



Sittin' on the Dock by the Bay 2014



California FMCA HMC Chapter News and Schedule of Events

25th Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Alan Mersereau,

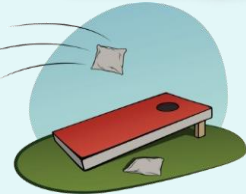
Twenty four coaches attended the "Sittin' on the Dock by the Bay" rally at the Chula Vista RV Resort. Also attending were lifetime members Leo & Louise Metzler and Marwilda Wilson. Nancy & Ron Staudenmayer (sold their coach) also joined us.



The weather was comfortable. Activities included sailing on the 'Amazing Grace', bean bag toss, left, right, center, photo contest and wine tasting by Ed. Several members toured the original sailing ship, The Bill of Rights, which was cancelled due to mechanical problems.



Awesome job Jerry!



Our trailbosses Frank & Irene Griffin and Linda & Ray Macken provided exceptional meals and activities. We wish to thank Jerry Cale for making the arrangements for the tall ships, wagon master Ed Fernandez for booking Chula Vista and Phil Griffin for serving the adult beverages. Thanks to all the members who assisted.

Our next get-together will be in Indio with the HMC club as volunteers with tables and chairs.

Have a great time at the Blue Angels in March. Judy & I will miss all of you as we will be on a 39 day caravan tour of Florida, North & South Carolina and Georgia. We wish all of you safe journeys and happy holidays.

Alan Mersereau, President



Lifetime members Marwilda, Leo & Louise



Nancy & Ron Staudenmayer

2015 CAFMCA HMC Rallies

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

May 5-8, 2015 - *Old California Adobes*, Elks Lodge, Vista, CA

September 9-12, 2015 - *Circle the Wagons Western Rally*, Silent Valley RV Resort, Banning, CA

October 28-31, 2015 *The 'Trick or Treat' Rally* The Sportsman Club RV Resort, Joshua Tree, CA





Sittin' by the Dock at the Bay

FROM YOUR TRAILBOSSSES: RAY AND LINDA MACKEN AND IRENE AND FRANK GRIFFIN

The sign said: "Welcome to the Chula Vista RV Park" and the trail bosses, Irene & Frank Griffin and Ray & Linda Macken added: "where you find good food, much fun, and great camaraderie".

The rally began on Wednesday, Nov. 12th as 43 of us gathered for a fabulous heavy hors d'oeuvres pot luck happy hour. It was a great time of hellos and hugs for those that we hadn't seen for a while. Attending members were: David and Vicky Althoff, Paul and Carol Bostwick, Jerry and Sybil Cale, Jimmie and Marilyn Carnes, Tom and Ann Danaher, Ed Fernandez, Frank and Irene Griffin, Phil and Shirlee Griffin, John and Ella Hamilton, Dave and Marie Hilber, Tom and Kathie King, Joe and Betty Kloss, Ray and Linda Macken, Bob and Pat McMichael, Alan and Judy Mersereau, Ron and Barb Reinhardt, Robin and Trudy Ririe, Willie and Pam Rowland, Gary Russell and Jean Kidney, Wyatt and Joan Sabourin, and Robert and Geri Scherkenbach.



Trail Bosses Cont.

Thursday morning's hash brown, sausage and egg breakfast was followed by the CA FMCA HMC board meeting and then the bean bag tournament under the direction of Paul Bostwick. We had 12 teams participating who vied for bragging rights and cash prizes.



Joe Kloss and Ron Reinhardt



Judges Betty, Paul and Alan



David Althoff and Wyatt Sabourin

Making sure that the scores were correct were judges, Alan Mersereau and Betty Kloss. The victors were:

1st - Joe Kloss/Ron Reinhardt,

2nd - David Althoff/Wyatt Sabourin, and

3rd - Irene Griffin/Dave Hilber. Ron, Wyatt and Dave had never played before. And, just look at how these first timers did. We know they will want to play again. Thursday night, after a Mexican lasagna dinner, members stayed and chatted for quite a while still renewing friendships.

Trail Bosses Cont.

Thursday was a very busy day. Ed Fernandez held his wine education class for 20 very intense tasters and listeners. The subject was white wines, all donated, and the tasters agreed that price does not necessarily mean they are preferred.



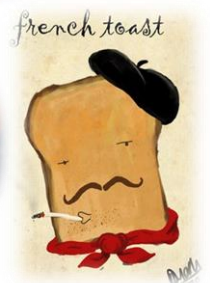
Ed's wine tasting class – Thoroughly enjoying themselves

Wyatt and Joan Sabourin, Dave and Marie Hilber, Carol and Paul Bostwick, Phil Griffin, Barbara and Ron Reinhardt, Pat McMichaels, Jimmie and Marilyn Carnes, Betty Kloss, Trudy Ririe, John Hamilton, Willie and Pam Roland

After a French toast breakfast Friday morning, 20 members car pooled to the "Amazing Grace" tall ship for an "amazing" sailing afternoon. Everyone that attended said it was fabulous and some GREAT pictures were taken of the Tall Ship and the group by Vicky and Dave Althoff's friend, Captain John, a Naval retiree (whose company contracts for security for the Navy in the San Diego Bay). John came near the ship in his patrol boat and took the pictures. And a HUGE thank you to Jerry Cale. This boat trip was his brainchild and through his perseverance made it possible.



Let's Sail





The "Amazing Grace" sailboat



Trail Bosses Cont.

That night we were joined by Ron and Nancy Staudenmayer and Claudia and John Witt (Irene & Frank Griffin's daughter and son in law who also went on the ship). After a dinner of chicken tortilla soup with warm tortillas and fixings, a few friends joined in games of "Left-Right-Center" and the lucky winners were - Alan Mersereau and yes.....Linda Macken.



Claudia and John Witt watching the crew work way up high

Saturday morning's scrambled egg breakfast was followed by the CA FMCA HMC Chapter's general meeting. The afternoon was free time and some of the members had a great tour of the "Bill of Rights" tall ship (the original ship we were to sail on) which was docked in the harbor near the park.



Joan Sabourin, Vicky Althoff & Betty Kloss

That night we played a "Guess Who - Photo ID Game" and the winners were: 1st - Betty Kloss, 2nd - Joan Sabourin, 3rd - Vicky Althoff. A big thanks to one of our newest members Yvonne Wheeler who tried and guessed 4 photos correctly.



Guess Who?

Trail Bosses Cont.

We were joined for Robin Ririe's famous meatloaf dinner by Bart & Debbie Van Holland, Rob & Yvonne Wheeler, Jerry and Hillary Sackett, Leo and Louise Metzler, Marwilda Wilson and Ron & Nancy Staudenmayer. For our extra entertainment a surprise rendition of "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" sung by the smoke alarm added some excitement to the evening. No harm done, but it really got our attention!!



During the rally a few of the members thoroughly enjoyed working on a challenging puzzle that was set up in the rear of the room. At the 50/50 club drawing, Bart Van Holland won a pumpkin centerpiece made and donated by Marie Hilber. The other drawing winners were Linda Macken - \$30, Betty Kloss - \$50, and John Hamilton - \$70.

Saturday morning during coffee and a continental breakfast it was time for byes and hugs as we said farewell until next time.

The trail bosses would like to thank all those who helped and volunteered to help during the rally - especially David and Vicky Althoff, Carol and Paul Bostwick, Betty Kloss, Marie Hilber, Judy and Alan Mersereau, Robin and Trudy Ririe, and Wyatt and Joan Sabourin. And to those that brought desserts, they were delicious. Our thank you list could go on and on as it was a TERRIFIC GROUP and we all had a GREAT time!!!!



Trail Bosses: Linda & Ray Macken and Frank & Irene Griffin



A Note from your Wagon Master

November 19, 2014

“Sittin’ On the Dock by the Bay” Rally at Chula Vista RV Resort

Our fourth and last rally of the year turned out to be a beautiful and successful event. The weather at the Chula Vista RV Resort couldn’t have been better...Thank Goodness!

More important, however, I can not give enough Thanks to our trail Bosses...Irene & Frank Griffin and Linda & Ray Macken. They went ‘way beyond the call of duty’ to make this a memorable rally. There was not one detail that they did not think of.

We also have to thank the many helpers Irene and Linda recruited...some of which were Carol and Paul Bostwick, Robin and Trudy Ririe, Jerry and Sybil Cale, Marie Hilber, Vicky Althoff and others that worked behind the scenes such as Jerry Cale’s ‘standout’ boat excursion. This was truly an example of well orchestrated team work.



Vicky, Irene, & Sybil

I look forward to a successful 2015. As I mentioned at our rally, our newest club members from the old Suncrest Club have volunteered to do at least two rallies next year. Gary Russell and John Hamilton will ‘Trail Boss’ one rally each.

Marie Hilber and Marilyn Carnes will host another rally. And, Trail Bosses for the Blue Angels Rally are Vicky & David Althoff, Bruce & Ellen Chapman, Bart & Debbie Van Holland.

Here is the schedule and sites we are working on for 2015. More details will be forthcoming as these plans are confirmed and finalized.

March 11, 12, 13, 14, 2015

Blue Angels Rally
TheAlthoffs & Company as noted above.
Naval Air Facility El Centro, California

May 5, 6, 7, 8, 2015

Old California Adobes Rally
Gary Russell & Company TBs TBA
Elks Lodge Vista, CA

September 9, 10, 11, 12, 2015

Circle the Wagons Western Rally
Marie Hilber/Marilyn Carnes TBs
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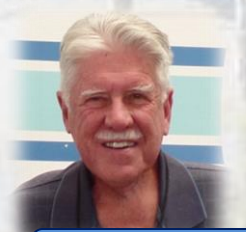
“Happy Holidays and safe travels”
Ed Fernandez



Trudy & Robin Ririe



Linda & Ray Macken



Paul & Carol Bostwick



Marie Hilber

HOSPITALITY NOTE

By Betty Kloss

Sharla Merritt provided an update as she was able to talk to Irene the other day and reports that she is doing good. Mazz on the other hand is not as well off. He has to be fed through a tube and is wearing a colostomy bag. Mazz is unable to drive the coach so she has been doing the driving. She sounded lonesome and would welcome correspondence.

To anyone who knows Irene and Mazz, please send them an encouraging card or call to let them know we miss them.

A card was sent to Judy Mersereau as she recently had an emergency appendectomy. We are grateful that it went well and Judy has fully recovered.


We are glad the newest members, Rob and Yvonne Wheeler joined us as well as the Sacketts whom we haven't seen for a while.



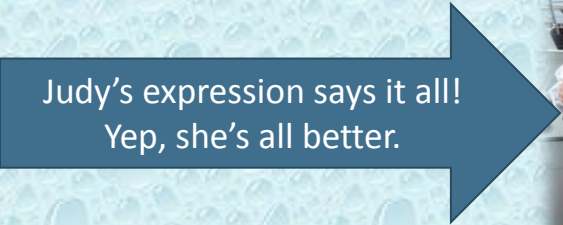
Mazz and Irene Mazzarella



Rob and Yvonne Wheeler



Jerry and Hillary Sackett
with their new coach



Judy's expression says it all!
Yep, she's all better.

"Amazing Grace" sailing excursion photos



Amazing Grace Crew



More Rally Memories



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

The following are the minutes of the General Meeting for the California FMCA HMC Chapter held on November 15, 2014, at the Chula Vista RV Resort & Marina in Chula Vista, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by President Alan Mersereau.

Joe Kloss led us in the Flag salute.

President Alan Mersereau introduced our new members Rob & Barb Reinhardt, and thanked our trailbosses Frank & Irene Griffin and Ray & Linda Macken for putting on a really great rally. Alan told everyone that our Director Gary Ferweda had to resign because of health and that Linda Macken had agreed to be our Director until election time next year. He told us that at the Newport Dunes rally Lon Cross, our Senior Vice President of WMHA, presented our "25 Year Anniversary Certificate" and a check from FMCA for \$100.

Secretary Vicky Althoff

Minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2013, were approved by Paul Bostwick, seconded by Betty Kloss, and approved as posted in the newsletter. Vicky also advised that the new Membership Directory will be sent to everyone shortly after this rally.

Treasurer Judy Mersereau

Judy reported a balance brought forward of \$6,072.33. A motion was made by Phil Griffin, seconded by Paul Bostwick, and approved as posted. Carol Bostwick made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Carnes, and unanimously approved to pay all submitted bills. Linda Macken assisted Judy in doing the auditing for the annual IRS report. Judy will file it with the IRS.

National Director Robin Ririe

Robin reported that he and Joe Kloss (Alternate National Director) attended the 90th Family Reunion and Motor home Showcase in Redmond, Oregon. Robin reported the following:

- a) The Board passed a change to the travel reimbursement for Executive Board from "least cost method" to twice the IRS allowed amount for automobiles.
- b) The Board passed (to coincide with the bylaws) that when a club vote is called for, each member or family member over the age of 18 has a vote. (It was one vote per F number).
- c) The Board voted to keep the Past President a member of the Executive Board.
- d) The Board voted to have a benefit for all members - the FMCA Assist Medical Emergency Program, effective October 1, 2014. This will be of no cost to members. The program will be funded from the investment Fund.
- e) This year three new Chapters were formed: Under Sixty Boomers, Generations Club for Children of Existing Members, and NASCAR Chapter.

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Important Note from your Secretary

by Vicky Althoff

In my minutes I reported that I would send out the signup sheet for the Blue Angels on December 20 with a deadline of February 2. ***That has changed!*** I talked to Joanne at the Seeley Naval Air Station in El Centro and was told there has been a change in their deadline as to when the Security at the Base needed our information. I will be sending the signup sheet out on Wednesday, December 10. I must have the signup sheet and another form (which I will explain in the signup sheet) back to Joanne no later than ***Thursday, January 15***. The Blue Angels rally is March 11-14.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING CONTINUED

Vice President – Wagonmaster Ed Fernandez

Ed said he was checking into three rallies for next year: Silent Valley, Joshua Tree, and the Vista Elk's Lodge. He also thanked all the trailbosses and volunteers who have helped out at our rallies.

Hospitality Betty Kloss

Betty sent a get well card to Judy Mersereau and will send a card to Richard (Maz) Mazzarella. Betty read an email telling us that Irene Mazzarella was doing good and is driving their coach. Richard (Maz) is still having medical problems.

Membership Irene Griffin

Irene reported we have a new member: Ron & Barb Reinhardt

Newsletter Editor Irene Griffin

Irene asked that everyone who had articles for the newsletter to please send them to her at least 10 days after the rally.

Old Business

Jerry Cale told us that in talking to the officers of the "Bill of Rights" tall ship, they told him because their ship had broken a propeller and could not be used for our sailing trip (we used another), they would like us to come – board the ship, and take a tour of it at no charge on Saturday.

President Alan asked everyone to please fly your banners on your coach. He also asked everyone to please give rally ideas and places to our Wagonmaster Ed Fernandez. Alan also reminded everyone that all the liquor we use at our rallies is donated, not paid for, out of our treasury.

Announcements

Vicky reported that she had talked to Joanne at the Seeley Naval Air Station and that the Blue Angels would be flying there March 11-14, unless they change the dates for some reason. Trailbosses are David & Vicky Althoff, Bruce & Ellen Chapman, and Bart & Debbie Van Holland. Parking Assistants are Robin & Trudy Ririe and Joe & Betty Kloss. Vicky will send the signup sheet out on December 30 and the deadline will be Monday, February 2. This is a dry camp rally and coach limit is 50.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Vicky Althoff, Secretary



President.....	Alan Mersereau
Vice President.....	David Althoff
VP-Wagonmaster.....	Ed Fernandez
Secretary.....	Vicky Althoff
Treasurer.....	Judy Mersereau
FMCA National Dir.....	Robin Ririe
FMCA Alternate Dir.....	Joe Kloss
Directors.....	Carol Bostwick, Jerry Cale, Ellen Chapman, Linda Macken, Dave Hilber, Betty Kloss
Hospitality.....	Betty Kloss
Newsletter Editor.....	Susan Cardella
Membership Chairman.....	Irene Griffin