



Bordertown Sams

El Paso Texas Good Sam Chapter

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Camping is the answer. Who cares what the question is!

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Texas Good Sam Chapter Standard Operating Procedure: Article I - It is the purpose of the TEXAS GOOD SAM CHAPTERS to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities. The State Organization shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, non-racial, non-denominational and non-discriminatory, and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the ideals and principals of the Good Sam Club.



Feb 11 Dan
Feb 19 Barbara J.



Feb. Anniversaries

Feb 23 Tom and Maria

January 2017

Benson, AZ

Butterfield RV Resort and Observatory

Another great camping weekend has come and gone. January found the chapter heading to Arizona for the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Although it was a cold weekend, we ended up having an awesome outing...again.

Tidbit: Benson is a city in Cochise County, Arizona, 45 miles east-southeast of Tucson. It was founded as a rail terminal for the area, and still serves as such. As of the 2010 census, the population of the city was 5,105. Amid picturesque river-valley views, agreeable weather and the home of Kartchner Caverns State Park, the City of Benson is ideally situated along Interstate-10 as the Gateway to Cochise County. Founded in 1880 prior to Arizona's mining boom, Benson developed as a stopping point for the Butterfield Overland Stage mail delivery route. Soon thereafter, the Southern Pacific Railroad came into Benson and continued to serve the area until 1997, when the line was purchased by Union Pacific Railroad.

The City of Benson's culture is ingrained with the Old West and our traditional Railroad heritage. The Benson Visitor Center – Train Depot, located at 249 East Fourth Street in the heart of Benson's historic downtown is a beautiful replica railroad depot using many of the same architectural features as the original depot that was built over a century ago.

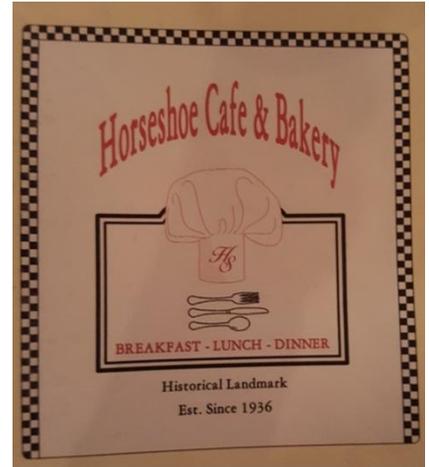
Butterfield RV Resort and Observatory, I have to say is quite a nice RV park. I guess that's why they call it a "Resort." It was too cloudy so we couldn't enjoy the Observatory...maybe next time.

We had a small group but had the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Friday we had our usual soup and sandwiches, and although it was a small group, we had plenty to eat and quite a variety.

The weather was nice and cool, the clubhouse had everything available, and we ate and planned on breakfast early in the morning.

Early Saturday morning Edgar and Victor started the bacon, yes breakfast but we can't forget the bacon. One thing's for sure, this group loves their bacon. Anyway breakfast was ready by 8:30.



For Sunday's breakfast, we decided on the Horseshoe Café and Bakery. Note to ourselves for the future – the plates are plenty of food for two to share. Ginny had a piece of ham that's bigger than some steaks!





How'd those two get in the picture? The girls were hiking in Ruidoso and sent the pic to Melinda.



Merle and Linda's shopping spree





Howdy, Partner!
What are you
doing? You can't
pour beer in a
coffee cup!





We were so cold, literally freezing, so we stepped into this little diner in Tombstone for a cup of coffee. However, after seeing the *apple cobbler and ice cream* on the menu, we decided we had to try it. Of course Edgar, who wasn't cold at all, ordered a soda to go with his dessert. We agreed, this was by far the best apple cobbler any of us have had.



The streets
of



Tombstone





Good thing you're not a politician, Tim!



Heading down to the OK Corral!







Great puzzle area set up for guests. Too bad we couldn't get it finished. Looks like Victor and Danica were getting those pieces to cooperate.



Catching up on pictures from Carlsbad.



What are you feeding the stag, Victor?

Opening and stealing gifts – our Christmas outing tradition.



Bette loves blankets and was so excited when she opened this one!



Dalena loves soft, fluffy blankets as well, and it appears that she is going to “steal” this one!



The “steal” is final! One look of sheer happiness, the other of utter disappointment!



What’s the deal with the hat, Dan?



Jace! What have we got there? The intensity of opening the gift...





Look at those smiles!



Looking a bit cold on the river.



Dan and Kiyoko bundled up for the Pecos River Christmas Cruise.



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Outing Destinations

January	13-16	Benson, AZ (280 miles)	Butterfield RV Resort 800-863-8160 520-58604400	
February	17-20	Alpine, TX (213 miles)	Lost Alaskan RV Park 432-837-1136	
March	10-12	Alamogordo, NM (152 miles)	Boot Hill RV 575-439-6224	
April	21-23	Las Cruces, NM (55 miles)	Sunny Acres RV Park 575-524-1716	
May	26-29*	Silver City, NM – Blues Festival (160miles)	Manzano's RV Park 575-538-0918 (NO CREDIT CARDS)	
June	16-18	Ruidoso, NM (143 miles)	RV Resorts of Ruidoso (top level) 575-257-2600	
July	1 – 5	Chama, NM (444 miles)	Sky Mountain RV 575-756-1100	
August	10-13*	Cloudcroft, NM (112 miles) (reservations already made and paid)	Upper Fir Reservations are already made – we reimburse Victor and Jerry	
September	1-4	Grants, NM (331 miles)		
October	6-9*	Fredericksburg, TX (491 miles) Oktoberfest	Fredericksburg RV Park 830-990-9582 866-324-7575	
November	10-12	Las Cruces, NM (55 miles) (probably Hacienda)	Hacienda RV & Rally Resort 575-528-5800	
December	1-3 or 8-10	Tabled until January meeting	Edgar is checking into White Sands	

Cancelled

* These dates are for specific events and cannot be changed.