



Indio Rally

Riverside County Fair

&

National Date Festival Grounds

2018



Indio, CA

California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events

29th Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David Althoff



Indio 2018 over; what a great HMC turnout! This year was a celebration of 30 years that WAFMCA has been going to the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival Ground at Indio. There were over 850 coaches. The Green Lot area where we park holds 65 coaches, 29 of them were ours; 2 of our members parked at different sites. The weather was good, only a little rain on one day.



Awesome Captains
Rick and Paula Ammerman

As many of you know, Rick & Paula Ammerman, new members of our Chapter, are the Captains for Tables & Chairs for the whole Fairground. What a fantastic job they did! Rick presented our Chapter with a "Certificate of Appreciation for Tremendous Help and Volunteerism" signed by Rick and Lon Cross, President of Western Motor Home Association. (See page 5)

I want to express my appreciation to Dave & Marie Hilber, Frank & Irene Griffin, Don & Lottie Duddy, Phil Griffin, and Scott & Sue Stave for their donations for the margarita supplies. Continued on next page..

2018 FMCA HMC Rallies

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

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

Help - We do need trailbosses for both the Hesperia and Chula Vista rallies!



Amazing Chapter Fair Hosts
Barbara Warr, Irene Griffin and Trudy Ririe

Presidents Message Cont.

A big thanks to Sybil Cale, Barbara Warr, Irene Griffin, and Trudy Ririe for their time spent on the Chapter Fair. As a result of their excellent job, we signed up 5 new members:

Glenn & Marilyn Miller, Penny & Harold Rolfe, Larry & Evelyn Stark, Ken Collis & Angelica Hurtado and Paul and Joan Flickinger

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New Member Gallery



*Penny & Harold Rolfe and
Glenn & Marilyn Miller*



Joan & Paul Flickinger



Larry & Evelyn Stark



*Ken Collis &
Angelica Hurtado*

Presidents Message Cont.

The FMCA Bingo game seemed to be dominated by our members – Judy Mersereau, Debbie Van Holland, and our big winner (\$175) was Robin Ririe. “It must have been their year!”

Congratulations to Sally McClenaghan. Sally was awarded a certificate from WAFMCA for “Best Website”. Sally, thanks for all your hard work on our website.



DOMINATION

Debbie, Robin & Judy

This year FMCA sent all Chapters a “Chapter Gift Package”. On Sunday night we had a drawing and the winners were: Don & Lotte Duddy, Jerry & Sybil Cale, Robin & Trudy Ririe, and David & Vicky Althoff. Continued on next page...



Webmaster Sally and her “Best Website” award. Congratulations!!!

FMCA GIFT WINNERS

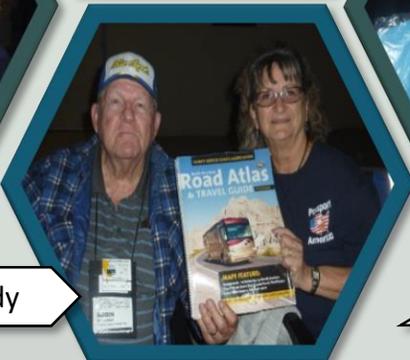
Jerry & Sybil



Vicky and David



Robin & Trudy



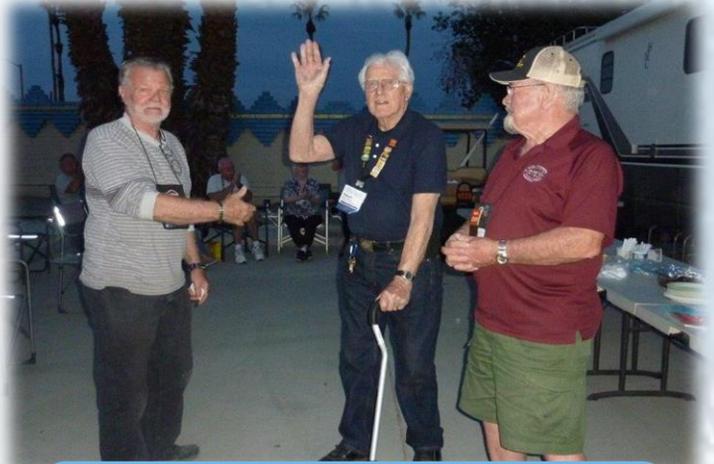
Don & Lotte





Wagon Masters
Phil Griffin and his son Michael

President's Message cont.
After our drawing, Phil Griffin was then presented with an "Honorary President" badge. Phil spent many years as President of the HMC Club. Phil & Michael (Phil's son) were our Trailbosses. Thanks from all of us!



David Althoff & Fred Wells presenting Phil Griffin with an "Honorary President" Badge



The parking crew,
parking their keisters

All our 31 coaches that were here at Indio do volunteer for Tables & Chairs, but many of you don't know that our members also volunteer for other jobs while here.

Among them are:

- Parking: David Althoff, Charlie Belew, Tom King
- New Coaches: Paul & Carol Bostwick
- Frustrated Maestros: Butch Engwell, Vicky Althoff, Jeanne Belew, Kathie King
- Parade: David Althoff and Charlie Belew carried the Frustrated Maestro Banner
- Parade: Bart Van Holland and Tom King carried the Banner for the CA FMCA HMC Chapter
- Presenting the Military Flags: David Althoff, Charlie Belew, Tom King, Bruce Chapman, and Alan Mersereau.



Our happy but "Frustrated Maestros"

Look for their pictures!

Thanks to all of you for the time you spent helping make this year in Indio a success.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM FRED WELLS

Rick Ammerman
2018 Indio Tables and Chairs Captain

Rick, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and all the volunteers who preformed so wonderfully at the Indio Rally. You and your volunteers, truly turned a lemon into lemonade by sheer hard work. You all looked at the task at hand and took care of it.

The Indio Rally has a well earned reputation for the dedication of it volunteers. You and your crew have certainly added to the truth of this.

Please share this with the Chapters who provided their great volunteers, as well as the volunteers themselves, to help make this one of the WMHA's best rallies.

Thank you all for a job WELL DONE!!

Fred Wells
Central Area VP
WMHA



**TABLES & CHAIRS
ROCK STARS**



Bart VanHolland & Tom King marched for the Chapter in the parade



Chapter Fair both representatives: Trudy Ririe, Barbara Warr & Irene Griffin



Carol & Paul Bostwick parked ALL the new coaches for sale at the rally



These gentlemen presented the 5 Military Flags at the Military Solute



Our stalwart MARGARITA MAKERS: Paul Ammerman, Sue & Scott Stave and Sherky Sherkenbach

A GREAT RALLY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!



Secretary's Message

by Vicky Althoff

Someone gave me a framed plaque that I found in my coach. I don't know who you are, but I want you to know how much I appreciated this. It did make my day! Thanks!

The most unusual surprise is a "cat story". The following letter was written by Patty McBride about the 2 feral cats who traveled from Idaho with them. What a story!

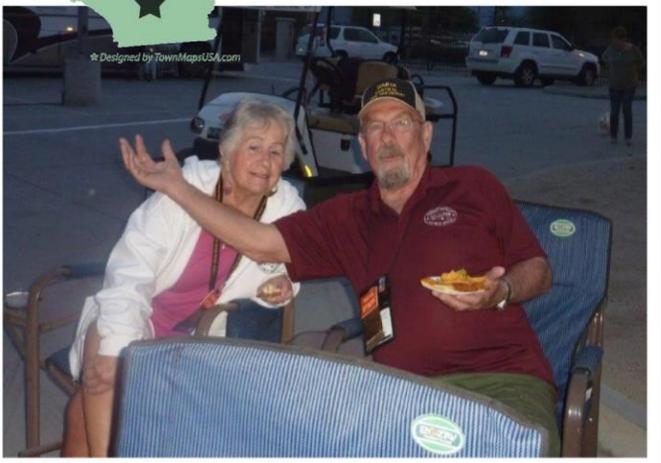
From Patty:

We live in Northern Idaho about 16 miles east of Moscow. We left home on December 21st in the afternoon and spent the first night in Moscow in a rain storm. From Moscow we drove on to Wildhorse Casino outside Pendleton the next night. When we left Pendleton, it was snowing and there were about 50 trucks putting chains on because of snow. We made it through and spent the next night a WalMart in Ontario, Oregon. We headed on down the road and made it to Jackpot, Nevada. We left there and headed to Caliente, Nevada, and I was filling the water and draining the black and grey water when my husband, Larry, said he could hear a cat, so I meowed and sure enough one cat meowed back from under the motorhome. I kept meowing and it would answer me but not come out. Later in the evening I looked outside and saw one of our wild barn cats run across the mud-covered hill. Next morning, we headed to Laughlin, Nevada, and spent the night where I heard another cat meow. I put food out but it was gone the next morning. We spent three nights in Lake Havasu and I put a little food out and it would be gone. We went on to Quartzsite and spent a few nights and had some motor work done on Interstate batteries. The fellow working on the coach crawled down and could see the cat but it would not come out. We spent a couple nights at Indio Elks and I fed the cat every night, but she would not come out. and let me see her. We arrived at the FMCA rally in Indio and she will now let a few see her. She will sit on the step and roll on the rug so long as no one gets too close. I will keep up with the saga of the traveling cat in the future so long as she rides with us. She sleeps up under the coach on the diesel tank and is now letting us get within 3 feet.



Rally Gatherings





A Parade & Parade Watchers



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