



# Bordertown Sams

## April 2023

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April found us on our way to Rose Valley RV Ranch in Silver City. It was quite frankly almost the perfect time of the year. Day temperatures hovered in the mid to upper 70s, and the evenings dipped to jacket-wearing weather. The wind did prove breezy at times; however, it was welcome during our downtown walk.

The Beaulieus were joined by prospective members: John, Rodney, Silvy, Carmen, and Carlos. We all arrived early enough Friday to enjoy the outdoors just visiting and getting to know each other. Friday evening's soup and sandwiches turned into roasted chilis, chili con carne, and burgers...of course, we had too much food, but isn't that always the case.

Saturday morning, we had a breakfast feast, and decided to tour downtown.

A walk along Main Street included a stroll through Big Ditch. With trees budding and plants blooming, the Big Ditch is welcoming, especially when you read the history, and realize it was a dump at one time. Kudos to Silver City for creating this gem.

A stop at Toad Creek Brewery was in order to enjoy "smart blondes," a cucumber mint mojito, and a parfait.

Of course, we couldn't NOT STOP in at the Ice Cream Emporium where artisanal creations are served. They offer 36 homemade flavors ranging from Hatch Chile Chocolate to Anise and everything in between. Ginny tasted the Ube (purple yam) and Black Sesame (tahini) but of course, settled on Espresso. John tasted the Hatch Chile Chocolate which had a bit of a kick, and Tim went for an old-time favorite, Maple Butter Pecan.

On our way back to Rose Valley, we stopped for an unexpected but enjoyable car show.

Saturday for dinner, we took advantage of "The Barn" at Rose Valley to gather. We were actually able to grill the steaks, brats, and Knackwurst inside on the grill provided. Open, screened windows provided a breeze and fresh air...minus the bugs. After dinner, we built banana splits. For entertainment, we introduced the games - Left, Right, Center and Sequence.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed another great breakfast spread; and then, just like that, our weekend was over.

Until next time...

**SILVER CITY, NM**  
**APRIL 2023**





The guys



Friday's sunset



Enjoying the evening



The gals



Morning stroll views -

The poppies were popping up everywhere.



Morning sunrise



Awesome crescent moon  
Friday evening



Waiting on the "smart blondes"



Cool cork wreath



Interesting history behind this rose



Thought of you, Edgar



The Big Ditch



Looking up



The explanation of the flood (in mosaic tile work) which ultimately led to the Big Ditch



Smile ladies



From Main Street to a

dump to the creation of the Big Ditch (park)



calves





Silvia in the Rickshaw



Craft fair



Painted buildings





A local car show for the car enthusiasts in our group. Red seemed to be a popular color.





Morning stroll



Having a seat at the new dog walk area



A game of Left, Right, Center



The Barn



Banana split fixings





# Member News

- Our condolences go out to Ana in the loss of her father.
- Merle, it was good to see you were in great shape after you mishap and hospital stay while in Columbus, NM.
- Nelson is on the verge of retiring. Yay!
- Bob & Kathy visited the Gateway Arch, took a riverboat cruise, and had a personal and close-up visit with the Anheuser Busch Clydesdales. Kathy got to dip a bottle of Maker's Mark in the red wax, and Bob put his thumbprint on a bottle of Jim Beam while touring along the Bourbon Trail in Kentucky.
- Lynne has been cleared by her cardiologist, and her ear surgery is scheduled for June.



Ceci 04.09  
Susanne 04.27



# RV Resources

- Looking for someone who can change the oil, repair, or wash your RV?
- Do you need new tires for you rig but don't know where to shop?

Here are some recommended resources. Click on the business name for website links.

## Forrest Tire

2305 Gateway N Blvd., (915) 566-2639

Lorenzo worked with Tim for a great deal on tires.

His number is (915) 727-6836

## Far West Services, Inc.

14003 Montana Ave #B,  
(915) 921-7238

Tom Neal (915) 549-7951

Recommended by Tim Brown for RV work

## **Christian (Mobile RV Wash)**

(915) 504-8759

recommended by Tim Brown

## **Sal's RV Wash (Mobile RV Wash)**

(915) 575-636-4199

recommended by Bob Linville

An exercise for people who are out of shape: Begin with a five-pound potato bag in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato bags. Then try 50-pound potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag. —Beverly Gross

Just for  
Giggles  
(and a  
Riddle)

Two dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter. "My dog is so smart," says the first owner, "that every morning he goes to the store and buys me a sesame seed bagel with chive cream cheese, stops off at Starbucks and picks me up a mocha latte, and then comes home and turns on ESPN, all before I get out of bed." "I know," says the second owner. "How do you know?" the first demands. "My dog told me." *From the book Laughter: The Best Medicine*

Barista: How do you take your coffee?

Me: Very, very seriously.



Can you guess the riddle?

You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. What am I?

# RV TIPS

## Traveling With Pets

- Do you travel with pets?
- Do your travel plans include a lengthy day trip?
- Do you worry about leaving your pets for extended stays in the RV while you sightsee?

Check out [Rover.com](https://www.rover.com) to find someone in the area you're traveling who is willing to walk your "furbabies" and give you "peace of mind." (Kathy is our resident expert)

Weigh your RV and keep it below its gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)

Ginny came across some of these tips while reading Family Rving and thought they were worth sharing.

## Tire Pressure

If you're not using a tire pressure monitoring system, check your tire pressure each day of travel. Using a TPMS while on the road assists you in staying aware of your tires, especially if you begin to lose pressure (ask Tim Beaulieu).

What's the difference between the "flashing" and solid light on the TPMS?

- The "flashing" light usually indicates an issue with the monitoring system, such as low battery or connectivity.
- The solid light indicates a **low tire pressure alert**.

**Further reading** (click on the links)

[TPMS](#) light blinking

How to [fix](#) a "flashing" TPMS light

## RV GPS



Using an RV specific GPS programmed for your vehicle's height, length, and weight helps deal with challenges faced on the road only an RV (or large vehicle) might encounter, such as:

- narrow roads, tunnels
- low bridges/overpasses
- low-hanging trees on that scenic route
- weight/size restricted routes

Unlike Google Maps, the GPS doesn't rely on connectivity. As long as it can connect to a satellite, it will work.

Your adventure can be more efficient and less stressful when using an RV GPS.

Click on the links below to read more.

[RVshare](#)

[TechnoRV](#)

[weretherussos](#)



Frequent and open communication with your traveling partner is critical

Our next scheduled outing is Rancheros De Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM (May 26-29)

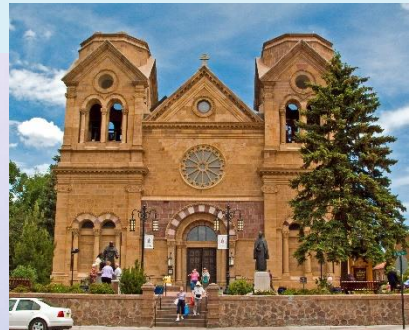
There are several things to do: cooking classes, art classes, walking tours, art tours, scavenger hunts, white-water rafting, museums to see, cathedrals to visit...

- Santa Fe Farmers' Market (one of the oldest in the country, top 10 by Sunset Magazine)
- Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (beautiful architecture)
- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum (advance ticket sales recommended)
- Meow Wolf – mind-bending immersive art (tickets are \$45)
- Santa Fe [Margarita Trail](#) (self-guided with small fee to purchase APP) – click on the link for more information
- Museum of Indian Arts and Culture
- Santa Fe Botanical Garden
- Pecos National Historical Park
- White water rafting

There's definitely way too much to do to list it all!



Meow Wolf



Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi



Georgia O'Keeffe Museum



Santa Fe Botanical Garden



Pecos National Historical Park

WHERE TO NEXT –  
SANTA FE

May  
26-29

# Meeting Summary

April's meeting was held at Great American on Yarbrough.

Victor called the meeting to order and led us with a prayer and pledge.

February minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's report was presented.

Birthdays were announced for March and April. There were no anniversaries.

Daphne volunteered to take on the Sunshine & Cheer responsibilities.

Tim covered our upcoming outings He mentioned Twin Spruce (Ruidoso) was now accepting reservations for our August outing. Also mentioned was Durango is off the July list, and we should consider an alternate destination. Rodney has a brochure and information on Denver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35. Next meeting is at Great American Steakburger Yarbrough, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6:00. Meeting at 7:00.

## It's that time of year...

We elect officers every two years, and yup, it's been two years since the last election!

All positions are up for grabs.

If you're interested in volunteering for a position but not sure what it entails, speak to the current individual.

If you want to nominate someone, please ask them first and secure their permission.

We typically ask for volunteers and nominees to be submitted by the October meeting, and we present and install the new board at the December meeting.

## Texas Good Sam News

Texas Good Sam approved an updated Texas Good Sam Chapters Standard Operating Procedure at the State Committee Meeting held April 7, 2023.

## Notes from the Editor

Click the link to view our Weebly site: [bordertownsams.weebly.com](http://bordertownsams.weebly.com)  
We also have a private group Facebook page

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.

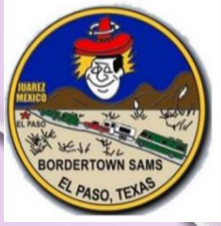
## A message from your Wagon Master

- We need to start thinking about the 2024 outing schedule
- Looking for volunteers for an outing committee



## Sunshine & Care

Daphne has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of the position. Please notify her of member occasion in which we would want to reach out with a card.



# Bordertown Sams 2023 Outing Destinations

	Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	
✓	January (Martin Luther King)	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 (Memorial Day)	26-29 FRI-MON	Santa Fe, NM	<u>Rancheros de Santa Fe</u> 505-466-3482	
	June (Father's Day & Juneteenth)	16-19 FRI-MON	Mayhill, NM	<u>Deer Spring RV Resort</u> 575-687-3464	
	June-July (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	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 (Chile Festival)	<u>Hatch RV</u> 575-649-3907 (Melissa)	
	September	15-17 FRI-SUN	Alamogordo (Balloon Festival)	<u>Boot Hill RV</u> 575-439-6224 (Cindy)	
	October	20-22 FRI-SUN	Willcox, AZ (wine festival)	<u>Willcox KOA Holiday</u> 844-982-5415 (Robin – group reservations)	
	November (Veterans' Day)	10-12 FRI-SUN	Rodeo, NM	<u>Rusty's RV Ranch</u> 575-557-2526 (Rusty)	
	December	8-10 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM (Lighting of the Boats)	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Dawn)	