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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BETABEL

with California Heartland/ fmca



GROUP
LEPRECHAUN

THE HEARTLAND GANG

AT BETABEL RV RESORT

It was a green St. Patricks outing with the food to match.

THIS IS A HEART HEALTHY NEWSLETTER

These were our daily events



Arrive noon time

5:00pm will be happy hour and some hearty Hors d'oeuvres prepared by your hosts.

Monday

Irish breakfast-wear your green

On your own to sight see and lunch where ever you choose.
5:00 pm Dinner out at restaurant. You purchase your meal.

Tuesday



Continental Breakfast

9:00am Board Meeting,
10:00am General Meeting
games oe on your own until
5:00pm happy hour and a meal
prepared by your hosts at
6:00pm

Wednesday

Continental Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00

Say your good byes and drive home safely.

Thursday

BYOB--Bring your own beverage

BYTS-- Bring your own table service

FOOD IS A BIG PART OF OUR RALLIES



CALIFORNIA
HEARTLAND
CHAPTER

San Juan Bautista old mission trip...



There is a long history that goes back to 1797 when this old mission was founded. We watched a movie on the history of the California missions and it was very interesting. As we walked around the grounds you could just imagine what would have taken place back then.



We had a bocce ball tournament



One of the preserved rooms in the mission.



Your favorite diet and as much exercise as you want to incorporate into a healthy life style. You pick your program and at the November rally we will all weigh in and see who lost the most weight percentage of your body weight.

Come join our healthy life style club...

If you are tired of looking in the mirror and you do not like what you see it's time we all do something about it. You will have 9 months between now the November rally to make some slow but steady changes to your body and your health. We have nine people committed to the challenge and everyone will commit to a \$25.00 investment and the winner in November will win the whole pot that we collected over the next 9 months. You can pick your own diet. All we need is your starting weight and \$25.00 and you can join the challenge.

No one but myself will know your starting weight and we all will weigh in at the November rally. Contact Jerry Olson jerryolson70@yahoo.com and join the challenge



WINNERS AND NO LOSERS



**Early card bingo winner...
Velda Johnston**



**The besy looking... John and Sue
Buwalda**



Betty wins at card bingo



**Gift to Louise from Jenelle for
Surviving the early desert life with
her husband Woody**



**Jerry Olson winning the big
bucks from the card bingo game.**



**Patty Schlegel
Winner of the jelly bean jar**



**Our rally and cooking crew.....Velda Johnston, Tom and Sharon Roach, Julie
Burger, Cricket and Lou Francois.**

2016 RALLIES

UPCOMING RALLIES

APRIL 14-17
Marina Dunes RV Park, Monterey area

May 22-31
Mule Days in Bishop, Ca.

May 31-June 3
Boulder Creek in Lone Pine, Ca.

July is dark,

August 11-14
Flying Flags in Buelton, Ca.

September 1-5
Sparks Marina in Sparks, Nv.

October 2-5
The Lakes RV in Chowchilla, Ca.

November 2-5
Hanford Fair Grounds

December 8-11
Bakersfield RV Resort



The most green--Julie, Arlon and Louise



Our Secretary reports to the club.....



California Heartland FMCA General Meeting Minutes

DATE: 03/16/2016 LOCATION: San Juan Bautista, Ca. Number of rigs- 20 Number of members- 37

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Fred Lockwood TIME: 10:05 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Tony Vincent - PRAYER: Nancy Olson

REPORTS:

President- Fred Lockwood- Thanked Tom and Sharon Roach for being Trail Bosses.

VICE PRESIDENT: Sandy Emerson: Nothing to report

SECRETARY: Shirley Mendonca: The minutes were read, approved by the Board and printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

TREASURER: Dave Mendonca: Balance as of March 16, 2016- \$10,259.90. Checks being held for the rally (Marina Dunes) in the amount of \$4,400.00 which will be deposited at the time of the rally. The Debit card had been deactivated, but will be getting a new one because some of the RV resorts require a debit deposit in advance.

WAGON MASTER: Julie Burger: Thanked Dave Mendonca for taking care of the debit card. Barbara Schwab reported that at Marine Dunes the hall was very small and was available for only four hours. Check your form for the rally in regards of the schedule of activities.

Sandy Emerson reported on Mule Days May 22-31. Dry camping. Different packages are available. If any member who will be leaving the rally one day early to go to Lone Pine, please contact Jerry Olson for information. Jerry mentioned there would be a special guest.

Sandy will be given out all information for those who will be attending Mule Days at the evening dinner.

Julie Burger gave the schedule for the remaining rallies. If you have any questions please contact Julie. Julie presented Tom and Sharon Roach with the California Heartland coffee mugs for their great job of doing the rally.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: John Kendall- nothing to report

ASST NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Paul Schwab –nothing to report

DIRECTORS: - Wade McKinley- Nothing to report- Gaden Schorling- Will be checking the situation in regards of hats, jackets, and etc. for the members to buy. - Louise Wilson- Nothing to report

EDITOR: Jerry Olson – Thanked Dave Mendonca for all of the great photos that he takes for the Newsletter. A reminder that all reports and news should be turned in the week after each rally.

MEMBERSHIP- Barbara Schwab- California Heartland took the First Place trophy at the Indio Rally parade. Barbara reported that thirteen members didn't renew their membership, letters were sent to them.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Dave Mendonca – nothing to report SHERIFF - Janelle Lockwood – Will be collecting fines at dinner.

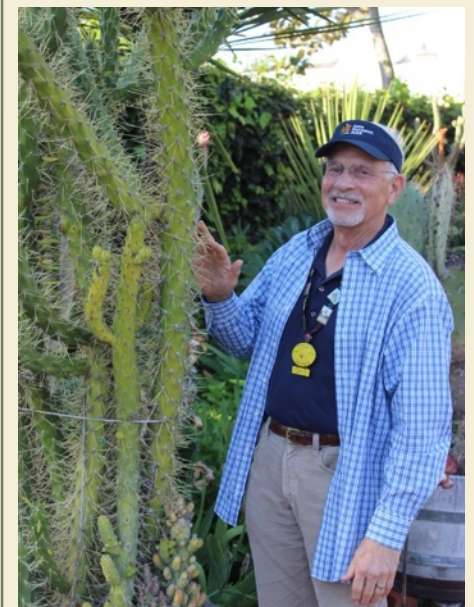
OLD BUSINESS- Jerry Olson was awarded first place at the Indio Rally for the best Newsletter. Reported that the new flags will be \$20.00. Please contact Jerry.

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Jardines Mexican Restaurant...

Jardines is a beautiful place to have lunch if you ever get up to San Juan Bautista to visit the missions. Great food and beautiful gardens to walk through.

There is also an old hotel across from the mission that has a lot of interesting history to enjoy.



In the gardens at Jardines restaurant.

Gaden is about to get his finger pricked by the cactus plant.



MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

PRES. FRED

Hi Heartland

Thanks Tom and Sharon for great time and a fun rally. For years there has been talk of eliminating the coffee pots at rally's, most people bring their own drinks anyway. It would reduce containers and the expense of coffee and condiments, plus the efforts of transporting these things for the trail boss. The board is considering eliminating morning coffee pots. Please talk to a Board Member and give them your opinions on this matter

Thanks your Pres

President: Fred Lockwood
Vice President: Sandy Emerson
Secretary: Shirley Mendonca
Treasurer: Dave Mendonca
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Olson
Photographer: Dave Mendonca
Directors: Gaden Schorling, Louise Wilson, Wade McKinley
Wagon Master: Julie Burger
Ass't. Wagon Master: Kim Cummings
National Directors: John Kendall, Paul Schwab
Hospitality: Nancy Olson
Membership: Barbara Schwab
Sheriff: Jenelle Lockwood

Our Treasurer reports to the club.....



CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA

Treasurers Report - March 21, 2016

Beginning Balance			\$9,857.19
Monies Received and Deposited :			
1/6/2016 Error in Deposit understated last stmt.		\$25.00	
1/22/2016 Dues		\$36.00	
2/5/2016 Dues		\$36.00	
2/18/2016 Dues		\$156.00	
2/18/2016 Mule Days Parking		\$125.00	
3/8/2016 Dues		\$24.00	
3/8/2016 New members		\$46.00	
3/18/2016 Club Flags sales		\$40.00	
3/18/2016 Dues		\$12.00	
3/18/2016 Betabel Rally Revenue		\$3,784.20	
	Sub Total	\$4,284.20	\$14,141.39
Disbursements:			
1/22/16 #2892 Sam Mendonca	Secretary Supplies	\$18.29	
2/2/16 #2893 Cec Fischer	Name Badges	\$27.00	
3/16/16 #2894 Betabel RV Park	Parking March Rally	\$2,802.60	
3/16/16 #2895 Sharon Roach	Food & Misc. March Rally	\$933.91	
3/21/16 Debit Sparks Marina RV	Advance deposit Aug-Sept Rally	\$900.00	
3/21/16 Debit Sparks Marina RV	ClubHouse advance Aug/Sep Rally	\$200.00	
	Total Expenses	\$4,881.80	
			\$9,259.59
Ending Balance			
Notes to Statement: There will be several "advance deposits" for 2016 rallies			
Current Advance Deposits:			
	Hanford	\$260.00	Paid out
	Mule Days	\$2,640.00	Paid out
	Sparks Rally Deposits	\$1,100.00	Paid out
* 3/16/16	Marina Dunes Rally Fees held for deposit	\$4,273.20	*
	Monies not yet included in bank Balance		

Dave Mendonca Treasurer

SECRETARY REPORT CONTINUED...

New Business- Fred reported that we will be receiving a donation from Lon Cross-Western Area Donation- FMCA. There will be a luncheon held for Jerry and

Melinda Stacy on March 29th. For more information contact Jenelle Lockwood.

Birthdays- Tony Vincent – Anniversaries- Ron & Marilyn Peterson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 California Heartland Chapter

Secretary- Shirley Mendonca



Some "F" number winners



A recap of the Betabel experience.....

Betabel RV Park

March 14 – 17, 2016

A few people started arriving early on Saturday and Sunday, to visit family, or tour the area. By noon on Monday, the rain had stopped, and a total of 20 rvs continued arriving. The welcome bags were prepared by the Gilroy Welcome Center, and contained excellent information about nearby places to visit. Those that had doggies and kitties were also given welcome treats for their pets.

The spacious clubhouse was decorated by Cricket, in a green and white St. Patrick's Day theme.

Monday evening the hosts provided a meal of Hearty hors d'oeuvres. Everyone made their own turkey sliders and enjoyed the hot meatballs. The chocolate chip tub emptied very fast. Afterwards, many played Left, Right Center.

On Tuesday morning a special Irish breakfast was served. Eggs and Potatoes with corned beef, Scones, Hot Cross buns, Irish steel cut oatmeal, Bangers, Irish tea, etc. At 1PM Gaden Schorling summoned those that wanted to play Bocce Ball to the court. The girls vs the guys. Each team won one game each. Thank you for volunteering to do this, Gaden. Then it was time to leave for San Juan Bautista. We toured the Old Mission founded in June, 1797. We watched a very informative historical movie about the California Missions, and then we walked through the beautiful

gardens. We did get to quickly tour the Plaza Hotel. The bedrooms, bar, and card parlor were displayed in detail of circa 1858.

During the free time, some drove over to the Santa Cruz area, others went shopping at the Gilroy Outlets, while others stayed in and rested. But at 5PM, 35 of us, met at Jardines for a Mexican Dinner. It was a beautiful evening, and we sat outside on the veranda. Their manicured gardens in the back reception area were envied by all.

Wednesday, after breakfast, the meetings were held. Then everyone was free to go shopping, or tour the nearby area until dinnertime. The hosts again were busy cooking. Velda-the chicken breasts, Sharon-the tortellini, and Julie-the green beans and salad.

Julie Burger, Arlon Schubert and Louise Wilson won the "wear your green" contest. They each wore the most green and were given Lucky green mugs. Everyone had a chance to win an FMCA map guide given by FMCA. F numbers were then drawn, and everyone picked a green bag. Thank you Cricket for donating your handicrafts. Many were hoping to select one, and did. Following that, Ice Cream was quickly served, as it was time to play Card Bingo--Arlon style. Thank you Arlon for calling the games, and surprising everyone with Lotto tickets. There were a lot of lucky winners.

Thursday, after breakfast, it was time for our farewells. We hope that everyone had a good time. This was a weekday rally and many stated that

it was a nice change from the hectic weekend traffic.

Thank you to Julie Burger for bringing the cumbersome bins. Thank you to Cricket and Lou Francois for handling the registration. A BIG thank you to Velda Johnston and Julie Burger, who were such excellent cohosts. And a thank you to everyone who jumped in unselfishly, and helped us. Without the group effort, these rallies wouldn't be a success.

Tom and Sharon Roach

Hospitality by *Nancy Olson*

Marian Bailey has been having afib problems with her heart. She will be going to Redwood City for a procedure on March 29th.

Kim Cummings has recently undergone two surgeries but is now on the mend, and we hope to see him at the next rally.

Della Crawford will be having chemotherapy for the next three months and possible surgery after that.

Please keep these friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries for Feb. and March

February Birthdays

Kim Cummings 2/17
Cecilia Fischer 2/23
Jim Fischer 2/28
Dick Gibbs 2/21
Susan Lewis 2/28
Jerry Olson 2/09
Ron Peterson 2/19
Shirley Mendonca 2/6
Ken Smith 2/17

March Birthdays

Jim Crecelius 3/19
Gary Garcia 3/11
Robert Hunter 3/07
Marylou Hunter 3/28
Ray Marin 3/24
Valerie Marin 3/04
Pat Neve 3/27
Don Pitts 3/19
Sharon Roach 3/15
John Schlegel 3/03

Jerry Schock 3/03
Tony Vincent 3/10
Luanne Wilson 3/18

February Anniversaries

Tom and Kathy Jones 2/13/87

March Anniversaries

Ron and Marilyn Peterson 3/17/62
Jim and Rena Smith 3/10/84
Bob and Nancy Henry 3/03/96

**Web page to check on all the
Heartland news letters and
pictures.**

<http://wafmca.com/?p=330>



The Salinas Valley is the fruit basket area of Central Calif. Also the largest area to grow artichokes. I brought home several.



Motorcycle clothing shop and artichoke fruit stand

WHAT DID YOU SEE WHILE AT THE RALLY



The Pot Store



I have never seen so many variety of pots and garden decorations.