

Webb to expand RV compound

By J.J. McCORMACK
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Bulldozers soon will be vying for space at the Sun Cities Recreational Vehicle compound, but only temporarily.

The desert compound off Bell Road between Sun City and Sun City West is being expanded to make way for 500 sorely needed additional RV parking spaces. Bulldozers will start grading for the expansion in about two weeks. The expansion is to be completed by the end of December.

Another 250 to 300 spaces are to be added in a second phase of the expansion, now slated for late next year.

The Del Webb Corp. is footing the bill for the space additions at the user-owned and -operated compound, which provides storage for 3,587 RVs.

The compound is not full, but has no available space for RVs longer than 30 feet. A waiting list has been established for people needing the longer spaces. That list now contains about 30 names, said Ethel Sanders, president of the board of directors of the RV compound.

People with smaller RVs can get tight into the RV Compound. Available smaller storage spaces can accommodate 25- to 30-foot-long recreational vehicles.

An estimated one in every 11 retirement home buyers is an RV owner, and those RVs tend to be longer than they were 10 years ago.

"In 1985, when the compound was built, a 25- or 28-foot trailer was big. Nowadays, it's not unusual to see 35- or 40-foot units," Sanders said. "This is the first time we've had to turn anybody away."

Add to the RV space-crunch equation the development of Sun City Grand in Surprise and Webb decided to take action.

Webb built the original RV com-

ound as an amenity for Sun City and Sun City West homebuyers and, as it does eventually with all its amenities, turned it over to resident owners.

"When we started Sun City Grand, we essentially realized there would be a need for trailer storage. We

approached the folks who operate the (RV) facility and asked if they would be interested in increasing the total spaces for everyone (including Sun City Grand)," said John Waldron, a Webb spokesman.

"So, we're putting out pretty significant resources to do that."

The RV compound currently rents space only to Sun City and Sun City West residents. A bylaw change that would allow space rental to future residents of Sun City Grand is on the agenda for the compound's annual meeting in December, Sanders said.

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Cramped quarters at the Sun Cities Recreational Vehicle compound will soon be eliminated as construction to make room for vehicles 30 feet and longer begins this fall. The compound now stores more than 3,500 vehicles owned by residents of Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Grand.

TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF SUN CITY, INC.

The Travel Trailer Club of Sun City was started in September 1961. At that time eight couples were involved, but it quickly grew to 22 couples by December of 1962. From 1963 on, the Club's membership has mushroomed to ^{2,675 members} ~~1900 couples~~ today.

The Compound, where everyone must park their recreational vehicles and which the Club operates, has been moved twice and expanded many times. The original compound was located on the west side of 103rd Avenue south of Grand Avenue and north of Alabama Avenue. In 1965 the Compound was moved north of Grand Avenue still on 103rd Avenue but on the east side of the street. After a few more expansions, the Compound was relocated in May 1970 to Sunland Drive behind the cemetery.

A Caravan Group is associated with the Club, and any member of the Club and their guests may go on caravans. The Caravan Group travels all over Arizona and the Southwest, and trips have also been made to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska.

The Singles Group is the newest group to form in the Club. This group is made up of members who have become "single" but still want to remain active in the Club and travel with the group.

The Club has Potluck Meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month from October through April. Every May there is a Pancake Breakfast before everyone leaves for the summer.

Trailer club hitches on to highway program

By JUDY JAVA
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Members of Sun City Travel Trailer Club have adopted a four-mile stretch of Olive Avenue and will be out in force Tuesday morning to clean it up.

Arizona's Adopt-A-Highway program gives groups an opportunity to help keep streets and highways clean by volunteering to clean up a section of state or county roads three times a year.

The cleanup project is coordinated by travel club members Sandy and Ethel Sanders. The Sanders persuaded their 3,000-member travel club to adopt a mile of state highway and four miles of county roads after noticing streets that were adopted by organizations were cleaner.

"Sandy and I thought about it for a while," Ethel Sanders said. "When we traveled, we'd see signs saying someone had adopted this section or that. So we called Arizona Department of Highways and they gave us a one-mile strip of Grand Avenue in the vicinity of Del E.

Webb Memorial Hospital in Sun City West."

"We're going to put a sign up out there saying the Travel Trailer Club of Sun City has adopted this highway," she said. "We received a certificate of adoption Jan. 6 from Arizona Department of Transportation with all rights and responsibilities to maintain our part of Grand Avenue through the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. The certificate has a gold seal and it's written in calligraphy."

She said the club is excited about the project but the state is widening their strip of Grand Avenue at present, and it won't be ready for cleanup until October. "We have to clean it at least three times a year," she said. "We don't do any landscaping. We just pick up the trash."

The state provides orange vests and orange trash bags for the project.

Faced with a delay from the state, the Sanders called Maricopa County and discovered that the county has the same rules and regulations but local officials are a little more liberal in assigning sections of county roadways.

"They gave us four miles between Dysart and Sarival roads," she said.

The Sanders signed up 80 seniors for the club's highway cleanup projects. They met Nov. 23 at the Sun Bowl to pick up vests and trash bags. There were 40 volunteers at the first cleanup. Each was assigned to a half-mile stretch between Dysart and Sarival roads. Sanders said they worked in groups and had the four-mile strip cleaned in an hour and a half.

Among the cans, bottles and papers, "the usual junk you find," the volunteers found bed springs, two snake skins, the bottom half of a jogging suit, a pair of underwear and a pornographic magazine written in Korean. "We knew what it was by the pictures," she said.

"As members of the Sun City Travel Trailer Club, we use the highways quite a bit and we like to see clean highways," Sanders said. "It's something we can do. Most of us can bend over and pick things up."

Sun City Travel Trailer Club members are between 50 and 90 years of age.

"We just came back from a caravan to Goldwater Bombing Range south of Gila Bend and there were two 80-year-olds driving rigs," she said.

The next cleanup will be Tuesday. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. in the Sun Bowl at 107th Avenue and Clair Drive. They're planning their other cleanups for the first of May and October, Sanders said. "They don't really want people out in the summer," she said. "It's too hot, and our group leaves in the summer."

The travel trailer club has received a letter of appreciation from former Maricopa County Supervisor Carol Carpenter and has state permits to do the work.

"Everybody who goes out on the highway to work has to sign a waiver releasing the state and the county from liability," Sanders said. The travel trailer club also has to sign the waiver.

"When you go out there, you're on your own. I don't know if that makes you any more careful or not, but it should," Sanders said.

Travel Trailer Club has run of potluck

By Betty Latty
Gazette correspondent

SUN CITY — Meat loaf, scalloped corn, chicken casseroles, homemade hot rolls and good old gelatin desserts full of crushed pineapple, marshmallows and cream cheese.

The locals were on hand to eat their hearts out at the April 25 potluck supper, a monthly gathering of members of the Travel Trailer Club of Sun City.

The food was the real stuff. Straight from America's heartlands. Fried chicken drumsticks, deviled eggs, potato salad, ham loaf, strawberry pie and Tater Tot hot dish. Cakes and salads brought to the party in long Pyrex baking dishes, so servings could be cut in squares. Insulated in newspapers and tea towels.

Five hundred members of the travel club filled the entire auditorium of Mountain View Rec Center auditorium in Sun City, as they met for their last potluck of this season. One more business meeting will be held by the members this month before they start vacation time and reconvene sometime in the fall.

Potluck dishes were shared by up to 36 people at a table. Table hopping is a no-no, said Al Glassford, vice president of the club. "If we permitted that, the thing would be absolute bedlam," he explained.

And for all the diners, at each of the tables, the rule is that "what you see, is what you eat."

"Sometimes," Glassford said, "a table will wind up with a whole bunch of casseroles and not one dessert. Once in a while, a lot of pies show up, and not much in the way of meats or vegetables. But that's part of the fun, and we have a good time."

Mealtime was preceded by greetings and conversation

among the members, over background music by an organist, as they roamed the auditorium to find old friends. The noise level approached that near-bedlam stage before the group was called to order for an invocation.

Following the prayer, diners circled their tables, heaping their plates with food.

Often members bring a special relish or jams they have made at home from fruits and produce they have gathered during their vacation travels. Lola Glassford brings olives she has canned.

Joe and Bette Schlie regularly bring to the potluck a 10-pound salmon, which they catch and freeze during vacations in Crescent City, Calif. The Schlies also can salmon and tuna.

Justin Smith, a club member for 14 years, displayed his "Justin Smith Spécial," a casserole of macaroni, ground pork, cheese, onions, and a topping of bacon.

Cathy and Paul Wurtz brought along Seabreeze Salad. "Here," Paul said, as he lifted the lid and fanned the dish, "just smell that breeze."

Another contribution was the scalloped corn with jalapeño peppers, from Julia and Frank Manspeaker, who also described a characteristic of the club's potlucks: "Usually in Sun City, if you are on time, you are a half-hour late. But here, if you are a half-hour early, you are still a half-hour late."

Travel Trailer Club president Charlie Osborn and his wife, Marilyn, were accompanied by a platter of roasted chicken. Pat and Howard Mayhew, Sun Citians for just a year, offered wild rice casserole and chocolate cake. Former Chicagoans Lillian and Bob Pate brought a barbecue casserole of ground turkey and baked beans.

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And Maxine Jenkins assured everyone that her gelatin salad-dessert was strictly non-caloric. Its only ingredients were a can of cherry pie filling, crushed pineap-

ple, mayonnaise, whipped cream, cream cheese and lemon and raspberry gelatins.

Then, there were desserts to top it all off. Strawberry pie, straw-

berry cake, brownies and cherry crisp. Carolyn Smistik brought a coconut cream dessert, a creamy pudding filling sprinkled with

toasted coconut, on a crust made of powdered sugar and chopped nuts.

That spread should hold everyone until the next one, in October.



A large group gathered for the Sun City annual spring potluck.

Nancy Engebretson, *The Phoenix Gazette*

RV groups get storage area

Sun City and Sun City West recreational vehicle owners now have a joint storage facility.

A deed to the 100-acre site, south of Bell Road between Sun City and the Agua Fria River, was turned over to the two RV clubs Monday by Tom Ryan, Del E. Webb Development Co.'s senior vice president.

RV owners nearly packed Sundial Auditorium for the deed presentation and also the first joint meeting of the Sun City Travel Trailer Club and the Sun City West RV Club.

ACCEPTING THE deed in behalf of the newly formed Sun Cities Travel & Recreational Vehicles Storage Facility Inc. were Bill Merritt, a Sun Citian and president of the organization, and Harold Haislet, a director of the Sun City West club.

Ryan reported that new facility, developed by Devco at a cost of \$800,000, consists of 3,600 RV parking spaces and can be expanded to 4,000 if needed.

He said 30 acres of the proper-

ty can't be used for parking as it is in a flood plain, but the deed allows the clubs to hold another 10 acres, currently used as a ballpark, for future expansion.

THE AREA has been fenced and includes a water and sewer system, fire hydrants and a slab for a caretaker trailer.

The project, Ryan said, took two years to plan and four months to build.

The clubs had lost their storage facilities through Devco land sales.

MEMBERS OF the Sun City club, who have been using Sunland Memorial Park as a storage site, are scheduled to begin moving their vehicles to the new facility sometime this month.

Sun City Westers will begin moving in next month from an 18-acre site at Dysart and Bell roads. That property has been sold to Palmer & Whitehead Co.

The two clubs will hold annual joint meetings the first Monday in December.



Del E. Webb Development Co. official Tom Ryan, right, gives deed to new Sun City-Sun City West recreational vehicle storage site to Bill Merritt, left, and Harold Haislet. (News-Sun photo)

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Sun City clubs keep avid RVers rolling

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Caravans link people, fun

By PAUL JUTZI
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Owning a recreational vehicle (RV) and belonging to a club whose purpose is to travel in groups and educate members about trips is popular in the Sun Cities.

The two largest RV clubs in Sun City and Sun City West have nearly 3,000 vehicles registered between the clubs.

In one RV storage facility just outside Sun City West, there are more than 2,600 RVs spots rented.

Robert Bowden, president of the Recreation Vehicle Club of Sun City West Inc., on Friday said belonging to such clubs is popular for a simple reason.

"It's more fun to travel together," he said.

Bowden said the purpose of the club is to promote good will among RV'ers. He said there's 650 vehicles registered in the club.

"Of course, we promote travel and camaraderie by traveling together," he says. "We have a lot of fun going all over."

A part of the club is called the caravan group. This is a group of people who regularly like to travel together, Bowden said.

He said some people belong to the club just to socialize with other people with common interests and find out about hot spots for RV'ers, but the caravan group goes on extensive trips together.

One of these trips was to Alaska. Bowden said the three-month trip covered 12,000 miles.

"That's the only way to do it," he said, "go for a long time and really make the trip worth it."

He said five to 35 vehicles go as a caravan on these trips. Ten to 15 vehicles travel together on the average trip, he said.

"But the shorter the trip, the more people usually go," he said.

Two popular destinations in Mexico the group travels to are Rocky Point and San Carlos.

Other popular trips include Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Bryce and Zion national parks, the Rocky Mountains, San Diego and Sacramento, Calif.

Bowden said the group is now planning a trip to Walt Disney World and EPCOT Center in central Florida.

He said the club plans stopovers at attractions so there's as

RV clubs

• Recreation Vehicle Club of Sun City West Inc., 650 registered members, in existence for nine years. Information: 584-0574.

• Sun City Travel Trailer Club, 1,500 RV owners registered, in existence for 27 years. Information: 974-4046.

much group activity as possible.

Popular stops are museums, visitor information centers and special attractions, he said.

"Near the end of the day, in the afternoon, we have social get-togethers to discuss how the day went and how we liked what we did," Bowden said, "then we plan the next day. Often at these meetings we'll have a potluck dinner."

The club has existed for almost nine years, he said. Anyone who lives in Sun City West and holds a recreation center card can join.

"You don't have to have a recreational vehicle to join," Bowden said, "but we'll encourage you to get one."

Club members who don't have an RV still benefit from the club, he said.

The club has a monthly potluck at Johnson Center with entertainment, usually music and/or a speaker, he said.

At meetings trips are mapped out and advice from road-wise members is given, he said.

People discuss what they want to do on their next trip as a group and then decide where to go.

Anyone interested in joining the club can call Bowden at 584-0574.

The Sun City Travel Trailer Club is in its 27th year and has 1,500 RV owners registered, club director Harold Haislet said Friday.

The club is basically the same as its Sun City West counterpart.

Haislet said, "We meet monthly and have potluck dinners and entertainment that's interesting to RV people."

He said the club's favorite trip is to Rocky Point. He said 20 to 25 vehicles take the trip about six times a year.

The purpose of the group is to have a good time, Haislet said.

"Basically, it's all about fellowship," he says. "We like getting out on the road and enjoying the countryside in compatible groups."

Bowden said occasionally the two clubs get together for trips.

A while back the clubs flew to New Zealand, where they rented motor homes and toured New Zealand and Australia.

Haislet said anyone who is a resident of Sun City can join the Travel Trailer Club by contacting club president Charles Osborn at 974-4046.

For those with RVs who plan to escape the summer monsoon, there are some things that should be checked on the vehicle to ensure a trouble-free vacation.

Joe Gannuscio, RV owner and service manager at Pete Nelson R.V. Service, said the most important thing to check is the tires.

He said rubber components on vehicles that sit in the sun for long periods of time are highly susceptible to dry rot, especially the tires.

"A lot of people think the tire covers they get are to keep dogs from urinating on the tires, but they're not; they're to keep the sun off," he said. "These people store their RVs in a fenced lot and don't bother to put the covers on because they know there's no dogs inside the fence."

Detecting rotted tires is not always easy and is best done by a professional, he said.

Other rubber parts to check are the wiper blades, window



WAY TO GO — Two popular spots local groups travel to are Rocky Point and San Carlos, Mexico. Other popular trips include Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Bryce and Zion national parks, the Rocky Mountains and San Diego.

and door liners, and rubber o-rings on gas regulators for propane and/or natural gas powered appliances, he said.

Maintenance is similar to taking care of a car, Gannuscio said.

The air conditioner, fluid levels and chassis lubrication should be checked.

He advises having a professional check the wheel bearings and driveline.

Having the proper coolant-

water mixture in the radiator is critical in keeping the engine running at the right temperature, he said. A 50-50 coolant-water ratio is best.

"If there's more than 60 per-

The Associated Press

Recreational-vehicle caravans gaining popularity with retirees

By Glenn B. Sanberg
Special for The Republic

The CB in the recreational vehicle crackles: "Breaker one nine, Golden Eagle to Sky Pilot. They tell me back here it's about coffee-break time. How's about a stop at Branch Creek up ahead?"

"Read ya Golden Eagle. Will do. I'd say Branch is about three miles out my front door. Keep the strays in line. Ten four."

Strictly simulation, mind you, but it could very well be the wagon master in one of Sun City's recreational-vehicle caravans talking to his "Shot Gun" bringing up the rear.

Except for the CBs and the horseless carriages heading for an RV rally, the caravan has all the earmarks of a pioneer covered-wagon train. It also represents a trend in retirement living on wheels that is growing steadily despite low gas mileage and the high cost of octanes.

The oldest and by far the largest organized group in Sun City, exclusive of the Recreation Centers, is the Travel Trailer Club of Sun City Inc.

With 1,740 dues-paying members, which translates into about 3,400 people because one person holds memberships for the family, Travel Trailer keeps welcoming new RV devotees every month. The main attraction, besides having a place to park the vehicle when not in use, is the excitement of getting back to nature with good friends without having to give up the basic comforts of home.

Proof that its members are gung ho for fun on wheels is the fact that during the past year, no fewer than a dozen caravans have been organized. Sandwiched in between have been numerous potluck-dinner meetings and occasional pancake breakfasts at places like the White Tank Mountains, north of Sun City.

These trips are not the casual spurts of whimsy that mark fair-weather picnics at Lake Pleasant. They are planned carefully to the minutest detail, sometimes as much as a year ahead. Seven major outings already are on the docket for next year, including the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade in January and an early spring tour of New Zealand, where 50 recreational vehicles have been reserved for sightseeing.

Although well-planned excursions and regular get-togethers assume high priority in the club, the new friendships formed take on special meaning. Long-term relationships built on caravan experiences are common. The experience of Jim and Ethel Sanders, who made their first trip with the group in 1976 soon after moving to Sun City, is typical.

"We have added at least a hundred new friends as

Retired in style

a result of these trips. People we met at Organ Pipe National Monument that first year are still close friends," he said.

It isn't hard to imagine the ease with which new acquaintances turn into fast friends in the intimacy of a day starting with an outdoor breakfast, a hike up a scenic trail during the day and a potluck dinner at night, ending with a cozy campfire and perhaps a lecture by a park ranger.

Nor does age interfere with caravan participation.

"We have people in their 80s who come with knapsacks and hiking boots," said Henry Wilhelm, one of the club's wagon masters. "One woman who flew a plane until a couple years ago and has climbed the Alps hikes with the best of us."

Members explained that when the club was organized in 1961, the immediate objective was to get the trailers off the street into a common parking area. The first lot was furnished by the Del Webb Development Co. on ~~Arizona Avenue~~ ^{Desha Avenue}. In 1965, it was moved to ~~Desha Avenue~~ ^{Desha Avenue} because of overcrowding. In 1972, the current site was established. It was enlarged in 1979. The compound is secured and managed by the club.

Most Sun City areas restrict trailer street parking to a maximum of 48 hours.

Club esprit de corps is maintained throughout the year by special events scheduled between caravans. Coming up on Feb. 23 is a Pioneer Night, which will honor founders of the club. Ethel Sanders, who heads the arrangements committee, says those who first met in homes soon after Sun City was born were farsighted people who realized the importance of the burgeoning growth of recreational vehicles.

"Gypsies were probably the first to develop the idea of group travel," a member explained. Motor homes did not come into the picture until about 1965, he said.

Once hooked on trailer travel, the bug seldom expires, instead often infecting the victim with greater intensity. A family camping tent becomes a trailer, a trailer becomes a motor home, which in turn grows from 14 to 16 to 18 feet as the fever mounts.

The ultramodern trailer and motor home is a special boon to adventurous retirees. As one enthusiast put it, "When you get older, it's no fun to get up in the middle of the night and have to go in the cold."

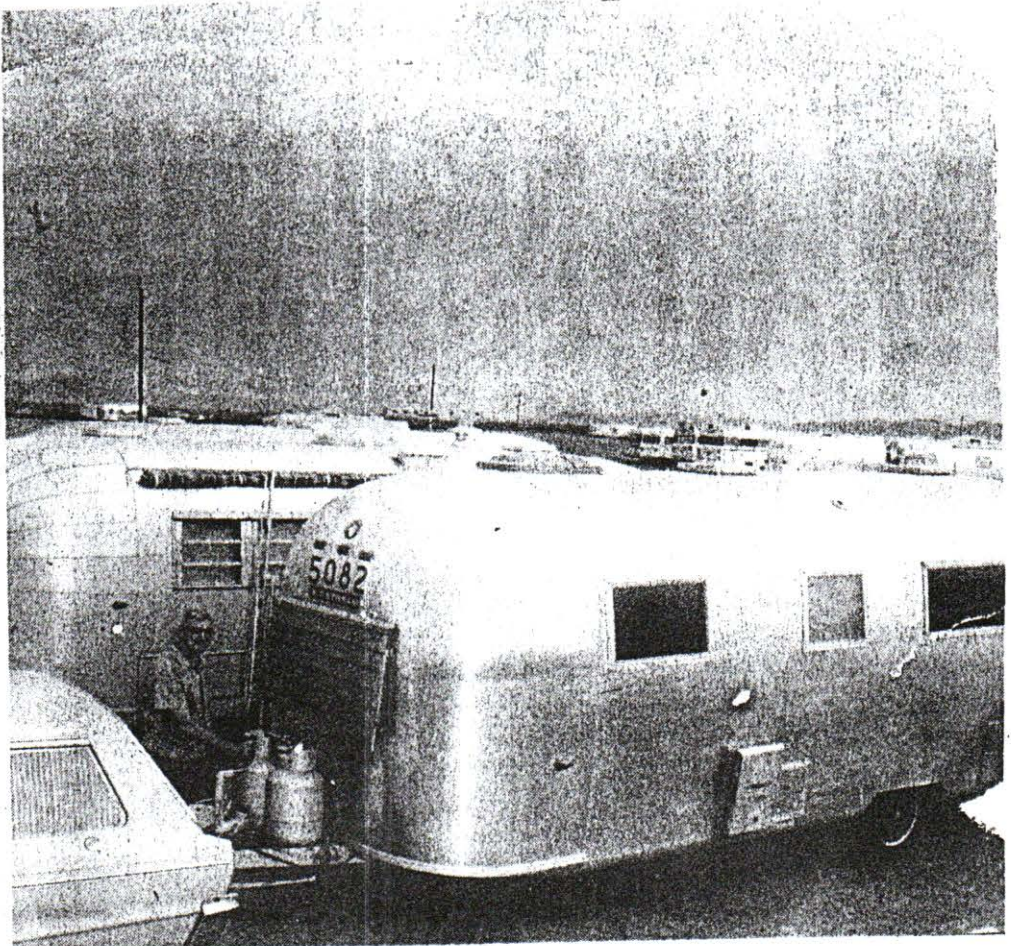
Trailer Compound Now In 15-Acre Location

The Sun City trailer compound has been moved from 103rd Avenue and Grand to 15 acres west of Del Webb Boulevard between Sunland Memorial Park and the Agricultural Center.

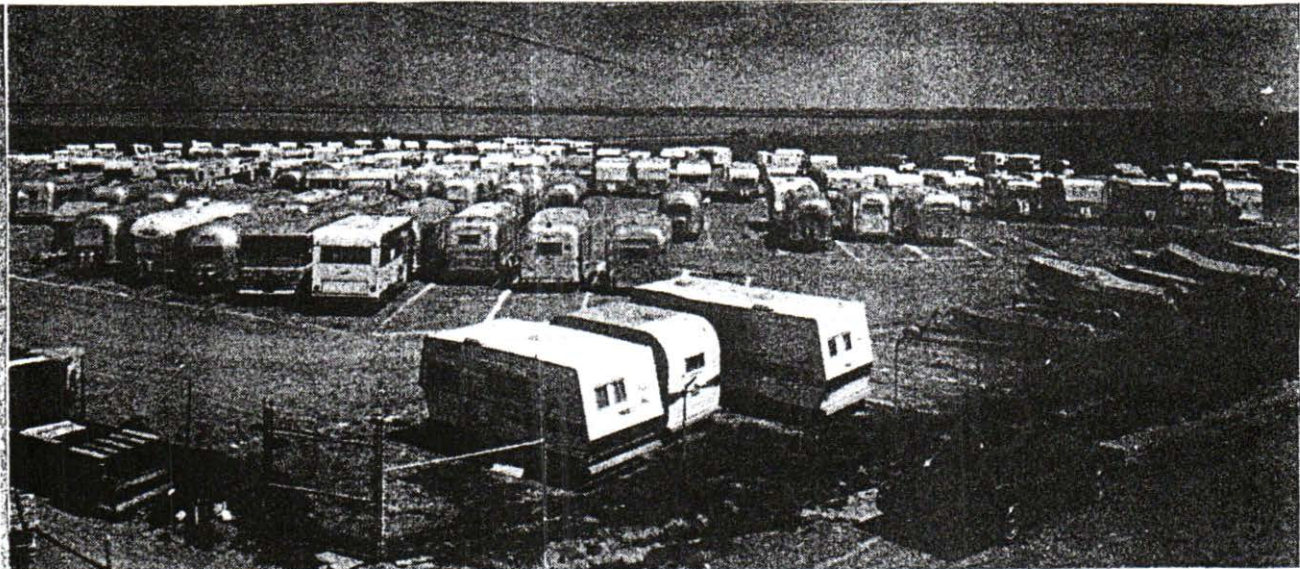
The compound, designed as a protected area for parking trailers, campers, boats, etc., has 735 spaces. It is under the direction of the Sun City Trailer Club.

Owen Childress, vice president and project manager for the Del E. Webb Development Co., pointed out that upon payment of a one-time \$20 assessment, a resident is assigned a permanent space in the compound. Each Sun Citian using the compound has a gate key.

Childress said that although the park is already in use, some things remain to be done. A slump block screening wall is to be erected along the east side of the compound, and shrubbery will be planted along the chainlink fencing.

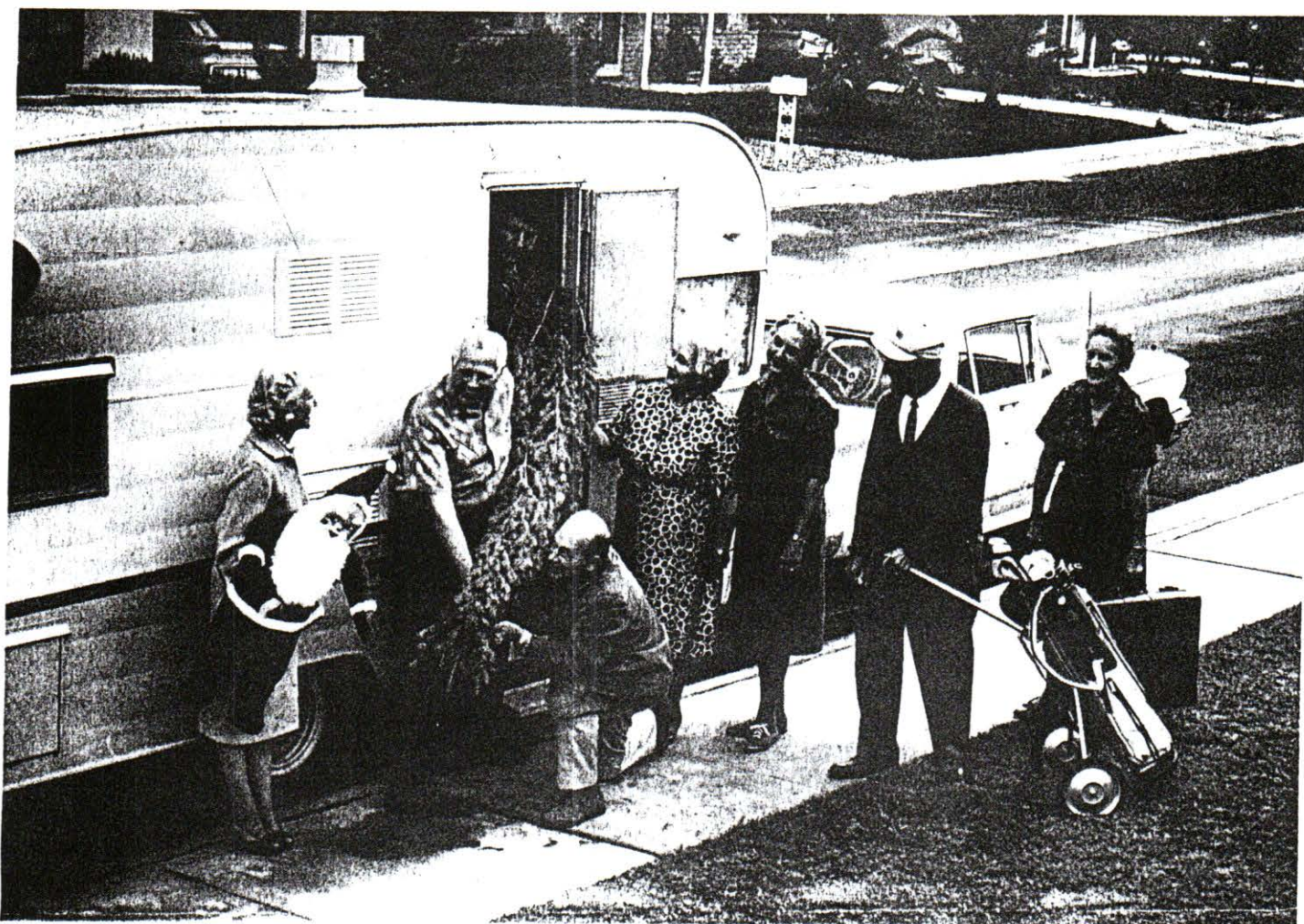


READY FOR ROAD — R.A. Wingerter, 19302 Sahara Drive, is among Sun Citians who store their trailers at new compound



A TRAILER COMPOUND, north of Grand and East of 103rd Avenues, houses the trailers of Sun City residents. Ralph W. Donley, manager, reports some 252 persons have keys to the compound. Henry Kleemeyer is chairman

of the Sun City Travel Trailer Club which has a membership of 130 active trailerites who make several cavalcades each year to national parks and interesting places. Reckner Photo



SUN CITY:

Champagne Living On Beer Pocketbooks

Some three years ago a then unnamed patch of cotton felt the first upheaval of earth as giant bulldozing equipment cleared the way for a master-planned retirement community constructed by the Del E. Webb Corporation of Phoenix and later named Sun City.

Today, more than 7,000 of the nation's old folks with a "live it up now, you're only old once" attitude are kicking up their heels in the wake of an "active retirement" slogan. The Sun City Travel Trailer Club is part of that group.

The 56-member club will take off at a moment's notice for a week or a weekend trip. Packing bag and baggage, they pull their trailers across country in "caravan style." And they have everywhere to go and no time to be back.

Last December a portion of the club packed bags, and with Christmas Trees in hand, started on a trip to Guaymas, Mexico. Literally, they took Christmas with them to a vacationland "south of the border." One member, dressed like Santa Claus, passed out "grab bag" gifts.

Chairman of the caravan committee W. E. Henderson declares, "Living in miniature is just part of the fun." He adds, "our 56 members are vagabonds of adventure."

Prompted by a feature article regarding a new trailer park in San Carlos, Mexico, the five Sun City families, unable to visit relatives for the Yule season, embarked on what was to be a most memorable trip.

Leaving Sun City on December 20, the cavalcade motored to Nogales, Arizona, border town and crossover point to Mexico. The first fun-packed day ended all too soon and morning found them among a throng of *turistas* impatiently waiting for credentials and inspection at the border station.

"The roads were excellent," remarked Henderson. And the terrain level and beautiful. An occasional farmer, excited at the sight of seeing visitors from the U.S., would wave and flash smiles of welcome.

About 250 miles from Nogales, beyond

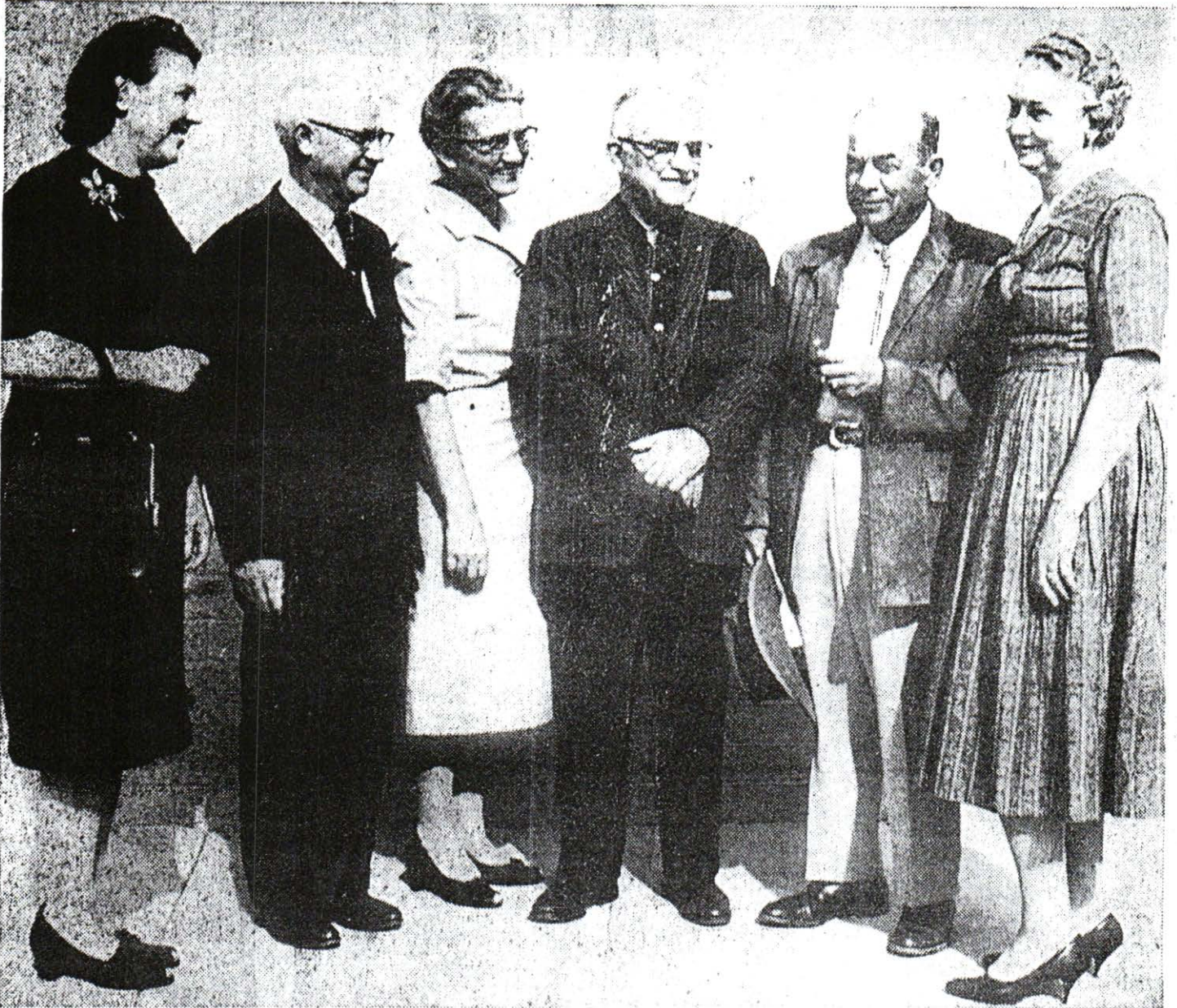
Hermosillo, is San Carlos, their destination. The seven-hour road trip had been tiring and "hitting the hay" was no problem that evening.

Trailer park owner Stewart "Stew" Bryson was most cordial and from the start all were sure that his trailer park would be a fine locale to spend the holidays.

The Sun Cityans recall more than 30 parking spaces being available at that time with an expected expansion program to accommodate 180. Situated in a natural setting of Organ Pipe Cactus overlooking the peninsula bay, this was the ideal spot.

Not far from the park are a hotel, yacht club, restaurant and shopping complex. "It sure made the gals happy," Henderson said.

Sightseeing trips and curio shop visits were regular features of the trip. "And you should have seen the fish we caught," they say. Park manager Bryson provides facilities for freezing and cold storage and some who made the trip are still



NEWLY-ORGANIZED Sun City Travel Trailer Club officers are, from left: Mrs. Milton Laing, 10308 Sun City Blvd., assistant treasurer; Golden D. Barger, 10614 103rd Ave., treasurer; his wife, Mrs. Iolla A. Barger, assistant secretary; Charles H. Conner, 10350 Connecticut Ave., president; Waive E. Henderson, 12480 105th Ave., vice president; and Dorothy Tallafarro, 10816 Madison Ave., secretary. All residents of

Sun City owning travel trailers, campers, or boats are invited to become affiliated with the club. Meetings are held at 9:30 a. m. the second Friday of the month at Town Hall. Social evenings are observed the fourth Monday (except April) at the Community Center and at least one caravan per month is sponsored. Henderson is director of caravans.

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Trailer Travelers Ready to Go

Sun City Club Keeps Vehicles Stocked for the Road

SUN CITY—Sun City Trailer Travelers, admitted vagabonds on adventure, are ready to leave for faraway places.

The 150 club members keep their trailers stocked with travel supplies and canned goods in a fenced compound here so they can travel on short notice.

Trailer club objectives are numerous. Predominant are the scheduling of travel caravans, highway safety and fire protection instruction, and the pastime of swapping travel yarns. At monthly potluck dinners, members show color pictures of individual and caravan trips.

In a typical trip, the travelers pull out of the compound at spaced intervals. Preappointed lunch and night stops allow those who may lag in traffic to catch up with the main group. Potluck suppers are standard on-the-road procedure.

Every caravan has a caboose trailer to aid members who encounter trouble and fall by the wayside.

Trailerites develop their own style of travel. Some carry portable television sets and radios, while others prefer music on the road with taped recordings.

Some homes on wheels are air conditioned and plushly appointed. Others are modestly equipped.

"Our trailer has everything but a French maid," Waive Henderson said, "and my wife wouldn't stand for that."

The Hendersons carry a motor scooter which folds to luggage size to go places during trailer stops. A special seat enables Mrs. Henderson to share the economy ride with her husband.

The club has made trips to Guaymas, Mexico, Death Valley, Calif., Organ Pipe Cactus Monument and Bullhead City.

For a Christmas trip south of the border caravan members stocked a collapsible Christmas tree. During their holiday

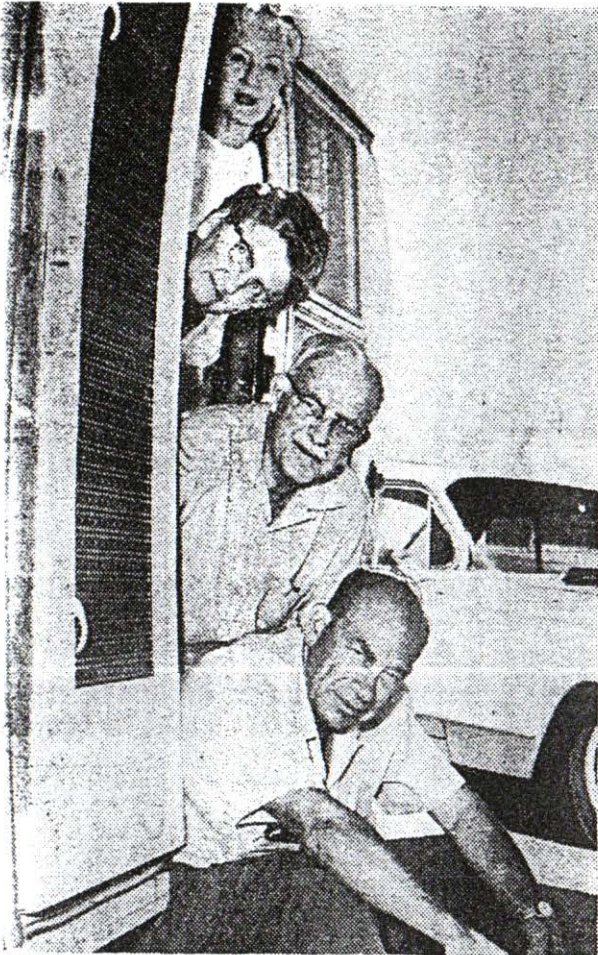
stand beyond Hermosillo, a club member dressed as Santa and handed out grab bag gifts marked "senor" and "senora."

Advantages of trailer travel, the club members say, are the relaxation of sleeping in the same bed every night and eating home-cooked meals.

"Trailers open the way to travel to members who could not otherwise afford to," said Charles Conner, president of the club. "There are no motel bills. Additional cost is the difference in gas used at home and on the road. Those dining often in fancy places conserve less."

As the summer heat moves in, more trailers leave the compound. Trailer club members are scheduled to go in all directions on separate trips.

Come fall and they will head back. Then trailer club members will compete in an unofficial contest for the tallest trailer travel tale.



Caravan Travel Club President and Mrs. Charles Conner, Center, and The Waive Hendersons Ready To Go

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Republic Photo And Story
By Thelma Heatwole



Caravan Trail Boss Fred Siegel Tells Fish Stories To Mrs. Siegel (Left) Mrs. D. S. Mohler