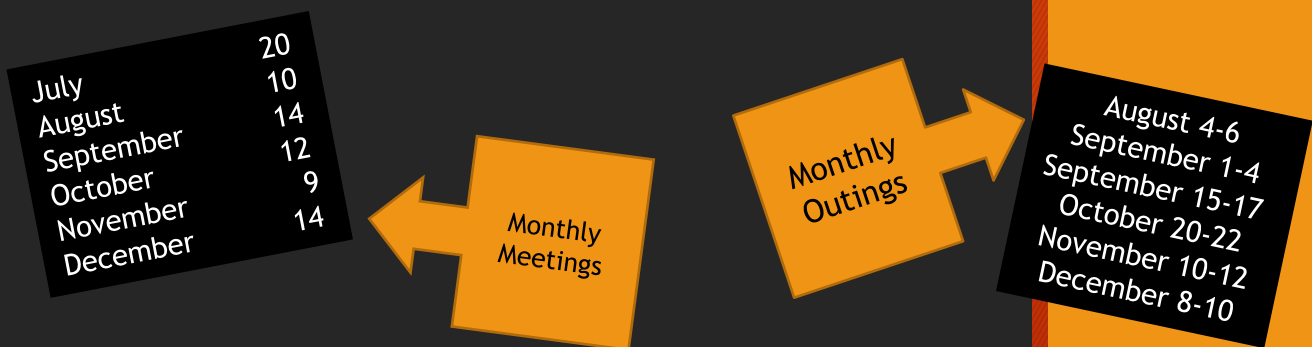




Bordertown Sams June & July 2023

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Build a life you don't
need a vacation from!

Another great weekend is history. Friday, of course, was for hanging out, enjoying the weather, and visiting with friends.

Saturday, of course, started with an amazing breakfast spread. Doesn't it always? The rest of the day, we literally just hung around Deer Spring. We spent the day chilling out. We played a few games of Left, Right, Center. We snacked on more food, and for dinner, we grilled steak.

Since it was a long weekend outing, Sunday morning we had another awesome breakfast. After breakfast, some of us decided to head into town. What do you do in "downtown" Cloudcroft? You walk in and out of as many shops as you can. You buy some jewelry. You get a nice coffee. You buy gifts in the tea shop. And...you take pictures.

Once we decided we'd had enough of town life, we headed back to camp. We spent the rest of the day being totally lazy, visiting, and listening to song requests. Melinda charged her LED hummingbird solar light, and Tim set up a cool LED night light. Where there's music, there's dancing. Even Ginny was talked into "attempting to dance!" When it was time to call it a night, we "shut it down" for the evening with Dolores and Jay's final song - Insanity by Gregory Porter. (Missed you Jay)

Sunday morning, it was time to head home for most of us. A short wait at the tunnel outside Cloudcroft (it was down to one lane). Most of us took the left turn at Tularosa to head back to El Paso. Tim and Ginny headed the other way to start their road trip to Seattle.

Can't wait until the next outing.



Mayhill, NM
May 2023



Breakfast Charcuterie

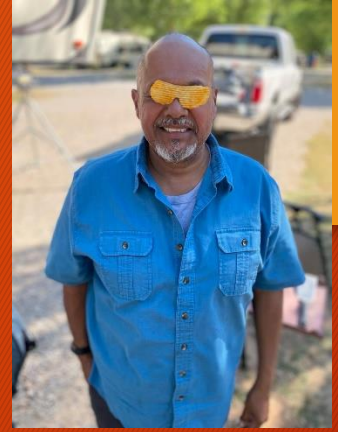


Cheers to the best grill chef!



Buster couldn't decide if he liked his chair, dad's chair, dad's lap, or Chewie's cot, so he spent equal time in all of them!





It doesn't get better than this





IF A MAN SAYS
"HE WILL FIX IT"
HE WILL
THERE IS NO NEED TO
REMIN HIM EVERY SIX MONTHS



DISPENSARY
LEFT HERE
LOWER LOT
 **HIGH
END
CANNABIS**



A beautiful evening to end a wonderful weekend. What more can you ask for?

For July, we added a quick outing (thanks to an invite by Rodney) to replace a cancelled 4th of July trip. We moseyed up to Ruidoso to spend a cool and refreshing weekend at Rainbow Lake Cabin and RV Resort.

Saturday, after breakfast, we headed to the Corvette Show up by the lake at Inn of the Mountain Gods. There were a lot of beautiful cars. We tried our luck in a 50/50 chance game - of course...none of us won.

A trip into downtown was spent wandering an arts and crafts market, enjoying a cold beer at an outdoor patio, and buying some ice cream (and fudge) from the Sweet Shoppe.

Back at camp, we received some afternoon showers, but we were not to be deterred. Dinner was served outside (under the awning), and we had a canopy if needed. The weather cooled down quickly, and light jackets were in order, but we definitely enjoyed the cooler weather.

Rodney, thanks for the idea and invite.



Member News

- Bob and Kathy hit the road for Point Mugu, California to visit with family and get in some beach time.
- Bob had knee surgery June 22nd
- Tim and Ginny took off for Seattle to visit their son and some national parks
- Victor and Melinda headed to Chicago to spend time with their daughter

I completely forgot the May birthdays (which there were none) and anniversaries in the last newsletter.



Nelson 6/25
Silvia 6/27

Merle 7/1
Lynne 7/1
Victor 7/3
Linda 7/11
Daphne 7/12
Charlie W. 7/26



Willie & Barbara 5/29

Charlie & Ceci 6/14

Victor & Melinda 7/4
Edgar & Susana 7/15
Tim & Ginny 7/21

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

Teacher: "Who do you want to be when you grow up?" Timmy: "I want to follow in my father's footsteps and be a policeman." Teacher: "I didn't know you father was a policeman." Timmy: "He isn't. He's a burglar."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

Just for Giggles
(and a Riddle)

Can you guess the riddle?

Answer to May's riddle: NOON

If there are 4 sheep, 2 dogs, and one herds-men, how many feet are there?

RV Tips

Most of us always look for a way to save some money when Rving. Which park do you stay at? How many nights do you stay? What discounts does the park offer: Good Sam, first responder/military, et cetera.

Here are a some other options when traveling in your RV.

The Passport America and Harvest Host programs both require memberships, but both have perks.

With Passport America, you can save 50% off the regular rate...with restrictions. Usually, weekends, peak season, holidays, and special event dates are excluded. Stays are usually discounted 1-2 nights, but there are some parks that will discount up to 7 nights.

Harvest host includes venues (farms, wineries, breweries, churches, museums) which allow overnight parking. Spending some money at their venue is welcomed. Most do not offer hook-ups, but you can get lucky. It's a great way to spend a one night on the road.

Walmart and Cracker Barrel offer overnight parking.

There is a whole network of military RV parks for those of you with a military connection.

Another personal tip to share...

When overnighing somewhere and hook-ups are not available, make sure you have plenty of fuel or propane...whatever you use to power your generators. Tim and Ginny found out that when the owner's manual states, "generator will be shut off when fuel level falls below $\frac{1}{4}$ of a tank to reserve fuel for driving," it really does shut off at $\frac{1}{4}$ of a tank of fuel.

It took one hot day at a harvest host (winery) for us to test the statement!! Tim had a back-up plan for such a situation - he drove to the nearest gas station for 5 gallons of diesel which solved the problem. Of course, we couldn't know how long it would last, and we didn't want to have to drive to the gas station in the middle of the night, so Ginny got on the phone and found an RV park 0.6 mile away which was still open and had a site available. Yup, we decided to change locations.

The real tip...be prepared, and have a plan B.

We're heading back to Ruidoso - seems a group favorite when there's a need to escape the El Paso heat!



JOIN US FOR
**FUN
IN THE
SUN**
AUG 4-6

SUMMER OUTING

Friday 6:00pm - Soups & Sandwiches

Saturday - Show your spirit by wearing your favorite sports jersey or Tee

ALL DAY SCAVENGER HUNT - list to be given at breakfast, prize for most items found given on Sunday

Saturday Breakfast 9:00am - Bring what you would like to contribute

Saturday - Lunch on your own

Saturday 1:00pm - Ladies Decorating Hat Contest (Men will judge. Prize for best hat)

2:00pm - Let the Games begin! CORN HOLE, WINE RING TOSS, DOLLAR BILL GAME - everyone, please bring \$1 per player (prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners)

Dinner 5:00pm - TAILGATE bring your favorite BBQ items! (we will provide burgers, dogs & wings)

8:00pm - Movie on the Lawn! Bring your seasoned popcorn!

Where to Next - Ruidoso, NM
August 4-6

Meeting Summary

June's meeting was held at Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough.

Victor called the meeting to order, Wilson led us in prayer, and Tim led us in the Pledge.

Minutes were reviewed and treasurer's report was presented.

Birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned. Happy 20th Anniversary, Charlie &* Ceci.

Cards were sent to members. Charlie had eye surgery.

Tim covered the upcoming outings. 2024 outing suggestion forms were passed out. Greg, Wilson, and Rodney volunteered to serve on the outing committee.

We will participate in Wreaths Across America, December 16, 2023.

We will get a copy of the Bylaws out to members

We are switching back to WhatsApp as our messaging platform.

Next meeting is Thursday, **July 20** (this is the **3rd Thursday**) at Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough.

We're getting closer...

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.

Notes from the Editor

Click the link to view our Weebly site: 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

It's that time of year - time to work on the 2024 outing schedule. More information will be available at upcoming meetings.



Sunshine & Care

Cards were sent on
behalf of BTS



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	
July	14-16 FRI-MON	Ruidoso, NM	<u>Rainbow Lake Cabin & RV Resort</u> 575-630-2267	
August	4-6 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
September	1-4 FRI-MON	Hatch, NM (Cinco Fest)	<u>Hatch RV</u> 575-649-3797 (Cecilia)	
September	1-11 FRI-SUN	Alamogordo (Balloon Festival)	<u>Boat 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)	

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