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President

Jim Hinesly
Vice President

Pat Adams
Secretary

Sue Rose
Membership/Treasurer

Sharon Miller
Member At Large

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Bob & Kim Daniels
Newsletter Publishers

AN ENDING & A BEGINNING.

Who was it that said "all is well that ends well"?

This is my last write up for our chapter's newsletters - my "ending" - and Bev Petty, our new president, will fill you in on the rally starting on page 2 as her "beginning".

We had a great rally at Pechanga in June and I would like to thank the wagon masters, Bev & Ben Petty and Jerry & Norma Dunn.

And the winners are...

We had our board meeting on Saturday and election of new officers. They are Beverly Petty, President; Jim Hinesly, Vice President; Pat Adams, Secretary; and Susan Rose, Treasurer/Membership chair-woman. I want to congratulate you all. This will be a great board and I hope we will all support them.

Bev and Jim have already served as board members, while Pat and Susan are new board members. As past president I will be on the board too as member-at-large. It's nice to have both experienced and non-experienced members. We are very proud of our new board and look forward to working with you all.



During the meeting, I was presented with a framed photo collage by Bob Daniels on behalf of the chapter membership. It was a great reminder of my time as president and I truly love it.

This should end the discussion.

We discussed whether or not to allow Fleetwood's Revolution into ACA and since it is not an American coach, our chapter didn't feel it was a good idea. National has since

voted not to allow them in either.

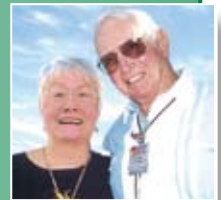
We also discussed whether or not to have our ACA Across America magazine published on just the internet, and again, our group felt that we needed to have it in a hard-copy format.

Pat, you're a true trouper!

Pat Adams sat in for me at Gillette rally and I would like to thank her for a great job. We had 17 coaches there and I understand that we were the core group for all the socials. Thanks to everyone there who helped out. Sorry we couldn't attend. I understand it was fabulous.

They were there from the beginning.

One of our "Charter members" has sold their coach and will no longer be in the club. Lets all say a hearty "Thank you for everything and we will miss you" to AL & MYRNA GRAY. They were instrumental in starting the whole club. We wish you the best of everything, especially health. Come by to a local rally and visit us.



This will be Bob & Kim Daniels last newsletter and directory, but they have agreed to help Joe & Betty Kloss to take over. I want to thank all four of you, Bob & Kim for doing it and Joe & Betty for taking it on. It's really a big job.

Last but not least...

I would like to thank those who have stood by me, in being a board member for the last 12 years. Especially the last two. I have really enjoyed it and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

We have made some dear and lifelong friends. I would like to thank all of you who helped me in tough times (both personal and chapter related). You know who you are. We (meaning everyone of our chapter members) have turned our SoCal Chapter into one of the top notch chapters in ACA - and that's a fact!

I say "WELCOME TO THE NEW BOARD." Lets support them to the fullest.

Sharon Miller
Out-going President



PECHANGA RALLY: SMALL GROUP – LOTS OF FUN!



A group of 14 coaches gathered together in Temecula at the Pechanga RV Resort for a Caribbean Rally hosted by Ben & Beverly Petty and Norma & Jerry Dunn.

How about this date? No! Well how about...

While there were starts and stops with the original rally date (it was first scheduled the second week of June, but the park had no availability), it was rescheduled for June 3-5. This provided a rally for those of us who could not get away for the Gillette Rally but still wanted to hang out with our motor home friends.

The board members in attendance included Ben & Beverly Petty, Norma & Jerry Dunn, Sharon & Charlie Miller; Jim & Janet Hinesly; Pete & Eileen Smoot. Art & Sandy Bridges were traveling to Maine in their motor home for an extended trip so they couldn't make it.

They liked us!

We had Jenny & Jim Barton join us at the last minute after hearing from Charlie Adcock what a fun group we were. This was their first local chapter rally and they liked it! Thanks Charlie for referring our newest members!

Other guests included: Ken Brummett; Fred & Peggy Hodge; Marv & Linda Karsten; Joe & Betty Kloss; Willie & Marilyn Morris; Lisa

& Ron Short; John & Sue Thomas; and Ken & Belly Tilly.

We were thrilled to have Kim & Bob Daniels join us for most of the rally. It was bittersweet as Kim & Bob just sold their beloved coach. We will certainly miss their fun spirit as they start their next chapter. Unable to make the rally, but joining us for dinner was Karen & Lee Prather.

Joining us for our general meeting and election was Dean and Kathy Mracek. Too many family commitments to attend the weekend event, but it was nice they eked out a little time to join us for the meeting.

What was there to do?

So what did this small but happy group do during the weekend? Thursday night we enjoyed gathering together over hors d'oeuvres and a beverage (wink wink) and catching up since our last gathering. Those that didn't get enough appetizers went out to dinner or tried their luck at the casino.

Friday morning we had a continental breakfast. Shortly after breakfast we had the 2nd ever craft project in the clubhouse. Ladies who didn't try their luck at the poker tournament enjoyed making their own unique greeting card for someone special in their life.



Sharon made a birthday card for her daughter, Janet made a card for a special girlfriend who is going through a serious medical issue, Norma made an adorable card for her 92 year old aunt, Betty a birthday card



for her granddaughter, and Peggy made a beautiful humming bird card.

There were many more cards made and while the gals started off a little intimidated, they eventually threw caution to the wind and got really creative.

What about the guys!

What were the guys doing while we were being artistic? Several went over to the poker tournament and others gathered together and solved all of life's problems. That night the hosts provided a meal of Caribbean burgers, salad, and beans.

Super Chefs to the rescue!



Saturday morning dawned with our Top Chef and Sous Chef – Pete & Eileen Smoot – cooking up biscuits and gravy and sausage and eggs. John Thomas volunteered to cook the eggs

and was allowed in the kitchen while Eileen, Norma and I scurried about being the wait staff. The meal was delicious. Thanks Pete and Eileen for this great idea and all the work you put into it. Thanks John for helping out in the kitchen.

What do you do after a huge, delicious breakfast? Well you have root beer floats in the afternoon. Yeah, that's the ticket. Great idea Norma & Jerry!

If it's ok with you, I'll just have my float without the root



Eat your heart out girls!

Jerry didn't believe me when I said I could still get in my wedding dress



No one went hungry.

Ensuring that no one went away hungry, the hosts served a scrumptious (if I do say so myself) Caribbean feast for dinner: Broasted chicken, Caribbean rice, Ambrosia salad, green salad and Hawaiian rolls. The festive mood was heightened by many of our members wearing colorful island attire.

It was tougher than it looked.

While the theme of the event was Caribbean, we had a sub-theme too...weddings! Well after all, it was June.

Everyone was asked to bring a wedding picture and turn it in to Norma & Jerry. They placed the photos onto a board and handed out sheets of paper with the years of the weddings that you had to match up with the photos.



We spent hours looking at the photos and guessing. The trick was we had to choose the year of the photo AND who the members were too. This proved to be hilarious and difficult.

Is that who I think it is?

Here are some of the comments heard around the photos: "Well that's Kim, but that has to be her first husband, not Bob." Or "that looks like Pete, but so does this picture, hey wait, that looks like Pete too." And the most common saying heard was "I have no idea who these people are!"

Who are these people Eileen? Are we at the right rally?



That's Pete, but that's not Eileen is it?



I think this one is Pete AND that's definitely

...and that's Pete too, but that's not Eileen!

By the show of hands, I think we're in honey.



Yeah, betting is illegal, but if we did, we might have had something like this



After a weekend of guessing, the grand prize winner with the most correct answers was announced. Congratulations Lisa Short. Along with a lovely bottle of wine, she received a huge jar of pickles. (And I think she was more excited about the jar of pickles than the bottle of wine.) Good job Lisa.



Would I lie to you?

Next it was time for two truths and a lie and oh what fun we had. We learned way too much about each other, along with the fact that we have some excellent liars. Well, everyone should be good at something!

The best #1 liar of the weekend was (drum roll please) Janet Hinesly. She was awarded for her skill with a bag of pop-pycock! Thanks to everyone who participated and proceeded to pull the wool over our eyes.



Sunday dawned too early as we headed out in different directions – some to spend time with grand kids, others to enjoy shopping in Palm Desert, and folks like me who had to go to work on Monday – arghhhh!

Get your calendars out.

Our next scheduled gathering is a SoCal pre-rally at the former Outdoor Resort in Las Vegas (now called Las Vegas Motorcoach RV Resort) and then on to the National Rally in Las Vegas, “just around the corner” – so to speak.

A huge contingency of our SoCal members plan to be in attendance. If it’s not on your calendar, make sure you add it now. It’s so close and there’s so much to do (and eat) in Vegas.

We won’t get bored with the board.

The SoCal Board will be putting on a rally over Veteran’s Day (November) at Outdoor Resorts in Aguanga.

A maintenance seminar will be put on by Matt of Matt’s RV Service. Matt worked on several of our coaches at Pechanga and got rave reviews. Besides the seminar he will be providing during the November rally, he will also be available for minor repairs on your coach. In case you need it, here’s his phone number: 951-526-9898.

Are you next in line?

In the meantime, start noodling when you (yes, you) can put on a rally. Sure, there is some work involved, but it’s definitely a labor of love and lots and lots of fun. So we’re looking for volunteers now. If you volunteer now, you can choose the best time for you.

Enjoy your travels this summer. And stay safe.

*Beverly Petty
Incoming President*

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Bev didn’t include anything about the gift Eileen gave her that was in keeping with the Caribbean theme of the rally – but these pictures were too priceless not to include in the newsletter, don’t you agree?)

Would you believe I once lived in a shipping container?



...it’s hard to believe, but...I spent time in jail



If Ron could keep a straight face I might believe him.



“Liar... liar... pants on fire!”

Come on Sharon... you said you only wanted to look!!



I won something but I’m not sure what it is



...and the second thing is that I have an insurance company’s logo tattooed on my back.



Listen Marv – this is what you call a tattoo!



**Membership Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2010
Pechanga RV Resort
Temecula, CA**

Meeting was called to order



President Sharon Miller called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Board members present included: Vice President Beverly Petty; Membership Jim Hinesly; and Member-at-Large Eileen Smoot. Treasurer Art Bridges and Secretary Sandy Bridges

were unable to attend

President Miller thanked the following:

- The rally hosts Ben & Beverly Petty and Jerry & Norma Dunn for a fun rally.
- Introduction of Jim & Jeanie Barton, first-timers at our rally.



Secretary’s Report

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership to approve the minutes of our last meeting as published in our newsletter

Treasurer & Membership Report

Treasurer & Membership Report: Jim Hinesly presented the Treasury and Membership reports in Art’s absence. We have a balance of \$5,151.69. Jim reminded all that dues will be due by the end of the month of June and to send in your dues now. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Treasurer’s report be accepted. (Treasurer’s Report to follow in the next newsletter.)

Old Business:

Sharon asked if we owed money to the National ACA after our national rally we hosted in Tucson in 2008. The response was we made money at the rally and some of the money went to servers as tips, the rest was returned to National.

Sharon thanked the nominating committee of Bob Daniels, Norma Dunn, and Dean Mracek and reviewed the slate of officers which were:

- Beverly Petty – President
- Jim Hinesly – Vice President
- Pat Adams – Secretary
- Sue Rose – Membership/Treasurer
- Sharon Miller – Member-At-Large (The retiring president automatically fills this position.)

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New Business:

- A reminder that in the next newsletter there will be a \$25 coupon to be used for a future rally. For example, Willie & Marilyn Morris and Pat & Gary Adams will be hosting the pre-rally prior to the National Rally in Las Vegas. If you register for the pre-rally and the fee is \$200, you send them \$175 plus the coupon for \$25. The Wagonmasters will in turn obtain the \$25 from the treasury.
- Pat Adams, our future secretary, attended Board meetings on behalf of Sharon at the Gillette rally. Pat also picked up the new membership applications. Sharon asked that our membership pass them out to any American Coach we see.
- Sharon reported there were 116 coaches at Gillette with 17 first timers. This was seen as a victory for Gillette as they came close to canceling the rally after receiving only about 25 registrations. But they put a campaign on and were able to save the rally with more registrations.
- There was a discussion if anyone was interested in obtaining the ACA Magazine, *Across America*, via the internet/PDF. John Thomas talked about the costs to produce the magazine and the savings that would be realized if members approved it to be emailed. Bob Daniels stated they are under-pricing the advertisement. A show of hands was requested to see who was interested in receiving the magazine via the internet. There was not much interest with the majority wanting a hard copy. Sharon will report this survey back to National.
- Sharon thanked Bob & Kim Daniels for the beautiful newsletter they have produced for the past several years. As they have sold their coach to Howard & Brianne Brisette (Becky & Bob Clapper's daughter and son-in-law) they are ending their membership in the ACA. We will certainly miss them both as they have been an active and vital part of our group. This also means we will need to find someone to fill Bob's shoes regarding the newsletter. Bob indicated he had contacted Jane Lihou and she was somewhat interested, but she uses a different software program. (Later during the rally Joe Kloss volunteered to take over the newsletter.)



- Gillette Rally: Debbie Darby reported there were 17 first-timers.

We have new membership brochures. ACA has a total of 1,367 member coaches while in 2004 there were 2,000. The numbers have been dropping every year.

There were 17 members of SoCal at the Gillette Rally. It has been reported that SoCal/NorCal were the core group at the Gillette Rally.

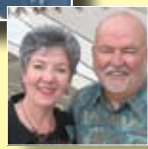
- October 11-15, is the National Rally in Las Vegas put on by the SouthWest Chapter.

Our SoCal pre-rally will be held October 8-11, 2010 at the former Outdoor Resorts in Las Vegas, now called Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort.

Willie & Marilyn Morris and Pat & Gary Adams are the hosts and we will be inviting NorCal and NorWest to join us at this pre-rally.



Willie plans on 1 breakfast and 1 dinner and a social on your Friday arrival. Guests are on their own Saturday with a big dinner on Sunday.



Sharon asked for a show of hands on who will attend the rally and almost all indicated they are going. Willie has reserved 25 sites, but he can reserve more.

- A lengthy discussion took place regarding sending out email notifications for chapter rallies. There was some confusion as to the Pechanga rally. It had been advertised at the previous rally in Pismo, on our web site, and the invitations went out via email.

If the email bounced or the member did not have an email, the member was mailed a hard copy. However, some members were confused and were waiting for the hard copy in the mail.

Once the new board is in place, they will make a recommendation on how to advertise and promote our rallies and present it to the membership in the form of a motion.

- The next National rally will be in Memphis, TN May 16-21, 2011.
- Changes for National rallies: During the Gillette rally the ACA National Board of Directors voted to have one national rally a year and 2 regionals a year – one on the West Coast and one on the East Coast.

Jim Graham will be the rally director to assist those putting a rally on. After this vote was concluded, some concerns arose as to the ability of SoCal, NorCal and Northwest to be able to put on a rally each year.

- Revolution – We were asked to consider allowing the Revolution to be a part of our ACA National Rallies and clubs.

There was a healthy discussion including the pros and cons.

The pro's: Makes our group bigger, we will get younger people involved.

The con's: Even though it is built on the same line, it is not labeled an American Coach. If we pierce the protection of the American Coach, will we then get requests for Discovery, Expedition, Bounder, etc. to be included in our group?

A vote was held and no one approved the Revolution to join our national rallies.

- Myrna & Al Gray have sold their coach; Steve & Teresa Bierbaum have sold their coach.

Future Rallies:

Next SoCal Rally: November 11-14, 2010 at the Outdoor Resort in Aguanga. This rally will be hosted by the Board.

Matt Bauer (951-526-9898), who worked on several of the coaches at this rally, has agreed to put on a maintenance seminar and we can individually sign up for coach repair by Matt. More information will be presented later.

Election Of Officers:

The slate was reviewed again, a vote was taken and the slate was unanimously approved by the members in attendance:

- Beverly Petty – President
- Jim Hinesly – Vice President
- Pat Adams – Secretary
- Sue Rose – Membership/Treasurer



Sharon thanked the Board of Directors for helping her throughout the year with special thanks to Sandy Bridges for her assistance with Robert's Rules of Order. Thanks was also given to all members.

At this point, on behalf of the chapter, Bob Daniels presented framed pictures representing Sharon's reign as President and thanking her for her outstanding service.

Additional Business:

- Sharon stated she and Beverly would be writing the next SoCal newsletter together and that Sharon would write the SoCal article for the next ACA National magazine.
- Jim Hinesly provided information regarding the coffee mugs he can produce. Several members have already received their mugs. He is again taking orders; he will not ship the mugs, you must pick them up at a rally. Cost is \$10 each.
- Directory/Newsletter: Sharon thanked Bob Daniels for our superior newsletter and directory for many years.

Discussion followed regarding our Directory which was last published two years ago and only new members were receiving an update copy.

The new Directory's cover will need to be changed to present the newly elected board member's picture. The Directory costs about \$5 each to produce.

Sharon put out a call for a volunteer to take over from Bob. (After the meeting Joe Kloss volunteered to take over both publications as he has InDesign software program – YIPPEEE!).

Bob did mention it is possible to send out the Directories using PDF format every time there is an update, but concern over security was voiced by some of the membership. It was decided that the new board should determine how the chapter will distribute the Directories in the future.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with a round of applause for Sharon. Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly A. Petty Out-going Vice President
for
Sandra L. Bridges,
Out-going Secretary





If you missed out on the SoCal Rally at Pechanga in Temecula, CA, you missed some craaaaazy, fun times! BUT, you CAN catch up on the happenings by reading this, our latest newsletter.



Southern California Chapter Membership Newsletter

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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- October 8-11 / SoCal Chapter Pre-Rally
Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort, Las Vegas, NV
Gary & Pat Adams and Willie & Marilyn Morris Co-Hosting
- October 11-15 / [ACA National Fall Rally](#)
Las Vegas, NV – Southwest Chapter Hosting
- November 11-14 / SoCal Chapter Rally
Aguanga Outdoor RV Resort
SoCal Chapter Board Co-Hosting

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- Spring / SoCal Chapter Rally
Date & Location To Be Announced
Joe & Debbie Darby and Bob & Becky Clapper Co-Hosting
- May 16-21 / [ACA National Spring Rally](#)
Memphis, TN – MacPac Chapter Hosting