



Coaster Chatter

Special Edition

September Rally Grass Valley California Draft Horse Classic

Committee members began arriving on Tuesday for set up and preparation for the Draft Horse Classic at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley.

Wednesday morning check in went smoothly as the Rendalls had everything organized to a "T", and by day's end 20 motorhomes were parked and ready for the festivities. Hugs and greetings galore and a scrumptious meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, watermelon 🍉, and cookies 🍪 rounded out a perfect day.



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Thursday dawned bright and clear. The morning was filled with various activities from grocery shopping, strolling Old Town or hanging out and visiting with seldom seen friends.

The magical hour of 1pm arrived when we were to meet with Eleanor Rogers who conducted a fantastic barn tour of American Cream, Belgian, Clydesdale, Percheron, Shire and Suffolk breeds. Nolan Darnell provided an exhibition of 4 up hitch Percheron draft horses and Percheron mules.



A stroll, then, through the fairgrounds gave us a chance to "scout out" other venues for tomorrow's festivities.

A return to camp in time for hors d' oeuvres and dinner on our own made for a special day. Several couples also took in opening night of "You Can't Take It With You", a hilarious comedy put on in Nevada City by the Community Playhouse.



Friday was the “real” beginning of the Classic which spotlighted a variety of horses, teams, hitches, farm wagons and carriages, and featured performances, driving competitions, and log skidding. With over 175 horses stabled on the grounds, they were the stars of the show!

In addition, other harvest fair activities included musical entertainment, a judged art show, live shoeing competitions, special exhibits, and many food vendors.

Evening snacks were, in some cases, enough to hold us for the rest of the day. And daytime activities more than filled our days.

It might sound redundant, but Saturday morning dawned as beautiful as previous days. All of the activities mentioned previously were available to those attending as well as a tour of the Empire Mine State Historic Park, one of California’s once richest gold-producing mines.

While no formal meeting was held, Saturday afternoon fines of \$33 were levied by the sheriffs which will go toward the Christmas 🎄 fund.

Sunday brought more of the same activities from which to choose ending with a grand finale horse show at 4pm. Many thanks to Roger and Sharon Rendall for planning such a successful rally and to their committee, Jim and Susan Lewis, Leroy and DJ Davis and Dale and Betty Johnson.



Submitted by: Dale & Betty Johnson
Photos by: Sharon Rendall

See all the photos here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/albums>



ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Tuesday 10/23/18, 9:30 AM
Pismo Coast Village Club Room

Nominating Committee Report

Your Nominating Committee has finalized the list of nominees for the officer positions for the 2019-2020 term. We have filled all positions except that of Wagon Master.

The list of nominees is as follows:

President – LeRoy Davis
Vice-President – Kerry Ray
Secretary – Pam Meyer
Treasurer – Dale Johnson
Membership – Joy Gilles
National Director – George Brodt
Alternate National Director – Dave Burns
Wagon Master – OPEN - NO VOLUNTEER

As a reminder, these nominations will be formally announced at the October meeting and additional nominations may be taken from the floor at that time. Elections will follow the closing of nominations. Installation of Officers will occur at the December meeting.

Best Regards,
Your Nominating Committee -
John Neisess, Max Peterson, John Wright

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES
Are now due and payable
See Page 5 of this newsletter



FMCA California Coasters Membership Renewal for 2019 dues

Payable no later than January 1, 2019

Notice is hereby given:

1. As provided by the Chapters bylaws that membership dues are now bring accepted for 2019.
2. The membership renewal fee is **\$ 18.00.**
3. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, they are due **January 1, 2019**
4. **Make your check payable to California Coasters.**
5. Include your FMCA # on your check.

Mail this form and check to:

Sharon Rendall
Membership Chairperson
15455 Glenoaks Blvd. Spc 319
Sylmar, CA. 91342

Please complete the following:

Name(s): -----

F.M.C.A. #-----

Address: -----

City: -----State-----Zip: -----

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Home phone #-----Cell#-----

E-Mail: -----

Thank you and please make a copy for your records



2019 Rally Schedule

California Coasters needs your help now! We still have three months in 2019 with no rallies scheduled, February, March & September. We need you to volunteer to host a rally in one of these months. You pick the location, you pick your committee. Call your President Leroy Davis at (805) 441-0106 today or email djnleroy@charter.net and sign-up.

We also need a Trail Boss for the December 2019 Rally in Paso Robles.

We also need a Wagon Master to serve on the Board and provide support for all the Trail Bosses throughout the year.

California Coasters
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FMCA Website

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FMCA Digital Magazine

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California Coaster Entourage to FMCA'S 98th International Convention and RV Expo in Gillette Wyoming. Ed & Martha Guiza (Ed taking picture), Randy & Doris Gibbs, George & Donna Brodt and Dave & Sylvia Burns.

Pictures from Draft Horse Classic





Indio Rally January 9 – 13, 2019 Volunteers Needed

Once again, the California Coasters have stepped up to volunteer to drive the six-passenger Express Tram (golf carts) to assist FMCA members get around the Riverside County Fair Grounds during the 31st Annual Western Area Rally in Indio, CA.

Having five 6-passenger trams in service requires about 65 volunteers to drive two or three 3-hour shifts during the four-day rally. To meet this requirement, we have partnered with the Monaco Romers Chapter (Romers) to help us meet the need for volunteers. The benefit that we and the Romers receive is that we both get to park close to the venues on asphalt with 30 Amp electrical hookups during the Rally. We are usually located next to the new and almost new RV display area.

Let's mark your calendars and plan to go to the Indio Rally and join in on the "Once Upon a Time" festivities that include socializing with your California Coaster friends, RV related seminars, new and used RV displays, sale of RV equipment & supplies, free coffee and donuts, participating in the "Once Upon a Time" Parade, ice cream social and food booths. Sign up to attend the Rally and volunteer to help out by taking your turn as a volunteer golf cart driver to help fellow FMCA members get from one place to another on the vast Riverside County Fair Grounds.

All you need to do is sign up with FMCA and the California Coasters to attend the Rally and email George Brodt at gbrodt@earthlink.net, or call George at (661) 904-7083, to say that you and your wife (significant other) would like to help out as volunteer golf cart drivers. Volunteers also get to participate in the free volunteer dinner on Tuesday evening and get two-nights of free parking at the fairgrounds on Monday and Tuesday nights (worth \$ 50.00). Since we are arriving at the fairgrounds on Sunday, January 6th, the volunteer coaches will only have to pay the \$ 25.00 early arrival fee for Sunday night. In addition to these benefits, we have gotten feedback from many volunteer drivers that they enjoy talking to fellow FMCA members during their short ride and feel good about helping people get around the fair grounds.

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Thanks to Sylvia Burns' successful submittal of the theme for the Rally "Once Upon a Time", the California Coasters won \$ 100 and will get to sit in the front of the auditorium for the entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. You will not want to miss out on all of the fun that our Trail Bosses Paul and Virginia Springer and their helpers have planned for this rally.

Submitted by George Brodt and Randy Gibbs
Co-Captains for the Express Trams

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



Please see the Report on the WMHA Corporate Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Pre-Indio Planning Session on Page 14 following the 2019 Rally Schedule.

REMINDER: You must complete the following registration for the California Coasters AND go online to FMCA.COM and register for the Rally with FMCA. NOTE: Sunday entry date.



**California Coasters
WMHA Rally Registration
Indio, CA**



Place: Riverside County Fairgrounds 82-503 Hwy 111 Indio, CA 92201 Date: January 6 - 12, 2019	Trail Bosses: Paul & Virginia Springer Registration Deadline: Friday, December 7, 2018
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Name(s):	Arrival Date: Sun. 1/6/19
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Phone:	Email:
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Cell Phone:	FMCA #
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Emergency Contact:	Emergency Phone:
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Relationship:	Handicapped Parking : Y N
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Coach Length:	License #	Tow: Y N	Number of Slides:
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ITEM	# OF PEOPLE	AMOUNT CHARGED	AMOUNT TO PAY	COMMENTS
FOOD COST PER PERSON		\$55		
PARKING FEE FOR VOLUNTEER RIG Covers Tuesday Night		\$25		
PARKING FEE FOR NON- VOLUNTEER RIG Covers Monday & Tuesday nights		\$50		

TOTAL ENCLOSED =	
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SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: Paul & Virginia Springer
 CALIFORNIA COASTERS To ----->>>

NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally.
 We will be escorted to our parking area on **Sunday January 6 at 11:00AM**. Obviously we all need to be present at that time. Please bring Pop-up Tents, tables and empty gallon plastic bottles for the party area

DIRECTIONS: I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left 1/2 mile to Arabia Street. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.



INDIO RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sunday January 6, 2019	10:00 AM	Enter Rally Holding Area
	11:00 AM	Caravan from Holding Area to Rally Parking Area
	1:00 PM	Set Up Party Area
Monday January 7, 2019	All Day	On Your Own
	5:00 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
		Dinner on your own
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	5:00 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
	6:00 PM	Volunteer Dinner or Dinner on your own
Wejdnesday, January 9, 2019	8:00 AM	Donuts
	5:00 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
	6:00 PM	Kentucky Fried & Desert
Thursday, January 10, 2018	8:00 AM	Donuts
	5:00 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
	6:00 PM	Baked Potato Bar & Dessert
Friday, January 11, 2019	8:00 AM	Donuts
	5:00 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
	6:00 PM	Panda Express & Dessert
Saturday, January 12, 2019	8:00 AM	Donuts
	3:30 PM	Light Hors d'oeuvres-BYOB, BYOTS
	5:00 PM	Mario's
Sunday, January 13th, 2019		Safe Travels & Thanks for Coming

		<h1 style="margin: 0;">2018 RALLY SCHEDULE</h1>			
2018	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS		
Jan 7 - 14	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Woody & Ida Jean Woodruff George Brodt & Randy Gibbs - Trams	Dave & Sylvia Burns Ed & Martha Guiza		
Feb.13 - 16	Flying Flags RV Resort Buellton, CA	Jamie & Pam Strachan	Pat & Shirly Crawford Tim & Joy Gilles Lance & Judi Brown John & Carol Wright		
March 11 - 14	Pala Casino RV Resort Pala, CA	Mike & Jill Carle	Howard & Maureen Jones Kerry & Robin Ray Ed & Geri Frank Dick & Rosemarie Perry		
April 9 - 13	Jackson Rancheria Jackson, CA	Dennis & Judy Muller	Leroy & DJ Davis Howard & Maureen Jones		
May 25 - Jun 1	Alpen Rose RV Park Durango Colorado	Leroy & DJ Davis	Pat & Shirly Crawford Paul & Virginia Springer Roger & Sharon Rendall		
June/July/Aug.	DARK MONTHS				
Sept. 21 - 26	Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Road Grass Valley, CA.	Roger & Sharon Rendall	Dale & Betty Johnson Leroy & DJ Davis Jim & Susan Lewis		
Oct. 22 - 25	Pismo Coast Village Pismo Beach, CA	Bob & Julie Wyrick	Dave & Karen Dixon Denny & Sybil Wheeler John & Gigi Neisess		
November	DARK MONTH				
Dec 4 - 7	Wine Country RV Resort Paso Robles, CA	Tim & Joy Gilles	Lance & Judi Brown Mike & Rhonda Catron Steve & Susan McAbee		

		<h1 style="margin: 0;">2019 RALLY SCHEDULE</h1>			
2019	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS		
January 9 - 13	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Randy Gibbs & George Brodt will schedule trams. Paul & Virginia Springer Trail Boss	Leroy & DJ Davis John & Carol Wright Roger & Sharon Rendall		
February	Need Location	Need Trail Boss			
March	Need Location	Need Trail Boss			
April 9 - 12	49er RV Ranch Columbia, CA	Pam Meyer			
May 20 - 25	Bass Lake RV Resort Bass Lake, CA	Kerry & Robin Ray			
June/July/Aug.	DARK MONTHS				
September	Need Location	Need Trail Boss			
Oct. 28 - Nov. 1	Morro Dunes RV Park Morro Bay	Dave & Sylvia Burns	George & Donna Brodt Randy & Doris Gibbs Mike & Rhonda Catron		
November	DARK MONTH				
December	Paso Robles	Need Trail Boss			

Report on the WMHA Corporate Board of Directors
Annual Meeting and Pre-Indio Planning Session
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in Hanford, CA

Chapter Director, Randy Gibbs, and National Director, George Brodt, represented the California Coasters at the annual meeting of the WMHA and the Pre-Indio Planning Session. All Western Area Chapter Presidents and National Directors are Board members. Our President, Leroy Davis, asked Randy to represent and vote for him at the annual meeting during the morning session and Co-Captains for the Express Trams, Randy and George, participated in the Pre-Indio Planning session in the afternoon.

President, Lon Cross, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Sixteen Western Area (State of California) chapters were represented at the meeting. Fifteen chapters and five Executive Board members are required for a quorum. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation and introductions, Secretary, Carol Hazeltine, distributed a hard copy of the Secretary's report and stated that the minutes for last year's meeting were also published on the Western Area's web site (wafmca.com). The Secretary's report was approved without revision. The Western Area web site is a great resource since they publish many chapter newsletters and also have the sign-up sheets and other information for the Indio Rally.

Treasurer, Kurt Simon, distributed hard copies of the WMHA Treasurer's Report dated, September 25, 2018, and the Proposed 2019 Budget to the annual meeting participants. He reported that the WMHA was in good shape financially, with \$ 240,463 cash in Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts. He also reported that he is looking into other banking institutions that offer higher interest rates on savings accounts.

The main activity of the WMHA is the Indio Rally and the income and expenses for the rally dominate the budget. The 2018 rally had 808 attendees and the bottom line was that the WMHA lost \$ 31,791. This coming year the Executive Board is trying to attract more vendors, and with increased participation from towable RV's, we are anticipating and budgeting for 875 RV's for the 2019 rally. The treasurer also reported that the executive board has authorized an expenditure of \$ 10,400 for marketing through digital media to increase the participation for the 2019 rally. The 2018 rally had a profit of \$18,483, however, after including administrative expenses the rally lost \$ 31,791. The complete treasurer's report for the 2018 rally will be available to the members at our October rally in Pismo Beach and the December rally in Paso Robles.

For the 2019 "Once Upon a Time" rally, the Executive Board is planning on 875 registrations, which will result in a loss of \$ 3,817, however, they are expecting that there will be more than 875 participants, which could eliminate the deficit. It appears that the deficit is largely the result of the Executive Board's decision to spend \$ 10,400 on marketing (on line advertising) to increase attendance at the 2019 rally. The treasurer's report for 2018 and the proposed budget for 2019 were approved without revision.

Senior Vice President, Bob Gault, reported that the planning efforts for the Indio rally were going well and that he would like to thank all of the officers and Captains that have stepped up to make the 2019 rally a success. They are working hard to attract more vendors by attending other organization's rallies and inviting their vendors to start off the 2019 New Year by renting a booth at the Indio Rally. It was pointed out that vendors only have to pay \$ 260 to rent a 10' by 12' booth at our rally.

Central Vice President, Fred Wells, gave a brief summary of his interaction with the chapters located in the central part of California. He reported that he and his wife have visited six chapters and they are planning to visit four more before the end of the year.

Alice Bernard, Membership Chairperson, stated that she is available to chapter membership officers to help them recruit new members. She said that she gets a monthly report from FMCA in Cincinnati of new members that is broken down by Zip Codes included in WMHA's Northern, Central and Southern regions. Chapter Membership officers could use this resource to contact new FMCA members in their respective areas to see if the new members would be interested attending a chapter rally as a visitor to determine if they would be interested in joining the chapter. Alice also said that the "First Timers" meeting in Indio will be followed immediately by a Chapter Fair in an adjoining room. Usually, there are 250 to 300 new members at the First Timers meeting. She encouraged all chapters to sign-up and reserve a table for the Chapter Fair. Randy and I thought that this was a good idea, so we made a reservation for the California Coasters to have a table at the Chapter Fair.

Following a lunch catered by Subway, the Indio Rally Pre-Planning session began. Vice Presidents met with their respective Indio Captains to finalize their needs lists with regard to equipment and supplies. We requested five 6-passenger golf carts and one 4-passenger golf cart, six radios and signs for the Express Trams. Our schedule for the four-day rally requires about 55 volunteers to fill 110 three-hour shifts. We typically ask each volunteer to drive two shifts during the four-day rally. Fortunately, our friends in the Monaco Romers Chapter partner with the California Coasters to provide the number of volunteers required to fill the schedule. Volunteers get to park on the asphalt with 30 Amp electrical hookups instead of in a dirt lot, two pre-rally nights for free (worth \$ 50.00), and an invitation to the volunteer recognition dinner on Tuesday night.

We also met with the Arrival Area Captain, James McDaniel, and the Parking Captain, Rob Kenly, to plan the California Coasters pre-rally arrival on Sunday, January 6, 2019. In order for us to be in the first row of the Brown Lot, we need to be ready to be escorted in as a group at 11:00 am. To ensure that we are all there at 11:00 am, we should plan on getting to the arrival area between 10:00 – 10:45 am. The Monaco Romers will be in the second row and will be escorted in at noon and the Beavers will be in the third row and will be escorted in at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by George Brodt, National Director and Randy Gibbs, Chapter Director