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Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER

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- Please mark your calendar!

- Our Annual Chapter Meeting will be held via Zoom on **May 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM (MST).**

ANNUAL MEETING

lease check your email for the Zoom link information





New Event for 2023

Little Vineyard RV Park, Deming, NM- [575-546-3560](tel:575-546-3560)- RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

November 22-27, 2023

Includes Thanksgiving Day Potluck Feast

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

Activities will be announced via Signal. Make sure you are part of the rally Signal Group for this outing



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

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

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Camp Verde, AZ-Zane Grey RV Park,
May 25-30, 2023

Santa Fe, NM-Santa Fe Skies
RMMA Region 1 Rally

June 21-25, 2023

(Don't forget the Pre-Rally Starting June 19)

Taos, NM-Taos Monte Bello RV Park
June 25-30, 2023

Durango, NM-Oasis RV Resort (Roberts Resorts)
June 30-July 5

Gillette, WY

107th FMCA Annual Convention
August 23-27, 2023

Angel Fire, NM-Angel Fire RV Resort
August 31-September 5, 2023

Visit: [Southwestsunchasers.weebly.com](https://southwestsunchasers.weebly.com) for more information

May 25-30, 2023



Camp Verde, AZ

[Zane Grey RV Park](#)

Region 1 Rally (Fiesta) in Santa Fe

Dear RMMA members:

The Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association Region 1 is pleased to announce its Annual Region 1 Rally, June 21, 2023 – June 25, 2023 at Santa Fe Skies RV Park.

- **Reservations.** Reservations must be made directly with the campground at phone # 505-473-5946
- 50amp service is \$75.00 per night or \$450.00 for a week and includes tax and discounts.
- Please bring your own beverage and place setting to all meals
- **Agenda (Subject to change)**

*Wednesday June 21, 2023

5:30p.m. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres provided by region 1

Olive oil sampling provided by ABQ Olive Oil Company

*Thursday June 22, 2023

9:00a.m. Breakfast

11:00a.m. Tour of El Rancho de Las Golondrinas

2:00p.m. Brewmaster tour of Santa Fe Brewery including canning line

5:30p.m. Happy Hour

*Friday June 23, 2023

9:00a.m. Breakfast

10:30a.m. Tour of La Puerta Originals (LaPuertaOriginals.com)

12:00p.m. Tour of Santa Fe Plaza, Palace of the Governors and History Museum

5:30p.m. Happy Hour and Taco Bar

*Saturday June 24, 2023

9:00a.m. Breakfast

10:30a.m. Farmers Market Questions regarding Rally contact Vallarie at

3:00p.m. Mexican Fiesta 303-880-3141 or region1vicepresident@gmail.com

Games after Fiesta

Rally fee is \$50 per person, payable to Vallarie Erickson-Smith. For more information please contact Vallarie at:

region1vicepresident@gmail.com





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](#)





- Some of our members decided for a short weekend at Pancho Villa State Park, Though a little windy, (what else would you expect for March in this area?) we had lovely weather and a great time. Attending were Janet Walker, Jill Parker, Pam Babjack, Linda & Merle Parman, and Jim & Lisa Telford. We all got settled in on Friday and enjoyed "Soup & Sandwiches." As always, plenty of good food to eat and Linda shared her Praline Pecan Whiskey for dessert!

- Saturday morning, the commemorative horse ride from Palomos, Mexico to Columbus began. This is the beginning of the "Fiesta De Amistad" remembering Pancho Villa's raid on March 9, 1916, into the village of Columbus. There was an army base there at the time, Camp Furlong, who responded that night to the invasion. Though it started as an act of war, it has developed into a celebration of the culture of this area. The museum at the State Park is one of the best documenting this event and the ramifications it had into our preparedness for World War I. This was also the first time the "Flying Jenny" was used in a military scouting position.

- The Fiesta had Mexican dancing, music, and food, and lots of fun!

- On Sunday, we headed across the boarder to Palomas, Mexico. We park our cars at the Duty store on the American side and walk across into Mexico. Our first stop was the Farmacia, and then off to the Pink Store for good food...and free margaritas!

- Just after we had crossed back into America and were walking to the check point, Merle fell across a low bench area and into a gully below. (I swear the margaritas had nothing to do with it.) The Border Patrol all came running to help us. Merle with Linda at his side, was transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital in Deming, NM. He had a nasty bump on his head, and by the next day, his "good" eye was swollen shut. (I've got pictures, but I won't share those!) Merle's daughter came in from El Paso to transport Merle home to recuperate. So the girls all did a fast road trip to Deming to pick up Linda and get her back to her rig to drive home the next morning.

- Monday morning, we all headed home after another great weekend together!

- *Contributed by Lisa Telford



Have you heard?

We are changed our website:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 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

Arizona Renaissance Festival

- Our trip to the Arizona Renaissance Festival, started a bit on the downside for the Masseys. Apollo their Siberian Husky decided to try to make friends with a skunk the day before scheduled departure. They tried all the home remedies to get rid of the smell but there was that lingering pungent odor. They travelled from El Paso to Apache Junction, AZ keeping a couple of windows open. Even Petsmart couldn't get rid of all the smell, after hours of bathing.
- The Massey's and Parmans travelled together from El Paso to Apache Junction. The Linvilles left a bit earlier and blazed the trail. Unfortunately, others that were planning on attending had to cancel.
- Upon arrival at the RV park, we were reminded of an important item about traveling in an RV. Use a checklist before departing in your coach and call the campground you are staying at to confirm reservations. Yes, there are several stories here and we will save them for when we are sitting around a campfire!
- The AZ Renaissance Festival was fun and interesting. If you haven't been to it, put it on your bucket list.
- The costumes attendees and entertainers had on were fabulous. The food was good, plentiful, and reasonably priced. There was plenty of free entertainment that was included with our entry fee. Beer and wine were also available at an additional charge. Parking was free and well organized. Be prepared to wait in line on the highway to get into the facility and have good walking shoes to tour the event site.
- We found that spending one day at the festival was plenty.
- Following the fair the group visited Goldfield Ghost town, a very short drive from the KOA in Apache Junction. We walked through the shops, enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Superstitious Mountains and read about the history of the town. Just before noon everyone was getting hungry and all agreed to take the 45-minute ride to Tortilla Flats, an old stage coach stop that is located near Canyon Lake. Apparently, many others thought going to Tortilla Flats for lunch was a good idea too, as parking was a challenge and the wait for a table was well over an hour. The drive to Tortilla Flats is beautiful. Bob took some very nice photos that will get posted on the website. Back at camp we enjoyed several evenings at the Linville's coach sitting around the campfire.
- Our departure day brought high winds. The Masseys and Parmans only had an hour drive as they were moving on to the second part of the trip, MLB Spring Training. The Linvilles returned home to El Paso.



















- **Major League Baseball, Cactus League, Spring Training-2023**

Pat & Bill Mayberry; Linda & Merle Parman; Janet Walker; Pam Babjack; and Cindy & Bill Massey met in Goodyear, AZ to attend some of the Major League Baseball Cactus League Spring Training Games. B. Mayberry did a great job getting wonderful seats at two games. The first was between the San Diego Padres and the Seattle Mariners and was watched at Peoria Sports Complex, Peoria, AZ. The second was between the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals. This game was held at the shared Rangers/Royals Stadium, Surprise, , AZ. The group had great baseball weather, enjoyed all the baseball food, hotdogs, pretzels, popcorn, nachos, beer, and much more! Sadly, the Padres and Rangers lost. All agreed this would be an event where we should return and add a couple of more group enjoyed several nights out for dinner. All found the RV Park, Cotton Lane RV Resort, Goodyear, AZ to be worth a return trip. Some took advantage of the indoor pool and jacuzzi, although a bit of a distance from our sites. A little area shopping was done by some and coach and vehicle repairs by others. The time went by quickly with Linda & Merle driving to El Paso; Pam flying home (she flew in to be part of the team); Janet stopped for a few days in Tucson to visit friends; the Mayberrys and Masseys stopped at Pima County Fairgrounds to avoid the predicted high winds.









- Taco Tuesday

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FMCA'S 107TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

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