

# Happy Trails RV Club January 4 meeting NC2

Web site: [happytrailsrvclub.org](http://happytrailsrvclub.org)

Forward pictures or reports to Vern Alvis for the web site – [vern.alvis@gmail.com](mailto:vern.alvis@gmail.com)

Prior to the meeting members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner. Total attendance: 52

Vern Alvis introduced guest speaker AC1 Michael Wightman from Luke AFB. Michael shared information about the base and technical work he does to maintain the F16 jets at Luke.

President Larry Birdsell welcomed all members and guests. Alana Alvis introduced guests: Pat and Bob Hanson (Ellensburg, WA), Mary and John Opstedahl (Black Hills, SD), Linda and Owen Ritter (Bremerton, WA).

A motion was made and seconded (Art Gray/ Barb Throm) to approve minutes of the December 7 meeting as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Marie O'Brien reported a January 4 ending balance of \$6,780.00 after income from dues, Yuma Rally deposits; and member name badge, meeting expenses. Detailed report is posted on our website.

## Rally Reports

*Sam Throm, Trip Director – [samandbarbthrom@gmail.com](mailto:samandbarbthrom@gmail.com) 360-930-1080*

Sam requested we check out posters and sign-up sheets with information about proposed trips. To help in the planning process, please sign up for trips you would be interested in taking.

**Yuma Rally – February 26-March 1 – John and Carolyn Lesh, WagonMasters**

Rally is now full, but for any members who would like to join the Rally at Westwind RV and Golf Resort, reservations can still be made. John offered to make an effort to get additional tour tickets. All those registered or wishing to go, meet with him following the general meeting for details.

**Canada Rolling Rally – June 19-30 – Vern and Alana Alvis, WagonMasters**

Vern presented a map and beautiful slides of campgrounds and scenic / historic Southwest Alberta attractions on the Rally route. The Rally will end near Calgary for those wishing to stay for the Stampede. Total cost estimate for 9 nights is \$750 Canadian/\$600 US. Details are posted on the club website. Deadline for registering will be the February 1 meeting with a deposit of \$150 per rig due at that time.

**Bryce/Zion Rolling Rally – October – John and Marie O'Brien, WagonMasters**

At the February meeting John and Marie will present a report on rally plans including locations, dates, and costs.

## Proposed Rallies

### **February**

Civil War Reenactment at Old Tucson. Rally or MeetUp

### **March**

Mesa Area/ Renaissance Fair

Patagonia and Tubac

### **2018/2019**

San Diego

Rose Parade

## MeetUps

February 5-9 – FMCA day passes are available

March 22 – **AMAZON tour** – 2 pm

## Proposed MeetUps

Musical Instrument Museum

January 20-28 – Quartzsite Vacation and RV Show

February 10-11 – Herd Museum World Championship Hoop Dancing Contest

March 3-4 – Herd Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market

March 10-11 – Luke Days 2018 The Future of Airpower

## Old Business

### **WagonMaster Incentives**

Larry explained that since 2011, the club has intended to compensate WagonMasters for trip planning and leadership. In 2016 the RV Club Board changed the compensation section of WagonMasters Duties and Responsibilities to read:

**WagonMasters will always have paid sites. If there are more than one, they will split the compensation. Change starts October 2016.**

This change was never brought before the membership, nor did it address how we would cover the compensation. At this time the Board recommends it read:

**WagonMasters will always have paid sites. If there are more than one, they will split the compensation. The cost of this compensation shall be part of the fee paid by members attending the rally.**

While this system will work well for large rallies, it could dramatically increase the cost for members attending a small rally. Larry provided examples. A suggestion is to set a limit for the amount of fee paid by rally attendees.

A **Budget Committee** was formed to prepare and present a budget for next season at the February meeting. Members are Vern Alvis, Marie O'Brien and Sam Throm. The committee will address the WagonMaster compensation issue in the budget.

## New Business

### **March Meeting Date**

In March our regular meeting date is March 1. Many members will be at the Yuma Rally. Larry will find a location/ date available for that meeting. To be announced.

### **Nominating Committee**

Cathy O'Brien and Bill Burgess volunteered to serve on the committee along with Chairman Nancy Hinterlong. They will present nominees for President, Secretary and Trip Director at the February meeting. Election will take place at the March meeting.

## Announcements

Steve Kass with RVWEIGH will provide our **February program** on RV Weight and Tire Safety. He will be available the next day for a service call. Vern Alvis passed a sign up sheet for anyone interested.

Nancy Hinterlong reported a few **club shirts** are still available. We will be looking for a new vendor to reorder.

We will participate in the Club Fair on January 26. Sam and Barb Throm will work 10-11, Nancy Hinterlong and Connie Britton will work 11-12 and Larry Birdsell will work 12-1. Larry would like a volunteer to work with him.

Kayo reminded everyone the Theater Group's Show tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 9.

To promote our Canada Rally, WagonMasters Alana and Vern Alvis brought fun door prizes from Canada. More than a dozen lucky members won a variety of prizes – a chef's apron, maple leaf brooch, toque, OCanada bars, tote bags and playing cards. Thanks Alana and Vern!

Bill Burgess/Ron Daly moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:17PM.

**For meeting concerns: Larry Birdsell 805-760-6495**  
**Next RV Club Happy Hour - Wednesday, January 24, 5-7 PM @ NC1**  
**Next Meeting and Potluck - Thursday, February 1, 5-7 PM @ NC2**  
**President - Larry Birdsell**  
**Secretary - Connie Britton**

