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WE SWUNG INTO SUMMER WITH SOCAL AND NATIONAL RALLIES

Summer is here and our rallies may be on hiatus, but there is still plenty to report.

Let's begin with a big thank you to everyone who attended the Board hosted Spring Rally in Temecula, California at the Pechanga Casino and R.V. Resort from May 25-28, 2006. We all had such a great time.

No one went home from this rally feeling hungry.

One can always count on plenty of hors d'oeuvres to go along with the cocktails at our social hours.

In addition to hors d'oeuvres each afternoon, on Friday night the Board prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner complete with Italian sausages, peppers and onions, green salad and garlic bread. (I'm hungry just thinking about it.)

Although the Board dinner was well received, it was the "Boil In A Bag" omelets which were served Saturday morning that really captured the attention of our members.

Everyone was asked to bring some of their favorite omelet fillings. There was a wide array of cheeses, ham, green onions, mushrooms, chilies, salsas, etc.



Each person placed the fillings for their omelet in a ziploc freezer bag labeled with their name. Two slightly beaten eggs and two teaspoons of water were added. The bags were sealed and placed into a pot of boiling water. Wait 18 minutes and voila! – a delicious, fluffy omelet.

Club benefits from successful "Mystery Auction".

There was enthusiastic support for the "Mystery Auction" which was held to raise some money to offset the printing of new photo membership directories.

Everyone brought a beautifully wrapped item with a value of \$10 or more. Bidding began at \$6 and was fast and furious.

Jim Hinesly was a terrific auctioneer who kept the items moving while also keeping us in stitches.

Half of the proceeds went for the directories and the remaining half was raffled off to auction participants. If you bought an item at the

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- Eileen Smoot**
President
 - Sharon Miller**
Vice President
 - Bev Petty**
Secretary
 - Art Bridges**
Treasurer/Membership
 - Dean Mracek**
Member At Large
- * * * * *
- Bob & Kim Daniels**
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at auction, you received one raffle ticket for every \$2 you spent. The raffle was held the next evening during Happy Hour.

And the winners are.....

The Grand Prize of over \$300 was a hot contest. It started with 10 ticket holders with tension rising as it was whittled down to two: Willie Morris and Chris Osborn. (See photos to the right.) Willie suggested they split the pot. "No way!" said Chris.

The next number drawn was Willie's leaving Chris as the last "man" standing and Grand Prize Winner.

Ken Tilley wanted to know if Chris was going to take her



There were ten to start with...



I'll raise you a bottle of Jack Daniels



Can you believe they paid \$40 for a \$2 bottle of wine?



You bid how much?



winnings to the casino: "NO WAY – Look out Nordstrom, here I come" was Chris' reply.

The other "winners" were Ken Tilley with \$75, and Sal

Speziali with \$35.

Congratulations to you all and many thanks to everyone who took part in the auction.

I'm Sal and he's Ken.

And, I'm the winner!



SOLD to the dumb blo..., I mean the beautiful blonde!

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Make that 100 dollars!



Come on Sal, its just money!



Do you know what peanuts do to his innards?



and then there was only one!

All that and the Nordstrom's bag too!





IS IT A YA
NO, IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE ONE. Lee and Karen Ganz Prather bought a new coach at the National Rally in Tucson. That was the good news. The bad news was having to transfer all their belonging to their new coach in the hot Arizona

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It's official now – for another successful two years.

At our previous rally in March at the East Shore R.V. Park, the nominating committee to select chapter officers convened and reported that they had selected the current board of officers to continue based upon their willingness to do so.



The Board was unanimously reelected at the Pechanga rally. On behalf of Vice-President, Sharon Miller; Secretary, Beverly Petty and Membership Chairman/Treasurer, Art Bridges, thank you for your confidence and support. We will continue to do all we can to see the chapter flourish in fellowship and fun.

We'll have our very own web site – look for it this fall!

A very big thank you to members John Thomas and Keith Webb for investigating the feasibility of a chapter web site. They are looking at what our options are in terms of cost, maintenance and content. We should be able to have an announcement by the next rally in the Fall.



Upcoming Rallies.

Better get your calendar and a pencil out right now. Be sure and pencil-in the dates for the following rallies.

Who's going to Urbanna?

Some of you have plans underway for attending the National ACA Rally in Urbanna, Virginia from September 18th to the 22nd. If you would like to park with the SoCal Chapter, plan to gather on September 17th at the Chesapeake Bay KOA in Reedville, VA, so that you can travel into the rally together. If so, you need to make your own reservations, but mention that you are with the ACA SoCal Chapter. The telephone number for the KOA is (804)453-3430.



Sun, surf, sand – it'll be sure-fire fun.

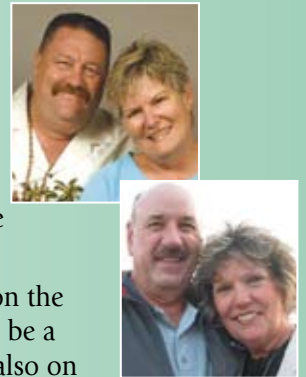
Our next chapter rally will be at Pismo Coast Village in Pismo Beach from Oct. 12-15, 2006. The rally hosts, Jim & Janet Hinesly ("first-timer" rally hosts) and Jerry & Carol Sweeden have been planning a wonderful event.

The weather should be fantastic and the beauty of the sand dunes are always a sight to behold.

A surf and turf dinner at Finn's on the Beach is one activity which is sure to be a crowd pleaser. A golf tournament is also on the agenda. Please plan to attend—it will be a lot of fun for all!

Will there be margaritas? (Need you ask?)

We'll round out the year at the Outdoor Resorts in Aguanga, CA, from Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2006.





RD SALE?

sunshine. Luckily they could count a little help from their friends. Congratulations to Lee & Karen as well as John & Sue Thomas, Jim & Janet Hinesly and Al & Myrna Gray who also purchased brand new beautiful motor homes in Tucson.

“First-timer” rally hosts are Steve & Teresa Bierbaum along with Brad, Elizabeth & (of course) Hunter Monahan, our youngest member.

This is a beautiful park and has fantastic facilities. It is also near some nice wineries, not to mention a casino or two. This rally is a great opportunity to share in some holiday cheer with your fellow members.



Another National Rally in our backyard – sort of.

Our friends in the NorCal Chapter will be hosting the National ACA Rally in Fall, 2007. The place is Calistoga Fairgrounds, and the dates are from Sept, 26–Oct, 1, 2007.

A big thank you to “first-timer” hosts Dennis & Elaine Evans who are planning a caravan to the rally and a pre-rally for the SoCal Chapter. “Veterans” Bob & Kim Daniels will be helping them with the execution. (That doesn’t sound



right, does it?)

Let’s give our neighbors to the north lots of support with a big SoCal showing!

We’re gambling on a good time next fall.

Earle and Mary Ella Herbert are organizing a chapter rally for the Fall of next year. The details will be available soon. I understand that they are considering the areas of Laughlin, Mesquite or Las Vegas. Thank you both for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to host this rally. It’s bound to be fun – the SoCal Chapter always has a good time.



We are doing something right.

Here we GROW again. I am pleased to report that we now have 124 members! Warm welcomes are extended to all of the new members. (See Art Bridges Report on page 7 for a complete list.) We look forward to your participation at our rallies and the opportunity to get to know you.

By Eileen Smoot / Presiding President

Mark your calendar for March 2007!

Jerry and Sandi Worden have volunteered to host a March rally next year – March 22-25, to be exact.



We’ll be going across the state line into beautiful Arizona and the Distant Drums R.V. Resort in Camp Verde. It is located north of Phoenix and is off of Hwy 17, just below Montezuma

Castle National Monument.

The agenda is still being put together, but rest assured that it will include plenty of time for exploring the beauty, sights and shops of nearby Sedona. If you are adventurous, plan on a trip to Jerome, too – but not in your motor coach.

Thanks Jerry & Sandi! (It’s their first time hosting a SoCal rally.)

Your Board is going bordeaux next year.

The Board will be hosting a rally in January 25-28, 2007 up in the wine country of the central valley. The schedule of events & activities are yet to be determined, but we will be staying in Paso Robles at the Wine Country R.V. Resort.

MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2006, PECHANGA RV PARK, TEMECULA, CA

President Eileen Smoot called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Board members present were Treasurer Art Bridges; Secretary Beverly Petty; Member-at-Large Dean Mracek. Vice President Sharon Miller was unable to attend.

President Smoot began the meeting by thanking the board for hosting the Pechanga rally and also expressed her appreciation to all who helped throughout the rally by pitching in and being willing to assist on whatever needed to be accomplished. A big thank you went to Jim Hinesly for the great job he did as Auctioneer.



Minutes of Last Meeting: A motion was made by Pete Smoot, seconded by Sandy Bridges and carried by the membership that the minutes of the February 26th, 2006 meeting will be approved as printed in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Art Bridges gave the treasurer's report. Total income for the month was \$2,640; YTD income \$5,833.95. Expenses for the month \$378.81; YTD \$3,841.06.

We have 9 new members for the month, totaling 21 new members YTD. We have lost 8 members for year 2006, making a net gain of 13. We currently have 121 paid members.

For further details, see the Treasurer's Report in the newsletter. Annual dues are due June 30, 2006. The membership was encouraged to see Art after the meeting to renew their membership at \$15/year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

President's announcements included:

- Upcoming Rally Schedule:
 - September 18-23, 2006 – ACA National Rally in Urbanna, VA at the Bethpage Camp-Resort. Several members will be attending and were encouraged to plan on meeting up so that So Cal members could, at the least, caravan in together. Pete and Eileen will be attending the rally, but without their coach.
 - October 12-15, 2006: Hosted by Jim & Janet Hinesly and Carol & Jerry Sweeden at Pismo Coast Village. Plans include a Potato Bar with all the fixin's on arrival night; Friday night dinner at Fin's restaurant (buffet fish and tri-tip); Saturday - Melodrama and dinner on your own. Plans are coming along well and further information will be provided later.



Resorts in Aguanga.

- March 22 – 25, 2007: Hosted by Jerry and Sandy Worden at Distant Drums RV in the Sedona/Phoenix area.



New Business:

- The 2008 ACA National Fall Rally will be hosted by our Chapter. The membership was asked to volunteer for any job in which they are interested. Our current need is to choose a location.

Pete and Eileen have checked out the Del Mar Fairgrounds. While they were very impressed with the facility and location, the costs figured out to be around \$400 for dry camping.

The Indio Fairgrounds are a consideration, but the venue is less than desirable. Orange County Fairgrounds will be considered, but will probably be pricey.

Membership was asked to keep this rally in mind and to provide suggestions. We will need the following for an acceptable location:

- Room for approximately 300 coaches
- Buildings for meetings
- Room large enough for a dinner serving 600
- Building/facility for entertainment
- Area or building for show coaches
- Nearby hotel for Randy and his crew
- Eileen asked for volunteers for the 2007 SoCal. Rally schedule. Dennis & Elaine Evans and Bob & Kim Daniels will be hosting a rally in the fall. The plan is to have the rally at Newport Dunes. (*Editors note: The location has changed – see the President's Report on previous pages.*)

During the meeting Maryella & Earle Herbert volunteered to host a 2007 rally. Location suggestions included Terrible's in Pahrump; Laughlin; Buellton.

The Board will also host a rally in 2007.

Old Business:

- Dean Mracek researched ACA chapter web sites. If we want to have our own web site and post our newsletter, we need one of our members to volunteer to host and administer the site.
- Election: The Nominating Committee recommended the current slate of officers for the next term. The current officers are: Eileen Smoot, President; Sharon Miller, Vice President; Art Bridges, Treasurer; Beverly Petty, Secretary; and Dean Mracek, Member-at-Large.

President Smoot asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations, Myrna Gray made a

motion that all current board members be unanimously elected for the next term.

The motion was seconded and carried by the membership.

Adjournment:

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded, carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Beverly A. Petty, Secretary*



STILL LOOKING GOOD AND STRONG

Treasure/Membership – Fiscal Year-end Report (June 30, 2006)

A good year for growth.

We have had a really great year for growth, created by really great rallies. The word is out that we have a chapter that is active and has lots of fun.

We have signed up 24 new members for the year, which gives us a year-end total of 124 paid up members. This is a net gain of 16, as we lost 8.

Watch out for these new members – to say welcome aboard, that is.

A long list of new members – but we're really glad.

- Bill & Judy McBroom (Granite Bay, CA)
- Buck & Cathie Mau (Devore Heights, CA)
- Glenn & Debbie Lamb (Vail, AZ)
- Karen Becker & Ray Collard (Pocatella, ID)
- Lon & Christine Cross (Yorba Linda, CA)
- K. G. Davallou (Fremont, CA)
- Joe & Debby Darby (Camarillo, CA)
- Hershel & Sherrie McGriff (Green Valley, AZ)
- Robert & Linda Nichols (full-timers – Soux Falls, SD)
- Jerry & Rita Barry (Huntington Beach, CA)
- Fred Stottrup (Redding, CA)
- Andy & Harlene Anderson (Cypress, CA)
- Alf & Sally Zellmer (Las Vegas, NV)
- Ron & Lisa Short (Upland, CA)
- Dennis & Judy Trimble (Kingsburg, CA)
- Steve & Connie Barrett (San Dimas, CA)
- Dennis Snyder & Tim Jewsbury (Palm Springs, CA)
- Larry & Kareen Meyer (Bakersfield, CA)
- Robert & Toni Carson (San Clemente, CA)
- Arlen & Carol Kurtis (Bakersfield, CA)
- Robert & Rosemarie Boback (Emory, SD)
- Denny & Angel Young (Redlands, CA)
- Phillip & Claudie Parrish (Fresno, CA). and...
- Michael & Leslie Pettinger (Oakdale, CA)

Chapter Treasurer's Report

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| • Balance as of June 30, 2005 | \$ 2,510.03 |
| • INCOME: | |
| Annual Dues | \$ 993.00 |
| Advance Dues | 1,425.00 |
| New Member Fee | 120.00 |
| Rally Profit | 592.86 |
| Prior Yr Rally Deposit Returned | 1,544.00 |
| Raffle Income | 453.00 |
| Total Income | \$5,127.86 |
| • EXPENSES | |
| Bank Fee | \$ 12.00 |
| Check Print/Supplies | 103.09 |
| Rally Advances | 1,739.80 |
| Coupon Redemption | 175.00 |
| Newsletters/Member Packets | 1,163.07 |
| Postage | 239.96 |
| Dues 1-Yr (Contest – Petty) | 15.00 |
| Nat'l Rally Fee Refund (Smoot) | <u>319.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,874.23 |
| • BALANCE AS OF June 20, 2006 | \$ 3,762.97 |

It was a good deal if you used it.

We had a relatively good turnout of \$25 coupon users. The final count used was 38, with 31 used for first two rallies and 7 being used during the final two. 59 coupons were not used.

(Editors note: In case you don't remember, or you are a new member and are totally confused about the coupons Art refers to, the Board approved issuing coupons to all active members that could be use as a discount on any of the rallies held in the year 2005. If a member didn't use their coupon, the coupon expired with the last rally of that year.)

Membership Dues Are Due.

There are still 25 members, as of publication of this newsletter, who have not paid their 06/07 dues.

Please check your label on this newsletter to see if you are overdue. If it shows 6/30/06 you are one of the 32. Not that we are pressuring you, or anything like that.

Art Bridges / Treasurer/Membership



DIRECTORY ADDITIONS & CHANGES

There are too many additions & changes to list. (It would take up 2-3 pages of the newsletter alone.) Besides, a new directory will be coming out soon, and you won't have to bother marking up your old ones.



If you missed out on our Pachanga Rally you can catch up on the happenings by reading our latest newsletter.



WANTED

Fall 2008 National Rally Site

SoCal is hosting the Fall 2008 National ACA Rally. And, we are still looking – any ideas? Here is what we need:

- Parking sites : 250-300 coaches
- Hook ups – if possible
- Dining/entertainment hall:500-600
- Seminar rooms: 5-6 for up to 50
- Vendor trade booths: 15-25 spaces
- Hotel nearby: 15-20 service crew
- Prefer: So-Cal, So-Nevada, or West-Arizona locale

Any suggestions? Know of fairgrounds or RV park that could handle our event?

You can e-mail me with any leads at epsmoot@adelphia.net.

Once we secure a location, plans for the rally can begin in earnest.



Southern California Chapter Membership Newsletter

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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- **Sept. 18-22, 2006 / National ACA**
Bethpage Campground, Urbanna, VA
Northeast Chapter Hosts
- **Oct. 12-15, 2006 / SoCal Chapter**
Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach, CA
Hineslys & Sweedens, "First-Timers" Co-Hosting
- **Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2006 / SoCal Chapter**
Outdoor Resort RV Park, Aguanga, CA
Bierbaums & Monahans, "First-Timers" Co-Hosting

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- **Mar. 22-25, 2007 / SoCal Chapter**
Distant Drums RV Park, Camp Verde, AZ
Wordens, "First-Timer" Hosting
- **Jan. 25-28, 2007 / SoCal Chapter**
Wine Country RV Park, Paso Robles, CA
Board Members, Co-Hosts
- **Sept. 26-Oct. 1, 2007 / National ACA**
Calistoga Fairgrounds, Calistoga, CA
NorCal Chapter Hosting