

Coaster Chatter



MULE DAYS RALLY

By Sylvia Burns

After more than a year of planning, our Mule Days Rally finally happened. A special thanks to Randy and Doris Gibbs for all their assistance before, during, and after the rally! It was a jam-packed six days of activities. The Rally started at Boulder Creek RV Park in Lone Pine where we all gathered.



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There were 17 rigs (18 were scheduled but unfortunately, the Johnsons were unable to come at the last minute – Betty ended up in the ER but is fine now!) Wednesday night we held a fantastic potluck dinner. After dinner there was a rousing game of Bunco. It's a great game where you get to meet a lot of different people. Big winners for the night were Joyce Witt (most Bunco's), guest Linda Chatenever (most wins), and George Brodt (most losses).



Thursday morning the parking crew (Gibbs and Burns) left early for Bishop to guide everyone to their assigned parking spot. Since we noticed that there were already chairs out for the Saturday parade, we put out our chairs, too! A special thanks to Ed Guiza for use of his pickup! After our social hour, we enjoyed a full-course KFC chicken dinner with cookies for desert. We were then treated to a presentation by Joe Polini from the Visitors Bureau (Bishop Chamber of Commerce). He discussed things to do in the area, answered questions, and handed out numerous brochures on various locations in and near Bishop/Lone Pine.



Friday started out with socializing around the donuts in the morning. Some of the group headed over to check out the Craft Fair going on. After lunch, we all headed to the Fairgrounds to watch one of the mule shows. It's hard to believe that you can make a Mule do what they do! Afterwards was the BBQ dinner, which we all attended. They had some pretty good entertainment there in the way of music. Then on to the evening Mule Show which was terrific. There was cattle roping (from the back of a mule). Mule races, and so much more. One of the highlights was a team of six beautiful, black draft horses pulling a large wagon, which was able to make exceptional maneuvers.



Saturday, more morning donuts, then off to watch the parade. There were over 100 entries – and nothing with a motor! There were people riding mules, mules pulling all kinds of vehicles/wagons, donkeys, and horses leading strings of mules used for backcountry trips. There were local bands (high and jr. high schools), and, of course, the local politicians running for office! Not to be confused with the clowns who were also there. So for almost two hours we had front row (curbside) seats.



Saturday evening's social hour was followed by pizza and ice cream. Then it was off to the Fairgrounds again for many of us to see another show -- which was different from the night before. There was even a mule-packing contest and one of the participants was from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo! There were barrel races, mule and donkey races (not at the same time!). That night's highlight was the same six black horses. Only this time the owner was standing "Roman" style on the bare back of the last two horses with nothing but the reins to control all six horses. He ran the horses around the arena and made various turns at a high rate of speed. It was spectacular!

Sunday (after donuts) a dozen of us car-pooled to Law's Railroad Museum. <http://lawsmuseum.org>. It's more of an old-time town (from the 1900's). The highlight was a docent who told about the mining operations in the area. It's a very interesting place and well worth the \$5 "donation" fee. Sunday night was "dinner on your own" but many of use ate together at a local steak place. Some went back for another mule show at the Fairgrounds.

Monday might have been the day to pack up and leave but George Brodt was able to put together a tour of a local DWP power plant for those who were interested. And, the weather cooperated the entire six days! You couldn't ask for any thing more! I think we all left Bishop tired but happy.

Many more pictures here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/albums/72157666876375904>



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July Birthdays

Nancy Baumgart

Mike Catron

Rhonda Catron

Kathleen Cronin

Leroy Davis

James Dills

Joy Gilles

Roy Hill

Larry Johnson

Howard Jones

Karen Jones

Helen Lair

Dennis Muller

Suzanne Serritslev

Virginia Springer

Jamie Strachan

Jeff Watkins



July Anniversaries

56 Years

Ron & Virginia Cline

50 Years

Jim & Cec Fisher

Kenneth & Dianne Moffett

46 Years

Rolfe & Christine Nelson

44 Years

Arlen & Carol Kurtis

41 Years

Dennis & Debbie Zaferis

26 Years

Ernest & Debbie Davis

3 Years

Jim & Wanda Patton
Sawyer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As you know, the dates for the Borrego Springs Rally have been moved up a week due to a change in the schedule for the Borrego Days Festival. The revised registration form and schedule are attached to this edition of the Chatter.

REMINDER: The agenda for the Business Meeting at this rally will include the Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers for 2017 – 2018. Please try to attend this important meeting.

We are still in need for a Trail Boss for our March 2017 Rally.

I hope everyone is having a nice summer and Virginia & I look forward to seeing everyone in Borrego Springs in October.

Paul Springer
President

California Coasters Financial Report May 24 - June 24, 2016	
Beginning Balance	\$13,396.35
Receipts	\$ 145.00
Expenses & Deposits	\$ 1,813.71
Ending Balance	\$ 11,727.64



	<h2 style="text-align: center;">2016 RALLY SCHEDULE</h2>		
2016	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS
Jan 3 - 10	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Court & Cris Warren	Ed & Geri Frank DJ & LeRoy Davis Ida-Jean & Woody Woodruff Don & Nancy Baumgart
Feb 4 - 7	Laguna Seca Monterey, CA	George & Donna Brodt	Mike & Rhonda Catron Dave & Sylvia Burns Randy & Doris Gibbs
March 1 - 5	Tombstone Territory RV Huachuca City, AZ	Paul & Virginia Springer	DJ & LeRoy Davis
Apr 7 - 10	Marble Quarry RV Park Columbia, CA	Cancelled No Trail Boss	
May 9 - 12	Bass Lake RV Resort Bass Lake, CA	Kerry & Robin Ray	Jamie & Pam Strachan
May 27 - 30	Mule Days Fairground Bishop, CA	Dave & Sylvia Burns	
July/August	DARK MONTHS		
Aug 23 - Sep 20	Trip to Oregon & Washington	Denny & Sybil Wheeler	Howard & Maureen Jones Ed & Geri Frank
Oct 26-30	The Springs RV Resort @ Borrego Springs	Mike & Jill Carle	Dale & Betty Johnson Randy & Doris Gibbs Pete & Ellen Mattson
November	DARK MONTH		
Dec 5 - 8	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA	Bob & Julie Wyrick	

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">2017 RALLY SCHEDULE</h2>		
2017	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS
Jan 11 - 15	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Thom & Sharon Page	Denny & Sybil Wheeler John & Gigi Neisess ?? ??
February 6 - 10	Pismo Coast Village Pismo Beach	John & Carol Wright	?? ?? ??
March	Open	Available	??
April 3 - 8	Distant Drums RV Resort Camp Verde, AZ (Sedona)	LeRoy & DJ Davis	Paul & Virginia Springer Howard & Maureen Jones Roger & Sharon Rendall
May 8 - 10	The Lakes RV & Golf Resort Chowchilla, CA	Dick & Rose Marie Perry	??
June/July/Aug.	DARK MONTHS		
Sept. 11 - 14	Flying Flags RV Resort Buellton, CA	John & Carol Wright	Lance & Judi Brown Tim & Joy Giles Pat & Shirley Crawford
October	Balloon Festival Albuquerque, NM	John & Gigi Neisess	
November	DARK MONTH		
Dec 4 - 8	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA		



**California Coasters Rally Registration
Borrego Springs, CA**



Place: The Springs at Borrego RV Resort
2255 DiGiorgio Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
(866)330-0003
Date: October 19 - 23, 2016 (4 Nights) **Date Change**

Trail Bosses: Mike & Jill Carle
Dale & Betty Johnson
Randy & Doris Gibbs
Dennis & Judy Muller
Registration Deadline: September 14, 2016

Name(s): _____ Arrival Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ FMCA # _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Handicapped Parking : Y N

Coach Length: _____ License # _____ Tow: Y N Number of Slides: _____

ITEM	# OF NITES/ PEOPLE	AMOUNT CHARGED	AMOUNT TO PAY	COMMENTS
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	\$51.00			
FOOD COST PER PERSON	\$38.00			

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS
MAIL TO: Michael Carle
P.O. Box 721839
San Diego, CA 92172-1939

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

Extra days before or after: Call park at above number, ask for Group Coordinator and say you are with the California Coasters for group rate. Please pay the park directly.
Our Group Reservation is for 15 spaces. We may be able to increase the number of spaces.

DIRECTIONS: East Interstate 10 to Indio, South on 86 to S22 (Borrego Springs). West on S22 towards Borrego Springs, past Airport on right, School on left, Roadrunner Club on right. Turn right on DiGiorgio Road. 2nd right (RV Entrance). Check in at Office.

 RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE, PRELIMINARY (Revised) 		
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tues 10/18/16	2:00 PM	Committee arrivals - if not on committee & coming early, pls let us know
Wed 10/19/16	2:00 PM	Check in
	5:00 PM	Social hour, BYOB, Light appetizers provided by committee
	6-8 PM	Dinner- Airport Restaurant or other-your cost.
Thurs 10/20/16	7:30 AM	Coffee ready-BYO cup
	8-9 AM	Breakfast provided by committee, BYOTS
	9:30 AM	Golf-tentative
	1:00 PM	Club Meeting
	5:30 PM	Social Time, Wine Party sponsored by RV Park
	6:30-8 PM	Dinner-BYOTS-see menu to be sent to attendees
	8-9 PM	Games with prizes
Fri 10/21/16	7:30 PM	Coffee ready-BYO cup
	8-9 AM	Hot Breakfast provided by committee, BYOTS
	9:30AM-Noon	Borrego scavenger hunt-prizes
	5:30 PM	Social Time, BYOB
	6-7:30 PM	Dinner provided by committee, BYOTS
	7:30 PM	Scavenger hunt prizes
Sat 10/22/16	7-9 AM	Pancake breakfast at school-your cost
	10:00 AM	Borrego Days Parade
	12 Noon	Lunch on your own at Christmas Circle
	5:30 PM	Social Time, BYOB
	6-7:30 PM	Dinner provided by committee, BYOTS
	7:30-9 PM	BINGO
Sun 10/23/16	7:30 AM	Coffee ready-BYO cup
	8-9 AM	Breakfast provided by committee, BYOTS
	12 Noon	Good byes & Departures