

# The Sunspots



For all those who have returned from their long summer travels, welcome back. For those who are still on the road, have a safe and enjoyable return.

Upcoming "Welcome back" rally Distant Drums RV Resort October 4<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Sounds like a lot of fun, hope to see you all there.

The November rally will be at the Blue Water RV Park in Parker AZ on 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. The cutoff date to let us know if you are going on the rally is Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Mike or Mary Holmen at 623-466-8261. Please see the web site for rally fees and due dates and signup. Deposit to be mailed to Mary Holmen at 18824 N Sunsites Dr Surprise 85387.

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## *From the President's corner: hing*



Sorry about the July Sunspots, I didn't have access to the internet for three months. Hope you are all having a great summer.

### Books on CD Library:

1. The Righteous Men by Sam Bourne. 5 CDs.
2. 5<sup>th</sup> Horseman by James Patterson. 7 CDs

### CLASSIFIED ADS:

## WHERE AM I?



***Famous landmarks.*** Prize will be to publish your name in the next Sunspots if you know what and where this landmark is. If you have a special landmark you think would stump your fellow travelers please send me the info and picture and I will include it in a future Sunspots WHERE AM I feature. This month's picture is from Bob Bluhm.



Last month's winner is: **Howard Madden**, The correct answer was **WINDOW ROCK TRIBAL PARK & VETERAN'S MEMORIAL Navajo Code Talkers**. This park near the Navajo Nation Administration Center features the graceful redstone arch for which the capital is named. The Navajo Nation headquarters and other government offices were built

in close proximity to this mystical rock formation.

More recently, the Navajo Nation has built a Veterans Memorial at the base of Window Rock to honor the many Navajos who served in the U. S. military. Many Navajo soldiers are recognized in the annals of history for their role as Code Talkers, whereby they used the Navajo language to create a code that was never broken by the enemy. Historians credit the Navajo Code Talkers for helping to win World War II.

It is more than just your ordinary "service person's memorial" if you knew the story interlaced with is architectural design you would see that it is indeed something worthwhile to visit and an area every American should pay respect to. Its significance and story is one that can easily measure up to Washington D.C.'s Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, endearingly called "The Wall".

*This park is significant because it was designed and built by the Navajo, it is their "living" Veteran's Memorial. The idea for the Memorial evolved from within a group of Native Vietnam Veterans, Navajo Code Talker's, and culturally important, Navajo medicine men. After much deliberation the preliminary sketches and designs for the Memorial were drawn out.*

*The park has many symbolic structures: a circular path outlining*

*the four cardinal directions, 16 angled steel pillars with the names of war veterans, and a healing sanctuary that is used for reflection and solitude that features a fountain made of sandstone.*

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Near the monument is the Navajo Nation Council Chambers, where the 88 council delegates discuss critical issues and enact legislation to determine the future paths of the Navajo. The circular Council Chambers features walls adorned with colorful murals depicting the history of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo way of life.