



# Coaster Chatter

## 31ST ANNUAL WESTERN AREA RALLY ONCE UPON A TIME



### INDIO 2019

It is January, so it must be time for the yearly Western Area Rally in Indio. The Coasters gathered at the staging area early on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> to be escorted to the assigned parking area; nice level paved parking with 30 amp. electrical service. We had a good turnout with 19 rigs in attendance. New members Don and Denise Sturdevant from Camarillo attended as their first Coaster Rally. After everyone got settled in, it was time to put up the tents, tables, lights, etc. to prepare the Party Area. There were plenty of volunteers, so it was a snap. The rest of the day was spent relaxing and visiting with friends.



Don & Denise

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Monday was a day on our own to explore as there are plenty of interesting attractions close by. The Rendall's came in a day late because of their Cruise thru the Panama Canal. The Carle's went to the Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge while the Wright's went to Mount San Jacinto State Park via the Palm Springs Ariel Tramway. It was a beautiful ride up to 8600 ft. elevation with two feet of accumulated snow at the top. Others used the day to reacquaint themselves to the area. We gathered at the party area for light hors d'oeuvres then dinner on our own.



Tuesday the Express Tram drivers met for an orientation meeting with Tram Captains George Brodt and Randy Gibbs. They went over safe operation of the golf carts. It's a good thing because only one traffic cone was a victim this year. Randy Gibbs handed out large Coasters flags we had ordered to fly on our flag poles. The rest of the day was on our own. We met for light hors d'oeuvres then the volunteers went to the



Volunteer Dinner while the rest went to dinner on their own. Wednesday morning our Trail Boss Paul Springer provided donuts at the Party Area. The Rally officially started so the Tram drivers started their individual shifts. We turned in our locator cards and collected our hat pins. There were plenty of RV displays, vendor exhibits and seminars to attend. DJ Davis, Sylvia Burns and Donna Brodt represented the Coasters at the Chapter Fair where we signed up two new couples, Ted and Elizabeth Williams from Tucson, Arizona and Steve and Christine Reid from Albuquerque, New Mexico. We gathered for light hors d'oeuvres then a dinner of Kentucky Fried Chicken and ice cream desert. Some of the group went to the BINGO night where Jill Carle won \$51. Congratulations Jill.



New Members



Ted & Elizabeth

Steve & Christine

Thursday more donuts and Tram driving. The day was spent again visiting the RV displays, vendor exhibits and seminars. We gathered for the Parade with many GREAT costumes including Sylvia Burns as Mother Goose. The theme this year was "Once Upon A Time" submitted by our very own Sylvia Burns. Because her idea was chosen as the theme, the club received a cash reward and up-front seating for all the entertainment. Great job Sylvia.



After light hors d'oeuvres we were treated with a baked potato bar dinner with all the fixing including Virginia's secret chili recipe and cake for desert. Some went to the evening's musical entertainment a "Salute to Glen Campbell with Jeff Dayton".

Friday yet more donuts and Tram driving. More RV displays, vendor exhibits and seminars. After light hors d'oeuvres we had Panda Express and assorted cookies for desert. Some attended the Ice Cream Social at noon. The evening's entertainment was comedian Ken Kaz.

Saturday we were awakened with light rain for just a couple of hours. MORE donuts and Tram driving, RV displays, vendor exhibits and seminars and another ice cream social. We gathered in the early afternoon to tear down the party area. The tents came down much faster than they went up. We then carpooled to Mario's for Italian food. After another light evening shower, most members went to the final evening's entertainment. Our own Mike Carle won a \$2000 gift certificate for the Adventure Caravan Tours drawing. Drinks are on Mike.

The evening's entertainment was "Groovin' Thru the 60's" music. The singers were great but it was hard to take your eyes off the bass guitar player as he danced behind them the whole night.



The Winners



The Coasters were presented with the Mayor's Trophy for the "Best Walking Group" in the 2019 Parade.

Sunday morning, we all said our goodbyes and departed.

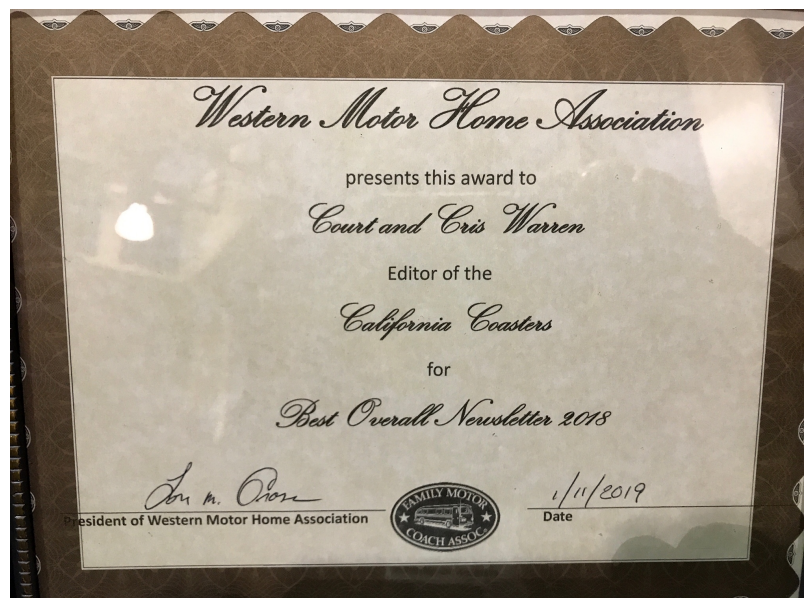
For all those who could not attend, you missed out on a great rally with near perfect weather. No monsoon rain or fierce winds as sometimes we have experienced in the past. Sunshine and low 70's with little to no wind.



A BIG thank you to the Rally Committee: Trail Bosses - Paul and Virginia Springer, Express Tram Coordinators - George Brodt, Randy Gibbs, Helpers - Leroy and DJ Davis, Roger and Sharon Rendall, John and Carol Wright

Submitted by John Wright

Your Coaster Chatter editors, Court & Cris Warren, were honored to receive the Best Overall Newsletter 2018 award from the WMHA at this year's Rally.



### **President's Corner**

Now that the WMHA Rally is over, I would like to thank every one that came and enjoyed the fun. Thank you to John Wright for writing such a wonderful article. Also Paul & Virginia for wonderful meals. Thanks to our sunshine lady, Sylvia Burns, for your wonderful information. Thanks to every one that participated in our wonderful & fun parade. One last note before closing. Randy ordered 12 Coaster flags and at this time, we have two left. I will take those to Cachuma in March. Randy will order more when those sell.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Lake Cachuma.

Happy Trails.

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### **California Coasters Chapter Standing Rules Revised by the Board of Directors**

On January 8, 2019 the Board of Directors met during the Indio Rally to discuss and vote on ten proposed changes to the Standing Rules. The Fourteenth Revision to the Standing Rules included a provision to allow the Board to vote by mail, email or other electronic means, eliminated three elected Board of Directors positions (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, the second Director and the Assistant Wagon Master), added a provision for the Treasurer to include a line item of profit or loss with the monthly financial report on completion of each rally, eliminated the Secret Sheriff fundraising activity at rallies and two minor errors in the text.

The Fourteenth Revision to the Standing Rules was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors on January 8, 2019. A copy of the Standing Rules with an Effective Date of January 8, 2019 is provided for your information and file as an attachment with your February/March Chatter.



## *February Birthdays*

Donna Brodt  
Shirley Crawford  
Jim DeGraffenreid  
Jim Fisher  
Cec Fisher  
Richard Gibbs

Don Jones  
Dale Kirkham  
Susan Lewis  
Garold Partin  
Eilene Stocksdale



## *February Anniversaries*



52 Years  
Norman & Myndel Pozner

31 Years  
Ed & Geri Frank



# March Birthdays

Judi Brown  
Emily Burr  
Tom Chambers  
Ed Frank  
Geri Frank  
Martha Guiza

Debbie Holt  
Dale Johnson  
Sara Kirschenbaum  
Lauren Krup  
Thomas Lang  
Rosalie Mahr

John Neiswanger  
Rose Marie Perry  
Donna Peterson  
Kerry Ray  
Pam Strachan  
Julie Wyrick  
Dennis Zaferis



# March Anniversaries

62 Years

Pat & Shirley Crawford



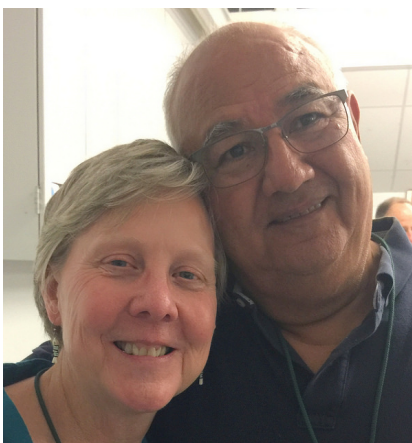
56 Years

Keith & Gloria Bonner



48 Years

Doroteo & Mary Contreras



40 Years

John & Jan Neiswanger



54 Years

Dale & Buzzie Kirkham  
(No Photo)





California Coasters  
Summary Financial Statement  
January 2019

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$13,689.98 |
| Income            | \$ 2,829.01 |
| Expense           | \$ 2,885.84 |
| Ending Balance    | \$13,633.15 |



Sunshine Report

I'll start this month with good news - Ed Guiza has finished with his radiation treatments and hopes to be back traveling with us soon. Leah Reynolds finally got the cast off her foot but will have to wear a boot for another six weeks.

Who says cruising is a safe activity? On their Mediterranean/across the Atlantic cruise, Glenn DeSchryver and Sue Levine both broke a toe on two separate occasions. Plus, on his cruise on the Amazon, Woody Woodruff fell and badly injured his lower back and pelvis area. Nothing broke but it's very painful so he is out of commission for some time.



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|   | <b>CALIFORNIA COASTERS<br/>RALLY REGISTRATION<br/>March 12 - 14, 2019</b> |  |                   |          |
| Place: Cachuma Lake<br>1 Lakeview Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105   |   | Trail Bosses: Joy & Tim Gilles<br>Dave & Sylvia Burns                               |                   |          |
| Date: March 12 - 14 (3 nights)   |   | <b>Total Number of sites: 20</b><br>Registration Deadline: February 15, 2019        |                   |          |
| 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: |          |
| <b>Type of RV:</b> MH <input type="checkbox"/> 5th W. <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |                   |          |
| ITEM   | Number of<br>Nights/People  | AMOUNT<br>CHARGED   | AMOUNT<br>TO PAY  | COMMENTS |
| PARKING FEE PER NIGHT  |   | \$48.00   |                   |          |
| FOOD COST PER PERSON   |   | \$50.00   |                   |          |
| <b>EXTRA NIGHTS? DATE?</b>   |   |   |                   |          |
|  |   |   |                   |          |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED =   |   |   |                   |          |
| SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS<br>MAIL TO: JOY GILLES<br>960 ROSE LANE<br>SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110   |   |   |                   |          |
| NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally.  |   |   |                   |          |
| <p><b>From the South:</b> Take Highway 101 north to Santa Barbara. Take the "Cachuma Lake/Highway 154" exit and follow the signs. Drive approximately 18 miles. There is a sign for the park ½ mile before the sign ¼ mile before the park entrance, and there is a left turn lane to use for your safety.</p> <p><b>From the North:</b> Take Highway 101 south to the "Cachuma Lake/Highway 154" exit. Make a left at the stop sign and drive approximately 14 miles. There is a entrance, and there is a right turn lane to use for your safety.</p> |   |   |                   |          |

**Alert: Still a few more spaces available for this rally. If interested, call Joy @ (805) 570-8293.**

| <b>RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE</b><br>Cachuma Lake  |                           |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| <b>For social times and all meals, please bring your own table service and your own beverage.</b> |                           |  |
| DAY/DATE  | TIME                      | ACTIVITY   |
| Monday, March 11  | Early Arrivals<br>2:00 PM | Committee & Early Arrivals Check-in  |
| Tuesday, March 12   | 2:00 PM                   | All, Check in  |
|   | 5:30 PM                   | Social Time & Dinner BBQ area<br>Bring Heavy Appetizers to Share (BYOT BYOB) |
| Wednesday, March 13   | 10:00 AM                  | Boat tour of the lake - \$15 / pp to be paid at the park.                    |
|   | 5:00 PM                   | Social Time<br>Light appetizers provided by committee                        |
|   | 6:00 PM                   | Dinner with dessert (Club House) (BYOT BYOB)                                 |
|   | 7:00 PM                   | Bingo  |
| Thursday, March 14  | 5:00 PM -<br>6:00 PM      | Social Time<br>Light appetizers provided by committee                        |
|   | 6:00 PM                   | Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with Dessert (BYOT BYOB)                        |
|   | 7:00 PM                   | Game night   |
| Friday, March 15  |                           | <b>SAFE TRAVELS</b>  |



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|   |  | <b>California Coasters</b><br><b>49er RV Ranch Rally Registration</b><br><b>Columbia, CA</b> |  |                   |  |  |
| Place: 49er RV Ranch<br>23223 Indian Bar Rd.<br>Columbia, CA 95310<br><br>Date: April 9 - 12 (3 nights)  |  |  | Trail Bosses: Pam Meyer<br>Leroy & DJ Davis<br>Dale & Betty Johnson<br><br>Available Sites: 20<br>Registration Deadline: February 15 (Firm!) |                   |   |  |
| 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 PEOPLE  | AMOUNT CHARGED   | AMOUNT TO PAY     | COMMENTS  |  |
| PARKING FEE PER NIGHT  |  |  | \$40.00  |                   |   |  |
| FOOD COST PER PERSON   |  |  | \$25.00  |                   |   |  |
| FALLON HOUSE THEATER PER PERSON  |  |  | \$26.00  |                   |   |  |
|  |  |  |  |                   |   |  |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED =   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |
| SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS<br>MAIL TO: PAM MEYER<br>7223 ATASCADERO AVENUE<br>ATASCADERO, CA 93422<br><br>NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally.   |  |  |  |                   |   |  |
| Fallon House Theatre in Columbia (11175 Washington St.) will be a matinee performance of <u>Route 66</u> . Beginning with the sounds of 1950's Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California Coastg with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greateast 'Rock 'n' Road hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more. |  |  |  |                   |   |  |
| DIRECTIONS:  |  |  |  |                   |   |  |



## COLUMBIA RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



| DAY/DATE              | TIME     | ACTIVITY   |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Monday<br>April 8     | 1:00 PM  | Committee & Early Arrivals Check-in                            |
| Tuesday<br>April 9    | 1:00 PM  | All Check-in   |
|                       | 5:00 PM  | Social Time in the Club Barn<br>(light appetizers provided)    |
|                       | 6:00 PM  | Baked Potato Bar   |
|                       | 7:00 PM  | Bingo (\$5 pp for 3 cards)                                     |
| Wednesday<br>April 10 |          | Continental Breakfast Available in the Barn<br>(OYO \$3.50 pp) |
|                       | 2:00 PM  | Fallon Theatre's production of Route 66                        |
|                       | 5:00 PM  | Social Time in the Club Barn<br>(light appetizers provided)    |
|                       | 6:00 PM  | Hot Dog Dinner   |
|                       | 7:00 PM  | Individual Games or Retire to RV to watch TV or ??             |
| Thursday<br>April 11  |          | Continental Breakfast Available in the Barn<br>(OYO \$3.50 pp) |
|                       | 5:00 PM  | Social Time in the Club Barn<br>(light appetizers provided)    |
|                       | 6:00 PM  | BBQ Tri Tip Dinner   |
|                       | 7:30 PM  | Group Activity   |
| Friday<br>April 12    |          | Continental Breakfast Available in the Barn<br>(OYO \$3.50 pp) |
|                       | 11:00 AM | Check Out : <b>SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL</b>                         |
|                       |          |  |
|                       |          |  |

|  | <h1 style="text-align: center;">2019 RALLY SCHEDULE</h1> |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|
| 2019  | RALLY & LOCATION   | TRAILBOSS  | ASSISTANTS  |
| January 9 - 13  | WFMCA Rally<br>Riverside County Fairgrounds<br>Indio, CA | Paul & Virginia Springer<br>Randy Gibbs & George Brodt<br>will schedule trams. | Leroy & DJ Davis<br>John & Carol Wright<br>Roger & Sharon Rendall                   |
| February  | Need Location  | Need Trail Boss  |   |
| March 12 - 14   | Lake Cachuma   | Tim & Joy Gilles   | Dave & Sylvia Burns   |
| April 9 - 12  | 49er RV Ranch<br>Columbia, CA                            | Pam Meyer  | Leroy & DJ Davis<br>Dale & Betty Johnson  |
| May 21 - 24   | Bass Lake RV Resort<br>Bass Lake, CA                     | Kerry & Robin Ray  |   |
| June/July/Aug.  | <b>DARK MONTHS</b>                                       |  |   |
| September<br>9 - 14   | Bay Point Landing<br>Coos Bay, Oregon                    | Leroy & DJ Davis   | Dennis & Syble Wheeler<br>John & Carol Wright<br>Mike & Rhonda Catron               |
| Oct. 28 - 31  | Morro Dunes RV Park<br>Morro Bay                         | Dave & Sylvia Burns  | George & Donna Brodt<br>Randy & Doris Gibbs<br>Mike & Rhonda Catron                 |
| November  | <b>DARK MONTH</b>  |  |   |
| December<br>2 - 5   | Wine Country RV Resort<br>Paso Robles                    | Dave & Lisa Henry  | Steve & Susan McAbee  |