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Our Chapter enjoyed a rally at the Outdoor Resort in Rancho California (also known as Aguanga). It was organized by the Board, and I must say we did an excellent job. The Board got some valued assistance from residents Bill & Sharon Scott and Denny Lawson before, during and after the rally. Thanks folks!

The BINGO tournament was so intense, you could hear a pin drop during the games. Thanks Susan Rose for organizing the game and thanks to Marv Karsten for calling numbers. Winners were: Marilyn Morris and Lisa Short @ \$8.50; Mary Ferderer, Pete Smoot and Gary Adams each won \$17; Ken Brummett won \$25; and Doyle Bowers won the big pot of \$42.50! Congratulations to everyone who played.

We had a quasi-pot luck meal where we furnished tri-tip and chicken and everyone brought an appetizer, a salad, a side dish, or dessert. Jim Hinesly, the SoCal VP, and Marv Karsten were our chefs du jour. Can I just say those boys got skills! The tri-tip was cooked to perfection. The next day, I got to eat some of the left-over chicken and it was mighty fine too. Thanks Jim and Marv. We now know why Janet and Linda both say you guys are good in the dark!

The next night we had the chili cook-off contest of all contests. Keep in mind we had 22 coaches at the rally. We had 11 chilies to sample (sampling each chili is a story in itself). Each and every one of the chilies was award-worthy so it was difficult deciding on a winner. But the results are: 5th Place – Beverly Northrup; 4th Place – Pat Adams; 3rd Place – Denny Lawson; 2nd Place – Sharon Miller; and (drum roll please) 1st Place with his spicy chili went to Marv Karsten. Awards were given, the applause was loud, and the diners were stuffed to the gills with big, sappy smiles on their faces. Marv, about the tobacco in the chili? You were kidding, right?

I do have some sad news to report – Dean Mracek's and Norma Dunn's mothers both passed away recently; and Marge Hughes, wife of the late Bob Hughes, passed away in October. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as their families go through this difficult time.

The next rally coming up will be at one of our favorite places – Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert. Our hosts are Pete and Eileen Smoot and Lanny and Mary Wilson. Since Eileen is involved, there will be games so everyone should hone up on synonyms or homonyms or begin memorizing the capitols of 3rd world countries! Norma Dunn will be dazzling us with (and trying to teach us) cake decorating skills; there's always a golf course close and convenient; and a rumor of a meal at the home of one of our members. Get your reservations in early for this February 10 – 13, 2011 rally.

Next on the slate is a rally at Wine Country RV in Paso Robles April 7 – 11, 2011. Joe and Debbie Darby and Bob and Becky Clapper are the rally hosts. This rally will be a combination with NorCal and NorWest so George and Nancy Borecky and Truman and Terry Bennett will also help to stage this rally. The famous Debbie Darby silent auction is scheduled, which was a hoot and a half at the Darby's last rally. Begin looking now for that perfect white elephant gift to donate to the silent auction.

In May many of us will be heading to the Blues, Soul & Rock 'n' Roll Rally at the Agricenter in Memphis, Tennessee. MAC Pack has put a lot of effort into this rally and it's packed full of fun. Don and Mary Ferderer recently spent time at the Agricenter RV Park and gave it two thumbs up. It's close to everything, has a river view, and there are some unique events in Memphis when we'll be there (a famous BBQ contest for one, yum!). Pete Smoot, who must have some Energizer Bunny in him, is coordinating a rolling rally. First stop Needles, a short haul for most of us. Average mileage will be about 350 – 375/day. More info to follow.

The big news is that Southern California will be hosting the National Fall Rally in 2012. The first order of business, and we need everyone's help on this, is to locate a fabulous venue. What are we looking for? I'd say a location that isn't too far out for us to get to, an RV park with as many full hook-ups as we can muster, long, level sites, and a place to have meetings, seminars and eat meals. I'm guessing we should locate a park with at least 170 sites. The Las Vegas rally had 151 coaches, so keep that in mind. Please begin noodling this, and if you have an idea, get some details and call me. I would say finding a location will be one of the most challenging for us, so the earlier we take care of the location and check it off our list, the better off we'll be. Beaudry entered my mind, but a recent check revealed they have closed. Not just the retail side, but the RV Park as well. Maybe someone else will open it and it can be a contender.

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So get out there and start looking – I'm hoping my phone rings off the hook with suggestions.

Pete (gosh am I repeating myself) Smoot is planning a Western Regional Rally at the Las Vegas Motor coach Resort in Las Vegas October 3 – 7, 2011. Anyone can attend as long as you are a member of SoCal, NorCal, Southwest, or Northwest. So don't let your membership lapse if you want to attend!

We are looking for a volunteer to put on another rally in 2011. The schedule of our rallies has been laid out above, so choose a date that is convenient for you, call me and volunteer! It's not that difficult and almost everyone pitches and helps during the rally. Don't feel like you have to top the previous rally – the purpose of the rallies is to hang out with friends while enjoying our beautiful motor homes. You know my old saying – Just Get Out There!

See you in February,

**Beverly Petty**

President, SoCal Chapter



## Our Pre-Rally at the Las Vegas Motor Coach Resort



Southern California Chapter

We had quite a group of SoCal members at the National Rally in Las Vegas and it was good seeing our friends from all over the country. The weather was warm, which gave us plenty of opportunity to mingle outside. Then of course there were those who enjoyed mingling with the slot machines. The Southwest Chapter put on a fine, fine rally. There were a couple of group socials, a group potluck breakfast and I believe we all enjoyed the food served at Sam's Town. RV World of Yuma was very accommodating and brought 8 new coaches for us to drool over. It was exciting to see people actually buying motor homes at this rally and five coaches were sold. We may get an up-close and personal look at one of those new coaches as SoCal members Bob & Becky Clapper bought one of those beauties. At last rumor they were picking it up in Decatur, so they are home by now, probably wandering in and out of the coach breathing in the 'newness'. Congratulations Bob & Becky. Give us a tour and I promise we'll take our shoes off upon entering!

Lady Luck shined on several of our members in Vegas. Scott Rose won the quilt that his wife, Susan, made for the raffle. Susan was pretty excited because she really, really liked what she made, and it was beautiful. Dennis Baker won toilet paper (yeah, that was special!). Big winners, courtesy of RV World included Pete Smoot who won a Toshiba notebook computer; Joe Darby won an I-Phone; and Ben Petty won an I-Pad...which he hasn't put down since the rally!





And I would like to thank all my fans who made this possible.



He's not just The Guest Speaker... He's my Dad!



Where is Charlie?



We are listening to all of your comments

## Membership Meeting Minutes November 13, 2010 Rancho California Resort Aguanga, CA

Meeting called to order by President Beverly Petty at 9:35 a.m. at Outdoor Resort, Aguanga. Beverly introduced new So Cal members Ira Klitzner and Aden Cohen. Beverly asked for a round of applause and thanks to the Board for putting on the rally, and reminded members it might be their turn to host a rally. Additionally she thanked everyone for coming and bringing great dishes for the pot luck. A special thanks to Jim Hinesly and Marv Karsten who did an excellent job with the bar-b-que of the meats for last night's dinner.

Minutes of the October 2010 National rally were read. Debbie Darby made a motion to approve, several seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Susan Rose. Operating balance after expenses for the rally was \$3,561.56. 29 members have not paid their dues; two are attending the rally and will pay this weekend. Debbie Darby made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ben Petty, so approved.

Announcements were made that Dean Mracek's mother passed away as did Norma Dunn's and the club extended their condolences. Also Marge Hughes, wife of the late Bob Hughes, passed away in October. A donation of \$50 was sent to the Scholarship Foundation in honor of Chuck James and his service with American Coach. An acknowledgement of the donation has been received. Sharon Miller thanked Beverly for attending this rally due to her very recent health issues.

Reminder breakfast on Sunday was changed to 9:00 a.m. at Site 573 (Ben & Beverly's coach site).

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Let's bring this meeting to order



If Joe has another beer, so will I.



Is that 2 steps Forward?



The National rally in Las Vegas was a success with 151 coaches attending. 5 new coaches were sold, one to the Clapper's and the remaining coaches to non-American coach owners. Justin Humphreys and RV World were very happy. The Sam's Town location was nice and the staff was very cooperative. The food was excellent. Susan Rose donated quilts for a raffle, and wouldn't you know it, Scott Rose won one of them. RV World brought in some great gifts, e.g., a PC (won by Pete Smoot), I-Pad (won by Ben Petty) and an I-phone (won by Joe Darby). Dennis Baker won toilet tissue! The seminars were good, including a Cummins/Spartan seminar that was well attended. There were e-mail updates daily by Laura Bruno, SW President.

An announcement was made that the Revolution has officially been named an American Coach/Fleetwood product. The Board has approved the Revolution owners to become part of ACA, now a vote by the members will be done via mail. Also, there will be By-Law changes, one of which will be the change to allow the American Revolution to be a part of the ACA. Pete Smoot is working with the Board in recommending an attorney who is familiar with Corporate By-Laws.

There is hope to build up the membership as well as attendance at the rallies. It is felt the introduction of the American Revolution will bring in more members and the next generation to become active in the leadership of the ACA. The positions of President and Vice President are open for election. The slate of candidates is Doug Thompson for President (current VP) and John Corcoran for Vice President. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be up for election next year. Mary Corcoran has been secretary for over 8 years and is actively looking for a replacement. Anyone interested should contact Beverly or any National Board member. If you are interested, but unable to attend all rallies, you can have a designee sit in for you. Please support your organization by volunteering.

The current By-Laws are very rigid to run for office so these by-laws are being reviewed. Debbie Darby took over the Ambassador program from Beverly Petty and is doing an excellent job in welcoming first-time members. Beverly thanked her

for the evolution of the Ambassador program.

The ACA magazine – "Across the Miles" is looking for interesting articles. Please submit your recipes, stories, places to eat, etc. to Laura Bruno or Jane Lihou. There was some controversy over the article in the last magazine about traveling in Mexico. Some members expressed there are safety issues traveling to Mexico and travel to Mexico is not been recommended. Jim Hinelsy mentioned that 6,800 people have been killed in Mexico last year. A member recently had a conversation with the Chief of the Yuma Police who highly discouraged travel to Mexico.

Rallies: At the Gillette, Wyoming National Rally it was decided that there would be only one (1) national rally per year. Thoughts about that decision were re-discussed by the Board in Las Vegas. It has now been decided that for 2011 there will only be the Memphis, Tennessee rally and that we would revert to our previous schedule with two rallies in 2012. So Cal was approached about putting on a rally in 2011 with the suggested site to be San Antonio, Texas. The reason was to continue with the schedule of East – Mid – West, and it's time for a mid-country venue. As this isn't a convenient place for So Cal members to hold a rally, Beverly declined the offer. Additionally, she felt we would need more than 1 year to put on a rally. After discussion, So Cal's next national ally will be held in the Fall of 2012.

As several members wished to have another rally in 2011, Pete Smoot is organizing a planned 4-chapter Western regional rally (So Cal, Nor Cal, Southwest, and Northwest) at Las Vegas Motor Coach in October 2011. You must be a member of one of those chapters to attend. The dates are October 3 - 7, 2011. Debbie Darby will be in charge of the food. More details will be worked out.

Eileen Smoot discussed the February 10 - 13, 2011 rally with co-hosts Lanny & Mary Wilson at Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert. 35 sites have been reserved. There will lots of things to do, including cake decorating by Norma Dunn, golf, and, potentially, dinner at the Clapper's desert home.

Debby Darby discussed the April 7 - 11, 2011 rally at Wine Country RV in Paso Robles that the Darby's & Clappers will host. It will be a joint NorCal and So Cal rally. George & Nancy Borecky & Truman and Terry Bennett will help also. Lots of stuff in the hopper, e.g., seminars and a silent auction. Please bring a "white elephant" gift that is new and unused for the silent auction.

Bev mentioned one more rally is needed in 2011, so encouraged participation from members. Beverly stressed that some members have put on several rallies, so it couldn't be that difficult if they continue to volunteer. It's now time for others to step up and plan a rally. A suggested date would be around November/December 2011, but whatever is convenient for your schedule would no doubt work.

Reservations are being taken for the Memphis National Rally. So far 42 have signed up. There are limited spaces with full hook ups, but all will have water and 30 amp, with one pump out (no charge for the pump out). Pete Smoot will have a rolling rally to Memphis. He plans to hustle along to get there to attend "Memphis in May" which is held the Thursday - Sunday before the rally starts. Average of 350 - 375 miles per day are expected, starting with arriving in Needles on May 5th. Details are being worked out and will be shared for those who want to caravan with them.

### **New Business:**

So Cal will be asked to put on a National rally in the Fall of October 2012. There will need to be a Chairperson, registration, treasurer, etc., for this rally. As the first order of business, and possibly the most difficult, Beverly asked everyone to be on the look-out for a location for this rally. Beverly also announced she tried to contact Beaudry's in Tucson and even the rally park is closed. We will need at least 160 - 170 sites. Report all findings to Beverly. We will start to work out the details of the So Cal National Rally during our February rally in Palm Desert..

Dave Gratten has decided to sell his 2002 Eagle. It is a 40' with two slides and has 54K miles. He is selling everything including the tow car (2008 Malibu hybrid with 24K), tools, supplies,

etc., for \$125K. Anyone interested please see Dave at Site 532. Must see to appreciate.

### **Old Business:**

Notifying members of upcoming rallies via e-mail vs. mailing was discussed. The majority still want the hard copy. We will continue to send hard copy and email notifications. Beverly asked that all members continue to keep their email addresses up-to-date and send changes to Susan Rose or Beverly Petty. Beverly was happy to report that member George Johnson has volunteered to replace John Thomas as our webmaster. He has an internet business so is willing to take this job on for us.

A reminder was issued that Bingo will be today at 2:00 p.m. and the Chili Cook Off is this evening. The Social Hour will be at 5:30 p.m., with chili tasting at 6:15 p.m. Please bring your set ups. Veterans will be asked to share their stories about their service experiences.

Dennis Lawson, owner at Aguanga resort, apologized to the Board for the "hiccups" at this rally. He will be discussing it with the resort's Board and hoped that we would want to come back to their resort.

Pete Smoot made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by several members, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia A. Adams (Pat)**





## Subject: Memphis Rally Registration

We are busily preparing for the upcoming Memphis rally with much enthusiasm. As registration chair for the rally it has come to my attention that some of my emails that have been sent were not received. I am told the reason for this is that my name and email address is not listed on their computer. Since I will be sending out confirmation packet information by email, it is important that everyone's computer be able to receive my email. I am asking all chapter

Presidents in their mass membership emailing and chapter Newsletters to please urge everyone to add my name and email address to their computer list of contacts. Hopefully this will alleviate or at least help with the problem of people receiving this information.

If some of your members do not use a computer or rarely check their email, I need to know in order to make sure I mail their packets.

Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing all of you in Memphis.

*Phyllis Ingram*

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# SoCal Rolling Rally to Memphis

## *Rollin', Rollin', Rollin' To The River*

Join Eileen and I for a fast paced, fun filled journey from SoCal to the ACA National Rally in Memphis, Tennessee, taking place from May 16-21, 2011. Our itinerary is shown below. Join us for the whole run or at any point in the trip. Come and go as you please.

**You must make your own reservations at each park where you want to join us.** Don't bother to mention our rally to them since they won't know what you are talking about. Most places should be wide open. **But if you are joining us in West Memphis be sure to make your reservations NOW at Tom Sawyer RV Park.** We will be there the weekend of the Memphis in May BBQ Competition which is one of the three Superbowls of American BBQ competitions. So space at the park will be at a premium. Note that for May 12-15 you have an option. Come with us to Tom Sawyer's which is just a short hop to the Memphis in May BBQ and all the sights of Memphis (Graceland, Peabody Hotel, Sun Records, Stax Records, Tunica Casinos, and Charlie Vergos, Corky's or Interstate for REAL Memphis BBQ). Or stay on at Charlie Adcock's place for his own Memphis Pre-Rally.

What's planned? Well, look for a cocktail party every day around 5:00 p.m. I've got a list of some good places to eat at all our stops. Other than this, we're gonna make it up as we go. Hope you can join us. Call me at (310) 406-7496 if you have any questions.

Pete Smoot

### Itinerary

May 5	Desert View RV Park 760 326-4000	Needles, CA (272 miles from LA)
May 6	Grand Canyon Railway RV 800 843-8724	Williams, AZ (175 miles)
May 7	American RV Park 800 282-8885	Albuquerque, NM (356 miles)
May 8	Fort Amarillo RV Resort 806 331-1700	Amarillo, TX (288 miles)
May 9	Twin Fountains RV Park 866 693-1469	Oklahoma City, OK (259 miles)
May 10-11	Charlie Adcock's Place 1214 Fuller Lane	Searcy, AR (353 miles) No Need to Call Ahead
May 12-15	Tom Sawyer RV Park 870 735-9770	West Memphis, AR (98 miles)

### OR

May 12-15	Stay at Charlie's Place for his Memphis Pre-Rally	
May 16-21	ACA National Rally	Memphis, TN

Mark your calendars for a four chapter extravaganza next Fall. The SoCal, NorCal, Southwest and Northwest Chapters are putting on what promises to be a terrific event. This is the only multi-chapter rally west of the Rockies until the Fall of 2012. If you are a member of any of these chapters, you're invited. Watch your mail, and check the American Coach and your Chapter's websites for more information.

WHAT: FOUR CHAPTER WESTERN AREA RALLY

WHERE: LAS VEGAS MOTORCOACH RESORT  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

WHEN: OCTOBER 3-7, 2011

SAVE THE DATE



## Southern California Chapter Membership Newsletter

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### \*\*\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*\*\*

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So Cal Rally: February 10 - 13, 2011 @ Emerald Desert RV Resort - Palm Desert

Hosted by Eileen & Pete Smoot and Lanny & Mary Wilson

So Cal Rally including NorCal & NorWest: April 7 - 11, 2011 @ Wine Country RV - Paso Robles

Hosted by Joe & Debbie Darby and Bob & Becky Clapper

So Cal Caravan to the Blues, Soul & Rock 'n' Roll National rally

Dates and itinerary to be determined - Coordinated by Pete Smoot

• May 16-21 / [ACA National Spring Rally](#)  
Memphis, TN - MacPac Chapter Hosting

Western Regional Rally: October 3 - 7, 2011 @ Las Vegas Motor Coach Resort (formerly Outdoor Resorts)

Coordinated by Pete Smoot, Laura Bruno, and George Borecky