

2014 MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

Hello all,

The Las Cruces rally was well attended and I hope you were one of those fortunate enough to have made it to this super rally. Thanks to rally masters, Phil & Linda Carrell and Mike & Suzanne Reaves who did such an outstanding job putting on this rally.

We'll have a website update later in this newsletter, but I wanted to briefly comment on how the new website is progressing from my perspective. I hope you are pleased, as I am, with our new capabilities. We now have access to not only upcoming rallies, but also to all our personal information including the ability of making changes to addresses or even changing our photo in the membership directory section of the website.

At the Las Cruces rally, Mike Reaves presented an excellent seminar on using the new website. It was obvious from this seminar that there are all levels of understanding on making use of the website. Many are already comfortable and able to take advantage of the new features. I know there are also a few that will never use all of these features. For some, the old method of sending in

your annual dues and registration form for rallies will not change, and this is fine. There is nothing that actually changes from the old way of having contact with your club. For those who don't use email, we will continue to mail you your newsletters, information on upcoming rallies, and notification for annual dues. Please don't hesitate to give myself or any one of your officers a call if you have questions or comments on the new system.

I was very happy to see the Wan-na-go's well represented at the FMCA Regional Six-State Rally at Shreveport. The weather was great, there were many vendors and exhibits, some super entertainment, and everyone enjoyed the rally. I encourage you to support these regional rallies. They offer an opportunity to easily attend a larger scale FMCA rally with all the advantages, right in your "neck-of-the-woods".

Carolyn and I are looking forward to seeing you at Branson or another rally soon.

Safe travels,

Dale

HOT TIMES IN CRUCES

If you were unable to attend this rally you missed a delightful time with a great group of Wan-na-go's and a great place to have a rally. This is a time of several festivals in New Mexico and Las Cruces lends color to many. A large craft and food show regularly held on Main street was attended by many.

Tuesday evening we enjoyed visiting with old friends and greeting new ones on the beautiful patio of the RV park. The temperature was perfect and the beer and wine flowed as we enjoyed appetizers and desserts.

At the First timer's meeting we welcomed David and Joann Petty from Clovis NM. We hope to see them often.

Wednesday morning, after a sumptuous breakfast Mike Reaves held a seminar on the ins and outs of our new website, Wild Apricot. People had many comments and questions and the seminar lasted until lunchtime. We all left having gained some much needed knowledge.

After lunch everyone had free time to explore or visit the museums, shops, eateries, and quaint offerings which are a part of Las Cruces. We enjoyed drinks and more visiting with friends at happy hour, and dinner was wonderful.

After dinner Mike and Suzanne Reaves led us in a game of Dingbat Trivia. Much laughter and rivalry ensued as groups tried to figure out the correct phrases in the puzzle. It was a fun way to end the evening.

Thursday the golfers rose early for breakfast and their day on the links. The rest of us enjoyed a leisurely morning. The ladies gathered at 11 am. for the Ladies Luncheon Our lunch was held on the patio of a delightful local restaurant. Our meal of salad, tea and dessert was most enjoyable as we were treated to a style show from a nearby ladies shop. We loved the fashions and later we were not surprised to see the shop doing some brisk business.

That evening we enjoyed a Tasting at one of the wineries. We sampled some good wines and enjoyed some tasty hors d'oeuvres. It was a fitting end to a wonderful day.

Friday began with a good breakfast after which Phillip Carrell Jr. and Gustavo DeLaRoca made a presentation of the Market Report and offered their financial services.

After lunch fourteen Wan-na-go's toured the White Sands Missile Range Museum. They were escorted by Darrin Court, museum curator. The group learned how the atomic age began and were shown a variety of missiles and rockets tested at White Sands.

Happy hour saw us back on the patio with music by Stan. Everyone enjoyed drinks and lively conversation. Another wonderful dinner followed and after dinner entertainment was provided by the pair, Suavecito.

Saturday began with breakfast and was followed by the business meeting. In the afternoon we were free to do as we chose followed by happy hour with music by Stan and our final dinner together. After dinner it was time for a fun filled auction conducted by Phil Carrell and Ronnie Finke. A considerable amount of money was raised to benefit the Wounded Warriors.

Sunday Morning it was time to say good-bye and prepare to depart.

A big Thank You to Phil and Linda Carrell and Mike and Suzanne Reaves for a great rally!

On to Branson!





Webmaster
Mike Reaves

NOTES FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

We had a very successful seminar at the Las Cruces rally. There were so many Wan-na-go's present that the wifi router at the park was swamped when we all got logged in! Thanks to those who attended. I hope you learned everything you needed about the web site.

Here are some reminders from that seminar. Remember that YOU control your data on the website. After logging in, just click in the upper right-hand corner on "My Profile" to edit your information. I would love to see all members proudly

displaying their coach model and length, their favorite picture for the online directory, and their correct phone numbers. That will really improve the directory!

Also, please remember that we have a blog section under the "Members" tab on the left tool bar. You can post blogs about anything, but I especially hope you will post Health and Welfare messages about our members. This new blog section is the only place you'll see this important member information.

Finally, an upgrade to our software was approved at the meeting. This improvement will help all future rally masters manage their rallies. They will be able to control all the member communications about their rally from the initial announcement to the final welcome email. It will also help them to track the registrants and the finances for their rally. I hope this makes being a rally master a very popular and coveted position.



Learning all about the new website

MONACO WANI-NA-GO'S

LAS CRUCES RALLY PHOTOS "HOT TIMES IN CRUCES"



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**WAN-NA-GO'S
GET WELL WISHES!**

We send our best wishes to the following members undergoing or recovering from serious health problems:

Jack Cox

Joe Huntley

Billie Oehler

Karen Randall

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Get well soon!

**THANKS TO OUR
RALLY SPONSORS!**

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CONDOLENCES

We are sad to report the passing of Joe Monk, a long time and very faithful Wan-na-go's member. Please remember Connie and family in their time of grief.

**UPCOMING
WAN-NA-GO RALLIES**

November 11-15, 2014

ABC Campground in Branson, MO

Rally Masters:

Ronny & Sandra Finke

March 3 - 7, 2015

Choctaw KOA in Durant, OK

Wagon masters Sally and Don Richmond &

Lon and Sandy Babcock

May 17 - 21, 2015

Cedar Oaks RV Resort in Grove, OK

Wagon masters Bob and Jan Erickson &

Art and Sylvia Couch

Oct 25 - 29, 2015

Mineola Civic Center Mineola, TX

Wagon masters Dale and Carolyn Clark &

Don and Marcille Long

**2015
FMCA RALLIES**

March 26-29, 2015

FMCA 91st Family Reunion &

Motor Home Showcase

Pomona, CA

July 29 - August 1, 2015

FMCA 92nd Family Reunion &

Motor Home Showcase

Madison, WI

MONACO WAN-NA-GO'S

LAS CRUCES RALLY ATTENDEES

Bob and Barbara Burns
Phil and Linda Carrell
Dale and Carolyn Clark
John and Bettie Collins
Jack and Lazette Cox
Art and Sylvia Couch
Jan Erickson
Ron and Sandra Finke
Larry and Mary Lou Grayson
Walter and Cleone Gund
Jim and Amy Guthrie
J O and Trish Haney
Kenneth and Susan Havener
Tom and Nancy Hayselden
Cletis and Pat Jones*
Hubert and Vickie Jones
Don and Damaris Knobler
James and Zolene Knott
David and Joann Petty **
Stan and Yolanda Powers
Charles and Patsy Rast
Mike and Suzanne Reaves
Don and Sally Richmond
Grant and Carol Rogers
Robert and Jeanne Sanderson
Keith and Debbie Taylor
Jim and Lynn Thielke *
Larry and Vickie Van Duren
Bill and Mary Lou Wightman

*Charter Members

**First Timers

LAS CRUCES RALLY MASTERS



Your rally masters, Phil & Linda Carrell and Mike & Suzanne Reaves

WELCOME FIRST TIMERS!



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