



October 31, 2023

## Happy Halloween

The weather has been changing — mostly sunny and cool days with temps dropping below freezing overnight. Many folks think this is the best time of year to be in Pendaries because it is still fairly warm with plenty of sunshine, little wind nor rain and very quiet. And, if you're lucky, you'll get to enjoy an early snow while the aspens are still golden — magical.



There's not much happening in the park, so I'll just include a lot of photos in this issue. My thanks to the photographers who shared their pics: Larena Torres, Lee Gann, Martha Banz, Jerri Hudson and Anna Hasenbank.

Reminders: Daylight Saving Time Change on November 5 — clocks go back 1 hour. Remember it's Fall Back and Spring Forward.



## Soup Supper

For many years, a Pendaries tradition has been to have a Soup Supper on Halloween. It is a warm and cozy celebration during the chilly autumn days for the few folks who are still in the park. Art & Wanda Smith created and have hosted this event for many years and, in the early years, were able to fit a dozen or so folks in their fifth wheel where we shared an assortment of delicious tummy-warming soups. On a few occasions, seems like just a few years ago, we also enjoyed the Atencio girls coming by for trick-or-treats.

This year, for the first time in my memory, Art & Wanda were unable to host the supper because they needed to be back home to attend a memorial service for a dear friend. The good news is that DJ Sword and Kathy Fehlberg kept the tradition alive and hosted this year's supper with 20 folks in attendance. The event has come a long way since the early years of squeezing into Art & Wanda's RV, but it is still a warm and cozy celebration of Pendaries friendship.

I dug through my photo archives and found the first photo I took of a Soup Supper — back in 2014. I'm not sure, but the event was probably held for many years before that, but I didn't have any photos to share.

Thank you Art & Wanda for creating and keeping such a wonderful tradition.



Above 2023: J.R. & Larena Torres, Matt Gaines, Bennie & Mary Gonzales, Lee Gann, DJ Sword, Kathy Fehlberg, Mike & Karen Cosgrove, Vicki & Johnny Hicks, Johnnie & Gene Strouse, Wayne Whipkey, Debbie & Barry Lowrance, Virginia Whipkey and Charla Yost.

Below 2014: John & Mary Rooney, Mike Coy, Art & Wanda Smith, Frank Williams, Mike & Jimmylea Sawyer, Bobby Yost, Wayne Bray, Charla Yost, Steve Walker, Tommy Thompson, Debbie Bray and Patt Walker.



## Pot Luck in the Dark

To say that Pendaries People are resilient is an understatement. On September 30, a storm blew in and, as often happens, the power went out and the park was without electricity. The power came back on and teased us for 10 minutes and then went back off for hours.

The Saturday night pot luck was about to get started when the power went out and that meant that some of the food that was in preparation wasn't going to get done and diners were going to have to eat in the dark. Never fear — folks mustered together, finished their dishes on gas stoves and brought battery lights to the Clubhouse. 20 folks attended despite the obstacles and fun was had by all making it a pot luck to remember.



Photo Above: Tim & Laura Lee Isom,  
Mike & Karen Cosgrove.

Photo Left: Art Smith and Laura Lee  
Isom.

## Autumn Weather

For most days, fall is delightful and especially beautiful when the aspens turn gold. Sometimes there is rain and hail and occasionally, we get snow, but it usually doesn't stick around.

This year, on October 2, there was a significant hail storm. No damage was reported in the park, but Las Vegas got pounded. A few Pendaries folks were in town when it happened and said it was terrifying. The town had to haul out the snow removal trucks to clear the roads. That evening, a lovely moonscape was captured at the park's entrance by friends of Tim & Sue Johnson.

On October 14, there was a full solar eclipse and Pendaries had a great view. Thanks to Lee Gann for sharing the eclipse photo.

On October 29, we got about a half inch of snow — enough to dust the trees — and then it was gone. Thanks to Martha Banz for sharing her photo and this lovely description: “This morning's frost on the fire-ravaged trees was a lovely reminder that beauty can, indeed, come from the ashes!”



Are you tired of Fall Colors yet?







## More Park Models

Tim & Laura Lee Isom (5 Ponderosa) had their park model delivered on October 5 and the set-up crew did a fabulous job of shoe-horning it into place. With trees on one side and a covered deck on the other, they had about an inch to spare. Top left photo shows how tight the placement was. Top right photo: It all worked out and now the park model looks like it was meant to be there.

Bottom left photo: A new park model was delivered last week and it was a surprise to the new owners, Rory & Jamie Bevan (45 Blue Sky) who didn't expect it until next spring. As of today, it is still sitting in the parking lot — hopefully, to be set up soon.

Bottom right photo: I neglected to include David & Suzanne Przybyla's new park model (79 Clubhouse) in the last issue where I featured new structures in the park. Since it's initial setting up, they have added a deck and a shed to their property:



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## Williams' Family News

Red (below left) is the newest addition to our family. Red's owner (an elderly man who lived in The Village) passed away and Red ran away from home. We contacted Red's owner's son, but he could not take care of Red, so we decided our home had room for one more. He and our other dog, Louie (on right) get along great and Red is a sweet and affectionate dog — definitely a keeper.



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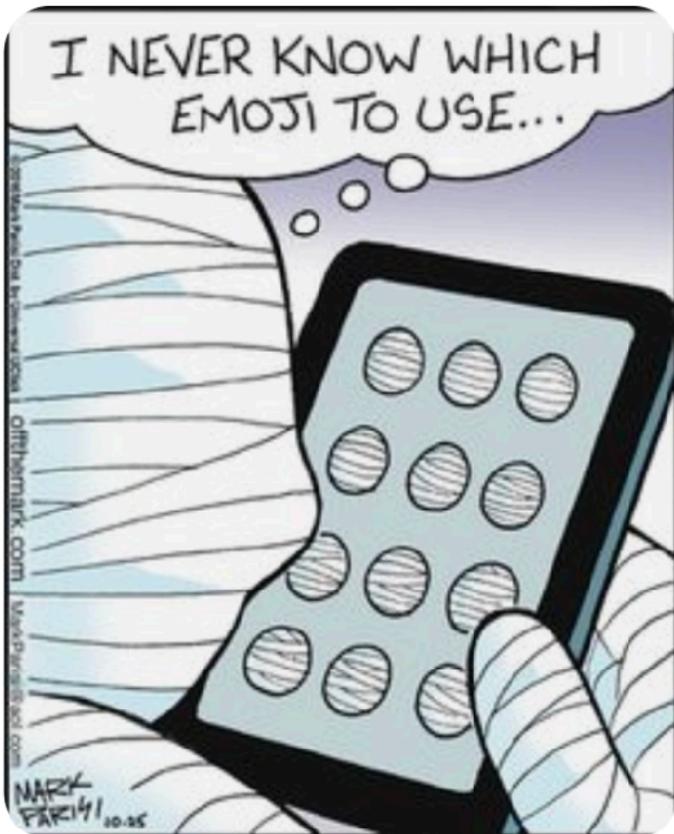




'No, we're not stopping.  
There's no rest for the wicked.'



THE CONSTANT BATTLE TO  
FIT UNDER BEDS



**I think ghosts are just people who  
died trying to fold a fitted sheet.**

