

**SEPTEMBER  
2019**

## **SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS NEWSLETTER**

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...AND THE WHEELS GO AROUND AND ROUND  
BUT IT TAKES OUR BUS NUTS TO KEEP THEM GOING!



 **From the President's Desk.....**



**From the Wagon Master's Desk....**

The rally fund bank account, as of September 27, 2019, has a total of \$ 6352.21 in the bank. With deposits out for the April and May rallies of \$ 200 each this gives us a total of \$6452.21 net.





## FROM THE DESK OF OUR HOSPITALITY HOSTESS

(Lois is asking for someone to please take this position over...please volunteer)

Hope everyone had a good summer!

- In August, our good buddy Bob Darden had a Pacemaker and some stents installed and so should be doing much better and be able to keep up with Pat's antics!
- Also, Dale Blair, husband of Sue Blair, passed away in his sleep. Our condolences to their two daughters and grandchildren.
- Jan Macy has been working thru a Torn Rotator Cuff and hopefully will be able to do a roundabout with that arm sooner than later!
- I am happy to report that, after Jeanne Blankenship's surgery, she is now walking with a cane and able to take the brace off a few hours each day. She also told me that the pain is gone!!! THAT IS REALLY GOOD NEWS!!!!
- At our September Rally, Jackie LeMeur was not feeling up to par, but was a real trooper fulfilling her duty of being a Trail Boss. Thank you, and hope you are feeling better!
- Beverly Jones appeared to be doing great after her stroke and we could see the improvement as the weekend continued! Being with friends and having fun is good medicine for us all!!!
- Extra prayers needed for Phyllis Wilson. Hope she is pumping iron now!
- Let's all keep our fingers crossed Cowboy Bob gets his COPD under control.
- Jim Patterson had a repeat unwanted visitor, another infection in his jaw. Be gone!!!
- Everett & Sue's 11<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary was Sept 6th.
- Korky & Lynda celebrated their 60-year Anniversary in June and Korky turns 80 in Oct!

Lois Huff

*Sending virtual Hug*



**TAKE CARE OF  
YOUR BODY.  
IT'S THE ONLY  
PLACE YOU HAVE  
TO LIVE IN.**





## SEPTEMBER RALLY REPORT

*By Gene LeMeur*



Our September Rally was at the KOA Metro campground in Chula Vista. Since we really didn't have any offers to volunteer for Trail Boss, arrangements had to be made ahead of time for meals and I am very thankful for all the help I did receive.

Jackie and I chose to arrive on Wednesday to survey the rally area and we were met with another coach that had been there for the week. Shortly after we arrived, two other members arrived. We had a short get together and three families choose to travel to La Mesa for supper.

Thursday morning nine more coaches arrived, and we had the rally with a total of 13 coaches. We had the usual happy hour and heavy chip and did and told our stories about our summer events.



Friday's breakfast was complete with waffles and fruit. We all went our separate ways... some played games others went to town. Our dinner on Friday was Alan's Spaghetti, complete with garlic bread and we did not run short of food as there was plenty for all. Games were played and Rick was our big winner!



### *Spaghetti Friday and Big Winner Rick Camaroto*

Saturday morning we all enjoyed sausage along with pancakes and fruit.



Warren & Alan flipping out !



Saturday Morning we all enjoyed sausage along with pancakes and fruit.

{It may look like Gene is just sitting around watching, but I have a feeling he did the coffee prep!} ~jm

We all kind of passed the day away doing our own thing.



**...AND THE BUS NUTS SOLVING THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS...GOOD LUCK!!!  
IT'S GONNA TAKE MORE THAN THESE NUTS!!!**

I started the Bar-B-que so we could prepare our feast of Tri-Tip along with Santa Maria Beans, along with salad added, it made for another fine dinner!!



**Alan is BBQing the Tri Tip while Gene is Slicing!**

After dinner we celebrated our new member, UTE FORD's, Birthday with a wonderful cake furnished by Lon & Chris Cross (Thank You it was very nice!)

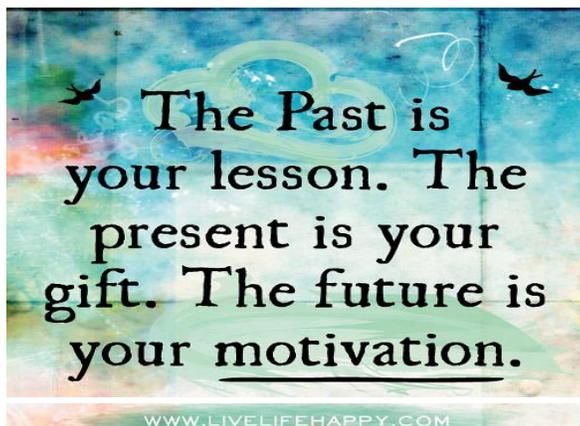


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

After that games were played then we all said good night.

Sunday morning brought clean up time and we all said our goodbyes. If you missed this rally, you missed good food and great fellowship time...and of course, you were missed by us too!

We are looking forward to Joshua tree in November. Make sure you sign up for this!!! It is gonna be a good one!!





# Western Motor Home Association Rally- Indio, CA



## At the Hop! January 8-12, 2020

32nd Annual  
Western Area  
Rally

Riverside County Fair & National  
Date Festival • Indio, California

**HIGHLIGHTS:** 4 Nights of Camping • 3 Nights of Entertainment • 2 Ice Cream Socials • Parade  
Ladies' Sock Hop Lunch - \$10 • 1st Time Attendee Orientation • Bingo • Pet Extravaganza  
Pickleball • Commercial Exhibits • New/Used Display RVs • Chapter Fair • Seminars & Crafts  
Door Prizes • The Frustrated Maestros • Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 5 (Fee Payable On-site)  
**BUS TOUR:** PALM SPRINGS WINDMILLS - Jan. 8 (Tour Departs Gate 5 at 11:45 am).

**EXHIBIT HOURS:** Display RVs Open Wed., Jan. 8, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm / Commercial Exhibits  
Open Thur. - Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • **PRIVATE GOLF CART RENTAL AVAILABLE!**

Call GTI for reservations, Mindy Hawkins 800-477-0467 • **DIRECTIONS:** I-10 to Monroe,  
Monroe south 3 miles to 48th, Left ½ mile to Arabia Street. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.

### Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Last Name:	Rite:	Co-Rite:
Address		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
RV Make:	RV License:	RV Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call	
2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		Disabled Parking? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

	Pre-Reg	On-Site	Qty.	Total	Parking information
RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping	\$ 185.00	\$ 195.00		\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric Parking – 25-30 amps</li> <li>• Generator Parking – 7:00 am - 10:00 pm</li> <li>• Disabled Parking – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.</li> <li>• Early-Arrival Fee – \$25 per night payable on-site, cash or check only</li> </ul>
RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping	\$ 165.00	\$ 175.00		\$	
Additional Fee for 25-30 Amp Electric	\$ 150.00	\$ 160.00		\$	
RV with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator	\$ 185.00	\$ 195.00		\$	
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00		\$	
Passport <sup>1</sup> for 1 Adult	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00		\$	
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Ladies' Sock Hop Lunch	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		\$	
Palm Springs Windmill Tour <sup>2</sup> – Jan. 8	\$ 57.00	\$ 57.00		\$	
Day Passes <i>Avail. Thurs., Fri., &amp; Sat. \$15/day/person</i>	On-Site	On-Site	—	On-Site	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>	

<sup>1</sup> No RV parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and Coffee Hour.

<sup>2</sup> Requires early arrival (\$25). Tour length 3½ Hrs. No Lunch. Tour departs at gate 5 at 11:45 am

#### Payment Information

#### CREDIT CARD

Place your credit card registrations by:  
Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622

#### CHECK

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.  
Mail to: FMCA / Attention: Western Area Rally  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

#### Would you like to Volunteer?

Yes. If interested, please contact  
Alice Bernard (below)

Volunteers – Alice Bernard  
(530) 519-7346 • bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com

#### Cancellation Policy

A \$25.00 processing fee applies to all cancellations. Refunds will be given only upon written request if received by January 8, 2020 (no refunds for electric after December 1, 2019). Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office. No refunds after January 8, 2020. Registrations after December 23, 2019, will be held at Will Call.

#### Rally Contacts

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Groups & Caravans – James McDaniels  
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(562) 217-5634 • indiosems@gmail.com

Display RVs – Paul Bostwick  
(714) 240-8105 • cabpb@earthlink.net

Commercial Exhibits – Virgil George  
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IndioVendors@gmail.com

Volunteers – Alice Bernard  
(530) 519-7346 • bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com

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**WMHA - ADVANCE NOTICE.....**

*Sock Hop Luncheon Indio! Yes, we are having LUNCH!*

*Wear your poodle skirts and weird socks for lunch, dancing, door prizes!*

*This is open to women and men. Don't forget to register and pay for this on your registration, this will sell out quickly!*

**REQUESTS.....**

*We are asking each chapter to submit a bagged door prize. (Bath crystals, hand towels, etc) use your imagination!*

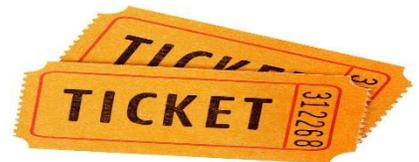
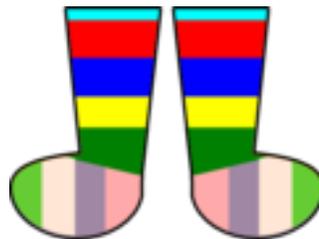
*Send with your chap president in October to Hanford please or call me.*

*I am also looking for volunteers to help decorate. I've got ALL the party supplies but sure do need LOTS of help!!! About 11 am on Friday!!!!*

Thanks,  
Christine Cross  
First Lady, WMHA  
714-997-2195



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# OUR SCHEDULE!

## 2019 SWBN RALLY AGENDA

√ *January 9-13* Western Motor Home Assoc. Rally - Indio Fairgrounds Indio, CA

√ *February* No Rally for Bus Nuts

√ *March 7-10* Pechanga Casino -Temecula, CA Reg closed. Patterson's & Macy's

√ *March 13-16* FMCA Convention Perry. GA

√ *April 11-14* The Springs - Borrego Springs, CA Reg Closed

Joe & Linda Chavez - Tony & Betty Fraley

√ May 9-12 Pismo Coast Village - Pismo Beach, CA Allen & Beverly Jones

*June, July & Aug* No Rally's for Bus Nuts

Aug 14-17 FMCA Convention 100TH -. Minot, North Dakota

√ *Sep 12-15* KOA Chula Vista, CA LeMeurs and Friends

*October* No Rally for Bus Nuts

NOVEMBER 7 - 10 Sportsman Club Joshua Tree, CA Fuller's and Moore's

DEC 29 – JAN 2, 2020 New Year's Rally - Catalina Spa & Resort, Desert Hot Springs

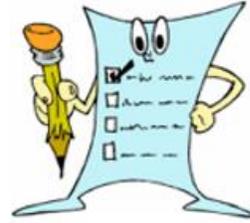
The Fraley's and The Fuller's

If you would like to Trail Boss one of the above Rallies, please contact:

Gene LeMeur 951-929-8801

### IMPORTANT

I URGE YOU TO SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN FOR THESE RALLY'S AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THE FORMS, AS THE PARKS ARE WANTING DEADLINE CONFIRMATIONS A MONTH OR MORE IN ADVANCE.



## 2020 SWBN RALLY SCHEDULE

JAN 8-12 Western Motor Home WMHA Indio, CA

FEB NO RALLY

**\*\***MAR 12-15 Valencia Village Valencia, CA Trail Boss Needed  
Tour of Nethercutt Museum & Collection

MAR 26-29 101<sup>st</sup> Intl Convention Tucson, AZ

APR 16-19 Golden Village Palms Hemet, CA Trail Boss Needed

MAY 7-10 Pala Casino Pala, CA Trail Boss Needed

JUN NO RALLY

JUL NO RALLY

AUG NO RALLY

**\*\***SEP Chula Vista KOA

**\*\***NOV Buellton Flying Flags

DEC

**\*\* The above is subject to change, as contracts have not been signed with some vendors.**

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**OUR "WANT" HAS TURNED INTO A "NEED" !!!  
PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR TRAIL BOSS**



## NOVEMBER RALLY INFORMATION NEWS

November Southwestern Bus Nuts Rally

Sportsman Club, Joshua Tree

November 7-10, 2019

Your trail bosses, Molly and Warren Moore and Sue and Everett Fuller, are working hard to bring you a fun and active rally.

Since November is Thanksgiving month, we will use this as our theme!

Some of you remember how much fun we had sitting around the fire pit after dinner, singing, telling jokes or stories...well let's try it again! Please bring wood!

This Club venue has full hook ups and a fabulous club house and kitchen and best yet...we are the only ones there!

THURSDAY we arrive and get settled in. Happy hour and dinner of pork sliders, salad and dessert.

Games to follow. Sit by the fire.

FRIDAY MORNING for breakfast: coffee, Oatmeal, fruit and muffins and bagels.

All day to play, explore, visit with friends we haven't seen for a while. If weather is good we have games to play outside or games in the club room. We can take a trip to the orchid farm or to see the Huge Party cat.

FRIDAY NIGHT we are planning on a full Turkey Dinner with all the traditional fixings! Pumpkin Pie too!

SATURDAY is a big breakfast of breakfast casseroles and fruit.

Board and General meetings to follow. Might even be left over turkey sandwiches, we'll see.

SATURDAY NIGHT is Pasta night! Pasta, salad and dessert. More games!

SATURDAY NIGHT is Fun by the fire after dinner.

SUNDAY we have to say goodbye till next we meet. Hope you all will have had some fun and get home safely.





## NOVEMBER RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

November BN Rally in Joshua Tree

Nov 7-10, 2019

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped? \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_N

RV Length \_\_\_\_\_ # of slides \_\_\_\_\_ Location of slides L/R/Both \_\_\_\_\_

Parking Fee: \$35.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

No Pet Fee

Total to send \_\_\_\_\_

Fee due by November 1, 2019

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

MAIL TO: Gene LeMeur

2373 Sonoma Dr.

San Jacinto, CA 92583



## UPDATE ON MEMBERS ROSTER



I received a call from Bob Darden, and it seems that Pat wanted to downsize....again. He says a “Happy wife, is a Happy life” so he went along with it! Now, they have too much furniture and the place doesn’t have enough storage, BUT that she likes the house and where they live. Sun City in Menefee



### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Bob and Pat Darden  
27080 Blue Hill Drive  
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951 672-3200 Landline  
Cell phones remain the same



*NEW MEMBERS AS REPORTED BY BOB CROFT*

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Monaco Knight 2003, 34'



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UTE!!!!



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Alice Bernard, F079098 Membership, Volunteer Coordinator Chapter Fair Captain  
phone: 530-934-7346 or cell phone 530-519-7346 or email: [bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com).



### **CHAPTER FAIR/MEMBERSHIP**

Hope you are enjoying the summer and that your chapter is gaining some new members. There are a number of people joining FMCA that are in the Western Area – your membership person can contact the National Office to find out about getting names of people to contact about your chapter.

It is not too early to think about having a table at the Chapter Fair in Indio in January. Doesn't have to be anything fancy – mainly have the name of your Chapter – maybe some newsletters and/or pictures of your rallies. You also should have one or two of your members at the table to answer questions about your chapter. I still have the list of chapters with information and a contact person that I send to people who are interested in finding a chapter. Please keep me advised about your contact person so I can keep my

information current.



## Senior Sentiments.....

### AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday that I was young, just married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all those years went.

I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I [remember](#) well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those "older people" were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person in myself now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

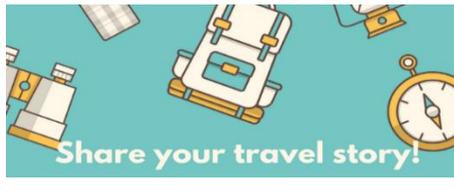
Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are also many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet. let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can TODAY, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, LIVE FOR TODAY and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.. and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!



### *You asked for rally stories.....*

Since you asked---Bob and I traveled in Winnie to Oklahoma then on to Arkansas for his maternal side of the family reunion. It was a beautiful drive both through Oklahoma and Arkansas. We were carrying a china cabinet to Bob's granddaughter, which was traveling on our bed. Since we had never opened out the couch we didn't do it right of course, and had 3 very uncomfortable nights before we smartened up and pulled the WHOLE couch out. Oh well, the cabinet made it to Oklahoma perfectly and we were sure glad to get our bed back for the rest of the trip!!

We, Bob and I, are pushing his daughter's website. Shellylang.com--- We would like her to get rich!!

~Sent in by Barbara Hart & Cowboy Bob

The Patterson's and Macy's took their annual road trip up north, eventually ending up to their destination of Napa for the July 4<sup>th</sup> week and our private overhead fireworks show! Yes, it was quite HOT, to say the least...especially without air conditioning for the Macy's, which went out at the beginning of the trip, and fortunately, the weather was better in Napa! Along the way, we had a great time visiting our local hangouts for eats, and beverages to keep hydrated at the wineries. Unfortunately, while headed back, Jim ended up with an infection and had to stay extra days in Bakersfield, and Edda had to enjoy the beautiful campsite by herself while Jim was sleeping most of the time. Ron and Jan ended up bypassing Bakersfield and went on home...to hot weather!!!

~Sent in by Jan & Ron Macy, Jim & Edda Patterson

Lynda & I spent 7 days at a Pyrotechnics Convention in Gillett WY , watching 6 hours of fireworks every evening. One day at the Sturges Motorcycle Rally, and a week exploring the Black Hills , Mt Rushmore, and Crazy Horse. Five days exploring The Badlands, and then, 14 days exploring Branson Area & seeing shows.

Ps - In Havasu every year , over President Weekend , the pyrotechnic Association puts on 3 night shows for the public & they are 1 hour long it is like three 4th of July shows in 1 night . And we are shooting our own stuff before & after the show.

~Sent in by Korky & Lynda Campbell

*Well, it was really hot through central and northern California so we were relieved when we finally made it to the Seven Feathers RV Park in Canyonville, OR. It was much cooler and we were able to get in a round of golf at the Cougar Canyon course. We then headed to Coos Bay OR and stayed at the Mill Casino RV park, even cooler up there and we had a great spot that faced the bay. We visited Bandon Dunes golf course to look around and then went to downtown Bandon. Small downtown area with plenty of restaurants and shops. We also stopped at their local cheese factory called Facerock Creamery - they let you sample just about every type of cheese they make as well as ice cream. Another day we visited the Shore Acres botanical gardens, they are right on the coast and are just beautiful. If you are up that way in the winter they decorate the park for Christmas and it looks very festive.*

~ Sent in by Linda & Joe Chavez

*And yet another wonderful story!!!*



The McDonald's, The Brown's, The Souza's and campers

To Our Dear Bus Nuts Friends,

I was asked to write a little something from our Alaskan Adventure this summer. I'll condense our 92 days on the road into the highlights.

Us and the Souza's left Santa Maria on June 13 and headed north. We stopped in Boise, ID to have our 3rd couple join us. In Kalispell, MT we met up with the Brown's and friends from Florida. Five rigs in all.

The Columbia Ice Fields in Jasper National Park is one of the first major stops. We found Jasper & Banff impacted with tourist, festivals and special events, which prevented us from staying as long as we would have liked.

Day 16 on the road brought us to Dawson Creek, B.C., the point where the World Famous Alaskan Highway begins. So much wonderful history regarding the ALCAN is in the area museums and monuments. They were well worth a read and visit to refresh our memories. Unfortunately our Florida friends had to depart here. They had many more miles and places to stop on their way back to the east coast.

Arrived in Skagway on day 23. After spending three nights, we went by ferry to. In Haines Junction on the 29th day our Boise friends had to say goodbye. They had a family reunion/50th wedding anniversary to celebrate in Jackson Hole, WY.

The remaining 3 made our way to Valdez on our 33rd day. We stayed four nights because the guys discovered fishing heaven. The Bay of Valdez is one of the most beautiful places we visited. It is surrounded by majestic mountains, ribbons of waterfalls and grand glaciers, so us ladies didn't mind staying.

You have to go through Anchorage to get anywhere in southwest Alaska. Us old folks needed a Wal Mart stop to refill all our medications! Getting in to traffic in the "Big City" was a real change from where we had traveled thus far.

One of the main reasons for going back to Alaska was the Kenai Peninsula. We were able to camp right at the edge of the Kenai River. We stayed put for four nights with fishing at it's finest, just a few yards from the rigs.



Alaska



July 25-20. Homer, Whitehorse, Teslin (another fishing hot spot), Prince George and Stewart/Hyder are only a few of the other places visited. Not many great choices of RV parks but it proved to be interesting. Sometimes we stayed at a Wal-Mart, a parking lot in Jade City, a beautiful resort near Radium Hot Springs, Casinos and everything in between.

We crossed back to the U.S. on day 74 and said our farewells to the Brown's. They were off to visit Mark's son near Seattle and we were headed to Bow, WA to visit friends from our east coast trip of 2014.

On day 76, us and the Souza's headed to the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning. We met up with a friend that lives there. To our surprise, when we went to dinner, a couple from our church were there too! What a small and beautiful world we live in. From here the Souza's were stopping near Sacramento to visit family and we headed for Pacific Grove.

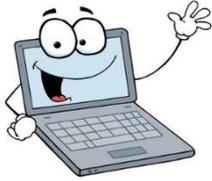
All in all, we traveled for 92 days with 8,334 miles on our rig. Many more miles were put on with side trips in the tow vehicles. We brought home lots of Salmon, some Lake Trout and Northern Pike. Each guy got about 30lbs. Only a few minor mechanical problems and no broken windshields! We are blessed to have had another wonderful adventure with good friends. So many gorgeous sites, interesting cultures and traditions to explore.

Dear friends, if you have something on your "list" to do, see or experience, don't wait. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Hope to see you all in January.

Safe travels, Cheryl McDonald



Sorry this is soooooooooooooo very long!



*It's getting cooler! Thank you all for the contributions to make this possible! Many of you had some fantastic trips!! We need more like this to happen each month...that's what we are about, right? Keep the stories coming!...photos too!*

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**Please submit something.....**



*A tasty, easy recipe or one from a rally that was requested. Or a funny one!*



*A handy hint for an RV user.*



*Good, clean jokes or thoughts, notes, reminders. Road trip stories!!!*



*Please keep any changes in your contact info up to date.*

**THANK YOU!**

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*"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count.  
It's the life in your years."*

*Abraham Lincoln*



*See ya.....*

"The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn."

David Russell