

La Voz

July 2018

Stan and I are finally home. We left Albuquerque mid-April and returned the last week in June. We had a great time. We took the RV across country to New York, parts in between and back. This was Stan's annual bowling tournament. He has been participating in this tournament for 37 years. We were able to visit Dodge City, Kansas where Gunsmoke was filmed, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, Niagara Falls, many other interesting places in New York, Hersey World in Pennsylvania and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Then it was on to Chicago for a graduation for our granddaughter. After that on to Colorado to visit with another granddaughter and then a wedding with niece. We ended up at the campout put on by M. Mtn. Sam in La Veta, Colorado. We had a great time, but I know now why I can't be a full timer. Two and a half months on the road is a long time. My hat is off to those who full time – you are courageous.

Haven't seen to many campouts recorded on the New Mexico website calendar for up-coming months. But in July M. Mtn. Sam is planning a campout in Pandaries, New Mexico. That is between Las Vegas and Mora. We have had some success meeting members from other Chapters at campouts lately. Let's not forget to include everyone. Just remember to let the Chapters know you would like to come and ask what you can bring.

Don't forget the 2018 State Rally is coming up in September. We only have a very small amount of folks registered right now. I have reserved 90 spaces and would like to fill them all.

The 2018 Rally registration form, information page and entertainment information are now on the New Mexico Good Sam website. We have a great Rally planned this year. Our theme this year is "Roaring 20's". The date of the Rally is September 19th through the 23rd. I have reserved 95 spaces at Route 66 Casino RV Park this year and I would sure like to book all the spaces. We are doing a few new games this year and starting some earlier in the day – like Bingo. We have some great entertainment planned for two nights on Friday and Saturday. We are changing up the main meal this year – the state will provide the meat and the sides will be pot luck provided by Chapter members. We haven't done that before, but it will be fun to see what everyone brings. We will have two dinner meals and a pancake breakfast hosted by the State Staff. We are still going to have the White Elephant and Raffle this year. So, save your White Elephant donations. If you need me to hold them prior to the Rally, let me know and Stan and I can either pick them up or we can make some arrangements to meet you.

We have several folks that have volunteered to help at the Rally with games etc., if you are interested, we could always use extra help and there are still some games that need someone to run the event. Rules will be provided.

The Rally registration form is on the NM Good Sam website. Please complete your registration form and send it into Marie Gum. Her address is at the bottom right side of the registration form.

Other new information that is on the website – I had our Webmaster include the Western Region (Nor Cal, So Cal, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Arizona) websites on our home page. They have scheduled their 2018 Rallies and that information is on the web. Check it out, there may be a Rally in another state that you would like to attend. Colorado and Nevada are having their Rallies in September.

A reminder that I will not run for another term as State Director. My term ends December 2018. The process for State Director begins May 1, 2018. I have sent an email out to all Chapter Presidents regarding the State Director position. It is something that will be discussed at your Chapter meetings.

If you need to know what the process is to nominate someone, I will send you a copy via email. I am hoping that maybe there is someone in mind for the position or a volunteer that will come forward at the September meeting. If someone does volunteer at the September meeting, please bring a resume of experience with you. Please talk this up with your Chapters – We need someone to take over as State Director.

Until next time, have a safe July 4th, travel safe, have fun and meet new people.

Janice and Stan

