

THE VINES

RV RESORT

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND/ FMCA

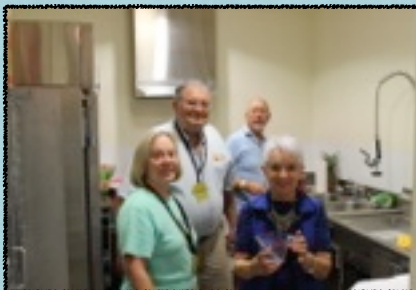
Message from your President October, 2014

Hello Heartlanders! Again, what a great Rally we had at Paso Robles. The Vine R V Park is new and very nice. John and Sue Kendall did a wonderful job as Trail Boss' along with their helpers Glenn & LaVerne Herman and Gordon Peterson and Marcia Wood as well as numerous others. The food was great and everyone kept as busy as they wanted to be. Great job! Thanks. We had a first time member couple join us and are so happy to give a big welcome to Richard & Gay Mehelic. Our Annual Rally at Hanford is coming up. This is usually the Rally with the highest attendance so we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Remember the Theme Contest for Indio 2016 is due to Louise before or at Hanford so that the Board can vote on the 2 best entries from Heartland. The 1st Choice gets \$25.00 and the 2nd Choice gets \$20.00. These two get turned into WMHA for judging. The winning Chapter gets \$100.00 plus special seating at the Saturday Night Entertainment. Join in the fun, we'll be much more interested in the results if it matters to us! Keep in mind that we need Volunteers at Indio in January for Coffee & Donuts and also Pomona in March. If you want to volunteer for a specific job, let me know and I will get your name to the right person.

See you down the road! Remember "It's all about having fun!" Sincerely, Your President and Friend,
Woodrow Wilson (Woody to you) !



Hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil !



KITCHEN HELP: Gordon Peterson and Marcia Wood, John and Sue Kendall



The men who served you with the great tri-tip dinner, Gordon and John.



SUE AND HER HELPERS:
Laverne Herman and Shirley Mendonca

ABOUT US

New members are a blessing to our Heartland membership



NUMBERS

HOW MANY PEOPLE

34

HOW MANY RIGS

18

Let's get some more new members



Richard and Gay Mehelic, of Fresno, attended their first Heartland rally this October at the Vines RV Resort in Paso Robles. Richard is a Fresno native and Gay is a transplant from Oklahoma. They have two children: a son and daughter living in Fresno and grandchildren residing in New Mexico, Georgia and Fresno.

Richard is retired from the US Navy, Operating Engineers, and the City of Fresno. Gay retired after 35 years in the Construction Industry.

Richards Interests include Classic Automobiles, RVing, traveling, golf and anything mechanical. Gay also enjoys her philanthropic projects, Beta Sigma Phi, interior design, and reading.

They travel with their girls, Nutmeg (12 yrs.), Sugar (1 1/2 yrs.), and Ka-Cee, the kitty with a Big attitude.

Both are blessed to have good health and hope to enjoy many more rallies with the friendly California Heartland family.



We eat a lot at our rallies



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We need to hear from our Secretary...

Louise Wilson.....

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 11, 2014 LOCATION: The Vines RV Resort – PasoRobles, CA 18 Rigs MEETING CALLED TO ORDER : By President Woody Wilson TIME: 10:05 a.m.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES :

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Woody Wilson PRAYER LED BY : John Kendall

TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Our Wagon Master, Jerry Olson presented John & Sue Kendall as well as Tim & Maxine Cahoon with an appreciation gift for this Rally and the last one. John thanked Gordon Peterson & Marci Wood and Glenn & LaVerne Hermann as well as several others who jumped in to help where needed. Good job!

REPORTS: VICE PRESIDENT, Fred Lockwood : Absent

SECRETARY, Louise Wilson : The May minutes were read, corrected and approved by the Board then printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership. A letter from Norman LaJoie was read as well as a Thank You note from Chris Goss, a Guest of Roger & Mona Elliott at the Grass Valley Rally. TREASURER, Maxine Cahoon : The Balance as of September 30, is \$10,371.07. The Treasury report is printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

WAGON MASTER, Jerry Olson : Announced that every Rally for 2015 is set up except October. There was discussion as to preference for Pahrump (which is where we are set for now) or Gardnerville, NV at the Carson Valley Inn RV Park. Show of hands showed a preference for Carson Valley. The schedule for 2015 will again be put on business card size for each of us. The Secretary is responsible to see that this schedule is in the monthly FMCA Magazine, I will be sure that is done. Marilyn Peterson reported on all of the many things offered at the Hanford Rally in November. There will be a lovely dinner on Saturday, November 15, as well as an Elvis impersonator that the committee assures is well worth seeing. We can invite guests for that evening, dinner and show, for \$20.00 each guest. Woody Wilson will be Point Person for the Rallies at Indio and Pomona as we will have a gathering place but no structured meetings or plans. We will make a plan as fits into the activities of the WMHA Rally at the time. Jerry Olson has Heartland Flags for \$20.00 for our new members or anyone else who needs one. There was also discussion as to having our Rallies on Monday – Thursdays vs Thursdays – Sundays as they are now. Anyone with opinions on that issue can contact Jerry Olson or Woody Wilson or at the next meeting.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR, Marian Bailey : A Letter of resignation from Marian Bailey was read at this time. ASST NAT'L DIRECTOR, John Kendall : Gave a full report of the Meetings and discussions at Redmond, OR. They discussed Budgets, changed some wording in the FMCA By-laws and other incidentals. The main act of business was the reinstating of the FMCA Assist program to all FMCA members at no additional cost above the annual dues of \$50.00 the first year and \$40.00 per year thereafter. This is a major point to encourage new Members to join FMCA as well as to the general membership. A full explanation of the program will be sent out to each of our Heartland members.

DIRECTORS, Julie Burger : No Report other to say that she is always available to hear issues from members to report to the Board. Tim Cahoon : No report but reiterated his availability to listen to issues that one might not want to discuss with the women. Joy Elliott : Joy mentioned the issue from the Board Meeting of a Safety/Noise wall on the Hwy 101 side of the park. This opened up a discussion of a letter written to The

Vines regarding these issues. The Secretary will write that letter. Joy also stated that she will always hear and pass on to the Board any issue that a member may have.

EDITOR, Jerry Olson : Timeline for Newsletter info is 7 days after each Rally. Jerry asked everyone to check their information on the Membership List to be sure that all of your information is correct. We received a letter from one of our members saying that he had not been getting emails so it's important to contact Jerry if anyone knows of anyone that isn't getting them.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER, Dave Mendonca: He reminded us all to check into the FMCA website, click on the Heartland Link to get lots of pictures and into other Chapter links to see what other clubs are doing. There is a lot of really good information there.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, Barbara McKinley: We have 80 paid members as of now. Dues are due now until the end of February. Barbara introduced one of our new members; Richard & Gay Mehelic who gave us their background info. Welcome to Heartland!

HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN Joy Elliott : Read a note from Richard & Pat DeGiovanni who will be selling their motorhome so not renewing their membership in FMCA. Woody reported that Dick Gibbs has had additional surgery on his eye and is doing well now. Joy asked that if anyone knows of any member that she needs to contact or send cards to please let her know.

SHERIFF: Maxine Cahoon was interim Sheriff and had two members who did not wear their badges. \$2.00 for the pink pig.

SAFETY OFFICER, Jerry Stacy : Absent

OLD BUSINESS : Woody mentioned improved attendance at the last four Rallies. Thanked Jerry & Nancy for the Open House at their new motor home.

NEW BUSINESS : We will all be asked to Volunteer for Coffee and Donuts at Indio Rally in January and Pomona Rally in March. We are not sure what we will be doing at the March Rally yet.

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES : We will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries from June, July, August, September and November at the November Rally.

WOODY'S WORDS OF WISDOM: "If you need a shoulder to cry on, pull off to the side of the road".

MEETING ADJOURNED AT : 11:31 a.m. Louise E Wilson

Book Corner

If you have any books or DVD's you would like to share or trade, bring them to the November Hanford rally and the December Bakersfield rally. We will have a table set up for your trades or give aways.



**Calif. Heartland Chapter-
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Treasurers Report - Oct. 2014

Beginning Bal.: \$10,371.07

Monies Received:

Dues 44.00
Oct. rally
parking and food 3707.40
Club flags 60.00

Total income: \$3811.40

Disbursements:

CK# 2740
Vines RV -parking 3050.00
CK# 2741
Hospitality supplies 13.47
CK# 2742
Adv. Nov. rally 500.00
CK#2743
Oct. rally-food/food 1022.21
CK# 2744
Badges 69.00

Total Expenses: \$4654.68

Ending Balance: \$9527.79

Respectfully Submitted,
Maxine B. Cahoon-- Treasurer

WE HONOR OUR TRAIL BOSSES



* Tim and Maxine led the Trail Boss job along with Julie Berger at the Redmond Rally in Organ. We had a great turn out.



John and Sue always do a great job when they Trail Boss a rally and they had lots of helpers. Don't be afraid to step up and be a Trail Boss or helper.

Hospitality News –October 2014

Submitted by Joy Elliott

Dick Gibbs has required two additional eye surgeries after having cataract surgery to his right eye. He expects a 4 to 6 week recovery time. He thanks Heartland for thinking of him and very much appreciates the prayers.

Melinda Stacy has had two foot surgeries and then a serious infection. She is recovering and expects to be out and about with us very soon.

Richard and Pat Di Giovanni have put their motor home up for sale and will be discontinuing membership with Heartland next year due to their health issues. There is good news for Richard. His recent testing in Palo Alto found that his cancer is in remission so his treatments worked. Pat however is having heart problems and is undergoing testing to determine treatment for her. Pat says they may still pop in for a visits with us from time-to-time so keep a look out for their smiling faces.

FROM THE WAGON MASTER..

We have all the locations set up for 2015 and we have trail bosses for all events. That is great news. I will send a separate attachment with all the locations and dates.

We are considering a slight change for 2016 for the rallies to be maybe Monday through Thursday. This makes it easier to get rally places and the prices are a little cheaper during the week. You will have plenty of notice in advance to plan your year.

Stay in touch

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

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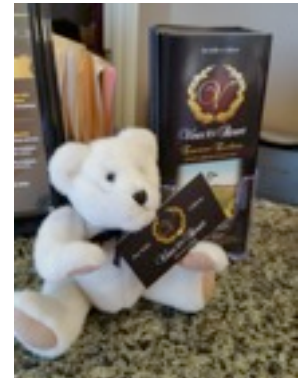
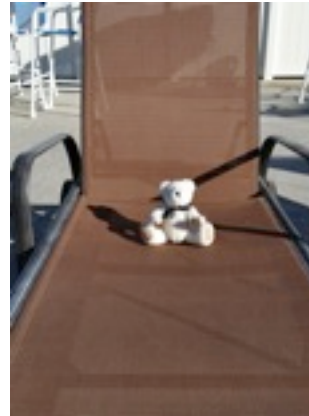
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Dogs are welcome at our rallies.
Say HI to JET

Buddy Bear made his appearance at the Vines with the Heartland campers

If you remember, Nancy was given a Buddy Bear to travel with her for a year after the Redmond rally ladies tea. Already he has become very popular with people he has met on all his travels. Nancy is to turn in pictures of his travels before the next June Northern rally. Next month he goes to Hanford and then down to Bakersfield. Look for him and shake his hand. We would like to get your picture with him.



Checking in with the Olson's and then sun bathing out by the pool.

Paso Robles Rally Notes

by Dave Mendonca

Helen Moe is - NO MO

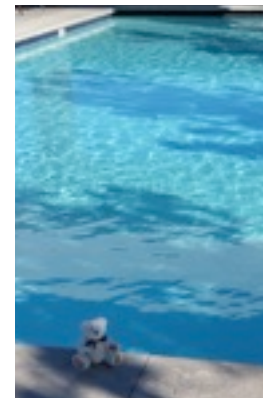
Helen Mo was a doll collector most of her life and with her husband of 66 years ran many businesses in Paso Robles. Among these was a gift shop and doll museum first located on highway 46. They relocated the business to a site on highway 101 in 1980; the very same location now is the **Vines RV Resort**. The dolls were all sold off in 2006; Helen passed away the next year at the age of 94.

The Vines is a very nice facility with a gorgeous club house with a well-equipped (although a little small) kitchen. We had no problem positioning our (18) rigs close to the clubhouse. They may need to consider a sound barrier wall in the future as one row of sites backs up next to highway 101 and that is a busy highway...all night long. Trail bosses for the rally were Sue and John Kendall with helpers Laverne and Glenn Herman also the great BBQ expert, Gordon Peterson. Thursday was the arrival day and meals were scheduled on our own. The breakfast casserole on Friday was great. Friday was a full day. After lunch, there was an Open-House at the Olson's brand new motor home. Everyone attended and went inside to "rook-her-over". She's a beaut...even a bath and a half all in 39 feet. Later we got in a quick game of Bean Bag Baseball which the men won 10-2. But of course we had our slugger, John Kendall who had two or three home runs.

Happy hour Friday was devoted to wine tasting provided by two local wineries, Eberle Winery and J&J Winery. A change was made to the original schedule for dinner of Potluck that night so Gordon and John manned the park's gas grills to turn out that delicious Tri/tip entree. After supper it was time for Card Bingo supplied by Arlon Schubert. I guess it's just a coincidence that the final (big pot of \$24) was won by his wife Lee.

Sue and John out did themselves on the Saturday breakfast. I have never had pancakes on a long strip over crisp bacon strips. Meetings meetings, Board then General. Lunch on our own and then...POW! Pulled Pork sandwiches for supper. I know what pulled pork is now; it's a lot of work and Sue cooked all the pork and pulled all the fat off. After the sandwiches, it was time for the Kendall signature event: Homemade Ice Cream which we devoured with gusto. I do love that Rocky Road; some of the best I've ever had.

Sunday morning came all too soon. A leisurely Breakfast with the left-overs then clean-up and goodbye hugs. Congratulations to our trail crew, the Kendalls, the Hermans, and Gordon and Marcia. It was a nice rally in a very nice place.



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New recipes for you to try from our members

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Open House cookies

NANCY'S RITZ CRACKER COOKIES

1 cup dates-- 1 cup walnuts
1 can sweetened condensed milk

Cook until thick. Cool. Then spread on crackers and bake for 10 min at 350 degrees.

Frosting:

Brown 1/2 cup butter. Then add 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup powdered sugar and milk to make a thin dab on top of each cracker.

NANCY'S MOLASSES COOKIES

1 1/2 C. shortening	4 tsp. baking soda
2 C. sugar	1 tsp salt
1/2 C. molasses	1 tsp. cloves
2 eggs	1 tsp. ginger
	1 tsp. cinnamon
	4 Cups flour

Melt shortening. Let cool. When cool, add sugar, molasses and eggs; beat.

Mix dry ingredients. Add to sugar mixture, beat. Chill till firm. Form into 1 inch balls, roll in sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 8-10 min. Makes about 6 dozen.



Arlon calls out for Card Bingo.

Lee was the big \$24.00 winner



The great card players:
Louise, Lee, Arlon and Jean.



FROM THE EDITOR

Remember your 2015 dues are now due so get that \$12.00 investment in to Barbara McKinley before the end of the year to stay on the membership roles.

Also in a separate attachment there will be a form for you to suggest a theme for the 2016 INDIO rally. Submit your titles at the November Hanford rally. If yours is selected, there will be a nice prize. I will send an attachment later.

Jerry Olson, Editor

Woody and Jerry encourage you to fly your Heartland flag.

