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Have you heard?

We are changing websites:

<https://southwestsunchasers.weebly.com/>

Before March 25, 2023, download any information you would like to save from: [Southwest Sun Chasers FMCA Chapter \(shutterfly.com\)](https://southwestsunchasers.weebly.com/)



# Two New Events for 2023

June 19-21, 2023, Santa Fe Skies RV Park, Santa Fe, NM-Joint Pre-Rally to the RMMA Region 1 Rally June 21-25, 2023.

June 25-30, 2023, Monte Bello RV Park, Taos, NM-Joint Rally with West Tiffin Voyagers.

For additional information visit our calendar at our new website: [Southwestsunchasers.weebly.com](https://southwestsunchasers.weebly.com)



FMCA ANNOUNCES DATES FOR MARCH 2024

RV EXPO IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

FMCA 108th International Convention & RV Expo

FMCA will be making a return visit to the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona, in 2024. RV owners from across the United States and Canada will gather in The Grand Canyon State as FMCA hosts its 108th International Convention & RV Expo in Tucson March 27 through 30, 2024.

Departure will be March 31, 2024

Dates	Location	Reservation Information	Website
February 17-22	Apache Junction, AZ	KOA Apache Junction 480-982-4015 Main Event: Renaissance Festival <a href="#">Arizona Renaissance Festival</a>	<a href="https://koa.com/campergrounds/mesa/">https://koa.com/campergrounds/mesa/</a>
February 22-26	Cotton Lane RV Resort	<a href="#">Cotton Lane RV Resort</a> Reservations: 623-853-4000 Main Events: MLB Spring Training Games	<a href="#">Cotton Lane RV Resort</a>
March 27-April 10	Natchez Trace Ten Day Caravan Trip from Natchez, MS to Waterloo, AL	<a href="mailto:WilliamMassey60@gmail.com">WilliamMassey60@gmail.com</a>	<a href="#">Natchez Trace Caravan Facebook Group</a>
May 25-31	Camp Verde	Zane Gray RV Village 928-567-4320	<a href="https://www.zanegreyrv.com">https://www.zanegreyrv.com</a>
May	TBD	TBD	
June 19-21	Santa Fe, NM	Pre-Rally with West Tiffin Voyagers Santa Fe RV Park Call For Reservations: (505) 473-5946	<a href="http://www.santafeskiervpark.com/">http://www.santafeskiervpark.com/</a>
June 21-25, 2023	Santa Fe, NM	Santa Fe Sites RV Park RMMA Region 1 Annual Rally Call For Reservations: (505) 473-5946	<a href="#">FMCA.com</a> and <a href="#">RMMA</a> And <a href="http://www.santafeskiervpark.com/">http://www.santafeskiervpark.com/</a>
June 25-30, 2023	Taos, NM	Monte Bello RV Park Reservations: (575) 751-0774 Joint Outing with West Tiffin Voyagers	<a href="#">Monte Bello RV Park</a>
June 30-July 5	Durango, CO	Bayfield Riverside RV Park 970-247-0783	<a href="#">Bayfield Riverside RV Park</a>
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	<a href="https://angelfireresort.com/">https://angelfireresort.com/</a>
Oct 24-29	Pima County Fairgrounds and RV Park	Online Registration at FMCA.Com Coming Soon	<a href="https://www.rockymountainarea.com/">https://www.rockymountainarea.com/</a>
Nov /Dec (TBD)	TBD	TBD	

## 2023 Remaining Events



# ANNUAL MEETING

- Please mark your calendar!
- Our Annual Chapter Meeting will be held via Zoom on **May 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM (MST)**.
- The Zoom meeting will be hosted by FMCA additional details to attend the meeting will be provided via email and on our website calendar in the near future.
- [Southwestsunchasers.weebly.com](http://Southwestsunchasers.weebly.com)



Chapter Members Linda and Merle Parman; Vallarie and Brian Smith; Cindy and William Massey; along with other FMCA members helped run the FMCA Booth at the annual RV show, Quartzsite, AZ during late January 2023.

The booth was visited by National President Rett Porter and National Vice President Gary Milner. Aaron White was on hand from the FMCA National Office to assist during the entire show. Many new FMCA memberships were issued along with many 1-3 year renewals.







# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

- During early 2023 Lynn began to learn how to pull her 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. Learning was not without trials. You will have to hear
- Her story when you see her.
  
- Jay made some upgrades to his Jeep. Can you find them in the pictures from the Lajitas Rally?
  
- Jim made a late January trip to Tombstone with friends from Florida. Lisa gave him a few days off! They stopped at one of our favorite watering holes, the Double S Steakhouse, Willcox, AZ.



# Have you become a member of:

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**facebook**



Southwest Sun Chasers Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/780443262928109>

AND

 **Signal**

Southwest Sun Chasers Signal Text Group

Add the app to your Phone/Computer: [Signal.com](https://signal.com)

And then go to:

[https://signal.group/#CjQKlIz8gN6VsPAJTGOAt0GroaEqT4LaoiEzJTPeWn65rdmEhDMkq3TSQuQLPeE\\_7H4F42w](https://signal.group/#CjQKlIz8gN6VsPAJTGOAt0GroaEqT4LaoiEzJTPeWn65rdmEhDMkq3TSQuQLPeE_7H4F42w)

January 12-17, 2023

KOA-Apache Junction, AZ

February 17-22, 2023

Cotton Lane RV Resort-MLB Spring Training

February 22-26, 2023

Zane Grey RV Park, Camp Verde, AZ

May 25-30, 2023

Taos, NM

June 25-30, 2023

Durango, NM

June 30-July 5



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# Apache Junction, AZ

## February 17-22, 2023

Anticipated Group Events:

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

(Possible group lunch or dinner outing)

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

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.



Feb 24 (Friday @ 1:10pm)  
Mariners @ Padres  
Peoria Sports Complex  
Try to get in Section 120; Row G

Feb 25 (Saturday @ 1:05 pm)  
Royals @ Rangers  
Surprise Stadium  
Try to get in Section 108; Row N  
**\*Ticket Purchase On Your Own!**



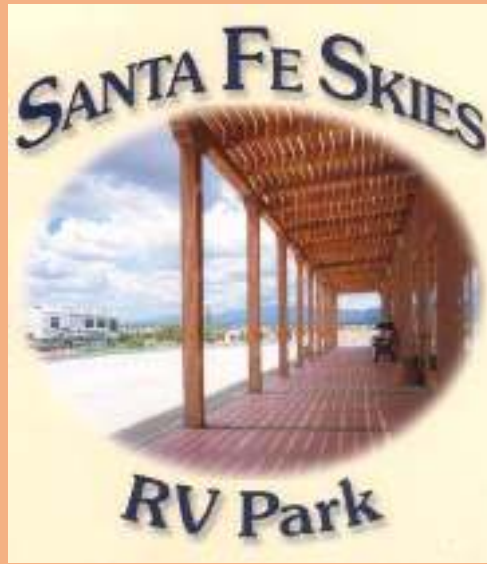


# May 25-30, 2023



Camp Verde, AZ

[Zane Grey RV Park](#)



# Santa Fe Skies RV Park

Santa Fe, NM

June 19-21, 2023

Joint Pre-Rally with West Tiffin Voyagers

June 21-25, 2023

RMMA Region 1 Rally



[Santa Fe Skies RV Park](#)





**June 25-30, 2023**  
**Taos, NM**

# Monte Bello RV Park



[Monte Bello RV Park](#)  
Telephone: (575) 751-0774



Joint Event with West Tiffin Voyagers



June 30-July 5, 2023

Durango, CO



[Bayfield Riverside RV Park](#)





# January Game Night

# December Taco Tuesday



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# Get Well Soon!

*Wishing Everyone a quick & Complete  
Recovery*

In the last few months, we have had our chapter members fall and injury ankles and a nose. We have had others with knee, leg, back, and hip problems. Some have had to go to the hospital for surgery. Others had unexpected trips to the emergency room or stays in the hospital. Still others have had the flu or colds.

Wishing everyone a quick and complete recovery so you can once again join us on the road and join us on our rallies and outings.



# Maverick Ranch, Lajitas, TX

## January 11-17, 2023

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The early birds headed out on Wednesday and stayed the night at the Marpha Lights Viewing Center. Pam Babjack, Janet Walker, and Jim and Lisa Telford were all together there. We didn't see the Marpha lights, but we did see an amazing 180° sunset that was breath-taking, and lots of stars after dark.

Thursday, our group headed on into Lajitas, while the Jay and Annette Maitland, and one of our newest members, Ray and Dianna Melendrez were starting their run to Big Bend. Everyone arrived safely, set up and then headed to the club house for a pitch in and some peach Crown Royal!

For those who don't know, Jay and Annette are real Jeep off road enthusiasts. In the Big Bend area, there is an off-road trail named as a "Jeep Badge of Honor." So Friday, off they went, Jay, Ray and Dianna, to conquer this trail. Jay kept assuring us they would be ok..."I have a wretch on the front of the jeep." They were successful, and came back safe. Annette was the smart one, she slept in and relaxed with the dogs!

Jim, Lisa, Janet and Pam decided on a different mode of transportation for a Friday adventure. Both Jim and Pam are the golfers of the group, but due to health issues, neither one was ready to swing a club. So, instead, we went to Black Jack Crossing Golf course, rented golf carts, just to enjoy the scenery. The challenge has been made though, Jim and Pam will be back next January to take on this course...and Janet and Lisa will drive the carts!

Everyone ended up at the Thirsty Goat for dinner.

Saturday, Jay was able to join up with a long time friend who lived in the area. After seeing some of the beautiful pictures Jay posted, Lisa, Pam and Janet went exploring in Big Bend National Park. Maitlin's and Melendrez went to the Big Bend State Park all the way to Presidio. It was agreed...there is NOTHING in Presidio.

Dinner was at the Starlight Theater in Terlingua. Good food, and drink, and great music. Then our own "firebug" Jay had the fire going, and we sat around telling stories. Good time had by all!

Sunday, there was a lot of watching TV, and relaxing. Janet and Pam did make it into Chiso Mountains to Window Rock. And another fire to close the day.

Monday, we all packed up and left. Maitlin's and Melendrez's were making the run up to New Mexico in one day. Telfords, Janet, and Pam all decided to slow the pace, and overnighted in Van Horn, and then made it home Tuesday.

As always, Big Bend area is amazing. Till next trip!







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