ROLL'N REBELS NEWS

January 2025 Newsletter

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RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

January's Rally was held in Reddick, Florida at the Ocala North RV Resort. The Resort offers a lot of amenities, including Pickleball, Shuffleboard, 3 Dog Parks, Heated Pool, Hot Tub, Laundry Room, Long Pull Through Sites and a nice Clubhouse.

Our Agenda included 2 Happy Hours, a Chili Potluck Dinner in the Clubhouse, a Dining Out Experience at the Horse & Hounds Restaurant (very good), a Continental Breakfast and a Mimosas Roundtable Discussion.

The Mimosa Roundtable Discussion was well attended and random topics included Emergency Exits in Rvs, Batteries, Diesel vs. Gas, Tire Blow Out, Fuel Savings Programs and General Discussions. It was viewed beneficial by those in attendance.

A Chapter Meeting was on the agenda but, unfortunately, we did not have a quorum in attendance.

We filled the evenings with games in the Clubhouse playing 2 games new to the Roll'n Rebels. On Friday we played Chair Volleyball. It is played with a beachball and the players Must Remain in their chairs during the entire game. We did have a few players, I won't mention names be we all know the Offenders, who struggled with the concept of Remain Seated. On Saturday evening we played Card Horse Racing. It involved 6 Little Hobby Horses, a Horse Drag Strip, Dice, Cards and Quarters. A Quarter per card got you in the game then dice are tossed and the horse(s) are advanced appropriately. At the end of the race the payouts are made to the Winner(s).

We had 2 guests for the January Rally, Randy & Kathy Chamberlin, friends of Dennis & Sandy Jewel. Randy was the Big Winner at the Card Horse Races and donated his $15.50 Haul back to the Roll'n Rebels! Thanks Randy! Hope to see you and Kathy at a future Rally.

Although it as a bit on the Chilly Side of Comfortable, it was a great rally at a great resort. If you didn't make this one you missed out but we hope to see you all at an upcoming rally. In the meantime, Safe Travels and enjoy.

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The Prez Sezs

A big thank you to the Jackie and Steve Marsh and Barb and Bruce Kanoza who stepped up and hosted our action packed January Rally. While the weather was a bit chilly, our hearts were warm with companionship and good friends!

We had the excitement of volleyball game without leaving our chairs, and horseracing without the whiff of horse gas. It kept us busy and amused.

Here in the Southeast Area of FMCA we have a President, Senior Vice President, several area V.P.'s, which include Laurie as the Central Florida V.P., and Kimberly Farrell as the North Florida V.P. In addition to the V.P.'s, there is a treasurer and Secretary. The reason for this explanation is that the Secretary, Sue Hill has had to step down due to an illness in her family. SEA (Southeast Area) is looking for a SEA member who may be interested in possibly filling that position. Laurie or Kimberly can tell you what you may expect as Secretary. With SEA's Lakeland 2026 rally already in the works, finding a replacement for Sue is priority. In addition to that job, Sue's husband Garry, handled our webpage, and Facebook page. If anyone who is computer savvy has an interest in either of those positions, please let Laurie know ASAP.

Our February rally is right around the corner at Santa Fe Palms RV Resort in Gainesville. Dates are February 20-23, 2025. Reservations can be made by calling 352-554-4955. Please make your reservations as soon as you can so that the hosts can prepare.

Safe travels and see you all soon!

Jim

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February Birthdays

02 Jacquie Rehner

19 Rohonda Vandenlangenberg

27 Ron Beal

February Anniversaries

03 Ellis & Marlene Warmkessle

05 David & Mary Brigham

08 Jim & Sharon Venner

09 Bob & Deb Bennett

20 Clay & Wendy Hogue

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Nominating Committee is now searching for the next round of Roll'n Rebels Officers. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Executive Board please contact one or all of our Nominating Committee:

Marlene Warmkessel

Patty Camunas

Theresa Stone

Positions Open this cycle:

President	Currently Jim Wilson (last 50 years?)
1st Vice President	Currently Ellis Warmkessel
Treasurer	Currently Gary Stone
Secretary	Currently VACANT

The 2025 Election will be held at the May Rally to be held at Sunkissed Village RV in Summerfield, Florida. There will also be an Electronic Ballot available ON REQUEST ONLY.

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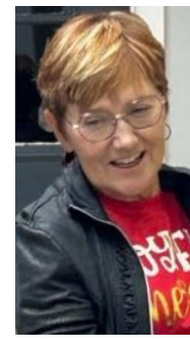
The Wagon Master's Corner



February Rally

When: February 16-17-18-19 (Thursday Start)

Where: Santa Fe Palms RV Resort
3013 NE 53rd Ave
Gainesville, FL.
352-554-4955

Reservations: 352-591-1723 Call Now!

Let the Host know you are coming! The Host for this Rally is Tim & Kimberly Farrell. Call, Text or Email them.

Future Rally Info.

March 12-13-14-15 (Wednesday Start)
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agri Center
Perry, GA.

April 13-14-15-16 (Thursday Start)
Cedar Key RV Resort
1980 SW Shiloh Rd.
Cedar Key, FL
352-543-5097

May 15-16-17-18 (Thursday Start)
Sunkissed Village
14330 S US Hwy 41
Summerfield, FL.
352-480-5000

Tips & Tricks

Weather Guarantees Revolutionize RV Reservations

by Rene Agredano

Rainy spring days in the Texas Hill Country were nothing new to us. But when upriver flash flooding forced my crew to hitch up and evacuate our riverfront campsite at 3 AM, all bets were off until we hit higher ground. The only sure thing was that we would lose money on the stay we had already paid for, then spend twice as much to reserve a higher, dryer spot for the duration. We learned two lessons from that scary experience. First, avoid riverfront campsites during early spring. And second, never book a campsite without a **Weather Guarantee.**

Why a Weather Guarantee is the Only Sure Thing Today

Wild weather is becoming more frequent, which ups the ante for RV trips we plan months in advance. But imagine if you could get a hassle-free refund for a weather-wrecked stay. That's what Weather Guarantee does, and it's a game-changer for RVers. Add it to your reservation at any of the 200,000+ campgrounds that offer it. You'll receive an automatic reimbursement if your stay is ruined by severe rain, scorching heat, or even heavy snowfall.

Developed by weather data company Sensible Weather, it's a type of trip protection that sounded too good to be true. But when I dug in for the facts I discovered that the service is as simple as it sounds. It's so cool I'm not even getting compensated by the company to tell you about it.

Mother Nature Won't Give a Weather Guarantee, But Sensible Weather Does

I don't know a single RVer who hasn't been rained out of a long-anticipated getaway. These experiences make great campfire stories. But when you do the math, the cost of being forced to alter plans adds up. Many RV parks and campgrounds now operate with non-refundable reservations policies. If bad weather forces you to leave early or not go at all, you're not getting a dime back. But, if you choose the Weather Guarantee reservations option at participating venues, including Kampgrounds of America, Campspot and Hipcamp, you'll see some or all of that money returned to you.
The Weather Guarantee by Sensible Weather takes the sting out of a stay that goes awry because of bad weather. Using a powerful suite of proprietary weather data and analytics, Sensible offers automatic reimbursement if the weather turns bad enough to keep you inside. With proactive reimbursement as soon as bad weather happens, you never have to file a claim, wait for, or chase down your payout when a trip is ruined by weather.

"Weather Guarantees are currently available for rain, heat, and heavy snowfall," says Blair Staunton, Vice President of Marketing for Sensible Weather explained to me. She added that Sensible Weather may eventually add extreme wind to the list of covered events. The company monitors the weather using multiple data sources. They turn to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), NASA, and more.

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Weather Guarantees Revolutionize RV Reservations

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RV Anywhere with Confidence

The same Weather Guarantee coverage applies even if you RV to a rainy climate like the Pacific Northwest. "Yes you can absolutely still get a reimbursement for rain somewhere that tends to see high precipitation, or in a specifically rainy season," says Staunton. "But the thresholds for a payout will vary by location and season. For example, if you're booking a campsite in Seattle in March it will likely require more rain to trigger a payout than if you're booking in Los Angeles in the summer."

Kampgrounds of America (KOA) is among the many camping locations adopting this service. "Unexpected weather can significantly impact a camping trip, Sensible Weather's Weather Guarantee offers peace of mind to campers," says Kelly Self, Head of Consumer PR for KOA. "If rainy weather impacts their trip, campers can rest assured that they will recover some or all of their reservation costs."

Like all campgrounds, KOA locations still have their own cancellation policies and terms. But when customers choose the Weather Guarantee add-on, they get extra peace of mind. This service essentially gives customers a fast track to a reservation refund. "Sensible Weather's Weather Guarantee adds value and peace of mind to campers without affecting our standard policy. We encourage campers to and plan ahead," Self said in an email interview.

Planning Ahead: Weather Guarantees vs. Extreme Conditions

One thing this service doesn't do is give buyers a license to venture into catastrophic weather events. For example, don't head to a campground if you know there's a hurricane in the forecast for that region. "Sensible Weather's Weather Guarantee covers rainy conditions but is not designed for extreme weather events like hurricanes. Campgrounds handle such situations on a case-by-case basis, guided by the severity of the event and local safety and emergency protocols," Self told me.

The Sensible Weather Guarantee is a new way of RVing in an era of extreme weather. And it does much more than offer financial protection. A Weather Guarantee means peace of mind. Get one whether you're taking a bucket list RV trip to Alaska or just arranging a weekend getaway in a national park.

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Recipe of the Month

Easy Pizza

Tortilla Shell Pizza

(choose your size, small is like personal and the large shell can do two or leftovers.

You can use a grill, a convection oven or a Skillet

INGREDIENTS YOU NEED:

- Olive oil
- Flour tortilla (size of your choosing)
- Pizza sauce
- Mozzarella cheese
- Additional toppings (your choice)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Lightly brush the olive oil on the shell
- Spread the sauce on the Tortilla
- Place toppings in any order you like
- Do not overload toppings or it may fall apart
- Grill on HIGH or Bake at 400, 4-8 min until the crust is how you like it and toppings are cooked
- Enjoy !!!

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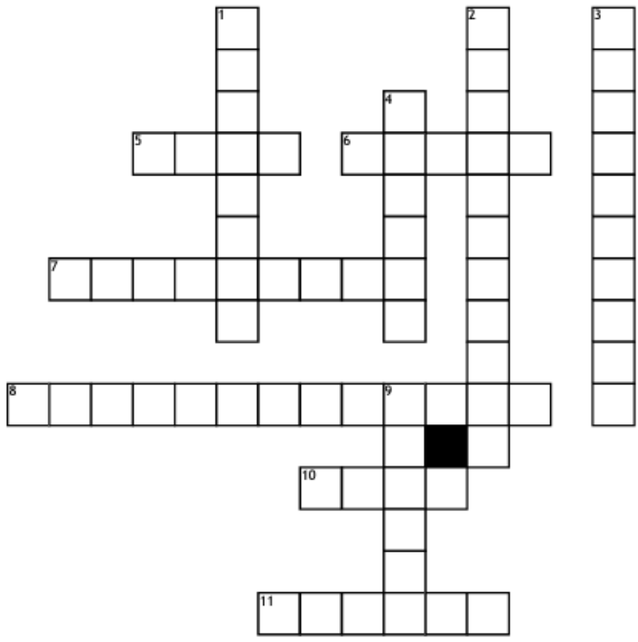
FUN & GAMES

Scramble Travel

1. LEKDAEIS VIWE _____
2. ANPALI MGHAINIC _____
3. KACJ DPAS _____
4. SSALCB OMOMREOTH _____
5. IELSDE EUSHRP _____
6. CKBNIA ISTE _____
7. EDOWT _____
8. APMC FIRE _____
9. POERW PDLSETAE _____
10. EAWRT LTIFRE _____
11. RFAV VIETNCNONO _____
12. GURES RCTPERTOO _____
13. BEUL XO TOW BAR _____
14. LKAE RUREPSIO _____
15. RMBEUP DLLUEP _____
16. BEERSL LYARL _____
17. PULL HROTGUH _____
18. FEMCPARI _____
19. ASSLC A GARESS _____
20. TAEST PRKA _____

Spring RV Travel



Across

5. Which color water tank holds the sink water after it runs down the drain?
6. Which color water tank holds the toilet water in an RV after the toilet is flushed?
7. What type of RVs are made by Tiffin & Newmar?
8. How does a motor home driver create privacy (when parked) for those using the main living area behind the driver's seats?
10. What type of sleeping space is commonly found in a motor home over the driver's cab?
11. What is one of the major restrictions RVers using the National Park System need to be aware of?

Down

1. What do seasoned RV travelers often take to help their RVs get stay even on uneven camp sites?
2. What type of RV usually is usually placed on the bed of a truck & often used for hunting?
3. What type of RV do you pull with a pick-up truck?
4. What feature do RVs often have that are expanded for more living space?
9. What outdoor feature is often used to add a shaded space for relaxation?