



Arizona Roadrunners Chapter

Jan 2024 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello Roadrunners,

I hope the Holidays aren't being too stressful for you all.

This newsletter is a little early so that I can get in one more plug for the Jan 2024 muster in Ehrenberg, AZ. If you would like to go there is still time to sign up as there are still spaces available. I know it is right after New Year's day, but that will give you an excuse to get rid of your company and come on down to the Colorado River. Jan 3-6, 3 nights. ½ price for Passport America cardholders. Sign up at smartrving.org Western Region. The Feb 2024 muster at the Casino Del Sol is still on track and still has openings.

The March 2024 Western Regional muster has been put on hold. We like to schedule the March muster to accommodate a group of SMART travelers coming out of Rocky Point, MX (Puerto Penasco). All the arrangements had been made to hold the Muster at the Encore RV Resort in Casa Grande, AZ. All that was left was to sign the contract to hold 25 spaces. Then, the next day they closed the Lukeville, AZ border crossing indefinitely that everyone takes to Rocky Point, MX. If the border crossing were to open before February, we can call and see if the spaces are still available. Encore held the spaces for 14 days to help us out without signing anything. I had them release the sites after 14 days because any reservations made would lose their deposit. At this point

I had no money invested, just a lot of time. Let's see what happens.

We had our Christmas party on Dec 13th, at Little Anthony's diner. There were 8 of us and we had a good time.

2023 to 2024 Muster Schedule

Jan 3-6th 3 nights River Sands RV Resort 49960 Ehrenberg-Poston Hwy Ehrenberg, AZ **Call 928-255-5208** for reservations. Standard back in is \$72 per night. They accept Good Sam, Military, and Passport America discounts. We have 10 sites held. We have sites 1170-1174 and 1201-1204 set aside. Call ASAP, there is a 48hr cancellation policy.

Feb 4-7th 3 nights Casino Del Sol RV Park 5655 W Valencia Rd Tucson, AZ **Call 855-765-7829** for reservations Military rate is \$65.58 includes tax, full hook ups including cable TV. They have enough open sites for us, but they would not hold any for us. So call as soon as you can.

Mar 25-28th ON HOLD Western Regional muster Thousand Trails Encore Fiesta RV Resort. Casa Grande, AZ

April 28- May 1 Desert Cypress RV Park, Wickenburg If there is interest, we will set something up. So let us know.

Sign up for the musters on the SMART website smartrving.org

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY \$12 You can mail them to our treasurer Jeannie Greven 1229 N Via Alamos Green Valley, AZ 85614

SMART Caravans 2024

Grand Canyon and Beyond April 11 – May 5 2024

Whiskey and Water Experience May 13 – June 12 2024

The Great Atlantic Canada Maritime Experience June 15 – Aug 27 2024

Veterans Unite in Branson Nov 6 – Nov 15 2024

SMART Caribbean Cruise Feb 8 – 17 2025

Find all the information about the caravans at the SMART website www.smartrving.org

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays And Happy New Year

Erwin Greven President, AZ Roadrunners

PS: MEXICO UPDATE

As I was finishing this newsletter getting ready to send it out, this came out on our local news TV station.

"U.S. Embassy warns against

taking alternate routes to get to

Rocky Point"

"The U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Mexico have strongly advised U.S. citizens traveling to and from Puerto Peñasco for the holidays to not use alternate routes through Sonora, following the closure of the Lukeville-Sonoyta Port of Entry.

The Lukeville Port is the most common way for Arizona travelers to enter Mexico on their way down to the popular beach destination, also known as Rocky Point. A message on the <u>U.S. Embassy</u> and <u>Consulates in Mexico</u> <u>website</u> said U.S. government employees may not travel to Rocky Point using any other route and asked non-government citizens to reconsider their plans due to incidents of crime and kidnapping.

Citizens who do travel to Rocky Point this weekend should only travel during daylight hours, the message said. It advised that people should monitor local media for updates and follow directions from local officials.

"Maintain a high level of vigilance and keep a low profile," the message said.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection closed Lukeville on Dec. 4 to redirect its agents toward efforts regarding the influx of migrants coming over the Southern Border."

As I stated earlier, let's see what happens.