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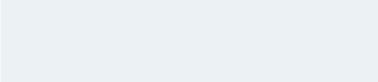
December 2025 & 2026 New Years  
Newsletter

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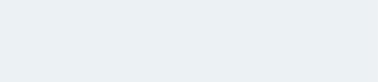
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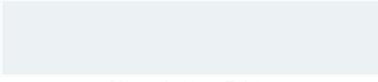
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## December 2025 Rally

On Thursday, December 4th, Eight RVs gathered at Eagle View RV Resort near Fountain Hills Arizona. After gathering for some catching up we all boarded the resort shuttles (which came



right to the hosts RV sites to pick us up) and went over to We-Ko-Pa Casino. After some group pictures in front of their beautiful Christmas Tree, we headed for the dinner buffet. There were offerings from many different cuisines, Mexican, Chinese, Italian,

Southern as well as a salad and dessert stations. We stuffed ourselves, then decided to walk around to the atrium to see the decorations and walk off some of our dinner. The valet called a shuttle for us and we returned to the host RV sites. It was a chilly evening and some headed in for the night and some sat around warm and toasty fire pits - a few chatting until 10:30 before turning in.



In the morning there were coffee fixings available at 8:30 but the Friday schedule allows a lazy morning until 10am at which time we



carpooled to Georgie's Restaurant in Fountain Hills for a fabulous brunch. The waitstaff was great, the weather was great, the food was great and the company was great. Just some of the reasons we

love to gather together at our rally's. The afternoon was met with free time and 2 more RVs arrived making us a group of 10 RVs. Some went shopping, some caught up on work duties, some napped



while others sat in the sunshine and visited. At 4:30 the group gathered once again and was



hosted with a Happy Hour before dinner including, virgin Daiquiris, virgin

Margaritas, homemade queso dip, salsa and chips. Followed by a taco bar with all the accoutrements including refried beans. Then a light dessert of no bake Oreo Cheesecake in a cup. Some folks chose a late-night activity at the casino. A live country band was on stage with plenty of dancing with a true cowboy vibe

happening. Others chose to skip the cold evening and retire. Saturday morning started with an outstanding potluck with loads of food. The ANASAZI's do know how to cook. After a great breakfast, people filled their mugs with coffee and stayed in a group to just hang out by the hosts rigs soaking up a little sun and warm up.



As the day progressed some were found discussing the latest project on their RV's and some chatted while doing crafts and others welcomed the quiet and napped. We gathered around 4 o'clock and headed over to the Saddle

Bronc Restaurant in Fountain Hills where they had an area reserved for us. The special was a 16oz Prime Rib Dinner and several partook, and many came back with takeout boxes.



Everyone talked about the service, the food and the time together. A great time. We returned to the RV Park for a Christmas present exchange with





hot chocolate, coffee and cherry dump cake. There was a special appearance by Frosty the Snowwoman and we had a lot of fun as she tried to maneuver her “snow” through the narrow RV

door and between tables and chairs. We cranked up 4 fire pits and put blankets on our laps and began to toss a funny shaped dice to give instructions on the gift exchange. At the end - the gift you held was the gift you owned and then some bartering began and there were a few trades and laughs. The Hosts want to give a great big thank you to all attendees and wish all our ANASAZI friends a

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Sallyanne and Mike Ray Kendra and Albert  
Gould**



## **2026 New Years at Ramblin’ Roads RV Resort**

The all-Arizona Chapter New Years’ Rally was held December 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 to January 2, 2025. It was held at Ramblin’ Roads RV Resort in Hope, AZ. On December 30<sup>th</sup> the rigs started arriving, with the anticipation of over 30 rigs coming, the park was bustling with activity. As the rigs arrived and set up, activities started up at the parks meeting hall. There was Hand and Foot games, Pegs & Jokers, Mexican Train and Cornhole games.

The hall became busy as people came in to see what was happening and to pick an activity and make new friends. At 5pm, Spaghetti was served. The potluck part was to bring a salad or garlic bread or desert to share. There was more than enough of everything but the deserts won out (after the spaghetti) as being the most plentiful and varied.

The Resort had a band playoff on the stage where local bands or just people got up and played music on the stage. It was a truly enjoyable evening.

The next morning, December 31<sup>st</sup>, breakfast was on your own. The rally slept in and the hall was virtually empty until around 11 am when lunch was scheduled at 12 noon. Lunch was Stone Soup.

Before the ingredients started arriving for the soup, Shirley and David Ridley announced that all meat ingredients needed to be at their coach by 10 am. They wanted to make sure that the meat was thoroughly cooked and tender for the soup.

### **The Story of Stone Soup ---**

*Some travelers come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers were unwilling to share any of their food stores with the very hungry travelers. Then the travelers go to a stream and fill the pot with water, dropped a large stone in it, and placed it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making "stone soup", which tastes wonderful and which they would be delighted to share with the villager, although it still needs a little bit of garnish, which they are missing, to improve the flavor.*

*The villager, who anticipates enjoying a share of the soup, does not mind parting with a few carrots, so these are added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which has not yet reached its full potential. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient, like potatoes, onions, cabbages, peas, celery, tomatos, sweetcorn, meat (like chicken, pork*

and beef), milk, butter, salt and pepper. Finally, the stone (being inedible) is removed from the pot, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by travelers and villagers alike. Although the travelers have thus tricked the villagers into sharing, they transformed it into a tasty meal which they shared with the donors.

The Stone soup at the rally received great reviews and needless to say was a hit.

The New Years Eve Party started at 6pm. The group was encouraged to bring finger food – No formal party was planned. The Hall was



decorated for welcoming in the new year and a great band that played Oldies but Goodies. Everyone came and mingled with the park residents. People were getting up, dancing, talking and listening to the band.

New year's costumes were abundant and a good time was being had by all.



At 10pm our time (midnight New York Time) the count down hit "0" and it was 2026. Having welcomed the new year in successfully, the hall cleared quickly and the coaches were again occupied by the revelers.

Oh! MY! It's January 1<sup>st</sup> and it's what time? Breakfast is when. Who made the time for breakfast between 8am and 10am. At least it is pancakes!

The smoke alarm is sounding from the kitchen; the griddle is too hot for the pancake dough! There was going to be a temporary wait – for the grill to cool down and production to start again.



Lunch was on your own and the hall once again filled with people playing games and relaxing.

Others went exploring the area around the park.

Dinner came with potluck chili (bring your own can(s) of chili to be added to the pot. And everyone brought cornbread or crackers to add to the feast.



Roasters heated the chili while the condiments for the feast were laid out on a table. Dinner is served by non-other than our RMMA president – Wayne.



However, the pancakes turned out great and everyone ate their fill!

One of the chapter members brought handmade wooden bowls to display. They are crafted from different types of wood and show the amount of attention that goes into their making.



Everyone ate their fill and retired to their coaches.

A very successful and wonderful New Years rally spent with old friends and new friends alike.



**January**

Rett and Claire Porter	9
John and Darnel Harms	23

**February**

Joe and Mary Romeo	21
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If the shortest distance between two points is a line,  
Then why does waiting in one take so long?



**January**

Carol Knoppow	9
Larry Turman	11
Darnel Harms	23
Clarence Kinsley	27
Jim Borgardt	31

**February**

Mike Ray	28
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**Presidents Message**

David and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. We had 10 family members over for Christmas day for a nice lunch/dinner, we played games and visited with each other. We really enjoyed the day. I would like to send a welcome aboard to all our new 2025 members and introduce our newest members Tom and Judy Jones who joined in December. We had an all-Arizona chapter New Year's Eve rally at Ramblin Roads RV Resort, Hope, Arizona. We had 4-chapters present, Arizona, Weekenders, Tucson Drifters and ANASAZI. Plus, The Blackjacks from Nevada and the RMRVA Area President Wayne & Betty Cernie. We had about 37 RVs in attendance. For the New Year's Eve party, the park had a live band and they played until 10pm.

On New Year's Eve we also had a firepit to sit around and enjoy getting to know new members of our Family RV Assoc. (FRVA). As usual, too much food and a toast of some kind to end the night.

It was a wonderful time, and I hope this can continue. I would like to thank all ANASAZI members who helped us with preparation of the food and cleanup.

Kendra, Albert, David, and I are working at Quartzsite for RMRVA/Family RV Association, it starts Jan 17 and ends Jan 25. Come to Quartzsite and see us. Sorry, David and I are not going to Indio.

The next chapter rally is at Butterfield RV Resort in Benson, AZ. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the rally. If not, maybe in March. Our chapter has elections coming up in April and I put a nominating committee together. At this time, I would like to thank Shuree Fluty and Joe Romeo for stepping up to the task.

They will be contacting everyone to find out if you are interested in a position. This meeting is especially important as we are electing a new President, News editor, and Alternate National Director. If you can't attend the rally come for the meeting.

Be safe and see you soon.

Shirley  
ANASAZI President



The cooks have taken time off and are recovering from the holidays. They are happy for all of the potluck dinners but are also happy that their lives are going back to their comfortable routine.



The farmer stood in his chicken yard watching hundreds of baby chick running here and there.

He kept pointing to them and trying to count them. "One, two, three, four, five, six .....**Oh no!**" Then he'd start over again.

Finally, he said, "I give up. They say, don't count your chickens before they hatch but it sure is easier to do that than it is to count them after they hatch."



**Notes from our National director.**

The Family RV Assoc office is working on 112<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Perry, Georgia – March 18-21 time to register now. Registration + 30-Amp Full Hookup and +50-Amp Full Hookup **are sold out**, but 30 and 50 amp only are still available. If you are planning to go to Perry and would like to work on the table for the chapter fair, please let me know so I can reserve a table for the ANASAZI chapter. Drive safely. Registration for FRVA’s 113th International Convention and RV Expo in Sedalia, Missouri, will open in early January. The Governing Board meeting will be held in Sedalia. Make sure your National Director, Alternate National Director or a Chapter Temporary Delegate will be representing your chapter at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Not much to report on as the office was closed for the holidays. But Cincinnati is working hard to correct some IT issues. More to follow next month.

Shirley  
National Director



A co-worker asked if I knew what to do about a computer problem that was preventing her from geeing e-mail. After calling the help desk, I told my colleague that her e-mail was being delayed, to check for a computer virus. “It’s a variant of the, I Love You Virus, only worse,” I said. “What could be worse?” my single co-worker asked wryly. “The Let’s Just Be Friends virus?”



**SAFETY REMINDER**

Now that the holiday season is over and we are settling back to our routines, we tend to set aside safety things that can make our lives less problematic.

Listed below are 10 areas that we can exercise on a routine basis to making our goal of safety for ourselves and those around us.

From honing your situational awareness to maintaining physical fitness, each area provides areas designed to empower you to take control of your personal safety. By integrating these areas into your daily routine, you can build a resilient foundation that safeguards both your physical and digital well-being.

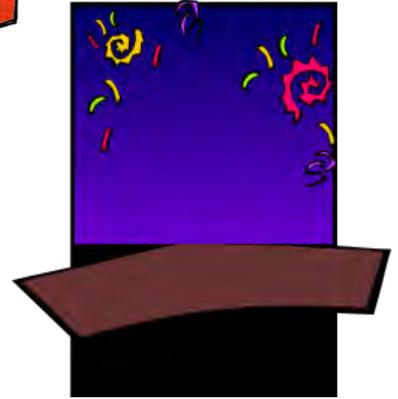
- Situational Awareness
- Physical Fitness
- Emergency Kit
- Communicate Travel Plans
- Emergency Response Plan
- Stress Inoculation

*Stress inoculation is taking time to put yourself under moderate stress, intentionally and in a safe environment.*

- Basic First Aid
- Avoid Isolation
- Develop a Network
- Safe Online Behaviors

And remember, Always, Safe Travels

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Happy  
Valentines  
Day!