



Romers E-Newsletter

Casa Grande Rally

Casa Grande RV Resort provided dedicated pull thru sites for our March Romers Rally. Attendees were treated to great catered food both dinner and breakfast, a “corn hole” competition that Dean and Anne Bash won, a St. Patrick’s Theme Bingo that Janet Ream and Dean Bash won. (What is with the lucky streak Dean...did you buy a lotto ticket?), a fun evening of “Left, Right, Center”, won by Don Strellic and Tony Sauer, and a tour of Caywood Working Cotton Farm, (Thanks Gary for arranging this).



Casa Grande Fire Dept, Martha Bender provided CPR/AED training

March 17th, the Resort sponsored a corned beef and cabbage dinner, followed by live music. Who would have thought we had so many Romer line dancers, slow dancers and singers who knew all the lyrics to the songs.

Our last day, a fire department demonstration and practice session provided us an opportunity to practice CPR and work with an AED. Happy Hour featured Margaritas poured by Jim and after dinner, Susan Lewis, Teri Preach and Diane Wilson won door prizes.

Lastly, would you believe the Casa Grande RV Resort lowered its site costs after our cut off registration date, thereby reducing the Rally costs. So, those attending the Rally should be receiving a Romer “rebate check”.

GREAT Rally—GREAT friends!

Casa Grande Rally Masters:

Joanne & Jim McPheters and Debbie Holt & Juan Marquez



Cotton Pickers at Caywood Cotton Farms



Romers Line Dancers



Leprechaun Presidents Report

The Casa Grande, Arizona Rally was a tremendous success, thanks to our Immediate Past President Jim McPheters and Joanne, assisted in part by yours truly and Dottie. We had several fun activities, that kept us quite busy. A special thanks to Martha “Tita” Bender, Casa Grande Fire Dept. Public Education Officer/AHA instructor for giving us CPR & AED training. When several of our group left, they headed for the Tucson FMCA rally. More on that later.

I want to thank all of you who took time to complete the **Members Participation Survey**. With 23 responses from 37 invitees, I was very pleased with the results. The Board of Directors reviewed the results, which were discussed at the General Membership Meeting. Those results may prove helpful in planning future rallies as well as recruiting Rally Masters & Co-Rally Masters. A vote was taken to pay for one night for the Rally Master & Co Rally Master to arrive early. More on the survey on page 4. Don’t hesitate contacting me if you have questions or comments.

I am pleased to report that Juan Marquez has accepted my invitation to serve as Bar Manager when asked by the Rally Master. This item will remain an option at the discretion of the Rally Masters. But, I am sure our members will step up to help whenever asked to assist. Our hardworking Webmaster and Membership Chair, Pat Coleman, announced that he is selling his motorhome and will be vacating his dual positions. While it would be hard for anyone to fill his shoes, I am happy to report that Maureen Bouma has stepped forward to assume the Membership Chair duties and has already begun to work with Pat to transition this important job. Pat has graciously offered to continue to perform the Webmaster duties until we can find someone to take over that role as well.

ANY COMPUTER GEEKS, out there?

Vice Presidents Report



Our Casa Grande Rally was a great success thanks to Rally Masters, Jim and Joanne McPheters and Co-Rally Masters John and Dottie Van Doren. We had 13 rigs and were pleased that Dianne & Rob Wilson were also able to join us. The weather was great, and as usual, our catered dinners & breakfasts were good and plentiful. There were several planned activities, including Corn Hole Toss, a trip to Caywood Cotton Farms where we learned more than we knew possible about harvesting cotton from Nancy Caywood. Additionally, we were guests of a dinner-dance hosted by Casa Grande RV resort. Planned games included Bingo, & “Left, Right Center”.

Some of us left immediately afterwards for our next Rally, the 108th International FMCA Rally in Tucson. Please keep in mind our next Rally is scheduled for Chico, CA, Oct. 3 to 7 under the leadership of Doris and Ralph Davis with the assistance from Juan Marquez and Debbie Holt. Mark your calendar!

Also, a reminder that we need volunteers for future Rallies. Many of you seasoned members have done a great job volunteering in the past and your help with our new members would be greatly appreciated.

We have had several good ideas for Rallies, so if any of you are contemplating participating in this way, but need some additional information, please do not hesitate calling me at 951-520-7663 or e-mailing me at cowmanato2@gmail.com.

Participants of Casa Grande, AZ, Spring Romers Rally



Rob & Dianne Wilson, Jeff & Teri Preach, Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt, Gary & Sharon Cowan, Dean & Anne Bash, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, Don & Layne Strellic, Katherine Thompson & Tony Sauer, Richard & Maureen Bouma, Jim & Susan Lewis, Jim & Joanne McPheters, John & Dottie Van Doren, Larry & Ellen Johnson

National Directors Report



March 2024

Future FMCA Rallies are as follows:

August 14-17, 2024

FMCA 109th Convention, Redmond, OR

Susan Lewis will represent our club at Redmond

January 9-12, 2025

Western Area Rally, Indio, CA

March 12-15, 2025

FMCA 110th Convention, Perry, GA

FMCA Assist has new phone numbers. An e-mail was sent to all members. Europ Assistance, CHUBB:

877-352-0785 In the USA

877-350-3532 In Canada

1-202-659-7803 Outside the USA, CALL COLLECT

PUT THESE NUMBERS & YOUR FMCA NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE

Sunshine & Showers

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Rick Nelson's father. He had shared several outings with the Romers group.

We were happy to see the Strellic's back with us after Layne's surgeries. She was doing quite well and of course, her cheerful self.

We missed the Margoles', they had been recouping from a bout of Covid! Will we ever be finished with that!

Save the Date

OCTOBER 3 — 7, 2024 — Chico, CA

OCTOBER FEST



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Bingo Winners, Janet and Dean

Tony and Don were the "Left, Right, Center Winners

St Patrick's Day celebration is always a Happy Time



Anne & Dean celebrating their Corn Hole win

Gary didn't know how much there was to learn about cotton

It was a great St Patrick's dinner of corned beef & cabbage



And who was having the most fun?!

Jim & Susan, Is that simply the sweetest couple ever, & John & Dottie showing us dancing skills at the St. Patrick's dinner dance.



Dianne must like Corned Beef & Cabbage



Romers famous Happy Hour



MEMBERS INTEREST SURVEY INFORMATION

The questionnaire that was sent by President John, the first of the year, had a 62% response.

1st question was regarding what is most important part of the Rally

- 100% Socializing
- 56% Catered meals, Tech Talk, Group Tours & it being a part of larger travel plans
- 34% Playing games
- 30% Rallies close to home
- 26% Full Bar
- 17%. Playing Cards

2nd question was regarding reasons for NOT attending

- 44% Health Issues
- 33% Rallies cost too much
- 22% Cost of fuel
- 16% No full bar & miss bar auction at Rally's end, not enough value, prefer No. Cal.
- 11% Did not like recent locations, prefer No. West, prefer So. West, No breakfast

3rd question regarding Rally Master

- 38% Willing to be a rally master
- 25% Don't want to deal with caterers, unclear about responsibilities
- 12% Don't want to deal with money, venue negotiations, unclear as to responsibilities, just want to have fun

4th question regarding cost to Rally Master (should club cover some cost)

- 56% Site Cost
- 25% No subsidy

5th question asked about \$500 of club funds into rallies and how should the funds be used

- 67% Reduce cost of Rally
- 38% Reduce cost of Rally site
- 23% Reduce food cost
- 19% Full Bar
- 14% Better RV Parks, subsidize group tours

Finally:

- 47% Would return to FMCA in Indio with or without Romers
- 38% Would prefer a Romers Pre or Post Rally nearby as in 2020
- 38% Would prefer a separate Rally, such as in February



Busy, Fun Time for All

