



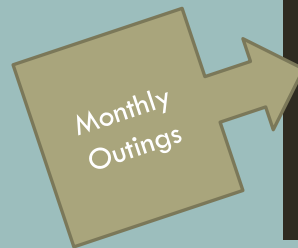
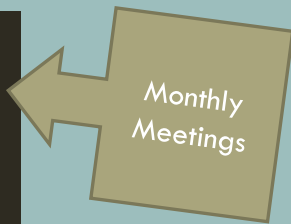
Bordertown Sams

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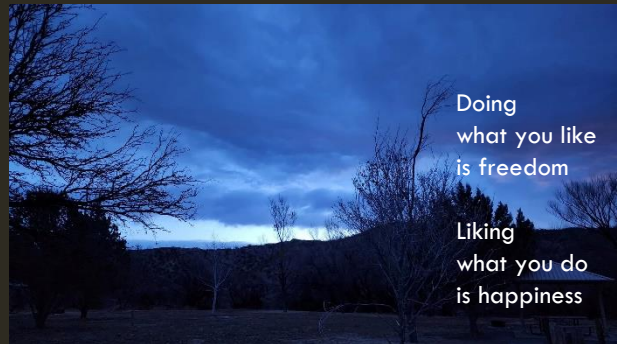
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Doing
what you like
is freedom

Liking
what you do
is happiness

January 2023 found us heading back to Caballo Lake for the first outing of the year. Now that sites are not first come-first serve, it's much each to get into the park.

Friday evening, after dinner, Tim and Bob got a fire going, and the plan was to relax by the warm fire, chat, and enjoy the beautiful evening. Of course, things got too cool pretty quick, and after a short time...inside we went. Bob, sure wish we had your temperature adaptability.

Saturday, we headed into town – Ginny needed a coffee maker, and Kathy had to get some blood orange cider. Forgetting to check the opening time, we ended up walking the strip for an hour and half while we waited for T or C Brewing to open. It was worth it. We had the opportunity to get photos of building murals and check out gift shops. At one shop we visited, the store kitty, Chaos, greeted us as we entered. Ginny was able to find a couple of unique Christmas presents for family members. We strolled into Ingo's Art Café where Kathy and Ginny enjoyed a great cup of pour-over coffee. Ingo was very friendly and loves to visit with his customers – a definite stop if you're ever in Truth or Consequences, and you enjoy good coffee and great conversation. Once, the T or C Brewing Company opened, we decided to stay for lunch (delivered by Grape Vine Bistro) and enjoy Dynamite Grilled Cheese, chips & guacamole, and home-fries with cheese & green Chile. After lunch, it was back home to get ready for the first round of play-off games.

Sunday, we started the day with Bob and Kathy's "game day" breakfast: pancakes, bacon or sausage, and fried eggs. The weather was uncooperative for "outdoor" viewing of the Bills/Dolphins game...no worries. We moved inside. Kathy made a great Cobb Salad sub and Ginny made a tasty bacon cheddar dip (check the recipes page). After some tense moments, not to mention "breath-holding" moments, the Bills pulled of the win. Bob and Kathy are Buffalo bound!

We decided to head home Monday instead of Tuesday. Weather advisories indicated some severe wind in the area for Tuesday.

The weekend was great! Maybe next year, we can back-in to the full hook-up sites.



CABALLO LAKE
JANUARY 2023



Beautiful evening walks -
although a bit chilly



Chaos



Ingo's Art
Cafe



The Bills fans
are in the
house



T or C Brewery



Chewie and Obi wanting to get to Tim as he's photographing the deer



Pre-sunrise



Member News

- Lynne fell and smashed her nose. After four hours in the emergency room, she found out it was broken in two places
- Lynne is scheduled for ear surgery the beginning of February.
- Victor and Melinda set sail for the Caribbean
- Jay and Greg went cruising in Haiti
- Bob and Kathy jetted to Buffalo for a playoff game



Please keep Terry Loge in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with the passing of his wife, Barbara.



BIRTHDAYS

Melinda 1.2
Tim Br. 1.19

Rving Tip

Are you worried about your wet bay, water tank, and pipes when temperatures dip below freezing, but you don't want to drain and winterize your RV for those few cold days we experience here in the Southwest? There are a couple of things you can do...just ask Tim.

1. Place a lit incandescent lightbulb in the wet bay. 60W would work. Or...
2. Buy a small space heater (200W) with a thermal cube. Tim purchased his from Amazon.



Click on the images for the link to Amazon



Thermo Cube Model TC-3:

Mini Space Heater 200W Low Wattage Electric

Just for Giggles

Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house.

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers... "They're right behind you!"

What should you do if you're attacked by clowns? Go straight for the juggler.

Creamy Bacon Cheese Dip

submitted by Ginny

Ingredients

- 6 oz cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- ¾ cup sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ tsp dried mustard powder
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 10 slices, bacon, cut fine and cooked
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2-3 Tbsp fresh parsley, minced
- 6 green onions, sliced (green tops only)
- ½ cup chopped sliced almonds (optional)

Directions

Add all ingredients to a large mixing bowl, and use a rubber spatula to stir; combine well. Cover and refrigerate several hours before serving (for best results).

Yield: 8 servings

Nutrition Facts

1 serving: 442 Calories | 42g Fat | 17 Saturated Fat | 88mg Cholesterol | 678mg Sodium | 3g Carbohydrate | 1g Sugar | 12g Protein | 166mg Potassium | 810IU Vitamin A | 1.9mg Vitamin C | 256mg Calcium | 0.6mg Iron

[The Chunky Chef](#)

Notes

- This recipe easily yields more than 8 servings
- I used light Daisy sour cream, Hellman's light mayonnaise, and Oscar Mayer thin center-cut bacon, which significantly reduced nutritional facts.
- I did not add the almonds
- This recipe was served with fresh vegetables:
 - Celery sticks
 - Carrot sticks
 - Red pepper strips
 - Cucumbers sticks
 - Broccoli flowerets
 - Cherry tomatoes

Cobb Salad Sub ~submitted by Kathy

Ingredients

- 1 loaf (1 pound) unsliced Italian bread
- ½ cup balsamic vinaigrette or dressing of your choice
- 5 ounces fresh baby spinach (about 6 cups)
- 1½ pounds thin-sliced deli ham
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped
- 8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- ½ cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, chopped

Directions

Cut loaf of bread in half lengthwise; hollow out top and bottom, leaving a ¾-in. shell (discard removed bread or save for another use). Brush vinaigrette over bread halves. Layer spinach, ham, eggs, bacon, cheese and tomatoes on bread bottom. Replace top. Cut loaf in half lengthwise from top to bottom; cut crosswise 5 times to make 12 pieces.

Yield: 12 servings

Nutrition Facts

1 serving: 233 calories, 10g fat (3 saturated fat), 97mg cholesterol, 982mg sodium, 17g carbohydrate (3g sugar, 1g fiber, 18g protein)

[Taste of Home](#)

RECIPES

We're heading to Lost Alaskan RV Park in Alpine, TX in March. There are several things to do in the area.

- Self-guided Walking Tour of Alpine (map on next page)
- Check out the Holland Hotel built in 1928
- Kokernot Field (Sports Illus. named it the "best little ball park in Texas)
- Leave a note on the desk at Hancock Hill (about a 20 minute climb – located at Sul Ross State University)
- Cheshire Cats Antiques
- Catchlight Gallery

Are you willing to drive further; spend the day at Big Bend National Park

- Museum of the Big Bend
- Mariscal Mine

- Stillwell Store – Hallie's Hall of Fame Museum (45 miles from Marathon)



A memory photo

Click on the link to
view upcoming events

[Upcoming EventsAlpine,
Texas \(visitalpinetx.com\)](http://UpcomingEventsAlpine,Texas(visitalpinetx.com))

**WHERE TO NEXT —
ALPINE BOUND**

March 17-19

Alpine Historic Walking Tour

WARNING NOTE: This route is for a WALKING TOUR only. Be very careful when driving to observe the one-way signs on Avenue E. and Holland Ave.



1. The present railroad station is the fourth depot built on this site. It was constructed after a January 1946 fire destroyed the old structure. The previous depot buildings were destroyed by fires in 1888 and 1901.

2. Ritchey Hotel is one of the oldest commercial buildings still standing in Alpine. The adobe portion was built in the 1880s as a hotel. The frame addition was made in 1908.

3. The Valadez Grocery and furniture store was built about 1898.

4. The Alpine Studio, built in 1907 by pioneer photographer John Thain as his studio, was remodeled to Mission style in 1928.

5. The Valadez house was built in 1890 by Trinidad Garcia. It served as a social center until it became the residence of Tomas Valadez in 1926.

6. One of the oldest blocks in Alpine, now housing a café, businesses and residences. The west corner building was formerly a frontier saloon.

7. Big Bend Wool & Mohair has been in continuous operation for over 60 years since its construction in the 1940s.

8. This property, constructed prior to 1920, was Alpine's second lumber yard; the original building faced 7th St. and was later turned to face Holland Ave.

9. Motor court, built around 1930. Original wood cabins were covered with stone in the mid-1940s

10. Alpine's first fire house was built in 1924 to house the town's new 1923 Ford firetruck.

11. Built in 1924, this was the most modern automobile dealership in West Texas. Renovated in the 1940s.

12. In 1911 this building housed a roller rink. It was the site of the first silent picture shows in Alpine.

13. The current Holland Hotel, designed by Trost & Trost and built in 1928, was added to the original Hotel Holland & State National Bank Building on the corner of 6th & Holland. The original, built in 1912 after the fire, rapidly became the business and social center of Alpine. The 3rd story portion on 6th Street was added in 1922.

14. The Lackey-Hord building, built after the 1911 fire to house the Palace Drug Store and other retail enterprises with offices of doctors and lawyers on the 2nd floor.

15. This row of store fronts, built after the 1911 fire, housed several mercantile operations; notably it later was home to Forchheimer's Dry Goods and Morrison's Variety Store.

16. The corner building, built by Mitchell Werth in 1907, has been used for various retail enterprises. The western portion was built in 1905 as the First National Bank. Burned out in 1907 except for its store front, it was immediately rebuilt. In 1935 it became City Hall and served as such until the early 1960s.

17. Built by State Senator Benjamin F. Berkeley in 1929 as a restaurant in the Mission style, it later served as a pool hall and bowling alley.

18. The Berkeley Building, built in 1921, housed traveling shows and vaudeville acts in early years.

19. Three adjoining storefronts to the east were built soon after the theater.

20. Built in 1929, the two stores at the end of the block housed the Cross & Cross women's shop and the first Safeway in Alpine.

21. Alpine Lumber started in this location in 1904. This facility was built in 1928 & remodeled in the 1960s.

22. Granada Theater, built in 1928, became the major entertainment center of the Big Bend area.

23. The Gage-Van Sickle House was built in 1889.

24. Senator Benjamin F. Berkeley home was built in 1910. The wrought iron fence was originally around the courthouse in 1889.

25. The Methodist Church, an example of Mission Revival style architecture, was built in 1925.

26. The Nolte-Rooney Home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1890 by F. H. Nolte, an early settler in Murphysville (Alpine), of 2 ft. thick adobe bricks made on the site.

27. The Burgess Home was built approximately 1890.

28. The Sunshine House, Alpine's second public school, was built in 1891. Purchased by the city in 1918, and used at various times as a hospital, Border Patrol station, a girls' dormitory for Sul Ross, and a Senior Center.

29. The First Baptist Church, built in 1895, was replaced in 1916 by the present church structure.

30. The Burke House, an early adobe residence, was built in 1890 by Dan Carr and later occupied by Burkes for over 50 years.

31. The Masonic Lodge building, built in 1912, housed retail businesses on the ground floor; the second floor was the lodge hall.

32. These three stores were built in 1928, one of which originally housed Hudson's Bakery.

33. A dry goods store built by Forest Robinson in 1927. Western Union occupied the center storefront. The southern addition was built in 1929.

34. Alpine's Post Office until September 2000, built in 1939, is typical of WPA architecture. The inside retains most of its original features, including a mural by Moya del Pino.

35. This building was built as M System Grocery in 1948 by Don Adams.

36. The row of stores known as the Turner Building were built by Otis Turner in 1927 and housed some of the finest apparel stores in Alpine.

37. These two storefronts were constructed around 1927 by Clarence Hord. The left one housed Hord & Williams Grocers and the right one was occupied by The Model Shop run by Frank McCollum with The Model Cleaners in the back run by Jesse Allen.

38. Built by Fuller in 1928, the building originally housed the post office from 1932-1938. City Drug and Highland Drug have both occupied the left side of the building. Dr. Malone Hill purchased the building in 1947. His clinic/hospital was located upstairs.

39. These buildings have stood longer than any other in the downtown area and are among the oldest in Alpine. Construction began on the county courthouse and jail in 1887 when Brewster County broke away from Presidio County.

40. The Christian Church, completed in 1906, had a stone veneer applied in 1940, and an educational annex constructed in 1946.

41. The home of Dean Manufacturing in 1909, this building was purchased by Charles Livingston in 1928 and remodeled into a funeral parlor.

42. The American Legion Building began in 1928 as Allen's Planery, a planing mill, and was purchased by the Legion in 1935.

43. Built as the home of Otis Morgan in 1929, this home was purchased by the Alpine Public Library in 1950. In 1970, the Library expanded to include the Darcy Home (to the south), built in the 1920's.

44. These two houses, built in the late teens, were purchased in 1945 by Dr. Joel Wright and used as his office and hospital.

Meeting Summary

The January meeting was held at Great American Steakburger.

Victor opened the meeting and introduced our guest, Saul Mulholland whom we met in December during Wreaths Across America event. Wilson led us in prayer and Bob led us in the Pledge.

November minutes were presented and accepted.

November and December treasurer reports were given. Reimbursements for the Fort Davis outing and the Christmas were issued.

Happy birthday to Ana, Jim, Melinda, and Tim Br.
Happy anniversary to Ana and Nelson

Victor briefed us on changes at Texas Good Sam: draft SOP, branding logo agreement (form was signed, and Ginny will submit it to Texas Good Sam. He also shared an idea (image) for a new Bordertown Sams logo.

Sunshine & Cheer: Suzanne is free of pain and beginning to feel much better following surgery in December. Lynne has ear surgery scheduled in February. Lynne fell and crushed her nose.

Bob covered upcoming outings. There is no outing scheduled for February at this time. Sheila (Rose Valley) emailed him to let him know she's holding sites, and no reservations had been made to date. Rusty's RV Ranch is taking reservations for the November outing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at Great American Steakburger.



Notes from the Editor

Happy New Year, everyone! Here's wishing you all a safe and prosperous year full of adventure and happiness.

The Weebly site is still in use...and updated. Click the link to view it: bordertownsams.weebly.com

I know I always ask; however, please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see in our newsletters.

- Are you traveling on your own? Share your pictures, and I will include them.
- Did you come across a tip (either from reading about it or experiencing it first hand), and you'd like to share it? Send it to me, and I'll include it.
- Have you seen a joke that made you chuckle (and it's shareable)...well, then share it with me, and I'll include it in an upcoming newsletter.

A message from your Wagon Master

Sheila (Rose Valley, Silver City) e-mailed the following: We are holding eight sites for your group. So far, we've received one reservation besides yours. Also, of the sites being held, 6 are pull-thru and 2 are back-in. We currently could change 3 of the pull-thru sites to back-ins because a group that was scheduled for these same dates has cancelled.

We've also received an update from Bayfield Riverside RV Park, Durango, CO. They are currently in the process of updating their reservation system. Once the new process is complete (within the next two weeks), we will receive an email with a **'Book Now'** button based on our reservation request we submitted.

At this time, there is no outing scheduled for February. The next outing to plan for is in Alpine at Lost Alaskan RV.

Updates from Sunshine & Care

Susie is recovering well from surgery. No pain. She is out walking again.

Lynne is scheduled for surgery in February.

A card was sent to Terry Loge on behalf of Bordertown Sams.



Please reach out to Jay (or Ginny) to keep us updated on those things which are happening in our lives.

Thank You



Bordertown Sams

2023 Outing Destinations

Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	
✓ January <small>(Martin Luther King)</small>	13-16 FRI-MON	Caballo Lake, NM	<u>Caballo Lake</u> 575-743-3942 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
February	Nothing scheduled at this time			
March	17-19 FRI-SUN	Alpine, TX	<u>Lost Alaskan RV Park</u> 432-837-1136 (Shazlyn)	
April	21-23 FRI-SUN	Silver City, NM	<u>Rose Valley RV</u> 575-538-0918 (Sheila)	
May <small>(Memorial Day)</small>	26-29 FRI-MON	Santa Fe, NM	<u>Rancheros de Santa Fe</u> 505-466-3482	
June <small>(Father's Day & Juneteenth)</small>	16-19 FRI-MON	Mayhill, NM	<u>Deer Spring RV Resort</u> 575-687-3464	
June-July <small>(4th of July)</small>	30-4 FRI-TUE	Durango, CO	<u>Bayfield Riverside RV Park</u> 970-884-2475	
August	4-6 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
September	1-4 FRI-MON	Hatch, NM <small>(Chile Festival)</small>	<u>Hatch RV</u> 575-649-3907 (Melissa)	
September	15-17 FRI-SUN	Alamogordo <small>(Balloon Festival)</small>	<u>Boot Hill RV</u> 575-439-6224 (Cindy)	
October	20-22 FRI-SUN	Willcox, AZ <small>(wine festival)</small>	<u>Willcox KOA Holiday</u> 844-982-5415 (Robin – group reservations)	
November <small>(Veterans' Day)</small>	10-12 FRI-SUN	Rodeo, NM	<u>Rusty's RV Ranch</u> 575-557-2526 (Rusty)	
December	8-10 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM <small>(Lighting of the Boats)</small>	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Dawn)	