

Monument Valley Rally

September 9th - 12th

As you cruise down Highway 163 in Northern Arizona and the first sandstone butte appears, you are entering Tsé Bii' Ndzisgaii, valley of the rocks in the Navajo language. Better known as Monument Valley to the rest of the world, this is the iconic setting of Stagecoach and The Searchers, films that made John

Wayne a legendary star, and the majestic landscape of Ansel Adam's photographic inspiration. This great valley boasts sandstone masterpieces that tower at heights of 400 to 1,000 feet and clouds casting expansive shadows that graciously roam the desert floor.



The Dine people, known as the Navajo, have lived on these lands for more than 500 years and today Monument Valley lies entirely within the their nation. The most famous mesas, buttes, and spires stand within the boundaries of a Navajo National Park. In the park, seventeen miles of dirt roads loop around the valley's



most admired landmarks including Rain God Mesa, the Thumb and Gray Whiskers.

To go off road and admire the colossal rocks up close, hire a Navajo guide for a journey you will never forget. Float above the colossal rocks at sunrise in a hot air balloon while learning about the

area's history, or take a safari into the restricted areas of the Valley where local guides share their knowledge of Navajo culture. Feeling intrepid? There are also day and overnight hikes, rafting, horseback riding, and backpacking tours for those craving more adventure.

Come join us for our UWAC Rally for the breathtaking landscapes of Monument Valley, the unbelievable dark night sky for star gazing, for the adventure of a sunset guided tour with a local Navajo guide, local crafts and arts, and of course, the fry bread. Leave remembering the warmth and culture of the Dine people.

It's time to reserve your spot:

Thursday September 9th - Sunday September 12th

Each member of UWAC will be responsible to contact Monument Valley KOA to book your site and pay camping fees. Contact information:

(800) 562-3424 and ask for "Doc" or Doc's direct contact:

(928) 209-6913 or Email: manager.monumentvalleycamp@gmail.com

Please make sure you tell them you are a member of the scheduled UWAC rally. Make your reservations before April 30th as spots held for UWAC will be released on that date for general reservations.

Cost of the sites are:

\$ 68.00/night for premium

\$ 56.00/night for standard

We are hoping for a good turnout to camp together in one of the most unique, special and magical areas within our entire country.

For further questions about the Rally, please contact Keith Lund
mobile : 435-602-9817 email : kslund@aol.com

Summary:

UWAC registration fee for the rally will be \$22/person. Campground registration is a separate fee and is the individual's responsibility to arrange your reservation and pay camping fees directly with the KOA campground. We have a total of 24 camping spots on reserve for this rally. Nine of the sites are deluxe sites and the other fifteen are standard sites. All sites have full hook-ups with sewer, water and 30 amp and 50 amp power. The difference between the two is that the deluxe sites are slightly wider and longer and some have a concrete patios. Almost all sites have picnic tables and all sites have a fire pit. The cost for the deluxe site is \$68/night and the standard sites are \$56/

night. The campground will only hold our group reservation until April 30. Be sure to make your reservations before then to secure your spot for this special rally.

Monument Valley Rally (SANDSTONE STREAMING)

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Tentative Schedule: (this is our plan but unforeseen circumstances may necessitate adjustments)

Thursday September 9.

Arrival and welcome to the UWAC Monument Valley Rally.

Evening: Happy Hour. Bring a favorite appetizer to share.

Campfire

Friday September 10th

Morning: Doughnuts and coffee. Discuss potential day's activities and timetable.

Day: Time on your own to go explore the area.

Some suggestions: Goosenecks State Park (30 mi.), Valley of the Gods (32 mi.), Moki Dugway (33 mi.), Mexican Hat (22mi.), Muley Point (37 mi.), Natural Bridges National Monument (60 mi.)

Also visit the Monument's Visitors Center, and shop for genuine Indian crafts, baskets and jewelry along many roadside kiosks. Visit and explore Mystery Valley. Take a drive around Monument Valley's 17 mile loop. Horseback tours are available right out of our campground. Rent a jeep (again right from the camp) and go 4-wheelin' in the desert. Sit in camp and watch the clouds blow over your trailer as you read and listen to music. Lizard mentality!

Evening: Dinner on your own.

Sunset vehicle guided tour within the Monument and with *exclusive* backcountry access. Witness the light of the setting sun transform all of the monuments and bluffs (3 hrs.) This tour is an additional charge above and beyond the rally registration fee. Cost is \$70/person \$50/child ages 4-12. This is an optional add on to our rally. Astronomy viewing at camp after tour.

Saturday September 11th

Morning: Breakfast on your own.

Wildcat Nature hike around the West Mitten Butte within the Monument. This is a 4 mile hike with lots of beautiful photo opportunities and awe inspiring vistas. It is a relatively flat, easy hike, about 2 hours walking to complete. Also will be good opportunity to visit and explore the Monument's Visitors Center. We will be leaving for the trailhead early morning (around 8 AM) in order to avoid heat of the mid-day.

Evening: Happy hour. Catered dinner at the campground. After dinner a native Navajo historian and storyteller will give a talk about the monument and its history followed by some native flute music. We also hope to have a John Wayne themed movie night under the stars. Because of our past history on Saturday nights, please pray for a windless, warm and gentle evening.

Sunday September 12th

Morning: Continental Breakfast as a group.

Farewell and Au Revoir to Monument Valley.

Look forward to our club's next rally!!

To make your reservation please call:

Monument Valley KOA

800-562-3424 or 928-209-6913

Try your best to talk to "Doc", the manager, and make sure you tell him you are with the Utah Wasatch Airstream Club to get the club's discounted price.

For UWAC registration and rally fees, \$22 per person, you can make payment using the Club's Venmo or PayPal account or mail a check directly to:

Keith Lund

4890 Silver Springs Dr.

Park City, UT. 84098

Try to register by April 10th at the latest so as I can have an accurate head count for dinner and other logistics.

LET'S GO SANDSTONE STREAMING!