



January 2022 Newsletter

Happy New Year



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SOUTHWEST SUN CHASERS

2022 RALLY SCHEDULE

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Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information
January (Cancelled)	14-17 Fri-Mon	Elephant Butte, NM (130 miles) *	Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort 575-744-5996
February	3-7 Thu-Mon	Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Tucson, AZ (325) *	CASINO DEL SOL (855) 765-7829
March	10-14 Thu-Mon	Columbus, NM (80 miles) *	Pancho Villa State Park 877-664-7787 Reservations
March	23-27 Wed-Sun	FMCA Convention Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ (302 miles) *	FMCA 800-543-3622
April	1-3 Fri-Sun	Tucson, AZ (320 Miles) * Fourth Avenue Street Festival	LAZYDAYS KOA (520) 799-3701
April/May	29-2 FRI-Mon	Mayhill, NM (122 miles) *	COOL PINES RV PARK 281-620-4329
May	26-31 Thu-Tues	Silver City, NM (148 miles) *	Silver City KOA 575-388-3351
June	15-19/20 Wed-Sun/Mon	Santa Fe, NM (317 miles) * RMMA Region 1 Rally	SANTA FE SKIES RV PARK 505-473-5946
July	1-5 FRI-TUES	Angel Fire, NM (418 miles) *	Angel Fire Resort 855- 421-0308



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August	5-7 FRI-SUN	Timberon, NM (142 miles via Cloudcroft, NM) *	CIRCLE CROSS RV PARK 575-987-2651	
August	26-29 (Fri-Mon)	Alto, NM (153 miles)	BONITO HOLLOW RV PARK 575-336-4325 (Call and Leave a Message You are part of Square Dance Group)	
September	1-5 Thu-Mon	St Johns, AZ (408 miles via Socorro, NM) *	LYMAN LAKE STATE PARK 928- 337-4441 RESERVATIONS	
October	7-10 (Fri-Mon)	Alto, NM (153 miles) *	BONITO HOLLOW RV PARK 575-336-4325 (Call and Leave a Message)	
October	26-30 Wed-Sun	RMMA Ramble Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ (302 miles) *	FMCA 800-543-3622	
Nov	10-13/14	Dragoon, AZ (381 miles) *	Triangle T Guest Ranch 520-586-7533	
December	9-11 Fri-Sun	Elephant Butte, NM (130 miles)*	Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort 575-744-5996	

- **January 14—17-Elephant Butte-CANCELLED**
- **March 23-27-** Sunsets + Saguaros FMCA's 104th Annual Convention and RV Expo, FMCA.com
- **June 15-19** -RMMA Region 1 Rally, Santa Fe, NM
- **July 1-5-** Angel Fire RV Resort, Angel Fire, NM
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- to make your reservations.
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Help Recruit New Chapter Members

*Visit our Chapter Website and become a part of the Members Only Section.

Provide the link to potential members: [Southwest Sun Chasers FMCA Chapter \(shutterfly.com\)](https://www.shutterfly.com/fmca-chapter/southwest-sun-chasers)



Submit a recipe, travel note, photographs, article, destination information for publication in our monthly newsletter.

Visit of chapter forum at: <https://community.fmca.com/topic/16894-southwest-sun-chasers-chapter/> and post a comment, photograph, or a thumbs up. Pass the link to potential members.

Invite a potential member to a monthly meeting, chapter rally, RMMA or FMCA event during 2022.



Ana and Nelson: 12/29

Did we miss your celebration in one of our recent issues? Please let us know important dates in your life, so we can celebrate with you.

TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!



Ana: 12/7

Jim 12/14

Jesus: 12/25

Melinda 01/02

- Christmas on the Pecos
- Our travel to Carlsbad, NM began with the Parmans and Masseys leaving on the afternoon of December 8, 2021, from El Paso, TX. They had great weather with only a little wind after crossing over Guadalupe Peak. They had planned to stay at a roadside rest area near the Texas/New Mexico state line, but decide to travel on to the Carlsbad, NM KOA after making good travel time. This was the first outing for Cindy and Bill with their new Jeep. After the trip to Rodeo, NM during November, Bill decided it was time to join the Jeep club and retire the CR-V.
- The two couples arrived at sunset at the park, took an hour or so to setup, and then drove back to Carlsbad having an enjoyable meal at Yellow Brix a local steak house. The food was excellent, Merle and Linda enjoyed some local beer.
- On Thursday while most were making their way to Carlsbad from Alamogordo and El Paso, the Masseys and Parmans went to Artesia, NM and visited the Honey Depot, a unique gift store and Christmas store. A Mexican buffet was enjoyed at La Fonda. Lunch was not without incident as Merle lost his favorite touring hat. Maybe Santa will bring him a new one! Those traveling to Carlsbad endured intense winds with gusts over fifty mph. Charlie and Lynn experienced some vehicle trouble, but after repairing a turbo hose they were back on the road. All arrived safely with Kathy and Bob being the last to arrive.
- The group (Parmans, Brooks, Telfords, Daniels, Jill Parker, and Masseys) enjoyed a potluck dinner at the parks guest room. This was the first outing by the Daniels with our band of RVers. All enjoyed their company and look forward to more adventures with them.
- Thursday night into Friday morning brought more high winds. All the rigs survived. At least the temp was moderate.
- On Friday the Brooks, Telfords, and Masseys braved the continuing fierce winds and drove to Sitting Bull Falls. Upon arriving, a dark cloud covered the sun and temps dropped quickly by ten degrees. With the winds the walking tour was cut short, but all enjoyed the beautiful scenery. This group joined the Daniels at the Trinity Hotel and Restaurant for a wonderful lunch. Paula visited the art museum in Carlsbad, and I hear Paul took a parking lot siesta.
- On Friday evening all gathered for a Christmas celebration with food, a gift exchange, Christmas song trivia game, and fellowship. The Schultz' and their son, Ron, made it to Carlsbad and were able to join in on the festivities. Kathy provided a homemade RV candy bowl filled with candy for a fun raffle. This was the first outing where the Schultz' were able to join our little band of travelers. They opted not to drive their coach over the mountain, because of the high winds. They joined us anyway staying at a local motel. We enjoyed them being with us and look forward to more outings with them.
- Saturday brought a little cooler weather, but the wind finally moved on. Most of the group went to Belzano Family Vineyard and Farm for lunch. We were treated to a wine tasting, pizza, salad, and a charcuterie board. Bill tried their vodka made from wine and a few might have had a beer or two. Joining us were Merle and Linda's daughter and son-in-law, Lori, and Sammy. This is a place to add to your bucket list. During the fall they have a large pumpkin patch. They have a small Christmas store and do Christmas themed events during the season. The Schultz family opted to take a tour of the Carlsbad Caverns and said it was wonderful. They stopped for lunch at Danny's Place.
- All joined for the early evening tour, Christmas on the Pecos. What a wonderful light show. If you have never taken this tour, put it on your bucket list. The lights displayed by many of the local residence are absolutely amazing.
- Sunday came in with a beautiful sunny morning, most had to pack up and head home. Always having the joy of owning an RV, Bob and Kathy had an electrical problem. It was solved and they were on their way home. All made it home safely. The Telfords and Masseys were lucky and able to stay one more day. They visited the Eddy County Fairgrounds in Artesia where there was a Christmas Craft Show being held. Lisa bought Jim a set of coasters with the Colts emblem on them. For lunch, the group traveled to Queens and had lunch at the Queens Restaurant and RV Park. The evening was spent watching a couple of NFL football games and socializing.
- Monday morning the last of us returned home to El Paso, not without incident. The high winds coming home did a number on Jim and Lisa's windshield. They made it safely to a repair location before finally getting home.
- We missed those that could not join us.



Honey Pot-Artesia, NM



Yellow Brix-Carlsbad, NM



Sunrise December 10, 2021









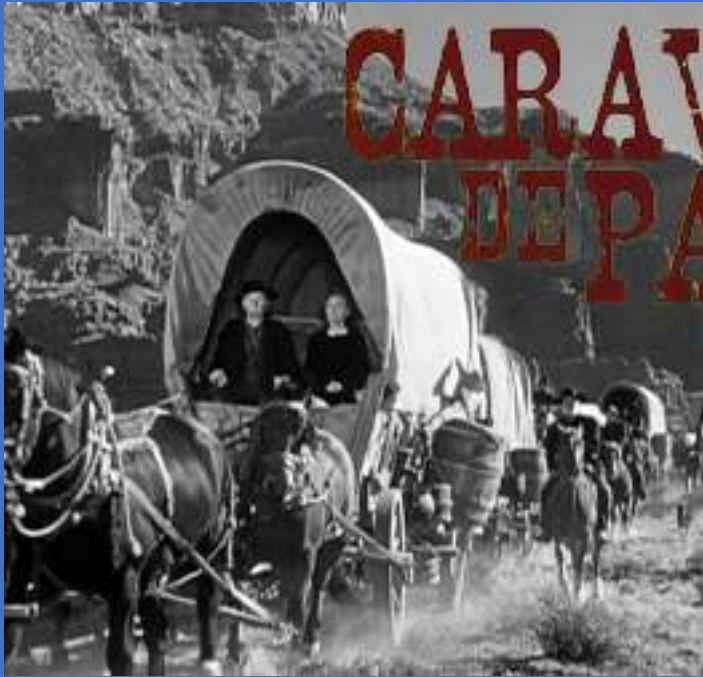








Will you be a host or a co-host for one of our rallies during 2022?



Don't wait too long to make your reservations.

Will you help plan our 2023 Outings?
Let Bill Massey know you are interested!!!



Make sure you are added to the rally Signal messaging group to keep updated.

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With freezing temperatures sweeping across much of the country, many RVers have already [winterized their RVs](#) to prevent the plumbing from freezing. But how many of you have taken precautions to keep your lead-acid batteries from potential damage during the winter?

Throughout the years, I have met many RVers who ruined their batteries by not taking steps to protect them while stored during the off-season. Here is why this can happen and what you can do to prevent it.

Don't drain your RV batteries

Most RVs have parasitic 12-volt loads like gas detectors, stereo clocks, circuit boards, etc. that slowly drain your battery over time. Why is this bad for your batteries while in storage? Well, unless you have the luxury of leaving your RV hooked up to shore power or have an above-average solar charging system, your batteries will become discharged.

Completely [discharging](#) your batteries is undesirable for two reasons: 1) Every time your batteries are drained under 50% of rated capacity, it shortens the life span of the battery. 2) The fluids in discharged batteries can freeze.



Winterizing your batteries

The following are several steps you can take to protect your RV batteries while the RV is stored for the winter:

- Keep your batteries charged as a fully charged battery can withstand extreme subfreezing temperatures.
- Use a [battery kill switch](#) to keep parasitic loads from draining your batteries.
- Store your RV in a climate-controlled space.
- Remove the batteries from your RV and store them in your garage (provided your garage stays above freezing). [Contrary to popular belief](#), it is okay to store your 12-volt lead-acid batteries on the concrete floor in your garage.

Regardless, if you remove your batteries during the off-season storage or keep them in your RV, it is a good time to service your batteries by making sure they are clean and cells are filled to the appropriate levels with distilled water.

[Pete's RV](#) also shares some great information on winterizing batteries in this video:

<https://youtu.be/9qDiZeWcoE4>

By taking the steps listed above, you can protect your batteries from becoming a casualty of winter—because dead batteries are an adventure in RVing none of us want to experience!

Keep track of all your RV maintenance with an online tool such as [Maintain My RV](#). Not only can you keep all your [maintenance](#) records and documents in one place, you'll receive timely reminders via email when maintenance is due and potentially avoid a costly repair or serious accident.



- Do you enjoy GEMS, MINERALS, AND FOSSILS?
- Think about joining us February 3-7, 2022, in Tucson, AZ for the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show





- Will you join us
- April 29-May 2, 2022
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- Cool Pines RV Park
- Mayhill, NM
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- <https://www.coolpinesrvparknm.com/>



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Mail in the registration form, located in your monthly issue of *Family RVing* magazine or [download here](#).

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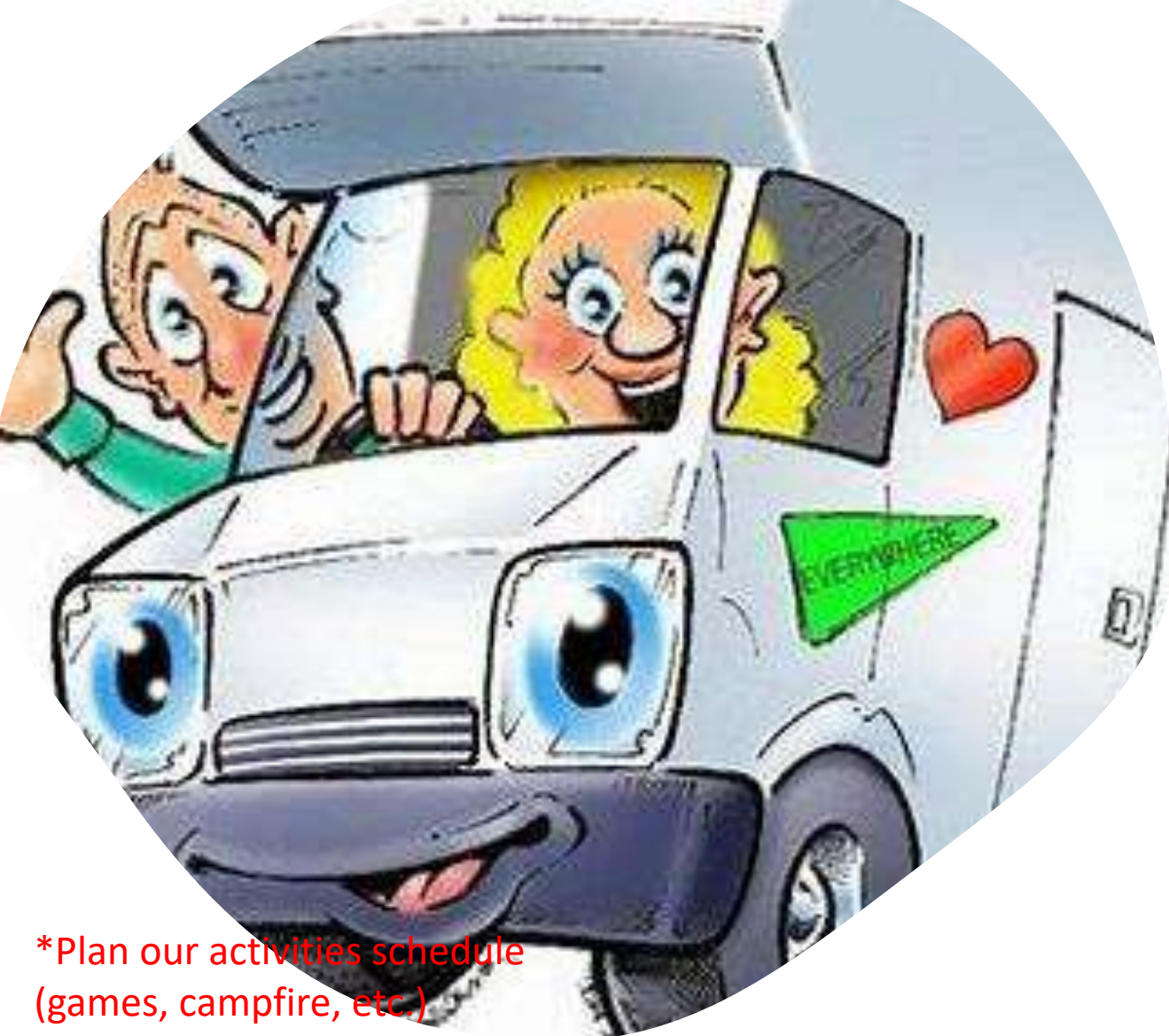


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- *RMMA Region 1 Rally*
 - *June 15-19, 2022*
 - *TIME TO CALL AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS:*
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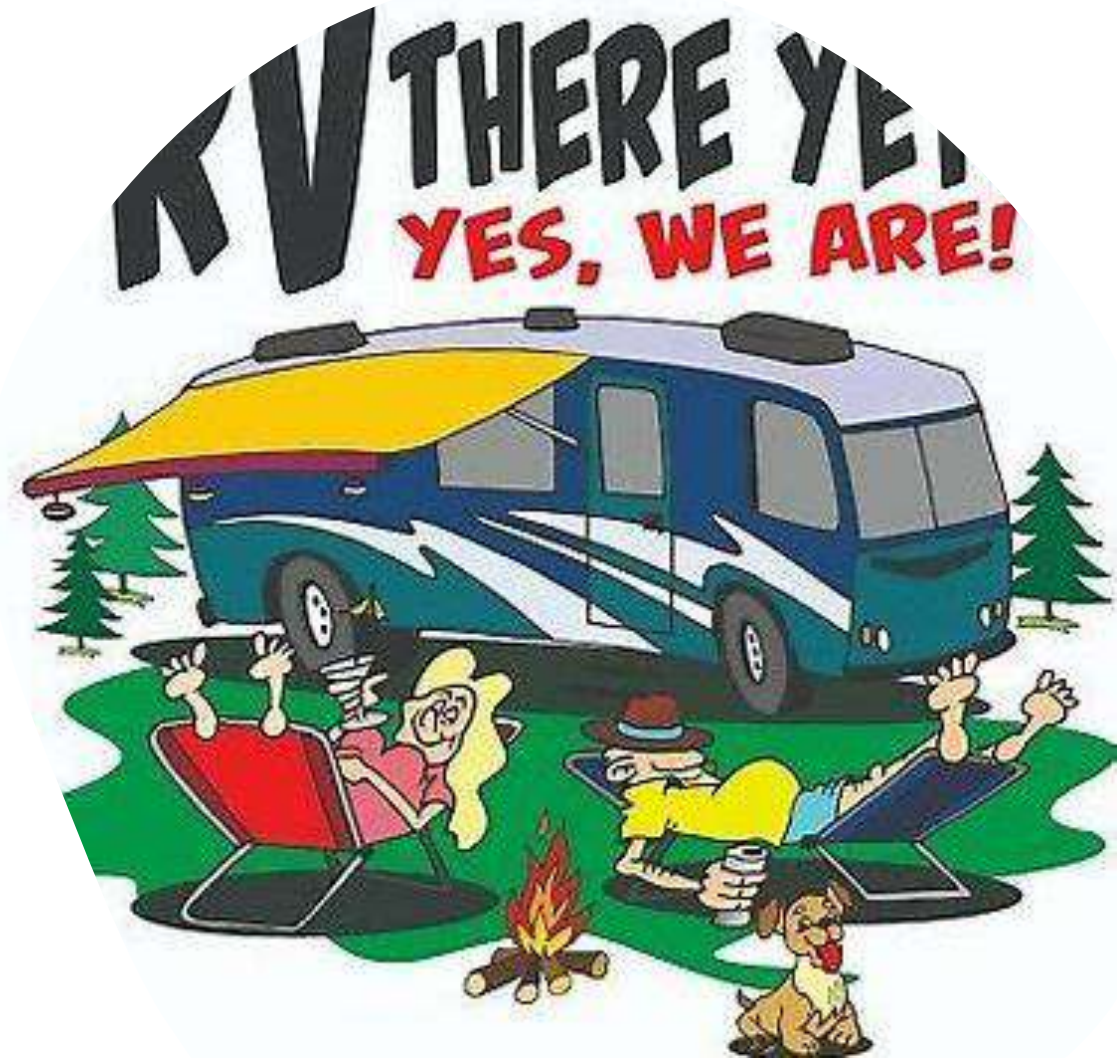
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WILL YOU BE A HOST FOR ONE OF OUR RALLYS DURING 2022?



- *Plan our activities schedule (games, campfire, etc.)
- *Find things in the area to visit
- *Organize a potluck
- *Promote the outing and invite people to attend
- *Get others to volunteer to help

- Business Meeting
- November 17, 2021
- Billy Crews, Santa Teresa, NM

No chapter meeting was held during January 2022

Next chapter meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022
Location TBD

- The meeting was called to order by President Bill Massey.
- Present were Bill & Cindy Massey, Bob & Kathy Linville, Merle & Linda Parman, Bill & Pat Mayberry, Lisa Telford, Wilson Mendez, Victor and Melinda Lopez, We also had to guests join us, Dan Schulte and Kane Kirby.
- Wilson Mendez led us in prayer. Bob Linville led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were no minutes from the October meeting as the conditions at the restaurant did not allow for us to communicate easily. September minutes were reviewed as submitted by email.
- Kathy Linville presented a Treasurer's report. After payment of the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Museum, and dues received, balance is \$723.14.
- Happy Birthdays to
 - Bob Linville
 - Cindy Massey
 - Jill Parker
- We discussed the December Outing which is being hosted by the Telfords.
- Bill Massey reviewed the 2022 Outing list.
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- New Business
- Wagon Master Bill Massey is beginning to set the Outing committee for 2023. Contact Bill to sign up.
- The decision was made to not hold a Business Meeting in December. Next business meeting will be January 19, 2022. Wilson Mendez will be contacting Holiday Express in Sunland Park. Another suggestion for a meeting place is Catfish Basket on Dyer.
- There has been discussion as to planning a philanthropic project for the chapter. Linda Parman, Lisa Telford, and Melinda Lopez will begin looking into this matter and report back to the group.
- There was a motion to adjourn, and seconded.
- Submitted
- Lisa Telford
- Secretary
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Wilson Mendez: Vice-President & Alternate National Director

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Kathy Linville: Treasurer

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Lisa Telford: Secretary

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