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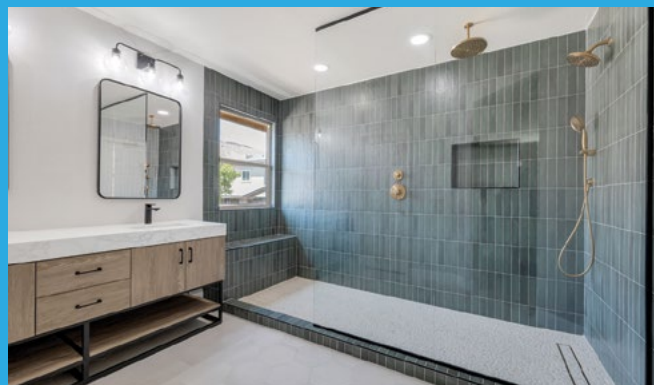
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Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly.

Board of Directors Executive Session

April 3 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

April 10 | 6:30 p.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session

May 1 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

May 8 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Did you know that the Solera HOA has a Member Code of Conduct? Yes, of course, we have one for our HOA Board but we also have a code of conduct or set of guidelines for Solera HOA members/residents and their guests.

While the following guidelines may seem obvious and common sense, it is good to review them from time to time as they outline specific behaviors and actions expected within our Community. These rules help set a standard of expectations for the community which help guide our behavior and support the management process.

Briefly stated here is a quick review of major guidelines:

Members:

1. Must present their membership card when entering common areas of the facilities and/or when asked to do so by management staff.
2. Must purchase guest passes for their guests. An article covering the purchasing of bulk guest passes was covered in previous *Solera Star* magazines.
3. Must check in their guests with the receptionist. Even if you are planning to utilize the tennis or pickleball courts (for example) you must ensure your guests are checked in prior to doing so.
4. Are strictly prohibited from charging guests for use of the facilities or in any way profiting personally from their membership in the Association.
5. Will be held legally and financially responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests.

Members and Guests:

1. Must abide by all the rules and regulations including those posted.
2. Shall not jeopardize or interfere with the rights and privileges of other members or their guests.
3. Shall not use profanity, verbally abuse, harass, or accost other members, their guests, or management staff.
4. Shall not reprimand, show disrespect, or otherwise interfere with the management staff.
5. Shall obey all safety rules and shall not engage in unsafe activities and shall not compromise the safety of others.
6. Are prohibited from audio and/or video recording of any non-social activity anywhere in the Community Center, and the associated grounds, unless otherwise agreed to by all attendees.
7. Firearms are strictly prohibited in any common area or facility, unless carried by a qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer.

As you can see the rules for the Member Code of Conduct are about using good judgment, common sense, and being thoughtful of others.

Take advantage of our Community Center and enjoy gathering together with respect and regard for all those utilizing our Community Center and above all have fun!!!!!! ✨

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BOARD APPROVED ARC GUIDELINE UPDATES

BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section III.A.1: Additions; The application for all additions must include an elevation drawing on each side of the addition.

Section III.D.6: Garage Outdoor Lighting Replacement; The electrical light fixture on the wall next to the garage door may be replaced. It is permitted to add an electrical light fixture on the other side of the garage door provided they are identical to each other. If electrical light fixtures are installed on both sides of the garage door, the electrical wiring must be on the interior of the building. The color of the electrical light fixture shall be black, bronze or a similar dark color. White or light colored electrical light fixtures are not permitted. The maximum height of the electric light fixture is not to exceed sixteen inches (16"). The maximum width of the electric light fixture is not to exceed eight inches (8"). The maximum depth of the electric light fixture is not to exceed six inches (6").

The styling of the replacement electrical light fixture must follow that of the original light fixture. Provide ARC with a color photo of the electrical light fixture when you submit your application.

Section III.D.8: Backup Electric Generators; Location; On the ground at the side of the house near the current electric meter and meet existing setback requirements. Gasses from the generator must exhaust vertically rather than horizontally, and the exhaust must be placed at least 5 feet (unless local code requires more) from openings in walls (operable windows, doors, vents, or other openings in the wall) from all buildings to prevent carbon monoxide from entering any home.

Wall mounted installation hardware, including, but not limited to cable, wiring, PVC, conduit, mounting brackets, nuts, bolts, etc., shall be painted the same color as the surface to which it is mounted.

Section III.E.5.: Addition of Fig 3-A; Paint scheme color added.

Section III.F.12.: Prohibited Structures; Ponds

Section III.D.7: Front yard: No more than one thousand (1,000) square feet or 50% of the front yards square feet, whichever is less, can be covered in synthetic turf. Rear yard: No more than one thousand (1,000) square feet or 50% of the rear yards square feet, whichever is less, can be covered in synthetic turf.

Yard Area Definition – Applies only to Turf.

Front yard; The area bounded by the front property line, side property lines and back to the location of the ten foot (10') setback point allowed for walls and fences on each sides of the house. Rear yard; The area bounded by the rear property line, side property lines and up to the ten foot (10') setback point allowed for walls and fences on each sides of the house.

Only one type, style, color or texture is permitted in the front yard.

Section III.H.8: Addition of Fig 3-B; NEW Figure 3-B Flat Slate Roof Tile

Section III.N.9: Addition of Fig 3-B; NEW Figure 3-B Stone Veneer

Section IV.B.2.3.1.: Patio, Side and Rear Yard Walls and Fences. Patio, side and rear yard walls shall be concrete masonry unit block (CMU) or wrought iron fence. Walls that are painted cement stucco

over CMU walls shall be finished on both sides and top. The CMU shall be eight inches (8") deep by eight inches (8") high by sixteen inches (16") wide. All CMU walls shall be the color of Cind-R-Lite of Las Vegas 'Valley Tan' or a similar textured block of equal color. The top of the walls must have a matching cap block or be textured cement finished and painted to match the color of the CMU.

Solera at Anthem uses three styles of CMU. They are double split-face (both sides of the CMU are rough texture), single-split face (one side of the CMU is rough texture and one side is smooth) and smooth-smooth side CMU (both sides of the CMU are smooth. See Section III.E for paint color for smooth CMU. See Figure 7-B showing difference CMU styles.

All walls facing the street must have the rough texture facing the street. Walls from the ground up shall be constructed from double split-face CMUs except if you want to match existing wall styles in your back yard. Walls added on to existing builder installed walls shall be constructed with the same style CMU as the builder used. It is permitted to add double split-face CMU to a builder installed wall. Walls installed next to Open Space lots shall have a texture of the CMU facing the Open Space.

When applicable, neighbor release must be obtained and presented at time of application review by submitting the "Approval Form for Fence and Wall" or no action will be taken. Make sure the CMU style on your side and the approving neighbor's side is completed on the form. See Figure 7-C for the approval form.

Addition of Fig 7-C; Fence approval form

Section IV.B.2.e.2: Retaining Walls; CMU specified in Section IV.B.2.e)1) is to be used.

Section III.E: Fence Paint: Replace any reference to Dark Chocolate Brown and Victorian Garnet as fence paint color with Sherwin Williams Black Bean Code SW 6006 or Black Bean Code SW 6006.

Section III.F. 12., 13., 14. : Prohibited structures; Ponds; Car Ports; In ground fire pits

Section III.O.2. Awnings and Patio Curtains: - ARC approved 2/5/2024.

2. Patio Curtains: Patio curtains are only allowed on patios that were constructed by the builder. Patio curtains are prohibited on patio extensions. The curtain material shall be marine canvas fabric. The curtains shall be a solid color only. The colors are to be the same color as the house or of desert tone and approved by ARC. When not in use, the Patio Curtains shall be tied back.

Section IV.B.2.e.1.: See Figure 7-B for the type of CMU used in Solera at Anthem; All CMU walls shall be the color of Cind-R-Lite of Las Vegas Valley Tan or a textured block of equal color.

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Solera at Anthem Exterior Color Scheme

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Sherwin Williams (noted as "SW" below) Exterior House Paint Codes

Your Floor Plan and Paint Options	Stucco Body / Garage Door	Fascia / Trim	Front Door / Shutters / Wrt Iron	Your Floor Plan and Paint Options	Stucco Body / Garage Door	Fascia / Trim	Front Door / Shutters / Wrt Iron	
								Options
Lewis (Original No Stone) LE-A LRV 34 Threshold	SW 7501	SW 7509	SW 7048	Clark (Original No Stone) CL-A LRV 58 Accessible B Edge	SW 7036	SW 7509	SW 6250	
	LRV 34	LRV 17	LRV 8		LRV 58	LRV 17	LRV 15	
	Tiki Hut	Tiki Hut	Urbane Bronze		Tiki Hut	Tiki Hut	Granite Peak	
	SW 7552	SW 9172	SW 6055		SW 6071	SW 7705	SW 7509	
Lewis (Original Partial Stone) LE-B LRV 72 Banhaus Bluff	SW 7516	SW 6256	SW 7622	Clark (Original Partial Stone) CL-B LRV 61 Popular Gray	SW 7633	SW 6140	SW 2846	
	LRV 68	LRV 23	LRV 15		LRV 61	LRV 18	LRV 9	
	Stadie Clay	Stadie Clay	Hamburg Gray		Wheat Penny	Wheat Penny	Roy's Bronze	
	SW 7032	SW 6104	SW 7637		SW 9090	SW 9111	SW 7595	
Lewis (Original Full Stone) LE-C LRV 20 Kenred White	LRV 20	LRV 9	LRV 72	Clark (Original Full Stone) CL-C LRV 13 Caraibe	SW 7519	SW 7796	SW 7060	
	Warm Stone	Kaffee	Oyster White		Caraibe	Antler Velvet	Sommelier	
	SW 7501	SW 7509	SW 7048		Whitney (Original No Stone) WH-A LRV 63 Rivers Edge	SW 7517	SW 7019	SW 6041
	LRV 34	LRV 17	LRV 8			LRV 63	LRV 17	LRV 8
Tomorrow's	Tiki Hut	Urbane Bronze	Chateau Brown	Hot Cocoa		Other		
SW 7517	SW 7521	SW 7510	Whitney (Original Partial Stone) WH-B LRV 58 Accessible B Edge	SW 7036		SW 6047	SW 6058	
LRV 63	LRV 32	LRV 8		LRV 58	LRV 14	LRV 10		
Rivers Edge	Dom or Brown	Chateau Brown		Hot Cocoa	Brevity Brown			
SW 6078	SW 7501	SW 6033		Whitney (Original Full Stone) WH-C LRV 33 Mexican Sand	SW 7519	SW 7796	SW 7060	
LRV 59	LRV 34	LRV 13	LRV 33		LRV 67	LRV 20		
Realist Beige	Threshold	Bateau Brown	Mexican Sand		Orly Natural	Altitude Gray		
SW 7031	SW 7025	SW 9173	Whitney (Original Full Stone) WH-D LRV 28 Elephant Ear		SW 9168	SW 7030	SW 7615	
LRV 20	LRV 20	LRV 51		LRV 28	LRV 47	LRV 7		
Mega Greige	Backdrop	Shiitake		Elephant Ear	Anew Gray	Sea Serpent		
SW 7538	SW 7039	SW 7061		Franklin (Original No Stone) FK-A LRV 40 Tamarind	SW 7517	SW 7521	SW 7510	
LRV 40	LRV 20	LRV 13	LRV 40		LRV 32	LRV 8		
Chateau Brown	Dom or Brown	Chateau Brown	Chateau Brown		Dom or Brown	Chateau Brown		
SW 6078	SW 7501	SW 6033	Franklin (Original Partial Stone) FK-B LRV 59 Realist Beige		SW 7519	SW 7796	SW 7060	
LRV 59	LRV 34	LRV 13		LRV 59	LRV 34	LRV 13		
Realist Beige	Threshold	Bateau Brown		Realist Beige	Tomorrow's	Bateau Brown		
SW 9170	SW 7674	SW 7015		Franklin (Original Full Stone) FK-C LRV 32 Acier	SW 9170	SW 7674	SW 7015	
LRV 32	LRV 10	LRV 58	LRV 32		LRV 10	LRV 58		
Acier	Peppercorn	Repose Gray	Acier		Peppercorn	Repose Gray		
SW 7538	SW 7039	SW 7061	Franklin (Original Full Stone) FK-D LRV 32 Acier		SW 7538	SW 7039	SW 7061	
LRV 32	LRV 10	LRV 58		LRV 32	LRV 10	LRV 58		
Acier	Peppercorn	Repose Gray		Acier	Peppercorn	Repose Gray		

FIGURE 3-A. PAINT SCHEME FOR EXTERIOR, BASE AND TRIM FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

For Sherwin Williams Paint used in Solera at Anthem, see <https://www.sherwin-williams.com/homeowners/color/find-and-explore-color/showhandlers/in/solera-at-anthem>

Note: LRV = Light Reflective Value. It is the total quantity of visible and useable light reflected by the paint. LRV 0 = Black; LRV 100 = White

Solera at Anthem Exterior Color Scheme

Created October 2023

Stucco = Spanish Lace, Paint = Sherwin-Williams, Roof = Monier Life Tile

Exterior Stone Veneer and Flat Slate Roof Tile

Your Floor Plan / Stone Elevation	Stone Veneer	Flat Slate Roof Tile	Your Floor Plan / Stone Elevation	Stone Veneer	Flat Slate Roof Tile	
						Options
Lewis (Original No Stone) No Stone	None	Brown Blend 1STCS3233	Clark (Original No Stone) No Stone	None	Brown Blend 1STCS3233	
	Eucalyptus Country LedgeStone CSV20050	Natural Marble 1STCS5037		Clark (Original Partial Stone) Partial Stone	Chardonnay Southern LedgeStone CSV2054	Charcoal Brown Blend 1STCS1132
	Chardonnay Drystack LedgeStone CSV2012	California Mission Blend 1STCS6464			Clark (Original Full Stone) Full Stone	Cedar Limestone CSV2044
Fremont (Original No Stone) No Stone	None	Brown Blend 1STCS3233	Whitney (Original No Stone) No Stone			None
	Cedar Limestone CSV2044	Brown Blend 1STCS3233		Whitney (Original Partial Stone) Partial Stone		Walnut Southern LedgeStone CSV2027
	Bucks Country LedgeStone CSV368183	Desert Breeze 1STCB3156			Whitney (Original Full Stone) Full Stone	Rustic Southern LedgeStone CSV2055
Franklin (Original No Stone) No Stone	None	Brown Blend 1STCS3233	Franklin (Original No Stone) No Stone			None
	Cedar Limestone CSV2044	Brown Blend 1STCS3233		Franklin (Original Partial Stone) Partial Stone		Cedar Limestone CSV2044
	Bucks Country LedgeStone CSV368183	Desert Breeze 1STCB3156			Franklin (Original Full Stone) Full Stone	Bucks Country LedgeStone CSV368183

FIGURE 3-B. EXTERIOR STONE AND FLAT SLATE ROOF MATERIAL

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APPROVAL FORM FOR FENCE AND WALL

I grant permission for my neighbor at _____ to install:

- _____ Wrought iron fence on top of retaining wall on property line
- _____ Block wall on top of retaining wall on property line
- _____ Wrought iron fence on property line not to exceed 6' in height from highest lot
- _____ Block wall on property line not to exceed 6' in height from highest lot

Wall is to be constructed as follows.

Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Applicant's Side | Neighbor's Side |
| ___ Textured face | ___ Textured side |
| ___ Smooth face | ___ Smooth side |

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

All wall installation must have prior approval of the Architectural Review Committee

FIGURE 7-C. NEIGHBOR APPROVAL FORM

8" X 8" X 16" CMU



- Double Split Face = Both Sides are Textured
- Single Split Face = Side 1 is Textured, Side 2 is Smooth Face
- Smooth-Smooth = Both Sides are Smooth



Split Face CMU
Color: Valley Tan or equivalent

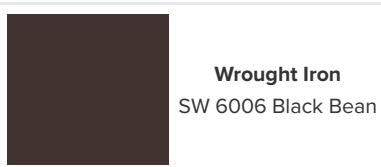


Smooth Face CMU
Color: Olympic One Stain Trailside Tan or equivalent

FIGURE 7-B. CMU APPROVED FOR USE AT SOLERA AT ANTHEM

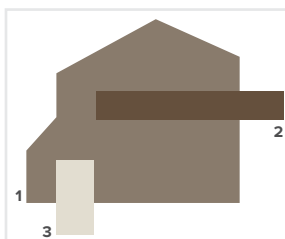
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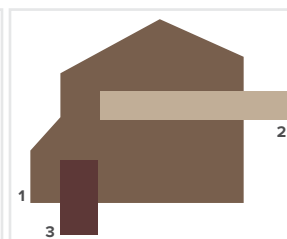
Wrought Iron
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1. Body & Garage Door
2. Fascia & Trim
3. Front Door & Shutters



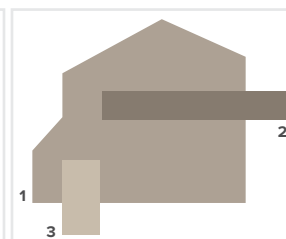
Lewis Scheme 4

1. SW 7032 Warm Stone
2. SW 6104 Kaffee
3. SW 7637 Oyster White



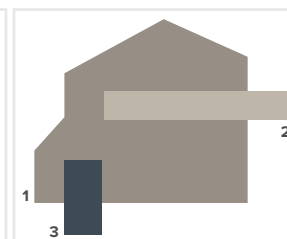
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1. SW 9090 Caraibe
2. SW 9111 Antler Velvet
3. SW 7595 Sommelier



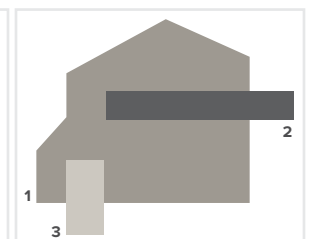
Fremont Scheme 4

1. SW 7031 Mega Greige
2. SW 7025 Backdrop
3. SW 9173 Shiitake



Whitney Scheme 4

1. SW 9168 Elephant Ear
2. SW 7030 Anew Gray
3. SW 7615 Sea Serpent



Franklin Scheme 4

1. SW 9170 Acier
2. SW 7674 Peppercorn
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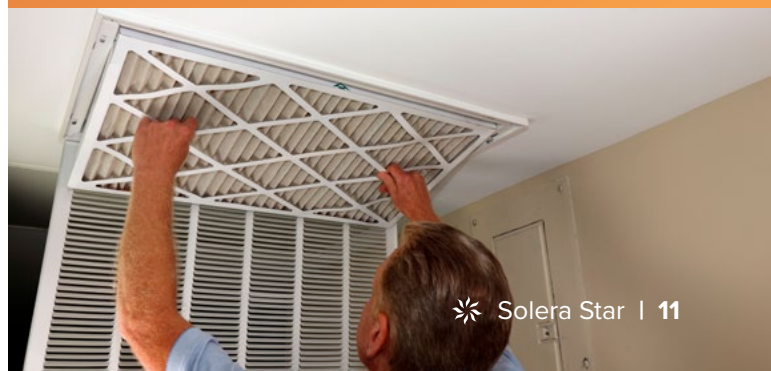
BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS

The Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans offers a light home maintenance program supported by Solera volunteers to assist you. They are available to change your HVAC filters, light bulbs and batteries in your smoke detectors and will add salt to your water softener and lubricate your garage doors.

Please keep in mind if your smoke detectors are 10 years old or older, it is time to change them out. The newer models have a lithium battery, which is good for ten years. The volunteers are prepared to change these smoke alarms when needed.

A special thank you goes to Craig Hardy and David Mills, who are your volunteers taking care of Solera's home maintenance. Also, thank you to Ray Carvajal and Tom Sweetco, who will fill in for Craig and David when needed.

FAS offers a temporary pet foster program. This program is designed to help pet-owning seniors or veterans who may need to be hospitalized or are experiencing a medical emergency. We will tell you how you, even if you are not a pet owner, can be a temporary foster and, if you are a pet owner, how you can register your pet before an emergency occurs. ✨



VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB TWO EVENTS IN APRIL

BY THE SOLERA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

The Veterans and First Responders Club is very active within our Solera Community. In the month of April we have two events, the first is the Community Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. All funds collected from the sale of items from our table will go toward our donations to local Veteran and First Responder charities.

On Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m., is our annual Ice Cream Social. Tickets for the Ice Cream Social will go on sale Monday, April 15 at 9 a.m. in the Lady Luck Room for \$10 per person. There will be live music, dancing, bingo, an auction, and of course, lots of ice cream.

The club is open to all residents of Solera. You don't have to be a Veteran or First Responder.

We are responsible for the flags flying in our community center parking lot. We also have flags and flagpoles for sale to anyone who needs one. It is a beautiful sight driving through our community and seeing Old Glory flying proudly.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month with social time at 6:00 p.m. and meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. We always have great speakers.

If you need to retire your American flag please drop it off at the front desk at the community center and we will insure that it is retired properly.

If you are in need of a flag or interested in joining our club, please contact us at soleraveterans@outlook.com. ✨





SOLERA PARKING LOT SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8AM–12PM

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\$20 per table

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CASH OR CHECK ONLY



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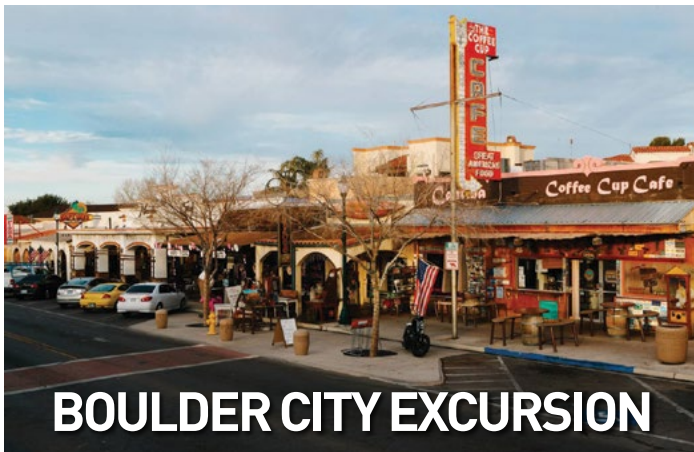
MONDAY, MAY 6

6:30PM | STARDUST ROOM

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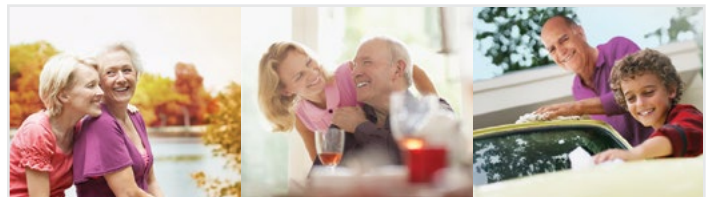
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
10AM-1:30PM

Enjoy the afternoon having lunch, shopping,
or exploring Boulder City.

\$17 per person for transportation

Bus will leave Solera at 10 a.m. & return around 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady
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31 Easter	1 Easter Monday	2 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm	3 Executive Board 9:30am	4 Communications 1:30pm	5 AARP Driver Safety Class 9am	6
7	8 Covenants 10am	9 Ticket Sale For Nite At The Races 9am Reboot Unplugged Event 6:30pm Bulk Trash Day Eid al-Fitr	10 Board of Directors 6:30pm	11	12	13 Annual Parking Lot Sale 8am Fitness Center Orientation 10am
14	15 Ticket Sale For Ice Cream Social 9am Tax Day	16 Ticket Sale for Anthem Voices Concert 10:15 am	17 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	18 Ticket Sale For Boulder City Excursion 9am Community Standards 9:30am	19	20
21	22 Earth Day Passover	23 Jim The Solar Guy Presentation 10:30am Lifestyle 1pm Bulk Trash Day	24 Finance 9:30am	25 Bingo 6:30pm	26	27
28 Veterans & First Responders Ice Cream Social 2pm	29 Holi	30	MAY 1 Executive Board 9:30am	2 Communications 9:30am	3	4 Nite At The Races 4pm
5 Cinco De May Orthodox Easter	6 Anthem Voices Concert 6:30pm	7 ARC 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm Bulk Trash Day	8 Board of Directors 9:30am	9	10	11 Fitness Center Orientation 10am

CHARTERED CLUBS

American Mah Jongg Club | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Rosalie Feit | (702) 897-4965

Asian Mah Jongg Club | Wednesday & Friday | Noon
Vickie | (702) 489-7922

Aquasize | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 10 a.m.
Diane Fimiano | Aquadiane1@aol.com

Bridge Club | Tuesday & Friday | 12:30 p.m.
Sharon Deter | (253) 303-1738 | sharon.dtd@gmail.com

Bunco Club | Second Tuesday | 5 p.m.
Karen Schanhals | (775) 721-4701
Sue Levine | (631) 871-8459

Euchre Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Gregg Schiffbauer | (702) 379-1399 | magregg@aol.com

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Watercolor | Thursday | 10 a.m.
Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

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Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m.
Carol Runyan | (702) 558-7623

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Stained Glass | Wednesdays | 12:30-5 p.m.
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Paper Works / Greeting Cards Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Linda Freitas | dfreitas89044@cox.net

Party Bridge Club | Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 p.m.
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Susie Gordon | (619) 602-3772

Poker Club

Monday | Noon; Wednesday | 5 p.m.; Thursday | 5 p.m.
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Third Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Southpoint
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Solera Ladies Club | Monthly Activities
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Table Tennis Club

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday | 8 a.m.-Noon
Sunday | 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Steve Reed | (309) 696-5311

Veterans & First Responders Club | First Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.
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Water Volleyball Club

Wednesday | 5:30-7 p.m.; Saturday | 1-2:30 p.m.
Susan Newman | (951) 850-2595 | sjntchr@aol.com

GROUPS

Billiards | Tuesday | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ken Moser | (702) 401-7823 | chefmoser1@icloud.com

Bocce Ball Group | Monday & Wednesday | 9 a.m.
Danny Mosher | (702) 524-8058 | dsmosher66@gmail.com

Book Group | Second Saturday | Noon
Monica McAdams | (702) 371-6575 | monica0921@hotmail.com

Crafts and Stitches | Tuesday | 9 a.m. | Please drop by

Double Deck Pinocle Group

Wednesday | 5-8 p.m.; Sunday | 4-7 p.m.
Mike Sinclair | (360) 567-7664 | grizle@comcast.net

Rummikub | Sunday | 1-4 p.m.
Richard Kroeger | rkroeger22@yahoo.com

Tennis Group | Saturday | 7 a.m.
Sam Misraji | (818) 207-1947

Trivia Group | Last Tuesday | 6-8 p.m.
Rosemary Massey
(907) 230-7945 | rosemarymassey2@gmail.com

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Party Time Dance | Tuesday | Noon-1 p.m.
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Power Walkers | Daily | 7:30 a.m.
Cheryl Beaudry | (702) 823-5441

Tai Chi Clinic | Monday & Thursday | 11:15 a.m.
Ken Pavese | (702) 407-8111

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OR PERHAPS EVEN IN AN ELECTRIC-POWERED TESLA?

BY LARRY EDSALL



If you are a Baby Boomer, family vacation likely meant a road trip in your parents' station wagon with the windows open since it didn't have air conditioning. If you grew up in Gen X, that trip probably was done in a minivan (with a/c and cup holders). These days, families who do driving vacations likely travel in a sport utility vehicle, or perhaps even in an electric vehicle such as a Tesla (provided, of course, they plan a route that includes a sufficient supply of battery charging stations).

Regardless of vehicle, you likely can identify with the title of a book on the history of the family road trip written by author Richard Rotay. The title? *Don't Make Me Pull Over!*

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Oh, how often have we heard those words as unruly children, or uttered them as frustrated parents, or even as grandparents!

Our family's station wagon was a 1960 Chevrolet, painted a dingy pale shade of yellow but equipped with three rows of seats, enough for nine occupants, those in the back row having no need for rear view mirrors because where we looked was where we'd just been.

As an adult, I hauled our family from the Midwest to vacation in Florida via a full-size, climb up to get aboard GMC van, with a small

portable TV mounted between the front bucket seats - albeit with complaints from the children in the second row as we'd lose reception climbing hills in Tennessee, finally regaining the grainy, rabbit ears-provided image on the downhill slopes and with enough room for a playpen set up in the cargo area so the baby might sleep as we traveled.

Awkward perhaps, but the van was a step up from the pioneers' Conestoga wagon, though I'm sure many families, at least their younger members, thought their minivans and early SUVs weren't all that much of an improvement, even if they had plenty of cupholders, though not nearly enough power outlets. Perhaps that's the reason my own now-adult children prefer to fly to destinations for their family vacations.

And yet, my grandchildren seem to enjoy cross-country trips with Grandpa. The 13-year-old has been riding along to Michigan each summer for six years and this past summer we were joined by her 8-year-old brother. Of course, each has a portable electronic device in hand to make the miles pass.

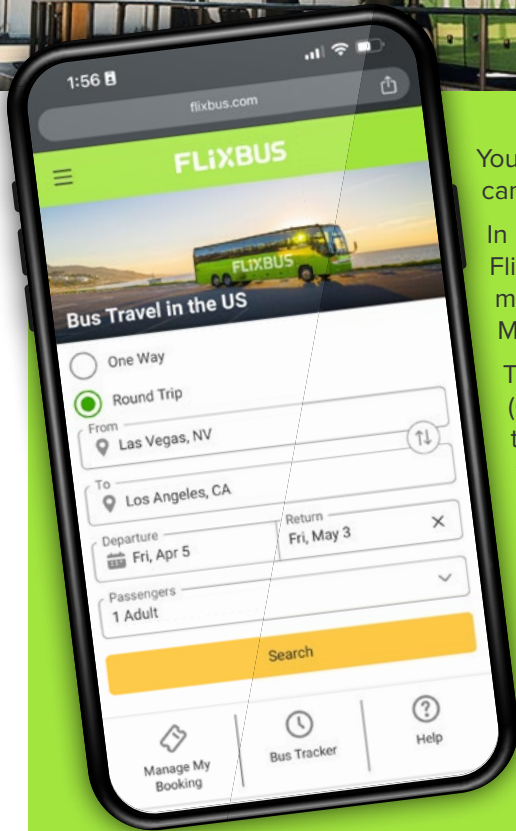
With her cellphone's GPS, my granddaughter has developed into a skillful if manipulative navigator.

"Grandpa," she'll say, "you're still on the right road and, guess what, there's a McDonald's just 6 1/2 miles away and I'm ready for French fries and ice tea!" ✨



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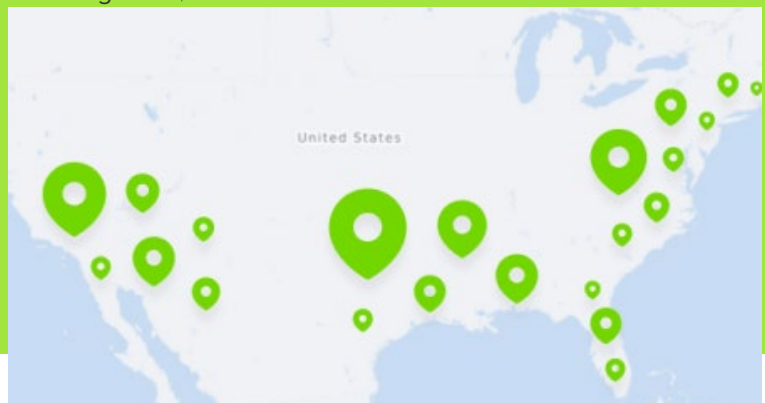


You may remember the days when Greyhound Bus Lines had a major advertising campaign with a tagline of “Go Greyhound and leave the driving to us.”

In 2021, the historic American bus company was acquired by German-based Flix, which began offering service in North America in 2018. One result of the merger was the availability of nearly 2,300 destinations in the US, Canada and Mexico, Las Vegas among them.

The Flix website (flixbus.com) lists nine Las Vegas stops, including Henderson (Galleria at Sunset), Reid airport and The Strip. Flix North America promises that every bus offers Wi-Fi, electrical outlets and onboard entertainment as they travel.

Also offering interstate bus travel from Las Vegas is Megabus (us.megabus.com), which launched its local service in 2023 to destinations including Reno and Los Angeles. ✨



Map shows reach of Megabus system

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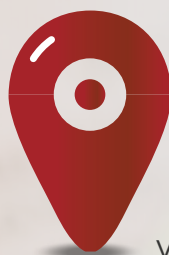
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RVING CAN BE A GREAT WAY TO TRAVEL

BY TOM GORMAN



Need a break from home? Want to see the Grand Canyon or grand trees? Are lakes or waterfalls calling your name, or beautiful Canada, from one coast to the other? Or in the fall when leaves change into their brilliant colors, from one coast to the other?

Vacations come in different sizes and colors, and various ways to get to where you want to go. Take the family sedan, and motel-it along the way? We decided several summers ago to buy a recreation vehicle — an RV — because it would free us from schedules and allow us to follow our instincts or make last-minute decisions on what to visit next. (Not ready to buy? RVs can be rented.)

At the most basic, RVs are converted vans, with on-board toilets and sometimes showers, simple kitchens (sink, gas burners and a microwave), half-size refrigerators, and electrical outlets (but you need to pull in next to a power source, which is common in a dedicated RV campground, or useful if you have a power generator on board.

Ours wasn't one of those giant RV motor homes the size of an overgrown Greyhound bus (and which, when converted, come with washing machines, big-screen TVs, lush living rooms, fully equipped kitchens, and private master bedroom.) Not only was such a vehicle way beyond our financial reach, but there are must-see places across the country and Canada where the roads are narrow and the curves too tight to accommodate large vehicles.

We purchased our RV (made by Leisure Travel Vans and previously owned but in great shape) at an RV sales lot in Las Vegas. The former van already had been converted to a terrific RV for our needs and expectations. The driver's seat and the up-front passenger seat swiveled around to face into the cabin.

The cabin could handle at least four adults — two per side. The bench seat along each side of the RV could be opened up and meet in the middle to provide a large-enough bed to accommodate kids or spoiled dogs. (If you need those benches to accommodate passengers while driving, you will want to make sure they are equipped with seat belts.) Each couch-turned-bed could accommodate two or three kids in sleeping bags. Each of the up-front "Captain's chairs" could rotate to join conversations (but not when driving).

In the back of our van was another bench seat that, when opened, would just about double as a queen-size bed. It could open nicely to accommodate two adults and a dog. The back of the RV also accommodated a bathroom. You could take an enclosed shower, brush your teeth over the sink, and use the toilet, there was even an exhaust fan. Beneath the toilet was a holding tank that you will want to empty with a hose and pump (they came with vehicle) into a "grey-water tank" imbedded in the ground at the campground you are visiting.



Our First RV



Sad that you're leaving behind your favorite TV shows? There's a work-around: buy yourself one of those small-screen TVs and make sure you know, or have, the technology needed to bring in a signal to your TV. I managed somehow.

Atop the RV was an air-conditioning unit which we seldom used.

Between the front seats and those at the rear was the kitchen, with exhaust fan, two-burner stove, a microwave and a refrigerator that could handle a fair amount of food items, including frozen.

Truth be told: We had some difficulties with our fridge, but found an RV repair shop and the problem was fixed.

The pros and cons of having an RV:

In the family sedan, you typically need to stop and get out for food, sleep, stretch and take advantage of a nearby toilet — and that assumes you can find a decent motel with vacancy for the night for the night and a place to eat. In the RV, we had everything we needed. We decided this was the best vehicle we could find for its cost — a vehicle that would have to be as homelike as possible — with private toilet, shower, oven, range top, fridge, a good-size bed and even an awning allowing us to sit outside either in rain or when the sun was bearing down.

All that we needed to settle down for the night was a campground — preferably one that offered places for us to dump our toilet and had electric plug-ins so we could have some real power.

But problems can occur.

The refrigerator, for instance, crapped out on us. We could still use it as a pantry of sorts, but had to start buying bags of ice for our ice chest (which had been serving as an ottoman).

Ultimately, we sold this terrific van because I think I was exhausted from that particular vacation lifestyle. We'd driven across Canada on one trip, driven to Florida for another, to the Northeast to visit Niagara Falls, to the Pacific Northwest to camp below towering trees, to southern Arizona to experience amazing caves, to Colorado several times, and to Southern California, where we could find places to park near the beach.



I also was getting paranoid about parts failing us. I was lacking the spirit for more RVing, and was content at the time selling it to what would be its third owner.

Should you decide to go RVing, there are tons of sources online for more information on-line.

Oh, and don't forget — take lots of photos, and matches to start campfires. ✨





RIDING THE RAILS

BY LARRY EDSALL

From what we've been told, by time for the 2028 Olympic Games in Southern California, we'll be able to board a train in Las Vegas and ride all the way to Los Angeles — and in less than three hours. I hope so because I'm a fan of riding the rails.

I don't remember my first train trip, though I'm told by my mother that I took the train to Elkhart, Indiana, to visit my father's relatives. I do remember being in grade school and skipping class for a day to travel with my father to the Illinois state capital where he had work to do.

When my mother's father retired from his position as a prison warden in Illinois, he was hired by the governor of Montana as a consultant after a riot in that state's prison. He and my grandmother took the train to get there. A few months later, we drove out in their car, and then returned home on the train.

My college didn't allow freshmen to have cars on campus, so I often rode the train to Chicago and then the "L" to Evanston and reversed the route to get home on weekends. While in college, I did public relations work for a professional minor league football team (affiliated with the then-San Diego Chargers). I took my first airplane flight to Omaha in advance of the game but returned to Chicago with the team on the train, an excruciating ride on a milk and mail train that seemed to stop in every tiny town as we crossed Iowa and Illinois.

A much more pleasant experience came as an adult, using a Eurail pass to go from Amsterdam to Norway and then back from Scandinavia through Germany and across

France and — by ferry (the fare included in the Eurail ticket) — to Ireland. As an adult, I also rode high-speed "bullet trains" in Japan and in Europe, dinner trains in Michigan and in California Wine Country, and even had dinner on the famed Orient Express from London to Dover and back.

I also traveled by rail from my home in Jackson, Michigan, to Chicago, though on one such trip we learned the dead-man's switch is a real thing; the engineer died of a heart attack and the train stopped suddenly, and we sat there for a couple of hours while police investigated the death and until his replacement could arrive.

While we can't ride the rails (yet) from Las Vegas, you can board Amtrak in Arizona (the Southwest Chief runs between Los Angeles and Chicago and stops in Kingman, Flagstaff and Winslow, Arizona, as well as in Needles, California).

I took that train from Flagstaff to Chicago a few years ago and it was a delightful experience. The personnel and fellow passengers were friendly — someone in the observation car would always invite you to join in a board game. The food, whether in the dining car or snack room, was good. There was plenty of time to read or you could just sit back enjoy the scenery without worrying about oncoming traffic or small-town speed traps. ✨

FLIGHTS OF NOT-SO FANCY

AIR TRAVEL HAS CHANGED THROUGH THE YEARS

BY LARRY EDSALL

If you are of a certain age, you may recall your first flight in a commercial passenger airplane, a vehicle which might even have been propelled by, well, actual propellers.

You dressed up for the flight — men in sport coats and ties, women in dresses — and no one wearing flip-flops.

If the flight covered significant distance, you were served a complete and hot meal, or perhaps even two should the flight have been of long duration. Your airplane likely had a seating section in which smoking was allowed.

That was then. Now, instead of a luxurious flying experience, you get to stand in line for security inspections, line up again for the cattle-call boarding process, sit elbow-to-elbow as every seat is occupied — and pity those sitting in the middle seat! Too often there's no room left in the overhead bin for your carry-on bag. Light snacks have replaced meals, and bring your credit card because they may not be included in the price of your ticket.

People may appear to dress down rather than up for the flight, and smoking on-board hasn't been allowed on domestic flights since around 1990.

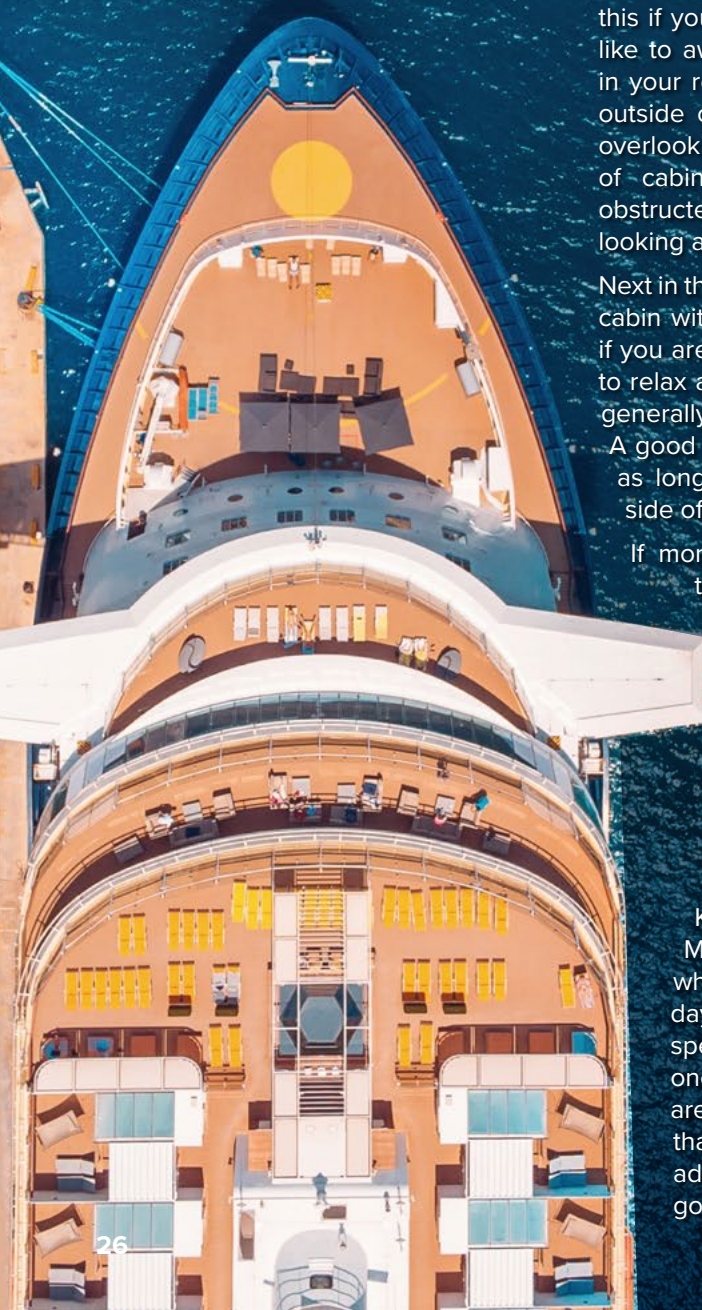
Each day in the US, 14,000 air traffic controllers keep track of an average of 45,000 flights with nearly 3 million passengers and more than 123 million pounds of freight flying in and out of American airports on a daily basis.

Flight delays and cancellations have become commonplace, be it because of weather or computer glitches, yet there are limited options other than air travel for that Broadway-show weekend in New York City, that holiday-season visit with family "back East," or for getting to Miami to board that ship for a Caribbean cruise, for enjoying beach time in Hawaii, or for that bucket-list vacation in Europe. ✨

PLAN AHEAD FOR BETTER CRUISE CONTROL

THE ALTERNATIVE CAN BE CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'

BY LAURA ADDI



Thinking of taking a cruise. I bet you are dreaming of the fun (or romantic) destinations. That's only natural. But, before you go, if you want to make it truly memorable, invest some time and plan ahead.

Talk to anyone and they'll tell you cruising has it all — dining, dancing, games, entertainment, and don't forget the ever-pleasing cocktails. But what's important to you? Everyone is looking for something different, so better to let your own preferences guide your choice rather than to rely on another person's opinion.

Be careful when choosing your cabin. It's not just the price. Obviously, the lowest-cost option is the inside cabin. There's no window, so don't choose this if you are claustrophobic or if you like to awaken with daylight creeping in your room. A step up would be an outside cabin. These have a window overlooking the sea, but beware of cabins described as having an obstructed view. Usually you will be looking at a lifeboat.

Next in the cost hierarchy is the outside cabin with a balcony. These are great if you are looking for a little quiet time to relax and enjoy the view. There are generally two chairs and a small table. A good spot for privacy and fresh air, as long as you remain on the right side of the railing.

If money isn't of limiting concern, then some of the luxury suites may appeal to you. Depending on the cruise line, they may come with not only larger and upgraded cabin space but have exclusive access to private dining or relaxation areas, and, in some cases, may include entry to the spa.

Know your dining options. Most cruises seem to offer dine when you want options so the days of having to be seated at a specific time is not as rigid as it once was. And, of course, there are always specialty restaurants that are offered at a "small" additional charge. If you are going to use them, be prepared

to book in advance as they may not be available for that special night.

Buffets have made a post-Covid recovery, so your cruise will probably have one. Although some lines may still require you to be served as opposed to the more free for all serve-yourself option.

Are you a drinker? Try the unlimited drink options. It may be automatically built in to the price of the cruise, or may be sold as a separate add on, but it does add to the feeling of decadent relaxation when you can simply ask for a cocktail and walk away with no tedious bill to account for. If you are a generous soul when it comes to tipping, keep in mind that your drink package will come with a mandatory gratuity included. Also, if two people are sharing a cabin, both must take the beverage package; no sharing!

Speaking of tipping, most lines will have a prepaid tipping option for gratuities. It does make life easier than having to track down individual employees at the end of the cruise.

Entertainment can be, well, entertaining, but don't necessarily expect Broadway quality. Shows range from stand-up comedy, magicians, dance, song, and everything in between.

Casinos are often available on the larger ships. Since they can be hard to find here in Las Vegas (ha ha) you can indulge your fantasy, and chances, of turning that \$3,000 cruise into a free vacation or, perhaps more likely, wondering how it became a \$6,000 hit to your budget.

When it comes to shore excursions, remember that even though they are priced on the expensive side, they are popular for their convenience and can fill up quickly. Often, the best bet is to pre-reserve before you sail.

There are plenty of travel sites for those who are experienced cruisers, but a good travel agent still can help you navigate through all the options and find the one that best fits your needs.

Whatever you choose, happy sailing and bon voyage! ✨

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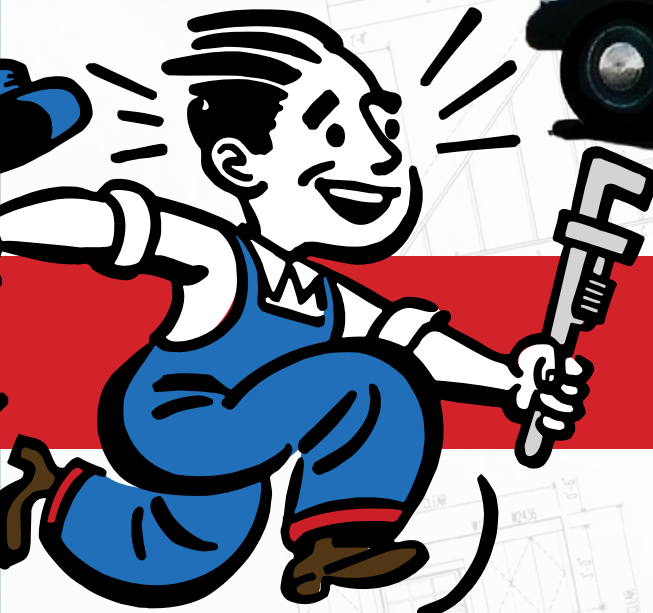
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BOOKING YOUR TRAVEL

AGENTS, TRAVEL COMPANIES
AND OTHER TIPS

BY BETTY BOYD

TRAVEL AGENTS

Traveling can be both exciting and stressful. Using a travel agent is an excellent way to help plan your next trip. A knowledgeable travel agent, AKA a travel advisor, has abundant knowledge that could save you time and money.

A good travel agent keeps an eye out for discounts, special agency discounts and group rates, and can find discounts you otherwise won't find on your own. They can handle all of the details of your vacation, from booking travel and a hotel room to dinner reservations and tour tickets — the entire itinerary. This includes the timing of logistics, how many days should be spent at each destination, and the best time to visit your preferred destination(s) based on the season and budget.

I have used travel agents for many years and they have helped me in many ways, from booking my flights and making reservations at the right hotel to making sure I know what to expect when I arrive at my travel destination. A travel agent's industry connections provide added value to a client. There is a global network of travel advisors who can provide the traveler with expertise not generally available to the general public.

A reputable travel agent who also has local expertise will be worth using to avoid surprises on accommodations and activities once the trip is booked. If you have an unexpected situation, the travel advisor is your vacation concierge. They have years of knowledge, are a consumer advocate, and will also be the first to know if a flight has been canceled or delayed or if there are changes.

Using a travel agent may not be your cheapest option. However, there are times when you may need more flexibility on the itinerary. Sometimes, there may be limited options if you use someone with less experience, so researching and asking for references will help you make a better decision. Generally, a travel advisor will charge a fee for their expertise, but it is well worth it.

TRAVEL COMPANIES

Another way to book travel is to use a travel company, especially for those one-of-a-kind trips, such as a religious pilgrimage. In 2022, I utilized a travel company to help facilitate all the different aspects of this type of trip. This trip was during the latter part of the pandemic, and it was a great comfort to have such an advocate who knew all the ins and outs at such a trying time.

The pilgrimage I took to Israel was very special for me and others on the trip. We used a company that specializes in such travel and a couple of representatives from the company meet with us before our trip to ease any anxieties. This company walked us through additional hurdles that the pandemic made more difficult.

This past September I took a motor coach trip with people from three retirement communities. The trip was organized by an outstanding travel company, which booked all the hotel rooms and provided a tour guide and places to eat as traveled to the different national parks. It was very enjoyable, and the tour guide (the owner of the travel company) was always available for any issues that came up on the trip.

Expedia, Costco and other companies also specialize in booking travel. You can go to their websites and search and book flights, hotels, rental cars, and entire travel packages, and at discounted prices.

Expedia has a "Best Price Guarantee" to make sure you the best deal available at the time of booking. In most cases, you can cancel before your trip and get a partial or full refund. Travel insurance also is available.

REWARD PROGRAMS

People are traveling more than ever and most airlines and hotels have reward programs that can be very advantageous. Hotels have loyalty programs to earn and keep your business. These programs offer a variety of benefits; one of them is hotel points, which act like currency that you can spend at the hotel chain's locations.

Each program is different and will vary with each hotel. You will need to determine whether the program is worth it. Some areas to consider include how easy it is to obtain the points, the redeeming process, how many points you can redeem, and the average value of each redeemed point.

You earn these points by how much you spend and the length of your stay, and they are affected by the status level of the program. Some hotel chains have co-branded hotel credit cards to help earn rewards based on your purchases.

Most people use hotel points to get deep discounts for a room. You can use your hotel's points by transferring them to a partner airline, and you should be careful these may not be the best use of these points.

Airlines also have reward programs based on the number of miles, frequency of travel, length of time in the program, and some associated with credit cards.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

One of the most essential items to consider is getting travel insurance, I consider it a must. You can't afford to lose your investment in your vacation. Another reason is a medical emergency which can be very expensive if you travel overseas. When I traveled to Israel in 2022 while the pandemic was still prevalent, the insurance I bought included COVID-related areas to protect me in the event I got COVID.

Other reasons for getting travel insurance include a canceled flight, missed connection or a missing bag.

Travel insurance is affordable, and before your trip, get quotes from various plans. If you are not completely satisfied, you generally have 10 days to request a refund, depending upon the plan and if you have yet to start the trip.

Travel is exciting and refreshing and is what we all look forward to. Having a plan and using the many great tools at our disposal will help in making the trip worthwhile. ✨

LODGING ALTERNATIVES: AIRBNB AND VRBO

BY MARCIA ADAMS

Hotels are always great for that one- or two-night stay, but what about those trips that are over a longer period of time? Is there an alternative?

The answer is yes – AirBnb and VRBOs each offer the opportunity to rent, on a short-term basis, someone's home or guest house or in-law suite while you are in the area. These alternatives are particularly attractive if you are traveling with friends or family members and want to maximize your time with your fellow travelers.

Let's start with the major difference between these two options. VRBO usually only offers rentals that provide separate space – separate entrance, no shared or common space with the hosts or other guests. AirBnB will allow limited common space. For example, we rented an AirBnB in Burlington, Vermont, which was an in-law or guest wing of the host's home. The entrance was the common area, but once upstairs, it was not a shared space.

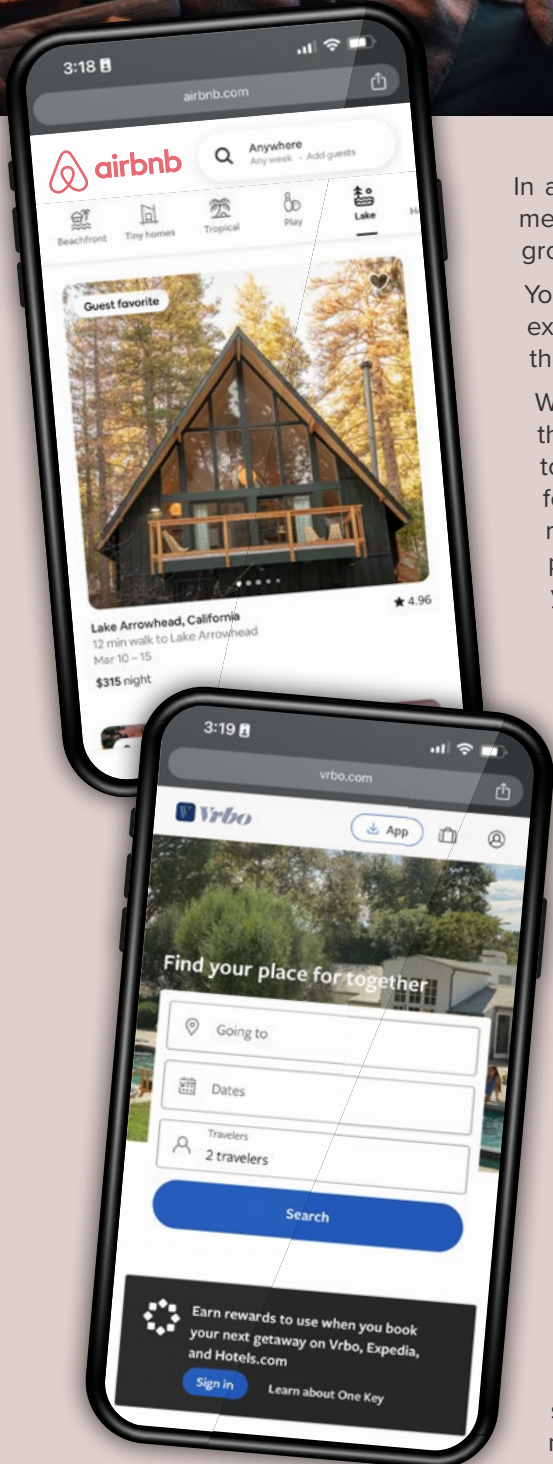
Both allow you to see the ratings of other guests and allow you to also rate the host at the end of your stay. Both require that you be "accepted" by the host before your reservation is confirmed.

Acceptance can be based on a number of factors:

- Have you rented via the program before and what was your rating by the hosts;
- If you haven't rented before, how many are in your party and what is the purpose of the rental – sightseeing, partying, business, etc.;
- The age of the persons who will be occupying the rental, as well as other relevant factors. Since you are renting someone's home, they want to be sure you will respect the space..

Renters also may have various rules with which you need to comply. Be sure to review them before renting.

Why would you want to use this type of rental instead of a hotel? In some areas, there may not be hotels readily available. Also these rentals tend to be slightly less expensive than a hotel or motel. It used to be that staying at a hotel meant everything was taken care of for you – beds made, trash taken out, extra clean towels provided daily. Since COVID, these types of services are not so readily available, except at increased cost.



In addition, with AirBnB or VRBO you have private space where you can cook meals in a regular kitchen, intermingle with the other members of your travel group easily, and usually have outdoor space as well as indoor space to enjoy.

You should be prepared to do light cleaning if you choose these options – nothing extensive but you do need to pick up after yourself, put the trash out, etc. Again, these are usually spelled out as part of the listing so read them carefully.

What should you look for if you are a first-time renter? First and foremost, look at the costs of hotels in the area and compare them to the rental property. Check to see what extras are attached to the initial rental cost shown (ex: cleaning fees, taxes, etc.) Just like hotels add costs and fees beyond the published rate, so do these properties. Where is the home located in comparison to the primary purpose of your trip (near those relatives you're visiting or those sights you want to see)?

What have prior renters said in their reviews and ratings of the host? Just as you should look at the ratings or reviews of hotels before making a reservation, be sure to read the reviews of the host/hostess. Guests are encouraged to be honest when reviewing to not only help the next person who might want to rent but also the host/hostess so they can improve or correct any issues.

Are there enough bedrooms and bathrooms for your travel group? Personally, I recommend at least 1.5 baths if you have more than three people in your group. And most important for seniors, how accessible is the space? Are there stairs? Is there parking on site or at least on the street? Does the home have the other amenities you want – large enough eating space, coffee maker; microwave, adequate refrigeration?

One pitfall to keep in mind is buying groceries. Everyone thinks they are going to eat or drink more than they usually do. This isn't a problem if you are driving to your location, but if you are flying there, it can result in leaving food behind or giving it to a neighbor. My recommendation – shop for essentials such as milk and breakfast foods on day 1 and, as your plans for the following days develop, shop as needed. It keeps the surplus food down to a minimum.

When I have traveled with family and used either a VRBO or AirBnB property, I have not had any issues that would prevent me from using them again. As long as you have a plan to share the duties of clean-up and cooking, it may be a great option for group travel, particularly if you are traveling with family or good friends who you have no problem sharing space with 24-7. If you are someone who wants to have private space, either in the morning or evening, it might not be the right option for you. ✨



IS YOUR HOME READY FOR YOUR VACATION?

TIPS FROM THE BUILDER ON LEAVING HOUSE UNOCCUPIED

Editor's note: The following was prepared by the Del Webb company and is reprinted from an early edition of the Solera Star.



The sizzling hot months are upon us, which means that some of you (the “snowbirds”) may be leaving Las Vegas for the season to head for a cooler climate or summer home. Even for those who live at Solera at Anthem year-round, summer likely brings long vacations and visits with family in faraway places.

No matter which scenario is yours, it is important to prep your home so that time away from it doesn't result in damage to it.

The following are some simple steps that Del Webb recommends if you plan to be away from your home for an extended amount of time this summer:

1. **Drains:** All drains in kitchens and bathrooms should be closed. Closing drains will help eliminate sewer gasses from seeping into your home. When you return, make sure to run water through all drains.
2. **Water heater:** Place the temperature setting control to “Vacation” or the lowest temperature setting possible.
3. **Irrigation/Water:** You may consider turning off the water at the valve in the garage in case of a leak while you are away. The irrigation system Del Webb installed will still function, but if you've had any alterations or additions to your systems performed, you should check with your landscaping company. You should also ask a neighbor to monitor or periodically “deep water” your landscaping in case of extremely dry and hot weather or any malfunction.
4. **Power:** It is recommended that you NOT shut off the power in your home while away.
5. **Thermostat:** It is suggested that you keep your thermostat on “Cool” and set the temperature at 78 degrees during the summer months, even if you are away. Blinds should be closed to keep heat out and prevent the sun from fading or damaging fabrics.
6. **Security:** Meet with a neighbor or inquire with the association for monitoring your home while you are away. Provide information about how you may be reached in the event of an emergency and vice versa.
7. **Humidity levels:** Due to the extremely dry, hot Nevada summers, you are encouraged to place pails of water in the sinks and bathtubs to ensure the proper moisture balance in your home.
8. **Refrigerator:** If you unplug your refrigerator, make sure to leave the doors partially open.
9. **Dishwasher:** To prevent the inside from becoming too dry, you may pour one cup of cooking oil in the bottom and wipe the seal around the door. Upon returning, run the dishwasher one full cycle to rinse.

These simple steps will ensure that you return to a home that is in the condition you left it. Enjoy your summer, wherever you are! ✨

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TRAVEL



SOLERANS SHARE TRAVEL ADVENTURES

BY LARRY EDSALL

Editor's note: We asked Solera residents to submit short stories about their best or worse travel experiences.

RIOT ON THE CRUISE SHIP

We have embarked on over 29 cruises over the past 20 years. One, in particular, was very memorable.

In 2019, we cruised out of Southampton, England, and expected to dock in ports in France, Amsterdam and Iceland. However, the cruise staff decided that the weather was too severe to attempt to enter these ports. They instead took us on a boat ride to waste time and then returned to a port that was either closed or very close to the previous port.

A riot ensued on the cruise ship with hundreds of fellow cruisers ranting and raving in the atrium to see Captain Angelo. The guests felt, as did we, that the cruise staff was lying about the weather since we and almost everyone had access to local weather on their phones. Several cruise mates left the ship at the next available port.

It was all quite unexpected and created a lot of bad feelings, especially since the missing ports were the expected highlights of the trip. This situation even made international news.

Missing Amsterdam and Iceland really bummed us out. So, we took a five-day trip to visit Iceland in 2021 — an amazing country which we would highly recommend visiting. This past summer, we decided to take a river cruise starting in Amsterdam — an awesome city — and ventured down the Rhine.

In traveling, sometimes you must take things in stride and hope to make up for a missed adventure hopefully in the near future.

— Randy and Marilyn Gustafson

THERE ARE ANGELS

My friend and I took a wonderful trip through Spain, southern France and eastern Italy last October. It was a wonderful cruise, and we had a lovely time, until the last day in Barcelona.

I wanted to do some last-minute shopping so we Uber'd to an area where there were many shops. As I was making my last purchases, I inadvertently left my phone at the counter. I didn't realize it until after dinner.

According to their website, the shop was still open, so we Uber'd back, only to find it shuttered! The website had no contact information, so I was certain I would never see my phone again.

I had not uploaded any of the pictures from the entire trip to the Cloud, so all my pictures were gone, too. I felt like I might as well have not gone on the trip!

The people at the hotel were very helpful, doing everything they could. They even agreed to send a courier to the store to see if the phone was there and send it back to me. Of course, we had an early trip to the airport to return home that next morning so were unable to do any more. It was a very sad end to a wonderful vacation.

I was lamenting my stupidity for the next weeks after returning home. I got a new phone, and the folks at the Verizon store were able to retrieve all the data except the pictures. I felt that was as good as it was going to get.

Then, one day to my surprise and delight, I got an email from the store saying they had my phone! What a relief, but now, how to get it to me? We talked several times, a challenge because their English wasn't the best, but eventually I grew to trust them because they were being so helpful.

I ended up giving them the code to open my phone so they could upload my pictures, telling them to keep the phone. They uploaded all the pictures and I've had no evidence that they did anything more with the information in the phone. There are angels, you just have to get lucky enough to meet them.

— Kathleen Zeler

MEETING MY COUSIN

About three years ago, I woke up one morning and decided to visit my first cousin in Wyoming. We are close in age but had never met each other as I grew up on Long Island, New York, and she grew up in Wyoming.

We had been writing (snail mail) to each other since I was about 11. She once wrote that she "helped to birth a cow". I laughed as I had never even touched a cow!

I called her to tell her I was coming and then I went to AAA and got maps and took off driving up there.

We had a great time, we went exploring and off-roading.

I also discovered that she lives in a house that is a basement only. There is no first floor. She said that it is warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer that way.

That trip is a memory I will always remember.

— *Ingrid Serina*

MARDI GRAS MADNESS

Thirty years ago, I went to Mardi Gras in New Orleans with two girlfriends for what we thought would be a fun vacation.

Because many streets were closed or jammed because of the parades, the cab driver who picked us up from the airport decided to drive on the sidewalks, barely missing many pedestrians.

We spent the next evening shuffling through the crowds and wandering in and out of bars and jazz clubs. At midnight, the crowd started running because the street cleaning truck blew dirty water and trash up onto the sidewalks.

The third night, we left a nightclub and went to an all-night restaurant, which was packed. Several hours later, a cab driver offered us a ride to our hotel. We drove around the corner and at the next intersection the cab was broadsided by the only other car on the street. We all suffered minor injuries. My girlfriends and I had to walk to the hospital, which was about a half mile away. The emergency room was packed, so we waited three hours without being seen and then went back to our hotel.

We slept most of the next day and then spent our last evening painfully shuffling through the crowds again.

In conclusion, the cab company went out of business so I couldn't sue them, and the driver that hit our cab did not have insurance, so I had to submit an uninsured motorist claim to my own insurance company.

— *Shelley Payne-Pittman*

NIGHT LIGHTS

It was around 30 degrees below — yes, below — zero and pitch black when our plane landed. Such conditions were not unusual for late January this near the Arctic Circle.

We were in Whitehorse, capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, where instead of parking meters, there were engine-warming plugs lining downtown streets. This time of year, the sun peeks over the horizon around 10 a.m. and retreats back out of sight by 2 in the afternoon.

It had been a very long day, around a dozen of us crammed into the passenger cabin of a twin-engine aircraft we boarded in Vancouver, British Columbia. The flight was so long that the plane needed to be refueled at Sandspit on Moresby Island. We passengers were not so fortunate; it was already late enough that the coffee shop was closed.

The hotel restaurant in Whitehorse did provide a quick dinner; though, by then, all most of our group wanted was a bed with lots of blankets.

I went to my room, but decided to pull back a curtain and look outside. What I saw had me opting not for pajamas but for every piece of warm clothing I'd brought. I bundled up and walked outside to see a spectacular light show that outdid any Fourth of July fireworks.

It was the Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis, the sky spectacularly lit by what appeared to be curtains of bright blue and green being drawn back and forth across the darkness by the Creator or His angels.

My body was freezing, but my soul was warmed.

— *Larry Edsall*

HUSBAND'S LUGGAGE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH US

We finally were able to book a trip to Alaska on a cruise ship for the first week of July. Flying to Vancouver, Canada, was enjoyable and the first time I had traveled outside the country.

Arriving at customs in British Columbia, I proudly presented my new passport and waited for the customs officer to stamp my book. He waived us through and I asked if he was going to stamp my passport. He said "no," and to "move on" please. I was disappointed and a bit angry at his attitude.

Shortly after our encounter with Canadian customs personnel, we boarded the bus to go to the ship where we would be living for two weeks. It took no time to get to the pier and obtain our cabin assignment location and keys. My husband commented this was more enjoyable than the last time he was on a ship.

Back then it was compliments of Uncle Sam for six months via Turkey, Greece, Italy, Spain and back. This trip would be much more enjoyable.

After clearing the harbor, my luggage was delivered at our cabin but not my husband's. After checking with the cabin crew, we learned Tony's luggage never got loaded on to the ship but would catch up with us somewhere in Alaska and that was about two days from then.

My husband said that at least when he toured Europe via Uncle Sam, he had clean underwear, shaving gear and a hair brush. We laughed about that and still had a great time on the trip.

— *Celeste Guillory* ✨

NEVADA'S NORTH AND EAST WORTHY OF A VISIT

GREAT ADVENTURE
OPPORTUNITIES ARE CLOSE
TO HOMESPIRITS

BY KENNETH SAWYER

When Solerans think of summer road trips within Nevada, they likely think of Lake Tahoe, Carson City and Reno among other Nevada locations in the northwest part of the Silver State. But Nevada has so much more to offer.

How many of you have explored eastern and northern Nevada?

Karen, my wife, and I took two separate trips recently to the north and eastern part of the state.

Our first trip was to Ely. We hopped on I-15 North and before long we left the casinos and resorts in our rearview mirrors. We exited to hop on US highway 93 (the Great Basin Highway).

As we traveled north, just south of the small farming community of Alamo we encountered the Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is an oasis in the desert and home to thousands of species of birds and migratory water fowl.

A quick pit stop, something to eat at Chester's chicken restaurant, and then back on 93. Soon, however, we had to make a decision whether to stay on that road or to take the more direct route to Ely — Nevada 318. We chose to stay on the 93 as we wanted to see Cathedral Gorge State Park, a geologic preserve of Pliocene-era lake bed, and the Great Basin National Park. We marveled at the Great Basin park and its snow-covered peaks.

Routes 93, 6 and 50 (the Loneliest Road in America) share their pavement west of the park. We drove into Ely and checked into the Kennecott Suite of the Hotel Nevada. Ely

is a quaint little town with the nearby open pit copper and gold mine and, for you amateur geologists, the nearby Garnet hill. I dug up garnets and explored the surrounding area including the McGill Historical Drug store museum. Our longtime co-workers and friends were staying at the Ely KOA and they joined us for dinner at the Cellblock steakhouse inside the Jailhouse casino (right across from the Hotel Nevada).

While in the Ely area, don't miss the old mining town of Ward's Cemetery and the charcoal kilns. The town is fenced off but the cemetery and kilns are fascinating.

The next day we all drove to Great Basin National Park and Lehman Caves. We didn't go inside the caves (you need to reserve ahead of time). After relaxing at the campground with our friends, we headed back to Solera.

Our second trip was to Elko and Wells.

We again hopped on I-15 and Route 93. This time we took the more direct route (93) to Route 6 into Ely and then back on 93 heading north into Wells. Friends were staying at Welcome Station RV Park near Wells (a trout creek flows through it), so we checked into a hotel.

The Wells/Elko area is next to the Ruby Mountains (known as America's Swiss Alps). It is called the ruby mountains because beautiful red garnets are found there and it appears that back in the day folks thought they were rubies.



With our friends, we drove into Elko and ate at the Star Hotel. It has a Basque restaurant that serves family style cabbage soup, French bread and salad with your main course. I got the ribeye and I have never seen so much roasted garlic; I enjoyed it very much!

Seeing the south end of the Ruby Mountains and how beautiful they are, we decided to visit Lamoille canyon. I would say it was the highlight of the trip.

After spending half the day in Lamoille canyon, we decided to take forest road 113 and Old Harrison pass to see Shanty Town and the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Not much in Shanty Town, but the refuge has an amazing amount of water and fishing. I was jealous as I didn't have a pole.

The next day, our plan was to go to Metropolis ghost town, to see the source of the Humboldt River, and to visit Angel Lake, an alpine lake. However, I missed the turn off for the ghost town and drove about an extra 10 miles on a rocky dirt road before encountering a rancher who set us on the correct path (he was chuckling at the dumb tourists as we parted ways).

Unfortunately, that was not our first problem of the day, I suffered a flat tire on an unpaved road just as we arrived at Metropolis ghost town. I called AAA but was told it would be a four-hour or longer wait, and that there may be a charge for being on an unpaved road. I called my buddy and we changed the tire (boy, it was hard to get those lock lugs off and doing this on a rocky unpaved road). So, we missed Angel Lake, but the saving grace was the lone tire shop was open in Wells on a Sunday and fixed the tire for \$25.

The next day, we headed home to Solera.

Metropolis Ghost town is located in the northeast corner of Nevada, not far from the state's borders with Utah and Idaho, Metropolis was intended to be a wheat farming community.

Between fires, droughts and plagues of pesky animals such as crickets and jackrabbits, it was virtually impossible to farm. The workers began abandoning the town, especially once the Great Depression hit the United States in 1929.

The closest established town, Wells, is about 11 miles away. Although in the town's heyday there were rail links between Metropolis and Wells, the only way to explore the abandoned town now is by car – or, as CNN's Effie Nidam learned, by drone.

Among the crumbled structures, look out for the remains of the Hotel Metropolis' recognizable arch, as well as the ruins of a Mormon church, the town's school and a water pump that, had it had more success, might have kept Metropolis more protected from droughts. ✨

THE TOWN TOO TOUGH TO DIE

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AT TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

BY FRANK NOBEL



Many Solerans, albeit dating yourself, will remember the television show *Tombstone Territory* that featured the opening line about “the town too tough to die.”

Of all the events in Tombstone history, at the top of anyone's list is the Gunfight at the OK Corral and the legendary icon Wyatt Earp. The stories of Wyatt Earp have been the focus of numerous movies and television shows, including *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*, starring Hugh O'Brien. The TV shows overlapped each other in the late 1950s.

The “town too tough to die” lives on as a travel destination, a drive to Tombstone from Las Vegas spans about 500 miles. If driving, you may want to include a visit to Old Tucson, the site where many Western shows and movies were (and still are) filmed, or Bisbee with its haunted hotel and copper mine tours.

In Tombstone, there is a reenactment of the Gunfight at the OK Corral twice a day that includes the familiar scene of four men in black walking up the street to the OK Corral.

Visiting the actual scene of the gunfight is sobering because it is much smaller than most film versions would have you believe.

In addition to the gunfight you may visit the *Tombstone Epitaph* newspaper office and receive a copy of the actual reported story of the famous gunfight.

There are five different museums in Tombstone, including Fly's Photo Studio, which was adjacent to the OK Corral.

If you visit Tombstone, you are unable to escape the feeling of walking in history. Consider the cross streets where Virgil Earp was ambushed, and he survived though he lost the use of his left arm. That ambush took place after the Gunfight at the OK Corral.

While the Bird Cage Theater is made of brick and has stood the test of time, many of Tombstone's historic wood buildings have been restored after fires. Together, they offer the atmosphere of being where legends such as Wyatt Earp or Doc Holliday walked.

Of course, Tombstone offers many outlets where you can purchase that western wear you always wanted. What better place for those purchases than “the town too tough to die?” ✨

BLACK HISTORY ON DISPLAY

MEET THE NEIGHBOR WHO
CREATED CLUBHOUSE ARRAY

BY SHELLY PAYNE-PITTMAN



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I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, living with my parents and two younger brothers (one became an electrical engineer and the other musician).

I was sent to enrichment programs in elementary and junior high schools, and then to college prep in senior high school. I excelled in English, math, French and science, played piano and sports, and sang in school choirs, including the All-City Choir with the Cleveland Orchestra. I wanted a career with a future in technology and earned certification in computer programming (long before it was called Information Technology or IT). Years later, I earned my Bachelors of Science in Business/Information Systems degree.

In 1980, I moved to Los Angeles, was married, and later divorced (my former husband is a middle school teacher). We have daughters: the oldest is an MBA with her own vending machine business selling travel-size beauty products and the youngest has a degree in biology and is an insurance billing specialist at a pharmaceutical company.

My first IT job was data processing at a torpedo plant. My first job in Los Angeles was in ground services at Pan Am Airlines. I was a receptionist at the Beverly Hills headquarters of Attorneys' Office Management Inc. and a computer operator at a naval defense research firm, where I had a top-secret clearance.

I also worked at Universal Studios as:

- a TV Production Secretary, working at the writers' table typing scripts for shows like *Murder She Wrote* (with Angela Lansbury's nephew Michael Lansbury), *Miami Vice* (with director Michael Mann), *Quantum Leap* (with executive producer Don Bellisario), and the original *Equalizer* TV show (with producer Michael Sloan)
- a Technical Coordinator in home video on the worldwide video release of the movie E.T.
- an Assistant Accountant in cartoons.

My last job in Los Angeles was an IT Project Manager for IBM.

I have travelled the world, vacationing in Aruba, England, France, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Canada, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and China. I love tennis, dogs, fireworks, roller coasters, dancing, singing and making people laugh.

I was laid off during the COVID pandemic in 2020 and decided to move to Henderson to be closer to my youngest brother. I worked as a project coordinator proposing class-action lawsuits until I retired in 2021.

I looked at a lot of homes in various senior communities but fell in love with my house in Solera at Anthem. I enjoy the clubhouse, parties, daytrips, play tennis three times a week, and am a volunteer on the Architecture Review Committee.

I grew up during the Civil Rights movement. In 1959 my father became the first Black manager of a McDonald's restaurant in Cleveland. A year later, my mother met Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke at the high school where she worked. For my generation, learning about our Black history was as much a hunger as an expectation.

For Black History Month 2024, I created a display for the Solera clubhouse lobby. The theme for the display during February was "Black History IS American History."

I spent eight months researching more than 150 lesser-known people who contributed to history. I designed the display and included various props to feature 48 people, their titles and accomplishments in the fields science, medicine, aerospace, military, transportation and communications. Included are lawmakers, cowboys, toy inventors, those involved in the Harlem Renaissance and the Negro Baseball League. Also included was a map of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

I have received a lot of positive feedback on the display. I'm very proud of it as it gave me the opportunity to expose the Solera community to some new Black historians.

My family and friends were so impressed with the display that they are sending me new Black historians every day. Last year, when I went to HOA management about the Black History Month display, they were excited. I hope that the excitement extends to future displays. ✨



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2572 Red Planet St	\$360,000	1,142	Lewis	2440 Cosmic Ray Pl	\$485,000	1,596	Whitney
2369 Peaceful Moon	\$397,500	1,248	Clark	2469 Luminous Stars	\$460,000	1,596	Whitney
2632 Solar Corona Ln	\$430,000	1,520	Jefferson	2315 Galilean Moon	\$465,000	1,768	Franklin
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