



DESERT ROADRUNNERS NEWSLETTER



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RV'ing with President Rita & Co-pilot Coco



Coco and I have become "full timers" parking in our yard when we are not traveling so as you can guess we brought several things from the house that we thought we could not live without. Now that we started to prepare for the upcoming Rally Season, we have found several things that we really don't need like triplet sets of tools, extra dishes, lots of books that we never read. After cleaning out the overflow and rearranging again we decided to start doing those little repairs that

we all tend to put off until the last minute. Coco thought we needed a new screen in the door before so while we were camping at the Swarner's she tore a hole in the old one trying to get to the gardener as she thought he was breaking in. Then the end came off the sewer hose and needed to be put back on when we left Patagonia in May so I rushed right out to do that last week. Thank God I had two hoses so I had one to use in the meantime.

Looking forward to the upcoming Rally season, we will continue to follow the state guidelines as to COVID. At present I have not heard of any of the Roadrunners being affected by it even though we have all had our share of appointments with doctors, dentist, physical therapy, surgeries etc. this summer. God Bless all "UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN."

Claire's Newsletter Notes:



I hope everyone is staying healthy and looking forward to a new season of Desert Roadrunner Rallies. The October rally registration form for the Verde Ranch RV Resort is at the end of this Newsletter. BTW, members of the RMMA Board will be joining us for this Rally as guests. They will be conducting board meetings originally scheduled for the cancelled Pima County Fairground RMMA Rally.

If you have any news you want to share via the Newsletter, let me know and you will see your article, recipe or story published here in the Newsletter.

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Maintenance Tip - George Williams

This summer we spent several days camping at Filmore, Utah. On day 3, a forest fire started nearby; and, we were downwind of the fire, so there was a lot of unpleasant smoke. With the fire still raging, a rain shower hit our Campground and the resulting grey water spots from the shower were over everything. Note that when water droplets mix with fire ash it becomes acidic. Panis, everyone began hosing down their coach and car to minimize paint damage; but, just hosing down the coach still left traces of water spots. I had to get those spots off my pride and joy.

To remove the spots, I used two similar methods, both were quick and easy. Some points to consider:

First point, since the entire coach was covered with these ash water spots you will want to do a thorough job, so you will need a good ladder to reach the roof line.

Second point, I use the yellow terry cloth towels from COSTCO. Claire recycles the dirty ones through the washer.

Third point, use the Karate Kid, “spray on, wipe off” technique.

My preferred method: Salvage an empty 64 oz. spray bottle that produces a nice spray pattern. Mix a solution that is 60 oz. distilled water (my choice for no minerals) and 4 oz. of **Meguiar's Gold Class Car Wash Shampoo & Conditioner** (any good car soap will do). Tip: put water in the bottle first. With the spray and wipe technique you will find the job made the job really easy. The primary reason I prefer this method is that a thin coat of wax is being applied.

Method 2: COSTCO to the rescue! Buy the three can pack of Sprayway Glass Cleaner. Super easy to use and does a great job. We use it on just about everything as it is ammonia and streak free.





Banker Dave's Notes:

Dues for the 2020-21 season are due along with a report to FMCA HQ by the end of October. Please send your check in the amount of \$15 to: Dave Ehlers, 7438 Navigator Lane, Tucson, AZ, 85756-9147. **BTW you can also pay when you register for the October Rally.** Contact me at daloeh@yahoo.com, 520-490-8210.



Carol McGonigle's Chapter Secretary notes:

Please review birthdays and anniversaries below for any errors or omissions in the coming months. Also, let me know if your phone #'s and/or email addresses change or need to be corrected. Contact Carol at 520-904-4378, mcgonigle@comcast.net

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

Anniversaries

September	9	Melvin	Jones
	18	Lori	Stenerson
	19	Craig	Bennett
	22	Randy	Richard
	26	Ann	Hanson
	29	Tom	Nuetzel
October	5	Karen	Hamilton
	7	Jack	Mayberry
	13	Frank	Bessler
	17	Coleen	Mansmith
	25	Rich	O'Neill
	28	Rick	Rolland

September	6	White
	6	Horn
	12	McGonigle
	14	Kunkel
18	Swarner	
October	8	Milner



George's Rally Corner

September 2020 Update, Questions or Comments to George Williams 529-247-3769 - gmwill777@msn.com

If you make a last-minute decision to attend the September 9-14 rally to the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park, Williams, AZ, you will need to call (800) 843-8724 and make a reservation.

The October 21-24 RMMA rally at the Pima County Fair Grounds has been cancelled due to Corona Virus concerns. Due to the short notice of this decision, we have contracted 15 sites with Verde Ranch RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ. A 20% group discount rate will apply from 20-25 October; this will allow for early arrivals and/or late departures. Just determine how long you want to stay and call (928-567-7126) to make your reservation and let them know you are with the Desert Roadrunners. The Chapter reservation form is at the end of the Newsletter and your Wagons Masters for this rally are Chapter Board members.

We still need a co-wagon master for our January Rally to the Pinal County Fairgrounds and the Blue Grass Festival. I am certain that you will find that participating in our Chapter as a Wagon Master can be fun and rewarding.

Reminder – The calendar is updated monthly and is available on our website so periodically check the web site for rally and activities updates. www.desertroadrunners.org

Desert Roadrunner's 2020 - 2021 Rally Schedule				
Month	Location	Location	Co-Wagon Masters	Dates
Sep	Grand Canyon Railway RV Park	Williams, AZ	Moore/White	Sept 9-14
Oct	Verde Ranch RV Resort	Camp Verde, AZ	Roadrunner Board	OCT 20 - 25
Nov	De Anza RV Resort	Amado, AZ	McGonigle/Williams	Nov 18 - 24
Dec	Voyager	Tucson, AZ	Coleman /Moore	Dec 28 - Jan 2
Jan	Pinal County Fair Grounds	Casa Grand, AZ	Bessler/ ?	Jan 22 - 25
Feb	San Pedro Resort	Benson, AZ	O'Neil /Coleman	Feb 17 - 21
Mar	Fortuna Del Oro RV Park	Yuma, AZ	Bonillas/Wilson	Mar 4-7
Apr	Little Vineyard RV Resort, Little Creek RV Resort	Deming NM, Ruidoso, NM	Swarner/Erickson	Apr 14 - 20
May	Patagonia State Park	Patagonia, AZ	K Hanson / Moses	May 13 - 17

Verde Ranch RV Resort – October 20 - 25

1105 N. Dreamcatcher Dr., Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Choose your dates for attending the rally and call (928-567-7126) to make your reservation. Be sure to tell them you are with the DESERT ROADRUNNERS.

Please send this reservation form to Dave Ehlers by September 15, 2020

Name _____ FMCA # _____

Address _____

Mobile Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Please check the nights you will be staying; *all reservations must be made directly with the Verde Ranch RV Resort (928-567-7126)*. You may arrive earlier or stay later if you desire.

Oct 20 _____ (Check in at 1:00 pm)

Oct 21 _____

Oct 22 _____

Oct 23 _____

Oct 24 _____

Oct 25 _____ (Check out at 11:00 AM)

2020-2021 Annual Dues \$15.00

Rally Fee \$ 5.00

 Total w/dues \$20.00

Make checks out to Desert Roadrunners RV Club

Mail reservation form & check by September 15 to:

Dave Ehlers, 520.490.8210, daloeh@yahoo.com

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We anticipated having one popular event, the Blazin' M Ranch Dinner Show. However, due to continuing Corona Virus they have suspended their scheduled performances. This is reprinted from their website.

Dear Valued Tourism Partner:

It is with heavy hearts that we send this notification, but in order to abide by the latest strong recommendations made by Arizona Governor, Doug Ducey, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who have now asked for the limitation of gatherings of 50 guests, we are suspending all scheduled performances immediately until further notice. We will continually monitor these recommendations regularly and make future decisions on an ongoing basis. We hope that as difficult as this decision is for us, we can aid in the support of the health and well-being of our guests and staff.