

Happy Trails RV Club February 6, 2020 meeting - NC2

Website: happytrailsrvclub.org

Forward pictures or reports for the website to Vern Alvis

Prior to the meeting members enjoyed a potluck dinner. Total attendance: 56

Vern Alvis introduced guest speaker Glen Vortherms, General Manager of the Maricopa Water District, which provides irrigation water and conservation. Glen presented an historical account of the MWD including construction of Waddell Dam in 1928, and recent construction of the New Waddell Dam.

President Marie O'Brien welcomed members, new members Jack and Marie Beschen, Ken and Marilyn Brenk and guests Paul and Janice Wilcox. Meeting called to order.

Minutes of the January 2 meeting were corrected to read " Deadline for early registration is January 22." in the FMCA Convention report, and approved as corrected. Minutes will be posted on our website.

NOTE: Please contact Marie if you are not receiving club emails.

Treasurer Lorraine Taylor reported the February 6 balance including deposits and expenditures for the month. The detailed report will be posted in a secure, password protected section of our website. Report accepted.

MeetUps – Reports -- Coordinator Mel Hinterlong

Tour of Justice Brothers Ranch *January 8 – 10 AM*

Vern Alvis reported 15 members visited the Justice Brothers U Pick Operation. Entertaining, enthusiastic storyteller Selwyn Justice shared his family ranch story, and the history of agriculture in Arizona. Many varieties of citrus and raw honey were available.

Wickenburg MeetUp – *January 26*

Kathy Velocci reported 18 members visited the Hassayampa River Reserve, toured Vulture Mine City and enjoyed lunch at Jake's Spoon in Wickenburg Ranch. Weather was perfect throughout the day.

Kathy reminded us that Gold Rush Days in Wickenburg will be February 14, 15,16. It includes a parade, art and crafts show, rodeo and the many shops, restaurants and museum in town.

Theater MeetUp – *February 1, 7 PM*

“A Streetcar Named Desire” at Stage Left Theatre in Surprise

Mel recapped that many enjoyed a pizza supper prior to the show, and 40 attended the theater. The small, intimate theater was very nice, the talent excellent and production professional. They present numerous plays throughout the year . Perhaps another MeetUp?

MeetUps – Future

“Running of the Gourds” Gourd Festival – *February 8*

Located at Pinal Fairgrounds in Casa Grande. Will leave from Town Center at 9 AM. Admission: \$10.

Includes gourd artists, vendors, entertainment and food booths. For more information see articles in the January issue of “Nosey Coyote”. Sign up after the meeting.

Theater West MeetUp – *March 14, 7 PM*

“The Pajama Game” at Theatre West on R.H. Johnson Blvd in Sun City West

Tickets are \$15. Meet at Town Center pickle balls courts at 6 PM. Sign up after the meeting and Mel will purchase tickets.

Rallies – Marie O'Brien for Trip Director Sam Throm

Lone Pine/ Death Valley Rally *Late October to Early November*

Kim Morse WagonMaster with help from Tom Wells

Tom described the many points of interest to visit from the foot of Mt. Whitney (the highest point in the contiguous U.S.) to the lowest spot in Death Valley. He highlighted the ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest near Bishop: Alabama Hills, a popular movie

location near Lone Pine; and his favorite National Park Death Valley. The area is rich with history and scenic beauty. More details at the March meeting.

Be sure to sign up if interested in this Rally.

FMCA International Convention & RV EXPO March 25-30 Rich Hofer WagonMaster

Nine rigs have registered to go, 8 will be parking together with 30 amp power, one rig will be in the dry camping area. There is still time to register if you decide to join us. At the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, rally will include seminars, exhibits, vendors, social events and entertainment featuring 3 Dog Night one evening.

East Valley Rally March 10-15, 2021 at Lost Dutchman State Park

This Rally is being proposed by the Executive Board. A handout was distributed to members with reservation details and suggestions of things to do and places to go. Members will make their own reservations, and must get them as soon as the 1-year-window opens because the campground is in high demand.

Old Business

Club Fair January 24, 10 AM – 1 PM

Many attended the Club Fair and we gave out 2 or 3 membership applications.

Election of Officers

At our March meeting we will elect three Executive Committee officers for a two-year term;

President, Secretary and Trip Director. Last month Conrad Revenig agreed to serve as President.

With no nominees from the nominating committee and the floor, Marie asked if we had volunteers to serve. Lora Newby agreed to serve as Secretary. The Nominating Committee hopes to have a volunteer/nominee for Trip Director in March.

Marie announced open coordinator positions: Social Director (set-up, decorations and door prizes), Program Director (speakers) and MeetUp Coordinator. Coordinators play an important role in providing us with enjoyable, meaningful meetings and activities. Volunteers requested.

Announcements

March Program

Speaker at our March 6 meeting will be Linda Bolon who will present "The Elusive Urban Coyote."

White Tank Arts Festival will be February 29-March 1, 10AM to 3 PM each day. Free entrance to the park during the Festival.

Thanks to Nancy Hinterlong, Judy Pederson and Cathy O'Brien for setup, table decorations and door prizes. This month all ladies take home a box of chocolates that have been decorating our tables.

Next Happy Hour – Wednesday, February 26 -- 5 PM – NC2

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As always, please feel free to contact board members with suggestions or concerns about our club.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Connie Britton