

Happy Trails RV Club March 8/18 meeting NC2

Website: happytrailsrvclub.org

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Prior to the meeting members gathered for Happy Hour with hors d'oeuvres. 43 members present.

Vern Alvis introduced guest speaker Christine Nunez, Surprise Environmental Manager, who spoke on water resource management. She gave information on water supply, waste water treatment, and gave tips on conservation, dry well maintenance, proper trimming and watering of native plants.

President Larry Birdsell introduced Ken and Lida Carpenter with FMCA. Ken outlined the cost and benefits of membership in FMCA, pointing out that RVers with trailers and 5th wheels may now join. Benefits include FMCA Assist, FMCA magazine, FMCA campground, tire discounts, Tech Connect Plus program. Also Roadside Rescue, RV Insurance and Windshield Replacement plans are available. Ken explained that if Happy Trails RV Club chose to become a FMCA Chapter, the club would be covered by an Umbrella Liability Insurance Plan at club activities and rallies. To be a Chapter there is a one-time \$35 fee and all members of HTRV Club must be FMCA members.

A motion was made and seconded for Happy Trails RV Club to become a FMCA Chapter. Marie O'Brien reported she had emailed all members asking if they were FMCA members. 21 couples are members, 8 couples are not and 4 couples did not respond.

After lengthy discussion and many questions, it was moved to table the motion until fall. This motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 1 meeting with the corrected spelling of "Heard Museum". Motion carried.

Treasurer Marie O'Brien reported a March 8 ending balance of \$6,603.43 after income from dues, credit card rewards, Canada/Yuma/Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally deposits; Yuma Rally tours, decorations and raffles, member rig signs and Balloon Fiesta Rally expenses. Canada Rally deposits in account \$1,050.00. Unrestricted balance \$5,553.43. Detailed report is posted on our website.

Election of Officers

Nominations are: President--Marie O'Brien, Secretary--Connie Britton, Trip Director--Sam Throm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominated slate of officers for a two-year term.

Motion passed. The board appointed Art Gray to serve as Treasurer for one-year to fulfill Marie's term.

MeetUps

Vern Alvis announced the **Amazon Tour** is filled. It will be Thursday, March 22 at 2 PM. Leave from Town Center at 12:45. Tour rules and safety regulations were reviewed.

Rallies

Trip Director Sam Throm thanked WagonMaster John Lesh for a very successful **Yuma Rally**. Both tours were exceptional and enjoyed by all. John reported he would like to lead a rally back to Yuma January or February of next year with tours to the Marine Corps Air Station and Castle Dome Mine.

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

8 rigs are now confirmed, but it is not too late to join. Contact Vern ASAP.

Two-Part October Rolling Rally

Part One

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – October 10-13 – *Marie O'Brien, WagonMaster*

7 rigs confirmed now, still time to sign up.

Part Two

Gallup to Happy Trails – October 14-20 – *Larry Birdsell, WagonMaster*

Larry presented a full itinerary for the Gallup to Happy Trails Rally with maps and photos. It will include 2 nights at USA RV Park in Gallup with a tour of Acoma Pueblo and Window Rock Tribal Headquarters, a stop at Petrified Forest, and four nights at Homolovi State Park in Winslow. While there, they will visit Rock Art Ranch, Painted Desert and more Winslow points of interest. A \$100 deposit is now needed. The trip presentation will be posted on the club website.

A sign-up sheet for one or both parts of the October Rolling Rally is available to sign up now.

Trip Director Sam Throm asked everyone to remember proposed Rallies and MeetUps for the coming season and help make future trips possible.

2018-19 Budget

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed 2018-19 Budget which was presented for consideration at the February meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Happy Hour – Wednesday, March 28 – 5-7 PM NC1

No April Meeting

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 1 – 5 PM NC2

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

Connie Britton, Secretary