



Bordertown Sams

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Ruidoso/ NM – Twin Spruce RV Park



Several rigs made it out to Ruidoso for the August outing, and what an amazing weekend it turned into. Thank you, Jay and Dolores for hosting and to those who helped out to make the weekend one great event.

Friday, of course, was started with our traditional soup and sandwiches dinner. After dinner, it was time to hang out and chat; it's been quite a while since we've had a good-sized group, and we were catching up. Dolores invited a friend, Cynthia, and she fit right into our group.

We were asked to wear spirit shirts to breakfast Saturday morning. There were mostly football and baseball shirts, but we even had a Nascar jersey. Jay, those blueberry, cream cheese filled pancakes were delicious. After breakfast, Dolores shared the scavenger hunt requirements, and we were off to try and find everything and take pictures for evidence. On their walk-a-bout, Tim and Ginny met Mae (from New Braunfels). She paints rocks and gives them away to other campers. Ginny walked away with a ladybug and an idea for a future outing activity.

The Beaulieus and Lopezes took a quick drive into town to buy S'more ingredients (they were on the scavenger hunt list), take a picture of the Ruidoso mural (also on the list) and look at carved bears. On the way back to the park, they stopped at Sonic for some drinks. Need a laugh, ask Tim about a small Twinkie Twizzler!

At 1:00, it was time for the ladies to decorate hats...yes, decorate hats. We really had a good time with it. The guys voted for the one hat they thought was the best. Silvyva, your hat was "over the top," and absolutely deserved to be #1.

Cynthia's husband, Jim, arrived for the rest of the weekend. He too, fit right in.

After the hat decorating, adult Capri Suns were passed out, and the games began. Rounds of Corn Hole and Ring Toss pretty much filled the rest of the afternoon. The competitors were definitely into winning...at least the guys were. It was all in good fun, and it added to a perfect afternoon. Nelson and Greg were the Corn Hole champions, and Rodney & Tim took the win at Ring Toss.

Jay and Dolores provided burgers (sliders), brats, and wings for dinner. In addition, we had awesome pork loin cuts and a fantastic pulled pork. Add to that: queso, poppers, caramelized onions, corn salad, potato salad, guacamole, corn on the cob, and chips...and we had a feast. Jay made up a plate of leftovers for each rig because she said, "I am NOT taking anything home!"

Following dinner, it was time for another game: Dollar Bill. Each person had to bring a \$1 bill. A deck of cards was shuffled, and each person given one card. The person to start the game had to pass their card to the left (unless they had a king). Each person in turn had to then pass their card left. You could only keep your card and say "pass" if you had a king. Once all the cards were passed, they were turned over, and the individual with the highest card won the round. They folded down one corner of their \$1 bill. After a few rounds, and since we still had a movie to watch, the winner was allowed to fold two corners of their \$1. Tim actually won a round with an 8 and then with a king making him the winner. He walked away with \$9! Poor Ana had to pass her queen left giving Cynthia the win once. Unfortunately, for Cynthia, the second time she had a queen, Tim had a king. What a great game for everyone to play at once with no thinking or strategy...just fun!

To wrap up the evening, Greg set up a projector and screen. The group decided on the new *Magnificent Seven* as the evening show. Dolores popped up several bags of popcorn, and the show began. Silvyta took a picture of the burning church for her "campfire" pic (scavenger hunt). We had to give her credit for creativity...it was a fire, and we were camping.

We never did make S'mores. We were way too full after dinner, and then there was popcorn with the movies. Pictures of the ingredients met the requirement as far as the scavenger hunt went.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed breakfast sponsored by Twin Spruce. Biscuits and gravy, pancakes and bacon, waffles, sausage biscuit, and burritos wrapped up the menu, and the prices were reasonable. During breakfast, Dolores gathered photo evidence of everyone's scavenger hunt. It came down to the wire, but Tim & Ginny pulled off the win.

Prizes were given for each event/activity. From wine bottles to back scratchers, towels, coffee mugs with spoons, a dog paw cleaner, and more things that "your editor" can even remember were awarded. Each rig also received a "dirty penny" for being a champion.

Once again...

Thank you Jay and Dolores for hosting the outing.
Thank you to everyone who helped pull it together.
It was great to meet Cynthia and Jim; look for them at future meetings/outings.







Concentration



Modeling our art



A touch of detail



And the winner is...



Choosing materials

Hat Decorating 101

Silvia and her cowboy style hat

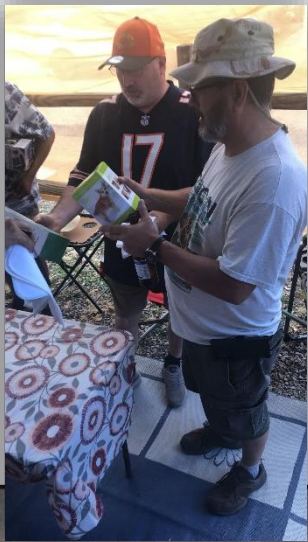
– grand prize: a tower of chocolate and popcorn



Final works of art



Let the games begin



Although there was a bit of heckling going on, we are all good sports, and we know how to a friendly competition of ring toss.



Corn Hole at its best



The winners – Greg and Nelson



Our fabulous hosts – Dolores and Jay



This is how you relax



Scavenger hunt!!



Cheers





Movie Night



Caliche's Frozen Custard stop on the way home



Just a-swingin'



Jack!!

Member News



Charlie B. 8/16
Wilson 8/31



Merle & Linda 8/6
Tim & Daphne 8/21

I haven't heard any member news, so just a reminder...

- if you've been traveling, or
- If you've had a life event, or
- If you just want to share something

Shoot me a text, a message, an e-mail, or even a phone call

RV Tips

Yes, the destination is important, but when Rving, so is the journey.

At our Ruidoso outing this weekend, we got on the topic of traveling, longer trips, driving times, stops, etc. In that conversation, it was mentioned that it would be great to have the "rule of thumb" and places/ways to stay in writing. Last month, it was shared how to save some money on RV parks when on those long trips.

The following was shared in May 2022s newsletter but it's worth sharing again.

Many Rvers use the 2/2/2 rule. The first 2 stands for limiting your drive to 200 miles per day. This allows you to keep things manageable and gives more time to relax and enjoy adventures. This is also the easiest "2" to break. The second piece of the 2/2/2 rule is to stop every two hours and take a break. Fuel up your rig, stretch your legs, walk the dogs, go to the restroom, eat lunch. Just take a break! If you are driving longer, be in your campsite by 2 PM. No one likes to set up in the dark, and the campground might already be closed when you arrive. Consider that if you don't have reservations, the campground may be full. Stopping by 2 PM gives you time to enjoy the evening, relax, and get a good night's sleep. You'll be better prepared for the next day...especially if you're back on the road. The final part of 2/2/2 is stay two nights in each place. Hitching/unhitching and daily driving can lead to weariness and exhaustion. If you do stay only one night, take a walk or visit a point of interest to burn up the pent-up energy from traveling all day.

An alternative to the 2/2/2 rule is the 3/3/3 rule. It's basically the same concept: drive no more than 300 miles per day. Arrive at camp by 3 PM. Stay three nights, or don't travel hard for more than three days in a row. There is no need to "get tired."

If you do push hard for a few days in a row, make sure to take advantage of the break when you do stop for more than one night.

So, rather than cramming as much travel as possible into a few days' time, take the time to allow yourself to enjoy the stops along your trip – see and learn new things. Give yourself time to recover from driving. Indulge yourself in watching a movie or your favorite show. And remember, especially if time is not an issue...yes, you do want to get to your destination; however, don't overlook the journey.

Note: The Beaulieus and Linvilles have been doing some longer personal RV trips. Feel free to ask them about their travels:

- what worked, what didn't
- where they stay. How long they stay
- how they find places to stay
- know yourself; know your limits

We're heading to Willcox, AZ for the October outing.

- The wine festival is the "draw" for the weekend. It is open Saturday from 11-5. Advance tickets are \$35 (\$45) at the gate. Tickets include commemorative wine glass and 10 tasting tickets.
- [Willcox Wine Country - Fall Festival - Oct. 2023 Tickets, Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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Willcox, AZ

OCT 20-22



Friday

- 6:00 PM - Soup-n-Sandwiches
- after dinner - Games (board game rounds)

Saturday

- 9:00 AM - Breakfast (bring your favorite breakfast item to share)
- 11:00 – 5:00 - Wine Festival (it runs until 5:00, but we have other activities)
- 3:00 PM - Rock painting. If you have a rock, bring it. We will provide some rocks, paints and brushes.
- 6:00 PM - Dinner is a taco bar. We will provide everything needed for the tacos. Please bring a side to share.
- after dinner
 - 80s music – name the song and artist in just a few notes
 - air guitar competition
 - best dressed (80s attire) contest

- Sunday - Coffee & pastries before we hit the road

The outing is 80s-themed. Dress as a rockstar, popstar, or punk. Think *Flashdance*, *Miami Vice*, *Magnum P.I.*, neon colors, big hair with lots of volume, puffy sleeves, ripped/acid washed jeans, leggings, leather...the list goes on.



Where to Next –
Willcox, AZ October 20-22

July Meeting Summary

Victor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Wilson led us in prayer. Bob led us in the Pledge.

Guests: Janet Walker

June 2023 minutes were reviewed

Treasurer's report was given. The Hollimons and Dions submitted dues and are officially members.

We had several birthdays in July: Merle, Lynne, Victor, Linda, Daphne, and Charlie W. Anniversaries celebrated by: Victor & Melinda, Edgar & Susana, and Tim & Ginny

Cards were sent out to members.

It's time to vote for officers. Think about nominating someone or volunteering. Nominations will be presented in October and voted on. Officers will be installed in December.

Outing suggestions were passed out and collected by Bob. The outing committee scheduled their meetings: July 25, and August 1 at 5:00 at Wilson's workplace.

Bob covered upcoming outings. There are no outings scheduled in September.

Dolores went over the itinerary for the August outing in Ruidoso.

Other business:

- Starting a 50/50 fundraiser at meetings
- Shirts, nametags
- Reinstating the pig
- What we spend our money on: non-profit donation, Wreaths Across America, December outing main course (meats)

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.

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

The 2024 schedule is out. You can begin making reservations at most parks. See separate e-mails for information.



Sunshine & Care



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 MON	Hatch, NM (Chile Festival)	<u>Hatch RV</u> 575-649-3070 (Marilyn)	
	September	15-17 FRI-SUN	Albuquerque, NM (balloon festival)	<u>Rock Hill RV</u> 575-439-6224 (Cindy)	
	October	20-22 FRI-SUN	Willcox, AZ (wine festival)	<u>Willcox KOA Holiday</u> 844-982-5415 (Sandy – 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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January <i>(Martin Luther King)</i>	12-15 FRI-MON	Tucson, AZ	Mission View RV Resort 800-444-8439 (Kelly)	
February	2-4 FRI-SUN	Roswell, NM	Trailer Village RV Park 575-623-6040 (Morgan)	
March	15-18 FRI-MON	Saint Johns, AZ	Lyman Lake State Park 928-337-4441 (Sandra)	
April	18-22 THU-MON	Corpus Christi, TX	NAS (Naval Air Station) Corpus Christi RV Park 361-961-1293/1294	
May	10-12 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM	Twin Spruce RV Park 575-257-4310 (Ryan or Cody)	
June	14-17 FRI-MON	Angel Fire, NM	Camp Eagle Nest 575-377-2566 (Kara)	
July <i>(4th of July)</i>	3-7 WED-SUN	Mayhill, NM	Deer Spring RV Park 575-687-3464 (Jill-manager)	
August	9-11 FRI-SUN	Timberon, NM	Circle Cross RV Park 575-987-2651 (Michelle)	
August	30- SEP 2 FRI-MON	Pagosa Springs, CO	Pagosa Springs RV Park 970-264-9264 (Daryl)	
September	20-22 FRI-SUN	Fort Davis, TX	Davis Mountains State Park 519-389-8900 (group reservations) 432-426-3337 (Danny)	
October	25-27 FRI-SUN	Columbus, NM	Pancho Villa State Park 575-531-2711 (office) 877-664-7787 (Reservations)	
November	15-17 FRI-SUN	Alpine, TX	Lost Alaskan RV Park 432-837-1136 (Shazlyn)	
December	6-9 FRI-MON	Albuquerque, NM	Enchanted Trails RV 505-831-6317 (Vicky – primary (Jim))	

Clicking on the link for each park takes you to their website for additional information