



Trick or Treat 2015



Joshua Tree, CA

California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events

26th Year



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Alan Mersereau,



Since the San Diego KOA and Joshua Tree rallies were scheduled close together we decided to combine the newsletters.

As out-going president I wish to thank all the people who worked so hard to make our chapter and our rallies so successful.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and members of the Board of Directors. Remember this is our chapter and I encourage everyone to get involved, attend rallies, offer assistance and share your ideas.

Judy and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "See-Ya" in Indio and at future outings.



The Sportsman Club RV Resort



2016 FMCA HMC Rallies

January 6-10, 2016
 FMCA Western Area Rally
 Riverside County Fair &
 National Date Festival Fairgrounds
 Indio, CA

Future Rally dates and locations are yet to be determined.



2016-2018 CA FMCA HMC Chapter Officers:
 L to R : John, Director; Robin, FMCA Nat'l Director; Linda, Director; Dave H., Director; Vicky, Secretary; Dave A., President; Debbie, Vice President and Wagon Master; Alan, Vice President & Director; Ellen, Director; & Judy, Treasurer, Joe Kloss, FMCA Alt Nat'l Director . Not shown Richard Grieser, Director.



Trick or Treat



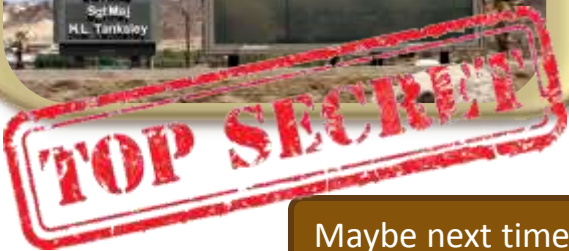
**FROM YOUR TRAILBOSSSES:
JOHN AND ELLA HAMILTON, TOM & ANN
DANAHER, GARY RUSSELL & JEAN KIDNEY, &
BOB & PATSY McMICHAEL**

It sure was great to have 16 coach families attending with others coming in their cars.

One of the highlights of the visit to Joshua Tree area was to tour the US Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.....Well, that was cancelled by the Marine Corps because of a sudden change of the "Mission".....No other reason was given.



We had great plans for outdoor fun and games....but the So Cal winds put a damper on that plan There was much socializing and story telling such as "OUR CROSS COUNTRY EXPERIENCE" , "HOW TO GET TV ANTENNA'S TO BRING IN A PICTURE" and "HOW TO DRIVE AN RV UP STEEP HILLS". Some played TRALO (card game) with Ella. Oh yes, Gloria forgot her golf clubs so-o- NO HOLE-IN-ONE happened.



Maybe next time....



Trail Bosses: John, Ella, Anna and Tom



Marie admiring the Orchids

We toured the Gubler Orchid Growing Grounds showing up with 24 people which startled the manager. She formed us into two groups for the tour. HMC folks were very adventurous, exploring Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree National Park, and Pioneer Town.



Bob, "get a look at this"





Sandy, our line dance instructor.

Trail Bosses Cont.

Saturday, Halloween night, Sandy showed up with her music machine, head set and dancing shoes on, (which were fancy red and black boots) and the line dancing fun began. It didn't take long to find out who the "Hoofers" were. Finally, the real ones got "into it".



The costumes were really great. (I was really surprised to see so many....WOW !!!!)
The judges really had a hard time of it but selected the best ones.



Judge Pat.



Don (2nd), Lotte (1st) & "Dr." Jerry (3rd)

More Costume and Line Dancing Pictures



Trail Bosses Cont.
We didn't have much "RV Repairing" ...however, the various food dishes kept us busy during "Attitude Adjustment" time and regular meals.

Thanks for your support folks. I hope you enjoyed being at my favorite camping place and we'll see you in 2016

John.

A Note from your Wagon Master

“Trick or Treat” Rally at The Sportsman’s Club RV Resort, Joshua Tree, CA

A Farewell Note from your outgoing Wagon Master

As Wagon Master, our two year journey started at the ***“Missions, Danish and Wineries”*** in Buellton, then off to the



“Beach Party” in Newport Beach.

Afterwards, we gathered ***“Sittin’ on the Dock by the Bay”*** in the Chula Vista Marina.



Next, we went on to the ***“Old California Adobes”*** in Vista.

After the summer, we ***“Circled the Wagons”*** at the Chula Vista KOA.



Finally, we Rambled on to the High Desert in costumes for ***“Trick or Treating”*** in Joshua Tree.

All ventures were planned with the goal of giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy different venues, bring friends together, build new friendships and most important having fun.

Finally, again, my thanks to all our wonderful volunteer Trail Bosses for their hard work which made all these outings possible.

*Safe travels, stay happy and healthy.
Adios, Ed Fernandez*

A Note from your New Wagon Master



Hello everyone,

Thank you for the chance to learn new things. Yes, about now I'm wondering what I've gotten myself into. This is a new experience for me so please bear with me while I figure out places to visit and explore for our outings in 2016. I've got some ideas but need to follow up now that I have been elected. I'm also up for suggestions and volunteers. I have done wagon master before for our Gold prospecting club but that was always out in the desert looking for gold while dry camping. I will be getting locations and letting you all know hopefully by next month.

Happy Holidays everyone. See you soon.

Debbie VanHolland



Special Guest Jimmy Carnes

We sent flowers for Shirlee Griffin from the club. The club received a thank you letter from "The Fisher House Foundation for a \$50.00 donation made in memory of Robert E. Denyer.

A greeting from Jean Miernik, whose husband, Leon, was former club president, was received. She shared that she is involved volunteering and acting as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Entertainers and Players and enjoys participating at karaoke singing Ray Price songs.

We had not heard from Nancy and Ron for quite some time as they spent much of their time traveling. Unfortunately, we were saddened to learn of Nancy's passing on November 15 from complications of pneumonia. There will be a Memorial Service at 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the Mountain Meadows Golf Course, 1875 Fairplex Drive, Pomona. The family has requested an RSVP if you are planning to attend. Please keep Ron in your prayers.

More Trick or Treat Rally Photos



There was no shortage of competitors!



More tasting, more judging



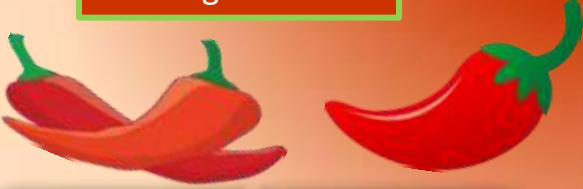
Judge Linda



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Lotte

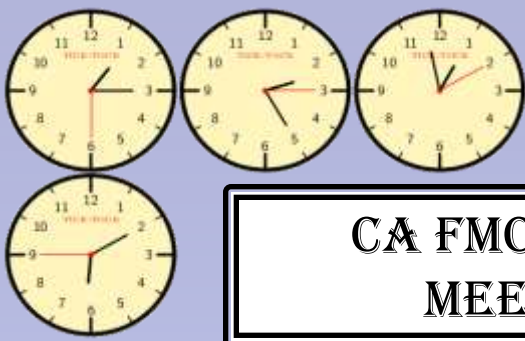
2nd
Pat

3rd
Sybil



Are we having fun yet?
These smiles say it all...





CA FMCA HMC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The following are the minutes of the General Meeting for the California FMCA HMC Chapter held on October 31, 2015, at the Sportsman's Club in Joshua Tree, California.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by **President Alan Mersereau**.

David Althoff led us in the Flag Salute.

President Alan Mersereau thanked the Trailbosses – John & Ella Hamilton and Tom & Ana Danaher.

Vice President David Althoff

David said he had talked earlier to Phil Griffin, our member and President of the HMC Club. Phil told him that his son and grandson lived with him – he was doing ok – and he will be in Indio.

Secretary Vicky Althoff

Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2014, were approved by Irene Griffin, seconded by Betty Kloss, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Judy Mersereau

Judy reported a balance brought forward of \$10,525.01, received income of \$10,558.04, expenses of \$13,640.68, for a current balance of \$7,442.37. A motion was made by Robin Ririe, seconded by Linda Macken, and approved as posted. Trudy Ririe assisted Judy in doing the auditing for the annual IRS report.

A motion was made by Linda Macken, seconded by Ellen Chapman, and unanimously approved to give Judy authority to pay all incoming bills for the next calendar year.

National Director Robin Ririe

Robin reported that FMCA Assist is paid for with your dues to FMCA. If you use this Assist program, the first call would of course be to 911 if needed, but you must call the following numbers immediately or you will not be paid for any expenses you may incur. If out of the Country, the number is:

03175822619. The in-country number is: 877-202-4176. These numbers are open 24 hours a day and you must be 100 miles from home to take advantage of this program

FMCA has a mail forwarding service and there is a fee to use this service.

Staples has a new program for FMCA members. There are discounts on everything in the store or online, including printing and copying. Sign up at www.FMCA.com and follow the links to register for an online account or register your credit card for in-store shopping.

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CA FMCA HMC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED



Robin reported that he and Joe Kloss (Alternate National Director) would not be able to attend the FMCA National meeting in Massachusetts in August 2016. We would need some volunteers to attend the meeting.

Vice President – Wagonmaster Ed Fernandez

Ed thanked all the trailbosses for having some really great rallies

Hospitality Betty Kloss

Betty read a thank you letter from the Fisher House Foundation thanking our Chapter for the \$50 gift in memory of Robert E. Denyer. The Fisher House foundation provides free temporary lodging so military and veteran's families can be close to their loved ones during hospitalization.

A living plant in memory of Shirlee Griffin was sent to the mortuary in charge of the memorial services.

Membership Chairman Irene Griffin

Irene reported we have two new members: Pete Abbe & Barbara DuBois and Bob Pelletier & Terri Hewitt. Our membership now is: 41 total members – 37 active, 2 lifetime, and 3 associates.

Newsletter Editor Irene Griffin

Irene said she would need all articles and pictures sent to her next week so that the newsletter can be done. It will include the Chula Vista KOA rally also.

Announcements

Vicky reported that as of this date the Blue Angels Rally will not happen. There was a very lengthy discussion on what we want to do with these rallies. There was a motion by Debbie Van Holland, seconded by Marilyn Carnes, to continue to have Vicky tell Joann at the Seeley Naval Base that we want to continue to hold onto the parking lot at the Base so we would still be able to attend the Blue Angels Show if we are allowed to in the future. The motion was unanimously passed.

There was also a motion by Marilyn Carnes, seconded by Ray Macken, to have a back-to-back rally after the Blue Angels Show. This would insure we had our rally if we can't go to the Blue Angels Show. The motion was unanimously passed.

Nominating Committee – Ellen Chapman and Irene Griffin

Ellen presented the Slate of Officers for our election. A motion was made by Betty Kloss, and seconded by Kathy King, to vote for the following officers. It was a unanimous vote.

The following are our officers for the next 2-year term:

President:	David Althoff
Vice-President:	Alan Mersereau
Vice-President – Wagon Master:	Debbie Van Holland
Secretary:	Vicky Althoff
Treasurer:	Judy Mersereau
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Directors:	John Hamilton
	Betty Kloss
	Alan Mersereau
	Ellen Chapman
	Linda Macken
	Dave Hilber
	Richard Grieser

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.



**COMING
SOON**

Gold Fever

My name is Jerry Olson and I will be doing a seminar on Metal Detecting for Fun and Profit so bring your metal detectors to the Indio rally so we can have some fun doing a coin shoot or hunt for fun and prizes. See the flyer below for Information.

Thank you,
Jerry Olson
Editor for California HEATLAND

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BOOTY**



FMCA "CALL OF THE WILD"

Metal detecting for fun and profit



Sponsored by: H.I.P.

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Learn some of the techniques of finding coins, jewelry and gold with the Garrett tools. A Garrett AT Pro will be door prize drawing plus other door prizes. You must be present to win.

Bring your metal detector if you already have one

We will be doing a coin shoot with prizes

January 12-14 at the Indio Rally

Contact Jerry Olson--559-300-0739

Synopsis of Joe and Betty Kloss's 6 month, 9000 mile trip

We left California the end of April, heading East for a wedding in New Jersey. Along the way we stopped in Oklahoma City to see the sights, then Carthage Missouri to see the Precious Moments Chapel, continuing East to Pennsylvania to visit my Aunt, then on to a wet New Jersey for the wedding and visiting with family and friends. Also to indulge in all the good food.



From there we stopped in Connecticut to visit with Betty's cousins and my Navy buddy, and to make sure Betty got her Lobster Roll sandwich. Of which she only had one. Then to New York State to stay with friends and see the Erie Canal as well as a lot of Italian bakery's. Also, a stop at the beer factory of my youth.



Now heading West we stopped in Shippshewanna, Indiana to see the Amish, and 5 car museums. We continued our travels to meet up with Robin and Trudy for the Madison Wisconsin FMAC rally, then to see Lambeau Field.



Now still heading West we stopped in North Dakota, then meet with members Sue and Scott in South Dakota for a most memorable time on their ranch. There is nothing like driving around the back 40 chasing antelope



Now on to Cody, Wyoming with a quick drive though Yellowstone, heading into Idaho where we parted company with Robin and Trudy in Jerome. We continued on to Nampa Idaho to see my sister and some long time friends.



Finally, on our last leg West we drove to Humboldt California to see our Granddaughter at her college. Then South to once again meet Robin and Trudy at Rancho Jurupa before going to the HMC Club rally in Joshua Tree. We arrived home on November 1st.



Very Scary Trick or Treat Rally Pictures



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CIRCLE THE WAGONS 2015



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San Diego Metro KOA

CIRCLE THE WAGONS

FROM YOUR TRAIL BOSSES:

Marie & Dave Hilber and Steve & Bobbie Owens

Fun had by all. Aside from the weather, it was a nice relaxing time at the KOA. The weather turned HOT so most stayed cool in their coaches, or went to the meeting room and played games. By the way. I won at Mexican Train. Yah..



John Hamilton had his funny jokes and great sense of humor.

Unfortunately Alan had a quick trip to the emergency room in San Diego "Kaiser Hospital" to treat a sudden nose bleed which we couldn't stop. We all wish you a speedy recovery Alan.



Thank you Vicky for the great job you did on our fliers. Good job. Thank you Trudy for your help cleaning up and your friendly company.

FROM YOUR TRAIL BOSSES Cont.

Judy also brought a video on Bishop Mule Days for next year. Nice. Everyone seem to enjoy my tacos. We had a great group of club members and now friends.

I could not have done this without my team mates Dave Hilber and Steve and Bobbie Owens, although I still like having a stove and oven.



The KOA was a big help with anything we needed (except a stove and oven).

Hopefully we will have another rally there again sometime. Thanks to all who were there and their help.

God Bless,
Marie Hilber



Robin, Trudy, John, Judy,
Steve, Vicky & Debbie



**OR IS IT
TABLES HO!**



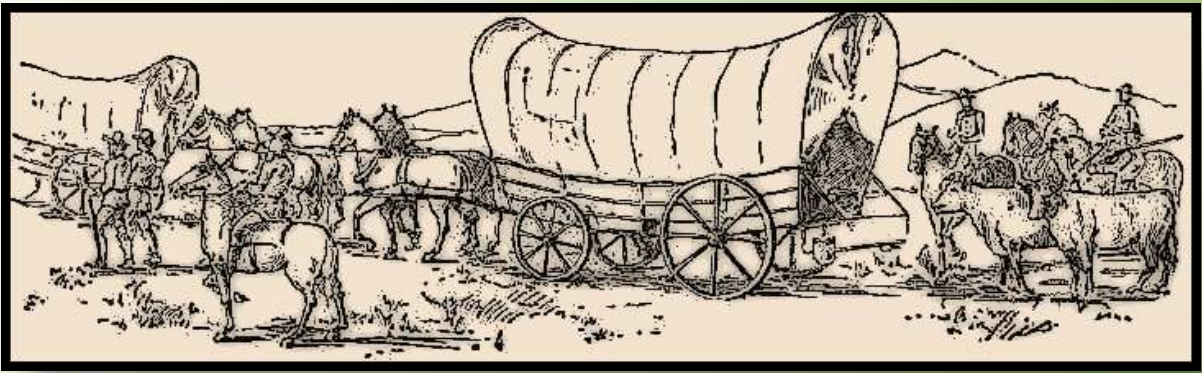
Dave



Ellen & Vicky



Jean



California FMCA HMC Chapter

A Note from your Wagon Master

“Circle The Wagons” September Rally at the KOA in Chula Vista, CA

First, I want to thank Marie Hilber for volunteering to ‘Trail Boss’ one more rally. This was the third rally she has done since I have been Wagon Master and I am very grateful for her work. We all know how much effort it takes to organize, plan and put on our rally meals.

We should also recognize Marie’s team that graciously volunteered to help her. They are her devoted husband Dave Hilber and her dear friends Bobbi and Steve Owens. She could not have done it without their help. Thank you.

Considering the hot humid weather we had to endure, everyone seemed to have had a good time.

The KOA Campground is one of the best we have camped in lately. The beautiful tree lined sites made it feel like ‘real camping’ again.

Now, there is a lot of enthusiastic anticipation for our next rally coming up the last week of October. John Hamilton, our Trail Boss, has been busy planning an exciting outing. As we heard from him last week at the rally, he has quite an eventful agenda in line for us. He will be assisted by his old Suncrest Club ‘brothers’ Tom Danaher and Gary Russell

As usual, sign up sheets will be forthcoming with more details. Please note the deadlines for the rally sign up and the ‘data sheet’ for the Marine Base tour.

October 28, 29, 30, 31, 2015

*The ‘Trick or Treat’ Rally John Hamilton Trail Boss
The Sportsman’s Club RV Resort Joshua Tree, CA*

*“Happy Trails to You....until we see you again”
Ed Fernandez*



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REWARD

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That's all Folks!



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