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WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

What I did on my 10-month 'vacation'

A Couple of "Corpsmen" have answered the call in December to share what they've been doing to stay safe and sane and the same size during the plague quarantine. With Fire Corps all but dark (lock box installations excepted), **David and Carol Vleck** took advantage of the last few months to see Arizona first.

Since a lot of the state is pretty empty, they said they visited areas from the Chiricahuas to the Grand Canyon to view native bird wildlife. They also drove to the White Mountains and then finished some long-pending and brand new home repairs. And! He replaced two Energizer carbon-zinc smoke alarm batteries that "decided to quit" after two-and-a-half years all by himself.

"I also waved at two GVFD trucks on several occasions," David said.

Marty Skelton has taken advantage of the time to knit a couple of sweaters. One is a "warm and cozy" lady's cardigan of Icelandic yarn, and the other is a man's pullover knitted with bulky wool ease yarn. It's for a friend's son who lives in a log cabin in Wisconsin. "I've really enjoyed getting back to knitting after about 15 years," she said. "It's very satisfying because you see the results right away."

Maureen Raso enjoyed her early morning Valle Verde Rotary Zoom meetings until they were put on hold from December to early January. She also took the time to get back to golf and pickle ball and has spent a lot of time reading.

Chuck Hill is a member of the Green Valley Camera Club where he "takes care of" SHOWTIME, a monthly event where members submit short videos for showing. They normally are five to 10 minutes in length and are themed. Before the pandemic, they met monthly at Desert Hills with some 100 members in attendance. Since the pandemic, all classes and events are on Zoom.

Members now drive to one of the GVR drive-in (virtual) movie theater locations. They are asked to arrive early to get a good parking spot, mount their speakers and to visit the snack bar.

Unfortunately, because of Covid, GVR rules strictly prohibit any necking at all drive-in movie centers. However, to see the programs that were viewed in December, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GywkUbPQAys>. About half of them show what people do when there is nothing to do. These are the programs only and do not include any introductions or comments.

Hail to the chief!

On Jan. 12, with just a couple of days of notice, and after all the firefighters had received their jabs (British for “shots”), Chief Wunder secured approval for Fire Corps members to (voluntarily) receive their Covid 19 vaccine. FC has been rated as a 1A category, and more than 30 Corpsmen received their first shot. They may be called on to help with supporting vaccination sites for the community or some other service aside usual activities.

Members’ Meeting Info

A Fire Corps members’ meeting was held via Zoom Jan. 20. LT says they will be held monthly in the future. From computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/834606365>. You also can in using your phone at +1 (646) 749-3122. The access code is 834-606-365.

Where’s the Fire (Corps)? will be sent to members around the middle of the month. Please submit personal or FC info to Jill Leach at noeller46@aol.com or LT at lp Pratt@gvfire.org a week or so before “publication’ deadline (around the 15th of each month).