues Festival [www.silvercitybluesfestival.org](http://www.silvercitybluesfestival.org)

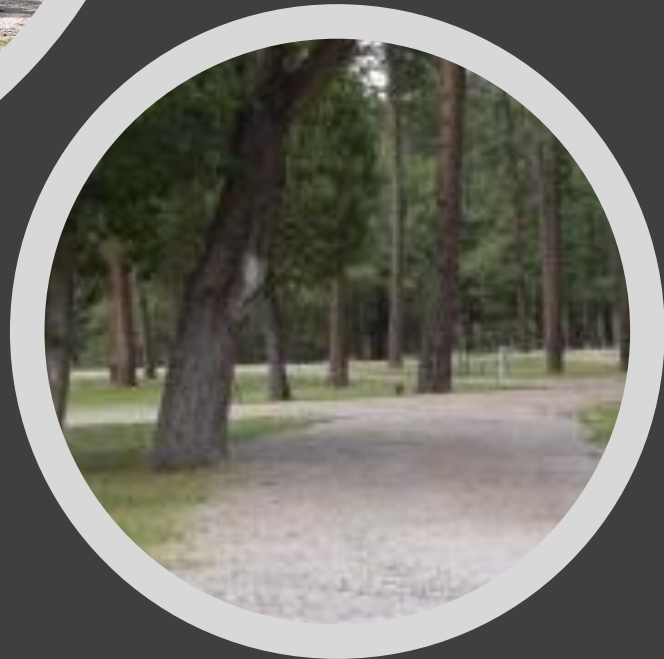


July 1-5, 2022  
Angel Fire RV Resort



Call to Make Reservations  
Now!  
855-421-0308





- August 5-7, 2022
- Circle Cross RV Park
- Timberon, NM
- [\(575\) 987-2651](tel:5759872651)
- [circlecrosspark.com](http://circlecrosspark.com)

Lyman Lake State Park  
September 1-September 5  
St Johns, AZ

Make reservations at  
<https://azstateparks.com/reserve/lyman-lake/camping/>  
Event: Springerville Rib Throwdown.







- A New Family Member in the Telford House!
- Butch "Sarge?"



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RMMA Region 1 Rally

June 15-19, 2022

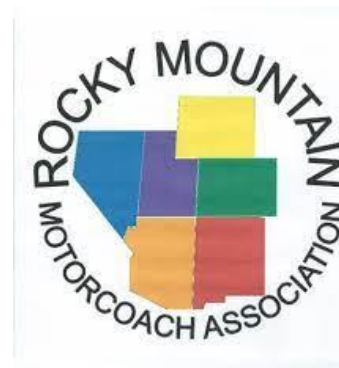
[Registration Coming Soon!](#)

Santa Fe Skies RV Park

Santa Fe, NM

[Call the park now to reserve your camping spot.](#)

[Phone: \(505\) 473-5946](tel:(505)473-5946)



RMMA Ramble

October 26-30, 2022

Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

Registration May 2022



RV Parks to consider during your travels



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Randy McQuinn

"There's nothing like roughing it in the woods to make a man feel alive!"



[1765 W Fort Willcox Loop, Willcox, Arizona, 85643](https://www.ftwillcoxrvpark.com)

Fort Willcox RV Park is located outside of the historical and beautiful city of Willcox, Arizona. It is a great place for an Arizona vacation or a night or two when passing through. The park is an easy exit from I-10 at mile 336, proceed 1 mile east. Campers can look forward to a cozy, quiet, desert setting filled with fresh air and wide-open skies. Southeast Arizona is famous for its majestic sunrises and sunsets. There are two garden areas provided for sunset viewing and stargazing, or early morning sunrise, which can also be viewed at your site. We are 2 miles from Keiller Park and Recreation area, which features a swimming pool and is a well-known spot for nature enthusiasts to explore, hike or bike. Willcox has a movie theatre, featuring current releases, and a few other interesting places to encounter for those seeking a bit of night life. Willcox is the home of The Rex Allen and Marty Robbins Museums, wine tasting and is the gateway to Fort Bowie Historical Site and the Magnificent Chiricahua monument and mountain range, which are popular spots for cultural and historical exploration. Many guests visit the multiple Vineyards and Apple Annie's Orchard (April to October) to enjoy the seasonal fruits of the land.

The park is set on 17 acres, allowing space is on each side for horses and larger dogs to exercise. In the center of the Park is a beautiful gazebo, where many groups gather to share potluck dinners and bar-b-ecue.

Amenities at the park include: handicap restrooms, showers, pull thru sites, big rig access, water, sewer, and electrical hookups with WIFI and 30/50 amp sites. Sites with cable TV hookups are also available.

Exercise room and rec hall for small group gatherings coming soon!

Fort Willcox Park offers complimentary waffles and fresh coffee most mornings (Jan-May) by reservation. Hope to see you soon!

The park is away from I-10, so a little quitter. They honor Passport America pricing, cash or check only. Call to make reservations and avoid the reservation fee. Camp manager is very friendly. An older camp ground, but clean and user friendly. An easy five minutes to downtown Willcox.

<https://www.ftwillcoxrvpark.com>

**[\(520\) 384-4986](tel:5203844986): You may have to leave a message, but they will call you back!**



Info: [575-526-6555](tel:575-526-6555)  
814 Weinrich Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88007



GATEWAY  
TO  
*Adventure*

KOA-Journey-Las Cruces, NM

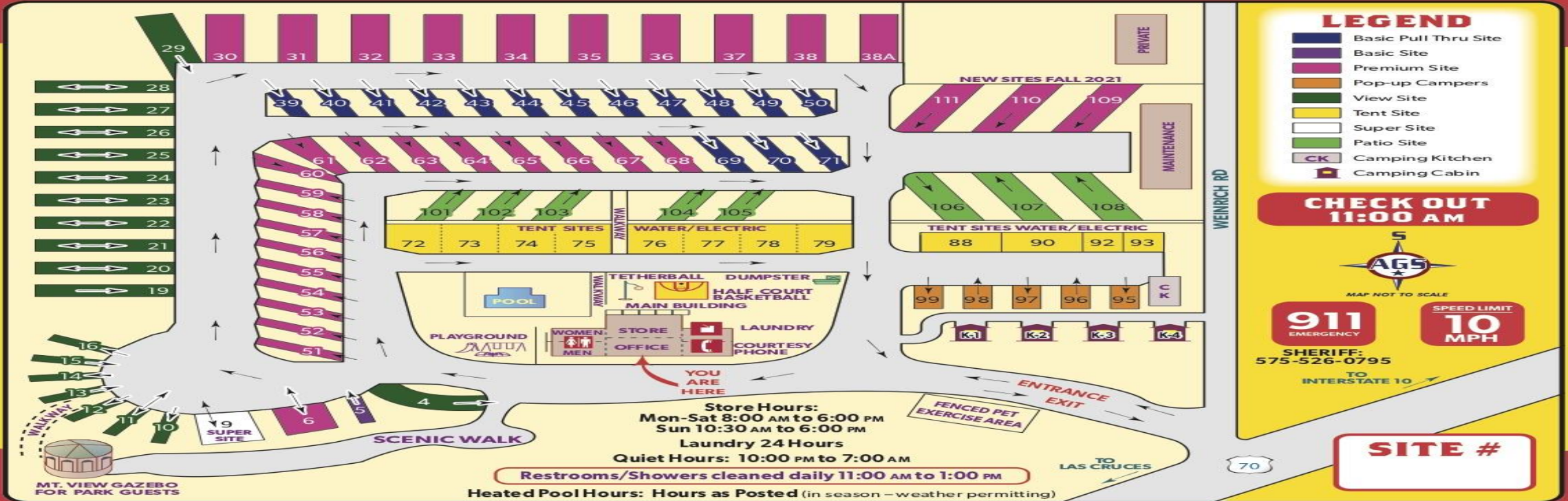
This KOA is conveniently located one mile from I-10, overlooking the amazing views of Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley, and nearby mountains. Many upgrades have taken place over the last year, including Wi-fi with which you can stream and zoom, paved streets and a new playground. Choose from breathtaking view sites, big-rig friendly pull-thru sites, KOA Patio Sites with fire pits, Tent Sites or one-room Camping Cabins with refrigerator/freezer and fire pits. An RV wash area (Care Camps donation encouraged), 24-hr laundry and heated pool (seasonal) will complete your visit. Many come for one night and end up staying longer. Visit La Mesilla, known for its rich history and great cuisine. Shop for local specialties, chilies, and pecans at the popular farmers' market in downtown Las Cruces. Other area attractions include White Sands National Park & Missile Museum, Spaceport America Visitors Center, and the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. **Pool: Mid May – Oct 31st. Max pull thru 85 ft. Your hosts: Leah & the Las Cruces KOA Team.**

*\*Newly owned and going through upgrades and renovations. A great place to watch 4<sup>th</sup> of July Las Cruces fireworks. Drive-up spaces with a spectacular view. Space 9 has a large open metal canopy and grill, great for group dinners and meetings. Several primitive cabins.*





# LAS CRUCES KOA



Las Cruces KOA | 814 Weinrich Rd | Las Cruces, NM 88007 | Dona Ana County  
 575-526-6555 | Reservations: 800-KOA-1627  
 leahlckoa@gmail.com | koa.com/campgrounds/las-cruces





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- **WHAT:** Stay Friday night, May 13th at a participating campground, and get Saturday night, May 14th for just \$20\*.
  - **WHY:** The Big Weekend helps raise funds to send kids with cancer to medically-supervised camps all across North America. Kids fighting cancer deserve a chance to attend a summer camp and to just be a kid again. Funds raised from May 14 support the KOA Care Camps Trust which distributes more than \$1 million dollars annually to support 125+ Care Camps each year. Learn more at [koacarecamps.org](http://koacarecamps.org).
  - \* Only at participating KOA locations. Applies to one-site, for two consecutive nights at the same KOA. Sites may be limited. Not valid with other discounts.





- Coronado Vineyards
- Willcox, AZ
  
- A fun place to visit when passing through Willcox, AZ.
- Located in far east Willcox on the former golf course and country club.
  
- Plenty of room to park your RV.
- Wine and food are outstanding with a nice little gift shop.
- I recommend the charcuterie board! Both inside and outside seating. Beautiful view of the mountains.
  
- Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.
- He is from New York, Puerto Rican decent, and is a lawyer by education. She is a Native American
- And former university professor. Both are outstanding

Hosts:





Go to [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) for details of all member benefits.

A Few Member Benefits



Member Benefits  
**ADDITIONAL**  
**BENEFITS**

## FMCA RV Club Members-Only Benefits



FMCAassist

**Travel with peace of mind, knowing  
you are covered if the unexpected happens**

**What do you need to do to enroll in this program?**

Absolutely nothing! As long as you are an active FMCA member, you are covered.

<https://www.fmca.com/fmca-assist>

<https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/description-of-benefits-us.pdf>

## FMCA RV Club Members-Only Benefits



\$49.99/Month Interest for Rvers Provided by T-Mobile  
Requires No Service Contract

[https://www.fmca.com/index.php?option=com\\_fmcatechconnectv2&view=home](https://www.fmca.com/index.php?option=com_fmcatechconnectv2&view=home)



Requires Separate One-Time “Rental” of Hotspot Device

## FMCA DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

<https://www.fmca.com/rv-discount-clubs>

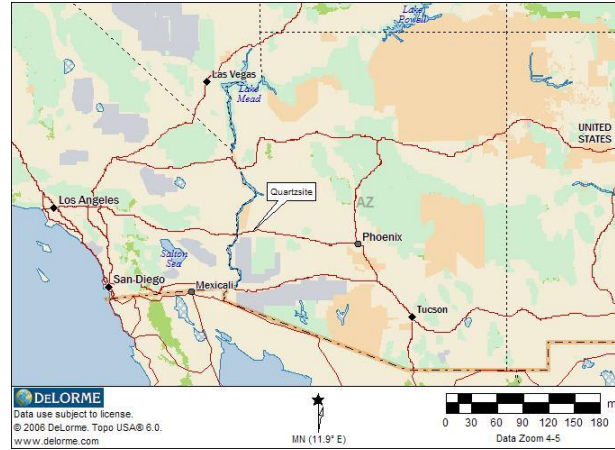


<https://www.fmca.com/rv-tires-discounts>

FMCA Tire Savings Program



## Parmans and Masseys Travel to Quartzsite, Arizona





We were supposed to begin our 2022 travels with a three-night trip to Elephant Butte, NM with two other couples from our Southwest Sun Chasers chapter. Covid and coach issues caused the trip to get cancelled. After Elephant Butte we planned to begin our travels to Quartzsite, AZ. Instead, we departed El Paso, TX on January 16, 2022, traveling to Willcox, AZ. In Willcox we spent two nights at the Fort Willcox RV Park. We chose Fort Willcox because it is located away from I-10, therefore, a little quieter and because they are Passport America, and the price was just a little less than other parks in the area. Traveling with us were Merle and Linda Parman. The travel day was sunny with no wind, making the four hour drive enjoyable. After arriving and getting the rigs setup, an enjoyable meal was had at the Double S Steakhouse. Merle and Bill recommend the country fried steak. Before and after dinner some NFL football was taken in as this was wild card playoff weekend.

Monday brought Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Linda was up early taking a walk around the park. Most of the stores in Willcox were closed. Merle and Bill ventured out to pick up some groceries and Bill a haircut. Later all enjoyed some wine and a charcuterie board at Coronado Vineyards. The afternoon brought being lazy around the coaches. During the evening Linda made dinner consisting of soup, salads, chicken, and desert. All watched the first half of the Rams Vs Cardinals before retiring for the night.

January 18, brought a sunny morning. After fueling up we headed to Gila Bend. Going through Texas Canyon we were treated to a little rain and light winds. By the time we were at Picacho Peak the sun was back at and the temps were in the 70s. At the peak we stopped for a snack, sandwiches and blizzards! We arrived at the Sonoran Desert RV Park mid-afternoon. The overnight designated spaces are long, wide, and level. The park is large with many amenities. Definitely on the return list. We enjoyed wine and spirits before having dinner at Little Italy Pizza an Italian Restaurant. This is the second time we have had dinner here and both times the food was excellent and abundant. According to folklore, Prince Harry once had a meat lovers pizza here and declared it the best meat lover's pizza ever!

On the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>, we were off to Quartzsite, AZ It was an easy trip arriving at the Love's Truck Stop just before 11:00 AM. After unhooking our tow vehicles, we were welcomed by Gary and Glenda Milner, our FMCA National Senior Vice President. Shortly after noon we were joined by Jamie Erickson, our RMMA President and Connie and Jack Jones, our RMMA Senior Vice President. We moved over to our spaces and parked our rigs, setting up for our next twelve days at the Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show. After setting up we all met for horderves and cocktails and a few hours enjoying each other's company around the fire pit.

The 20th allowed us time to tour some of the coaches for sale at the RV show and walk around the show area. Later the Masseys and Parmans took a drive to Parker, AZ to purchase supplies at Wal-Mart. Merle enjoyed a country fried steak at the Crossroads Cafe. Dinner was a potluck of grilled pork chops, sweet potato casserole, black-eyed peas, cheese hominy, flat cheese bread, and salad. Gary and Glenda spent the day visiting FMCA chapters camping in the area while the Jones' and Jamie worked on getting things ready for the show. If you ever get the chance spend an evening around a firepit with Gary and Glenda, they have great stories of many travels around the country.

Today, the twenty-first, we spent a few hours setting up the FMCA booth, but before this we drove to Blythe, CA and had a wonderful breakfast at Steaks n Cakes. Blythe is less than a 30-minute drive from Quartzsite. We learned many things about the benefits and programs offered by FMCA with the yearly membership as we put out the various literature for the show. We learned today that Jill Parker is in the Quartzsite area with some of her other camping friends. Lisa Telford told us today that Jim's shoulder surgery went well. We are praying for a quick recovery for him. Cindy made a beef loin with vegetables for dinner. Glenda made an apple and sweet role desert. Connie brought a salad side dish and Linda provided a key lime pie. We spent the evening around the campfire talking about growing up in Arkansas and Mississippi with the many critters (snakes, spiders, wild hogs, and gators). We learned that Jamie is especially fond of snakes, not! If you are looking for a good reason to travel to Colorado, contact Jack and Connie as they are a wonderful couple that can get you invited to attend one of the Colorado chapters' outings.

Our first day of the RV Show being open had us at the FMCA booth a little before 9:00 AM for our first four-hour shifts. We provided information to those visiting the show about FMCA, the FMCA Regions and Chapters. Helping at the booth was Aaron White from FMCA Corporate. We met many existing FMCA members throughout the day and signed up a few new members. Jill Parker stopped by to say hello. As we presented information about the many benefits of being an FMCA member we learned little details about each program we didn't know! When we were not at the FMCA booth, we walked around the show and looked at the many products provided by the many vendors. We even purchased a few items! For dinner, Glenda made a wonderful beef stew, with Cindy making a broccoli casserole and Linda bringing a pie. We had a small afternoon shower, so It was too cool and wet to sit outside. Everyone made a plate and took it back to their coaches.

Day 2 of the show had fewer visitors, but we continued to have the opportunity to sign up new members and meet existing members as they walked by. Rett and Claire Porter, FMCA National President stopped by for a visit. We continued to hear stories of people that have used FMCAssit or Roadside Rescue. We had an evening meal consisting of salmon with rice, provided by Connie and Jack, buttered asparagus, provided by the Milners, and Cindy's leftover casseroles, and a shrimp and pasta dish provided by the Parmans.



Days 3-4-5 We continued meeting new and existing members telling them about the great benefits of being part of FMCA. For dinner we had grilled burgers with sides. Connie provided a wonderful rum cake for dessert. Some took time to look at the other items offered by the many vendors. Some purchased new shower heads, battery fill systems, new water filters, and much more. We learned about fun events provided by Fantasy RV Tours, Adventure Tours, and AIM (All Inclusive Motorhome Club). All seem to complement our membership with FMCA. We learned about part-time and seasonal work offered to full-time RVers. Paul Mitchell, the President of FMCA's International Area stopped by to say hello. We ended our 4<sup>th</sup> day with a nice meal at the Black Pearl Restaurant, Parker, AZ. Jamie Erickson treated everyone to dinner. What a nice surprise! Thank you, Jamie. We had a beautiful view of the Colorado River while dining. More of the same for Day 5 ending with a grilled steak dinner provided by Jamie with everyone else bring a side.

Day 6: A little slower at the Big Tent. It looks like the previous weekenders are departing and BoonDockers are starting to arrive for this upcoming weekend. This allowed us time to checkout the vendors in the Big Tent and at Tyson's Corner. The Milners departed today returning home to Yuma, AZ to prepare for their next FMCA visit to Florida. For dinner the Parmans and Masseys visited the Quartzsite Yacht Club, a local tavern and restaurant. Merle said don't order the steak!

Day 7-8: A little busier at the booth today. I had time to look through some postings of others camping in Quartzsite. There are a lot of people boondocking in a variety of modified rigs. Jack and Jamie made brauts for dinner with Linda bringing desert and Cindy providing some leftovers from the previous nights. Our last full day was slow with visitors to the show during the morning, picking up around lunch as the temps moved up. For those thinking of visiting the show in future years, this is a great place to have new tires installed and a place to have your BlueOx or Roadmaster tow systems inspected and serviced or your Morryde pin hitch serviced. Other great deals were various kinds of surge protectors and replacement coach batteries, and tire monitoring systems. We ended the day with a nice dinner at Steak and Cakes in Blythe, CA. Tomorrow will be our last day with the late afternoon spent putting the FMCA material on a pallet and getting it ready to be shipped back to the home office.

We ended our last show day packing up and cleaning up the booth area and ending the show at 3 PM. Jamie, Jack, and Connie were able to head home. Merle, Linda, Cindy, and Bill ended the evening with dinner at Taco Mia, watching the end of the Cincinnati and Kansas football game and watching the beginning of the 49er/Rams' game. After dinner Linda treated everyone to ice cream at Dorothy's and Toto's Ice Cream Shop. Tomorrow will have us driving to Tucson and staying at Justins's Diamond J RV before moving to the Casino Del Sol for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

It was a great trip! We learned a lot about FMCA and met many FMCA members that I am sure we will cross paths with again. If you have an opportunity volunteer to work an information booth for FMCA. Your will receive much.





Coronado Vineyards,  
Willcox, AZ







Gila Bend, AZ





First Day Quartzsite, AZ











Breakfast at  
Steaks n Cakes  
Blythe, CA



- New hitch cover coming soon at the FMCA Store







First day working the FMCA Booth





Our canine family always welcome at the show!







Jamie and Aaron

Cindy











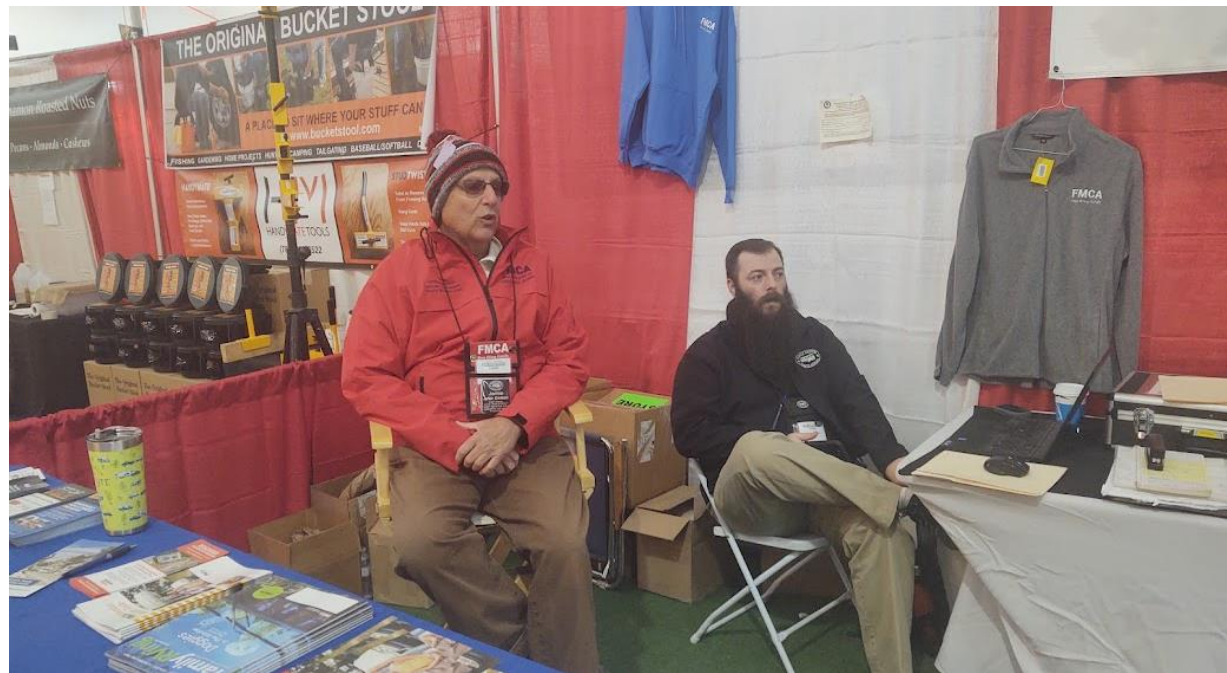














## Mining Shacks



Boat in the desert





Music Everyday at the show





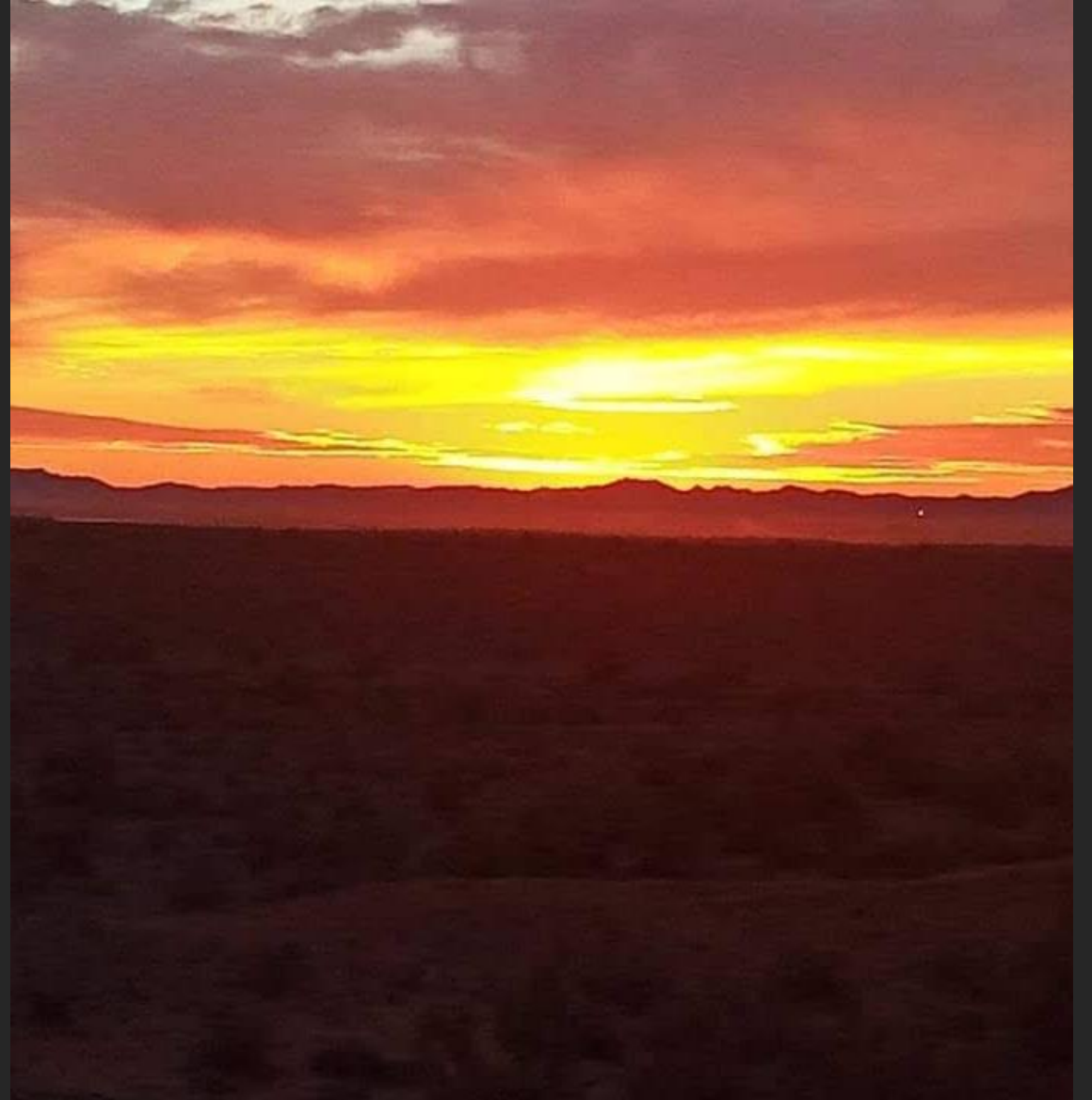




Sunsets



















Merle upgrades his scooter!





Packing Up to send everything back  
To Cincinnati

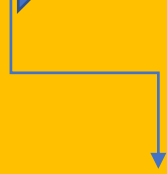




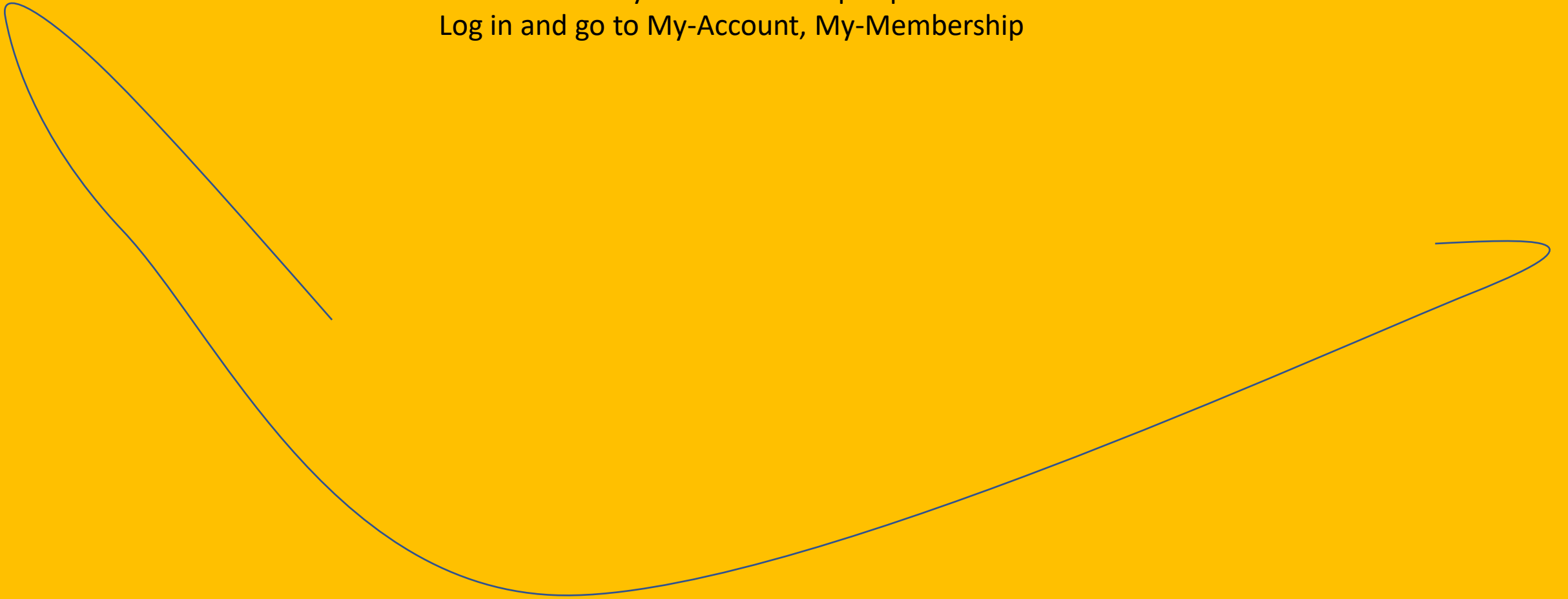
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Not sure when your membership expires?  
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