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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** **JANUARY 2015**

I would like to thank the Fisher's and Fuller's for all of their hard work organizing another wonderful New Year's rally for us at Emerald Desert. They did a wonderful job as they always do. The Synchronized Swimming at the brunch was a great hit. If you missed it, I don't know if it could be duplicated. A big thank you to Ursie Fisher and Sue Fuller for their creativity.

Our swimming ballerinas kept everyone totally entertained! The entertainment and dinners each evening were excellent as usual. We missed a lot of members due to illness and I wish them all well. We hope all of you will be joining us again very soon. Emerald Desert stepped up their game this year for New Year's Eve with the decorations, band and food. They had an open Bar until 12:00 and Champagne for all.

On January 2nd, several members left Palm Desert and moved to the FMCA annual rally in Indio. We had a great time.

For the first time in many years we did not enter the parade. We all got to be spectators and cheer on the very creative and fun floats as they went by. I would encourage everyone to attend next year. The theme will be "Call of the Wild (jungle style)". Put your thinking caps on and let's come up with a winning float.

Good news. Western Motor Home Assoc. has a new website. It is WAFMCA.com. It contains pictures of the 2010 through 2015 rallies and their highlights. Anyone can download the photographs from the website.

As you know, our new Wagon Master is Jim Patterson. He has been working hard to secure some great sights for our 2015 rallies. Let's all hope fuel prices will stay low enabling more people to attend more rallies.

We hope to see all of you very soon. Happy New Year.

Glen Blankenship

**New Year's Eve Rally**  
**Emerald Desert** *by Steve Fisher*  
**December 28, 2014 to January 2, 2015**

45 people gathered to enjoy the end of 2014 and bring in 2015. All meals were catered by Skip Thomas and the food was great. Our first night's theme was "Dress Up, Dress Down". With Pat Darden showing us how it was done, it was quite a hit. Brunch the next day introduced us to the "Men's Synchronized Air Swim Team". Jim Patterson, Steve Fisher and Everett Fuller were quite amusing in their presentation. Bob Darden then performed a hilarious standup comedy act. Improv comedy clubs---beware! Our next dinner's theme was Hawaiian. Pat Darden showed us her best moves and outfits. Hmm...wonder if the Darden's are up to hiring themselves out.

The golf putting contest was enjoyed by many participants; BUT, the play off at the end was the most exciting feature. Ed and Sue Kalac tied. Sue won with a hole in one on the third extra hole. She was ecstatic. See photo.

The resort put on the New Year's Eve Party. Their theme was "Animal Wild Thing". And guess who was the SWBN star...well of course Pat Darden. Can't keep that woman from any invigorating presentation. The park also had a photo machine which went over quite well with everyone.

New Year's day found us eating again. Jim and Edda Patterson were in charge with great help from Sue Blair. We played games, watched football, and even had a business meeting to introduce the new Board.

One of the main questions now is: "Does the club want to continue to have a New Year's Eve party?" Your input is very important. Please e-mail or call Jim Patterson, the Wagon Master for 2015. Jim is at [double2d@Verizon.net](mailto:double2d@Verizon.net) and his cell phone number is 909.269.1877.



**Western Motor Home Association Rally**  
**Date Festival Fairgrounds, Indio, CA** *by Lou Huff*  
**January 8-11, 2015**

The Bus Nuts participated in two major events recently at the Western Motor Home Association (FMCA) Rally in Indio, CA. There were 891 motor homes at the rally plus about 500 day visitors. Thirty four (34) people worked for four days to provide dinner for 660 rally Volunteers on Tuesday night and 423 exhibitors on Friday night. The volunteer dinner was catered and we served all of the people in about 30 minutes. The Exhibitor Party on Saturday night was prepared from scratch including 110 pounds of shredded beef and meatballs cooked in 10 rosters. The dinner also included about 15 other food items. The Bus Nuts worked very hard on these events and Lois, and I, thank everyone big time. It is amazing that if one person does it the task is work. If 34 people participate it turns into fun.



*Collage courtesy of Claudia Herber*

*The following information is provided by Jim Patterson, Wagon Master for 2015. He can be reached at 909.881.2558, or cell 909.269.1877---E-mail: [double2d@verizon.net](mailto:double2d@verizon.net).*

### **2015 Southwestern Bus Nuts Rallys**

<b>January 7 – 11</b>	WMHA Western States Rally – Indio Fairgrounds
<b>February</b>	No Rally
<b>March 12 – 15</b>	Desert Willows RV Resort – Hesperia
<b>March 26 – 29</b>	FMCA 91 <sup>st</sup> National Rally – Pomona Fairgrounds
<b>April 9 – 12</b>	Three Rivers Jazz Festival
<b>May 7 – 10</b>	Pechanga RV Park or Canyon RV Park
<b>June/July/August</b>	No Rallys
<b>September 10 – 13</b>	Chula Vista RV Resort
<b>October 8 – 11</b>	Joshua Tree Sportsman's Club
<b>November</b>	No Rally
<b>December 29 – Jan 2</b>	Emerald Desert RV Resort – Palm Desert

*More information to follow by e-mail to each member.*

## **HOSPITALITY REPORT**

Hi Everyone,

It is with a sad heart that I have to report to you that Fred Gabel passed away last month. He fought a good long fight. Annette will set a date for a memorial service later; and, we will notify you all. May The Lord give Annette and the family peace and strength.

A few of our members have had health issues the past few months. Monika Legrone has been in the hospital but is home now. In fact she was at the Indio Rally. Glad to see her up and around again.

Ann Scowdon is doing well. We are looking forward to seeing Ann and Tim at a rally real soon.

Curtis Jones had surgery in December. He is doing well and we will see Lois and Curtis soon.

Sue Kalac, although she is still having headaches, is doing better. Sue and Ed were at the New Year's Eve rally and had a good time.

Tony Fraley is still waiting for the doctors to schedule his back surgery. Betty is doing well considering she still has shoulder issues

Jim Haupt is showing improvement. We are glad he is having good results with his epidural injections..

If I have left anyone or anything out, please forgive me and send me the info. I will be sure and get it in my next Hospitality report. May your new year be filled with good health, happy memories and a long life.

Love to all,  
Lois

**Editor's Note:**      *Lois does a very good job with her Hospitality reports. She follows up with e-mails and keeps us all informed about our members' well-being. Thank you Lois.*

**EDITOR'S REPORT BY DONNA BASS**

**ALSO KNOWN AS**

*Missus Spintales*



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**This is the first Gazette for 2015. Looking forward to another wonderful year with the SWBN.**

**We received a nice letter from the Ouellette's. It follows.**

*On behalf of my grandson Matthew Colbourne a GIANT THANK YOU to all you very generous, wonderful people who gave \$\$\$ towards his trip to the United Nations. We collected more than triple his hopeful expectations! We hope you enjoyed the homemade "goodies" he and our daughter have made. Matthew has several more "fund raisers" coming up and you all have paved the way for his New York trip.*

*Ray and I would also like to Thank You All for the wonderful New Year's celebration. We enjoyed every minute. Your friendship and smiles brought a delightful end to 2014 and a most wonderful head start for 2015.*

*May you all have a Healthy, Happy, and Blessed New Year.*

*Love, Jackie and Ray Ouellette*

**At the Indio Rally, Pat Darden made a delicious Taco Soup. Many of you asked for the recipe. Here 'tis.**

- **2 lb. ground beef**
- **1 onion, chopped**
- **2 cans stewed tomatoes**
- **1 cup chopped chiles**
- **1 can Hominy**
- **2 cans pinto beans**
- **1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch dressing**
- **1 pkg. taco seasoning**
- **2 cans water**
- **Salt and pepper to taste**

**Put all ingredients into pot and cook for 30 to 40 minutes. Good with cornbread.**

**You will find forms attached for the “Jazzaffair 2015” in April. Ursie Fisher is coordinating with Jim Patterson for this event. The forms and check should be forwarded to Ursie.**

**Also, in case you forgot, Membership Dues for 2015 (in the amount of \$20.00) are now due. They become delinquent on February 28, 2015. Please make your checks to the Southwestern Bus Nuts, and mail to:**

**Jeanne Blankenship, 6031 Ohio St., Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

**That about does it for this month---and---remember, if you have anything you want included in the Gazette, please forward it to me.**

**From your friendly editor, Donna Bass**

## Jazzaffair 2015 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 9th, 2015.

**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.

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	Total	

**Please make check payable to S.T.J.C.**

Please return our/my confirmation to:

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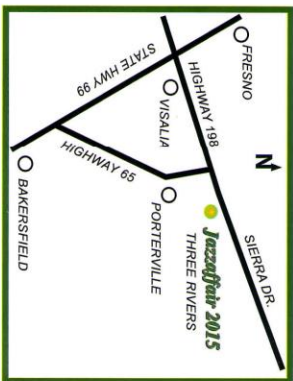
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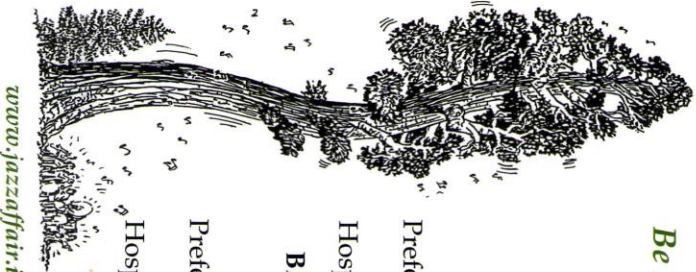


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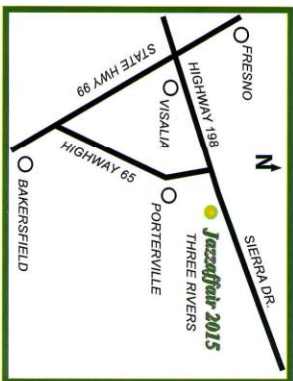
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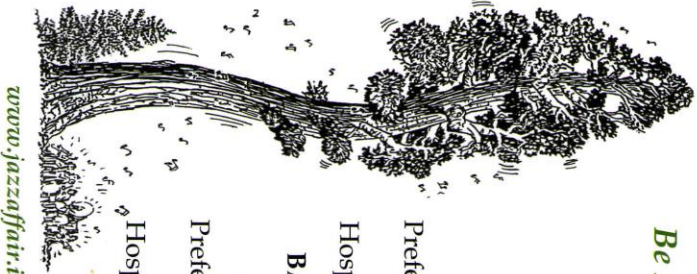


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