

Happy Trails RV Club November 7/19 meeting NC2

Website: happytrailsrvclub.org

Forward pictures or reports for the website to Vern Alvis

Prior to the meeting members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner.

Total attendance: 63 which included 8 guests

Vern Alvis introduced guest speakers from The White Tank Conservancy. They shared history of the White Tanks and The Conservancy's efforts to preserve them, stressing conservation of wildlife in The Mountains.

Standing in for President Marie O'Brien, Vern Alvis welcomed members/newcomers and called the meeting to order.

Bill Burgess made a motion to approve minutes of the March 7 meeting that had been emailed to members. Ann Carr seconded and the motion passed. Minutes will be posted on our website.

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

Treasurer Lorraine Taylor gave a detailed report including beginning balance, deposits, expenditures and November 7 balance. Alana Alvis moved the report be accepted, Paula Hovde seconded, and motion passed. The detailed report will be posted in a secure, password protected section of our website.

Rallies

Trip Director Sam Thom

Sam thanked WagonMasters Bill and Kim Morse for the successful **Cottonwood Rally** held **Oct 28-Nov 1** at Deadhorse Ranch State Park and he asked Kim for a wrap up report.

Kim began by saying this was their second Rally with HT RV Club and her first experience as WagonMaster. Five first-timer couples and a total of 22 rigs attended. Many volunteers helped with meals, transportation and activity coordination. Campers enjoyed outdoor activities, Jerome, Verde Canyon RR and Blazin' M Ranch. With enthusiasm, Kim encouraged members to be a WagonMaster. Her keys to success were communication, lots of emails, volunteers, and leadership support from the Thomms.

Tubac Luminaria Nights Rally *December 6-8* Sam and Barb Throm WagonMasters

Barb reported that the DeAnza RV Resort in Amado would reserve only 12 spots for us. She recommends that if you are on the waiting list, call the resort not mentioning our group, and you may be able to get reservations. Please notify Barb if you get a site. Rally fee is \$20 per rig.

Resort rates are \$41.40 per night, payable at check-in. Check-in time on Friday is 1 PM, we will have a Happy Hour at 5 PM and optional dinner at the Resort restaurant at 6:30 PM. Let Barb know if you plan to have dinner at the Resort. Saturday morning we will have breakfast-in-a-bag together and spend the afternoon and evening in Tubac. Other points of interest in the area are Nogales, historic mission at Tumacacori, Patagonia Lake State Park, Tubac Presidio State Park, Titan Missile Site. Barb will email everyone with details of a brief meeting prior to the Rally.

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

Because many in our Club are FMCA members, Rich suggested we attend the Rally at Pima County Fairgrounds. We could caravan as a group and park together or go individually. Registration fee is \$225 plus hookup charges. Included are seminars, exhibits, entertainment, and lots to do in Tucson. Rick will get more information. Please sign up if interested.

Lone Pine and Death Valley Rally *no date set* Tom Wells WagonMaster

Sam requested we check out displays, sign up for Rallies/Meet Ups, and suggest future rally locations.

Meet Ups

Mel Hinterlong

Fire Station Open House *Saturday, November 16* - 10:30 AM at Cottonwood and Greenway

We will meet there, plenty of parking and no charge. Lunch at Babbo's. Sign up tonight.

If anyone wants more information regarding Babbo's gift card special, Mel will leave it at the Club's flyer space in the Post Office.

Celebration of Christmas at Dream City Church *December 12* - 7 PM

Tickets are \$9.00 per person. Mel will purchase tickets. Sign up tonight.

State Farm Stadium Tour *no date set* \$7.00 per person

Sign up tonight if interested.

Fall Ball *every night the month of November* \$6.00 per person

John and Carolyn Lesh suggested members may want to attend individually. This is AA/AAA up-and -coming players from several teams. They play, meet fans and sign baseball cards. It takes place at four stadiums in the area including Surprise and Glendale. Mel asked John to leave a fact sheet in the Club's flyer space in the Post Office if he can get further information.

New Business

Time to pay club dues for the season. \$15.00 per person. See our treasurer Lorraine Taylor.

Angel Tree Participation

Last year we participated in the Angel Tree project for the first time and we budgeted for it this year. After chairing the committee last year, Virginia Frieberg again volunteered to select 2 Angels, shop for them and deliver gifts the day of pick up for our Club.

Red Poppy Season in Canada – The Season of Remembrance

Vern shared the story of the red poppy which honors those fallen and veterans who have served. He closed by reading the beautiful poem, "In Flanders Fields".

Announcements

Next Happy Hour – Wednesday, November 27 - 5 PM - NC2

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 5 – 5PM – NC2

Happy Hour in December will be December 18 – 4-6PM – NC2

Door Prizes - Nancy Hinterlong

The book, "White Tank Mountains Field Guide" was won by new member Cindy Kent and a Babbo's gift certificate went to Barb Throm. Lucky Ladies!

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted with assistance from Carol Rowe and Vern Alvis, Connie Britton

