



ROADRUNNER RAMBLINGS

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BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT...JERRY WINTERS

VICE-PRESIDENT...RAY SCHULTZ

SECRETARY...DIANE SHIPMAN

TREASURER..PAM ZACHARIA

MEMBERSHIP...DAN GRAYSON

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE APRIL 2022

Roadrunners,

Hard to believe that a third of the year has flown by. The club has had a few nice trips: Firework Show at Lake Havasu, Death Valley N.P., Verde River Resort and Buckskin State Park. And we have a Big Trip coming up at the end of May to Monument Valley / Durango, CO. We have a few more trips in the works one in July to Happy Jacks. I want to thank all of those who have planned and attended these trips and encourage more to Plan and be Wagon Masters and others to join in on these fun trips.

We just had our Q2 Club Meeting and had a Great Turnout and it was good seeing some members we have not seen for a while. The day before the meeting the planned location at Goldwater Lake was cancelled due to the Crooks Fire burning nearby, so we moved our meeting to the Willow Lake Park and had a nice meeting and Picnic Lunch.

Affinity RV has decided to have their Anniversary Show this year after a two year hiatus due to the Pandemic. While the club is smaller we have Excellent Support from our members to help Cook and Serve at the Affinity's two locations and help out our Great Sponsor Affinity RV.

Keep in mind our main Goals:

Have Fun, Go RV'ing, Get all Members Involved, Recruit New Members, Support our Vets and our Sponsor Affinity RV.

Get out and Go RV'ing and Safe Journies.

Jerry Winters

NEWSLETTER EDITORS NOTES

As I try 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 so please send me your info, pictures and thoughts and I will pass it on here.

I will publish articles of interest on RV's and camping in general. If you have something along those lines, please submit them to me at charley.shipman@gmail.com.

Please remember when responding for a specific trip communicate directly with the Wagonmaster not communications.

Raffle Prizes: As you know the raffle prizes are donated by the members and if you were one of the lucky raffle prize winners could you be so kind as to bring a raffle prize to the next meeting. That would help a lot. If you didn't win, better luck next time and bring one anyway. This is one of the ways our club raises money.

New Web Site and Face Book Page: We now have a new updated Web Site: <http://www.yavapairoadrunners.com>. The site will now be updated and managed by Ray Schultz so if you have news or pictures, send them to Ray. The site now has a Roadrunner email people can use to contact the Club, located under the "Contact Us" tab. The 5-year contract on the old site comes up for renewal this summer, which will not be renewed as the new site is more cost effective. The old site roadrunners97 will be going away. We now have a new Facebook page: Yavapai Roadrunners. All FB members will now be able to post to this site

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS NOTE

As I send out emails to the club members, I wanted to explain why you are not seeing every club member on the email "batch" you receive. It was suggested to me a few years back to divide the club members into 4 separate emailings. I have done that and it seems to be working well. The 4 groups of mailings are by last name and the 4 groups are: A-F, G-L, M-Q, R-Z. Thank you for your patience with me as I stumble along this communications path.....

Jerri Rook, Communications

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S NOTE

Membership Update

Hi to all of you Roadrunners! The upcoming sale at Affinity is one of our most important recruiting activities to get new members. I would expect this year's sale to be no different.

Please review your information in the attached roster. If you find anything in error, please notify me at penguinff2000@yahoo.com.

Dan Grayson

2022 Roadrunners Calendar of Events

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wagon Masters</u>
January	8	Quarterly Meeting	Potluck Dinner
February	10-14 23-28	Lake Havasu Fireworks Yuma	Indra (FULL) Meyers (Cancelled)
March	3-7 24-29	Death Valley N.P. Verde River Resort	Shipman Shultz/Winters
April	11-14 20	Buckskin State Park Quarterly Meeting	Meyers Bring lunch @ Willow Lake
May	27-28 29-June 4	Monument Valley Durango, CO	Schultz Rosenfeld
June			
July	9 22-24	Quarterly Meeting Happy Jack Lodge	Potluck Dinner @ Affinity Zacharia & Rosenfeld
August	22-28	Red River, NM	Geiger (Postponed to 2023)
September	TBD TBD	Dead Horse Williams, AZ	TBD TBD
October	Mid Oct	Rocky Point, MEX	Winters
November	11-14	Verde River Resort	Annual Meeting
December	TBD	Christmas Dinner	Club Officers

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Dates listed are for day of arrival through date of departure

TBD = To Be Determined

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DEATH VALLEY OUTING

WAGONMASTERS: CHARLEY AND DIANE SHIPMAN

Furnace Creek campground March 3-7 was the location of this outing. Due to the difficulty of getting reservations here, the event was lightly attended. The weather was great as this time of year is the best.

We visited Bad Water Basin, Devils Golf Course, Zabriski Point, and took the Artist Drive through some beautiful clay and sand formations. We visited the Borax Mines and studied the history that endeavor.

One day was dedicated to visiting the Wildrose Charcoal kilns. The western slopes of Death Valley are heavily timbered and the charcoal kilns were built to supply the mines with charcoal for their furnaces.



VERDE RIVER OUTING

WAGON MASTERS: JERRY WINTERS AND RAY SHULTZ

Ten rigs made it to this fantastic outing. It was great after a long cold winter. Ron & Jerri Rook, Jerry & Gina Winters, CC Botkin, Pat George, Arnie & Shirley Critelli, Dan & Chris Stowers, Bruce & Audra Minett, Adrian & Barb Geiger, Dan & Diane Grayson and Ray & Teresa Schultz made the trip. The first day, Wagonmasters Jerry Winters and Ray Schultz provided a brat and baked bean dinner after happy hour. It was great to get out again and visit with friends. Day two we checked out the free waffle breakfast provided by the resort (best waffle I ever had!) then had lunch at La Fonda Mexican restaurant down the road which was excellent. Then went to Blazin M Ranch for cocktails and a dinner show. Yippie-yi-o Yippie-yi-yay! That place is a riot! If you haven't been there you need to go! Saturday, we went to the Verde Canyon RR for an all afternoon train ride following the Verde River to Perkinsville. then back to the RV resort for a \$10 Gyro dinner hosted by the resort (this place has all of activities!). Sunday morning another free waffle breakfast was provided by the resort. Again excellent. For lunch we went to G's Burger in Cornville for the best burgers in the Verde Valley (its true!). Later, followed by happy hour (Do we like to eat or what!). Monday was a rest day with games of Bingo, Pictionary and of course more food and booze!

Submitted bt Ray Schultz





BUCKSKIN STATE PARK OUTING

WAGON MASTERS: DOUG AND MARY MYERS

We had seven rigs meet up at Buckskin Mountain State Park on the Colorado River. We have been there before and really like the location. There are a lot of big trees and grassy areas. However, some of the trees have been lost over the last couple of years – wind or sick. I could believe the wind because we had a couple of windy days.

Several of the rigs planned to arrive a day early, so we joined them and we scheduled a trip to the Desert Bar to take advantage of their limited hours. Another place we have visited before and recommend it to all. 4WD recommended but not necessary. We had early dinner there from their new kitchen and returned to circle for wagon masters hosted margarita party.

There was some fishing, not much catching, some hiking, and a lot of relaxation. Monday evening we circled again for happy hour and Wagon master hosted dinner – pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and homemade applesauce, followed by a lot of good conversations.

Tuesday we went to lunch down river at the Pirate’s Den. We circled for happy hour and lot’s of snacks.

Wednesday the girls visited several of the local thrift stores and almost everyone came back with “treasures”. We had a famous Roadrunner potluck for dinner with more great conversations. Our weather was great (except for the wind) and we had safe travels home on Thursday.

Submitted by Doug and Mary Meyers



GREAT PLACES TO CAMP

Big Bend National Park, Texas



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If you're looking for a great place to go rafting, canoeing, and kayaking, Big Bend National Park along the Rio Grande is an excellent place to go. There are also trails along the park's desert, mountain, and river landscapes for hiking or backpacking. You'll find three developed campgrounds there, as well as backcountry camping. Winter time is the best weather in Big Bend as the summer is VERY hot. November thru April is high season and reservations for any of the 3 campgrounds and the Lodge is recommended.

LAST LAUGH

MOTHER-IN-LAW

Bob, a hunter, went on camping trip with his wife, kids, and mother-in-law. One evening, while still deep in the forrest, the Mrs awoke to find her mother gone. Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother. Bob picked up his rifle, took a swig of whiskey, and started to look for her. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight, the mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large bear stood facing her. The wife cried, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing," said the hunter husband. "The bear got himself into this mess, let him get himself out of it."

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