



# Rio Grande Roadrunners RV Club News Letter Decemberr 2020 Issue

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*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays*

We had our On-Line Video RV Club meeting November 4th. There were about 13 members (Rigs) attending.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Wagon Master Reports were presented.

### **Old Business**

Donations - \$300 checks will be donated to Storehouse West and to Watermelon Ranch this month for our annual Christmas donation.

### **Christmas Party**

Has been canceled and a future diner party will be scheduled next year

### **January Breakfast**

Canceled due to restrictions

### **New Business**

Members voted to redo the rig signs with members names to reflect our proper club name. Pete will follow up.

Swearing in of 2021 officers will be done at the January meeting.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

8 members (Rigs) participated in the Thanksgiving food drive, which includes Marie Mook and myself as collectors..

However due to the generosity of the members participating, and some of Marie's neighbors that donated, we collected 287 pounds of food for Storehouse West, and well over 300 pounds of pet foods for Watermelon Ranch.

\$300 Checks from the proceeds of the sale of the state trailer were delivered to each of these organization's last month.

### **Club Web Sites**

2021 Trip Signup Web Site - The new on-line website for 2021 trip sign-up process is up and available to use. Members can sign up for trips and also see who on the list for each trip and also print the list.

Since many locations may not do rally's or reserve blocks of sites, Include the arrival date, number of nights, and site number to assist in locating members on the trips. All 2021 trips are included.

<https://sites.google.com/view/roadrunners-signup/home>

Our Club Website - Updated for 2021, including the Event Schedule and all nine trips.

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## Member News

Please keep all of our ill and recovering present and past members in your thoughts and prayers:

### Alamogordo KOA Trip November

By Debby Brinkerhoff

The weather treated us well on this trip. It was a little breezy during our breakfast egg boil at the Coffman's, but it settled down and didn't get worse. Both the happy hour on Friday and the joint dinner on Saturday were good. Unfortunately the sun goes down so early this time of year and it cuts into the chatting.

Members enjoyed visiting White Sands, went to Cloudcroft to wander the shops, went hiking at the Oliver Lee memorial State Park, enjoyed the world's Largest Pistachio at Pistachio land, and of course some golfing.

All in all we enjoyed the Alamogordo KOA. The management did a great job.

### January Meeting

There will be a Zoom Meeting Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

### RV Tip (Discussed at the Dec Meeting)

By Pete Agrusa

**Winterize a Rig – this is a general process that I use on my simple 24 ft 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, and it usually takes about two gallons of antifreeze.**

**If your rig needs any additional steps, be sure that they are done properly. Be sure that special drain and water connections are protected**

- Grey and black water tanks should be as empty and clean as possible.
- Drain the water lines and the water heater from the outside. Turn the bypass for the water heater if one is available, so antifreeze does not run through it.

This will not harm anything, but will use a lot of antifreeze!

- Flush the water heater to clean out the sediment. (A special hose tool can be purchased to hose out the water heater from the outside drain).
- Drain the fresh water tank.
- Close all the water faucets then use the water pump to run RV antifreeze thru the system until it is pressurized. (Most rigs have a valve and hose near the water pump to pump the antifreeze from the jug)
- Turn the faucets on, one at a time until the red antifreeze runs out red (pure antifreeze), then turn off..Be sure to include the showers inside and outside, and the toilet.
- Open the water heater bypass and let some antifreeze run into the water heater so the input lines are protected.
- Put some antifreeze into each sink and shower drain to protect the traps.
- With the system still pressurized, crack open the drain lines on the outside of the rig (if available). Let the water run out until you see the red antifreeze
- Turn off the water pump. And open a few faucets to relieve the pressure. Leave the outside drain plugs and fresh water drain plug, and water heater drain plug inserted, but loose to leave any water drip out.
- Pour some Additional pure antifreeze into a drain and toilet to protect the black and grey holding tanks.
- Turn off all power in the rig, then open the battery disconnect switch (if available) or remove the cables from the battery. If this is not done, the propane detector and other hard wired alarms (or refrigerator light) will discharge the battery.

- Be sure that the battery is charged and liquid is full, and manually charge it at least once during the winter.
- Turn off the propane tanks.
- Clean and dry the refrigerator, put some newspaper in to absorb any orders, and leave the doors cracked open a bit
- Remove any liquids from the rig that may freeze waters, soda, beer, etc. Although alcohol normally does not freeze, we did have a bottle of wine freeze and break.

This sounds like a lot, but the whole process takes about an hour.

**Joke of The Month**

***From The neighborhood Watch***

Those of you who are placing Christmas lights/decorations in your yards, would you please avoid anything that has Red or Blue flashing lights together? Every time I come around the corner, I think it's the police and I have a panic attack. I have to brake hard, toss my beer out the window, fasten my seat belt, throw my phone on the floor, turn my radio down, and push the gun under the seat. All while trying to drive. It's just too much drama, even for Christmas. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. 🌲

**Chapter Badges**

We may want to consider new badges that reflect the new name of our club. The Red and White Chapter Name badges are available by request. The cost of the badge depends on the type of attachment selected.

Pin	\$6.00
Clip	\$7.00
Magnet	\$8.00

Note: Due to shipping cost, a single badge order will cost \$2.00 more, so we try to send orders for more than one badge.

**Our Chapter Web Site**

Our 2020 schedule with phone numbers and trip information is available on our web site, along with copies of past newsletters and other information.

Click the hot link bellow, and set as a favorite or bookmark in your browser.

<https://sites.google.com/view/roadrunners-rv-club/home>

**Club Trip Signup Website**

Use to sign up for trips and see who is going. Set this as a favorite or bookmark in your browser

<https://sites.google.com/view/roadrunners-signup/home>

**NM State Website**

The New Mexico State Website including information from affiliated NM RV Clubs can be found at:

<http://nmrving.com/>

*Always take life with a grain of salt. And a slice of lemon. And a shot of tequila.*

You all have a great and safe day!

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