



# Bordertown Sams

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# Tombstone, AZ

Things started out smoothly...until Ginny realized she forgot the chili, and after a U-turn at Sunland Park, she and Tim were back on the road...just 40 minutes of additional driving time for Tim. Thanks, Hon!

The rest of the weekend was great! Friday evening started with tomato soup (good ol' Campbell's) and grilled cheese outside in the beautiful weather. Once the sun started to slip beyond the horizon, things started cooling down. Bob started a fire in a washtub (provided by the park for a fee), and things warmed up quickly...too quickly. We stood and turned ourselves, as if on a spit, to keep ourselves uniformly warm.

Saturday started with a breakfast casserole and then we headed into Tombstone where "Vigilante Days" skits were being performed. Kathy and Ginny enjoyed a wine tasting at Cabal Cellars. The wines had unique names: Predator & Prey, Prohibition, and the Gambler to name a few. We opted to return to the park for lunch since the restaurants in town were quite full. Edgar and Susie arrived later in the afternoon. After hanging out at the rigs for a bit, we had dinner (chili and fixin's) and strawberry Mojitos in the park's rec room. Dinner was topped off with blueberry cake and more visiting.

Sunday morning started with a breakfast of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and bacon. Edgar and Susie headed into Tucson to check out RVs. The Linvilles and Beaulieus went back to Tombstone for a tour of the Good Enough Silver Mine. When we think of Tombstone, we think of the Earps and their story. The silver mines in the area (29 or so) actually created the thriving town. Being inside the mine and realizing the miners dug it out with chisels, candles (only 3 each for a 10-hour shift), and a lot of "darkness" definitely puts a new perspective on the life of a miner. We decided to eat lunch in town today and wound up at the Crystal Palace. The prickly pear margaritas were quite tasty.

Sunday afternoon, Edgar and Susie returned with some information and prospects of a "new home." We again spent the afternoon visiting. We wanted to eat outside, but the cooler weather (and wind) sent us back to the rec room. We dined on grilled steak and chicken, baked beans, and pineapple coleslaw. Dessert was custard pie.

Monday morning, it was "up and at 'em" to try and get home before the wind storms hit. Bob and Kathy made it out early. Tim and Ginny headed out a bit later. We did hit some winds with a burst of dust and tumbleweeds blowing across I-10; but we all made it home before it got too bad in El Paso.

Another great weekend in the books. Sure wish more of you could have made it.

Tombstone RV Park & Campground was a great place to stay. The price was right, \$40 per night. There was an additional fee of \$1 per pet (dog) per day which was insignificant. Everything was clean. The restrooms were clean ( a bit steamy in the mornings). The park was graveled and sites were mostly level. The dog park was well maintained – first one without extra piles lying around. There is an outdoor pool which might be heated as we witnessed a woman doing water aerobics in the morning...brrr!! Jeff, one of the camp hosts, was amazing. He brought the washtub and firewood to our site immediately, and he kept checking to see if there was anything else we needed. Rick and Janice (owners) live on the premises. All in all, this is a park to return to. According to Jeff, since it's been under the new owners, it has made some significant improvements.



Heading to the Birdcage!

A peek into the Birdcage!



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# Good Enough Silver Mine

These carts were just recovered and brought to the surface on 2.19.21



Bob & Kathy



Tim volunteered to go in first!



Getting ready to go down the steps



Original entrance



Tim & Ginny



Watch your head, Tim! Rocks were painted red for "low" areas



Miner's supplies



Chrysocolla – turquoise copycat (beautiful blue but very soft)



Support beams



Actual quality silver (recently discovered)



Chunks of rock deemed not worthy of removing. Miners stacked them within timber to create supports



Our exit! Just kidding...we used the steps.



Chunks of silver ore. One was passed around so we could feel its weight. The steel ball in the middle was used in large drums to break the ore down.



Enjoying lunch and Prickly Pear Margaritas at the Crystal Palace



# February Meeting pics



Terry, Barbara, Barbara, and Tim

Hi, Bob!



And the winner is...

Stack-a-Hearts



Kathy & Bob

Gathering hearts



Bob, Barbara, Tim, Daphne, & Victor

Faces of consternation



Bill 2/2  
Dolores 2/12  
Barbara J. 2/19



Jim & Lisa 2/3  
Wilson & Dolores 2/10  
Terry & Barbara 2/11



Melinda 1/2  
Tim Br. 1/19

My apologies to the January babies for forgetting their birthdays.

There were no January anniversaries

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# Member News & Happenings



Melinda's "Honey"  
– downtown San Diego with a beautiful sunset!



Taking a stop in Texas Canyon

- Lynne's eye surgeries are scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you successful surgeries and a speedy recovery.
- Noel's surgery was February 7<sup>th</sup>. He's on the road to recovery. We wish you well, Noel.
- Victor and Melinda headed to California for the Presidents' Day Weekend to visit her aunt.
- Wilson and Dolores spent their anniversary (and her birthday) in Santa Fe.



Dolores – Coyote Café and Cantina



Wilson – Casa de Tres Lunas in Santa Fe

# Recipes

## Breakfast Casserole *(submitted by Ginny)*

*Tastes Better From Scratch – Laura Allen – adapted from Pretty Providence*

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds pork sausage
- 12 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream (light or regular) – (I used light)
- 1/4 cup milk (I used half-n-half)
- salt and pepper (I did not add salt and pepper)
- 4 green onions
- 1/2 green bell pepper , diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper , diced
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (I used Kraft Triple Cheddar)

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
- Combine the eggs, sour cream, milk, cheese, and salt and pepper in a large bowl. Mix on low speed with electric mixer, just until combined.
- Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add sausage and cook until browned, breaking it into small pieces as it cooks. Drain most of the grease and add the sausage to the bowl with the egg mixture.
- Add the bell peppers and green onion to the same skillet the sausage was cooked in and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add to the bowl with the eggs and sausage and stir everything to combine.
- Pour mixture into greased 9x13 pan and bake for 35-50 minutes or until the edges are set and the center is just barely jiggly.
- Leftover egg casserole can be stored in the fridge and enjoyed within 3-4 days. Leftovers are delicious reheated in the microwave.

Calories: 385kcal | Carbohydrates: 2g | Protein: 23g | Fat: 30g | Saturated

Fat: 12g | Cholesterol: 239mg | Sodium: 669mg | Potassium: 327mg | Sugar: 1g | Vitamin

A: 705IU | Vitamin C: 11.6mg | Calcium: 194mg | Iron: 1.8mg

[Link: Breakfast Casserole - Tastes Better From Scratch](#)

### Notes

- I used *light* sour cream
- I used Half-n-Half instead of milk
- I didn't add any salt and pepper to the recipe
- I used Kraft *finely shredded* Triple Cheddar (Vermont White, Sharp, and Mild)
- I baked the casserole in the RV convection oven at 350°F for 42 minutes (halfway between 35 and 50 minutes)
- The casserole had a nice light brown crust (not burned) – the cook time turned out to be great
- The leftovers did microwave well

## RVing Tip...

### If you create a list, use it!

- Have a packing list, check it twice
- Grocery list (include recipes) – check it “multiple” times
- Hooking up your toad – follow the steps on the list...even if you think you know them
- Disconnecting to depart – make sure you’re disconnected

We make lists for a reason, so we need to remember to use them...even if it seems tedious. You’d be surprised how easy it is to forget something!!

## Just for Giggles

### Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, the fire dwindling nearby, Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see".

Watson said "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars".

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson: "Astronomically, it suggests to me that if there are billions of other galaxies that have roughly similar stellar population densities as represented by my view, that, potentially, trillions of planets may be associated with such a galactic and, therefore, stellar population. Allowing for similar chemical distribution throughout the cosmos it may be reasonably implied that life-and possibly intelligent life-may well fill the universe.

Also, being a believer, theologically, it tells me that the vastness of space may be yet another suggestion of the greatness of God and that we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, the blackness of the sky and the crispness of the stellar images tells me that there is low humidity and stable air and therefore we are most likely to enjoy a beautiful day tomorrow.

Why? - What does it tell you, Mr. Holmes?"

Holmes: "Someone stole our tent".

# Next Stop...

Join us as we head to **Bottomless Lakes State Park** just outside Roswell, NM.

## Things to do in the surrounding area:



Bitter Lake National Wild Life Refuge

- J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary 5 stars
- Roswell UFO Tours 5 stars
- Roswell Museum 4 ½ stars
- Bitter Lake National Wild Life Refuge 4 ½ stars
- Pecos Flavors Winery 4 ½ stars
- Mescalero Sands North Dune 4 ½ stars
- Spring River Park and Zoo 4 stars
- General Douglas L. McBride Military Museum 4 stars
- Roswell Antique Mall 4 stars
- Walker Aviation Museum 3 ½ stars

Note: star ratings are from TripAdvisor



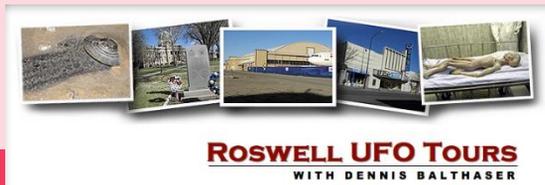
J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary



Features NM wines, beers, and gourmet foods



Mescalero Sands North Dune



Hope the lake has water in it. Heard there's good fishing in March.



# Bordertown Sams 2022 Outing Destinations

	Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	Location
✓	January	28-30 FRI-SUN	Caballo Lake, NM 116 miles	<u>Caballo Lake</u> 575-743-3942 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
✓	February	18-21 FRI-MON (Presidents' Day)	Tombstone, AZ 299 miles	<u>Tombstone RV Park &amp; Campground</u> 520-457-3829 (Kim)	
	March	25-27 FRI-SUN	Roswell, NM 219 miles	<u>Bottomless Lakes</u> 575-988-3638 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
	April	7-10 THU-SUN	Canton, TX 690 miles	Canton Civic Center <a href="http://TexasGoodSam.com">TexasGoodSam.com</a>	
	May	5-8 THU	Tucumcari, NM 326 miles	<u>Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park</u> 575-815-4085 (Silvio)	
	June	24-26 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM 164 miles	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
	July	15-17 FRI-SUN	Mayhill, NM 125 miles	<u>Deer Spring RV Park</u> 575-687-3464 (Sandy)	
	August	18-21 THU-SUN	Grants, NM 325 miles	Lavaland 575-287-8665 (Zack)	
	September	23-25 FRI-SUN	Fort Davis, TX 199 miles	<u>Davis Mountains State Park</u> 432-426-3337 (park) 512-389-8900 (reservations)	
	October	20-23 THU-SUN	Bulverde, TX 538 miles	<u>TX 281 RV Park</u> 830-980-2282 (Betty)	
	November	18-20 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM 130 miles	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Barbara)	
	December	2-4 FRI-SUN	Las Cruces, NM 51 miles	<u>Hacienda RV Resort</u> 575-528-5800 (Jenny)	

- See minutes or Wagon Master (Bob) for more information
- All mileage is from El Paso International Airport
- Months in "red" should be looked at to add extra days due to distance

## Meeting Summary

February's meeting was held at Great American on Yarbrough on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

We started with an icebreaker, Heart-a-Stack, in which members stacked little conversation hearts as high as they could in one minute. It wasn't as easy as it sounded, but creating a base definitely made things easier.

Victor called the meeting to order, Tim opened with prayer, and Bob led us in The Pledge.

December minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given: beginning balance \$867.80, income \$250.00, expenses \$85.00, ending balance 1032.80. Ginny was reimbursed for wreaths (Wreaths Across America) and icebreaker expenses.

Birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned.

Bob went over outings.

Lynne has upcoming cataract surgery in March.

Website: [Bordertownsams.weebly.com](http://Bordertownsams.weebly.com)

Meeting adjourned: 7:47 PM

Next meeting is **THURSDAY, March 10** at Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Hi all!!

I'm still looking for memories to share in our newsletters. Please, think of your camping memories. I would love to include more in future newsletters. Memories can be from last year or several years ago.

Always looking for recipes as well. Do you have a favorite meal or drink you like to make when Rving? If so, please share.

Check out [Bordertownsams.weebly.com](http://Bordertownsams.weebly.com). Click on the link, and let me know if anything needs to be added (or deleted). Thanks.

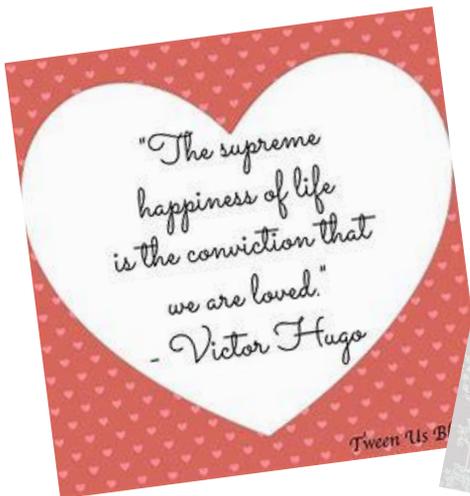
## Wagon Master message

Keep thinking of places you'd like to visit (or revisit).

Maybe there's a special event you'd like to attend. We can search the area for RV parks.

Perhaps you have a favorite park you'd like to go to...again and again.

You can email, text, send a Signal message, or share suggestions at our meetings.



## Sunshine & Cheer

Keep Barbara posted!

Hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day