

Happy Trails RV Club January 3/19 meeting NC2

Website: happytrailsrvclub.org

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Prior to the meeting members enjoyed a potluck dinner. Total attendance: 50

Robert Britton introduced guest speaker Colin Williams, Regional Communications Officer of the American Red Cross. He presented the 5 areas of humanitarian services provided by the organization, stressing the power of volunteers and generosity of donors.

President Marie O'Brien called the meeting to order, welcoming members and introducing new members Ferrel and Lenna Glines.

Minutes of the December 6 meeting emailed to members and distributed at the meeting were approved. NOTE: Please contact Marie if you are not receiving club emails.

Treasurer Art Gray reported the January 3 account balance which included Rally deposits. The detailed report will be posted on our website. Report accepted.

Club badges for new members were not ready at meeting time due to the holidays, Art will pick them up as soon as the order is ready.

Rallies and Meet-Ups

Trip Director Sam Thom

Yuma Rally – February 5-9 Two tours planned. Wednesday the Oorah! MCAS Yuma Military Tour and Thursday the Castle Dome City and Museum and Hull Mine Tour. Everyone signed up please pay for tours following the meeting. Barb Thom has details and your balance due. Space still available.

Cottonwood Rally – March 14-17 Thirteen sites have been held by Rio Verde RV Park, asking attendees to make their own reservations. An email with details was sent to all those signed up. Two planned events, Friday the Verde Canyon Railroad trip and Saturday evening the Blazin' M Ranch Dinner and Show.

Death Valley/Lone Pine Rolling Rally – Please sign up if you are interested in this rally. It will include Alabama Hills movie locations, the Japanese Internment Camp and Bristlecone Pine Forrest.

Tubac Luminaria Nights Rally – December 6-8 Reservations have been made at De Anza RV Resort. Will include the Luminaria Festival, a nearby Indian Festival and possibly a couple additional days at Patagonia Lake, depending on weather. Please sign up if you are interested.

Summertime Washington State Rally – This Rally is in early planning stages.

No Meet-Ups are scheduled at this time. Coordinator Mel Hinterlong is working on future day trips.

Old Business

Angel Tree – Virginia Frieburg report she selected a 13-year-old boy and 13-year-old girl from the tree. Fulfilling their “angel wishes”, she purchased a scooter for the boy and gift certificate for the girl who wanted stereo equipment.

Christmas Parade – Sam reported the parade was great fun. There were 86 vehicles in the parade and about 6 club members participated.

FMCA Chapter Motion – At the March 2018 meeting a representative from FMCA provided information on the benefits of joining FMCA and the advantages of our club becoming a FMCA Chapter. At that time a motion was made and seconded for Happy Trails RV Club to become a FMCA Chapter. After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to table the motion. At this time the executive committee, while agreeing FMCA is an excellent organization with many benefits for RVers, recommends the club not become an FMCA Chapter because it would require all Happy Trails RV Club Members become FMCA members, Following discussion, Cathy O'Brien moved we not become a FMCA Chapter. Seconded by Paula Hovde. The motion carried.

New Business

Rally Guests The Executive Committee recommended we have guideline rules covering rally guests. After discussion, consensus was that the membership wants guests in a member's rig to be welcome at our rallies.

Club Fair – January 11. After asking for volunteers to work our booth , they were:

10-11AM – Paula Hovde and Virginia Frieberg

11-12 AM – Del Wilson

Nominating Committee

Next season we will need to fill 2 vacancies on the board for two year terms: Treasurer and Vice President. Robert Britton has volunteered to serve an additional two years as Vice President. Marie asked if anyone was interested in or willing to serve as treasurer. With no volunteers, she asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee. Debbie Cheek and Barb Throm volunteered.

Appreciation to the Birdsells

Last year the Birdsells provided two computers for club officer use. The Executive Committee sent a Thank You for their generosity and included a \$25 gift card.

Announcements

Speaker for our February meeting will be BPA Andrew Van Leer, Border Community Liaison Agent from the Casa Grande Border Patrol Station, who will bring us up to date with current operational activities within their jurisdiction.

Next Happy Hour – Wednesday, January 23, 5-7 PM at NC2

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 7, 5 PM at NC2

Thanks to Nancy Hinterlong and her committee for room set-up, decorations and door prizes. Winner of this month's door prize, a complete First Aid Kit, went to Kayo Downey.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Connie Britton