

CALIF. HEARTLAND



TAKING A BREAK FROM ALL THE ACTION--LOUISE, PAT AND RON NEVE AND JULIE

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VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE



RON NEVE IN ACTION



JULIE THANKS HER HELPER-- PEGGY GRUBER

PHOTOS FROM THIS RALLY



HEARTLAND MEMBERS ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO HAVE A GREAT TIME ON OUR OUTINGS. JULIE IS A GREAT TRAIL BOSS TRAINER/RESOURCE PERSON FOR ALL YOU TRAIL BOSS POTENTIAL WANABEES. YOU ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF HELP. JUST ASK!

Highlights of the rally by Louise Wilson....

Valencia Travel Village RV Park. There were only 2 Rigs that arrived early, The Mendoncas and the Wilsons. We went just down the road to "The Claim Jumper" for dinner, then just a peek into the "SteinMart" store, telling you how close we were to Magic Mountain and all there is to do there. On Thursday a.m. we took a drive to check out Castaic Lake and Lake Hughes something on my Bucket List but also a hidden treasure. The 100s of times we have passed the signs to these Lakes and never turned off to see them! Castaic Lake is just 10minutes off of I 5. It's a big Lake for boats then a bit smaller lagoon where kids were getting lessons on Standing Paddle Boards, tent camping sites, picnic tables, lots of trees, not lots of people. After such a pleasant surprise at Castaic Lake we ventured the 23 miles to Lake Hughes. Well, Lake Hughes is the name of a town, it's an ALMOST town, with a Post Office and several very old houses, BUT also several very gorgeous big homes on the tops of hills. Lake Hughes is non-existent for several years now and Lake Elizabeth is totally dry, still. Both of these Lakes are on the list for water restoration sites, but not yet. Also, we were closer to Lancaster there than where we came from (almost). We ate lunch at "The Rock House" that was just that, beautiful solid rock with really good food & atmosphere. The group all arrived early afternoon, in time for the

evening Potluck. Again, this group does an amazing Potluck! After dinner and a short important information session Julie as The Court Jester started the evening entertainment with the important question of "How Did Humpty Dumpty Really Fall Off Of The Wall"? The Queen of Hearts (Woody Wilson) was the official Judge, Mary Quite Contrary (Louise Wilson) was accused of pushing Humpty Dumpty (Peggy Gruden) off the wall and was left with the task of proving herself innocent with eye witnesses of: Mary and her Lamb (SAM), Jack Be Nimble Jack be Quick (Mike Boyle), Peter Pumpkin Eater, carrying a cantaloupe (Sheldon Yost) (you can only imagine the comments about that, like "How can you believe anything he says when he can't even tell the difference between a pumpkin and a cantaloupe!"), each with their own story, unscripted, OMG what they didn't come up with. Then King Cole (Ron Neve) declared that everyone here were actually liars so the Queen had to decide what happened. She (He) declared that Jack actually was trying to assault her, Humpty Dumpty, pushed her off the wall, jumped on top of her to rape her but she was broken into so many little pieces (Peggy is a very small lady) that the deed was not done so Mary was innocent, everyone else was indeed lying and Jack was innocent because of his disappointment. Poor Mother Goose would have truly been

aghast at what was done to her characters this night. I'm sure you'll see pictures in the Newsletter as Dave was clicking away as everyone was laughing hysterically at the stories. Good job Julie. However I think her story went in directions that she never imagined. On Friday morning after a continental breakfast, which I understand included music performed by Woody on the Piano and Sheldon on the Flute, we carpooled to The Nethercutt Museum connected to the Merle Norman Cosmetics plant. The Museum is free to the public, funded totally still by the Merle Norman family. The Museum is fantastic, awesome, unbelievably beautiful in every aspect. Not one person felt any differently. To go through the 3 flights full of beautifully 100% restored old cars to the gorgeous furnishings through-out, big China Cabinets full of different kinds of collectibles to the unbelievable Music floor. Two floors had Player Pianos and Player Orchestrals that were whole orchestras playing music, to a player Piano that played the actual recording made by Gershwin as they made the player piano roll, the song was " Rhapsody in Blue". We also heard basically a concert of every one of the player pianos around the room took their turn then the Grand Piano and the Wurlitzer Organ finished it off with a duet. Ohhhh how beautiful! The only way that you can go into the Museum and through it is with a

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docent that is so very knowledgeable about every aspect of everything there. Lots of really good information. The cars were painted, restored to the colors that they were originally, in the most beautiful vibrant colors. The reason we have never thought of them as being so brightly painted is that all the pictures we've seen of them were in black & white film.!!! Then across the street to more beautiful cars and a Train Engine and a Pullman Car, the first taste of a really fancy Motorhome. The train had a Pianao (pronounced with a long I, like Pie ano). It has 44 keys instead of 88 keys. We also saw a Grand Piano with 128 keys, and heard it played. All really interesting and lovely to see. Back to Happy Hour and Pulled Pork Sliders, several really nice cold salads and dessert. Some stayed for cards, some went swimming in one of the 4 different pools or Hot Tub. Next day was another great continental breakfast so we could hit the road to the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, 50 minutes or so away. We were lucky to be able to also see an extra exhibit, all about The Titanic. Very interesting. It showed additional new information that's been discovered about what really happened. No one was disappointed in anything about this day either. I've been there twice before and still saw new and interesting things. Woody stood on the President's Podium, as did others, that showed how the

teleprompter works. We also got a picture of Woody under the President Woodrow Wilson Banner on the road up to the Library. There is a Banner for each of the US Presidents, including Trump. This night our dinner was a Tri-Tip with Salads, Apple Pie and Ice Cream We had a traditional Red White and Blue everything all weekend. I mention the food because there was not a stove in the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is a very nice room, set up very nicely but we think they just haven't gotten a stove yet, it was pretty new. The entertainment tonight consisted of: each person was given a whistle in their Goody Bag on arrival. Some whistles were trains, some planes, some stars and some flutes. Julie read a story with those words popping up to remind us of our time here. When that word was spoken all must blow their appropriate whistles. Made for a noisy, and fun musical time. Also, as today, July 15, was Mike Gates' Birthday he told us how he felt today as we saw the momentos of past years at the Reagan museum and the many restored mementos yesterday at the Nethercott Museum and then equate those feelings as we look in the mirror. He actually said way more that we can all relate to. Thanks Mike for sharing. Mike also shared that the Monaco International FMCA group that is going to the Balloon Festival has a few openings that they are opening up to non-Monaco FMCA members. If you're interested call

Mike and he can give you a phone # for the person to call. After dinner those who wanted to played, or learned to play, TIC. Sheldon Yost won that game with a -20, he either had a TIC or a -0- each hand. Everyone exclaimed how fast the weekend passed. Thanks again to Julie, her helper Peggy and SAM and, as usual, the help of everyone who jumped in to help with anything that needed doing. See you at Grass Valley in September! I realize this is a bit long but this rally included a lot of really funny, really interesting stuff that all of you can enjoy on your own or plan another rally to include these things for the many that were not here.

Louise's Memories of this Rally!



CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND CHAPTER - FMCA

Treasurers Report - July 20, 2017

Beginning Balance			\$8,770.67
Monies Received and Deposited :			
7/16/2017 Revenue	Valencia Rally	\$2,260.00	
	Sub Total	\$2,260.00	\$11,030.67
Disbursements:			
6/10/17 #2982	Dave Mendonca	Printer cartridge for Secretary	\$40.98
7/14/17 Debit card	Cash Refunds	Refund to Mbrs of Valencia Rally	\$286.00
7/16/17 #2983	Julie Burger	Food, supplies- Valencia Rally	\$393.32
7/16/17 #2984	Valencia Travel Vill	Parking balance Valencia Rally	\$875.00 Note: 1
	Total Expenses		\$1,595.30
Ending Balance			\$9,435.37

Notes to Statement: There are several paid "advance deposits" for 2017 rallies

- Note 1** Additional prepaid deposit of \$700 paid previously total rally parking is \$1,575
Note 2 Revenue & expected Expenses for the September Rally (Draft Horse Classic) in Grass Valley has been previously reported and is fully funded.

Current Advance Deposits:

Chowchilla	Deposit	\$100.00	Paid out for Oct 2017 rally
Pismo	Deposit	\$100.00	Paid out December Rally
	Total	\$200.00	

Dave Mendonca Treasurer

Links to remember

www.facebook.com/californiaheartland

<http://wafmca.com/?p=330>



Oval Office at the Reagan Library



Hello Heartland

Again another great job by Wagon Master Julie. Thank you for the great rally in Valencia. Sorry that Jenelle and I had to miss it.

FMCA Board has passed a recommendation that Towable Vehicles be allowed to be members of the FMCA Family. There will be a ballot printed in the FMCA Magazine in the months of August, September and October. Each member is asked to cut out that ballot, complete it and mail it to the FMCA National Office in Cincinnati, OH. The membership must now approve this recommendation.

Heartland has already voted to approve Towables but apparently they now need individual member votes.

Nomination Chairman Shirley Mendonca appointed Julie Burger, Woody Wilson and Louise Wilson to complete the Nominating Committee. I ASK ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER BEING ON THE BOARD and contact a member of the committee to give them your name.

The Nomination Committee shall submit the proposed slate of officers to the board at the September meeting.

Ballots will be mailed to each member after the October meeting to ensure all nominations from the floor are included. The ballot should be returned to the Secretary by the date specified on the ballot.

The complete slate of California Heartland FMCA Chapter Officers will be submitted to the members to be voted on. The results will be announced at the November 2017 meeting in Hanford, CA. The officers will be installed at the November meeting.

Happy Travels.

Pres. Fred



A visit to the President Reagan Library...

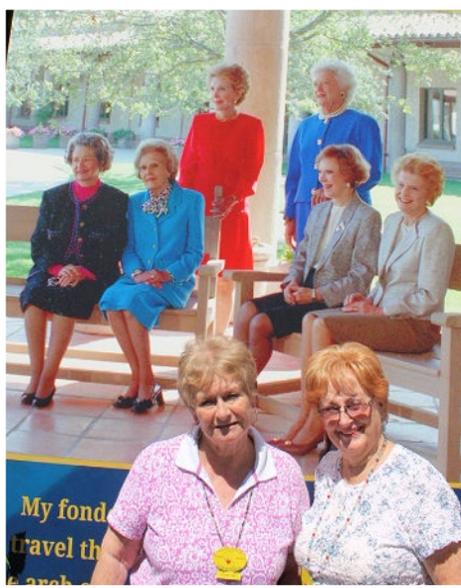
President Reagan's personal limousine



Michael Boyle next to a beautiful Cord



Sam and Louise in good company with many of the FIRST LADIES



DOOR HANGER PROMOTION TO INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO FMCA AND SPECIFICALLY CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND



S.S. TITANIC



STATE ROOM



LIFEBOAT



TITANIC MODEL



ITEMS RETRIEVED

MORE PICTURES FROM REAGAN LIBRARY



BY THE NUMBERS...

1. 11 RIGS
2. 22 PEOPLE
3. \$15.00 FOR THE PIG
4. NETHERCUTT COLLECTION
5. MERLE NORMAN MUSEUM
6. RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY,

Rally plans for the balance of 2017 and starting 2018...

<u>AUGUST-- DARK</u>	Nov. 1st- 5th
<u>SEPTEMBER--</u> Draft Horse Classic Grass Valley, CA. Sept. 21-24	<u>DECEMBER--</u> Pismo Sands RV Park Dec. 7-10
<u>OCTOBER--</u> Chowchilla Rally October 11th--14th	<u>JANUARY--</u> Western Area Rally, Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival, Indio Jan. 10th-14th 2018
<u>NOVEMBER--</u> Kings Co. Fairgrounds, Hanford	<u>FEBRUARY--DARK</u>

Wagon Master Ramblings...

I really enjoyed being the Trailboss with the help of co-host PEGGY GRUBER. And we shout out a BIG THANKS to the twenty-two HEARTLANDERS that were in attendance and made the July 13th-16th, 2017 outing so outstanding. Special THANKS to LOUISE WILSON and DAVE MENDONCA for her report and his pictures [already on FLICKR just click on the link] found in this newsletter outlining all the action these folks enjoyed! And more THANKS to the HEARTLANDERS, when not at the NETHERCUTT COLLECTION, the MERLE NORMAN MUSEUM, THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, and THE TITANIC EXHIBIT, they were busy STARING in the HEARTLAND PLAYERS rendition of "THE REAL REASON HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL" and THE HEARTLAND SYMPHONY playing the now famous "TRAINS, PLANES, STARS AND RECORDERS" or learning the card game TIC as taught by LOUSIE WILSON. The entertainment continued with THANKS to WOODY WILSON the pianist and SHELDON YOST the flutist! THANKS also, to PEGGY GRUBER my TRAILBOSS CO-HOST and a CHARTER MEMBER, for her history lesson on the formation of CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND. We enjoyed a trip down memory lane with stories of the deep pit pig and the first outing ever held in Kingsburg. THANKS again for being our SECRET SHERIFF collecting \$15.00 for the charity pig! THANKS to SAM MENDONCA for the DOOR HANGERS handed out to all in attendance, they are a work of art and bound to bring new interest to HEARTLAND! And THANKS go to MARILYN PETERSON for sharing

childhood memories seeing her pedal car at the CAR MUSEUM that became her neighborhood's favorite toy and to MIKE GATES for sharing his story of the REAGAN belt buckle made by the old Visalia Saddle Company's Silver Artist seen at the LIBRARY that stopped work on his own belt buckle! THANKS again to JERRY STACY, SAM MENDONCA, MIKE & CHRIS BOYAL and their guest EVA who received the SHERIFF'S awards for help above the call of duty. On a more personal note, THANKS go to my son JERRY PATTERSON for his oak BBQ Tri-Tip enjoyed by all Saturday night. And last but not least THANKS go to the wonderful folks at the VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE for all their help in making this a rememberable outing with their warm welcome, help & advice, beautiful grounds, four pools, security, spot on cleanup and great club house.

AUGUST is DARK. Enjoy your Summer! A no host outing, THE DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC in beautiful GRASS VALLEY will be held SEPTEMBER 21st – 24th and was set up by SANDY EMERSON. A FYI, **MIKE GATES at 559-707-0760** had a ranch in the Grass Valley area and has offered to take us on a tour of HISTORIC SPOTS: the location of the first long distance telephone and the covered bridge. Contact him for further details and to get on the list. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH through SATURDAY the 13TH check out BASEBALL DAZE at the CHOWCHILLA GOLF & RV RESORT with DAVE & SAM MENDONCA as Trailbosses. They say "Please keep the folks in Mariposa and the fire in your prayers. We plan a bus trip there to see the GOLD MUSEUM. That trip is now on hold and only

time will tell." NOVEMBER 1st- 5th will be the annual rally at the KINGS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS in HANFORD. The final get-together of the year is DECEMBER 7TH-10TH at the PISMO SANDS RV RESORT in OCEANO.

Last chance, if you are interested in running for a HEARTLAND office, contact SAM MENDONCA, NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN at 209-602-3595 asap. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE! HAPPY TRAILS AND SAFE TRAVELS TILL WE MEET AGAIN! Julie B.

