



Bordertown Sams

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Good things come to those who RV

October saw a few of us heading to Rusty's RV Ranch in Rodeo, NM as the Bulverde outing was cancelled. What a great place to visit in October.

We decided to try out the Friday night potluck offered by the ranch. For \$2 per person (plus bring a side), we had a great evening. Pizzas were cooked on the grill. Since we were making pizzas as well, we added all our ingredients to the meal. Jay made a fantastic Zuppa Toscana, and other campers kept asking, "Who made that soup?" We had a great evening of food, friends, and fun.

Saturday started with a breakfast of bacon, scrambled, eggs, yogurt & fixings, and biscuits & gravy. Tim and Ginny took a quick trip into Douglas to check out the Gadsden Hotel and enjoy a coffee and ice cream. A storm blew into the area, so our outdoor dinner turned into an indoor one – no worries, the club room was awesome. A dinner of pork, red beans, brats, sausage, and potato salad topped off with pies made up our evening meal. We wrapped up the day with some Rummikub and then sat in the aviary for a bit after dark.

Sunday was spent watching football and "grazing football fare" all day. Dinner was an antipasto salad, Italian bread & bruschetta, and lasagna.





The Linvilles and Beaulieus (wish more of you could have joined us) enjoyed a great weekend at Elephant Butte RV Resort. Friday evening, we enjoyed dinner in a heated tent...yes, it was chilly outside. Friends of the Beaulieus joined us, and we really just hung out chatting and having a great time. Saturday morning breakfast included biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon (of course). We ventured into town to check out the TorC Brewing Company. Kathy and Ginny decided the blood orange cider was outstanding. We spent Saturday afternoon munching on cheese and crackers, queso & chips, and pomegranate martinis. Sunday evening, Bob and Kathy pulled out their pizza oven to make pizzas for dinner. Sunday morning, we feasted on pancakes, sausage, and fried eggs. Sunday was spent watching football and snacking. For dinner, we made pizzas in Bob and Kathy's pizza oven. Another great weekend is over and done.



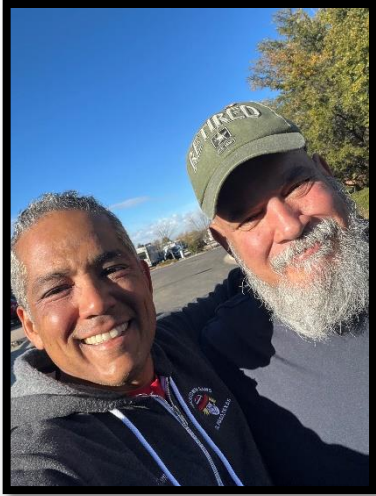
Our annual Christmas outing was held at Hacienda RV Resort. What a great turnout we had. Friday evening, we started off with soup & sandwiches. Wilson and Dolores brought a tasty Puerto Rican drink for all to try. Following dinner, we had a cookie and ornament exchange. Pretty sure this might turn into a tradition. We wore our "ugly sweaters," and Tim was declared the winner of the ugly sweater contest.

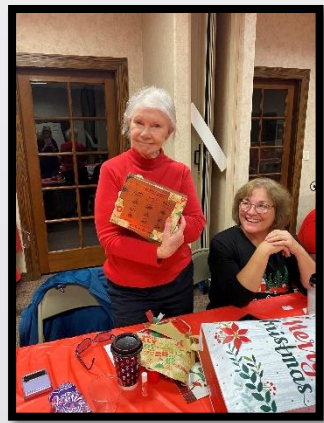
Saturday morning, we enjoyed our group breakfast: biscuits & gravy, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and so much more. Some of us headed to the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market to see if there was anything to buy...there was. Once it started raining, we headed back to Hacienda. Victor spent the rest of the afternoon making carnitas and asado. Wilson took a quick (not so quick) trip back to El Paso to pick up the brisket for our dinner. We had a great meal which included some tasty sides: potato salad, tamales, baked sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, bacon gouda mac-n-cheese, corn pudding, coleslaw and pies. After dinner, we had our traditional gift exchange. The wine, whiskey, and serape shawl seemed to be the favorites this year. Lisa made such a pouty face, no one wanted to steal the serape from her. Melinda kept trying to steal table decorations (ornaments).

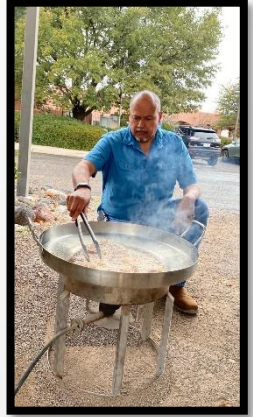














Lisa 10.23



- Tim 11.5
- Jill 11.16
- Willie 11.19
- Bob 11.24



- Ana 12.7
- Jim 12.14



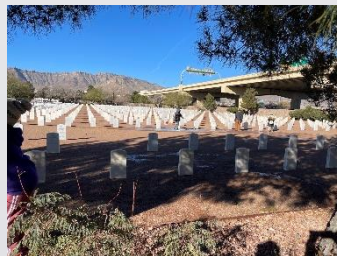
Nelson & Ana 12.21



Member News & Happenings

- Susie had gall bladder surgery the beginning of December. We all wish you the best as you recover.
- Victor and Tim took a quick trip to Chicago While there, they took in Bulls game, a Bears game, ate lots of pizza, toured the Starbucks Reserve Roastery...and froze a little.
- The Beaulieus and Linvilles attended the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl as did James, Greg, and Jay.

Wreaths Across America – what an honorable event in which to participate. This year, we volunteered to place wreaths at markers. We were given an envelope with 18 names in addition to the 18 wreaths. Thanks to Tim and Daphne for supplying breakfast burritos and Ginny for bringing coffee. Nelson lead us in a prayer and salute at each marker where we placed a wreath. What a touching experience. To see all the organizations and people come together to make sure all the wreaths are placed is heartwarming.



Ham and Split Pea Soup *~submitted by Lisa*

Ingredients

2 T butter
 2 ribs of celery sliced
 2 carrots, sliced
 onion diced
 3 clover garlic
 1 lb split peas (I used yellow split peas)
 1 lb diced ham
 1 bay leaf
 2 T Tony's Creole seasoning
 1 qt. chicken stock
 2.5 cups of water
 salt & pepper to taste



Instructions

Melt butter in large soup pot over medium heat. Stir in carrots, and let them begin to cook. Add the celery. Then add onion and garlic and cook until onions are translucent but not brown (5 to 8 minutes)

Stir in split peas, ham and seasonings. Pour in chicken stock and water; stir to combine and simmer until peas are tender and soup has thickened, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Rudy's sweet corn *~submitted by Lisa*

Ingredients

4 lb. frozen sweet corn
 2 8oz blocks of cream cheese
 1/2 cup, (one stick) salted butter
 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
 4 T sugar
 salt and pepper to taste.



Instructions

Place cream cheese, butter, cream and sugar in bottom of crock pot. Add corn to top. Simmer on medium for 4 hours. Stirring occasionally to bring gravy together.

I do recommend soften the cream cheese and butter. Also, thaw the corn out just a little.



No Bake Caramel Pretzel Crack Bars! *~Submitted by Dolores*

Ingredients

- 11.5 oz bag of Hershey's Milk Chocolate Chips
- 11 oz bag of Kraft Caramel Bits
- ½ Cup Reese's Peanut Butter Chips
- 8 oz of Mini Twist Pretzels

Instructions

1. In a small glass bowl, add the Hershey chocolate chips (Reserve about ¼ cup of chips for later). Melt in microwave in 20 second intervals until melted.
2. Spread the melted chocolate on a parchment lined cookie sheet.
3. Place pretzels on top of the chocolate, they can overlap.
4. Place the Kraft caramel bits in a bowl with 2 Tablespoons of water and melt in microwave for 1 ½ minutes to 2 minutes. Once melted drizzle and spread over the pretzels. Let Cool.
5. Melt the reserved ¼ cup of chocolate chips in the microwave and drizzle over the cooled caramel. Repeat with the Reese's peanut butter chips.
6. Let Bars cool completely then Enjoy!!

Meeting Summary

The **October** meeting was held at Great American Steakburger. The meeting was called to order by Ginny. Willie led us in prayer, and Tim led us in the Pledge.

The September minutes were presented and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

Wreaths Across America event was discussed.

Ideas for the Christmas outing were presented. Tim covered upcoming outings.

Ginny shared that Weebly may no longer be accessible as a webpage as they are merging with Square and appear to require membership. We should check into other sites.

Next meeting is November 10, Great American Steakburger.

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The **November** meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> (not the 10<sup>th</sup>) at Great American Steakburger. Victor called the meeting to order, Wilson led us in prayer, and Bob led us in the Pledge.

October minutes were presented and approved. The treasurer's report was given. Ginny submitted membership form to Texas Good Sam; we have 15 registered rigs. Dues (\$75) will be mailed tomorrow.

Good Sam Brand Guidelines pertaining to the logo were received. Ginny will submit usage agreement form by January 31, 2023.

Wreaths Across American is December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are registered (online) for 12 members. Tim and Daphne will bring breakfast burritos.

We decided to cancel the December meeting due to facility availability.

The Christmas outing: cookie, ornament, and gift exchanges. Brisket will be purchased using chapter funds. Victor will make carnitas and asado. Please sign up for a side to bring.

Bob covered outings. It appears February's outing will be canceled.

Next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at Great American Steakburger.



## 2023 Outing Destinations



| Month                                          | Dates            | Location                                      | Contact Information                                                                     |                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January<br><i>(Martin Luther King)</i>         | 13-16<br>FRI-MON | Caballo Lake, NM                              | <a href="#">Caballo Lake</a><br>575-743-3942 (park)<br>877-664-7787 (reservations) \$18 |    |
| February<br><i>(Presidents' Day)</i>           | 17-20<br>FRI-MON | Tombstone, AZ                                 | <a href="#">Tombstone RV Park &amp; Campground</a><br>520-457-3829                      |    |
| March                                          | 17-19<br>FRI-SUN | Alpine, TX                                    | <a href="#">Lost Alaskan RV Park</a><br>432-837-1136 (Shazlyn)                          |    |
| April                                          | 21-23<br>FRI-SUN | Silver City, NM                               | <a href="#">Manzano's RV Park</a><br>575-538-0918                                       |    |
| May<br><i>(Memorial Day)</i>                   | 26-29<br>FRI-MON | Santa Fe, NM                                  | <a href="#">Rancheros de Santa Fe</a><br>505-466-3482                                   |    |
| June<br><i>(Father's Day &amp; Juneteenth)</i> | 16-19<br>FRI-MON | Mayhill, NM                                   | <a href="#">Deer Spring RV Resort</a><br>575-687-3464                                   |   |
| June-July<br><i>(4th of July)</i>              | 30-4<br>FRI-TUE  | Durango, CO                                   | <a href="#">Bayfield Riverside RV Park</a><br>970-884-2475                              |  |
| August                                         | 4-6<br>FRI-SUN   | Ruidoso, NM                                   | <a href="#">Twin Spruce RV</a><br>575-257-4310                                          |  |
| September                                      | 1-4<br>FRI-MON   | Hatch, NM<br>(Chile Festival)                 | <a href="#">Hatch RV</a><br>575-649-3907 (Melissa)                                      |  |
| September                                      | 15-17<br>FRI-SUN | Alamogordo<br>(Balloon Festival)              | <a href="#">Boot Hill RV</a><br>575-439-6224 (Cindy)                                    |  |
| October                                        | 20-22<br>FRI-SUN | Willcox, AZ<br>(wine festival)                | <a href="#">Willcox KOA Holiday</a><br>844-982-5415 (Robin - group reservations)        |  |
| November<br><i>(Veterans' Day)</i>             | 10-12<br>FRI-SUN |                                               |                                                                                         |                                                                                       |
| December                                       | 8-10<br>FRI-SUN  | Elephant Butte, NM<br>(Lighting of the Boats) | <a href="#">Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</a><br>575-744-5996                           |  |