



Tentative Schedule for Spring 2013 Rally as of 3/30/2013

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013

- 12:00 – 5:00 Check-in at park office
- 2:00 – 4:00 Decorate tables (make western themed centerpieces)
- 4:00 – 5:00 Executive Board Meeting
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social hour – BYOB
- 6:30 – 7:30 Catered Dinner
- 7:30 - 8:00 **Welcome meeting in restaurant area**

Wednesday, April 10th

- 7:00 Walking with Freddi
- 7:30 – 8:30 Catered Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 Announcements
- 9:00 – 10:30 Vendor introductions & swap meet
- 9:30 – 10:30 Cowgirl Coffee (cowgirl dress – past or present) – coffee/tea, pastries, fun
- 10:30 – 11:30 Guest Speaker – **Betty Barr*** will take us back to the early 1900s for a look at life on a 65,000 acre ranch in Arizona.
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:30 – 2:30 Line dancing lessons with instructor FranWimer
- 1:00 – 5:00 Coach weigh-in or “tourism”
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social hour – Dave’s GMC Margarita Bucket + BYOB
- 6:30 – 7:30 Catered Dinner
- 7:30 – 8:30 Ice Cream Social + Entertainment



Thursday, April 11th

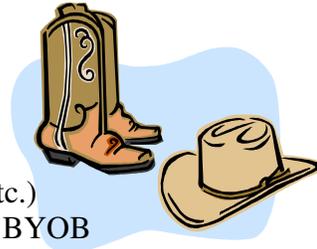
- 7:00 Walking with Freddi
- 7:30 – 8:30 Catered Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 Manny Trovao – 1-ton axles and “We’re Talking GMCs**”
- 9:00 – 10:00 Line Dancing Practice
- 10:30 – 12:00 Steve Ferguson – Front ends, Gene Fisher – “Listen to your GMC”, and “We’re Talking GMCs**”
- 10:30 – 12:00 Crafting session (scarves & sliders) & Craft Marketplace/Swap Meet (bring your art/crafts for sale and any items to sell for \$1.00)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 5:30 “Be a Tourist” (Tubac, Desert Museum, Saguaro NP, etc.)
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social hour with cowboy/cowgirl or western period costumes – BYOB
- 6:30 – 7:30 Catered Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00 Wild West Casino Night



Friday, April 12th

- 7:00 Walking with Freddi

- 7:30 – 8:30 Catered Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 Jim Bounds – RV Safety and “We’re Talking GMCs***”
- 9:00 – 10:30 “Women of the Wild West” Book Review / Book Exchange
(see details below)
- 10:30 – 12:00 Chuck Botts on engine oils, Carl Stouffer – the “GMC Unplugged” and “We’re Talking GMCs***”
- 11:00 – 12:00 Movie – Annie Oakley (PBS production)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 5:00 Open Tech sessions (computers/internet/more Q&A?)
- 1:30 – 2:30 Craft session – bird houses with Jodell Banovich
- 3:00 – 4:30 “Skin care – Inside and Out” by Gloria Morris
- 1:00 - 5:00 “Be a Tourist” (Tubac, Desert Museum, Saguaro NP, etc.)
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social hour: park-hosted margarita party on the patio + BYOB
- 6:30 – 7:30 Catered Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00 Entertainment – (Karaoke, jam sessions, line dancing, games)



Saturday, April 13th

- 7:00 Walking with Freddi
- 7:30 – 8:30 Catered Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00 Membership Meeting – Please attend
- 10:30 – 12:00 Coach weigh-in results and “We’re Talking GMCs***”
- 10:30 – 11:30 Aerobics for the Mind (Kathy Stouffer)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – 5:00 Coach Open House (interior & mechanical)
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social hour – BYOB
- 6:30 – 7:30 Catered Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00 Entertainment (Karaoke, jam sessions, line dancing, games)

Sunday, April 14th

- 7:30 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 12:00 Checkouts and Goodbyes

*Betty Barr is an award-winning journalist who specializes in uncovering hidden treasures - the people, places and things unique to southeastern Arizona . She will speak about the history of a local Arizona girl, May Watkins. Much has been written about “Texas John Slaughter,” cattle rancher, Civil War veteran, Arizona Territorial legislator and legendary sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona. Less well-known is the fact that Slaughter and his wife, Viola, fostered many children, known as the “John Slaughter Kids.” May, a favorite of Slaughter, witnessed Pancho Villa waging a revolution just across the Mexican border, met members of the Lost Kickapoo tribe as they headquartered at the ranch on horse-trading trips, saw Arizona admitted as the 48th state of the union and along the way met many unforgettable characters. (For more info: www.brockingjbooks.com)

***“We’re Talking GMCs” – is a moderated “ask-the-experts” session where questions can be submitted ahead of time and multiple “experts” give their answers for discussion in a round-table format.

Books for “Women of the Wild West” Book Review & Discussion

GMCWS Rally in Amado, Arizona - April 9 - 14, 2013

Since our April rally will be in Arizona and our theme for the week will be the Old West, our book club meeting will be a discussion of women’s lives in Arizona at the turn of the century. Instead of selecting a single book, I thought it would be fun to let everyone choose from among several books that all deal with women’s lives in Arizona in the late 1800’s/early 1900’s.



Here is a list of the books I read since I took on the task of choosing a book for the book club meeting at the upcoming rally. They are all available on Amazon (some on Ebay also) – new and used, or at the public library. Choose as many or as few as you wish...and we’ll talk! Feel free to attend the session whether or not you’ve read any of the books. Or read another book that you discover

and come share it with us.

Non Fiction:

Vanishing Arizona – A Young Wife of an Officer of the U.S. 8th Infantry in Apacheria During the 1870’s by Martha Summerhayes

A true account of the life of a young army wife who followed her husband during his service in the late 1800’s. What a time it was! Though she’s not a polished author, Martha’s story is fascinating.

Elsie - Adventures of an Arizona Schoolteacher 1913-1916 by Barbara Waite

A good read. Elsie Haye’s diary provides an interesting look at a woman who led a very nice life back in the early 1900’s. The diary entries are interspersed with narratives by Elsie’s granddaughter, Barbara Waite. There were telephones but using them was a big production and traveling was a real ordeal.

Amazing Girls Of Arizona : True Stories Of Young Pioneers by Jan Cleere

Jan Cleere is an attorney in Tucson and she assembled a great collection of stories. Fun to read because each story is only a few pages long. A nice, varied look at women’s lives at the turn of the century.

Levi’s & Lace: Arizona Women Who Made History by Jan Cleere

Jan Cleere’s second collection of stories. Interestingly written portraits of 35 heroic women of the time categorized according to their lifestyle/profession: art, law, education, ranching, etc.

Fiction:

These Is My Words by Nancy Turner

A fictional story based on a historically correct depiction of the life and times of Sara Prine, “one of the most memorable women ever to survive and prevail in the Arizona Territory in the late 1800’s”. A great story. Well written. The author is a Tucson resident who was inspired by her family’s memoirs.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you might have. We will also be having a book exchange so bring a book or two along to trade or sell if you'd like.

Thank you, Carol Minnie