

# Bordertown Sams

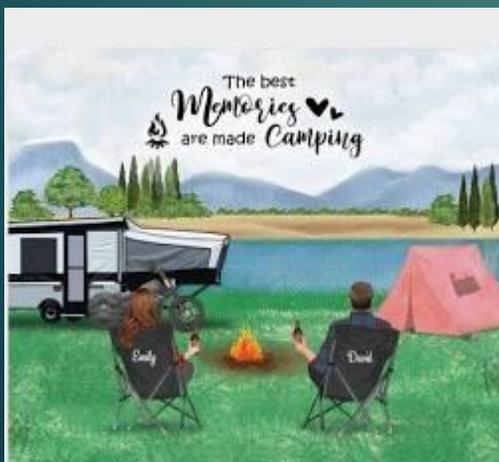
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# Twin Spruce RV Park

## Ruidoso, NM – June 2021

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Good Sams lifted camping restrictions, so a few of us decided to head to the mountains for the weekend to get back into the swing of things. The Masseys and Parmans headed out Thursday. They met up with Charlie at Margo's for dinner. After breakfast at The Old Country Kitchen, they headed up to Ruidoso. Upon arriving at Twin Spruce, Victor and Melinda headed into Ruidoso for lunch and found a new restaurant – The Backyard Bar & Grill est. 2021. Linda, Merle, and Bill went into town to shop.

Friday evening, some of us gathered at the pavilion for a brats and sausage dinner. After dinner, Kathy treated us to strawberry mojitos and a strawberry pretzel salad (it's definitely more of a dessert). Both were delicious. For the salad, she uses pretzels instead of graham cracker crumbs for the base. The recipe is in this newsletter. The Masseys and Parmans went to the Tinnie Silver Dollar restaurant (est. 1909) for dinner. They dined on steak, salmon, appetizers, beer, and wine. The bar is from Chicago out of an Al Capone speak easy.

Twin Spruce offers breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, so some of us checked it out. It was good home cooking. For \$2-4, you can enjoy a great meal. The biscuits & gravy were tasty with a dollop of butter melting atop the gravy. The pancakes, burritos, and sausage biscuits were just as yummy!

Saturday was spent going to town to shop, walk around, eat lunch, and enjoy ice cream. Wilson & Dolores, and Paul, RJ, & Barbara drove up for the day. A relaxing afternoon was spent visiting. Ginny's parents joined us for the weekend, and her sister, Christine brought lunch from Can't Stop Smokin' in Alamogordo. Unfortunately; she, the Mendezes, and the Tomiceks had to call it a day and head back to El Paso.

Saturday evening, after dinner (grilled chicken and leftover brisket, ribs, and chicken, some of us gathered at the Beaulieus for cold brew coffee with salted caramel Bailey's and sweet cream, cantaloupe, pound cake, and banana nut bread. The Masseys and Parmans went to the Flying J for a western show and chuckwagon dinner. Merle, Linda, and Cindy ended up in jail, and Bill was looking for a bail bondsman!

Sunday, after another Twin Spruce breakfast, the weekend came to an end.

# Twin Spruce RV Park

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Brats & sausage dinner



Relaxing after dinner & dessert



Strawberry & pretzel salad



Bill at the Mountain Man store



Newly established, yummy BBQ grill



Bears in the park!



Tinnie's Silver Dollar



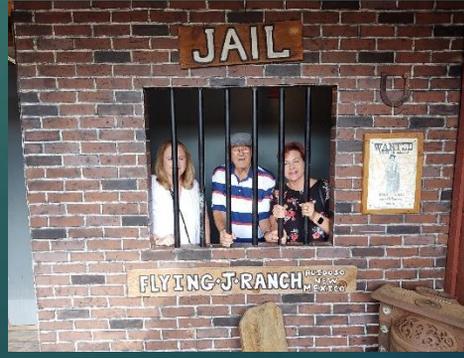
Carnival Food  
(click on the picture for a short video)



Downtown Ruidoso



Ice cream break



Anyone know a bail bondman?

Flying J show and dinner



Noel 6/13  
Nelson 6/25

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Bill & Cindy 6/13  
Charlie & Ceci 6/14



## A Note From Your President:

Hello BTS family...I am so excited that the Covid restrictions are finally lifting, and we can start gathering and camping together again. It's been a rough year-and-a-half, but as always, we managed to muddle through it and come out the other end. We recently had our first meeting back on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Famous Dave's, and it was a great success! We had a nice turnout, and it was wonderful to see everyone again. As we mentioned at the meeting, we are going to start things up slowly as we get back on our feet. We are going to meet the first Wednesday of the month, every other month. Our next meeting will be the August 4, the first Wednesday in August. Ginny is doing an excellent job helping me organize the meetings and places to meet, as well as, keeping the group informed through our newsletter, our Signal chat and by email. If there is anything I can do as your president, please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to creating more memories in the future and thank you for your patience during the crazy times we've experienced. Until we meet again...soon!!

*Wilson*

# Strawberry Pretzel Salad *(submitted by Kathy)*

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## Ingredients

6 oz strawberry Jell-O  
2 cups boiling water  
2 ½ cups salted pretzel (measured before crushing)  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
8 Tbsp. unsalted butter  
8 oz pkg cream cheese (softened)  
½ cup granulated sugar  
8 oz Cool Whip (thawed in fridge)  
1 lb. fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced

## Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine strawberry Jell-O with 2 cups boiling water and stir until completely dissolved. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

Crush 2 ½ cups pretzels in a sturdy Ziploc bag, using a rolling pin.

In a medium saucepan, melt 8 Tbsp butter, then add ¼ cup sugar and stir. Mix in crushed pretzels. Transfer to a 13x9 glass casserole dish, pressing the pretzel mix evenly over the bottom of the dish. Bake for 10 minutes at 350°, then cool to room temp.

When pretzels have cooled, use an electric hand mixer to beat 8 oz cream cheese and ½ cup sugar on med/high speed until fluffy and white. Fold in 8 oz Cool Whip until no streaks of cream cheese remain. Spread mixture over cooled pretzels, spreading to the edges of the dish to create a tight seal. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Hull and slice 1 lb. strawberries, then stir into your room temperature jello. Pour and spread the strawberry jello mixture evenly over your cooled cream cheese layer and refrigerate until jello is set (2-4 hours).

**Note:** Kathy places the strawberry slices on the cooled cream cheese layer and then pours the jello over the top.

# June 2, 2021

## Meeting Summary

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Meeting was held at Famous Dave's. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Bob led us in the Pledge. Bill led us in prayer. Wilson welcomed everyone and gave opening remarks.

Ginny announced birthdays (Noel, Nelson) and anniversaries (Bill & Cindy, Charlie & Ceci).

Wilson asked about memorabilia. Victor mentioned he has a box from Dan, some other boxes, and the speakers. Wilson has the old baseball game.

Wilson read a letter/email from Ron Boullion (State Director) with Good Sam updates. Camping and meetings are back on; Texas Good Sam was on pause since the insurance company was not providing insurance during Covid. Follow local Covid recommendations when camping or having meetings. April 7-10, 2022, the Good Sam Rally is scheduled in Canton, TX. The CEO/owner wants the organization (Good Sam, Camping World, Gander Outdoors) to get involved in a "national" volunteer program.

The BTS Board of Officers decided to change our meetings to the first Wednesday of the month, every other month. Our next meeting, is scheduled for August 4, 2021. Outings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis at this time.

Kathy presented the Treasurer report. Beginning balance: \$1,276.30. Income: \$3 (reactivate our account). Expenses: \$149.90 (reimburse Bill for Zoom) and \$85 (\$5 per active rig for state dues). Ending balance: \$1,044.40

We have an outing scheduled to Twin Spruce in Ruidoso, June 18-20. BTS members are invited to join Southwest Sun Chasers in November (Rusty's RV Ranch, Rodeo, NM) and December (White's City, Carlsbad).

Bordertown Sams is celebrating 50 years in 2022. We need to contact Texas Good Sam in reference to a patch/badge and celebration – usually awarded at the Canton Rally

We are using the Signal messaging APP at this time to communicate.

A motion was made for each rig interested in remaining a BTS member to pay \$5 (state dues); motion carried. Bring \$5 to the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting if you intend to keep your membership active. The \$25 chapter dues is waived at this time.

The current slate of officers terms are ending this year. Bring your nomination or volunteer for a position at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next meeting is August 4, 2021 at Famous Dave's on Airway – dinner 6 PM, meeting 7 PM). Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.