

November 2015

CALIF. HEARTLAND

FMCA



HEARTLAND AT HANFORD FAIRGROUNDS

Here are the new leaders for the years of 2016-2017.

First lady Jenelle Lockwood



We want to give a big thank you to all the great leaders during the past two years of the Heartland Family. We have seen a few new members join our great family this past year and we expect even a greater out reach during the next two years and that can happen if each one of us would invite just one new couple to join us as a guest to check us out. And we thank all the new leaders that have stepped up to lead this fine group for the next two years. This group is pictured above and be sure to support them any way you can, especially the new

Wagon Master, Julie Burger. Our great outings depend on your support for her and to be a Trail Boss for our outings. A Trail Boss never does the work alone, they ask for help for different parts of the week-end event.

Ray and Valerie Marin are doing the Dec. rally in Bakersfield and they had never organized one before and they asked for help and everyone stepped up and we look forward to a great rally.



Ron and Marilyn Peterson
Great trail boss leaders with the help of all their helpers.

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HARTLAND



Passing of the gavel from Woody to Fred

**New officers line up
for the
2016-2017 year**

PRESIDENT:

FRED LOCKWOOD

VICE PRESIDENT :

SANDY EMERSON

SECRETARY :

SHIRLEY MENDONCA

TREASURER :

DAVE MENDONCA

**HISTORIAN/
PHOTOGRAPHER :**

DAVE MENDONCA

EDITOR :

JERRY OLSON

MEMBERSHIP :

BARBARA SCHWAB

HOSPITALITY :

NANCY OLSON

NATIONAL DIRECTOR :

JOHN KENDALL

ASSISTAND NATIONAL DIR. :

PAUL SCHWAB

HEARTLAND DIRECTORS :

WADE MCKINLEY

GADEN SCHORLING

LOUISE WILSON

Out going Hospitality, Joy Elliott:

The following people are former Heartland members who have passed away since I last reported in the newsletter: **Joe Pistacchio** on Sept 28, **Marna Glass** on October 13 and **Ron Gruber** on October 14.

On the recovering list, I have been unable to get an update on Ron Jelsvik's condition so hopefully he is doing well. Dick McHaley is doing fine.

This is my last report as Hospitality Chairman for California Heartland. Although it is never a pleasure to be the bearer of bad and sad news, I have been glad to be able to get the word out when our members are affected by life's unfortunate and traumatic bumps in the road. The reason I say glad is that time after time I hear from members how much receiving cards and phone calls mean to them.

The new Hospitality Chairperson is Nancy Olson. All future hospitality information should be brought to her attention.

GREAT LADIES



Fire Place Lady



Our new president has a few words

Just thanking everybody for their votes and your participation, you voted in a great board that's going to be working for you .We had 39 rigs in Hanford and we hope to see you all in Bakersfield. Just remember the Heartland rally theme Use your motorhome --See your great friends-- And have fun!
Fred



Velda Johnston buys a new motorhome

WE EAT OUT AND WE EAT IN...



Special Memory Book

was presented to Woody and Louise for their two years of service as President and Secretary to our California Heartland FMCA travel club for the years of 2015-2016.

Inside report of the week-end

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND KINGS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RALLEY NOVEMBER 4-8

By John and Sue Buwalda

The trail led to Hanford California this weekend for the annual California Heartland Rally. The early birds arrived and the rest of us caught up with them on Wednesday. We were all anxious to meet up with new and old friends!!

Our first outing was to La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, a local favorite. Serving fifty folks in one room seemed to be a little challenging, but the food was super good and we enjoyed listening to each other's tall tales!!

Thursday's continental breakfast went off without a hitch thanks to Jenelle Lockwood's super help!! Thanks so much for arriving early!! Off to the Tache Palace for a girl's lunch out and of course a chance to try our luck!! The lunch was great!! Back to business when we returned. The kitchen was buzzing with the sounds of work in progress. What a great crew. Thanks to each and every one of you for helping get those veggies chopped with our new devices it went quickly!! Kim Cummings will be able to say he learned something, Ron Peterson taught him how to salt and pepper potatoes in the correct order. The potatoes were delicious, thanks to you Kim. Grill your own meat was cooked to perfection.

Friday's omelets in a bag are always a great crowd pleaser. Thank you Gerald

and Bridget Post for teaching us some new tricks. Our catered turkey dinner and all the fixings was served this evening. Some of our friends went to world famous Superior Dairy today. As a local I love hearing about your experiences there!!

Saturday's scheduled general meeting was a little special this year because our new officers were installed. Congratulations to those taking the offices and thanks to those leaving for your service. Leftover turkey sandwiches were on the menu for lunch today.

Saturday's annual pasture golf hosted by Ron Peterson is always a crowd pleaser both for those who participate and those who are spectators. Pete designed the awards for the tournament. They certainly reflected his creative flair!! Catered meatloaf dinner was on the menu this evening. The tick tournament followed. The tick tournament was hosted by Jerry Olson. Money prizes were awarded to the winners.

Sunday comes too quickly it seems. When we hear Arlon and Lee Schubert's rig serenade us as they pull out we know it is time to say so long sweet hearts until we meet again on the trail of happy campers.

For those of you who were not specifically mentioned...you know who you are..we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your help!! SINCERELY

TRAIL BOSSES RON AND MARILYN PETERSON

SIDE KICKS JOHN AND SUE BUWALDA

BEHIND THE SCENES GURU MARIAN BAILEY



Visitors to the Olson home--Hostess Nancy Olson, Sam Mendonca, Sandy Emerson and Louise Wilson.

The annual tournament of golfers brought out the fun time players. We had nine teams with four players on each team. Listed below you will see the top three winners for this 2015 season.



PASTURE GOLF



2nd place winners



3rd place winners



1st place
golf winners

Jenelle, Kim, Judy and Dominic



Golf Pro--Ron Peterson

Thanks to Ron for setting up the great annual best ball pasture golf tournament. I noticed a great improvement in the flags and markers this year and It really helped to know where to go next. The hand made trophies were great as well.

HAPPY FACES OF OUR HEARTLAND FAMILY



Ron and Marilyn receiving the Trail Boss certificate and gift



**JOE SILVA--
BREAKFAST IN A BAG**



**JERRY OLSON--
PROSPECTING**



**JENELLE LOCKWOOD--
SHERIFF**



**DANCING LINE
DANCERS**



Our Secretary Reports:

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 7, 2015

LOCATION: Kings County Fairgrounds, Hanford, CA

38 Rigs 71 People

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President Woody Wilson **TIME:** 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Woody Wilson **PRAYER LED BY:** Louise Wilson

JOKE FOR THE DAY: Arlon Schubert told a very funny "Blonde Joke" proving Blondes are really not so dumb.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES:

TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Woody Thanked Ron & Marilyn Peterson who thanked John & Sue Buwalda for the awesome Rally here in Hanford. They mentioned the usual abundance of help from all of Heartland members that step up when help is asked for, always. A show of hands confirmed that Hanford should be a 4-day Rally instead of the usual 3 next year. Elvis will be here again next year. Shirley Lynch introduced, by name, our Guests for this Rally, John & Marlena Schierholtz.

REPORTS: VICE-PRESIDENT: No Report

SECRETARY, Louise Wilson. The October Minutes were read and approved by the Board and printed in the Newsletter to read by the Membership.

TREASURER, Maxine Cahoon. Maxine reported the balance as of November 7, 2015 is \$10,116.81. Maxine averaged the Rally costs for the past year, the overall average of profit and loss for Rally costs is +\$200.00. The full report will be printed in the Newsletter for the membership to read. Maxine read a letter we received from the IRS stating that our problem has been resolved and we owe them -0- . Applause!!

WAGON MASTER, Jerry Olson: Presented Rally Trail Boss, Ron & Marilyn Peterson with a thank you gift. Next Rally is in Bakersfield at River Run RV Park. Get your registrations in to Valerie Marin ASAP.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR: John Kendall reported that next year the FMCA National Rally will be September 3, 2016 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He is planning to attend and represent Heartland there.

DIRECTORS: Julie Burger: Thanks for a great past 2 years. Tim Cahoon: No Report. Joy Elliott: Expressed Thanks for the last 2 years

EDITOR: Jerry Olson; Announced that all information you want in the Newsletter must get to him by next Sunday, 7 days after Rally.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Dave Mendonca: Will continue as Photographer/Historian. All agree they look at and enjoy the Rolling Picture Frame. This one doesn't work all of the time, it would cost \$150.00 or so to replace it. Will deal with that when the time comes.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Barbara McKinley : No Report

HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN: Joy Elliott : Joy compiled a report that we have had 15 present or past members of Heartland who have passed away since May of 2015. The point of giving this information is that we should all "Get out and do the things that you want to do while you're still healthy enough because you never know!" Melinda Stacy thanked Heartland for all of the prayers, cards and calls. Jerry is doing well now.

SHERIFF: Jenelle had several offenders of the usual "No Badge" to report . There was \$35.00 added to the Pig today. Jenelle also gave several gifts (Candy Bars) for the Do-Gooders in the group.

SAFETY OFFICER: Jerry Stacy reported that all Safety Issues are good.

OLD BUSINESS : Jerry Olson gave out the Prizes for the Tic Tournament: 1st to Gordon Peterson, 2nd to Hank Goulden, 3rd to Betty Vincent. Woody Thanked each of his Board Members with a gift of appreciation. A picture of this group was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The Newly Elected Officers for California Heartland for the 2015 – 2017 Term was read by the Ballot Counting Committee: Kathy Jones, Gordon Peterson, Shirley Lynch, Marion Bailey, & Tony Vincent. New Officers are: President - Fred Lockwood, Vice President – Sandy Emerson, Secretary – Shirley Ann Mendonca, Treasurer – Dave Mendonca, Wagon Master – Julie Burger, Assistant Wagon Master – Kim Cummings, National Director – John Kendall, Assistant National Director – Paul Schwab, Directors – Wade McKinley, Gaden Schorling, and Louise Wilson. Our WMHA President, Dick Gibbs conducted a formal Installation. President, Fred Lockwood took over the Heartland Gavel and presented each of his Board Members with a "Team Heartland" cup. Fred also presented a gift of a "History in Pictures" Album to Woody and Louise Wilson which was compiled by Jerry Olson with help from Jenelle Lockwood. Very Nice!!

Fred spoke of his plans for Heartland in the next 2 years promoting his motto of "Great Friends, Good Fun!"

MEETING ADJOURNED by President Fred Lockwood at: 10:55 a.m.

Louise Wilson, Immediate Past Secretary



Treasurers Notes:**CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA**

Treasurers Report - November 10, 2015

Beginning Balance		\$10,116.81
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Monies Received :

November Rally -Parking, Food, Etc.	\$6,919.00	
Total Income		\$6,919.00
Sub Total		\$17,035.81

Disbursements:

11/3/15 #2854	C. Fisher Name Tags	9.75
11/5/15 #2855	J. Olson Photo Album Exp.	106.81
11/5/15 #2856	B. McKinley Stamps & Envelopes	21.68
11/6/15 #2857	J&J Catering Friday & Saturday	1,912.00
11/6/15 #2858	T.C. Mattos Entertainment 11/07/15	240.00
11/7/15 #2859	Sue Buwalda Hanford Food & Décor	166.31
11/7/15 #2860	Marilyn Peterson Hanford Food Décor, Gifts	476.84
11/8/15 #2861	Kings Co. Fairgrounds, Rally Parking & Hall	3,925.00
11/8/15 #2862	Dave Mendonca, Ice Cream 11/08/15	58.90
11/9/15 #2863	N. LaJoie Handford Rally Parking refund	132.00
	Total Expenses	\$7,049.29

Ending Balance		\$9,986.52
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Notes to statement: New Officers & Directors were installed 11/07/15. New signature cards and other bank requirements were accomplished 11/09/15 at BANK OF AMERICA, Hanford, CA.

Dave Mendonca, Treasurer

Theme Contest for 2017 FMCA Indio Rally

Once again it's time for the Theme Contest for the FMCA, Indio Rally. This contest will be for the 2017 rally. The information came late so we're going to the following for any member who is interested in entering a theme for the contest.

Please email me your suggestion for the theme @ shirleym6951@sbcglobal.net.

At our December rally we will have a committee who will chose the first and second place winners. The first place winner will receive a prize.

The first and second place winner will then be sent to FMCA for their committee to pick a first place winner from all of the chapters which has to be in by Dec. 15th, 2015.

So put on your thinking caps and get them into me as soon as possible

Thank you very much,
Sam Mendonca

GAMES THAT WERE PLAYED

Gordon is the first place winner in the TIC Tournament winning \$20.00 at Star Bucks

Pinochle in play--



Our ladies line dancing to the music by the band



Hank was the second place winner



Betty was the third place winner

BIRTHDAYS:

Roger Elliott--11/4
Dolly Brown--11/22
Karen Dixon--11/6
Jean Garcia--11/12
Dave Hiatt--11/29
Marla James--11/30
Ron Jelsvik--11/4
Vickie Ketchie--11/19
Carol Maffia--11/12

Barbara McKinley--11/16
Tom Roach--11/3
Becky Smith--11/21

ANNIVERSARIES

Tim and Maxine Cahoon--11/21
Jim and Carol Crecelius--11/24
Dave and Joy Elliott--11/29
Henry and Pamela Goulden--11/1
Ron and Gloria Jelsvik--11/28

GET READY FOR INDIO

The 28th ANNUAL WESTERN RALLY starts on January 6-10, 2016 at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival--Indio, CA. This is the one event that towable trailers are available to attend. Our California Heartland is very

involved in this annual event. We pass out the donuts, work the coffee tables, set up tables for the Ladies Tea.

We handle the passing out of the golf carts to workers. We have a lady that sets up the meals for the entertainers and stage helpers.

If you have never been to the Indio Rally you would really enjoy this major event. You will enjoy all the seminar events, the wide variety of vendors and all the new and used motor homes on preview. They always have excellent entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights.

Then there is the big parade for all the clubs to dress up to the theme of the rally.



CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND HELPERS



ONE GREAT MOTOR HOME FOR SALE

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECS.

2004 Monaco Windsor, 40 foot with 4 slides.

Engine is a 400 Cummins with 97,250 miles on the engine.

Onan generator 7.5 with 286 hours.

Two new tires on the front in 2014, back tires less than 6 years old.

Care Free Awning, self leveling, 1 Sony TV, 39 inch, King Dome auto sat., Sony stereo, Sony DVD player.

Convection microwave--three burner stove top--4 door Norcold refrig. with ice maker--2 sinks bath area--Electric hose and electric cord reel--Splendide W/D combo,new never used.

Sounds like a nice unit if you are in the market. Call Bob or Beverly Hunter for more details-- 559-799-3947

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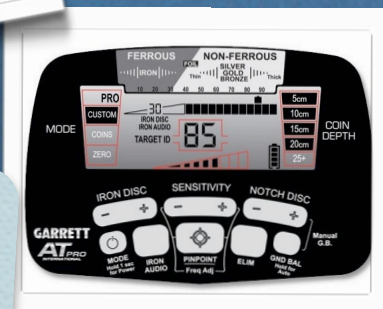
IF YOU WANT TO SEE MORE PICTURES CONTACT THEM AT 559-799-3947 AND MAKE AN OFFER TO THEM.



The Lockwood family came to visit and cheer Fred into his new roll as President

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We will be doing a coin shoot with prizes

January 12-14 at the Indio Rally

Contact Jerry Olson--559-300-0739

OUR NEW ADDITION TO OUR MOTOR HOME WAS OUR NEW FIREPLACE

This attracted some attention and three other people drove back to Costco in Visalia to pick them up before they ran out. It is quite unique and it also puts out warm heat to keep the coach warm all night.



Western singer Tim Maddis and company performed for us.



CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND COWBOY CHRISTMAS

**Bakersfield RV River Run
3715 Burr St.—Bakersfield, CA. 93308
December 10th thru 12th, 2015
Leave Sunday the 13th**

You should have your reservation forms by now.

Items to remember: Bring a white elephant gift in a brown bag for exchange. It would be fun to decorate the bag. Entertainment by “Jimmy Phillips” jam session. Bring your instrument and sing along. Bring your Crafts and Yard Sale items “for sale” outside by BBQ. Entertainment music by “Wild Blue Rose Band”.

Come dressed for the event in your best cowboy outfit

Special Instructions for Bakersfield rally:

If you have any books or DVD's you would like to share, bring them with you and we will have a table set up for trades and exchanges.