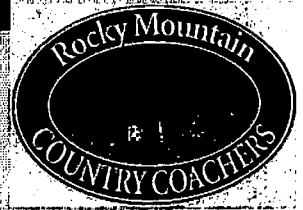


# Rocky Mountain Country Coachers

## NEWSLETTER



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### CHRISTMAS CAMPOUT—2012

Our Christmas Campout was a warm 50 amp success at the Cotton Lane RV Park in Goodyear, AZ. It was the first time that anyone from the group has been at this park, but it won't be the last time! The park management team was extremely helpful and accommodating. They even allotted us a free site for "Camp Central" where we were able to erect the tents, tables and fire pits. On Thursday evening after Happy Hour, we headed off to the Activity Room for dinner. Bob and Alta Daniels prepared pork, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes (Yum, Yum). We stuffed ourselves and there was still enough of food left for Saturday night's dinner. The RV resort provided us with a DJ who played German music to complement our German food.

After a Continental Breakfast on Friday morning, we drove to the New Life Center to deliver our contributions of toys, diapers and much more. We had a short tour of the facilities and then on to Dillon's at the Wildlife Zoo in Litchfield Park for lunch. Jack made reservations for us at tables on the patio. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the pleasant weather and we met a group that makes more noise than RMCC members during Happy Hour - The Flamingoes. There are approximately 40 birds in the group (flock) and their ruckus could be heard from the far sides of the zoo. They had a jerky side to side head movement that had us in hysterics, but we did find them very entertaining. Some of us spent the rest of the afternoon walking around the zoo. This is a breeding zoo so there are a great variety of animals. We saw tigers, lions, panthers, leopards, ostriches, kangaroos and on and on. There were two inhabitants that impressed me - a black swan that told us his tale of woe and then walked away and a baby jaguar in the nursery that looked so lonely and just wanted someone to play with him. Even though it was only a few months old, its paws were as big as my closed fist. Back to the Park where we relaxed before Happy Hour and then headed over to the Activity Room for pizza followed by Vern's home-made ice cream and Jack's fruit pies.

The Park's crew made us breakfast on Saturday morning. We raved about the pancakes, as big as the plate, and sausage, egg/sausage casserole, egg/green chili casserole along with coffee and juice. That hardy breakfast fortified us for the parade and shopping at Litchfield Park's "Christmas in the Park". The parade was appropriately filled with children of all ages and sizes in Girl Scout groups, Boy Scout groups, dance groups, school groups and some even had their dogs dressed accordingly in Christmas attire. The rest of the day was ours to do what we wanted and many of us wanted to "rest our eyes". At Happy Hour, we had the White Elephant Gift Exchange; we probably will see a few of those gifts again next year. Ken and Karen Burrett's coach was voted the best decorated in the Christmas Spirit. Alta made the left over pork into pulled pork BBQ - so good. Again the table was laden with food; we do like to eat! Alta has agreed to make corned beef and cabbage next year; maybe I can convince her to put a few carrots in also.

We thank Vern and Jack for all their work and Alta and Bob for all the cooking and we hope to do it again next year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**