

# CALIF. HEARTLAND/FMCA

Arlon plays a tune to see if it works any charm on his little puppy friend, Princezz.. Doesn't look like she is listening.



## Christmas at the Bakersfield Resort has gone to the dogs

*We had our own dog parade around the park and then came back for the judging.*



Meet Pat Neve and Bubby



Meet Murphy --1st place in dog show



Meet Jet

# President Woody has a word... or is it Sugar

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

Message from your President December, 2014

Hello Heartlanders! Another great Rally, as usual when Barbara & Wade are involved in the planning. The wind on Thursday was not so good, but the rain that followed was great. 22 coaches, including 2 new member couples, Art & Brenda Partridge & Lew & Mary Lou Hurlbutt. Not bad for a blustery weekend. As usual food is a big part of our rallies and this rally was no exception, except for a little glitch on the Saturday night meal. It was delivered in three different time periods. That being said, I would like you all to know that the company that catered that meal called me personally on Monday and were soooo apologetic. They then proceeded to return more than half of the cost of our meal. I told her that the food was good and tasty but pretty traumatic for the committee! We're all looking forward to Indio, meet at Spotlight 29 no later than 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2015. Most of us will be there Monday evening. Pomona will be a new experience for many of us so we're looking forward to that as well. Be sure to let Jerry or Melinda Stacy know if you'd like to help there.

See you down the road! Remember "It's all about having fun!" from Charlie Adcock. Quote of the day, "We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go we take a little of each other everywhere!"

Sincerely, Your President and Friend, *Woodrow Wilson* (Woody to you) !



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CHAPTER

Sandy Emerson gave credit to Thomas Lynch for his nice article in the FMCA magazine about our outing in Grass Valley at the Draft Horse Classic. Sandy will be making that outing available again to those interested. If you have not been there it is well worth the time. You will hear more later.



Jerry passed out home made trail boss cookies made by Mrs Trail Boss, Nancy



Gaden and Fred are two of the major winners in the card bingo game led by Arlon.



Two famous Grass Valley Trail leaders are Gary and Sandy Emerson





# CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 13, 2014 LOCATION: Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA 22 Rigs MEETING CALLED TO ORDER : By President Woody Wilson TIME: 10:02 a.m.  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Woody Wilson PRAYER LED BY: John Kendall  
PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES : Woody opened the meeting with a light hearted joke.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED: Art & Mary Lou Partridge, and Lew and Mary Hurlbutt, our first time new members, were welcomed and shared a little of their history.

TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Woody thanked Wade & Barbara McKinley for doing such a good job on this Rally. Jerry Olson presented them with the valued gift of Hanford Glass Cleaner for being a Trail Boss. This rally is an example of many helpers, Woody & Louise Wilson handled the 2 catered dinners, Jenelle Lockwood did the table decorations, Ron & Pat Neve with Dave & Theresa Freitas did one breakfast, Jerry & Nancy Olson and Fred & Jenelle did another breakfast, Paul & Barbara Schwab handled all of the desserts, John & Sue Kendall did one game night, Arlon Schubert did another game night. Of course Wade & Barbara engineered the whole event but the teamwork is commendable. Heartland never lacks willing helpers. Many helped with dishes, cleanup after every event.

## REPORTS:

**VICE PRESIDENT**, Fred Lockwood : No Report

**SECRETARY**, Louise Wilson : The November minutes were read and approved by the Board then printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

**TREASURER**, Maxine Cahoon : Maxine reported the Balance as of December 13, 2014 is \$11,090.79. She explained why there sometimes is a big difference in the balances on her reports. At times there is more money gone out as advance payments, expenses for future rallies, before the money comes in and is accounted for. The Treasury report is printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership. **WAGON MASTER**, Jerry Olson : Jerry announced that he has a few Heartland Flags still for \$20.00 ea. The reservations have been made for all Rally locations for 2015. Trail Bosses are in place for all Rallies in 2015. The next Rally is at Indio, January 7, 2015. Louise reported that we will collect \$5.00 from each Motorhome attending to cover costs of the Rally (any balance will go into the Treasury). There will be bottled water and coffee as well as light hors d'oeuvres in an empty space between The Wilson's and The Schubert's. We will gather at the "Spotlight 29" Casino on Hwy 10 in Indio on Monday evening, January 5, 2015, then caravan over to the Rally site at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday. We will gather at 7:30 a.m. We must go in together in order to park together. Call Woody with questions or concerns. The Volunteer Dinner is Tuesday evening, Wednesday we will go to dinner as our Heartland group, Thursday we will go to the Pizza Parlor. We will gather at 4:00 so we can do dinner by 5:00 & be back for the Rally's evening events. Jerry Stacy reported that he has 30 people signed up for coffee & donuts at Indio. There is another Chapter as well as Heartland involved in Coffee at Pomona in March. Let Jerry Stacy know if you want to help there. Joy Elliott reported on the Rally in April at the Yanks RV Resort in Greenfield, CA. The committee is looking into several places to go in the area, Steinbeck Museum, Pinnacles State Park, among them. Interest was shown for these two places. More info will come out soon. Sandy Emerson told us that she and Gary will again make all of the necessary arrangements for the Draft Horse Classic in September even though it is not a Heartland Rally location. She will put out more info out later but explained that we must make our plan early so as to purchase tickets etc on May 1,

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR**, Vacant :

**ASST NAT'L DIRECTOR**, John Kendall : No Report

**DIRECTORS**, Julie Burger: Thanked the committee, Jenelle, for the nice table decorations.

Tim Cahoon : No Report. Joy Elliott, No Report.

**EDITOR**, Jerry Olson : Timeline for Newsletter info is 7 days after each Rally, Sunday, December 21. If anyone has anything for the Classified Ad get your info to him.

**HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER**, Dave Mendonca: He reminded us all to check into the WMHA website: Newsletters. Heartland and many other Chapter Newsletters are there.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**, Barbara McKinley: Barbara used this time to recognize several of our members to be sure they all know how pleased we are to have them here and/or back. Also to mention the Article in the FMCA Family Magazine written by our own Thomas Lynch. The article told about our September Rally in Grass Valley at the Draft Horse Classic. It was really a nice, well done article. Thank you, Thomas, for representing us well. Good Job!

**HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN** Joy Elliott : We're all happy to see Nancy Olson is here after eye surgery that went well, Kim Cummings after having shoulder surgery and losing his wife, Shirley, we will all miss her, Melinda Stacy after additional foot surgery, she will get her boot off on December 28,. Marian Bailey will have Knee replacement surgery on December 29 and Gary Emerson has pneumonia but his Dr. doesn't think he could survive a hospital stay due to his low immune system. All of these people need our thoughts and prayers for their well being.

**SHERIFF**: Jenelle Lockwood collected a couple of \$\$\$ for those who admitted being out without their badges, another \$1.00 came from our new member, Art Partridge for the phenomenally inexpensive set of tires he got. She also gave out candy bars for the "Good Guys" as well. At this time Sandy Emerson moved that we take an additional collection on top of our Pig Money and donate it to the The Wounded Warriors. Motion was seconded and passed.

**SAFETY OFFICER**, Jerry Stacy : "We are all safe".

OLD BUSINESS :

NEW BUSINESS : We have had several of our members complain that they don't get correspondence. Jerry Olson as Editor of the Newsletter and Barbara McKinley as Membership Chairman constantly tell everyone to check to be sure their info is correct. But the ones who aren't here at rallies are the ones who don't get that. So, Woody asked Barbara to send out a Snail Mail notice to all of our members to inform Jerry and/or Barbara of any problems they have with communications.

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES : We recognized and celebrated 3 Birthdays and 1 Anniversary for December.

WOODY'S WORDS OF WISDOM: "Humor is Contagious, Laughter is Infectious, Both are good for your Health".

MEETING ADJOURNED AT : 11:05 a.m. Louise E Wilson



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Meet Art and Brenda Partridge. Returning members after a long absence. They are from Hollister, CA.



Meet Lew and Marylou Hurlbutt from Tehachapi, CA



## A BIG thank you to Barbara and Wade for another fine rally !!

They know how to delegate to get the job done. Friday morning they had Ron and Pat Neve, Dave and Teresa Freitas arranging the Friday morning egg casserole. Saturday morning Jerry and Nancy Olson set up the biscuits and gravy meal with fresh cut fruit. Louise and Woody arranged for the catered dinner Friday and Saturday nights and Paul and Barbara supplied the special desserts for after the meals.

As trail boss leaders they received the famous certificate and spray glass cleaner from HANFORD GLASS





**Hospitality Report...**  
by Joy Elliott

Nancy Olson has mostly recovered from her eye surgery. She said the process was not as bad as she has anticipated. Perhaps the prayers and positive thoughts sent her way had something to do with that.

Sandy Emerson was able to attend the business meeting at this rally but reported that Gary is down with pneumonia and having a rough time of it.

Marian Bailey will have knee replacement

surgery on December 29.

Floyd and Phyliss Alger may be temporarily homeless as they sold their house and have not found a new home to settle into. At least their health is better now and the hunt for a new place is on.

In case those of you who were at Bakersfield are wondering our fearless leader Woody Wilson's cold is better. He was not stingy with it though and shared it with Louise.

Best wishes to everyone for healthy, happy holidays.

**CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA**

Treasurers Report - December 2014

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$ 11090.79</b>
<b>Monies Received:</b>		
Bank Correction to November deposit	-176.00	
Dues	162.00	
Club Flags	60.00	
Cash Donations to be added to Pink Pig fines	100.00	
December Rally Parking & Food	4815.50	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>4961.50</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
CK # 2756 VOID	-0-	
CK # 2757 Poor Boys BBQ - catered dinner	387.00	
CK # 2758 Mossman Catering	749.82	
CK # 2759 Check Held by President Wilson	-0-	
CK # 2760 Check Held by President Wilson	-0-	
CK # 2761 Check Held by VP Lockwood	-0-	
CK # 2762 Check Held by VP Lockwood	-0-	
CK # 2763 J. Olson Newsletter Ink/Supplies	81.16	
CK # 2764 J Olson December Rally food	65.40	
CK # 2765 Bakersfield RV Park - Parking	2552.00	
CK # 2766 B. Schwab December Rally food	81.34	
CK # 2767 B. McKinley December Rally Food /Prizes & Dog Show	269.94	
CK # 2768 P. Neve December Rally food	95.70	
CK # 2769 J. Lockwood December Rally decorations	93.81	
CK # 2770 G. Peterson Refund Parking December	117.00	
CK # 2771 S. Buwalda Refund Parking December	117.00	
CK # 2772 J. Olson Seven Window Plaques	35.00	
CK # 2773 B. McKinley Indio Membership Supplies	33.71	
CK # 2774 Wounded Warriors Club Donation	150.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>- 4828.88</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$ 11,223.41</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maxine B. Cahoon*

Treasurer



You ain't nothin but a hound dog a cryin all the time. Meet Kim and Gunner.



Meet Ron and his friend, "Useless" the cat.



Everyone that attended this rally had a special Christmas picture taken. What a nice Christmas card picture of

**Ron and Marilyn Peterson**

# Bakersfield rally report by:

Judy Schorling

Heartland members gathered in Bakersfield for the December rally. The trail bosses were Wade and Barbara McKinley and Woody and Louise Wilson. Arrivals were greeted by full timers Tim and Maxine Cahoon who were spending the month at the Bakersfield RV resort. 22 rigs gathered for all the fun.

The weather was unusually warm unlike last year's Dec. ice rally in Paso Robles. Thursday, the wind did pick up a bit and hats, awnings and small pets went flying. A few folks had difficulty keeping their feet on the ground as they made their way to the club house for Thurs. Happy Hour! For dinner, many people stayed close to home. The RV park has its own restaurant and pretty good food, too.

Friday morning Ron and Pat Neves served a fine breakfast of fruit and a hot egg casserole. There was lots of rain and the farmers and ranchers in the group wore big Christmas smiles-nature always gives the best gifts! It cleared just in time for the 2:00 Pet Parade organized by Barbara McKinley. Heartland members in general are a pretty good looking group but not even close to the cuteness level of their furry companions. Many of these little characters were dressed in Mr. or Mrs. Santa Claus outfits. There were sweaters, tutu skirts, hats, booties and toy jockeys-some of which were always in the process of being put on, shaken off or left behind as a merry band of dogs and people marched up and down the RV park rows. Some cute tricks were performed for treats and several prizes handed out. First prize went to Marylou Hurlbutt and everyone received a Certificate of Participation! The people in the parade all enjoyed ice cream sandwiches immediately after the pets went home. Dinner was under the direction of Louise Wilson. There was salad and huge amounts of rice and pulled chicken. Though most people did their best to clean the serving trays, there was enough left over to serve at lunch on Sat. Delicious!! After dinner Arlon Schubert lead us all in card bingo. He sweetened the pots by handing out lotto tickets to the lucky persons who drew the Lotto

card in each deal of cards. Arlon digs into his own pocket to provide these lotto tickets and we all feel lucky to know him. Thank you, Arlon. Sat. Jerry and Nancy Olson served a fine breakfast of biscuits and gravy-I had an extra serving because I love it so. Then, there were the morning meetings. It was good news all around. People continue to step up to help with future outings. Then, we all dressed for our Christmas pictures. Thanks go out to Dave and Sam Mendonca who kept trying to get each person's best side. The results, as always with these two, are picture-perfect! Dinner came in courses-though this was not what Louise had planned. The final course was a very flavorful stuffing that was supposed to come earlier. Woody kept going back to the restaurant until everything on the menu made it to the serving table. Thanks Woody and Louise. We finished with a gift bag pass-around that was great fun. Jenelle Lockwood made the Christmas tree center pieces and a few lucky people got to take one home. Thanks, Jenelle. I am always amazed by what you create. Sun., there were kisses and hugs all around. Safe Travels, all.

Submitted by Judy Schorling



Will all the purse winners please step forward



These ladies are all smiles. Barbara McKinley, Jenelle Lockwood, Louise Wilson and Nancy Olson. Do they know something we don't.



# Rally locations and Trail Boss assignments for 2015

January.. Indio Rally (7-8-9-10-11) **Woody and Louise Wilson**

February.. DARK

March.. Pomona National Rally (26-27-28) **Woody and Louise Wilson**

April... Yanks RV Resort (9-10-11) **Dave and Joy Elliott**, Tim and Maxine Cahoon, Tom and Shirley Lynch, Gaden and Judy Schorling

May... Casa de Fruita ((14-15-16) **Fred and Jenelle**, Jerry and Nancy Olson

June... French Camp RV Park, Manteca (11-12-134) **Barbara and Louise, Pamela Goulden**

July... DARK

August... River Point Landing, Stockton (13-14-15) **Julie Berger**, Pat Parkins, Arlon

September... Marina Dunes RV Park, Monterey area (10-11-12) **John and Jean Hyduchak**

October... Wine Ridge RV, Pahrump, NV (8-9-10) **Tom and Kathy Jones**, Kendalls and Mehelics

November... Hanford Fairgrounds (4-5-6-7) **Ron and Marilyn Peterson**

December... Bakersfield River Run (10-11-12) **Ray and Valarie Marin**



Woody can hardly hear or see you but he still likes being around people.

## Stay in touch

Our newsletters and all rally pictures can be found on line if you have a computer. THANK YOU DAVE M.

<http://wafmca.com>

After you log onto the web site, scroll down to chapter Newsletters and go down to California Heartland.

## Happy Faces of our members...

There is a new dog among us. Dave and Shirley have a new rescue dog named Sparkey. He is going to be one spoiled dog.

Look at Sparky now. He steals the show with his dancing tricks.



Dave Freitas and Fred Lockwood. What are they up to??



Barbara McKinley, Jenelle Lockwood, Louise Wilson and Nancy Olson



Marilyn Peterson and Julie Burger



## FAITHFUL KITCHEN HELPERS

Trail bosses don't do all the work when you lead as a Trail Boss. You always have plenty of helpers and all you have to do is ask for some help and many workers will step up and work with you.



Ron and Pat Neve, Dave and Theresa Freitas served a very tasty egg casserole and pancakes Friday morning.



Special desserts were provided by Barbara Schwab and Paul

## Eating at a rally is what we do best...

Everyone was really impressed on how good the catered dinners tasted, even the progressing meal on Saturday night. Biscuits and gravy with fresh cut fruit was the Saturday morning breakfast served by Jerry and Nancy Olson.



Look at the size of Ron's onion rings





# YOUR CLUB LEADERS

## Current leaders and officers for 2014 and 2015:

The success of every club is the result of fun and motivated leaders. Here are your leaders for the Calif. Heartland chapter of FMCA. Soon it will be your turn to be a leader in our club. What would you like to do in 2016 for the club?

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## INDIO SEMINAR

### First time seminar on metal detecting Garrett AT Pro

This will be a new first time experience for me but I am excited because I have received some great support from Vaughan Garrett. His parents, Eleanor and Charles, started the Garrett detector line 50 years ago and now Vaughn, the son, is taking over the business. The Garrett company runs an ad in our FMCA magazine and that is why I contacted Vaughn and he is a willing supporter and supplier of the Garrett

products and books on metal detecting to be given away at the seminar I will be doing on Saturday morning.

I want all Heartland people to know about this and to pass the word to all clubs to have everyone show up Saturday for the seminar and free drawings for Garrett products that Vaughn has sent me to give away at the seminar.

I have about 4 metal detectors and the one I use

the most is the Garrett AT Pro and that is the one I will have for a free door prize drawing. I paid \$799.00 for this metal detector when I bought mine so it is not a entry level detector. The first 200 people to the seminar will receive a book on coin and metal detecting information.

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