

A Cowboy Christmas

California Heartland/FMCA

Where we make many new friends and travel together to places we have never been before.



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN ELECTRIC HAMMER....

We had a brown bag exchange and Melinda Stacy was blessed with a preview of a 2025 series electric hammer. What will they think of next. We were all blessed with some special gifts and some we will probably see again next year. I had a beautiful quilt and it was stolen immediately. After a gift is stolen once it can not be stolen, (traded) again.



Always helpers--Joy, Shirley and Maxine



Early Heartland Awards

SECOND ANNUAL METAL DETECTING SEMINAR

As a Garrett metal detecting dealer, I have been asked to do another informal seminar on the Garrett products for coin , jewelry and gold prospecting for fun and profit. It's a great hobby and sometimes very profitable. It's also great exercise. If you have a metal detector, bring it to Indio. If we have enough people involved we will have a coin hunt with prizes. If you attend the seminar we will have some great prizes as well.

WILD BLUE ROSE BAND



There was a whole lot of stompin going on to all the lively music, thanks to Valerie and her back up musicians.



Meet Gary and Linda Mullinix guests of Dave and Joy Elliott



Top: Tim and Maxine Cahoon, Fred and Jenelle Lockwood, Kim Cummings and Sandy Emerson

Hospitality report by Nancy Olson

As your new Hospitality Chairman, I have word about a few of our members that would appreciate your prayers and concern.

John Schlegel- John was camping with the Escapees in Southern California when he passed out in a restaurant. He spend a few days in the hospital, but they are not exactly sure what his problem is. He was told to contact his Dr. when he got home. FMCA Assist Program was going to get their motor home back to Clovis.

Della Crawford- Della has had surgery for a cancerous tumor on her bladder. She is awaiting to hear if further treatment will be needed.

Julie Burger- Julie was attending a Band Review at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno when she fell and cut her leg on a metal frame. She did not think it was serious, but it has become infected. She is continuing to treat it with antibiotics, and rest!! If you know Julie, the rest part is probably not too much a part of the treatment!

Pat Parkins- Pat fell in her garage and was not able to get up. She said she finally came to enough to call her neighbor to come and help her. She is fortunate that she just has a huge bump on her head and some aches in her body, but no broken bones.

OUR PRESIDENT HAS A FEW WORDS--

Hello Heartland !!

The Bakersfield rally was great fun with good food and dancing. Everybody should have been there.

Next time we get together will be in Indio at the FMCA Rally so everybody gather up your Heartland flags so we can fly them on our windshields to show everybody how proud we are to be from Heartland .

Director Gayden is heading up a committee so that new Heartland jackets shirts and hats will be available for us to purchase soon.

Nancy Olson is our new California Heartland Chaplain. She has dedicated herself to God. She is a prayer warrior and cares about people. Nancy will be there for any members emotional or spiritual needs.
See you all in Indio.



TRAIL BOSS VALERIE AND RAY PUT ON A GREAT RALLY



Valerie and Ray Marin

This was the first rally Ray and Valerie took on as the Trail Boss leadership and these were all their helpers. A rally is not that difficult if you ask people to help you to be responsible for just one part of the rally.



YELLOW TRAIL BOSS MUG AWARDED

Julie Burger presents the Trail Bosses with the special yellow mug award for taking the leadership roll of Trail Boss.



CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 12/12/15 **LOCATION:** River Run RV, Bakersfield, Ca. **RIGS-20** **PEOPLE-38**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President Fred Lockwood **TIME:** 10:01

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Lee Schubert **PRAYER LED BY:** Fred Lockwood

TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Ray & Valerie Marin

REPORTS: VICE PRESIDENT: Sandy Emerson-Reported that she would be doing Grass Valley for those who are interested. She will not be able to attend, but contact her for the information.

SECRETARY: Shirley Mendonca- Reported that all records from 2007- current records are now on flash drives.

TREASURER: Dave Mendonca- Dave reported that the club's account is now online banking. The debit card has been cancelled; there was no need for it. Current balance is \$9,726.52.

WAGON MASTER: Julie Burger: Reported that she has the roster filled for 2016, but is still in need of some trail bosses. Contact Julie to sign up as Trail Boss. Julie presented Valerie and Ray Marin (Trail Bosses) gifts for the River Run rally. The 2016 schedule will be published in the newsletter every month. Melinda Stacy reported she has all of the information for the volunteers and will be handed out at the general meeting. Barbara McKinley reported there will be an agenda of club activities for each day at Indio.

ASSISTANT WAGON MASTER: Kim Cummings-Reported in regards to "Mule Days." The event will be for 10 days. Must have 15 rigs registered by Feb. first. Details to follow in the newsletter or you may contact Kim Cummings for information.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: John Kendall- Nothing to report. **ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR:** Paul Schwab- Nothing

HOSPITALITY: Nancy Olson: Julie Burger injured her leg on an outing, but is getting much better. Park Parkinson fell, lucky there were no injuries. She is doing much better. Della Crawford had surgery in regards to her bladder, but is doing much better. John Schlegel passed out while on a trip. Low blood pressure, he is doing better. FMCA Emergency took care of the motorhome and etc.

EDITOR: Jerry Olson: reminder that all information for the newsletter should be sent in the first week after the rally.

MEMBERSHIP: Barbara Schwab: All dues are current. Barbara returned trophies to the club from past parades that the Club had won. We will be having a membership booth at Indio.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Dave Mendonca: Has purchased a new viewer for the club. The old one stopped working.

SAFETY OFFICER: Jerry Stacy -No report

SHERIFF: Janelle Lockwood: Reported she would only be doing fines at the Saturday evening dinners. She also stated that she would be having some special presentation occasionally.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fred Lockwood reported that it was approved at the Board Meeting that the Pink Pig fines of \$120.00 be donated to the Salvation Army. That Nancy Olson was appointed as the Club Chaplin. That Director Gaden Schorling will be in charge of a committee to investigate the cost of California Heartland shirts, jackets, and hats for anyone who would like to purchase them. It was also voted and approved at the Board Meeting that all new members will receive a California Heartland flag in their membership packet.

Birthdays and Anniversaries will appear in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:50

Secretary- Shirley Mendonca

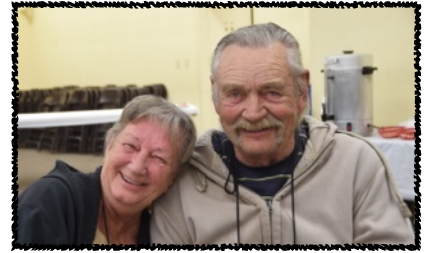


Western Motorhome Association-Indio, CA

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bar**

<https://www.facebook.com/jerry.olson.37604/videos/10153311013758087/>

The Indio Rally is a hugh event every year where you can attend motor home related seminars, walk thru several new coaches, shop at vendors for MH related items, great entertainment and fellowship with hundreds of motor home friends. You will want to come back every year.



Where to meet in Indio to come in as a group

SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2016:

Meet Kim Cummings at Spot light Casino he will lead you into be parked. Call Kim for time to meet.

5:00pm Social Hour bring a Hor d'oeuvre to share. WEATHER PERMITTED.

Check work schedule for your dates & times. Any changes in schedule please notify Jerry & Melinda Stacy.

Monday JANUARY 4, 2015:

5:00pm .POT LUCK TO SHARE. WEATHER PERMITTED. NO SOCIAL HOUR

TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2016:

Tour: The Living Desert, Zoo & Garden Bus Tour.

NO SOCIAL HOUR.

6:00pm Volunteer Dinner or Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6, 2016:

Palm Springs Air Museum Bus Tour.

1:00pm New Member's Membership Fair.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7, 2016:

9:00am to 4:00pm Exhibits Opens.

3:30pm go to Parade. The parade starts @ 4:00

5:30 SOCIAL HOUR BRING HOR D'OEUVRE TO SHARE. WEATHER PERMITTED.

7:00pm Entertainment.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8, 2016:

12:00 Noon Ice Cream.

1:00pm Ladies Tea and Fashion Show.

5:00pm SOCIAL HOUR BRING HOR D'OEUVRE TO SHARE. WEATHER PERMITTED

7:00pm Entertainment.

SATURDAY JANUARY 9, 2016:

12:00 Noon Ice Cream.

1:00pm Pet show

5:00pm Eat out location will be announced later. **DUTCH TREAT.**

8:00pm Entertainment.

SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2016:

Last day of work. Safe travels to all and thanks for coming.

Wade & Barbara McKinley (559) 285-1949 or (559) 281-1949 email wade99@att.net/babsmck@att.net

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA
Treasurers Report - December 15, 2015

Beginning Balance		\$9,986.52
Monies Received :		
December Rally -Parking, Food, Etc.	\$3,351.00	
Membership Dues 2016	\$408.00	
Yearly Pig (fines) receipts	\$114.00	
	Total Income	\$3,873.00
	Sub Total	\$13,859.52



Out door craft and items for sale

Disbursements:			
11/18/15 #2864	King Productions	Deposit Hanford 2016	\$260.00
12/10/15 #2865	Valerie Marin	Bakersfield Band	\$100.00
12/11/15 #2866	Void		\$0.00
12/11/15 #2857	Valerie Marin	Bakersfield Food & Décor	\$71.89
12/11/15 #2858	Melinda Stacy	Bakersfield Food	\$60.71
12/11/15 #2869	Champs Catering	Bakersfield Food	\$486.98
12/12/15 #2870	Sandy Emerson	Bakersfield Food	\$18.15
12/12/15 #2871	Kim Cummings	Bakersfield Food	\$159.52
12/12/15 #2872	Jerry Olson	Bakersfield Food	\$57.57
12/12/15 #2872	Jerry Olson	Newsletter Printer ink cartridge	\$30.82
12/12/15 #2873	River Run RV Park	Bakersfield Rally Parking	\$2,112.00
12/12/15 #2874	Fred Lockwood	Heartland Mugs for TB Gifts	\$176.80
12/12/15 #2875	Dave Mendonca	Reimb for New Picture Viewer	\$160.00
12/12/15 #2876	Barbara Schwab	Indio Membership fair	\$7.50
12/14/15 #2877	Sam Mendonca	Reimb for cash -Indio Theme	\$30.00
12/14/15 #2878	The Salvation Army	Donation 2015 Pig (fines)	\$120.00
		Total Expenses	\$3,851.94



Brown bag exchange game

Ending Balance	\$10,007.58
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Notes to Statement: There will be several "advance deposits" for 2016 rallies
Currently only \$260 is advanced for Hanford 2016 entertainment

Dave Mendonca
Treasurer



Betty Vincent
wins big

Brunch Strata--

The ham, zucchini, mushrooms and cheese make this egg dish super special.

Prep: 45 min. **Bake:** 35 min + standing

Makes: 2 casseroles (8 servings each)

- 1/3 cup canola oil**
- 1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms**
- 3 small zucchini, chopped**
- 2 medium onions, chopped**

(about 1 1/2 cups)

- 1 medium green pepper, chopped**
- 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham**
- 2 garlic cloves, minced**
- 2 pkg. (8oz. each) cream cheese softened**
- 1/2 cup half-and-cream**
- 12 eggs, lightly beaten**
- 4 cups cubed day-old bread**
- 3 cups (12 oz) shredded cheddar cheese**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 1/2 tsp. pepper**

1. In a dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add the vegetables and ham; cook and stir until vegetables are tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain and pat dry.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and cream until smooth. Gradually beat in eggs. Stir in the remaining ingredients and vegetable mixture.
3. Transfer to two greased 11 in x 7 in baking dishes. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 10 min. before serving.

Notes on Heartland's Dec. trip to Bakersfield:

There was no Grinch who stole Christmas at the holiday outing to Bakersfield. We all had a merry old time. Rigs twinkled with Christmas lights and Santa hats and holiday shirts carried the day. Thursday came with a bit of rain, but most of it fell while we were tucked under covers dreaming of sugar plums! There were the usual happy hours with treats galore: meats and cheeses, tangy meatballs and hors d'oeuvres on a stick that made a complete meal in one serving. We have some fine cooks in Heartland who keep us all well nourished and happy!

Trail bosses Ray and Valerie Marin ran the rally smooth as silk. Many others assisted, among them Maxine Cahoon, Joy Elliott and Sam Mendonca. Thank you all for giving time and effort for our benefit.

Friday plans provided for adventures in potluck followed by a brown bag gift exchange. The first bag produced a beautiful quilt. Later bags had candles, chimes, cups, glassware, an apron, hats, Christmas decorations-clearly members have closets full of really neat stuff!

Saturday started as usual with some nice breakfast eats and then the folks with the big hats had their 9:00 meeting to discuss the fate of the world. 10:00 found all the rest of us in the general meeting. It was lead by the new pres. and he did fine. (We judge it a success when no one has to be ejected.) By the way our new leader is Fred (the hammer) Lockwood. It is going to be another great two years for Heartland!

There was a yard sale along with some lovely crafts at 1:00. The sun was out but because of the temp it was good not to linger too long over the tables. People made their choices firm and fast.

Before dinner on Saturday night, a group of six women plus one were honored as being PIONEERS. They had all done things that required courage and daring and where they were handed lemons, they made champagne! The six are Laverne Herman, Velda Johnston, Julie Burger, Barbara McKinley, Sue Kendall and Sandy Emerson. In addition, Louise Wilson was honored for making all the scarves that were given to our very dear and special Pioneers to remind them of how we all regard them. These are only some of the very special persons who are members of Heartland!

There followed a very tasty catered dinner, and then Valerie Marin threw off her apron and unholstered a microphone and belted out some great country and western songs with her fine band "Wild Blue Rose Band." And we danced!! John Kendall hit the floor running with Sue in hot pursuit. Some of us put on our best smiles and line-danced. With a few lessons some of us might look like Fred and Ginger. It was a great time!

Too soon it was Sunday morning and time to travel home. See you all again next time. Safe travels 'til then. Reporter Judy Schorling signing off.

FMCA "CALL OF THE WILD"
Metal detecting for fun and profit



2016

Sponsored by: H.I.P.
Garrett Metal Detector dealer

Learn some of the techniques of finding coins, jewelry and gold with the Garrett tools. A Garrett AT Pro will be door prize drawing plus other door prizes. You must be present to win.

Bring your metal detector if you already have one
We will be doing a coin shoot with prizes

January 12-14 at the Indio Rally
Contact Jerry Olson--559-300-0739

Check out our newsletters and pictures over the years.

<http://wafmca.com/?p=330>
Check out all our pictures on the Western web pages for Calif. Heartland

Birthdays for Dec.

Thomas Lynch--12/17
Shirley MacDonald--12/1
Paul Schwab--12/16
John Zumwalt--12/29
Jenelle Lockwood--12/21
Barbara Quesada--12/10
Lee Schubert--12/22
Robert Crawford--12/27
Johnny Duke--12/10
Phyllis Alger--12/22
Marian Bailey--12/22
Cricket Francois--12/11

ANNIV. FOR DEC.

Gaden and Judy
Schorling--12/27
Jim and Susan Lewis--12/29

Bishop Mule Days--May 22-31

Kim Cummings has 15 spaces reserved and he needs to know right now if you are planning to attend this rally. He needs the names and the money, (\$125.00) submitted before January 31 if you plan to attend. Don't wait until Jan. 31st to tell him, he needs your commitment right now. If there will be more than 15 attending he needs to know that right now. Call him and confirm your registration and let him know now or at Indio.

His phone number is 1-661-822-6111.

Heartland plans for 2016



NEWS FLASH

Julie has all the rallies filled with Trail Bosses so now you need to offer your help when the Trail Bosses asks for help.

January 3-10

Indio Fairgrounds

February is Dark

March 14-17

Betabel- San Juan Bautista, CA

April 14-17

Marina Dunes RV Park
Marina, CA

May 22-31

Mule Days
Bishop, CA

June 5/31--6/3

Boulder Creek RV Resort

July is Dark

August 11-14

Flying Flags RV Resort
Buelton, CA

September 1-5

Sparks Marina RV Resort--Sparks, NV

October 2-5

The Lakes RV & Golf Resort

November 2-6

Hanford Fairgrounds--Hanford, CA

December 8-11

Bakersfield RiverRun Resort--Bakersfield, CA
We will have a new USA President by now. Who will it be.

HAPPY FACES OF HEARTLAND



2016 RALLY ROSTER

JAN 3-10	WESTERN AREA RALLY AT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN INDIO, CA	
FEB	DARK	
MAR 14-17	BETABEL RV RESORT, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA:	TOM AND SHARON ROACH TRAIL BOSS
APRIL 14-17	MARINA DUNES RV PARK, MARINA, CA:	BARBARA & PAUL SCHWAB TRAIL BOSS
MAY 22-31	MULE DAYS, BISHOP, CA:	NO HOST, KIM CUMMINGS COORDINATOR
JUNE 5/31-3	BOULDER CREEK RV RESORT, LONE PINE, CA:	JERRY & NANCY OLSON TRAIL BOSS
JULY	DARK	
AUG 11-14	FLYING FLAGS RV RESORT, BUELTON, CA:	VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR TRAIL BOSS
SEPT 2-5	SPARKS MAARINA RV RESORT, SPARKS NV:	NO HOST, LOUISE & WOODY WILSON
OCT 2-5	THE LAKES RV & GOLF RESORT, CHOWCHILLA, CA: GADEN & JUDY SHORLING TRAIL BOSS	
NOV 2-6	KINGS CO FAIRGROUNDS, HANDFORD, CA:	RON AND MARILYN PETERSON TRAIL BOSS
DEC 8-11	RIVERRUN RV RESORT, BAKERSFEILD, CA:	VELDA JOHNSTON TRAIL BOSS

From the desk of your Wagon Master, Julie Burger (559-731-3543)

A big HEARTLAND THANKS to last year's **Wagon Master Jerry Olson** for a wonderful year of outings and to all you Trail Bosses that planned, executed, and wowed us with all the outstanding 2015 Rallies. And now the tradition continues as we look forward to a new year of Rallies. What an exciting year is planned for us. We will be attending two outstanding long distant but somewhat famous rallies: MULE DAYS in Bishop and the NUGGET RIB COOK OFF, THE BEST IN THE WEST, in Sparks Nevada. Join in on the fun visiting the Monterey Bay while at Marina. You may Golf a free game while camping in Chowchilla and a visit to the SAC Air Force Base Museum is a must. Visit the Japanese Internment Camp when staying at the base of Mt. Whitney in Lone Pine. Take a tour of the little town of Solvang while enjoying the beautiful Flying Flags Resort in Buelton (The Trail Boss is still needed for this Rally). And let's not forget our Hanford Rally; ELVIS will be in the Building!" Those are just a few of the events and highlights planned for this coming year.

Reminder: call Kim Cummings (661-822-6111) to make your reservations for **MULE DAYS** in Bishop held over the memorial week May 22-31. \$125.00 reserves your spot and must be to him by Dec. 30th...so call to get in your RSVP now if you already haven't. And for a non-Heartland rally but very worthwhile, **Sandy Emerson (661-873-8545)** will be happy to arrange your passport to **THE DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC**, Grass Valley, CA. held in September. Monies and reservations must at be made before May 1st. **Tom and Sharon Roach** remind us that the Reservation Form is attached to this newsletter for **Betabel in San Juan Bautista**. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Happy Trails and see you in Indio!



GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN NOW.

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
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Email bschw@pacbell.net

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND DUES FOR JANUARY 2016 ARE DUE.
February 1, 2016 dues are past due. At that time your name will be
dropped from the new 2016 membership list.

\$ 12,00

A YEAR IS ALL IT COSTS TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA
HEARTLAND FMCA

Please complete the following:

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS _____

FMCA F# _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE _____

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED

Mail your \$12.00 check to Barbara Schwab 2700 Serena Ave, Clovis, CA 93619
Early payment will be accepted at the October/November & December rallies,

RESERVATIONS FOR MARCH RALLY

*Betabel RV Park
9664 Betabel Rd
San Juan Bautista CA 95045
Phone: 800-278-7275
California Heartland-FMCA Rally
March 14 - 17, 2016*

(408) 472-3908

Hosts: Tom and Sharon Roach, Velda Johnston, Julie Berger, Lou and Cricket Francois

Name _____ F# _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Coach/Length _____ License # _____

Arrival Date _____ Depart _____ Handicap? _____ DMV# _____

First rally? _____ Guest _____ (list on back) Pets? # _____

Rally Fee: \$5 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Rally Parking Fee \$42 per night (includes taxes) x _____ (nights) = \$ _____

Food Fee: \$25 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Arriving Early:

Parking Fee \$48.60 (includes 10% discount and taxes) per night x _____ (nights) = \$ _____

Staying After: (1-3 days only)

Parking Fee \$36.72 (includes park discount and taxes) per night x _____ (nights) = \$ _____

Total amount of check: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: California Heartland – FMCA

Mail to: Lou and Cricket Francois
2628 La Mirada Dr.
San Jose, CA 95125
Phone: 408 269 6139
Registration deadline: February 22, 2016

**California Heartland Chapter – FMCA
Betabel Activity Sheet
March 14 – 17, 2016**

Monday 3/14	Noon	Check In Anyone want to pitch horseshoes? or start a jigsaw puzzle?
	5:00 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB) Hearty Hors d'oeuvres - (BYTS) Prepared by your hosts
Tuesday 3/15 Everyone is Irish today Wear your GREEN !!!	8:00 am	Coffee
	8:30 – 9:30 am	Irish Breakfast - (BYTS) prepared by your hosts
	9:30 am	On your own to shop or sightsee
	10:00 am	Carpool to Gilroy Outlets Carpool to Gilroy Harbor Freight
	1:00 pm	Bocce Ball Tournament / Ice Cream Social – provided by your hosts
	5:00 pm	Dinner out at nearby restaurant-TBA You purchase your meal. Let's carpool
Wednesday 3/16	8:00 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast – (BYTS)
	9:00 am	Board Meeting
	10:00 am	General Meeting
	11:00 am	On your own to shop or sightsee
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Come play Yahtzee or Fast Track
	5:00 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
	6:00 pm	Dinner- prepared by your Hosts (BYTS)
	7:30 pm	Games* Awards* Surprises - TBA
Thursday 3/17	8:00 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast (BYTS)
	11:30 am	Say Good-byes, Safe Travels
		BYOB – Bring Your Own Beverage BYTS – Bring Your Table Service

REMEMBER **“IT’S ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN”**