

Happy Trails RV Club February 1/18 meeting NC2

Web site: happytrailsrvclub.org

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

Prior to the meeting members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner. Attendance: 50

Vern Alvis introduced guest speaker Captain Renee Hamblin, a Surprise Paramedic. She presented a lively and personal talk on RV safety, focusing on fire/electrical issues and travel safety for our pets.

President Larry Birdsell welcomed all members and guests. Alana Alvis introduced guests Don and Nancy Walker (Sacramento, CA), Mel and Nola Meinert (Surprise); and new members Owen and Linda Ritter (Bremmerton, WA), John and Mary Opstedahl (Spearfish, SD).

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the January 4 meeting as posted on the website and distributed at the meeting. Motion carried

Treasurer Marie O'Brien reported a February 1 ending balance of \$8,724.77 after income from dues, shirt sale and Yuma Rally deposits; members name badges and Yuma Rally Tour expenses. Total Yuma Rally deposits in account \$3,220.73. Detailed report is posted on our website.

Rally Reports

Sam Thom, Trip Director – samandbarbthrom@gmail.com 360-930-1080

Sam requested we all take the time to check posters and sign-up sheets for proposed Rallies and MeetUps. He stressed the importance of members participating in trip leadership and planning.

Yuma Rally – February 26 - March 1 -- *John and Carolyn Lesh, WagonMasters*

The Rally will have thirteen rigs going to WestwindRV and Golf Resort. Check-in time is 3 PM with first activity being a 5 PM Happy Hour. BYO drinks and hors d'oeuvres to share. Tours on Tuesday and Wednesday will include Big Guns Tour and Field to Feast Tour. John requested all those on the rally check with him following our meeting to confirm registration information.

Canada Rolling Rally – June 19-30 – *Vern and Alana Alvis, WagonMasters*

Vern gave an overview of the Rally and answered questions. Deposit of \$150 per rig is now due. The presentation is posted on our website. Alana sent an email to the membership with helpful hints for planning your trip to Canada (insurance, pet papers, phone coverage, etc.) and more detailed information on the Rally.

Bryce/Zion Rolling Rally – *John and Marie O'Brien, WagonMasters*

Marie reported that the Rally is canceled because late October (when members want to go) is way too cold for an enjoyable Rally.

New Rally options were presented:

Option 1 – Albuquerque Balloon Fest Rolling Rally – Oct 11-19 – Larry Birdsell, WagonMaster

Dry camp last weekend of Balloon Fest and stay in Albuquerque until the 14th. Stop at Pueblo Laguna, Gallup, Winslow and on to Happy Trails.

Option 2 – Lone Pine, California/Death Valley Rolling Rally – last week of October

Option 3 – Patagonia/Sonoran Desert Museum Rolling Rally

If you are interested in one of these—sign up, talk to Sam or Larry.

MeetUps – *Mel Hinterlong*

Thursday March 22, 2 PM – **Tour of Amazon Facility**

There is room for a couple more in the tour, sign up and Mel will contact with details.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 9:30 AM – **Heard Museum World Championship Indian Hoop Dancing Finals**

Cost is \$13.50 for seniors. Sign up and Mel will contact with details.

Proposed MeetUps

February 19-25 – **Winter Range Cowboy Action Shooting Competition**

\$5 for parking. Food, vendors, variety of competitions.

March 3-4 – **Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market**

March 10-11 – **Luke Days 2018 – The Future of Airpower**

Old Business

Vern Alvis presented a proposed operating budget for 2018-2019 prepared by the Budget Committee. (see attached) He explained each entry and answered questions. Membership will vote to accept the budget at our March meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept a change to WagonMasters Duties and Responsibilities:

“WagonMasters will have paid campground sites. If there are more than one, they will split the compensation. The cost of this compensation shall be part of the fee paid by members attending the rally. The cost shall be limited to a maximum of \$15 per person attending the rally. Fees in excess of the \$15 will be paid by the club. The club will pay up to \$50 per rally. A rally shall be defined as 6 or more rigs”

The motion passed unanimously. This change will be made in Club Rules.

New Business

Nancy Hinterlong presented nominations:

President – Marie O'Brien

Secretary – Connie Britton

Treasurer – Art Gray (to be appointed to fill the second year of Marie's term)

There was no nomination for Trip Director. Barb Throm nominated Sam Throm and Sam accepted the nomination. Election will take place at the March meeting.

Announcements

The meeting next month will be March 8, 4:30 PM at NC-2. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks instead of potluck. Our program will be a speaker from the City of Surprise, Christine Nunez.

No report on club shirts.

Vern Alvis reported new **club window signs** to be used at rallies are now completed. Members can pick up following the meeting.

Lora Newby invited all full-timers to a Full-Timers Social, March 11, 3 PM at the Chuckwagon. BYO beverage and hors d'oeuvres to share,

Nancy Hinterlong announced the boxes of Valentine chocolates decorating our tables were door prizes for every lady at the meeting. A drawing was held for three bottles of gourmet Happy Camper wine. Lucky happy campers are Del Wilson, Donna Weeden and Paula Hovde.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.

For meeting concerns: Larry Birdsell 805-760-6495

Next RV Club Happy Hour - Wednesday, February 28, 5-7 PM @ NC1

Next Meeting w/ hors d'oeuvres and drinks - Thursday, March 8, 4:30 PM @ NC2

President - Larry Birdsell

Secretary - Connie Britton

**Happy Trails RV Club
2018-2019 Proposed Budget**

EXPENSES	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
Name badges & rig signs	140
Website administration	100
Decorations & raffles	125
Meals & entertainment	160
Office supplies	50
Banking	25
WagonMaster camping fees	150
Total expenses	750

INCOME

Membership dues (50 x \$15)	750
Total income	750

Budget Assumptions: Budget year is November 1 to October 31
50 club members
Membership annual dues = \$15.00/person

**WagonMaster
Observations:**

The lesser the number of rigs in combination with the number of nights and the price per night is what drives up the total cost of the WagonMaster fees.

A rally with a small number of participants (less than 6 rigs) may not be viable.

EXAMPLES

1. 10 rigs, 8 nights @\$40/night. WagonMaster fees are \$320. The 9 remaining rigs of 18 people each pay $\$320/18 = \17.78 where \$15 is paid by each participant and the balance of $\$2.78 \times 18 = \49.22 is paid by the club.
2. 10 rigs, 8 nights @\$55/night. WagonMaster fees are \$440. The 9 remaining rigs of 18 people each pay $\$440/18 = \24.45 where \$15 is paid by each participant and the balance of $\$9.45 \times 18 = \170 is paid by the club.
3. 5 rigs, 4 nights @\$42/night. WagonMaster fees are \$168. The 4 remaining rigs of 8 people each pay $\$168/8 = \21 where \$15 is paid by each participant and the balance of $\$6 \times 8 = \48 is paid by the club.

