

NEWS DRIFTS



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May Rally in Diamond Valley

Thanks to the amazing skill of our in-house weatherman who chose this weekend for the rally, we had a beautiful weekend in the sun. Thanks Carr, now you have set the bar for 2024, we expect a repeat for the remainder of the rallies!

Members began to arrive after 1:00pm and were soon set up in their sites. The shelter was set up between the Picks' and Nels' coaches providing wind breaks and shade. We all gathered under the shelter for Happy Hour and then again after dinner, and with the fire going, a pleasant evening was had by all.



Friday morning breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns and toast was consumed and following breakfast, we gathered for a brief business meeting to discuss 2024 rally plans, membership, executive position recruiting, and the possible purchase of an AED unit (all were in favour of this). Rick Burgess may be able to acquire a unit for us so we will hold off this purchase until he checks this out.



A rousing game of LRC Dice was held. Host Stephen who provided the game won it handily. He returned the funds to all (\$3.00pp) so a second round could be played. He then proceeded to win that round as well (the dice must be loaded or have some link to their owner!).

After lunch it was Card Bingo, with Carr doing the calling using a new deck (provided by Stephen). The smaller pots were quickly won, leaving the final twoonie contest which 'of course' Stephen won (the link to his having provided the caller's cards was not noticed!).

The pot luck dinner was amazing and voluminous as usual. Lyle Davidson (past member) dropped by in the afternoon, and stayed for dinner. The lively and cheerful discussions continued all evening around the fire.



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General Info

Southern Alberta Drifters is a registered chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association. Membership is open to any FMCA member in good standing.

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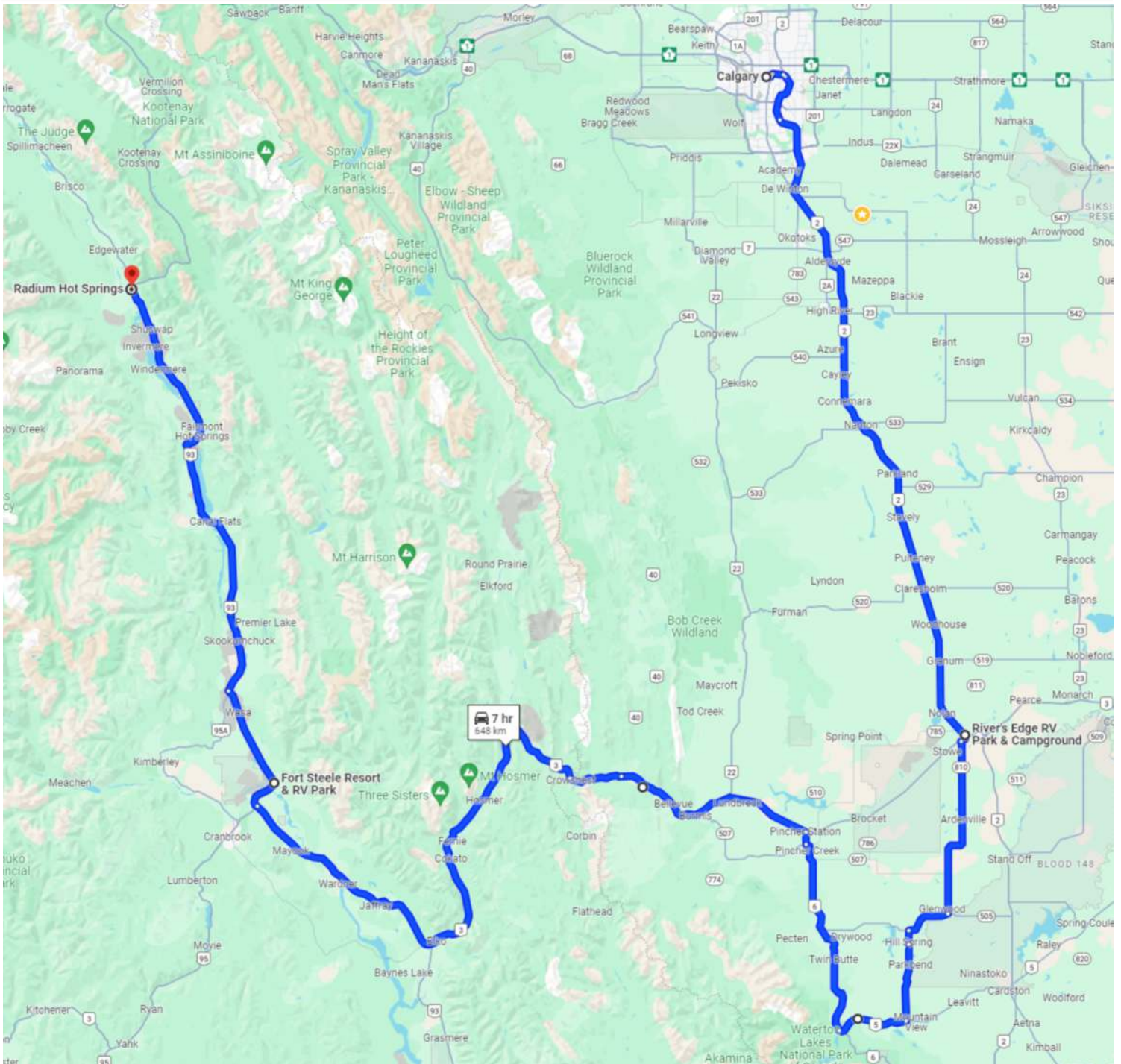
Saturday morning the weather luck continued with a bright and sunny day. Gerrit's breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon and toast was consumed, and afterwards members headed out on an excursion to the Hartell Farmstead 3rd Anniversary event. The hot and sunny afternoon was spent with a Cornhole Tournament, with Anne winning the women's side, and Peter winning the men's, and also the final playoff battle of the sexes round. "Insignificant prizes" were duly handed out. Ursula made a presentation on jewelry, and had a gift for all the mothers in attendance for Mother's Day. Ron and Lane Kellam came for a visit at Happy Hour, and got to meet our new members.



Dinner was Stephen's 2nd Annual Burger Bash. That was all heartily consumed, and we all gathered around the fire. Ernie M. brought out his guitar and made singers out of the crowd. It ended up with Peter on the guitar and Ernie on his mandolin! What fun to have musicians in our group!



July 2024 Caravan - Current Plans



Caravan 2024 — July 2nd to 12th

2 nights at each location

Location	Campground	Area Activities
1) Fort Macleod	Rivers Edge RV Park	Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump, NWMP Museum
2) Waterton	Crooked Creek Campground	Waterton National Park
3) Blairmore	Lost Lemon Campground	Frank Slide, Lumberck Falls
4) Fort Steele, BC	Fort Steele Resort and RV Park	Heritage town and gold panning
5) Radium, BC	The Canyon RV Resort	Hot springs and mountains

2024 Events

June 13-16	High Eagle RV Park, Rosebud <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power/water & dump station 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Nels</i>
July 2-12	Caravan through SW Alberta and into BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Macleod, Waterton Park, Blairmore, Fort Steele, Radium 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: C McLeods</i>
August 22-25	'Annual Salmon Fest' Three Hills Campground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power/water/sewer & dump station 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: TBD</i>
September TBA	'Another Year in the Books' Joint Rally with other AB Chapters, Location TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power/water & dump station TBD • annual kite event, putt/putt golf, horseshoes, ladder golf • AGM, Elections for Vice President & Secretary • discussion/planning for 2025 	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Klondikers / Wild Rose Chapters</i>

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Sunday BEGAN with a continental breakfast and then everyone started to pack up and head for home. The weekend was not to be without mechanical incidents though. Stephen had to boost Anne in through a coach window as their door handle had jammed. Not to be outdone, Wayne had to disassemble his awning motor as it had ceased to operate — he and Stephen managed to get it rolled up and secured for the short drive back to Okotoks. Then Carr's unit died just as it exited the site. Water in the gas turned out to be the culprit, and with the help of a neighbour camper with a big dually, we pushed the unit back into the site for the night so it could be towed to repair on Monday.

All in all it was a great weekend and we want to again welcome the new members, Ernie M, Wayne & Irma and Peter & Carole. It was great to meet you and we all look forward to many future rallies together.



FMCA International Convention

Remember !! Registration for the 109th FMCA International Convention in Redmond Oregon opened on April 3rd!
 Register early for discounts! www.fmca.com

New Members !

Lorne & Terri Blakley, Foothills County
 (🤪 left out your last name last issue!)