



Coaster Chatter

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President's Corner

As I am sitting outside in the beautiful sunshine in Indio, the rally is about to come to an end. The attendance was down by about 200 rigs. Things have gone smoothly, our meals have been great, new and different things to try. Thank you, Mary & DC and their wonderful crew. Tonight, it's Mario's, you know how good that it! The weather has been great, lots of sunshine and NO rain this year.



In case you didn't hear, the Santa Paula rally has been cancelled! Since they had a fire there a couple of years ago, they have not fixed it up yet...hopefully they will soon so we can rally there next year!

Again, I would like to thank everyone who made it here to Indio, and George and Randy for their leadership with the Express Trams. Remember Flying Flags in Buellton in February!

Until next time, be happy & healthy, Leroy

Notes from the Editor

IMPORTANT!

The registration and activity forms for the April Rally in Kingsburg were not available at the time the Chatter was published, watch your email for these sometime next week.

Some of the Best things to do in Buellton, CA

- Industrial Eats Deli, 181 Industrial Way Ste B, Buellton, CA 805-688-8807
- Ellen's Danish Pancake House; 272 Avenue of Flags, Buellton, CA 805-688-5312
- Birkholm's Bakery & Café 460 Alisal Rd, Solvang CA, 8050-688-8188
- Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co; 45 Industrial Way Ste B, Buellton, CA 805-694-2252
- Mendenhall's Museum 24 Zaca St, Buellton, CA 805-689-2402
- Ostrich Land; 610 E Highway 246, Buellton, CA 805-686-9696

Indio Rally

By Mary Contreras

Most of the 23 CA Coasters rigs arrived at the Riverside County Fairgrounds on Sunday, January 5 for the 32nd Western Area Rally. After we were escorted to our area by the parking crew, everyone set up their rig and then joined together to set up the party area. That went smoothly—we were done in about an hour so everyone had time to kick back and relax.



Because we were there early as Express Tram drivers, we had Monday to spend all day on our own gathering for light appetizers in the late afternoon. Some of the group visited friends in the desert area or visited some of the sites nearby. Tuesday morning George Brodt led the Drivers Safety Meeting so that we would be prepared to drive the Express

Trams beginning that afternoon. At 2 pm we gathered at the open house for Glen & Sue's new rig, then more light appetizers. After that was the volunteer dinner—no one was hungry at the end of the evening!

Wednesday, January 8 was the official start of the WMHA rally, but the early morning drivers were bored, there were not many people out wanting rides at O dark thirty (0630) that morning. The Coasters who braved the cold enjoyed a light continental breakfast. That day the RV exhibit opened for viewing and Sylvia Burns represented the Coasters well at the Chapter Fair. We had appetizers then El Pollo Loco chicken dinner topped off with brownies and cookies for dessert. It was Bingo night and although no Coaster won at Bingo, it was still a good time.



Thursday again was a cold early morning for the drivers, but there were more people looking for a ride since the Frustrated Maestro's were playing. The vendor fair opened and many of the Coasters shopped until they dropped! Or at least until they had dropped as much money as they wanted to spend! Winds in late afternoon challenged the team grilling hamburgers-but we enjoyed great burgers, salads & baked beans topped off by ice cream bars for dessert.

Friday found the Coasters touring new rigs (although no one bought a new one), shopping at the Vendor fair, and Rubio's taco

bar for dinner, the fish tacos and chicken tacos were the favorites. Many enjoyed Dick Hardwick's comedy and music entertainment that evening. On Saturday there were more seminars and we went to Mario's Italian Restaurant for dinner, everyone enjoyed that! We were entertained by the Alley Cats Doo Wop music and comedy show. On Sunday everyone departed, some for home and others for new adventures.

Trail bosses DC & Mary thank their crew—Don & Denise Sturdevant (shoppers extraordinaire!), Steve and Sheila Ton (Sheila's appetizers were wonderful), Glen DeSchryver (who made sure we got a dozen donuts each morning) & Sue Levine (master brownie baker), and Kerry & Robin Ray. The guys were master burger grillers, the gals kept the food stocked and the party area in order and we all had fun doing it! Thanks to all of you!



February Birthdays



Do I smell
birthday
cake?

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| Anna Murray | 1-27 |
| Donna Brodt | 2-03 |
| Garold Partin | 2-17 |
| Jim DeGraffenreid | 2-17 |
| Eliene Stocksdale | 2-18 |
| Richard Gibbs | 2-21 |
| Cec Fischer | 2-23 |
| Susan Lewis | 2-28 |
| Shirley Crawford | 2-28 |
| Jim Fischer | 2-28 |



Apologies to Anna Murray, we missed her birthday in the January issue.

February Anniversaries



Ed & Geri Frank 32 Years



Norman and Myndel Pozner 53 Years



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Sylvia Burns



This is what I learned last month -- Two Coasters are under-the-weather at this time. Both Dick Perry and Virginia Springer are currently suffering serious medical problems. We hope they are soon on the way to total recovery. They both need our love and support as well as their spouses.

On another note, George Brodt has had his shoulder surgery and is now doing well in physical therapy. We will see him in Indio. That's the way to go George.

Two more Coasters are "under the weather" this month. Shirley Crawford is having some on-going medical problems and Denny Wheeler is moving very slowly at this time. He reminds every one of us to use the handrails when coming in and out of the motorhome. Bruised/cracked ribs take a long time to heal!

If you learn of a Coaster - whether it's good news (which includes new grand or great-grand child), the bad (illness), or the ugly (death), - please let me know so we can send them a card to let them know we're thinking about them.



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California Coasters Summary Financial Statement January 2020

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| Beginning Balance | \$15,876.30 |
| Receipts | 2,583.00 |
| Expenses | 4,844.23 |
| Ending Balance | \$13,615.07 |



When was the last time you asked a friend to join the California Coasters?

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2020 Schedule

| 2020 | RALLY & LOCATION | TRAIL BOSS | ASSISTANTS |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| January 8 - 12 | WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairground Indio, CA | DC & Mary Contreras | Steve & Sheila Ton Glenn & Sue DeSchryver Don & Denise Sturdevant Kerry & Robin Ray |
| February 10-12 | Flying Flags RV Resort Buellton, CA | Tim & Joy Gilles | Lance & Judi Brown Pat & Shirley Crawford |
| March 16 – 20 | Ventura Ranch KOA <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Event Cancelled</div> | Ed & Geri Frank <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Event Cancelled</div> | Mike & Karen Morrow |
| April 21 - 25 | Kings River RV Park Kingsburg, CA | Denny & Sylvia Wheeler | Dave & Sylvia Burns |
| May 4 - 8 | The Lakes RV Resort Chowchilla, CA | Bob & Julie Wyrick | Need Assistant Trail Bosses |
| June/July/Aug. | DARK MONTHS | | |
| September | Minden, NV? | Glenn DeSchryver & Sue Levine | Kerry & Robin Ray |
| Oct. 19 - 23 | Valencia Travel Village Castaic, CA | George & Donna Brodt | Randy & Doris Gibbs Dave & Sylvia Burns Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff |
| November | DARK MONTH | | |
| December | Wine Country RV Resort Paso Robles | Leroy & DJ Davis | David & Lisa Henry |