

Happy Trails RV Club established May 7, 2010
General Meeting on February 5, 2026 at NC2

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Forward pictures or reports for the website to Jess Carmody

Total attendance: 28, which is enough for a quorum

President Cindy Kent called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Cindy welcomed new members and visitors and had them introduce themselves.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting were emailed to members prior to the meeting. The Minutes were approved as written and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Becka Paulsen reported that as of December 31, 2025, there was a balance of \$3,311.18 in our account. There was income of \$150.00 from dues and \$40.00 from the 50/50 donation, resulting in total income of \$190.00. There were expenses of \$73.00 for badges and \$735.00 for the Camp Verde deposit (which will be returned to the club once members pay for the rally), resulting in total expenses of \$808.00. This leaves a balance of \$2,693.18; however, there is an outstanding check for \$110.45, leaving an actual balance of \$2,582.73. The Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

There are many previous members who still have not paid their dues. The roster shows 122 members; however, some of those still have not paid. We have 65 paid members, including six who paid in February.

Trip Director

We are still in need a Trip Director to coordinate rallies. Please consider volunteering for this position.

RV Rallies

- Several people at the meeting attended the Lake Havasu Balloon Festival in January. Everyone reported it was a great success. Cindy mentioned that we could think about a rally to the Balloon Festival again next year or the Lake Havasu Winter Blast Pyrotechnics Show in February.
- Camp Verde, March 10 to 14, 2026: Nancy Lentz reported that there are 12 rigs going and everyone has paid. There are 20 sites reserved so there is room for more rigs. For this rally we will implement our new rally fees, which will be discussed under New Business.
- Cochise Country Music Festival, Benson, Arizona, March 20 to 22, 2026: Nancy Sipple reported on behalf of Cheryl and Mike McDonald. The music festival is at a ranch outside of Benson, Arizona. Major performers are Rodney Adkins on Friday, Tracy Byrd on Saturday, and Mark Chesnutt and Little Texas on Sunday.

There are volunteer opportunities available on Wednesday and Thursday before the festival, or Monday and Tuesday after the festival. Volunteers can boondock for free and attend the festival for free. There will be food vendors at the festival. If you are interested there is a signup sheet and Cheryl can provide additional information.

- 2026/2027: We have no rallies planned for the 2026/2027 season. As ideas, Cindy provided a list of several rallies we have done in the past: Lake Powell; Dead Horse Ranch; Tubac; Lone Pine/Death Valley; East Valley/Lost Dutchman; Kartchner Caverns; Lake Roosevelt; Wickenburg; San Diego, California; Rocky Point, Mexico; Usery Park; Lake Pleasant; and Yuma. This is a great resource to help plan future rallies.

Old Business

- Club Fair, Friday, January 16, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the PAC: There was a good turnout for the Club Fair, and several people stopped by our table.
- Club Parade, March 9, 2026: The RV Club will represent the State of Texas. Participants can use golf carts, bikes, mopeds, or they can walk. Clay (Lot 219) has a horse head pattern we can use for bicycles. Ideas on how to represent Texas were Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys, Alamo, oil, and BBQ.
- Nominating Committee Volunteers/President: No one has volunteered to be on the nominating committee. We have two open positions: President for the 2026/2028 term and Secretary for the 2026/2028 term; however, Patrice has agreed to continue to serve another two years as Secretary.
- Facebook: Jess Carmody started a Facebook page for the RV Club and he has added all of the photographs from our photo storage. Please continue to add photographs as you attend RV Club rallies and events.
- Amazon Tour, Lora Newby: Lora will follow up with Amazon via email.
- End of Season Banquet: The end of season banquet is Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. We have more than \$3,000.00 in our treasury and our balance should equal approximately one year of dues (65 members x \$15.00 = \$975.00). We are waiting for a quote from Chef Peters. If 40 members attend at \$25.00 per person, the cost will be \$1,000.00. Therefore, we have sufficient funds to cater an end-of-year banquet at NC-2.

New Business

- Upcoming Meetings: General meetings and potlucks are held the first Thursday of each month unless it conflicts with a holiday. Happy Hours are held the fourth Wednesday of each month. Executive Board meetings are held the Tuesday before the fourth Wednesday of each month. There are no holiday conflicts for the 2026/2027 season, and meeting rooms are reserved for the upcoming year.
- Club Officers Meeting, January 28, 2026: Over the last few years Activities has held Club Officer Meetings every year. Activities provided a packet to all officers outlining deadlines when items must be provided to Activities.
- Officers for the 2026-2027 Season: Cindy outlined some of the President's responsibilities. Hopefully someone will volunteer for this position by the March 5, 2026, end-of-year meeting.

- Club Coordinators for the 2026-2027 Season:

Social Committee – Karen Hanning, Patty Hinkle and Lora Newby will continue to serve for two more years. They have done a beautiful job on table decorations.

Sunshine Committee – Mary Ventress will continue to serve for two more years.

Angel Tree – Steve Moser and Nancy Sipple will serve.

Program Coordinator – open

Meet Up Coordinator – open; this could be a floating position each month, and as members have ideas, they could coordinate a monthly outing.

Webmaster – Jess will continue to serve for two more years.

- BYOB and Raffle Issues: Cindy announced that NC-2 is covered under the Happy Trails alcohol permit beginning at 4:00 p.m., so we are allowed to have alcohol at meetings and happy hours. With regard to raffles, Cindy went to the State of Arizona website and took a quiz to determine whether or not our organization is a qualifying “club”. She said based on the quiz, it appears the RV Club can have raffles. She invited everyone to go online and take the quiz to see if they reached the same conclusion. After shared discussion, it was decided to continue with the 50/50 raffles.
- Rally Fees: Commencing with the Camp Verde rally, each rally attendee will pay \$15.00 to be used toward the wagon master’s RV site. For each rally a total fee per person will be calculated based on scheduled activities, with a due date determined. To qualify as a rally, there must be at least six rigs. Payments will be made to the RV Club, not the wagon master. There will be a line item for each rally in the Treasurer’s report. At the end of each rally, the wagon master will prepare a financial report. If there is not enough money to pay for the wagon master’s RV site, the difference will be paid by the RV club. If income from the rally exceeds expenditures, any extra funds will remain with the club. A cancellation date will be established for each rally, and anyone who cancels after that date will forfeit their payment. Cindy will review wagon master duties and prepare an updated description and give it to Jess to post on the website. Becka noted that having payments made directly to the RV Club rather than to wagon masters protects wagon masters from a liability standpoint. Bear asked if dues are waived for officers. They are not.

Announcements

The next Happy Hour will be Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at NC2. There were 33 people at the January Happy Hour.

The year-end banquet will be a catered dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at NC2.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Steve Moser (\$90.00 total; and Steve donated \$40.00 of his \$45.00 winnings back to the RV Club).

It was moved by Mary Ventress, seconded by Steve Moser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrice E. Carmody, Secretary