

ARIZONA CHAPTER HISTORY

JULY 13, 1968- July 13, 2008
FORTY YEARS

It all began at a ballpark in Casa Grande, Arizona with 15 members attending. The Arizona Chapter was chartered on July, 13th, 1968. The first president was Col. Lowery and Irene Olson was the first wagon master.

The founder was Dave Hagen, No.319. He and his wife, Margaret, were very active in the club. Margaret was the main motivating force in the design and completion of the chapter emblem. They also owned one of the first Cortez motor home's #93 and the chapter's first members mostly owned Cortez motor homes. In August 1968, they met at Fool's Hollow Lake in Show Low, Arizona with 12 coaches and 28 people attending.

They met in Wickenburg, Arizona, in November 1968, with 21 coaches and 51 people. In January 1971, they met at Venture Out, in Mesa, Arizona with 36 coaches and 87 people. The chapter split in November 1982, and the Southern Arizona Chapter was formed. The Arizona chapter hosted two Rocky Mountain Rambles. The first, in February, 1988 with 650 coaches, and again in February, 1992 with 843 coaches. The 25th Anniversary President was John Hoebee, F109693.

The next 15 years has seen the chapter membership steadily climb to over 200 coaches and this year, 2008, we are at about 175 coaches. In 1998, the Arizona chapter celebrated its 30th Anniversary in Wickenburg, Arizona. Frank Potts, F001869, was president. Red and Dorothy Hurlburt, L000557, were honored for their affiliation with FMCA since 1976. In April 2003, the Arizona Chapter celebrated its 35th Anniversary in Black Canyon City, Arizona. Len Pigg, F133119, Rocky Mountain President, presented Don Kurtz, F042418, Arizona Chapter President, a letter, certificate and a \$200 check from Jeff coat, President of FMCA.

As I see it, there have been many highlights during this period of time, but three stand out.

1.The Arizona Chapter hosted the Rocky Mountain. Ramble, October 1996 in Casa Grande, Arizona with 729 Coaches

2. The Arizona Chapter hosted the Rocky Mountain Ramble, February 1999 in Casa Grande, Arizona and 1096 coaches attended.

3.A special gathering of 5 Arizona Chapter past and present presidents met at a February 2006 rally in Casa Grande. The members were very surprised when Dan Smith, L071987, chapter president 1986-1987, and his wife Virginia; and Jay Baldock, F055319, chapter president 1988, and his wife Golden, walked through the doors. Two other past presidents, Len Pigg, F133119, chapter president 1995-1997, and his wife Joan; and Lillian Hoover, F107253, chapter president 2001 who were both in attendance. It was a great honor for me, Delmar Record, F337738, chapter president 2005-2008, and my wife, Glenna to have them there and to share many memories.

Its 2008, let the Arizona Chapter 40th Anniversary Party begin.

Delmar Record, Rally Master, Chapter President, 2005-2008