

**SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS CHAPTER FMCA, INC.****February 2016***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE***ELECTED OFFICERS & APPOINTEES 2016**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT**February 2016**

We had 23 coaches including 2 guests in attendance at the New Year's rally at Emerald Desert Resort. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Our Trail bosses, Steve and Ursie Fisher, did a wonderful job putting our Rally together. Please see Ursie Fisher's write up which follows later in the Gazette.

Thursday, 9:30 Board meeting. At our board meeting, much to our disappointment, we found out our Treasurer, Steve Fisher needed to resign due to things beyond his control. Ray Bass informed me that he also needed to resign his National Director position. We wish them both well. They are both going to continue coming to our Rallies and supporting the Bus Nuts.

We accepted both Steve and Ray's resignations. After checking the bylaws, we found that an officer could hold more than 1 position. It was decided that we offer Beverly Jones the Job of Secretary and Treasurer since she is already the Secretary as of today. Gene LeMeur is alternate National Director and will move to National Director.

10:30 General Meeting: A quick overview.

We brought our proposals to our members and asked for nominations from the floor. No other member in attendance wanted to run for either office. Without opposition, Gene and Beverly were elected to their new jobs starting Jan,1, 2016.

Jim Patterson gave us a rundown on the up and coming Rallies.

We ended our day celebrating New Year's Eve hosted by Emerald Desert. It was the best party yet since Emerald Desert started hosting. We had a very nice dinner, great band, open bar and lots of champagne. Lots of dancing and picture taking went on until midnight

We wish everyone a Healthy, Happy & Prosperous 2016!

Glen Blankenship

President

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2016

- President: Glenn Blankenship
- Vice President: Everett Fuller
- Secretary/Treasurer: Beverly Jones
- Past President: Tom Brown
- Directors: Remaining 1 year terms are Karen Fouts and Jim Haupt. Two year terms are Lou Huff and Norm Wilson
- National Director: Gene Le Meur
- Wagon Master: Jim Patterson

APPOINTEES FOR 2016

- Hospitality: Lois Huff
- Data/Roster: Richard Rody
- Membership: Barbara Hart
- Editor: Donna Bass

2016 SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS RALLYS

January 6 – 10	WMHA Western States Rally – Indio Fairgrounds	
February	No Rally	
March 10 – 13	Desert Willows RV Resort – Hesperia	Blair, Haupt, Hart
April 7 – 10	Three Rivers Jazz Festival – Three Rivers	Ursie Fisher
May 12 – 15	Yucaipa Regional Park - Yucaipa	Trail Boss Needed
June/July/August	No Rallies	
September 15 – 18	Chula Vista RV Resort – Chula Vista	Trail Bosses Needed
October	No Rally	
November 3 – 6	Stagecoach KOA RV Park - Banning	Trail Bosses Needed
Dec 29 – Jan 2	Emerald Desert RV Resort – Palm Desert	Trail Bosses Needed

Jim Patterson
WagonMaster
909-269-1877

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Lois Huff

1. Donna Bass is doing much better with her shingles. The doctors are working on new meds for her and she is feeling better.
2. Everett Fuller is home recovering from his stroke and Sue says he is improving every day. He has been out and about and is looking great.
3. We saw Tony and Betty Fraley at Scootch Schoonover's memorial service. Betty goes in next Wednesday for a CT for her shoulder.

Tony is having more testing for his heart. Betty was actually waiting during his testing. Today, as we were talking, Tony was having a Nuclear Stress Test. Saturday he will go in for a CT scan for bone density. They, like most of us, are spending a lot of time in doctors' offices.

Let's keep all these people in our prayers.

I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year. May we all have a healthy and happy 2106.

Hugs to all,

Lou and Lois

SPOOK-A-ROO RALLY

JOSHUA TREE – OCTOBER 2015

Larry and Lorraine Tesler were Trail Bosses for this Rally held at the Sportsman's Club in Joshua Tree. At first they thought there would be a small turnout; however fourteen coaches attended with 26 people. Sue and Everett Fuller did the pumpkin carving event with many good ideas. Larry and Lorraine want to thank the many volunteers who helped them.

When they arrived, everyone was trying to decorate their coaches with wild Halloween ideas and bright lights. Haunting Happy Hours were held every night for socialization before the meals. The meals consisted of meat stew (made by Lorraine) one night, a catered meal by Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant (which was very good), and on the last night Larry set up the barbecue for everyone to cook their own steaks. The hosts provided salad, side dishes, and desserts. Continental breakfast was provided one morning and Larry made pancakes, sausage, and fruit another morning. Larry likes to cook. All in all there were some very hardy meals served.

Friday was busy with Witch Sue Fuller hosting the pumpkin carving contest. Almost everyone brought a pumpkin to carve. There were some really cute and scary pumpkins. Before the Mexican dinner on Friday night, the costume parade, pumpkin viewing by the judges, as well as judging of the coaches was held. Best couple costume was presented to Bob and Marlene Sortillon. After all the prizes were given away most everyone joined in playing games.

Saturday the group caravanned in their cars for a tour of Joshua Tree National Park; and, visited various local sights in Joshua. After the BBQ dinner, the group again gathered together for game playing. Sunday everyone left for their homes or various destinations.

Personal note by Lorraine Tessler. She and Larry want to thank everyone for coming to the final Spook-A-Roo Halloween Rally. Next year we will not be having an October Rally. Lorraine states one of their first rallies with the Southwestern Bus Nuts was a Spook-A-Roo Rally many years ago at the Joshua Tree Sportsmans Club. Fred Gabel was President then. He found out Lorraine had done newsletters for a boat club, and asked her to do the SWBN Newsletter. Lorraine accepted and she did the newsletter for five years. She enjoyed it and both she and Larry miss Fred.



Carvers at work



Nice to see Barbara and Bob eating with the group



Great pumpkins on display by the handy dandy carvers.



The group gathering at Joshua Tree

2015 New Years rally.....Written by Ursie Fisher

If you did not attend the New Years rally you missed a fun filled event.

Many people chose to come in a day early, relaxed and got ready for the end of the year.

Sue Blair absolutely made this rally a hit!! She did all the decorating, bar tender, saved the leftovers, cooked the black eyed peas and cornbread, went grocery shopping, and performed in the Skit. Next time you see her she deserves a big hug!!!!.....

Skip Thomas was our caterer; he does a very good meal at an excellent price, Salmon yes we had fish!!

This year we did not have the large room with the big kitchen. We need to have 50 coaches attend the rally before we qualify for the large room. The room we had was adequate, **Larry Stevens** played his guitar and sang, he is so pleasant to hear and dance too. The golf putting contest was well attended; **Zip** was the winner this year. The girls of the "BN" put on a skit from Menopause the Musical. **Larry Stevens** ran the music (many thanks). **Bob Darden** was the warm up man with jokes getting the crowd going. I want to be sure everyone gets their name in print!!! **Lois Huff, director, names listed not in any order....Sue Kalac, Edda Patterson, Sheri Stevens, Jan Macy, Sue Blair, Pat Darden, Ursie Fisher, Jeanne Blankenship.** The group played games after all the excitement was over. Several games of card bingo, then a long game of pass the paduca, the big winner was **Rick Comaroto** with all the quarters. We toured the Annenberg, Sunnyland visitor center and gardens, extremely interesting. Emerald Desert put on the New Years Eve party, food served family style (good) band (good) photo booth (good);

All in all it was a nice evening, most of us made it until midnight California time!!!

1/1/16 we had our black eyed peas and cornbread, cabbage for your wallet (good luck), latter hot dogs and leftovers. **Tom Brown** put together the football pool, I do not know who won.....That was it 1/2/16 a lot of us were off to Indio.

Footnote: Sue Fuller put a lot of planning into the New Years rally. She totally put together the skit and twisted gals arms to participate. It was fun and we missed her not being able to attend.....

WMHA Western Motorhome Association Rally- January 6-10, 2016

This year's WMHA Rally at the Date Festival Fairgrounds in Indio, CA drew about 950 motorhomes for fun, seminars, food, a parade, and entertainment. About 40 Bus Nuts coaches attended the rally. Many worked at various volunteer functions.

The Southwestern Bus Nuts participated in two major events. The first was the Volunteer Dinner for about 450 people on Tuesday night. It was a catered dinner where we were the servers.

The second event was a Vendor Party, on Friday night, for all the exhibitors selling their various RV products. This event was attended by 330 vendors. This event we created from scratch starting on Sunday with the event hall setup and ending on Friday night with the "big party". Our Bus Nut group worked long, and hard, on this event. They did it all with ten roasters, six refrigerators, one sink with hot water, and a lot of hard work. They did an outstanding job and Lois, and I, thank each and every Bus Nut volunteer for their hard work. Everyone got a big pay raise for this event. An extra "zero" was added to their paycheck which added up to \$0000.00 non taxable income.



Lou & Lois Huff



The Bus Nuts love a parade

EDITOR'S REPORT BY DONNA BASS

ALSO KNOWN AS

Missus Spintales



We certainly had many activities since our last publication in September 2015. Appears that 2016 is going to keep us busy, too. Please check Jim's updated Bus Nuts Rally listing. Further, I've included copies of the March and April registration forms.

A number of members have requested copies of two recipes. The first one is JoAnn Davis' recipe for peach cobbler. Here it is:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup Bisquick
- 1 cube butter (cut up)
- 1 cup milk
- 1 large can sliced peaches (not all of the juice)

Stir altogether. Put in 9x9 or 8x8 pan. Bake 400 degrees for 1 hour. Can be served with whipped cream or ice cream.

The second one is for Donna's Baked Potato Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (1 ounce) package ranch dressing mix
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2/3 (3 ounce) can real bacon bits

Directions

1. Whisk together the cream cheese, sour cream, and ranch dressing mix in a large bowl until smooth. Stir in green onions, Cheddar cheese, and bacon bits. Cover and refrigerate overnight before serving.

Sue Fuller shares this bit of wisdom with us.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline.

The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time.

The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem,

it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE .

Now when I reach for a word or a name , I won't excuse myself by saying

"I'm having a senior moment". Now, I'll say, "My disk is full!"

Well my disk is full, so I'll close up for now.

Don't forget, you can view all Bus Nut Newsletters by following the link to: <http://wafmca.com/?p=763>.

Oh, and by the way, if you have information or articles to share with me, please use bassgotwalt@aol.com

Until the next newsletter...

Missus Spintales

Southwestern Bus Nuts Chapter Rally
 March 10th to the 13th 2016
 Desert Willows R.V. Resort
 Hesperia
 Trail Bosses

Sue Blair

Jim & Joyce Haupt

Barbara Hart

(Please bring your own place setting for all meals)

Thursday

Check in and get settled
 5:00 PM Happy Hour
 BYOB & Heavy hors d'oeuvres to share

Friday

7:00 AM Coffee
 8:00 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM Board Meeting
 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Games or umbrella decorating
 5:00 PM Happy Hour (BYOB)
 6:00 PM Dinner Provided
 8:00 PM Games of your choice

Saturday

7:00 AM Coffee
 8:00 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM General Meeting
 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Farkle
 5:00 PM Happy Hour (BYOB)
 6:00 PM Catered Dinner
 8:00 PM Pass the Paduka

Sunday

Good Bye
 Until we meet again
 safe and happy travels

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Handicap Parking – Permit # _____

Coach Model & Length _____

Rally Registration Fee \$ 25.00 per person _____ \$

Parking Fee per night \$32.00 _____ \$

Total enclosed for registration and parking _____ \$

Please send registration form and check to
Jim Patterson – 3255 N. Acacia Avenue San Bernardino, CA. 92405
909 269 1877

Questions
 Haupt 562 866 6009 Blair 562 943 5718 Hart 562 860 1146

Jazzaffair 2016 BADGE REGISTRATION

Send in the completed form with payment, and a written confirmation card will be returned to you.

Keep the confirmation card - it will be required to redeem your badge(s) at the Lions Arena site, beginning at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7th, 2016.

Jazz for the Generations Special - Bring your children (13 yrs to 90 yrs) and get their ticket for 1/2 price.

Children under 12 are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Get things off to a fast and delicious start on Thursday night.

Make your reservations for the Lions Club Recognition Dinner & Music. Dinner at the Lions Arena starts about 5:00 p.m. Music will soon follow.

Qty.	JAZZAFFAIR REGISTRATION	Total \$
	3-day All Event Badge with dry camping, couple	\$200.00
	single	\$120.00
	3-day All Event Badge without camping, each	\$ 80.00
	Lions Recognition Dinner & Music Thurs. 4/7/16 5:00 p.m. - \$15.00 each	
	Total	

Please make check payable to S.L.J.C.

Please return our/my confirmation to:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Mail this form & check to:



Ursie Fisher
 16962 Nighthawk Ln
 Yorba Linda, CA 92886

There Will Be No Cash Refunds After March 15, 2016
 Confirmation cards will not be mailed out for orders received on or after April 1, 2016.

Badges for late orders will be held at the Lions site desk. Badge pick up Thursday, April 7, 2016

POTLUCK 4/9/16 yes No

LOCAL LODGING

Buckeye Tree Lodge
 559-561-5900

Comfort Inn & Suites, Sequoia & Kings Canyon
 559-561-9000

Gateway Lodge
 559-561-4133 Lake Elowin Resort
 559-561-3460

Lazy J Ranch Motel
 559-561-4449 Sequoia Motel
 559-561-4453

Sequoia Village Inn
 559-561-3652 Sierra Lodge
 559-561-3681

Western Holiday Lodge
 559-561-4119

Three Rivers Hideaway Motel & RV Park
 RV sites full & partial hook-ups.
 559-561-4413

Sequoia RV Ranch
 RV sites full & partial hook-ups.
 559-561-4333

Kaweah Park Resort
 559-561-4424
 RV sites full or no hook-ups on river's edge.

Three Rivers Lions Arena

Sites provided for All Events Badge holders.
 Open dry camping within walking distance of band stage.

Tank pump-out available.

Call 559-561-4549 for any additional information regarding accommodations.

Check out: www.jazzaffair.info



43rd Annual April 8, 9 & 10, 2016



High Sierra Jazz Band
 Host Band- Three Rivers, CA

Au Brothers

Blue Street Jazz Band

Bob Draga

Cornet Chop Suey

Flip Oakes Quartet

Grand Dominion Jazz Band

High Street Band

Kylie Castro

Jerry Krahn Quartet

Night Blooming Jazzmen

Reedley River Rats

Sonny Leyland Trio

Titan Hot Seven

Tom Rigney and Flambeau

BANDS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Food & Drink Available On-Site
 4 Venues

Badge holders have
 FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE
 between venues