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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE OCTOBER 2021

We've had some great trips already this year - Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and California. It's been great to see so many members from our group travelling to new and not-so-new places, enjoying nature, visiting with other members, building new friendships, and taking in some beautiful sights.

Happily, our last quarterly meeting took place at Affinity RV in Prescott - thanks to Bob Been and Chris Heurung, our new Affinity point of contact, for opening their doors to us so we can once again hold our meetings, get together to visit, and enjoy some good food along the way. We had a great crowd for this meeting and lots of good food, drinks, and conversations.

These past couple years have been a challenge, to say the least, and as things look to be opening up again, it's time to plan for the fall, winter and new year. With me (President) and Adrian (Vice President) planning to step down this year and Chris (Treasurer), Dan (Membership) and Diane (Secretary) providing the continuity into the new year for the new board members, it's time to think about some replacements for the outgoing board members. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of each position, please go to our website (http:\\www.roadrunners97.com) and go to "Our Club" and click on Bylaws/Guides. The attached documents on that page will give you the information you need for all officer positions.

We'll also be seeing a change in some of the volunteer positions – Communications and our Newsletter Editor will change hands this year as well. Since these are volunteer positions, they're not voted on and the new volunteers can start whenever the transition is complete. Charley Shipman will be our new Newsletter Editor – many thanks to Barbara Indra for providing wonderful newsletters over the past



10+ years – Charley has some big shoes to fill!!! Also, Jeri Rook will be taking over Communications again –she's already been in this position, so the transition will be seamless.

It'll be great to step back after these last couple years and watch a new board run this great group. Even though I'll miss the day-to-day excitement that this position brings along with the people who make up this great group, I'll be excited to see where the next board takes us. We've got a wonderful group of people willing to step in and help whenever possible, and for me, that's been the most rewarding part of this "job" - seeing the camaraderie that comes out during our trips and at the meetings. The newly elected officers will hopefully experience an easy transition from the old board members and will quickly see that running this group is almost on auto-pilot - there's not much to do and there's always help available behind-the-scenes. We still have our quarterly meeting at Distant Drums in November (where we'll elect the new 2022 board and plan next year's trips) and the Christmas Party in December. Please consider going to the November meeting and bring some ideas for trips for next year.

Here's hoping that the rest of this year brings you all happiness, good health and visits with family, friends and loved ones (and hopefully building some new friendships along the way).

Shawn Stencel, President

### **NEWSLETTER EDITORS NOTE**

Hello I'm Charley Shipman and I've just taken over responsibility for your quarterly newsletter from Barbara Indra who has published it for the past 10+ years. Many thanks to Barbara for doing that.

I don't have the publishing experience she has so I ask for your patience as I learn the job. The format and layout will change over time.

The main thing I want to accomplish is to keep everyone informed of what's going on in the club, trips that are coming up and any reports on trips that have been completed.

I hope to publish articles of interest on RV's and camping in general. If you have something along those lines, please submit them to me at <u>roadrunners.newsletter@gmail.com</u>.



#### CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

Our annual Christmas party will take place on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>. The party will begin at 5:00 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. It will be at the "Event Spot" at 6520 e. 1<sup>st</sup>. Street in Prescott Valley.

Please bring you own alcoholic beverages for pre dinner mingling. The club will provide cups and ice.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. The menu is:

Fruit crudite and salad
Roast Beef au jus
Baked chicken with pesto alfredo
Green beans almondine
Roasted red potatoes with pepper and onion medley
Fruit cobbler with whipped cream
Coffee, Iced tea and water

There will be a quick drawing after dinner

The entertainment will begin at 7:30 and features Elvis.

The cost for dinner will be \$12.50 per person (\$25.00 Per couple) If you are planning to attend, please pay at diatant drums or send your check directly to the club treasurer, Chris Stowers no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris' address is 1351 Samantha st. In Prescott 86301.

Our Christmas Party has always been one of the highlights of the year and we hope to see you there.

The Christmas Party Committee

### PISMO BEACH TRIP

The Road Runner's Pismo Beach trip in June was a great trip.

Families that attended were: Lynn Rask & Susan Abbott, Ron & Jerri Rook, Jerry & Gina Winters and wagonmasters Lee & Sally Rosenfeld

Our first stop was an overnight stay at a nice RV campground in Tehachapi called Mountain Valley RV Park. It was a quick but nice stay. The next day we made our long drive to Pismo Beach. We stayed at Pismo Coast RV Resort where you actually needed a sweater or a light jacket during the afternoons and evenings.

We visited a lot of places. First was downtown Pismo for some great clam chowder at Splash Café. We took a drive north along Hwy 1 on the beautiful central coast to Cayucos, which is a quaint little town.



Cambria is another one of the central coast's jewels, We also visited the town of Morro Bay and Arroyo Grande. We also took a nice drive to San Luis Obispo where we went to the Thursday Night Farmers Market, which is a great place to watch, (I mean buy) nuts and lots of fresh veggies. Sally and I are looking forward to many more adventures with the Road Runners.

#### LAKE MEAD TRIP

Lake Mead at RV Village at Boulder Beach was hosted by Charley and Diane Shipman in mid April. We had 18 people, starting the week off with a dinner of Jambulaya, honey corn muffins, beet, mandarin orange green salad with spiced pecans and for dessert snickers, twix ice cream bars with brownies! Pretty tasty, with 1 cup of jambalaya left! Our radar included golf, Hoover Dam Sightseeing cruise, with lunch afterwards at Fox Smokehouse BBQ in Boulder City, which is one of 25 best barbecue restaurants in Nevada. DELICIOUS! The Railway Muesum was very interesting, with street cars and railway vehicles. Historic Railroad Trail, 5 tunnels of rugged volcano which head to Hoover Dam, was enjoyed early one morning! Explored the Ghost town of Nelson, Nevada, which in 1861 was the oldest, richest and most famous gold mine in southern Nevada. The building has been somewhat restored, used as set for movies and mine tours are given. It is a town full of old cars, trucks, planes, gas pumps, bicycles, buildings and even rattlesnakes!!! Finished our time together with a Meryl Streep movie at sundown. It was very enjoyable to just be together again and explore Nevada!





#### LAKE PATAGONIA OUTING

Ten rigs attended the Lake Patagonia outing held April 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. We had moderate temperatures with some wind that required us to cancel campfires for a couple of evenings. The fish did not cooperate but everyone had a good time.

Dinner on Monday night was provided by the Wagon Masters. Hot dogs and brats were served. A big Thank You to Adrian Geiger for assisting in the grilling and many attendees provided sides and desserts.

Happy Hours were held each evening and, as usual, all were well-fed.

We had an outing for lunch at the Tubac Golf Resort on Wednesday. It was held in a nice covered patio area overlooking the golf course. In addition to a great lunch, we had a great view of golfers and some cattle as well.

Our thanks to all who attended.

Dan and Diane Grayson Wagonmasters

## Yosemite National Park Sept 13-17, 2021

There were 5 rigs making this extraordinary trip. Susan Abbott/ Lynn Rask; Rick & Maggie Kilgore; Ray & Theresa Shultz, Winters & Rooks (CoWagonmasters).

A meal was provided on Monday, 9-13-21. Each person had registered and purchased tickets to enter Yosemite for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Members enjoyed the time to sit, visit, unwind and tell about their adventures during Happy Hour.

Shuttles were not running this season and it was easy to put many miles on the vehicles within the Park.

Members enjoyed some hiking, shopping, eating and exploring. Luckily the smoke from the fires was not problematic, until the last two days and you could definitely see it in the sky. We were never in danger.





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# LAUGH OF THE DAY

I want to hang a map of the United States in my house. Then I'm going to put pins into all the locations that I've traveled to in my RV. But first, I'm going to have to travel to the top two corners of the map, so it won't fall off the wall!