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Happy Days at the Wine Ridge RV Resort, Pahrump, NV

Surrounded by
mountains you find
the unique town of
Pahrump, Nevada.

THIS GREAT TEAM PUT ON A GREAT RALLY!

DRESSING FOR THE OCCASION

Team leaders, Tom and Kathy Jones and with the great help from Tom and Sharon Roach, John and Sue Kendall and Richard and Gay Mehalic put on a great rally.



The crew that put on this rally at Wine Ridge RV in Pahrump, NV

BOB AND DEBBIE GOLK

Bob presented Pres. Woody with a 25th anniversary certificate and a \$100.00 check to our club. We hope you had a fun time visiting our club. We welcome you back anytime you are in the neighborhood.



Bob and Debbie Golk



Lee Schubert

ANOTHER GREAT F NUMBER WINNER

Lee always has a smile on her face and here she is another winner of a Heartland bag to use as she goes shopping.

Richard and Gay show off their F number prize



Our Secretary reports to you--

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 10, 2015 **LOCATION:** Wine Ridge RV Resort Pahrump, NV 24 Rigs 45 People

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President Woody Wilson **TIME:** 10:01 a.m.

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

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES: TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Woody introduced Guests Bob Golk, our WMHA Vice President and his wife Debbie Golk who is our WMHA Secretary. Bob presented Heartland a 25th Anniversary Certificate and Debbie presented a \$100.00 check to Heartland. Thank You to FMCA! Woody then thanked Tom & Kathy Jones who in turn thanked their helpers, Tom and Sharon Roach, John & Sue Kendall and Richard and Gay Mahelic for all their planning and work to make this another successful Rally!

REPORTS: VICE-PRESIDENT: No Report . Report from Nominating Committee. Fred suggested that Louise Wilson be added to the Ballot as a prospective Director, approved. We will vote for 3 of the 4 people nominated. Heartland has 3 elected Directors.

SECRETARY, Louise Wilson. The August Minutes were read and approved by the Board and printed in the Newsletter for the membership to read.

TREASURER, Maxine Cahoon. Maxine reported the balance as of October 10, 2015 is \$10,063.67. The full report will be printed in the Newsletter for the membership to read. IRS was sent a letter on 8/20/2015, we are now waiting for a hearing appointment.

WAGON MASTER, Jerry Olson: The Hanford Rally in November will be November 4 – 8, 2015. Ron & Marilyn Peterson reported that there will be Pasture Golf, a Western Singer, Tim Maddis will be the live entertainment, Bean Bag Baseball, 4 night Rally rather than the usual 3 nights. Please sign up for the Wednesday night dinner out. Lots of activities and fun! This is our Election Meeting as well. December Rally is at River Run RV Park in Bakersfield, January 2016 is in Indio. March April and May are already scheduled in 2016. Jerry presented Thank You gifts to Woody & Louise Wilson, Trail Bosses at French Camp, Julie Burger for Trail Boss at River Point Landing as well as to Tom & Kathy Jones for this Rally in Pahrump.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR: John Kendall reported on the National FMCA Meetings in Wisconsin in July. He said we can read Charlie Adcock's letter in the last FMCA magazine, he tells it all. The FMCA ASSIST program was approved for another year. 7 Corners Insurance Co. is the carrier of this plan for FMCA. Last year there were 43 Claims in 9 months. Jerry & Melinda Stacy reported how very helpful they were with their claim. Michelin Advantage Program approved. There were 26 Directors from WMHA. FMCA is losing approximately 1,000 members a month but also gaining 1,000 a month at this point. Newly elected officers were: President: Charlie Adcock, Vice President: John Walker, Secretary: Gail Young, Treasurer: Percy Bell. Next year the Rally will be September 3, 2016 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

DIRECTORS: Julie Burger: No Report. Tim Cahoon: Gave a report in the Board Meeting that will be dealt with in New Business. Joy Elliott; Absent.

EDITOR: Jerry Olson; Announced that all information you want in the Newsletter must get to him by next Sunday, 7 days after Rally. If any of you go on a trip or have been to an interesting place that you think other members would be interested in going to put it in the Newsletter along with your pictures.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Dave Mendonca: Thanks to all of you that put up with having a camera in your face with no complaints. Tell him if there's anything that you want a picture of or anything that you think should be in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Barbara McKinley : No Report

HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN: Joy Elliott : Absent. Joy sent a message that Joe Pistacchio , 95, died 9/28/2015. He was a long time member of FMCA who came to many Heartland Rallies in the past. Happy to see Jerry & Melinda Stacy here.

SHERIFF: Jenelle had several offenders of the usual "No Badge" to report. Woody had to pay for rolling with a slide out , added \$21.00 to the Pink Pig.

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

OLD BUSINESS : Ballots must be returned to the Secretary, Louise Wilson in the enclosed stamped envelope mailed with your Ballot(s) if you choose to mail it back, or you can give that envelope to Louise before 9:00a.m. on Saturday, November 7, in Hanford. Ballots will be counted by a committee of 3 after the Board Meeting, before the General Meeting, announced in New Business immediately followed by an Installation done by WMHA President, Dick Gibbs.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Golk gave a report on the WMHA Rally in Indio in January. He said they are again having a Theme Contest for the 2017 Rally. Send the form that we will get soon back to Debbie Golk with Heartland's entries, 2. There are several changes to the Indio Rally in January, 2016: early entry, on Sunday instead of Tuesday, 2 Bus Tours will be offered, one to the Living Desert Museum for \$48.00 and one to the Air Museum for \$34.00. Tuesday is the Volunteer Dinner, Wednesday is Bingo, Entertainment is "Alley Cats"," New West" and "Diamonds", Ladies Tea. Register on line now if you wish.

Woody received a letter from a concerned Heartland Member re Pets and some problems that have arisen, one being a concern of a law suit if anyone attending a Heartland Rally would be tripped and injured by long leashes or bitten. The Board passed the following Motion which was now put to the General Membership to be voted on and added to Heartland's Standing Rules. Fred Lockwood moved that "Dog (Pet) owners please be courteous and keep your leash short. Keep your pets away during group food events and meetings. Follow the Camp Ground Rules on Pets. Service Dogs are exempt.." The motion was seconded. Motion was passed after any discussion was offered and will be added to our Standing Rules.

BIRTHDAYS: SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER Birthdays were acknowledged and celebrated. They are: SEPTEMBER Birthdays: Arlon Schubert, Nancy Olson, Gordon Peterson and Maxine Cahoon. OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS ARE: Ralph Stecker, Sue Kendall, John Kendall, Sandy Emerson, Jerry Olson and Warren James.

ANNIVERSARIES: Were acknowledged and celebrated for SEPTEMBER: Tom & Sharon Roach. NO ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER. **"WORDS OF WISDOM"** " If you need a shoulder to cry on pull over to the side of the road!"

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:12 a.m.

Louise Wilson



At the Route 66 concert



Last and final words of Pres. Woody

Message from your
President

October, 2015

Hello Heartlanders! First a word of Thanks to Tom & Kathy Jones for a great Rally! This was their first time as Trail Boss! From the results of this Rally you never would have guessed that, there's no way it could have been any better. With help from Tom & Sharon Roach, John & Sue Kendall & Richard & Gay Mehalic they had all bases covered from food to activities to decorations as well as hand crafted gifts and prizes that kept going on and on to the very end. Thanks again!

During the Rally we were fortunate to have Bob & Debbie Golk, our WMHA Vice President and his wife, the WMHA Secretary, as our guests. Bob presented an FMCA 25 Years Certificate to Heartland as well as a check for \$100.00. Thank You to FMCA and Bob Golk.

Prior to this Rally several of our members enjoyed a few days at the Draft Horse Classic which was great as usual. Then to Mammoth Mountain, then to Lone Pine then on to Pahrump, many good times were had along the way. Jerry would like to hear of our travels other than a Rally for the Newsletter. So if you do something that you think the

rest of us would enjoy doing let us know in the Newsletter.

ATTENTION: Heartland's annual meeting at the Hanford Fairgrounds in Hanford is right around the corner, November 4-8, 2015. Be sure to send your Registrations to Ron Peterson early. Ron & Marilyn and their committee have lots of fun activities planned for the Hanford Rally. I would hope to see all of our Heartland members there! Wouldn't that be wonderful!!!

You will get your Ballot(s) for Election of Officers for 2015-2017, 1 for each member, in the mail soon, if not already. The election results will be counted in Hanford before the General Meeting, announced in the meeting immediately followed by the Official Installation of your new Board done by our WMHA President, Dick Gibbs. Your Ballots must reach our Secretary, Louise Wilson, by mail on or before Monday, November 2, or in person at Hanford by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2015. Louise & I will be in Hanford on Tuesday so any mailed ballots received after Monday will not be counted.

Your next "President's Message" will be written by your newly elected President. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all

Heartland Members who have put their trust and confidence in me over the last 2 years.

I truly hope and trust that I've served you well.



Bob Golk and Woody Wilson

Looking forward to many more fun-filled Rallies and trips in the future.

See you down the road!

Remember "It's all about having fun!" from Charlie Adcock.

Quote of the Day "If you don't have something good to say to or about someone, don't say anything at all!"

Sincerely, Your President and Friend,

Woodrow Wilson (Woody to you)!





Maxine and Shirley show their smiles



Viliami (Bill) and Patty Palauni

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA

Treasurers Report - October 2015

Beginning Balance: \$ 9578.42

Monies Received:

Dues received		30.00
October Rally - Parking, food & entertainment	4833.00	
FMCA - Donation for Heartland Anniversary	100.00	

Total Income: + 4963.00

New Balance: \$ 14,541.42

Disbursements:

CK # 2836	D. Bender, CPA - IRS Letter	125.00	
CK # 2837	C. Fischer - Badges	31.75	
CK # 2838	Wine Ridge RV Park - October rally	1771.80	
CK # 2839	Tom Jones - Winery Entertainment	820.00	
CK # 2840	S. Emerson - Parking refund	13.00	
CK # 2841	VOID		
CK # 2842	J. Olsen - Stamps, Paper & Ink	78.96	
CK # 2843	China Wok - Catered Dinner	591.28	
CK # 2844	Louise Wilson - Ballot printing, stamps & envelopes		106.42
CK # 2845	VOID		
CK # 2846	Sue Kendall - October rally food	94.40	
CK # 2847	Gay Mehelic - October rally food & decor	155.43	
CK # 2848	Sharon Roach October rally food 7 gifts	192.73	
CK # 2849	Tom Jones - Museum Donation	50.00	
CK # 2850	Tom Jones - October rally food	474.70	
CK # 2851	Ron Peterson - November rally advance	500.00	
CK # 2852	M. Cahoon - Postage		13.89
Total Expenses:			- 5019.36

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 9522.06

Bill writes:

Aloha Jerry, I hope your travel home was swift and safe. It was great to meet you and your Heartland family RV group. You are a great bunch and is awesome to meet you all. Thank you for choosing to come to Wine Ridge Resort this year and I hope to see you again soon. FYI the ladies in your group were all so sweet. I feel your all blessed to have them as the backbone of your family group.. I was also impressed with the closeness of your members and it's good to see and meet so many great people in the RV world. My wife and I have gained great knowledge from so many of you and grateful for the many friendships we've made along the way.

Aloha and Mahalo Viliami (Bill) Palauni

Travel with the Kendall's to Madison, WI.

Come along with the Kendall's as we begin our trip, as Heartland's Assistant National Director, to the Family Motorhome Association Rally in Madison, WI. We departed on July 10, 2015 at 7:50 a.m. and our leisurely 5,000 mile trip was filled with God's amazing creations. Our selfie-stick helped us document this trip:)

We had a least a little rain almost every day of our journey which was a pleasure after the severe drought we are experiencing in Fresno.

The excitement really began when we arrived in Yellowstone Park. The first thing we encountered was elk in a stream, then a traffic hold up because of a male bison walking down the center of the road. Amazing geysers, large and small with heat rising and warning signs, were abundant in the park. Old Faithful performed right on schedule for our pleasure. The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone is also a marvelous sight.

Cody, WY was our next adventure with Buffalo Bill Museum and Chief Joseph Scenic Highway.

Sturgis, SD was hopping a week before their famous rally. I could not wait to fulfill one of our "Bucket List" items.....Mt Rushmore! My first peek was on July 19 at 10:15 a.m. Wonderful emotions as I saw this work of art. The memorial service for our service men and women was an emotional event.

Custer State Park had a herd of at least 200 bison and it was a sight to

behold. Hill City is known for their restaurant Alpine Inn, so of course, we had to partake. Dominic Oliveria told us about this gem. A long wait but worth it: menu has two entrees Filet Mignon or German Dumplings. No choice of dressing or potato.

Minnesota greeted us with rain and our stay at Autumn Woods RV park was pleasant. We visited the Mayo Clinic's gardens and went on at our bus to Amish Country.....simply amazing!

Wisconsin and Baraboo Hills Campground was our home until the rally began on the 29th. We thoroughly enjoyed the Wisconsin Dells, Circus Museum, Duck Ride and visiting my grandson Joshua and his family.

July 28 was here and time for John's work to begin as Assistant National Director for Heartland. We had enjoyable entertainment at evening events, at which Char and I danced, played Pickleball games, had Dick and Char Gibbs for dinner, met some really nice people at the rally and went on a tour of the Wisconsin State Capitol Building, (it is spectacular), plus a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's dream for a convention center.

Decided to go a different route home, so he chose 80. Therefore, we were able to see some different sights.

Lincoln, NE was interesting place to visit. I particularly enjoyed the Sunken Gardens, that was a real treat. You will not be disappointed

if you like gardens the way I do. AMAZING!

Sidney, NE at Cabela's RV Park you know you're in cowboy country when they have corrals for your horses included with your RV parking fee.

The Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah are so unusual that it is unbelievable. There has to be a reason, but it is unbeknownst to me.

In Windover, Nevada the state line is painted on the street with Utah on one side and Nevada on the other. How different!

Trying to get John to stop and enjoy the scenery when we are on the way home is a waste of breath, so we got home on August 8, 2015.



California Heartland history

Meet these central California motorhomers at a monthly outing

In August 1990, the California Heartland chapter held its first meeting at the Santa Maria Fairgrounds in Santa Maria, Ca. By November 1, 1990, the membership had grown to 73 chapter members. As of this writing, we have 85 member families, several are charter members.

The California Heartland chapter was formed as a social chapter. Most of our member families live in central California and most of our rallies take place in the general area but we do reach out and travel beyond that area.

Each January at the Western Area Rally in Indio, Ca. our members get up early. We are the volunteers known as the coffee crew. We serve attendees the coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and pastries each morning of the rally.

We like to see the local sights in the area we are camping in so we plan a few side trips of local interests. After the Oregon conventions, we have held

two rallies at Gold Beach, Oregon, so the group could ride the jet boats.

In 2013, after the Indio rally, 7 or 8 members took a trip to South Padre Island at the southern tip of Texas going through San Antonio, Tx. and we stopped to visit the SAS shoe factory. SAS stands for San Antonio Shoes. Did you know that. What an interesting tour that was.

We like to visit many museums in the areas we camp at. Lone Pine was interesting for the old western filming area and the history of the Japanese internment camps of the 1943 to 1945. The little town of Boron, CA. has some interesting history around the 20 mule team Borax mining and is the biggest borax mine in the world. Almost everything you buy or use has borax in the product.

We like to have fun and explore new places, yet keep our traditions and revisit some of the same places.

We'd love to have you join us. Contact our chapter president or membership chairman for more details.

Our new chapter president will be Fred Lockwood, 559-836-2003. Or you can contact me as newsletter editor, Jerry Olson, 559-300-0739.

You can also contact FMCA and their web site will show you all the chapters under the chapters banner and look us up under California Heartland.

Look at this website and on the left side you will see newsletters and click on that link and look for California Heartland.

Come and visit us. You can come as a guest the first time to check us out.

<http://wafmca.com/?>



HEARTLAND TODAY



20 YEARS PAST

What to look forward to...

HANFORD IS THE NEXT BIG EVENT--

If you have not signed up for the great Hanford event yet, do it as soon as you get this newsletter. Ron and Marilyn and all their helpers have great plans for you.

The dates are November 4-5-6-7.

THE BIG DECEMBER EVENT IN BAKERSFIELD--

Start planning ahead for the end of the year Christmas event to be held at the Bakersfield River Run RV resort. If you can help Valarie and Ray Marin with the event please contact her right away. You could help decorate, do a breakfast, plan a activity or just be on hand to help where needed.

The event will take place December 10-11-12.

JANUARY

28th ANNUAL WESTERN AREA RALLY--

This is the big annual event you really do not want to miss. Heartland plays a huge part in this rally. We are involved in the coffee and donuts offered every day, moving tables around, seminar setups and checking out golf carts. But there are many interesting seminars, vendors that offer almost everything for your motor home, new and used coaches to inspect, take tours of special events in the area, ladies tea, ice cream socials and dog shows. Many more events to numerous to mention. The registration form is now in your latest FMCA magazine. The dates are January 8-10, 2016.

FEBRUARY IS DARK FOR OUR CLUB

But we sometimes spin off to another adventure to a nearby resort for a few days after the Western Rally.

MORE 2016 DETAILS TO FOLLOW--

March

14-15-16-17 We will be at Betabel with details to follow.

APRIL 14-15-16-17

We will be at the Marina Dunes with details to follow.

OUR NEW WAGON MASTER WILL HAVE MANY EXCITING PLACES LINED UP FOR YOU DURING THE 2016 YEAR. WE SHOULD HAVE A FULL LISTING FOR YOU BY DECEMBER.

Anniversary's

- Roger and Mona Elliott 9/21/85
- Thomas and Shirley Lynch--9/4/55
- Barbara and Wade McKinley--9/12/59
- Gary and Jean Smith--9/29/2010
- Johnny and Nancy Duke--10/1/66
- Glen and Beverly Gee--10/25/57
- Dominic and Jessie Oliveira--10/13/73
- Don and Carol Vestal--10/24/87

Music by Route 66



Birthdays

- Floyd Alger 9/28
- David Bailey 9/25
- John Buwalda 9/20
- Sandy Emerson 9/10
- Joy Elliott 9/29
- Theresa Freitas 9/26
- Clifford Ketchie 9/26
- Gordon Peterson 9/23
- Jean Hyduchak 9/3
- Nancy Olson 9/30
- Skip Scott 9/11
- Geary Wilson 9/2
- Maria Silva 9/8
- Jean Smith 9/22
- Doris Trutna 9/25
- Dutch Aldrich 9/17
- Julie Burger 10/14
- Sue Buwalda 10/16
- Maxine Cahoon 10/24
- John Hyduchak 10/29
- Warren James 10/5
- Pat Maffia 10/20
- Ron Neve 10/25
- Brenda Partridge 10/25
- Dominic Oliveira 10/3
- Judy Pitts 10/8
- Ray Schill 10/18
- Jerry Stacy 10/15
- Melinda Stacy 10/21
- Ralph Stecker 10/31
- Wayne Trunda 10/7



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Contact Jerry Olson--559-300-0739

If you have a metal detector of any make, bring it to the Indio, CA rally in January as we will again have a great seminar sponsored by the Garrett Metal Detector company and I will be doing a coin shoot with prizes after we have our seminar. Pass the word to everyone you know.

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