

Happy Trails RV Club December 7/17 meeting NC2

Web site: happytrailsrvclub.org

Forward pictures or reports to Vern Alvis for the web site – vern.alvis@gmail.com

Prior to the meeting, a holiday potluck including delicious smoked turkey was enjoyed by 43 members.

President Larry Birdsell introduced guest speakers from the National Parks Service: Charlotte Hart from the Subregional Office and Francisco Valdez from Organ Pipe National Park. They presented an enjoyable, informative slide show tour of the 22 National Park Services Sites in Arizona. Park brochures and an Organ Pipe campground map were distributed.

Larry Birdsell welcomed all members and expressed appreciation to Nancy Hinterlong and all who helped set up the room for our meal and meeting. Mel Hinterlong introduced new members Stevon and Mary Moser, John and Lora Newby, and guests Ron and Ione Gienger.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 2 meeting as posted on the web site and distributed at the meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Marie O'Brien reported a November ending balance of \$6,768.98 after deposits of membership dues, Yuma Rally deposits, sale of one hat; and expenses of Page Rally and member refunds, club t-shirts and meeting expense. Detailed report is posted on our web site.

Rally Reports

Sam Thom, Rally Chairman – samandbarbthrom@gmail.com 360-930-1080

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

Yuma Rally – February 26-28 – John and Carolyn Lesh, Wagonmasters

Ten rigs/ 20 people are registered. Deposits have been made for the two tours: Big Guns and From Field to Feast. Tours are now full, but if any members would like to stay at the Westwind RV and Golf Resort with our group, reservations can still be made. Rally reservations are for 3 nights, the resort is adding a free night for anyone wishing to stay an additional day.

Canada Rally – summer 2018 – Vern and Alana Alvis, Wagonmasters

At the January meeting Vern will present a report on rally plans including locations, dates, and costs.

Proposed Rallies and Meet Ups

February

The *Civil War Reenactment* previously held at Picacho Peak has been moved to Old Tucson. Sam will get details. This could be a Rally or Meet Up.

February 5-9

FMCA in Tucson – Mel Hinterlong – Possible Rally or Meet Up.

Proposed Rallies and Meet Ups (continued)

March

- Lost Dutchman State Park or Usury Park – *Renaissance Festival and Mesa Area*
Possible Rally or Meet Up.
- The *Patagonia/Tupak* trip had to be postponed due to construction taking place at Patagonia. Possible reschedule in March.
- *Puerto Penasco* (Rocky Point) Mexico – Possible Rally

Mid to Late October

Bryce/Zion Rally. Possible Rolling Rally returning to Happy Trails.

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Pasadena Rose Parade Rally

San Diego Rally

Former club member Joel Salzman has volunteered to assist in the planning of the two above rallies.

Meet Ups

Mel Hinterlong, Chairman -- hinterlongmel@yahoo.com 815-382-5806

Three couples attended the November *Blue Grass Festival in Wickenburg*.

Twenty members went on the *REI Tour*, followed by lunch at Dillons. Both events were enjoyed by all who could attend.

The *Music Instrument Museum* and the February *Hoop Dancing Event at the Herd* were suggested as possible future Meet Ups

Old Business

At the January meeting, a motion will be presented to club members to formalize compensation provided to Wagonmasters.

Announcements

Nancy Hinterlong will bring inventory of club shirts to the January meeting and will get details for ordering additional shirts.

Gift Certificates for Christmas hams were won by John Newby, Don Hovde and Linda Laymon. Eight lucky members left with beautiful poinsettias that had decorated our dining tables.

Mel Hinterlong/Ron Daly moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 PM.

For meeting concerns: Larry Birdsell 805-760-6495

Next RV Club Happy Hour - Wednesday, December 27, 5-7 PM @ NC1

Next Meeting and Potluck - Thursday, January 4, 5-7 PM @ NC2

President - Larry Birdsell

Secretary - Connie Britton

