



YOU MISSED OUT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

For those of you who missed the New Year's Eve Rally, you missed a good one.



SoCal Hosted a three chapter rally at Hemet. It was co-hosted by Willie & Marilyn Morris, Gary & Pat Adams and Ray & Joanne Lamb.

It was a kick-back type of a rally.

It was very relaxing (so we could save up our energy for the New Year's bash) It was just what all of us needed after the Christmas rush.

The weather was beautiful, as was the sunset starting off our New Year's celebration. The evening's entertainment was really great. The entertainer went non-stop from 7pm to almost 1am - without a break! (He must have strong kidneys.) He played music, told jokes, did impersonations, had



audience participation, and never once lost his enthusiasm that kept the party going.



Thanks to all of the co-hosts: Great job!

We've gained five more!

We had five couples join our chapter in Hemet. At the same time, Charlie & I became members of the NorWest Chapter ...and we are already NorCal members. Incidentally, both the presidents (and wives) of NorWest,

(Merritt Mosby & Carita) and NorCal (George Borecky & Nancy) are members of our chapter also.

Kudos to the other two chapters.

We really enjoyed having the other two chapters join us in Hemet. It's really great meeting other chapter members and joining in the fun with them at the rally.

We had a short meeting there because we needed to have three chapter meetings. At our chapter meeting, we voted to return the Treasurer and Membership positions back to just one officer. We have had that in the past until about 3 years ago and have found out that it works a lot better to just have one person serving both functions.

In the meeting, I introduced the nomination committee for the new officers. They were Bob Daniels, chairman, and Dean

Mracek & Lanny Wilson. (Note: As of publication time, Lanny has declined to serve and Norma Dunn has accepted to serve on the committee.)

Speaking of the nominations.

I have decided not to run for president again, but as past president I will serve on the board as Member At Large for the next two years. We will have our nominating committee announce the officer slate at the Pismo Beach rally.

At the same time, we will take nominations from the floor - provided the nominee is present to accept such nomination. The election for the new board members will be held at the Chapter General Meeting during the June 3-6 Pechange rally in Temecula.

It was 50/50.

At the rally we decided to have a 50/50 raffle for raising money for the Scholarship foundation. This is a foundation the National ACA set up a number of years ago. The goal is to give ten deserving children of Decator factory employees a kick start for college to show an appreciation for all the



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help they (the employees) have given to ACA members.

Our National ACA treasury is a little short now because of hard times and there is a need to raise money as the National ACA can't support the foundation any longer. We are falling far short of having enough to even give one scholarship. The 50/50 drawing was won by Carita Mosby and she donated \$50 back to the fund.

We've challenged all other chapters to do the same.

My apologies...

I would like to apologize to Peggy Hodges & Cheryl Brummett whose picture had the wrong name in the last Across America, ACA magazine. Sorry, girls, but I really didn't do that.

...thirty, forty...
I'm Cheryl, she's Peggy
...fifty, sixty, seventy...



It's really big!

We saw a lot of SoCal members in Quartzsite, AZ, in January. It's quite a place to go. It's the country's largest swap meet. For a couple of weeks in January there is a huge tent for just RV's supplies and many dealers selling coaches.

If you haven't been there, you should try it next year. There are a lot of full hookups in Quartzsite and near-by towns (need to make reservations early), or you can just circle with your friends on BLM land in the surrounding desert.

Mark your calendars

April 8-11 – Our next rally on April 8-11 will be at Pismo Beach, CA. It will be co-hosted by Don & Mary Ferderer, Joe & Betty Kloss and Bill & Sharon Scott. It's their first rally and I'm sure they will have a great one. I for one am really looking forward to it. This is a great park and if you have a 4 wheel drive, you can drive on the beach.



May 27-June 1 – After that, the next rally, is the National ACA Rally in Gillette, WY. It's the 20th anniversary celebration of ACA that was founded in Hemet. You don't want to miss it as they are planning a really great celebration.

We've been to a previous one in Gillette. It's a great complex and there are a lot of national parks near-by to see. I would like to know who plans on going and if anyone would like to plan a caravan – or – join Merritt Mosby's caravan heading over there. If you want info on Merritt's caravan, e-mail or call him: maceagle@oregonfast.net/541-999-0304.

Currently, it doesn't look like we will have a pre-rally. However, for those who will be going, they will be sharing socials with NorCal and NorWest.

June 3-6 – IMPORTANT CHANGE: Originally the rally was set for June 10-13, but we couldn't get the clubhouse for that date, so it is now June 3-6. (Please make a note of this). The host for this rally will be Ben & Beverly Petty and Jerry & Norma Dunn.

For those of you going to Gillette, it will be a little tight, but we just couldn't get the dates we wanted.

I understand there is a lot planned for this rally, so plan on coming. And, we will be holding the election of new chapter officers at this meeting. They will be taking over immediately at the end of the General Meeting.

Do you know someone who...

There are a number of people who have not renewed their SoCal membership. If you know someone who hasn't received their newsletter, please tell them we stopped sending newsletters to unpaid members. (In our July/August 2009 newsletter, we inserted a special notice to those members who were delinquent in paying their dues telling them this was their last courtesy mailing.)

I have personally tried to contact most of them by e-mail. I would like to know if they have quit traveling or have just forgotten (which is easy to do). Contact me by e-mail – scmill75@aol.com or 951-699-3929 and let me know.

A big WELCOME for eight!

We would like to give a really "BIG WELCOME" to our new members. I'm sure you're going to enjoy our chapter. We try to have a lot of fun.

Watch for them at our upcoming rallies. They are:

- Denny Lawson, Sioux Falls, SD
- Dave & Betty Shober, Clovis, NM
- Jim & Anita Rainier, Gresham, OR
- Bert & Charlotte Emert, Palm Desert, CA
- Truman & Terri Bennett, Pahrump, NV (You gotta watch Truman!!!)
- Jay & Loretta Ingle, Shingletown, CA
- Thom & Keril Niesen, Livingston, TX
- Richard & Ann Forward, Red Bluff, CA

Thanks a lot for joining. We really look forward to seeing you all at our rallies and along the road.

Did I see you raise your hand?

We are looking for volunteers to co-host our fall pre-rally to the National ACA Rally in Las Vegas which is being held on Oct. 11-15.

Since Las Vegas is so close for most of us, we could stage it on Oct. 8-10 and try and go in a day early to the National



Rally. There is a suggestion of maybe rallying at Whiskey Pete's or somewhere in that area. Please let me know if you are interested. If you are a first-timer, don't worry – we'll join you up with a couple that has had prior experience.

He's making progress!

Charlie's walking pretty good and not in the wheel chair much. Thank you for the many prayers and support – it really helps. We look forward to getting out on the road more.

We wish you a great 2010. Lots of health, wealth and happiness. In our motor homes we can't help but have happiness.

Sharon Miller
SoCal Chapter President
(and Charlie too!)



Oh, oh...
dead battery



Damn, but I'm
good looking



Did I ever tell you
the one about the
moose with....



**Membership Meeting Minutes
December 31, 2009
Golden Palms RV Resort
Hemet, CA**

Meeting was called to order

President Sharon Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. No other board members were present.

Kathy Mracek volunteered to take the minutes.

Sharon welcomed all and gave thanks to rally co-hosts, Willie & Marilyn Morris, Gary & Pat Adams, and Ray & Joanne Lamb for a great rally.

Sharon introduced the representatives of both NorCal, Treasurer, Ann Forward, and NorWest President, Merritt Mosby, and thanked them for their participation.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2009 meeting as they were published in the Chapter Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Art Bridges was absent, so no treasurer's report was available. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report as published in chapter newsletter.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

- Motion made, seconded and carried to change the Treasurer and Membership officers' duties back from two positions to one position as in the past.
- Election for the new slate of officers is coming up at the General Meeting at the June 10-13 rally at Pechanga in Temecula, CA.
- Daniels, Mracek & Wilson were appointed to the Nominating Committee. The committee will present a slate of officers at the April 8-11 Pismo Beach Rally General Meeting, and then the board will take nominations from the floor.
- Next rally on April 8-11 at Pismo Beach, CA. To be co-hosted by Don & Mary Ferderer, Joe & Betty Kloss and Bill & Sharon Scott.
- The National ACA Rally is May 27-June 1 in Gillette WY, which is being hosted by the Happy Wanderers Chapter. Merritt Mosby is putting together a caravan for the Northwest Chapter. Everyone is invited to join.
- June 3-6 (a new date) Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA, hosted by Ben & Beverly Petty and Jerry & Norma Dunn.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the membership to adjourn at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Mracek acting for
Sandy Bridges
Secretary.



If you missed out on the three chapter New Year's Rally in Hemet, CA, you really missed a laaaaazzy but craaaaaazzy, fun time!

BUT, you CAN catch up on the happenings by reading this, our latest newsletter.



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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

- **April 8-11 / SoCal Chapter Rally**
Pismo Beach Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach, CA
Joe & Betty Kloss, Bill & Sharon Scott, and Don & Mary Ferderer
Co-Hosting
- **May 27 - June 1 / ACA National Spring Rally**
Gillette, WY – Happy Wanderers Hosting
- **June 3-6 / SoCal Chapter Rally**
Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA
Ben & Pevery Petty and Jerry & Norma Dunn Co-Hosting
- **October 8-10 / SoCal Chapter Pre-Rally**
In or near by Las Vegas, NV
We need two couples to co-host
- **October 11-15 / ACA National Fall Rally**
Las Vegas, NV – Southwest Chapter Hosting