



Bakersfield Rally

Bakersfield RV Resort
2018



Bakersfield, CA

California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events

29th Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David Althoff



Our rally on February 22-25 was held at the Bakersfield RV Resort in Bakersfield. This was our first time to go to Bakersfield and this was a very nice RV Resort. The weather was cold and believe it or not, snow was predicted, but it never arrived! In the middle of the Park is The Crest Bar & Grill. Food was excellent. Every day we noticed that many local people came there to eat.

My thanks to our Trailbosses;

Alan & Judy, and Ray and Linda.

The rally was small, but they did a great job keeping us well-fed, a Bean Bag game, and a trip to CALM (a California Living Museum for wild animals). It was a remarkable place and kind of special to see the wild Cats, the Condors, Bears, the Bighorn Sheep, Coyotes, and many other, wild animals.



Trailbosses: Alan, Judy, Linda and Ray



LIONS AND TIGERS
AND BEARS!
OH MY!

YUM!



2018 FMCA HMC Rallies

May 3-6 *Desert Willow RV Park*
Hesperia, CA

August -To Be Determined

October 25-28 *Chula Vista RV*
Park
Chula Vista, CA

My thanks to Vicki, Paula, and Dennis for taking charge of the margarita machine. My thanks also to Dennis for his donation towards supplies we need for the margarita machine.

What a special group we do have. Everyone always steps up and does whatever needs to be done to make all our rallies successful.

See you in Hesperia in May.



FROM YOUR TRAILBOSES:

Alan & Judy Mersereau
Ray & Linda Macken

The rally began on Thursday, February 22nd as everyone arrived at the Bakersfield RV Resort. Lots of hugs and smiles as we all gathered for the first evening's margarita happy hour and pot luck dinner. All the food was delicious and we enjoyed the warmth of the beautiful club house as the temperatures outside dropped and dropped.

HAPPY HOUR



Friday morning began with a breakfast casserole along with sweet rolls and fruits and juices. Many of the group traveled to the California Living Museum where they toured a facility that displays and interprets native California animals, plants, fossils and artifacts for education, recreation, conservation and research. Word was that some of the animals chose to peek out of their dens because of the chilly weather but everyone enjoyed the outing.

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This group decided to venture out of their "dens" despite the chilly weather



Penelope the porcupine



You know its cold when everyone has their hands in their pockets



Trailbosses cont.
Friday evening we had a Mexican lasagna dinner and afterwards a movie and popcorn. The clubhouse had a huge screen that enabled us to have the movie night. Ray Macken brought his popper and kept us munching during the movie.

Thanks for popping Ray!



A three team tie for the Bakersfield Cornhole Classic



Thanks for flipping Bart!

Saturday morning was pancakes and sausages thanks to the pancake king - Bart Van Holland. We then proceeded to have a beanbag tournament which ended in a 3 way tie because of time constraints. The 3 winning teams who equally divided the pot were: Dave Althoff & Ray Macken, Marie Hilber & Bruce Chapman, and Linda Macken & Rick Ammerman. Continued on next page...

Trailbosses Cont.

Dinner that night was grill your own meat and enjoy potatoes casserole and salads. We then played a few rounds of Left/Right/Center and the lucky winners were Judy Mersereau and Paula Ammerman.



Sunday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast and coffee as we said our goodbyes.

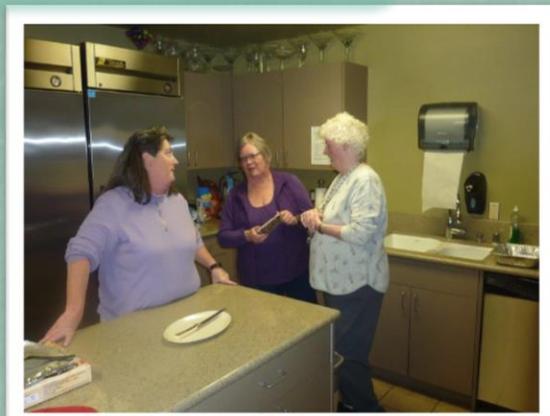
Thank you to all who helped during the rally with dish washing, margarita making, and cleanup. Many hands makes light work.

We also must mention the delicious restaurant- Crest, which was on site. Many of us enjoyed their food at one time or another and all agreed it was great. Everyone at the resort was very accommodating and easy to work with.

Again, thank you to everyone who came and helped. It was fun.



Thanks for Helping Out



Double checking the to do list: Debbie, Vicki & Judy

A Note from your Wagon Master

Wagon Master Report

Bakersfield RV Resort – February 22-25, 2018

What a beautiful park and the facilities were wonderful. The staff was very friendly and were always there if we needed anything. Thank you to Judy & Alan Mersereau and Linda & Ray Macken for being the Trail bosses for this outing. Great job, great food you made it look so easy. We were lucky the weather was cold for California but it only rained a little bit over night. I was really glad we did not cancel the trip to the wild animal sanctuary. The skies looked pretty scary and we all debated if we should go or not. I think we would have seen more activity in the animals if it had been a bit warmer. They were all snuggled in their beds, even the bears would not come out so we could get a good look at them.

We got to watch the porcupine dance for us all and the lions were looking right through to the goats in the next pen. I was grateful for the glass between him and me.



Dancing Porcupine



Frustrated Lion



Cozy Bear

We played the corn hole game inside, interesting how those darn bags still want to slide right off the board. Movie night was a bit difficult, some could not hear the movie well but Ray, I have to say does and excellent popcorn creation. Those who were not able to attend missed a great one. Thank you to Vicki Smith for taking a group to a bead shop in Tehachapi. They had some beautiful beads to show when they returned.

Our next outing is in Hesperia at Desert Willow RV Resort, thank you to Marie and Dave Hilber for being the trail bosses for that one.

I haven't secured our third outing yet but hope to get it done soon. I do still need trail bosses for this one. I'm shooting for the end of August or just after Labor Day, those camp grounds charge high rates for a holiday weekend so I will not be booking over the holiday.

We will finish the year in Chula Vista at the Chula Vista RV resort October 25-28. Thank you Vicky and David Althoff for stepping up to be the Trail Bosses

Hope to see most of you in a few weeks in Hesperia.

Debbie Van Holland
Wagon Master
CA FMCA HMC Chapter



HOSPITALITY NOTE

Our thoughts and best wishes to Mike Doran, Richard Grieser, and Joe Kloss. At this time they are dealing with medical problems. Cards are always welcome.

Lasting Friendships



Vicky & Judy



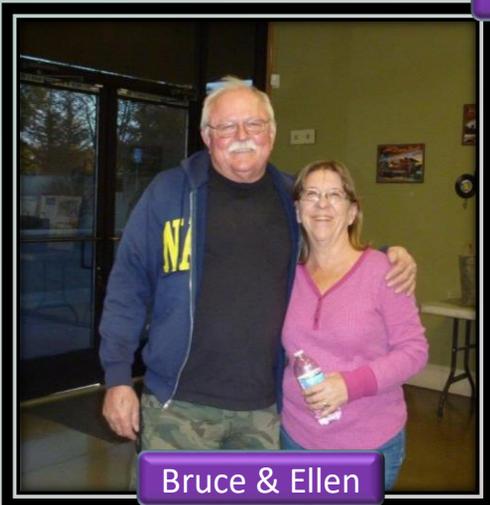
Dennis & Dave

Great Couples

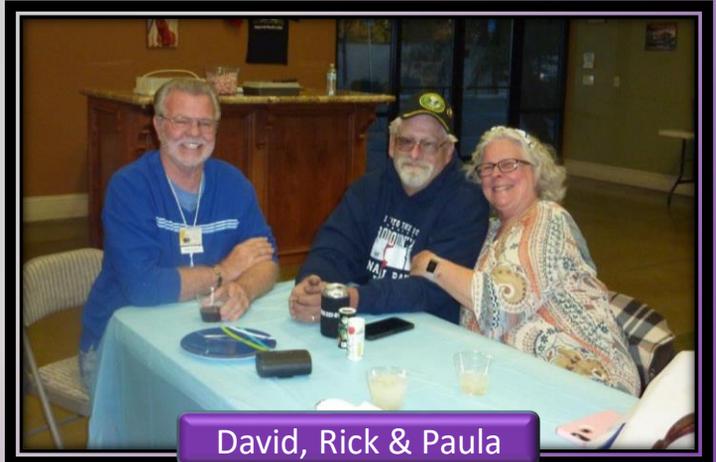


Gary

Warm Smiles

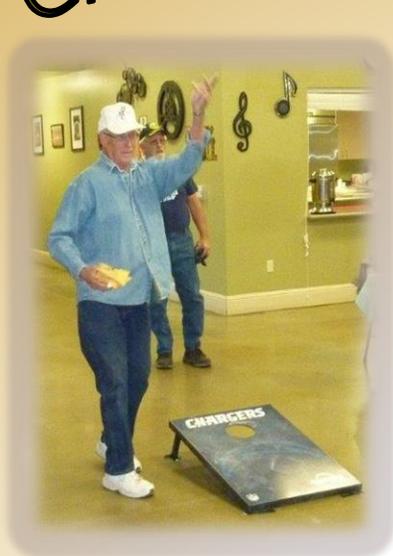


Bruce & Ellen



David, Rick & Paula

Check out our Cornhole Finesse



THOUGH MILES
MAY LIE BETWEEN
US, WE ARE NEVER
FAR APART, FOR
FRIENDSHIP DOESN'T
COUNT MILES,
ITS MEASURED BY
THE HEART



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