

La Voz

April, May and June 2017

Sorry I didn't get April La Voz out to you in May but things got a little busy. And May should have been out in June. And June should have been out by July 1. Anyway, here is a triple month – April, May and June.

April started with a Passport America Rally in Phoenix. As I mentioned in the last La Voz this Rally is put on by Passport America and Camping World. Not as much fun as prior years, but we enjoyed our camping neighbors.

We left Phoenix we had two days to get to the Arizona State Rally in Casa Grande. We had a great time. Lots to do, great entertainment and good food. Since we were probably the only out of towners, we ended up judging every competition – games, costume parade (people and dogs), and a few very interesting skits that some of the Chapters put on. They made their First Timers feel very welcome – we were in that group. If you haven't been to Casa Grande, it is a great campground. The park has planned activities for everyone. There is a golf course, several pools, crafting, quilting and so much more. You pay a little more, but so much fun.

We left Casa Grande and had four days to get to the Nevada State Rally. We had a great time there – actually won a couple of

their games – bean bag toss and some kind of ladder game with balls on a rope. Never played that before, but it was fun and challenging.

Both of these Rallies taught us some things we can do to improve our Rally or things we could do different. The Rally Committee will discuss all of that at our next meeting. That meeting will be held July 29th.

That completed our April events, then it was off to Tulsa, Ok for a graduation. One of our granddaughters graduated with her masters in science. We spent a few days there to visit and recover from our April trip(s). By this time, we were quite exhausted. We did enjoy the few days of relaxing. There is a great RV Park there – lots of grass and actually the temperature wasn't too hot.

We headed to Las Vegas for a golf tournament but didn't stay long. Played and left – too hot.

We have spent some time traveling to campouts with other New Mexico Chapters – which is always fun. Our goal was to encourage folks to attend the Rally in September. Please remember to get your registrations in to Marie Gum for the Rally. We will be assigning rig spots at the RV Park by mid to late August, so don't delay – you might not get the neighbor you had intended (but it is a great way to meet someone new). The Rally dates are September 13 through September 17, 2017. As of mid-June, we only had 35 registrations. We have reserved 80 spaces at 66 Casino RV Park. We are far from that. Please, let's try to make this a successful Rally. There will be lots to do, some seminars and some great prizes and our newest event – a white elephant raffle. We don't want to lose momentum, but if we aren't able to provide the State with a successful Rally, we might reconsider State Rallies in the future. These Rallies are hard

work for the Rally Committee, we work on it all year to come up with a 4-day event. Let's make sure all the hard work is not in vain.

There is a State Rally coming up in Colorado on September 27th through October 1st. You will need to check their website for details.

Camping World will be hosting a "Beat the Heat Weekends" on July 14th and 15th, and again on July 21st and 22nd. I don't have any more information on that yet, but as soon as I get more information, I will pass it on.

August 25th, 2017 is Founders day – the birthday of the National Park Service. The fee for all National Parks is free.

Each Chapter should be thinking about election of new officers for 2018. I will need a list of your officers by September 1, 2017. I will continue to remind you each month until then.

As for now, enjoy the summer, have a great July 4th, and be safe.

Janice and Stan