

Happy Trails RV Club November 2/17 meeting NC2

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Prior to the meeting, a delicious potluck supper was enjoyed by 39 members complete with apple pie and ice cream supplied by the club.

Vern Alvis introduced Deputy Rodney Oaks from the Maricopa County Sheriffs Office – Enforcement Division. Deputy Rodney gave an interesting talk on RV safety tips covering parking and travel providing a pamphlet and complimentary tire pressure checker from Discount tire. Deputy Rodney accepted questions from the group. A thank you card will be sent to Deputy Rodney Oaks on behalf of the RV Club.

Larry Birdsell welcomed members and guests at 6:18 with Alana Alvis acting secretary. Rich Hofer introduced his new neighbors David and Sheila Sweet as perspective RV club members.

Wayne Muggli/Barb Throm moved approval of the minutes from March 2, 2017 as posted on the web site. Carried.

Marie O'Brien gave the **treasurer's report**. October bank balance \$10,327.48 after Page Rally bills are paid – the balance will be around \$5,000.00.

Sam Throm, **Rally Chairman** reported on upcoming rallies and meet up ideas – see separate page attached to bottom of the minutes. Sign up sheets were available by the poster boards of information on the side table for wagon master and participants. As this club is for us all, the success of our club depends on each of us doing our part. Please read over the rally ideas and let Sam Throm know where you can help out.

Marie O'Brien gave her report on the Return to Surprise via Page, AZ. successful rally with 15 rigs Oct 23 to 27th complete with pictures. The group enjoyed a boat trip on Lake Powell, tour of the dam, Navajo hoop dancer and fry bread cooked and served at the campsite. Hikes to Horseshoe Bend, Toadstool and Canyon X guided tour. The group appreciated all the planning and communicating done by Wagon Masters Marie O'Brien and Donna Roberts for the participants. It made for an educational, fun and interesting rally.

Vern Alvis spoke to the idea of a Canadian Rolling Rally end of June (afterwards could take in Calgary Stampede or Spruce Meadows International Horse Jumping) or September 2018 in the SW part of Alberta. More information to follow at the January meeting should there be interest from club members. Please sign up at next meeting if interested in

attending. Vernon also introduced new members Rich and Kathy Velocci from Vernon, B.C., Canada

Mel Hinterlong spoke of his continued pursuit to get an Amazon tour as a meet up. He has arranged a 2-hour tour of REI on December 4th and those interested are asked to sign up a.s.a.p. – there is a limit of 15 to 20 participants.

Mel also stated that he would be attending the FMCA rally in Tucson Feb 5 to 9th and if anyone is interested he would be the wagon master.

Old Business: Larry Birdsell reported on the past discussion on compensation provided to Wagon Masters. Information of past practices varied with no set policy. In January with more discussion, Larry will present a motion that a wagon master be compensated for their camping fees, no matter the size of the rally by those attending. Should there be a second wagon master – the two would share the compensation and each would have half their camping fees paid.

New Business: Pat Birdsell reported that Nancy Hinterlong accepted program coordinator duties, while Pat has taken on the role of assistant to president. Vern Alvis reported on the Program and promotions committee that had met in March. Ideas were to have an attendance draw, and guest speaker at monthly meetings, an RV sign for lots, happy hours at NC1 the last Wednesday of each month at 5:00, and for each member to promote the club.

Announcements:

Nancy Hinterlong reported on club shirt deliveries last April. It was suggested if we were going to place another order for shirts to do so at the January meeting, after Nancy checked to see what the minimum order would be. Nancy has a sign up sheet for volunteers to come ahead of the meeting to help set up tables and chairs. She will call them a few days before the meeting to remind them of their offer to help.

Larry Birdsell reported that a new item would be added to the meetings – **Members concern** to take place after the meeting. Any member was welcome to come forward and discuss any club concerns with him.

Wayne Muggli/Rich Hofer moved meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Winners of the 4 - \$20.00 WinCo gift certificates were Barb & Sam Throm, Paula & Don Hovde, Art & Judy Gray and Bob & Marilyn Dick.

Meeting concerns: Larry Birdsell htrvclub@gmail.com

Next RV Club Happy Hour - Wednesday, November 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 at NC1.

Next meeting and potluck – Thursday, December 7th 5:00 to 7:00 at NC2

President – Larry Birdsell

Alana Alvis – Acting Secretary

Happy Trails RV club 2017-2018 Season - Sam Throm – Club Rally Master

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November 11/17 Blue Grass Festival – Wickenburg – Sam Throm – Meet up

December Patagonia/Tubac Festival of lights – Donna Roberts? – Possible Rally

December 4th REI tour 9:00 a.m. limit 15 to 20 folks 2 hours – Mel Hinterlong – Meet up

January **2019** Pasadena Rose Parade - Possible Rally

February 5 to 9th FMCA in Tucson – Mel Hinterlong – Possible Rally or Meet up

February 9 to 11 – Wickenburg Rodeo and Parade – Possible Meet up

February 28 to March 3 – Yuma – John and Carolyn Lesh – Rally

2 Tours: Military – Behind the Big Guns & From Field to Feast – how the agricultural system works – with meal and vegetables to take home.

March - Lost Dutchman or Usury State Park – Renaissance Festival - March to April 1st & Mesa area – Possible Rally or meet up

March 17-18th – Civil War Re-enactment at Picacho Peak State Park – Possible rally

March 1 -19th – Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) Mexico – Possible Rally

Last week of June and first week of July/18 (end in time for Calgary Stampede and Spruce Meadows International show jumping) or early Sept. – SW Alberta, Canada – Vern & Alana Alvis will select the final date. Possible Rolling Rally

Late October – Bryce, Zion, Grand Staircase Escalante, Kodachrome Sp – Possible return to Surprise Rolling Rally.

Please share your ideas with Sam Throm, if you know of a place for a Rally or a meet up just for the day – no RV's involved. Sam is a great resource on how to organize a rally or meet up and will help you be a successful wagon master. Join the fun! This group enjoys getting together and exploring the Surprise area.

The Bold events are confirmed and if you have not signed up and are interested contact Sam Throm right away. The other possible rallies and meet ups listed may have folks signed up and looking for a Wagon master or two to put the finish touches on the event.

**Club Happy Hour at NC-1 on the 4th Wednesday of the Month, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
November 29th.**

**RV Club Meeting at NC-2 on the 1st Thursday of the Month, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
December 7th.**