



## The Life and Chronicles of Rambling Rose

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The State Samboree in Gallup was a lot of fun for the attendees. Unfortunately,

most of the staff was ill with food poisoning or something, but they carried on and got the job done. 3 River Sams won the traveling trophy and have vowed that they will win it again in Las Cruces at the Spring Samboree. That sounds like a challenge to me, doesn't it to you. Come on all you Chapters, lets give them a run for their money.

Our entertainment at the Samboree was outstanding. Wednesday evening the Dazzle Dolls did just that.....they dazzled us with their harmony and their performances. What a lovely group of ladies who traveled from Albuquerque for this performance. Thursday was Cowboy Poet Richard Nichols. He was recommended to us by M Mountain Sams and I, for one, am so very glad that we were able to get him. His show was outstanding and Joyce has booked him for our Spring Samboree in Las Cruces, as well. Friday "One More Time" put on a show that was unbeatable for costuming, singing and showmanship. They even spent the whole Samboree with us participating in the games, seminars and other offerings.

What a time we had. But then it was time for us to head to Las Cruces, drop the Good Sam trailer and head out for some more sightseeing throughout this beautiful United States of ours.

We stopped first in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana for a convention with Foretravel. Boy, we ate lots of Cajun food, enjoyed an evening with a delightful Cajun humorist, did crafts, toured the swamps, and enjoyed some very interesting seminars.

Then we made a detour up to Nacogdoches, TX to have some fiberglass work done on the coach to repair the ding we got when Joyce slid off the muddy road going into their Aztec place. Don't know when I have seen her so upset as when that happened, but we won't visit that happening again. This was a week of wonderful visiting with many friends, and seeing more of the historical sights in the area. Texas is a truly fascinating state and the "Piney Woods" area of the east is beautiful.

After leaving there we headed for Bristol, TN for a 21 day tour of Tennessee. The Bristol Speedway was one of the highlights for NASCAR fans. We visited with Duke at Bush's Beans and had a wonderful country breakfast and then went to the Ball company where they make cans for Bush's Beans and many other products. What a production line that was. We saw the process of making, filling, labeling and shipping those plastic bottles of water we all use in vast quantities. Then Joyce and I went zip-lining! You heard me....she actually put me in that harness contraption and sent me zooming out over ravines and chasms. WOW! It really was a wonderful experience. We went on 16 lines with each one being longer and faster. What an experience and we actually were able to enjoy the beautiful fall colors at the same time. The last line was the longest and Joyce actually outran the guide on that one. Tennessee is a beautiful state and I would suggest that if you haven't seen it, you should. Of course, Joyce, did manage to visit a few fabric stores during all of this sightseeing.

You didn't think she wouldn't, did you?

From Tennessee we made our way down to Florida stopping in Mississippi to visit one of Joyce's grandsons on the way. In Florida the weather was absolutely picture perfect. We moved and set up raised garden beds, textured and painted a bedroom's walls and ceiling, installed book shelves and closet space, raked leaves (she is a work-a-holic you know), sewed clothing, knitted scarfs for everyone, and did all the Granny things including preparing Thanksgiving dinner for 12. What a great time it was.

Then it was time to head to New Orleans (that is pronounced N'awlins) for a Culinary Christmas tour of 7 days. We ate breakfast at Brennan's, and lunch at Antoine's and dinner at Delmonico's with many, many other meals at wonderful restaurants. We also toured southern plantations, the WWII Museum, a Krewe's den where they prepare the floats for Mardi Gras, a warehouse/sales room where all the "throws" (that is the beads and stuff they throw from the floats) are sold. You wouldn't believe the size of that warehouse that we were in and they had 3 others the same size or bigger that were full of "stuff". What a great time we had!

We got home to Las Cruces on Dec 22, just in time for the arrival from Phoenix, of Joyce's other daughter and her husband. They spent a week with us and I think all Joyce did was cook.....fresh bread pudding, raisin buns, pies, and of course, Christmas Dinner for 12. After everyone left (and even before, for she made 2 skirts and a blouse for her daughter while she was there) Joyce hit the sewing room and started making quilts tops for the Linus Foundation

and her grandchildren and even some new clothes for herself. I hit the sack, both literally and figuratively.

Now we are with the staff here in Las Cruces working on the Pre-Sam efforts for our Samboree in April and also on the Gazette. They are working their little selves to a frazzle with all of this and are hoping for a big turn-out at the Samboree. It is going to be a big birthday bash so start making your plans for lots of really good entertainment, at least 3 crafts for you to do and take home with you, some great seminars, some tours of the area and, of course, the usual games.

**Come on out to the fairgrounds in Las Cruces in April for a GREAT Samboree!**

