



Sun City Grand RV Club



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### Message from President Laurie Stewart



Have you been watching the news? While the rest of the country is digging out of snow drifts and sliding on icy roads, we are enjoying a beautiful,

mild winter. There is no better time than now to hit the road in your RV to see some new places or to revisit some familiar spots. Check out the rallies in the newsletter then go to our website to sign up for one or more rallies. Talk to one of our Trip Directors, Wayne Adams or Chuck Cook, about being a Wagon Master for a rally... it's fun and it's easy!

We also now have a way for those who would still like to do fun things with their RV Club friends but have gotten out of RVing for one reason or another...our Day Events! We have quite a few planned from tea with the Queen at the English Rose Tea Room to an old fashioned Tail Gate Party before a Spring Training Game. Check them out on our website.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to Ron Szwiec for stepping in as our Treasurer while Carole Donohue recovers from surgery. Until you hear otherwise, please deal with Ron regarding club financial matters.

Our Entertainment committee is busy planning many fun activities for us to participate in. I won't steal Timm Burke's "thunder" by divulging all of the details but suffice it to say...you won't go home hungry after the next two meetings!



### Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2015  
5:00pm  
Agua Fria Room, Cimarron

Join Us for Pizza and Games!



I have been told by guests and new members what a friendly and welcoming club we are. As my old Girl Scout song said... "Make new friends, and keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold." So, take time to introduce yourself to someone new and/or get better acquainted with someone who you do not know well. You can NEVER have too many friends!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015** at 5:00pm in the Agua Fria Room at the Cimarron Center. This will be our annual all you can eat pizza party followed by games! See you all there!

### Message from Janet Bluhm Membership Committee



Thank you to the great RV members who helped at the January meeting with checking members in, welcoming guests and new members and collecting dues. Your help was greatly appreciated. I hope you will all be there to help at every meeting!

We welcomed new members Bill and Deb Rhodes and Ron and Maggie Middleton and guest Arnie Frieman. Make sure to say hello to them. We had 57 members attending the January meeting.

Make sure you bring your CAM card to all meetings as we are required to verify that each member is a resident in Grand. Also make sure to initial the sign-in sheet and not just make a check on it.

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting on February 17. Sounds like Tim Burke and the Entertainment Committee have quite a night planned with games and pizza! Let the fun begin!



Some of our Grand RVer ladies enjoyed Butterfly Wonderland recently, one of our fun-filled Day Events!

#### Message from Helena Gorden Sunshine Committee



Hello Grand RVers and Happy New.

Please inform me about anyone in the club who is in need of some Sunshine. That includes hospitalization, serious illness or bereavement. You will need to include on the subject line when sending me an email "Sunshine Lady" so it does not go to spam. Send your emails to my address [mhgorden@cox.net](mailto:mhgorden@cox.net) or call my home phone [623-975-9749](tel:623-975-9749). Thank you.

Carole Donohue, our club Treasurer, recently fell and broke both of her feet. She also had emergency surgery at the end of the year and has been recovering from that health crisis. Carole is currently in a rehab facility for her feet. Get well cards or cards of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to her home at: 17982 N. Petrified Forest Dr. Surprise, AZ 85374

In addition, Linda Foote, our club Secretary, had surgery this past Friday and is in the hospital. No visitors are allowed at this time. Again, get well cards or cards of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to her home at: 17320 Thoroughbred Dr. Surprise, AZ 85374

#### Message from Vice-President Tim Burke Entertainment Committee



The Grand RVers have a lot of fun happenings planned that I wanted to tell you about! So grab your calendar and pen and write these down!

**February 17<sup>th</sup> RV Club Meeting.** We are having a Pizza and Games night at the Grand during and after our February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are, once again, having "all you can eat" pizza served hot out of the oven for the low price of \$7.50 per person/\$15.00 per couple. So that we have a well-balanced meal, we are asking that if your last name begins with

- A to L to bring salad
- M to Z provide a dessert

After the dishes are cleared away, we will be setting up tables for a night of fun and games! Along with Pinochle, we will have tables set up for Cards and Marbles, Hand and Foot, Mexican Train Dominoes, Left Right Center, and Chase the Ace. So be sure to bring your "Poker Face" that night!

You can learn how to play these games as well so you don't need to be an expert to participate! If you would like to play a different game bring along the game and let's see if we have enough interest to get a table started for the game!

Please mail your check payable to "Grand RVers" in the amount of either \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 per couple to Tim Burke (address below) no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>. Also indicate your game of choice so we can have enough games present to satisfy the demand.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> RV Club Meeting** (Note: this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, NOT the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

Our special speaker for our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is Sgt. Major “JJ” Jones who will be telling us about The Buffalo Soldiers of the Indian Wars – 1866 to 1890. He will be presenting information about the often overlooked contribution that the Buffalo Soldiers made to the settlement of Arizona and the southwest.



Following our meeting we will be firing up the grill for some terrific barbeque hamburgers! Our “Grill Master” for the evening will be our very own culinary wizard, Timm Burke! Hot off the BBQ Burgers for the low price of \$7.50 per person/\$15.00 per couple. And, again, so that we have a well-balanced meal, we are asking that if your last name begins with

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You may reserve your burger by paying at the February RV Club meeting or mail your check, in the amount of either \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 per couple, payable to the “Grand RVers” to:

Timm Burke  
17367 W Calistoga Dr  
Surprise, AZ 85387

If you have any questions, please contact Timm Burke at [timmburke@msn.com](mailto:timmburke@msn.com) or 602-910-7727.

**Message from Webmaster John Stewart**



Sue Perry will soon be publishing the Club Directory as a PDF file. Be sure that the club has your current information. The information on the website is what the club uses for many things. Our Club Roster, Club Directory, Email list and Rally information (including emergency contact info)

are all derived from your information on the website.

To change your information on the website:

- Go to <http://grandrv.org>
- Log on to the website by clicking the “Log On” button
- Enter your username (firstnamelastname)
- Enter your password (4 digit CAM number)
- Click the “My Info” button
- On that page you can:
- See your current picture (used for the Club Directory)
- Change Your Password
- Edit Your Individual Member Information (Email, Cell Phone, Emergency Contact Info)
- Edit Your Residence Information (Home Phone and Secondary Address)
- Edit Your Vehicle Information (Both for your RV and Tow Vehicles)

This part of the website has had a lot of changes. If you have any questions, need assistance or see anything that does not appear to be working correctly, please let me know at [webmaster@grandrv.org](mailto:webmaster@grandrv.org).

NEWSLETTERS / MEETING MINUTES – If you have missed an Email for the Newsletter or the Meeting Minutes they are archived on the website under the “Newsletter” button.

Regarding e-mail messages which you receive from the Grand RV Board:

**DO NOT HIT REPLY!** This will not go back to the person who sent the e-mail. Instead, at the bottom of the e-mail message, the individual sending the message will be putting his or her email address. Click on that link and send the message directly to that person.

If you need any assistance or have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me ([webmaster@grandrv.org](mailto:webmaster@grandrv.org))

**Message from Sue Bailey Perry, Publisher**



We will be compiling and issuing the PDF version of our 2015 Directory soon. Please make sure that your info is correct on the website by February 15. The new directory will be sent to you via email March 1.

This month we have several classified ads for RVs and RV-related items at the end of the newsletter. If you have something that you would like to sell, or you are looking for an RV-related item, please get your ad to me by the last week of the month for publication in the following month's newsletter. If need be, please let me know the following month if you want to continue to post your ad. We also have a Classified Ad section on our website under RV Clubs and Services that you may want to utilize.

The Board has discussed several ideas for interesting and possibly ongoing articles for our newsletters. One suggestion would be to have an RV Tips or Questions section. Someone could volunteer to provide RV Tips that we could publish. Or we could have a Questions section where members could ask questions of the Board or general membership. Something to consider. If you are interested in coordinating such an article, please let me know.



Couldn't resist sharing these photos Tim Burke submitted. Traveling in style!



And as always, I would love to have your RV stories and pictures to share with our club members.

**Message from Jan Hatmaker Day Events Chair**



The Day Events are in full swing. Laurie Stewart and her group had a wonderful time at Butterfly Wonderland. On February 4<sup>th</sup> Linda Foss will take her group, there's still room for a couple more, to the Tea Room in Cave Creek. Janet Bluhm is getting the details set for tour and lunch at the Wrigley Mansion on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Many of you signed the interest list in 2014. Please check your name and either leave it on or remove it if you cannot go this time. Our last Day Event in February is February 27<sup>th</sup> for the Good Sam Rally. A fun group will be joining Chuck Cook.

Check the Day Events frequently so you don't miss a fun opportunity as new events will be listed as we think of them.

**Trip Directors Wayne Adams & Chuck Cook**



Anyone interested in being a future Wagon Master please refer to the Wagon Master duty forms on our website. Again, we will be glad to help you organize the trip if help is needed. For all present and future Wagon Masters, please remember to keep all receipts for reimbursements or you will not receive it.

The Welcome Back Rally for this Fall was added since the last newsletter. Wagon Master still needed.

## UPCOMING 2015 RALLIES

**SIERRA VISTA COWBOY POETRY AND  
MUSIC FESTIVAL  
SIERRA VISTA, AZ  
DATE: FEB. 5-9, 2015  
WAGON MASTER: TIM & LYNN BURKE**

The rally will be attending the Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival and take excursions to Kartchner Caverns, Tombstone and Bisbee. Your wagon master has proposed attending the Festival on parts of three days as well as going to other locations. The final night will involve a dinner/campfire.

This rally will allow you to broaden your horizons for something you had never thought of or ordinarily would experience.

**DEATH VALLEY  
BEATY, NV  
SUGGESTED DATES: FEB 26 – MAR 1  
WAGON MASTER: NEEDED**

Come see the lowest point in the United States. See the bora x mine and how the borax was hauled. Weather will be nice.

**COLORADO RIVER  
PARKER, AZ  
DATE: MAR 12-15  
WAGON MASTER: BOB & EVIE  
MARTINEZ**

A close-to-home rally (145 miles). Relax, gamble, and do/see – Desert Bar – Parker Dam – La Paz County Fair – Poston Monument, which is the largest Japanese internment camp in the US from WWII – Aha Khav Preserve – Swansea Ghost Town – Pirates Den, and more.

**OLD TOWN TUCSON  
TUCSON, AZ  
SUGGESTED DATES: MAR 22 -26  
WAGON MASTER: NEEDED**

Tucson gives its visitors a truly Southwestern experience. South of town, you can wander the historic town of Tubac, visiting galleries and shops. Tumacacori, just next door on Route 19, is the ruin of a Franciscan mission built in 1795. Pima Air & Space Museum 80 acres/300 planes. The National Historic Landmark “Titan Missile Museum”. This is just naming a few, there are many more to see!!!

**LAKE POWELL, AZ  
SUGGESTED DATES: APRIL 1 – 30  
WAGON MASTER: NEEDED**

Lake Powell is a beautiful place to visit. At Wahweap Campground many sites look out over the water. There are boat tours, restaurants, shopping in Page just over the bridge. Take a tour of the Slot Canyons out by the power plant.

**BARLEENS RALLY  
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ  
DATE: APR 15-17  
WAGON MASTER: JOHN & LAURIE  
STEWART**

Experience the most musically diverse decade ever! Everything from pop to rock, and disco to country and southern rock - a wild ride through the music of the 70's. Featuring great songs by Elton John, Billy Joel, Boston, Journey, Bee Gees, Kenny Rogers, Charlie Daniels and Lynard Skynard.

We have reserved (40) seats for the “70's” show at Barleens Arizona Opry Dinner Theatre for Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ticket price includes dinner, show and all taxes & gratuities.

Thursday, board the Dolly Steamship and take a 1 1/2 hour narrated nature cruise on beautiful Canyon Lake. During this 6 mile cruise, you may see desert bighorn sheep, bald eagles and a host of other animals viewed from the decks of the Dolly! We also touch on the beautiful flora from the stately Saguaro cacti to the microscopic organism called desert varnish. An unforgettable

vista of volcanic “Welded Tuff” canyons and 1300 foot cliffs awaits you on Canyon Lake. This awe-inspiring “Diamond in the Rough” is one of Arizona’s best-kept secrets!

**WELCOME BACK RALLY**  
**LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**  
**SUGGESTED DATES: OCT 22-24**  
**WAGON MASTER: NEEDED**

Come and join the Welcome Back Rally and greet old friends and meet new ones. A good start to the fall Rally season.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Note: Only Grand RVer members may submit RV-related items for sale and such items must be submitted by one week prior to the end of any month to be considered for inclusion in the issue scheduled for the first of the month.

**FOR SALE:**

Highly desirable 2006 Fleetwood Bounder 35e (35'3") Chevy Workhorse W2200 gas with less than 36,500 miles. Coach has 2 slides, Split floor plan, Double dr. ref/freezer w ice maker, Auto Level Jacks, 10 gal. Water Htr, Cruise, Downhill Trans Brake, Microwave, Furnace, oven, Stove Top Burner, Two roof AC, Two new house batteries w Solar charger, Fantastic Fan, Generator, Converter, Inverter, AM/FM/CD, Front/Rear TVs, Bkup Monitor, Extended shower, Hitch, Ladder, Pwr. Step, Washer/Dryer, Cruise, and a 5 speed Allison Trans. with overdrive.

**Installed Extras:** Front/Rear Stabilizers (drives like a dream), Rear Air Shocks, Sleep No. Queen Bed, automatic TV Dish receiver (Installed antenna can be either Dish or Direct TV ) 4 tires are 1 yr. old with others in good condition, 2 new deep cycle batteries. Includes Good Sam \$250 deductible warranty which would be transferred to new owner w/ 1st. 6 months paid.

The unit is a non-smoking unit and we have no young children and no pets.

**Asking:** \$56,995

CONTACT ALDEN GUILLORY AT 623-546-7665

**Available OTHER items:**

Trailer Hitch \$650

Automatic Tow Vehicle Brake System \$650

Dishes & Assorted Cooking items \$100

Portable Grill w/ Dolly \$150

**FOR SALE:**

Demco 7500 lb. hitch with a 2" receiver – \$300.  
 Contact Dave Anderson at [708.310.9056](tel:708.310.9056)  
 or [landmark1022@hotmail.com](mailto:landmark1022@hotmail.com).



**FOR SALE**

2002 Winnebago Itasca Suncruiser  
 67,500 Miles  
 Excellent Condition  
 Newer Tires and Batteries  
 \$130,000+ when New

This RV has all the Bells and Whistles  
 Asking \$38,000 for Motor Home

Also offering Nissan Pathfinder 4x4 SUV  
 An Excellent Tow Vehicle that was been well maintained  
 Includes Brake Buddy

Asking \$42,000 for both Motor Home and SUV

[602-370-7500](tel:602-370-7500) ask for Joe

**FOR SALE**

Winnebago 35U with all the extras. Newer tires, CD, DVD, AM/FM surround sound. This RV has ducted AC and heat. The Workhorse chassis has the Chevy 8.1 gas engine, 22.5" tires and much more. Priced 6,000 below low retail.

Call Dick Freitas at [623-810-9267](tel:623-810-9267) for more information.