



GRAND RVERS NEWS

March 2010

Message from the President

Beverly Dietz

As usual, I have some things for you to do for our next meeting. Please check your calendars to be sure that you have March 16 at 5:00 PM circled for our next meeting. Please bring a pen or pencil with you. Our Trip Directors will be asking you for ideas for upcoming rallies, so put your thinking caps on to suggest some future destinations for our group. Also bring your checkbook to purchase tickets for the April Pizza Party. Bob Leslie has volunteered to head up an RV Club committee for the Relay for Life and will update us on this fundraiser. Vice President Verl Olson's article will tell you about the program planned for this meeting.

While you're checking your calendar, turn to April 20th. There is a time change for April -- we'll be meeting at 4:30 PM. The Entertainment Committee has an enhanced pizza party planned. Check out the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

"Many many" thanks to Janet Bluhm who has served our club as both Membership Chair and Historian. Our club has certainly benefitted from Janet's energy and creativity in both those roles.

Thanks, also, to John Stewart who has agreed to take on the Historian's duties along with being the Web Site Director.

Bobby Dion asked me to remind travelers and Wagon Masters that difficult economic times have forced the closings of many state rest areas and parks. He suggested that we check ahead to make sure the ones we want to use are still open.

See you at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 16 in the Agua Fria Room in the Cimarron Center.

Message from the Vice President

Verl Olson

Following the conclusion of our regular business meeting on March 16, Mr. Scott Collins of the Surprise Fire Dept will speak about safety issues relating to home and travel.

Message from the Membership Committee

Jan Hatmaker and Carolyn Madison

Please welcome new members Dean and Carol Mees. They are planning to join us on the Rocky Point trip. They are brand new Rvers and would appreciate help as they learn the ropes.

If anyone needs a "window placard" for your RV, please stop by the membership table.

Message from the Sunshine Committee

Linda Foss

Please inform me about anyone in the club who is in need of some Sunshine. That would include hospitalization, serious illness, or bereavement. Be sure to make the subject line say "Sunshine Lady" so it isn't spammed!

My email is sunshine@grandrv.org and my phone number is **623 444-2752**.

Message from the Historian

John Stewart

Please contact me if you have any pictures from any of our rallies that you would like to share with your fellow club members.

There are new pictures from the Rose Parade rally. Go to our web site (<http://www.grandrv.org>) and click on the red "Gallery" button to see these and other pictures.

Message from the Webmaster

John Stewart

There is a lot of information on the web site to help keep you informed about what's happening in our club. For example:

- After you log on to the web site there will be messages from the board. Currently these include a reminder about the changes for our April meeting. Log on and see what it says.
- Like Dick Williams is always saying "Our club is about trips". So log on and click on the red "Rallies" button and check out the upcoming trips. While you are there you can sign up for the ones you are interested in joining.
- Click on the red "Gallery" button to see pictures from recent trips. There are some new pictures from the Rose Parade rally. Take a look!

To log on to the web site first click the red "Log On" button. Then enter your user name and password. Your user name is your first and last name together all in lower case without a space (firstnamelastname). Your password is your four digit CAM number. If your number is less than four digits add leading zero(s). For example for a CAM number of 123 it is 0123.

Please feel free to contact me with comments, suggestions or web site assistance.

NEXT MEETING, 5:00 PM, MARCH 16, 2010 AT CIMARRON

Message from the Entertainment Committee

Jim and Sue Bulgrin and Al and Julie Stiles

The April 20 meeting will begin at 4:30 PM to accommodate **Pizza and Entertainment**. The cost will be \$7.50 per person and tickets will be available at the March 16 meeting: checks are preferred. Entertainment will be provided by the Goldridge Gang beginning at approximately 5:30.

The Goldridge Gang has been performing in the west valley for over three years. Their specialty is vocal harmony reminiscent of the Statler Brothers and Oakridge Boys. However, they present an eclectic mix of toe-tapping songs from the current era as well as old favorites from the past. They arrange all of their own music, and it's all "live" and "lively"! Their accompaniment consists of a keyboard, bass guitar and guitar, to which they add an occasional banjo and harmonica.

Message from Trip Directors

Dick Williams and Dan Foss

Do you have a rally idea? At the next RV club meeting you will receive a rally idea card. Please take time to list up to 5 ideas you might have for possible rallies. Place your card in the box at the end of the meeting. We will have a list of all of the ideas at the April meeting; you can select those areas in which you are interested from all the ones submitted. At the May meeting there will be interest sheets for the top 10 suggested rallies.

The Trip Directors are anxious to present rallies in which the club members are interested. Please review the upcoming rallies listed below and join us for a fun-filled rally.

Please remember that you may sign up for rallies on the web site. Also, if you have signed up for a rally & cannot attend the rally, please delete your name on the web site.

See you at the March meeting

WAGON MASTERS	TRIPS
	Remember the Alamo – San Antonio, TX 04-06-2010 to 04-15-2010
Don & Joyce Pettit	Travel to historic San Antonio, TX via Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico. Explore the Texas Hill country; tour historic sites in San Antonio; explore the River Walk which follows the San Antonio River; for the thrill-seekers Six Flags Fiesta is the place for you or soar to new heights in a hot air balloon. Don't miss the Alamo or Fort Sam Houston Museum and many other attractions in the area.
	Rocky Point – Fun in the Mexican Sun 04-26-2010 to 05-01-2010
Kathleen Roemheld & Arne Frieman	Don't miss this fun trip to Arizona's closest beach! Shopping, margaritas, walking on the beach, Mexican food and great camaraderie are highlights of this rally.
	Lone Pine to Lee Vining, CA – High Sierra Adventure 09-06-2010 to 09-14-2010
Dick & Sandy Williams	Visit the Whitney Portal, Lone Pine Movie Museum & Alabama Hills movie sites, Yosemite National Park, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake Loop, Mono Lake & Bodie Ghost Town (optional connection to the Reno Air Show)
	Reno, NV – Reno Air Show 09-14-2010 to 09-20-2010
John & Laurie Stewart	Don't miss five days of racing; six classes of aircraft; speeds topping 500 mph. It all adds up to the annual National Championship Air Races. Each race is one thrilling episode of a

	weeklong pylon-to-ylon drama filled with excitement at every turn. WAITING LIST ONLY
	Albuquerque, NM – Albuquerque Balloon Festival 10-05-2010 to 10-20-2010
John & Ann Francis	Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city due to the crystal skies, perfect October climate and a phenomenon call the "Albuquerque Box". Each year over 600 balloons come from around the world to participate in this event.
	Cave Creek – Welcome Back 10-23-2010 to 10-27-2010
Skip & Sue Onstad	Kick off the new season with a fun, easy to attend rally; and get to know members better. The format is relaxed with excellent catered breakfasts and dinner, activities designed to foster making new friends and having fun and free time to hike, shop or just relax.
	Tonopah– Thanksgiving 2010 11-23-2010 to 11-27-2010
Mac & Sandy Diller	Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with friends plus 2010 Gobbler Games - lots of food and fun. RALLY IS LIMITED TO 25 RIGS
	Palm Springs Escape 01-24-2011 to 01-28-2011
Larry & Gloria Anderson	Palm Springs, California is the ultimate desert playground for outdoor adventure, gaming and entertainment. With the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies, The Living Desert, The Palm Springs Air Museum, local casinos, Cabazon Outlet Mall, Palm Springs Aerial Tram, golf & hiking, you will not be bored. Palm Springs is a short drive from Sun City Grand but long on fun, fun, fun.
	Verde Valley – Verde Valley Explorer 04-28-2011 to 05-01-2011
Bob Lussier & Carolyn Rhea	Ride the Verde Canyon Railway; enjoy a dinner and show at the Blazin' M Ranch; explore several local wineries: Page Springs Cellars, Alcantera Winery, Bittercreek Winery; explore the many scenic drives or hike or bike; try your luck at the Cliff Castle Casino; see Montezuma's Castle & Tuzigoot National Monument

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