

RMCC TUCSON RALLY NEWSLETTER MARCH, 2019



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UPCOMING 2019 RALLIES:

June 5-9 Coos Bay Oregon

Sept 4 -8 Creede, Colorado

TENTATIVE 2020 RALLIES

Palm Springs

Williams, AZ

Yellowstone National Park

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

No, this is NOT a message from Mr. Trump! This one is from the lowly President of RMCC. While the task before me is nowhere near the magnitude of that undertaken by Mr. Trump, I strongly suspect that I get a LOT more enjoyment out of serving than he does.

First let me thank you all for allowing me to serve another term as President of RMCC. It indeed IS an honor to “work” with folks who love the lifestyle and each other. You elected some fine officers to serve you, for which I thank you. The list of officers includes:

President - Bill Smith
Vice-President / Rally Coordinator - Rod Woods
Vice-President of Communications - Gary Hays
Secretary - Sharon Brandt
Treasurer - Mark Kapellusch
FMCA National Delegate and Alternate
- Don Kammerer and Duane Hays

The future of RMCC looks very bright and it will stay that way if we all find ways to contribute to this ongoing success, so please let us know how each of you would like to become more involved. You may be contacted by our newly elected Nominating Committee members, Jim Andrews, Ron Brandt and Rick Reiss as they look for new “blood” to guide RMCC into a shining future. A word about Sandee and Mark! What they did for all of us in Tucson was astounding. Yes, I rave about all of our rallies and they all deserve it. However, the level and quality of activities in Tucson was truly exemplary. I doubt that Sandee was able to think about anything else over the weeks and months leading up to the rally - and I hope she and Mark have found time to rest and recuperate since. If you agree, be sure to thank them when you have a chance.

One of Sandee’s commitments was to make the business meeting fun and she certainly pulled that off in fine fashion. Yes, we did have to “do” some business and I think we managed to get it done without too much boredom. (Check the photo of folks holding up their paddles to see how Sandee pulled this off at the meeting.)

Enough from me. Now, read on to learn about plans for Coos Bay, Creede and other future rallies. Plans are thoroughly underway and we all need to keep the engines running to avoid missing any of the FUN. Travel well!



ROOTIN' TOOTIN' WILD WEST RALLY REVIEW:

Our Tucson Rally DID prove to be WILD with 3 1/2 days, 4 nights jam packed with events, food, meetings and FUN! We began on Monday with registration at 3:00 and the fun didn't end until we said our good byes with a yummy 2 hour continental breakfast on Friday.

Monday evening, after happy hour, as we entered the rally room we all discovered a highly decorated Deadwood Saloon and cowboy hats for all. For dinner we had a huge salad bar with homemade dressings and pizzas from Chariot Pizza, a family owned favorite pizza parlor in Tucson. Several asked for the Old West Ranch Dressing recipe so you will find it in this newsletter. After dinner we had root beer floats and then it got crazy when we played "Minute To Win It" games with prizes for all. The evening ended with one of the members yelling "FOOD FIGHT" which was the catalyst for ping pong balls flying everywhere (between all of the laughter)and yes, we were all adults!

Tuesday morning started early with breakfast catered by Oink, famous for ...you guessed it, their bacon! Then on to Kartchner Caverns, one of the top caverns in the country. Our guides were knowledgeable and the caverns were breathtaking. Daren and Mark planned and served lunch from another Tucson favorite, Eege's. The afternoon was filled with a board meeting for board members and an RMCC craft fair at the "Deadwood Saloon." Then happy hour under the canopies with beautiful weather and followed by a pot luck with a fish fry. Ron Brandt is our resident fisherman and he furnished all of the delicious fish. Thanks, Ron!

Wednesday morning we had another great breakfast and we found out that Oink makes delicious sausage, too! Then we were off to the Sonoran Desert Museum. With all of the spring rain the wildflowers were beginning to bloom already and we learned a lot about the natural habitat in the Sonoran Desert. There is nothing quite like God's Nature! Wednesday afternoon we attended our annual business meeting with an on-time drawing (a \$70 gourmet food basket) at 2:00 sharp! The meeting was jam packed with lots of club information interrupted by quarter auctions with lots of giveaways. The afternoon flew by as we learned about rallies being planned for the next few years...and what a line up it is! Our club is really ON THE GROW, so be sure to sign up and pay for rallies early because they fill up FAST!

Wednesday night proved to be unbelievably FUN! We had a delicious catered western barbecue dinner and everyone had a part in the "Murder at the Deadwood Saloon" murder mystery. The costumes were fun and helped us to get into character. There were A and B envelopes with instructions for all and then after the "murder" there was evidence presented to help guess "who done it!" Who knew there was so much talent in our club? It turned out to be much better than the professional murder mystery actors we almost hired!

Thursday, after another full catered breakfast, we were off to the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, probably the best kept secret in Tucson. You had to see it to appreciate it. From there we drove over to Olstrom Custom Coach for lunch which was hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Eric, the owner did an informative talk followed by a question and answer segment on coach maintenance. Thursday night we went to Trail Dust Town and Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse and Saloon, famous for their cowboy steak dinners. All of the guys wore ties that we gave them at registration so we had a lot of fun watching them get their ties cut off, since no ties were allowed. The following awards from the Murder Mystery were presented:

Smoking Gun Award (those who guessed the murderer) Jim Andrews Joyce Carolan Jim Moreland

Drama Queen Award Linda Hays & Gary Hays (sorry, Gary, there is no such thing as Drama King!)

Dressed to Kill Award Linda Hays

Mr. Money Bags Award Ron Brandt

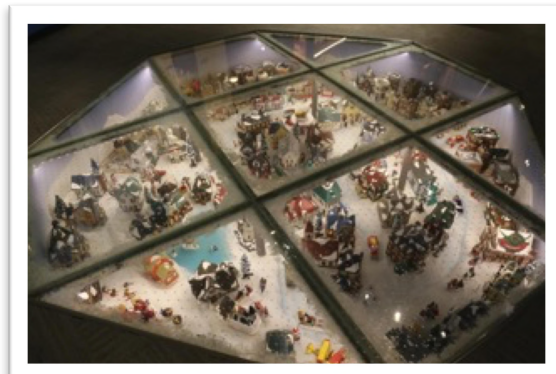
After the awards from the murder mystery were given out, there was a special award for Ron Brandt, a **Toilet Fishing Kit** to keep him busy when the ocean is too rough to go out on!

Friday morning we had a huge continental breakfast and as we all visited and said goodbyes, many were signing up for the Coos Bay Rally which is almost full already. Sharon and Ron have requested 10 more spaces so be sure to get your paid registrations in ASAP. See you all at the Bay!

OLD WEST RANCH DRESSING RECIPE

1/2 cup mayonnaise 1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup buttermilk 3/4 teaspoon dried dill weed 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley 1/2 teaspoon dried chives 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/4 teaspoon onion powder 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt 1/8 teaspoon finely cracked pepper 1-3 teaspoons lemon juice

Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream and buttermilk. Add spices and whisk. Add lemon juice and whisk again. Enjoy over your favorite salad! This will last for about a week, depending on how fresh your ingredients are to start.



“RELAX BY THE BAY RALLY”

ARRIVE JUNE 5 AND DEPART JUNE 9

Have you ever wanted to see the beautiful Oregon Coast, sit on the shores and watch the Gray whales migrate, go see one of the most beautiful gardens in the United States, and sit outside your RV and watch the boats go by? Well now is your opportunity! The “Relax by the Bay Rally” is scheduled for June 5th thru June 8th with departures on June 9th. It is your chance to do all the above as well as many other items. Don't let the Rally name fool you. There will be some relaxing, but there are also several planned events you won't want to miss.

We will be camping at a brand-new RV park located right on the Bay's edge, the “Bay Point Landing”. Charter fishing is near by. You can also rent clam shovels and crab nets to capture them in the rv park grounds or other places on the bay. Yummy!

On our arrival: We will have a happy hour with an Oregon Famous Fish Fry (assuming our Master Chef Ron catches some fish and Crabs?). This is always a fun time as we greet our old friends and meet new ones.

Thursday: we will be visiting the famous West Coast Game Park Safari. The West Coast Game Park Safari is a walk-through safari park in Bandon. It opened in 1968, and includes Snow Leopards, African Lions, Bengal Tigers, Emu, Capybara, and Cougars. It also has a petting area where you can pet some of the young animals. We certainly don't want to pet those big guys!

Afterwards we will visit the Face Rock Creamery where they are noted for their Ice Cream, Cheddar Cheese and Curds. Here you will see them making Cheese and can taste the cheese curds.

Friday: We will finally have the free day for rest and relaxation that we have promised, at least to 4pm! We will car pool to downtown Coos Bay and do the Wine Walk. We pick up our wine glasses and then walk thru the various merchants' shops. At each shop we will taste the wine the merchant is offering. Don't drink or eat too much because we will next go to the Blue Heron Bistro Restaurant and experience a great German Dinner.

Saturday: Now that our rest day is over, prepare for our last full day at the rally.

We will visit The Gardens at Shore Acres State Park. This offers a beautiful drive along the coast with several places to stop and view any grey whales passing by as well as seeing many seals on the coast. They say 30 whales per hour pass by so surely you will see some. Be sure and bring your binoculars so you can get a close-up view. When you arrive at the Gardens you will be amazed at the beauty of the different types of flowers available for your viewing. On a smaller scale it will remind you of the famous Butchart gardens in Vancouver Canada. Don't forget your cameras.



Next we will visit the Charleston Marine Life Center and Museum that offers an aquarium and focuses on information about the vessels, people, gear and animals of the area's fishing industry.

Lastly we will finish up the Rally with a prime rib dinner at our RV Park in their new facilities. This gives us a chance to visit and say goodbye to both our old and new friends.

Be sure to register early as there is a limited number of spaces available

Ron and Sharon Brandt- Rally Host Rob and Gerri Brown – Rally Co Host

PS- As you may know Coos Bay is near Eugene Oregon. Eugene is near the heart of many RV service shops. After the Rally some of us will be going there for service work and staying at the Premier RV Park located in nearby Coburg. It's a great time to visit some more, have a pot luck dinner or go to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Be sure and make your reservation early if you are continuing to Eugene.

NEW LIFE CENTER, GOODYEAR, ARIZONA

A number of years ago, LONG-time RMCC members Jack and Wanda Kelly introduced RMCC to New Life Center in Goodyear, Arizona. New Life Center serves Arizona by providing emergency shelter to domestic violence survivors. It has grown to the point that it now is one of the largest providers of domestic violence shelters in the country. This organization was extremely close to Jack and Wanda and it has been an honor to continue to remember these special folks by helping to support their chosen charity. For many years, RMCC offered its annual business meeting rally attendees on opportunity to support New Life Center through a fun fund-raising activity. For several reasons, that activity has not been included for the past two years and, as a result, our club's support of New Life Center has declined. As your Board considers new ways to offer ways to raise donations for New life Center (or other organizations that we might identify and choose to support), we want to let you know that you CAN still choose to help this amazing organization meet its goals of serving those in need. For further information about New Life Center and how to support it, please visit their website at www.newlifectr.org. Some RMCC members have already sent gifts to New Life Center this year and you may join them

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by sending your checks directly to New Life Center, P. O. Box 5005, Goodyear, Arizona 85338. If you do choose to help New Life Center in this way, please let them know that you are a member of Rocky Mountain Country Coachers so they will know that we have not forgotten about them and the important work that they do. (The website includes information about a beneficial Tax Credit for those who have tax obligations in Arizona.) We just wanted you to know about the history of this relationship and offer you a chance to participate. The decision is entirely yours and RMCC does NOT NEED OR WANT TO KNOW IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE

