



# Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

*Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road* May 2020

## CoVid-19 Edition Part II

**Members sharing their quarantine stories**

### **JOE AND DONNA STOLL**

We have pretty much been staying at home due to the Corona Virus. We have been babysitting our great grandkids who are: Eliza 13, Dalton 8, and Harper 3. Their mom, our granddaughter Caitlyn is a single mom and is doing InstaKart to support herself and her three children. We don't have them everyday. Caitlyn helps us out by getting things we need from the grocery store for us.

Once in a while we go shopping just to get out. I belong to three women's groups and have really missed out on all of our activities. Also miss getting to go to rallies and seeing our RV friends.

Joe stays busy in the Man Cave in our back yard. It's quite large with a air conditioner, refrigerator, and TV in it, and he enjoys making things out of wood. That's been his hobby since he was a kid. He retired from Empire Machinery, working on Caterpillar equipment for 25 years. I retired 12 years ago after working for an attorney for 37 years.

We can't wait till this mess is over. We have a granddaughter in Minnesota who was going to graduate this year. We don't know yet if we will be able to make it there because of this horrible virus.

Hopefully we will be on the road one of these days. Take care and we might see you on the flip side.

Donna Stoll

### **RICK & CAROL ENGELSMAN**

The Engelsmans are coping well. We are trying to keep busy enough to stay sane. Rick has painted the inside of the garage. Carol has been knitting and sewing. The garden is still alive. Hope you all are well and we can see you soon.

Carol Engelsman

## KEN DUVALL

Hey guys, so how goes it in your hood? Probably about the same as in mine. OK, you asked for what we've been doing... here goes:

I bought a RAD electric bike last month for RV trips and rides around my community (Pebble Creek). Of course I needed a way to hang it on the back of my RV, so after searching the net for a sturdy enough mount, and not finding what I wanted, I hit several steel supply facilities in southwest Phoenix. I was unable to find any 2 x 6.125 channel, but I did find some rectangular tubing in those dimensions. Then I had to cut off the top in order to have channel material. That along with some 2 x 2 tubing and I was able to make my own mount along with a ramp. My first trip was a big success as everything worked as planned.

If anyone is interested in RAD bikes, give me a call and I'll offer what I have learned (on my own and from fellow members, Gary and Marlene Woodworth... they have two).

Ken Duvall

BTW, I did have a nice storage container on the back of the RV, but had to sacrifice it for the bike mount. It is available for \$225 and will require a 4 x 4 bumper. Lots of "C's" and 5th wheels have these.

## MICHAEL & MARY ANNE MELBY

We've been rigorously following the stay-at-home order, which is easy since we're both retired and basically lazy anyway. We missed the last rally because our RV suspension collapsed. We've taken advantage of the pause to get the suspension rebuilt and complete other jobs that had piled up. I'm currently rebuilding the wet bay, and about half way through the installation of solar.

Mary Anne came up with a way to use the bedroom TV cabinet. Other than that, we watch a lot of You Tube.

Michael and Mary Anne Melby

## LOUIS & SANDY PARKER



Sandy Parker  
Pioneer RV Resort  
Memorial Day

## WALT & CANDI SWINARSKI

We just read the Cactus Chronicle Special Edition!

We are both well but dealing with spring allergies.

So happy to hear how well everyone is coping with this detour to all the travel plans!

We have not been anywhere since the February outing other than essential store trips and are really missing the companionship we enjoy whenever we are able to go to a gathering. Walt was especially looking forward to the Block Party that was scheduled for the big March Rally.

Candi has been playing way too many computer games but has managed to do some quilting and keeping us fed here at home. We have not even ordered out for pizza. One of the quilting projects that Candi did was to make a baby quilt for our oldest grandson's baby (yes, it's a girl) due in May.



Since we are not going anywhere this summer we have started a veg and herb garden. We already have teeny, tiny tomato on one of the plants. In the past the feral cats have eaten some of the tasty items, so Walt has made a chicken wire cage for the plants.



We are not looking forward to being caught in the Phoenix heat and know that our balanced payments will be going up because we have already been using the air-conditioner. Already looking forward to the fall for so many reasons.

We hope all our friends are doing well and keeping safe until our lifestyle gets back to normal.

Walt and Candi Swinarski



**June Birthdays**

- Paulette David
- Kara Fitzpatrick
- Harlie Goss
- Bob Harding
- Josette Herrell
- Tommie Herrell
- Mary Lou Hill
- Barbara King
- Gene McCarthy
- Steven Odum
- Dave Peterson
- Vickie Peterson
- Bob Richards
- Peter Shepard
- Gwen Sherwood
- Steven Sherwood
- Art Simpson
- Kenyon Spencer
- Carol Stinner
- Nancy Wiedmann

**JOKE OF THE MONTH**

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time, I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth snake with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was the snake... with two more frogs!



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- Walter & Candice Swinarski
- Rich & Judy Talmon



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