



March 2019

Lake Elsinore, CA

California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events 30th Year



Lake Elsinore Clubhouse



Lake view from Clubhouse

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David Althoff



Our rally was held at the Lake Elsinore West Marina & RV Resort in Lake Elsinore, California on February 28-March 3. We had 11 coaches. This was a smaller rally than normal because we waited as long as we could to determine if we would be able to go to Seeley for the Blue Angels. Security was still too tight for them to allow us on Base, so at the last moment Debbie managed to reserve at Lake Elsinore.

My thanks to our trailbosses; Rick & Paula Ammerman and Dave & Marie Hilber. They did a fantastic job as they didn't have a lot of time to put everything in place.

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2019 FMCA HMC Rallies

May 15-22 2019
Black Oak Casino Resort
Tuolumne, CA

October 24-27 2019
Stagecoach KOA
Banning, CA

TRAILBOSSSES NEEDED



Trailbosses:
Rick & Paula Ammerman and Dave & Marie Hilbur

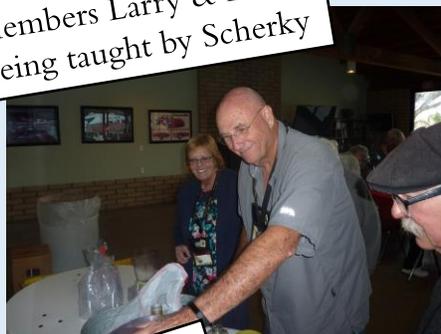
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

Larry Smith & Scherky showing our new member (Larry) how to make margaritas



Again, thanks to our Margarita Captain – Robert Scherkenbach (Sherky). I still strongly believe that our margaritas are a good advertisement for our Chapter. We signed up a new member at this rally!

New Members Larry & Rose Smith being taught by Scherky



New Members:
Larry & Rose Smith



*A big welcome to our new members:
Larry & Rose Smith*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
continued

Our weather this time was “iffy”, and we did have some rain, but that didn’t stop us from going to the Orange Empire Railway Museum and going on a Brewery Tour. The Museum is located on 102 acres and over 200 train cars and locomotives are housed there. Four of the locomotives have been restored to running condition. There were 6 different buildings that we visited, one of which was over 200 yards long.



Orange Empire Railway Museum



Fred Wells presenting our 30-Year Anniversary Certificate to our Chapter

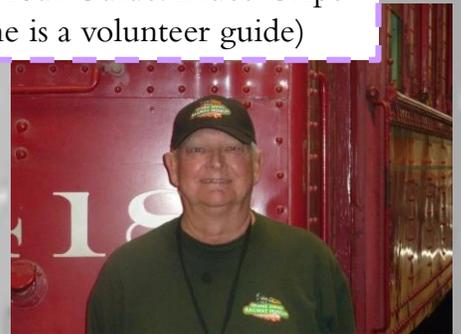


Fred & Joanne Wells joined us for this rally. Fred is our Western Area Vice President representing our Chapter. He presented us with our 30th year anniversary certificate. What made this special was that he presented it to a Founding Member of our Chapter. And what made it more special for Vicky and me? That Founding Member is Vicky’s 96 year old father, Leo Metzler. Fred did say that this was the first time he has ever presented a 30-year certificate to a Founding Member.



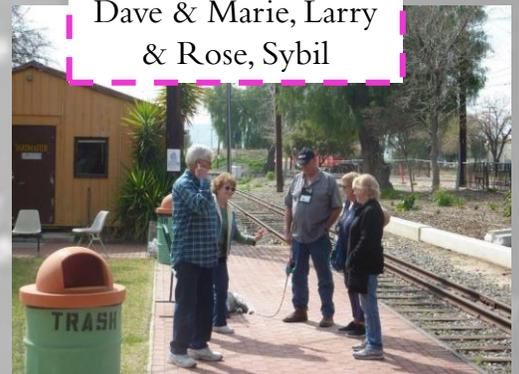
Fred presenting our 30-Year Certificate to Leo Metzler - Founding Member of our Chapter and David our President

Our Tour Guide: Bruce Cripe
(he is a volunteer guide)



Our next rally will be May 15-22 at the Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne, California. Vicki Smith, Bart & Debbie Van Holland, and Alan & Judy Mersereau are the trailbosses. This rally is a little longer, and farther for most of us to go, but it will be well worth your time because of the activities Vicki has set up. She lives in Tuolumne and has my big thanks for the work she is doing to get everyone there to work with her.

Dave & Marie, Larry & Rose, Sybil



Hope to see you all in May!

Trail Boss Reports:

We held our second rally of the year at Lake Elsinore Marina and RV Resort on February 28th- March 2nd. We kicked off the rally on Thursday with a pot luck and dessert provided by our members. Our traditional margaritas were hosted by our newest members Larry and Rose Smith, thank you. Friday started with sausage or ham egg soufflé. It was a perfect day to visit the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris. We had an excellent private tour with a docent who was called in especially for us. We didn't see all 200 rail cars on the 100 acres, but we did see a lot of history and even learned a thing or two. Dinner we grilled our own meat with salads provided and desserts provided by our members. (Marie's contribution)

-See you all in Tuolumne in May.
Paula Ammerman



In spite of the rain on our parade we still had a great time at Lake Elsinore.

The park was nice and clean with some grass. We had 11 coaches and 21 members. Paula A. and I set up a bit different this time. Paula set up for Friday meals and outing and I set up for Sat meals and outing. It took a load off both of us and we were able to sit and enjoy our friends more. It worked out perfect.

On Sat. we gathered and ventured off to the local Craft Brewery in town where the owner gave us a lesson on brewing all types of beer. It was quite interesting!

Afterwards our NEW members Larry and Rose went shoe hunting and Rose found the Skechers that she wanted, good for you Rose. Welcome to our club.

We had plenty of good eats and an over abundance of desserts. It was great working with Paula. She's a lot of fun. And it was great sharing the load. We even had a nice fire going at dinner. It is so nice to have everyone chip in and help.

-Thanks guys for your help.
Marie and Dave





With Deepest Sympathy

Sad condolences to members Tom and Anna Danaher who lost their daughter

Anna Danaher

on January 9, 2019.



A "Celebration of Life" event was held on Saturday, March 30th, for **Joe Kloss**. This was held at the clubhouse at the Village Grove Mobile Home Park in Corona where Joe and Betty lived.

Many people attending related good memories of time spent with Joe. Included were some stories from our HMC Chapter members in attendance.

We will all miss Joe and hope Betty will continue to use the new RV they had just purchased. Our chapter has sent a donation in Joe's memory to St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Our group



Cleared up for a beautiful day

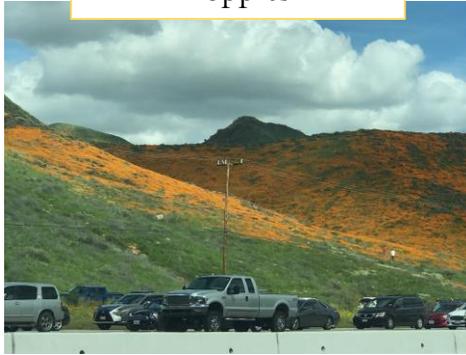
Fred Wells & Sybil



Vicky, Leo Metzler & Paula



Poppies

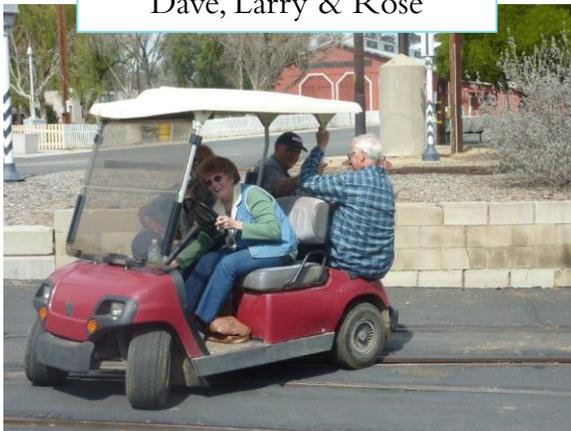


Barbara



Rick, Fred, Joanne

Marie driving the cart with Dave, Larry & Rose



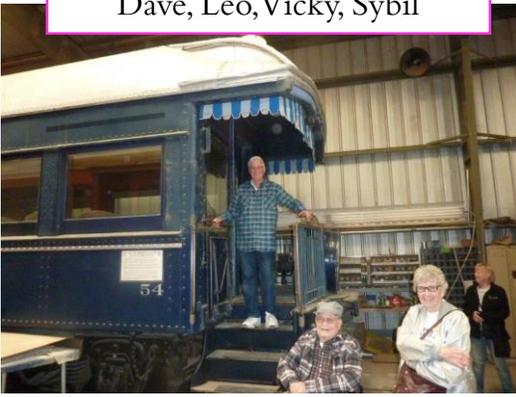
Scherky & Geri



Leo & Vicky



Dave, Leo, Vicky, Sybil



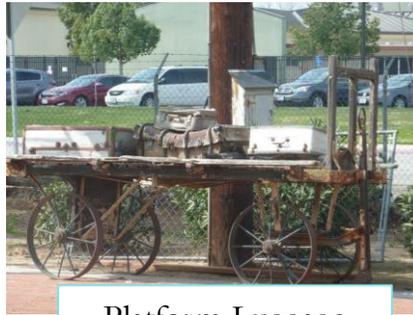
Paula & Rick



Museum



Sherky, Geri, Marie, Dave, Vicky, Leo, Paula, Rick, Sybil, Larry, Rose, David



Platform Luggage Cart at Museum

Museum pictures



Sybil, Geri, Vicky, Scherky

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES
NARROW GAUGE



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LOS ANGELES RAILWAY



Rick, Paula, Marie, Dave, Rose, Larry