

Happy Trails RV Club January 2/20 meeting NC2

Website: happytrailsrvclub.org

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Prior to the meeting members enjoyed a potluck dinner. Total attendance: 33

Vice President Robert Britton introduced guest speaker Mike Shephard, Service Manager for Orangewood RV Center. He gave money-saving tips for routine maintenance of our RVs, battery care and preparing our units for storage. Mike prepared tip sheets to help us keep up with repairs and service so when we're ready to hit the road our RV is also ready.

President Marie O'Brien welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the December 5 meeting emailed to members and distributed at the meeting were approved.

Minutes will be posted on our website.

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

Treasurer Lorraine Taylor reported the January 2 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.

Rallies – Trip Director Sam Thom

FMCA International Convention & RV EXPO March 26-29 Rich Hofer WagonMaster

Sam reported plans. Arrive the 25th and depart on the 30th. Register for 30 amp power, arrive together. Deadline for early registration is January 22. At the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, rally will include seminars, exhibits, vendors, social events and entertainment featuring 3 Dog Night one evening.

Barb Thom reported the **Tubac Luminaria Nights Rally** was fortunate to have beautiful weather on Saturday. Thanks to Jerry O'Brien for arranging the Friday evening meal at the Longhorn Steakhouse. Everyone enjoyed Saturday morning breakfast together and La Fiesta de Tumacacore and Tubac

Luminaria Nights Festival.

Lone Pine/ Death Valley Rally *October* Kim Morse WagonMaster with help from Tom Wells

Sam detailed the places they visited on the last Lone Pine/Death Valley Rally. Next month Kim will report on plans for the 10 day Rally. Members will be able to attend all or part of this Rally.

Sam requested we check out displays, sign up for Rallies/MeetUps, and suggest future trips.

MeetUps – Marie O'Brien for **Coordinator Mel Hinterlong**

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

Meet in Town Center parking lot at 9:30 to carpool about 8 miles to the Ranch at 14629 W. Peoria Avenue, Weddell. Selwyn Justice, one of our speakers last season, invited us to tour their citrus and cattle ranch. The ranch was purchase in 1928 and holds the title of the longest continually operated orchard in the state. Go to [JUSTICE BROTHERS RANCH](#) on line for more information. Sign up after the meeting if you want to go, 18 members are currently on the list.

Wickenburg MeetUp – *the end of January or early February*

Kathy Velocci described several places to visit in Wickenburg which included Hassayampa River Reserve, the downtown arena, lunch at Anita's Cocina or Wickenburg Ranch, unique stores for shopping, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, tour of the Vulture Mine. Many members expressed interest. Kathy asked that we check events we like best on her sign-up sheet to help plan an itinerary.

Theater MeetUp *February 1, 7 PM*

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

Tickets are \$15.00 each (regularly priced \$25.00 each)

Vice President Robert Britton reported Mel purchased 14 tickets for club members. Please sign up after the meeting if you wish to go. A reminder: If you sign up and do not attend you will need to reimburse Mel.

Old Business

Angel Tree - Virginia Frieburg purchased gifts for two angels on the tree, \$50 for each angel.

Christmas Golf Cart Parade – Sam Throm reported good participation by RV Club members and the group won third place. Many golf carts and lots of fun.

New Business

Club Fair *January 24, 10 AM – 1 PM*

Trip Director Sam Throm will set up with Rally Boards, club flyers and membership forms.

Volunteers to work the booth are: 1 to 11 AM – Sam and Barb Throm, 11 to 12 noon -- Ed and Nancy Sipple, noon to 1 PM -- Art Gray and Judy Pederson. Thanks Volunteers!

Election of Officers

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

President, Secretary and Trip Director. After President Marie O'Brien and Secretary Connie Britton each gave a brief explanation of duties of their respective offices, Marie asked the membership for volunteers to fill these positions. Conrad Revenig volunteered to serve as President. Prior to the meeting, Kim Morse volunteered to fill the Trip Director position.

Again, Thanks to those who step up to lead and keep our RV Club great!

Nominating Committee

Debbie Cheek and Ann Carr agreed to serve on a Nominating Committee to find a candidate for Secretary.

Announcements

February Program

Speaker at our February 6 meeting will be Glen Vortherms from the Maricopa Water District. He will outline the history of MWD from 1888 to construction of the Waddell Dam in 1928, and briefly discuss the New Waddell Dam.

Thanks to Art Gray, Judy Pederson, Jerry and Cathy O'Brien for setup, table decorations and door prizes.

Gift certificates for the Chuckwagon were won by Lora Newby, Clay Cheek, and John O'Brien.

Next Happy Hour – Wednesday, January 22 -- 5 PM – NC2

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 6 – 5 PM – NC2

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Britton