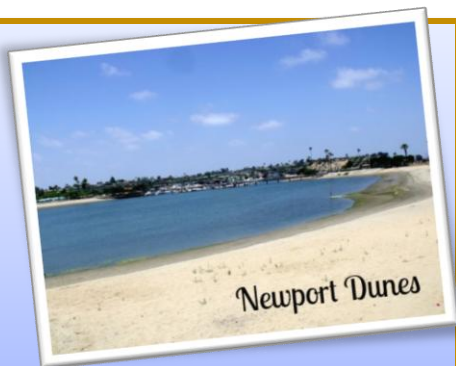




# The Beach Party 2014



California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events

25<sup>th</sup> Year

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Alan Mersereau,*

Once again we all enjoyed a good time. The Beach Party rally at Newport Dunes was great. Wagon Master, Ed Fernandez and his wife Gloria plus trail bosses Dave & Marie Hilber and Steve & Barbara Owens provided excellent meals and social activities.

In attendance were 15 coaches including our guests Fred and Kathy Scheer and new members Ronald and Barbara Reinhardt. Our "Special Guests" were Lon and Christy Cross. Lon is the Sr. V.P. WMHA. They attended Tuesday's Huli Huli Hawaiian dinner and presented our Chapter



with a 25yr. anniversary certificate and a check from FMCA for \$100.

Our next rally is November 12-15 at the Chula Vista R.V. resort. This is our annual General Meeting and we hope to see everyone there. Until then - Happy Trails to all and have safe travels.



Lon and Christy Cross

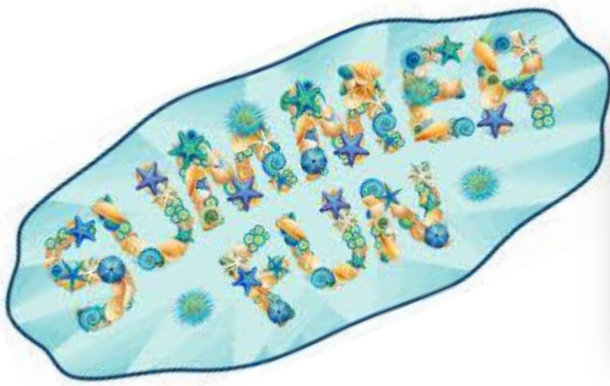


## 2014 FMCA HMC Rallies

**November 12-15: Sittin' On The Dock by the Bay Rally, Chula Vista RV and Marina Resort, Chula Vista, CA**

**March 14-15, 2015 - Blue Angels Rally, Seeley Naval Air Station, El Centro, CA**





Trail bosses Marie and Dave Hilber and Steve and Barbara Owens

# THE BEACH PARTY

September 14-18, 2014

## . Trail Bosses: Marie and Dave Hilber and Steve and Barbara Owens

Another big hit and meeting new friends. Good ol' John Hamilton rode his toy around and had his funny tales to tell. Grab bag bingo was a hit and all had a lot of laughs, and sweet prizes. The winners of the bingo were Ella Hamilton, Bobbie Owens, Jean Kidney, Judy Mersereau and Irene.

On our last night Judy Mersereau hosted the Left/Right/Center game which is always a great hit and the winners were: our newest member, Barbara Reinhardt, and of course Linda Macken won again—Don't think we will let her play next time. Everyone there was willing to lend a hand when needed. The beach water was cool and great to go in.

I want to thank Bobbie, Irene, Linda and Gloria for helping in the kitchen. We had a lot of laughs and worked well together. I hope to help on other runs. Thank you all, and sweet dreams.





## ***A Note from your 2014 Wagon Master***

*by Ed Fernandez*

Once again, we had another very enjoyable club rally. The weather was a little warm but we stayed 'cool' and had a wonderful time making new friends and keeping up old friendships.

Our Thanks go to Trail Bosses Marie & Dave Hilber and Bobby and Steve Owens for all of their hard work during the rally. And, what many of us may not realize is the preparation work that goes on before the rally. It takes a lot of personal time and effort to get things ready. Also, Thanks to all the member who volunteered to help out at the rally. We had 16 coaches sign up for this rally but unfortunately Jimmie and Marilyn Carnes cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen family matters at home. We missed you!

On a happy note, I am pleased to announce that we gained new members from the old Suncrest Club. Ronald and Barbara Reinhardt attended the rally and are now our newest members. Welcome Aboard!

We also had two guests, Fred and Kathy Scheer. Kathy is Irene and Frank Griffin's daughter. We need to sign them up too.

A highlight of our rally was the 25 Year Club Anniversary Award presented by WMHA Senior Vice President Lon Cross. This is an important milestone in the club's history for it represents the loyalty of the members who have kept this club alive and vibrant.

Lon and his wife Christy joined us for Happy Hour and our Huli Huli dinner Tuesday night.

*Now off to our next rally scheduled as noted below. Be on the look out for the sign up sheet coming your way via email very soon. Please note the deadline and respond as soon as you can. We anticipate a large turnout and need to secure our sites at the resort.*



**Kathy and Fred Scheer**



**Barbara and Ron Reinhardt**

**November 12-15, 2014**

*Sittin' On The Dock by the Bay  
Rally*

Chula Vista RV & Marina Resort  
Chula Vista, CA

*"Happy trails to you....until we meet  
again."*

# HOSPITALITY NOTE

By Betty Kloss

I recently talked with Margaret Sistruck. She is coming along since her hip replacement. She is having physical therapy and is making good progress. She would love to see everyone again and asked me to say hello to all.

Vicky and Dave made a trip to Florida to see family.

Ron and Nancy Staudenmayer visited 17 countries on their vacation to Europe.

Alan and Judy took a trip too. Just prior to the rally they returned from a 10 day cruise to Scandinavia and the Balkans. They visited Copenhagen, Berlin, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Tallinn, St. Petersburg and Stockholm. Judy reports seeing many historic cities and a lot of restoration of beautiful buildings. The weather was mild and refreshing compared to the 100+ degrees they came home to!! It was a fantastic trip. The Ririe's and the Kloss' made a trip up the coast of Ca, Oregon and Washington, and the Kloss' continued to Idaho and then to Santa Cruz.

Walt and Liz Sidswarth will be going to Europe for two months and renting a motorhome there.

We are sure there were many others traveling this summer as well.

Judy Mersereau had an emergency appendectomy on Wednesday, Oct. 8. She is home and all is well, but has to take it easy. Alan will do his best to see that she doesn't overdo.



A special note . . . . Our Lifetime Member, and Founding Member of this Chapter, **Leo Metzler**, was chosen by Honor Flight San Diego to be one of the World War II veterans to be flown to Washington D.C. on Friday, October 3. Leo will be 92 years old in December and he served in the United States Army. He left San Diego and landed on Eniwetak Island (Marshall Islands). From Eniwetak he was sent to Leyte and then to Cebu (both islands of the Philippines) where he served in the Americal Infantry.



When Japan was defeated there, he was put on board the USS Clay to invade Japan. On route, the atomic bomb was dropped. His ship was the second to arrive in Japan. Japan had by then surrendered and Leo was assigned to the 1629 Engineer Division until the war ended.



Many of you probably know about Honor Flight, but for those who don't, Honor Flight is an organization, who twice a year, if funds are available, selects World War II veterans to go on a 3-day trip to the Capital. Their trips are all paid for by donations. A shuttle took Leo and his group of veterans to the Hilton. The next morning (Saturday), a chartered bus took them to the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial (Marine Corps War Memorial), and the U.S. Air Force Memorial. They saw the U.S. Navy Yard Museum, and most important to Leo and all the veterans – the trip to “their” World War II Memorial. They also went to Arlington to witness the Changing of the Guard. Leo’s son, Dwight (who is a Vietnam veteran), accompanied him not only as his guardian, but was also there to help those veterans who needed assistance. The following day (Sunday) a shuttle took them back to the airport. Leo’s family (among thousands – yes, thousands) of people and all branches of the Military) were there to greet him and his fellow veterans back, wave their flags, and show all of them their profound gratitude.

**Our utmost thanks to Leo and all World War II veterans for the sacrifices they made to keep our country free.**





Good food, good friends



# BEACH PARTY



Frank and Ed embrace the theme



Smiles, smiles and more smiles



Visiting at "The Dunes"



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Happy birthday Ray Macken

A special thank you to all those that provided pictures from the Rally and their travels.