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HAPPY HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER



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&
HAPPY NEW YEAR-2023

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Apache Junction, AZ **Reservations Are Full**

February 17-22, 2023

Cotton Lane RV Resort

February 22-26, 2023

FMCA's 106th International Convention, Perry, GA

March 15-19, 2023

Camp Verde, AZ

May 25-31, 2023

See Below for Additional Details or Visit: [Southwest Sun Chasers FMCA Chapter \(shutterfly.com\)](https://www.shutterfly.com) or
FMCA.com (Menu/Events Tabs)

Apache Junction, AZ

February 17-22, 2023

Reservations Full

Anticipated Group Events:

Goldfield Ghosttown: <http://goldfieldghosttown.com/>

Barleen's Dinner Show: <https://www.barleensdinner.com/>

Arizona Renaissance Festival: <https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/>

MLB Spring Baseball Game: Pending Release of Spring Schedule

Golf: For those that Golf

Shopping: Bass Pro Shop



MLB Spring Training Rally

FEBRUARY 22-26, 2023

Cotton Lane RV Resort
17506 W. Van Buren Street, Goodyear, AZ 85338
Reservations: 623-853-4000

Par Three Golf Course and in-door pool
for our entertainment at Cotton Lane.



Rally will focus on attending a
couple of MLB Spring Training
games in Surprise, AZ





Benson, AZ

November 10-14, 2022

- Our trip to Benson, AZ started with the Mayberrys, Parmans, and Masseys meeting in Vado, NM to caravan to Benson, AZ. Pat and Bill started the trip of right with a hardy breakfast at the Valero Truck Stop. Their meal was good and plentiful! The trip to Benson was a bit windy with a strong breeze coming from the west. Stopping in San Simon, AZ, Bill Massey was surprised to learn the truck stop was out of diesel. Bill learned that this was a temporary supply issued and that fuel was on the way for delivery.
- Arriving at the Butterfield RV Park, everyone checked in, walked dogs, and set up their coaches, and prepared food for the upcoming potluck. The group gathered that evening at the park's hall and enjoyed an abundance of dinner food and of course desert. They were joined by two FMCA member families, Donna and Mike Lane and Leroy and Jean Waldo. Both families changed their travel plans when they learned of the chapter's rally in Benson from information posted by FMCA. After dinner everyone retired to their coaches before turning in for the night.

The following morning, the Masseys and Mayberrys, joined by Brian and Vallarie Smith met up with Apache ATV Tours, <http://www.apacheatvtours.com/> , for a tour of the Rincon Mountain Wilderness Area and a guided tour of the Mescal Western Movie Set, <https://www.mescalmovieset.com/> . The group learned about the many movies filmed at the set, the history of the set, and how the Kartchner family of the Kartchner Caverns fame saved the set from being destroyed. The ATV trip treated everyone to some beautiful Arizona high desert mountain scenery. The Apache ATV Tour guides were exceptional. The Waldos enjoyed a day at the RV park taking the opportunity to use the park's hot tub. The Lanes had a relaxing day at the park and visited some of the stores in Benson. Merle and Linda drove into east Tucson and enjoyed lunch at In and Out Burger. Linda claims the burgers are the second best in the world! Sounds like her son-in-law does the best! The evening ended with everyone joining at Pablo's Steaks and More Restaurant, <https://www.pablossteaksandmore.com/> , Benson for a very good evening dinner.

Saturday brought a trip to the Pima County Fairgrounds to visit the Christmas Fair, Vailfest. Following the fair some went to Hotrods Old Vail (<http://hotrodsoldvail.com/>) for lunch. All agreed the food was good and plentiful and worth a return visit. The evening brought a little social time around the campfire while some visited the observatory located at the RV park.

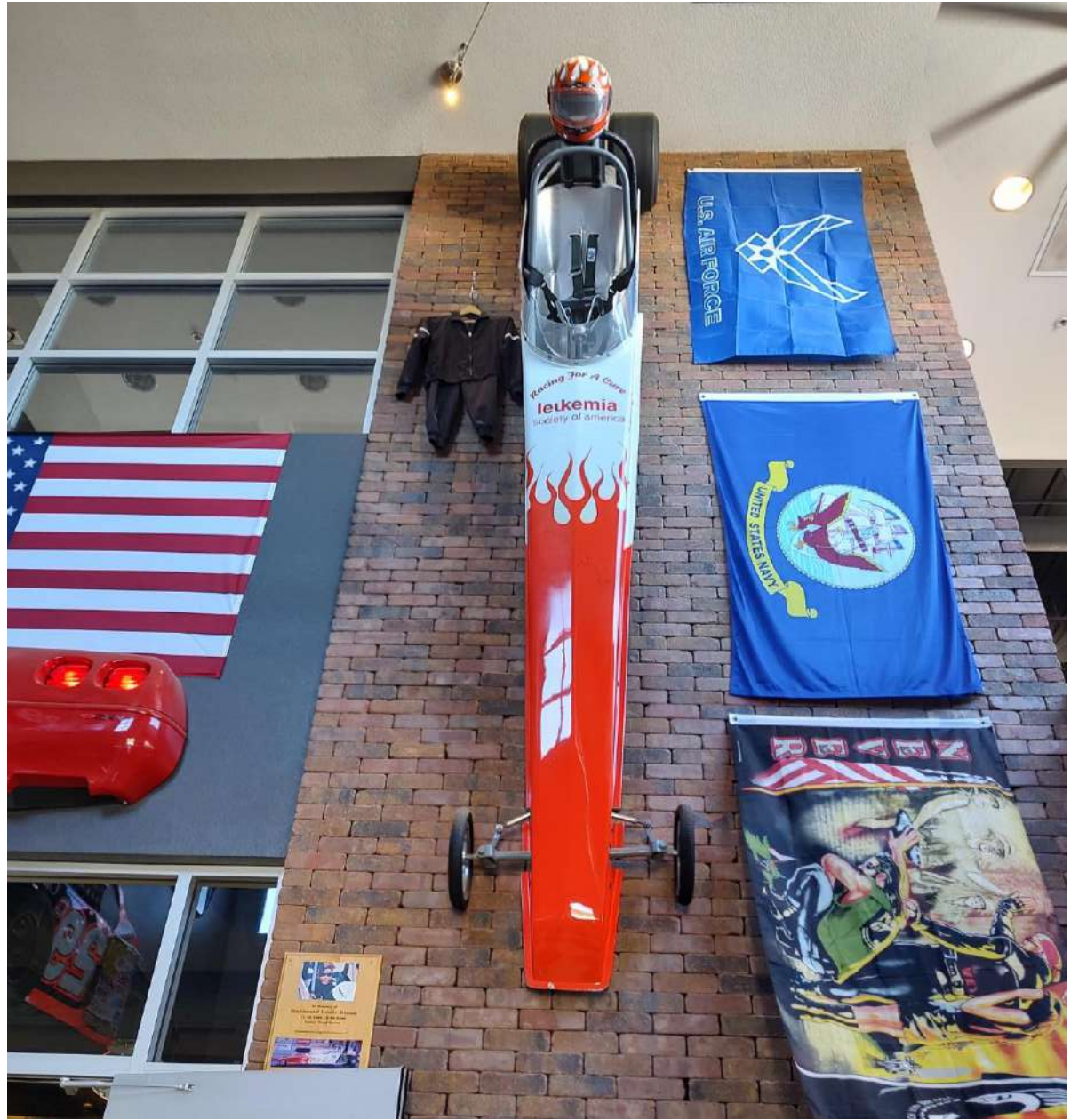
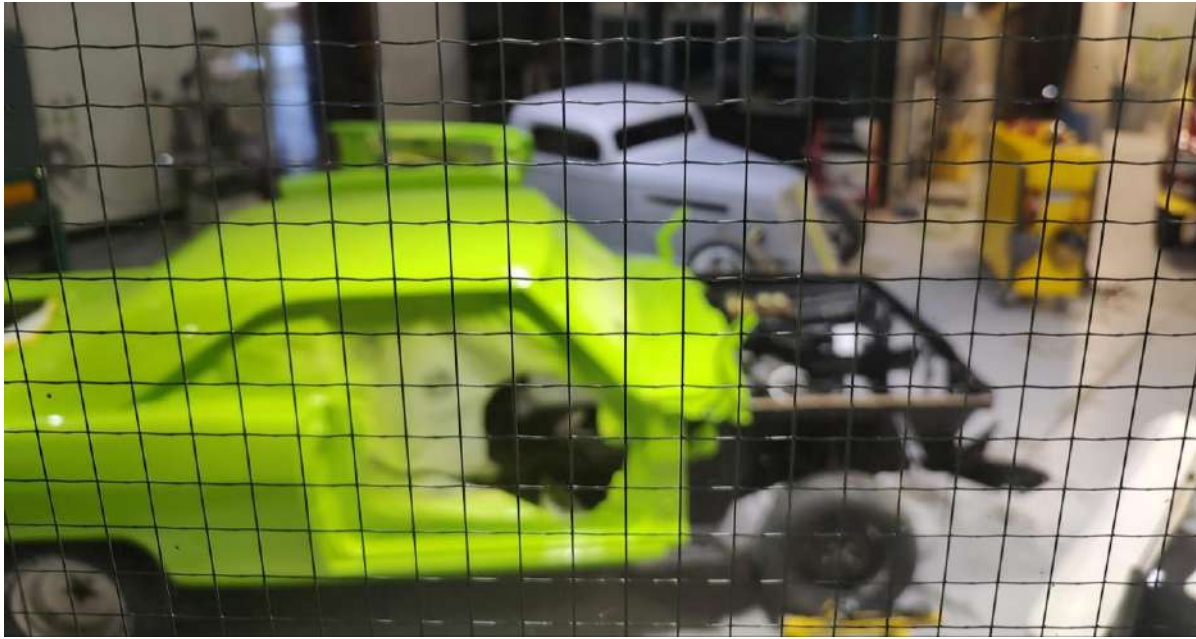
Sunday brought a day of relaxing in the morning. The Mayberrys visited First Baptist Church of Benson. Bill put the finished repairs on the rock guard of the coach and reinstalled it. For lunch everyone met and enjoyed leftovers from the potluck. After lunch, the weather being warm and windy, all returned to their coaches for a little rest and relaxation. Around 4 PM everyone travelled to Tombstone, AZ where a little shopping was done, followed by a walking history tour of Tombstone. With the temps dropping to the high fifties and a strong wind it was a bit chilly. After the tour everyone went to the Longhorn Restaurant for dinner. Following dinner the group took a second walking history tour of Tombstone, The Bullets and Bordello Ghost Tour. The tour would have been much more enjoyable had the temps not dropped to the mid forties and the wind had not be brisk. All in all everyone enjoyed the tours.

Monday morning was our day to pack up to head home. It was filled with the typical items, buying propane, stopping to get fuel, etc. The Parmans, Mayberrys, and Masseys stopped in Lordsburg, NM and enjoyed lunch at Kranberry's. This is a great place to stop as they have good food and a large dirt lot to park RVs.



Everyone arrived home safely and with only one highway incident. Merle and Linda couldn't avoid a road hazard and bent their brand-new rock guard.







A new year is almost here! In just a few months we will need to start thinking about our 2024 rallies. Would you consider being on our rally committee?

What will you do?

- *Talk to members for their input on future dates/locations
- *Research possible new locations that will work for our group.
- *Help develop the rally calendar
- *Research for new events to consider for rally events.

If you are interested send an email to:

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Where were you
Novembers Past?



Mount Wrightson,
Sonoita, AZ



Douglas, AZ



- November 2020



Southern Orange County, CA

R Rodeo, NM November 2021



Shakespeare, NM November 2021



Rusty's RV Ranch, Rodeo, NM
November 2021



- 2023
- RALLY
- SCHEDULE

Dates	Location	Reservation Information	Website	Notes
January 12-17	Lajitas, TX	Maverick Ranch 432-424-5182	https://www.lajitasgolfresort.com/	Reservations Open
February 17-22	Apache Junction, AZ	KOA Apache Junction 480-982-4015	https://koa.com/campgrounds/mesa/	Reservations Open
February 22-26	Cotton Lane RV Resort	17506 W. Van Buren Street, Goodyear, AZ	Reservations: 623-853-4000	New Addition
March 27-April 10	Natchez Trace	WilliamMassey60@gmail.com	https://www.facebook.com/groups/5343858142313864/	*Reservations Closed Please Contact William Massey For late registration
May 25-31	Camp Verde	Zane Gray RV Village 928-567-4320	https://www.zanegreyrv.com	Reservations by 02/01/2023
May	TBD	TBD		
June 21-25, 2023	Santa Fe, NM	Santa Fe Skies RV Park	FMCA.com	RMMA Region 1 Rally Registration is open
June 30-July 5	Durango, CO	Bayfield Riverside RV Park 970-247-0783	https://bayfieldriversidervpark.com/bayfield-rv-park-reservations/	Reservations On-Line
August	TBD	TBD		
August 31- September 5	Angel Fire, NM	Angel Fire RV Resort 575-377-4472 Spaces 210-216 Are Reserved for SWSC Chapter	https://angelfirervresort.com/	Reservations by December 5, 2022
Oct 24-29	Pima County Fairgrounds and RV Park	Online Registration FMCA.Com	https://www.rockymountainarea.com/ 505-330-1380 jerickson@fmca.com	RMMA Ramble Includes Five Nights/ Registration Pending
Nov (TBD)	TBD	TBD		

TECH TIP

- **Attach items in your RV without using nails**

This new, **super-strong double-sided adhesive tape** will hang most objects in your RV without using nails. Works on wood, metal, plastic, aluminum or glass surfaces — indoors and outdoors. Use EZlifego tape to keep carpets in place. And it's easy to remove and use again later. Highly rated. Can be ordered on [AMAZON.com](https://www.amazon.com).





Helpful Resources

- [NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION](#)
- [ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ACROSS THE NATION](#)
- [WEATHER ALERTS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE](#)
- [LATEST RV RECALLS](#)
- [DIRECTORY OF RV PARKS WITH STORM SHELTERS](#)
- [THE BEST RV TRIP PLANNER APPS AND TOOLS](#)

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COMING SOON:

- Office
- Bathroom & Showers
- Laundry Facility
- Mail



With over six generations rooted in farming and ranching, Stephen Baxter of the Baxter Ranch, located in Bend, Texas, decided to pursue the path of growing grapes on the family land. Once established, the rest of the family quickly realized their passion for the whole process of growing and producing quality wine, along with the opportunity to provide Texas wine lovers a haven to relax. Out of this, the Fiesta Winery family was born. After ten years of hard work and dedication to providing an escape to its growing legion of followers, an idea was formed for the Arch Ray Resort, your next great adventure in the heart of the Texas Hill Country!



- **Ogle Brewery**, it's about the moments we don't forget, the moments with family and friends, the joyful side of things. This brewery is based on our Ogle Family side, who settled in the Big Bend region in the 1800s and whose character and wit helped settle one of the toughest parts of Texas. From our Light Ale or Lager beers to our more complex IPAs, Stouts, or Schwarzbiers, there is a pint of enjoyment for everyone.



- **Arch Ray Winery**

- Great wine starts with a great grape! ARCH RAY WINERY is producing our own private label wines currently. Our signature Arch Ray Wines will capture the true essence of the terroir in which the fruit is grown. Each wine will provide an intensity of fruit, texture and mouthfeel, making it easy to pair and enjoy anytime.



At **Paul Bee Distillery**, coming soon, our goal is to deliver the finest ingredients to yield enjoyable, unique flavor profiles. Allow yourself to unwind, and feel free to make a friend or two. After all, we're more than just drinks; we're a family. See you there!

Coming Soon!



- 4584 E Highway 290
- Fredericksburg, Texas
- [830-304-2903](tel:830-304-2903)
- <https://www.archrayresort.com/>

- Brian and Vallarie participated in the Thanksgiving Cross-Country Classic 5K & 1.5 Mile Run/Walk held at Reid Park, Tucson, AZ. The event was a European style cross-country run/walk and is Tucson's original turkey trot. Way to go Val and Brian.



Thanksgiving 2022-Deming, NM

Cindy and Bill Massey were the first to arrive at Little Vineyard RV Park, Deming, arriving on Monday afternoon. They had a warm sunny day to set up the coach and camp, followed by a trip to Wal-Mart to pick up a few supplies. Tuesday was a bit cooler with some cloud cover, but warm enough to get out and enjoy the day. They made a trip over to Luna Rosa Vineyards wine tasting room. Cindy enjoyed tasting several red wines while Bill had a glass of their port. Apollo went along for the trip as the tasting room was dog friendly. He made friends with several other couples. Bill and Cindy learned that Luna Rosa now has a tasting room and pizzeria in Las Cruces, NM. Here they service stone oven baked pizza, Luna Rosa wine, and beer. They have a room for small groups. This might be a place to consider for our next group meeting/dinner.

Wednesday brought the arrival of Pat and Bill Mayberry and soon after Lisa and Jim Telford. Coaches were set up and dogs walked followed by some socializing at Camp Apollo. Eventually the cooler weather and breeze had everyone return to their coaches. It was time to put everything together for the potluck anyway. All gathered at the park's group room for a potluck of ham sandwiches, chicken soup, and seven bean soup, followed by some French silk pie. After dinner the boys played a few games of cutthroat pool with Bill Mayberry being the big winner! After dinner the wind had died down and the temps were a bit warmer so a little more socializing was done at Camp Apollo.

Thanksgiving started with walking our canine friends and sitting at Camp Apollo for a little morning coffee. Everyone prepared their dishes to take to the Thanksgiving festivities at the park. Some also watched the Thanksgiving parade from New York on TV, a football game or two, and played a little pool at the clubhouse. Just before lunch, the southwest winds kicked up and Camp Apollo had to be taken down. Just before the festivities started, Pam Babjack arrived at the park. The park provided turkey, ham, and dressing while the park residents provided many sides and desert. The staff at the park worked hard to make the dinner a success and put in many hours after it was over cleaning up. After dinner, some returned to their coaches while others played pool and Joker Marbles. As 5 PM approached, the wind began to pick up and temps dropped considerably so all retired to their coaches.

As expected, Black Friday morning was cold and windy. We didn't have the freezing rain and snow like El Paso, but it was a day for indoor activities. Bill Mayberry ventured out early to check out the sales at Walmart. Later in the morning the Mayberrys had everyone over to their coach for scrambled eggs, gravy & biscuits, and sausage. The group decided to take in the movie, Devotion. What a fantastic movie; all enjoyed it. If you haven't seen it take a hanky you are sure to shed a tear or two during the show. While the group was enjoying the movie Janet Walker was in El Paso hooking her coach up to her SUV to brave the cold weather drive to Deming, NM. She arrived that afternoon. Afternoon activities were individual with the Mayberrys taking a ride to checkout Bill's grandparent's old house. Most retired to their coaches to read and catch a college football game. That evening all went to Si Seniors and enjoyed various New Mexican style dinner plates.

Saturday a few drove to the Mescal Movie Set, Benson, AZ to checkout their first ever Cowboy Christmas. The buildings were closed so there were no tours of the inside of the buildings where movies are filmed. There were many vendors selling various handmade items. It was a long drive for the hour spent looking at the booths filled with jewelry, leather items, home décor, clothing, books, etc. The music being played was very good. A very good lunch was had at Horseshoe Café, Benson, AZ. Those that didn't make the ride to Mescal spent a quite day at the RV park reading, enjoying the pool & hot tub, and watching college football. During the evening all enjoyed each other's company at the Adobe Deli. Some of the ladies enjoyed various wines. Make a note if you go, wine by the glass is boxed wine. If you want any other kind wine is sold only by the bottle. We had inconsistent degrees of food quality, taste, and presentation and the service was poor. The place was interesting, and the social time was enjoyable.

Sunday brought slightly warmer temps and sunny skies. It was time for the Telfords and Mayberrys to head home, after breakfast at IHOP. After lunch Janet, Pam, Bill & Cindy enjoyed the afternoon at LesCombs winery followed by dinner at Irma's. Monday the Masseys headed home while Pam and Janet headed to Faywood Hot Springs for more adventure.













Adobi Deli



- Breakfast at Mayberry's Coach



Taco Tuesday

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