

Coaster Chatter



Indio Rally

Sunday January 4th – A total of 17 California Coasters coaches arrived at the Riverside County Fairgrounds & National Date Festival grounds for the 27th annual FMCA Western Area Rally. It was fun greeting each other as we set up our own little areas that we were to call home for the next week. This year the parking was set up a little different than in the past, and to our delight we had ample space between rigs for partying and even parking our toads. There were many hugs, hellos, and handshakes as we started catching up with our friends. Dinner that first night was on your own.

Monday January 5th – The first thing in the morning it was a sight to watch as the men began to set up the "Party Area" and the women decorated the dining tables under Rose Marie Perry's direction. The tables had small inflated earth globes with little aliens and candy sprinkled about between them. Jamie Strachan was instrumental in putting up the lights and Ron O'Reilly provided the sound system once again. Many shopped at Walmart, Steinmart or other stores in the area. We dined on a delicious feast of pork sliders and Asian salad with brownies for desert, all served by Pat and Shirley Crawford.

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Ken Meyer - Hosband, Dad, Grandpa

Our
Coaster
Family
Member
and good
friend,
Ken
Meyer,
passed
away on

January 13 at Sierra Vista Hospital from an aggressive form of lung cancer.

Ken was born in Southern California to Walter and Betty Meyer. He is survived by his wife, Pam, and his son Steve, two brothers, two sisters, and four grandchildren. Three of his children, Ken Meyer, Jr. and his twin daughters, Shelby and Tiffany sadly predeceased their father.

Ken began his employment with Pac Bell at the age of 20 and continued until his retirement 34 years later. After marrying his beautiful wife Pam, in 1971, he expressed a desire to leave SoCal and move to a small town where he could "make a difference" in the community. In late 1972, he and Pam bought a home in Atascadero, and he started his life of community service. Very soon after relocating he joined the Atascadero Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and remained in that capacity until he retired 15 years later. Ken joined the Atascadero Jaycees during this same time. He served as the President and led the Jaycees in many community projects and events including the 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks. Ken was a member of Atascadero's first Parks and Recreation Commission. During his tenure, he was instrumental in getting the "kiddie park" at Atascadero Lake Park rebuilt and the Paloma Creek Sports Facility developed.

In 1996, Ken joined the Atascadero Elks Lodge and ascended to Exalted Ruler in 2000-01. He

continued to actively support the Elks in their numerous community service projects and helped improve the lodge as the long-time W.O.W. Chairperson and was the head groundskeeper until his passing.

After retirement, Ken and Pam did what they loved to do, see our great country via their RV. In fact, just prior to his death they had just returned from a three-month trip to the South. Pam and Ken were members of the Roadrunners, associated with Atascadero Elks, the California Coasters, associated with FMCA, and Central Coast Allegros, an independent RV group. Together they witnessed the beauty and interesting places in most parts of the US and highlights of Europe, Mexico and Canada.

Ken was loved and will be remembered for his friendly nature, quick wit, ready smile, great stories and jokes, and hearty laughter. Everyone agrees that he was "one of a kind." Our lives and California Coaster Rally's will never be the same without Ken Meyer!!!





During dinner a strange thing happened; the lights went out. Perhaps it was an alien encounter because when they came back on, there was a Martian hovering over Woody. What can this mean, a Martian take over perhaps?

Tuesday January 6th – After checking the schedule on the big board the tram drivers took their stations and were off for the adventure of people moving. Because of the new challenge of less large trams and three extra smaller trams given to our club at this year's rally, we were in need of more volunteers. The women were asked to drive and cheerfully volunteered. It was suggested that the first timers practice and after much screaming and laughter they were encouraged not to back up. Others sat around the Party Area and visited or went shopping. During happy hour Paul held a membership meeting (see minutes). Last minute instructions for the upcoming parade were given by Ida-Jean Woodruff and tram driving instructions were given by Roger and Sharon Rendall. After happy hour some of our volunteers were off to the delicious pasta volunteer dinner compliments of FMCA.

Wednesday January 7th – After a morning snack of donuts provided by Paul Springer some of the Coasters decorated a jeep with black paper and stars and a large Earth balloon was filled so it could be placed on top. Other members went shopping. The tram drivers were off again. It was nice to meet so many interesting people from all over the U.S. and Canada. Dinner consisting of Kentucky Fried Chicken, cole slaw, mashed potatoes and gravy and a roll followed by ice cream drumsticks was served by John and Carol Wright. Many members went to the big Bingo game at the main hall.

Thursday January 8th - The big day has arrived. After more donuts the float decorating began under the direction of the Parade Chairman Ida-Jean Woodruff . A big thank to Gerald Partin for providing his trailer once again. Construction paper was wrapped around the sides and inside to look like the surface of Mars. Then with Peggy Valko's artistic talents (a guest and future member we hope), helped us paint the paper to look like the dust on the surface of Mars. It even had a rocket that landed on the surface. A golf cart furnished by Rodger Rendall was redesigned and constructed under the watchful eye of Pat Crawford to look like the Space Shuttle. Costumes were donned by the 29 members who participated and the long trek to the parade gathering point began. There were 4 Astronauts from Earth and tourists on the first shuttle to the red planet. When the tourist arrived they were greeted by Martians of all kinds (friendly of course). There were Punk Rock Martians, Strange

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Martians, even Wal-Martians with a baby. We walked the parade route handing out candy and having a great time. The sounds from Mars were provided by Ron O'Reilly. After the parade we gathered back at the party Area to relive the event and were served Martian Pizza and ice cream Dove Bars by Paul and Virginia Springer. Some went to the evening entertainment which was a comic with a talking parrot.

Friday January 9th – Indio provided us with another warm and beautiful day. More donuts for breakfast then some members disassembled the float while others visited the vendor booths or attended one of the many seminars. Some of our beautiful ladies were models at the women's tea. That evening we enjoyed happy hour and a dinner of Subway sandwiches, chips and cookies served by Court and Chris Warren. Jamie Strachan was introduced as the Rally Sheriff. He took great pleasure in handing out the fines. All in good natured fun of course. This evening's entertainment was a tribute band performing all the Eagles hits.

Saturday January 10th - The morning began with donuts and the chore of taking down and packing away the party area. Some Coasters went to the College of the Desert swap meet to look for treasures. We all went to Mario's Italian Restaurant for drinks and a wonderful dinner. The entertainment was Jim Curry & Band who did a tribute to John Denver.

Sunday January 11th – We all said our goodbyes and headed out for home or our next destination.

Happy Trails!

A "BIG thank you" to the committee members for making this a great rally.

Paul and Virginia Springer, Court and Chris Warren, Pat and Shirley Crawford and John and Carol Wright.

Ida-Jean and Woody Woodruff for being in charge of the Parade.

Rodger and Sharon Rendall for taking on the responsibility of the Trams.

And of course, all the volunteers.



Submitted by Patty O'Reilly and Carol Wright

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February Birthdays



Donna Brodt Shirley Crawford Rob Crow Jim DeGraffenreid Kathy Esposto

Jim Fischer Cec Fischer

Lynda Galitz

Richard Gibbs

Jeno Horvath

Don Jones

Spicie Lee

Susan Lewis

Marcia Lyman

Gene Martinez

Diane Moffett

Garold Partin

Maureen Rendall

Betty McGravin

Eilene Stocksdale

February Anniversaries

Bob & Shirley Donald Ed & Geri Frank Charles & Ruth Weil Rob & Dianne Wilson









as of Jan 31st, 2014

Beginning Balance \$9,481.38

Total Deposits \$3,775.75

Total Expenses \$2,505.94

Ending Balance \$10,751.19

Adv. Reg/Deposits \$700



New Members

Duncan & Nancy Holt Randy & Doris Gibbs Roy Gammill & Bobbi Binder Santa Rosa, CA Saugus, CA San Luis Obispo, CA



PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Indio rally was a lot of fun. We didn't win anything but everyone had a good time. The food was great and we had some old and new members show up for a

visit and a good meal.

Jim and Kathy Croy and Richard and Lynda Galitz joined us for dinner one night and spent the evening visiting with the members. Peggy and Butch Valco were guests of the O'Reilly's for the rally and that made a total of 19 rigs attending with 2 staying off site.

We still need some more signups for Pomona as we need about 50 drivers for the carts. We had a great deal of help from many of the wives as they drove the trams at Indio. We hope they all help again. As soon as we get the total signups for Pomona, we will try to figure out the Pot Luck Dinner.

A special thank you goes out to Peggy Valco as she was a tremendous help with the parade.

The O'Reilly's also had a special guest, their in-laws for a few days.

We still need a trail boss for the Hemet Rally which is the first part of November.

DON'T MISS THE POMONA DEADLINE--MARCH 6TH, 2015. HAVE FUN IN BUELTON.....

Paul Springer President, California Coasters



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INDIO

This year we were Martians in the Indio Rally parade. Our club had a much smaller turn out than normal but we had a great time. I would like to give some special thanks:

pitched in to help put it all together, then put on their red paint and marched. We put on a great show for the spectators and had fun doing it. Next year's theme is called "Call of the wild with a jungle beat". Should be fun.

JV "Woody" Woodruff, W6MUG Morgan Hill, CA 408.476.5843

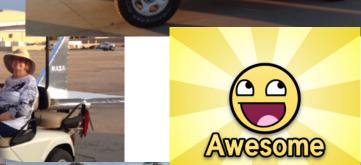
• To Garold Partin for the use of his trailer;

• To the Randall's and Crawford's for making the golf cart space shuttle;

• To the O'Reilly's for the candy holders and the float sound systems;

 To Rosalie Mahr for designing and helping us make Martian antennae;

• To Peggy Velco, a guest, who directed the



creation and painting of our float; And last, but by no means least, my husband Woody for building our space ship and all the other little things that needed doing. Of course to everyone else who

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CA Coasters' Membership Meeting January 6, 2015

Riverside County Fairgrounds and National Date Festival, Indio, CA

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M.

In attendance: President - Paul Springer, 1st Vice-President - John Wright, Membership Chairperson - Sharon Rendall, Secretary - Carol Wright, National Director - Jamie Strachan, Wagon Master - Denny Wheeler.

A quorum was present.

New Business

Indio Rally: Paul Springer opened a discussion on Parade and Tram expenses for this Rally.

A motion was made by Denny Wheeler to approve the expense of \$300. for Parade Expenses. It was seconded by Dick Perry. The Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Jamie Strachan to approve the expense of \$95. for Tram Expenses. It was seconded by Woody Woodruff. The Motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

<u>Parade</u>: Ida-Jean Woodruff talked about the Parade preparations and asked for help to prepare the float. Also, she advised that she would be handing out antennae for those participation in the Parade.

<u>Ladies Tea</u>: Rose Marie Perry asked for additional volunteers to help sell tickets and prepare refreshments for the Ladies Tea. Special entertainment will be provided and the men were invited to attend.

<u>2016 Rally Schedule</u>: Denny Wheeler discussed the preliminary schedule for the 2016 Rally's. He asked for ideas for a major Rally for 2016. The general feeling was to have a three week trip into northwestern US and/or Canada.

<u>Rally Trams</u>: Rodger Rendall discussed safety issues for driving the Trams.

Misc:

Paul asked if there was interest in the Club providing donuts in the mornings. That would be more convenient than having to go to the main hall. The idea was well accepted

Paul thanked the Indio Rally committee for their efforts. The Committee consisted of: Pat and Shirley Crawford, John and Carol Wright, Court and Chris Warren, Sharon and Rodger Rendall, Ida-Jean and Woody Woodruff. Dick and RoseMarie Perry and Paul and Virginia Springer.

W. Woodruff moved to adjourn. It was seconded by G. Partin, and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by - Carol Wright, Secretary

RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2015

2015	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS
Jan 4-11	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Paul & Virginia Springer	Pat & Shiley Crawford Court & Cris Warren John & Carol Wright Roger & Sharon Rendall Woody & Ida Jean Woodruff Dick & Rose Marie Perry
Feb 5-8	Flying Flags RV Buelton, CA	Lance & Judi Brown	Pat & Shirley Crawford Tim & Joy Gilles Jim & Susan Lewis
March 23-29	FMCA National Rally Los Angeles County Fairgrounds Pomona, CA	No Host	No Host
Apr		No Rally	
May 5-8	Morro Dunes Morro Bay, CA	Leroy & Donna Davis	Ken & Carol Morgan Linda Strickland Pam Meyer
June 4-7	Smithwoods Santa Cruz, CA	Don & Karen Jones	Ron & Pat O'Reilly John & Gigi Neisess Jeff & Melissa Watkins Gary & Linda Mullinix
July/August		DARK MONTHS	
Sept 8-11	Garlic USA Gilroy, CA	Jamie & Pam Strachan	Need Assistants
Oct 7-11	Visalia/Sequoia Visalia, CA	Denny & Sybil Wheeler	John & Carol Wright
Nov 3-7	Golden Village Palms Hemet, CA	Need Leader	Need Assistants
Dec 1-4	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA	Roger & Sharon Rendall	



California Coasters **No Host Rally Registration** Pomona, CA



FMCA Family Reunion Pomona Planners: Sharon & Roger Rendal Fairplex 1101 W McKinley Ave. Trams Paul & Virginia Springer Pomona, CA.

Monday March 23 - 29, 2015

Registration Deadline: Mar 6, 2015 Arrival Date: Group March 23 Name(s): Phone: Email: Cell Phone: FMCA# **Emergency Contact: Emergency Phone:** Relationship: Handicapped Parking: Υ Ν Coach Length: License # Tow: Y N Number of Slides: **AMOUNT ITEM** # OF **AMOUNT COMMENTS PEOPLE CHARGED** TO PAY Paid to FMCA Χ PARKING FEE PER NIGHT FOOD COST PER COACH \$25.00 \$25.00 TOTAL ENCLOSED =

SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS

MAIL TO: **Sharon Rendall**

> 27835 Sand Canyon Rd Canyon Country, CA. 91387

NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally.

Directions: Coming in on the 210 Fwy from the East or West, take Foothill exit.

Coming from East or West on 10 FWY take North Fairlex Dr.

Bring tables, EZ Ups, water bottles for weights and chairs.

Sign up for 30 AMP Electricity with FMCA site or form

Pomoma FMC	A Family Reunion	
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Mon March 23	12:00 holding area	Group meets at holding area at Fairplex Dry camping
		Dinner on your own
Tues. March 24	3:00 PM	Tram meeting for Captain / pick up trams / tram assignments
	5:00 PM	Happy Hour / Bring a heavy Appetizers to share / BYOB & BYOTS
Weds March 25	4:30 PM	Happy Hour / Snack provide / BYOB & BYOTS
	5:30 PM	Pot Luck Dinner / A-K bring meat dish, L-R bring salad, pasta, veggies, S-Z Desserts
Thurs March 26	6:30 AM	Trams start / Donuts will be available at party area at 8:00 AM/ Bring your own coffee
	4:30 PM	Happy Hour / snacks provided / BYOB & BYOTS
	5:30 PM	Dinner on your own / Many eateries at Fairplex or near by
Fri. March 27	Trams	Donuts in AM provided at party area/ bring your own coffee
	Day Time	See the vendors, seminares / drive trams
	4:30 PM	Happy Hour, snacks provided / BYOB & BYOTS
	7:00 PM	Evening show
Sat March 28	8:00 AM	Donuts in AM provided at party area / bring your own coffee
	5:00 PM	Social Time (Light snacks provided) / BYOB & BYOTS
	6:00 PM	We could BBQ / Bring your own meat / fish /chicken
	7:00 PM	Evening show
Sun. March 29	7:30 AM	Happy Trails drive safe

FMCA'S 91ST FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE
MARCH 26-29, 2015 FAIRPLEX POMONA, CALIFORNIA

POMONA REGISTRATION FORM

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* Additional Fee for 50-amp Elec	ctric only (Limited Availabi	lity) \$295	\$295		CARD NUMBER	
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CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds for registration fee will be made only upon written request and only if request is received by March 6, 2015. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned with cancellation request. All cancelled registrations are subject to a \$10 handling fee. Electric cancelled on or prior to Tuesday, February 3, 2015, will be refunded in full; electric cancelled after Tuesday, February 3, 2015, and on or before March 6, 2015, will be refunded at 50%. Absolutely no refunds for electric cancelled after March 6, 2015.

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GENERAL PARKING – Use of generator is only permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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HANDICAPPED W/ELECTRIC** – Reserved for those with qualifying medical needs who must operate equipment relative to treatment of their condition. Limited space. First registered/first served basis. Electric available at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, until 9 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015. (electric fees apply)

FULL GENERATOR - Generator permitted 24 hours per day.

NO GENERATOR - Space is limited.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN - Generator 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. only.

PASSPORT CAR PARKING – Includes entertainment, exhibits and seminars. No overnight parking on event property. Passport coaches cannot be accommodated at the fairgrounds. Passport car parking will be open only until 11 p.m., March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2015. Public parking will be open only during exhibit hours, March 26, 27, 28, 29, 2015.

Parking will be located at Fairplex. Parking will be at the discretion of the parkers.

CARAVANS – Scheduled caravans of 10 coaches or more will be parked on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25, 2015. Caravan leaders please call 800-543-3622 to schedule an arrival time.

By registering for this event I understand that I must carry valid insurance on my personal mobility cart and or personal golf cart during the event.



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Please Complete The Information Below
To Assist On Site Medical Personnel

NAME	MEMBER NO.
NAME OF DISABLED PERSON IN COACH	
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISABILITY (OPTIONAL)	
My state issued handicap certificate is:	☐ On File ☐ Enclosed
This information will be shared s emergency service personnel to b	•

** Please send a copy of your state issued handicap certificate to the national office.

in case of a medical emergency.

MAILING AND PARKING PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARKING AREAS

FMCA will begin mailing confirmations as soon as January 26, 2015. Mailed confirmations will contain "date of entry" credentials. Mailed registrations received after March 6, 2015, will be held and processed as gate registrations.

If it is impossible for you to furnish an address for receipt of your confirmation material, they will be held for you at Will Call located at the official Holding Area from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, March 23, through Thursday, March 26.

Registered family members will be assigned parking dates of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; March 24, 25, 26, 2015, and families should arrive at the convention on the date stated on their "date of entry" credentials. If you arrive at the convention on a date following your assigned date of entry, you may have to wait in the Holding Area to be parked.

If you have friends or relatives with whom you would like to park, make plans now to register with them. Families who register together and mail their registration forms to FMCA in the same envelope are guaranteed to receive identical "date of entry" credentials. You must arrive together to park together.

Family Reunion parking is considered any lot secured by FMCA. Members of FMCA's parking team will be in the Holding Area from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to park coaches. Tram service to all parking areas will be available beginning Wednesday, March 25.

If you are traveling as an individual, a group, or a caravan, confirmation "date of entry" credentials must be displayed on your motorhome to facilitate your entry into the grounds.

All members are asked to display their membership number on their coach or in their windshield.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your date of admittance, as identified on your "date of entry" credential, dry camping will be available beginning on Monday, March 23, in the Holding Area.