

# CALIF. HEARTLAND/FMCA

Calif. Heartland--November 2014

Elvis is surrounded by the recipients of the personalized sweat scarves



## If you want to have some fun, invite Elvis to come to your party

### **Jeremy "Elvis" Pearce**

As a tribute to the King, Jeremy has been performing the Elvis theme for 39 years and has been performing his act since he was eight years old. What started out as an entry in his 3rd grade talent show has turned into a lifelong passion. Jeremy's love and respect for Elvis and his music shines through in every performance.

Before turning professional, Jeremy won several Elvis impersonator contests. Since then he has won audiences over in more than 3,500 live shows in casinos, nightclubs, fairs, conventions, fan club events, private parties, etc. Jeremy is based in Fresno, California and regularly performs up and down the state. He has also performed in the Elvis meccas of Las Vegas and Memphis, and had a number of highly acclaimed engagements in Lake Tahoe at the same hotel where Elvis used to perform.



**Nice looking couple, Joseph and Maria**



**Meet Paul and Barbara Schwab**



**Meet the new Tom and Kathy Jones**

# President Woody has a word...

Message from your President November, 2014

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Hello Heartlanders! Wow, what a Rally we had at Hanford. Thank you so much Ron & Marilyn Peterson for a great Rally. Thanks also to all your helpers, too many to list. The food, the pasture golf and the finale, "Elvis" Pearce, was the best ever. Didn't know our girls had that much pizzazz. Fun! 29 rigs at Hanford, I guess that says something about the location of our annual meeting place. I was proud of our Heartland presence at our dear friend Shirley Cummings' memorial service on Friday morning. Twenty five of our members made the trip to Tehachapi to pay our respects for Kim and their family.



See you at our Christmas Rally at Bakersfield RV Resort in December, 11-14. I'm sure it's going to be a good Rally, Barbara has promised! Keep in mind that we need Volunteers at Indio in January for Coffee & Donuts, contact Jerry Stacy, also for Pomona in March, contact me. See you down the road! Remember "It's all about having fun!" from Charlie Adcock Quote of the day, "Stay between the lines and out of the ditch!"

Sincerely, Your President and Friend, *Woodrow Wilson* (Woody to you) !

Get your annual Heartland renewal in by the first of January so you won't miss out on all the fun planned for 2015. An attachment will be with the newsletter. It's a small investment to stay in touch. Make sure you have your correct email listed on the membership list.



As Trail Bosses, Ron and Marilyn get the famous certificate and Hanford glass cleaner



Two famous Grass Valley Trail leaders are Gary and Sandy Emerson



Barbara welcomes Geary and Luanne Wilson.

Below, one of three TIC tables playing the famous TIC game and Nancy was the winner at our table.



# Notes from our secretary...

Louise Wilson

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## CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 8, 2014 LOCATION: Kings County Fairgrounds, Hanford, CA 29 Rigs MEETING CALLED TO ORDER : By President Woody Wilson TIME: 10:06 a.m.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES :

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Woody Wilson PRAYER LED BY: Jerry Olson

TRAIL BOSSES THANKED: Woody thanked Ron & Marilyn Peterson for all of their efforts for a great Rally. Hank & Pam Gouldon introduced their guests, Jerry & Bridget Post and Sue Buwalda introduced their guest, Parker Buwalda. All were welcomed.

REPORTS:

**VICE PRESIDENT**, Fred Lockwood : No Report

**SECRETARY**, Louise Wilson : The October minutes were read and approved by the Board then printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

**TREASURER**, Maxine Cahoon : Absent. Louise reported the Balance as of October 15, 2014 is \$9,852.65. The Treasury report is printed in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

**WAGON MASTER**, Jerry Olson : Jerry presented Ron and Marilyn Peterson with a certificate of thanks and a gift of Hanford Glass cleaner. They thanked their committee of Dave & SAM Mendonca as well as many other helpers who showed up in the kitchen or on the Golf Course or wherever they're needed. Jerry announced that he has a few Heartland Flags still for \$20.00 each. Barbara McKinley is the Trail Boss for the December Rally at Bakersfield RV Park from December 11-14. There will be a Dog & Cat Parade with prizes, 2 catered meals, 2 special breakfasts, a live singer and lots of fun planned. Also a formal Christmas Picture time so wear your Christmas outfits, bring your Christmas mugs as well. Jerry Stacy reported that he has 30 people signed up for coffee & donuts at Indio. We will have an empty space between Woody Wilson's rig and Dave Elliott's in Indio for our gathering area, more info later. There is another Chapter as well as Heartland involved in Coffee at Pomona in March. Let Jerry Stacy know if you want to help there. The best email address for Jerry Olson is: [motorhomejerry@yahoo.com](mailto:motorhomejerry@yahoo.com)

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR**, Vacant : **ASST NAT'L DIRECTOR**, John Kendall : No Report

**DIRECTORS**, Julie Burger and Tim Cahoon : Absent . Joy Elliott, No Report.

**EDITOR**, Jerry Olson : Timeline for Newsletter info is 7 days after each Rally, Sunday, November 16.

**HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER**, Dave Mendonca: He reminded us all to check into the FMCA/WMHA website, which is set in each of the Newsletters for us. Then click on the Heartland Link for pictures etc. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**, Barbara McKinley: Barbara introduced two of our new members; Dan Boswell who spoke for his wife, Brenda, as well to help us get acquainted with them. Tom & Sharon Roach who rejoined Heartland, gave us their background info as well. Welcome to Heartland! Barbara used this time to recognize several of our members to be sure they all know how pleased we are to have them here and/or back.

**HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN**, Joy Elliott : Dick & Shirley McHaley have moved and are doing well per Melinda Stacy, Nancy Olson is having retina surgery on December 1, and would like our prayers for a successful surgery. Heartland will send a \$50.00 check to the American Lung Association in honor of our deceased member, Shirley Cummings. Please keep Joy informed of any needs our members may have. **SHERIFF**, Fred Lockwood as acting Sheriff used the Honor System for anyone who had been out without

his/her badge, 50 cents for those who confessed, \$1.00 for anyone seen and reported. \$3.00 was collected for the Pig.

**SAFETY OFFICER**, Jerry Stacy : No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** : Thomas Lynch reminded everyone to give him the can pop tops to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Dave Mendonca mentioned that he would be happy to donate any used glasses frames to the Lions Club to be redistributed to those who need them. Ron Peterson explained the process for Pasture Golf and read the names of each Team.

**NEW BUSINESS** : Our Veteran's were recognized and thanked for their service to our country. **BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES** : We recognized and celebrated 4 Birthdays and 4 Anniversaries for June, 5 Birthdays and 1 Anniversary in July, 2 birthdays and 6 Anniversaries in August, 8 Birthdays and 2 Anniversaries in September, 4 Birthdays in October and 3 Birthdays and 2 Anniversaries in November. **WOODY'S WORDS OF WISDOM**: "A Smile Increases Your Face Value".

MEETING ADJOURNED AT : 11:20 a.m. Louise E Wilson





Love me tender, love me true !!

Hawaiian Wedding song



## Elvis is in the House..... Heartland welcomes Elvis to Hanford



A BIG thank you to Woody and Louise !!

As I sit here typing this newsletter, I am partaking of these outstanding grapes that Woody blessed each member with while attending the Hanford rally. Louise has a receipt for **Louises Party Grape Salad** inside the lid. Try it out at home.



## Classified...

What do you have to sell....

### Lawrence Welk Resorts..

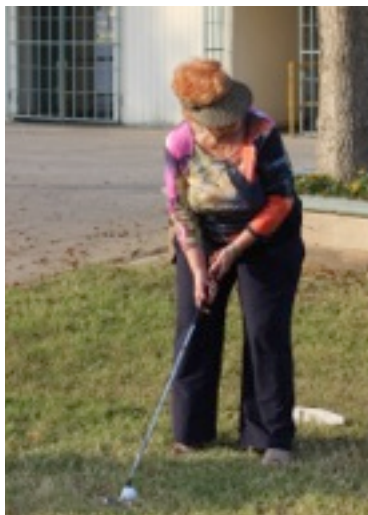
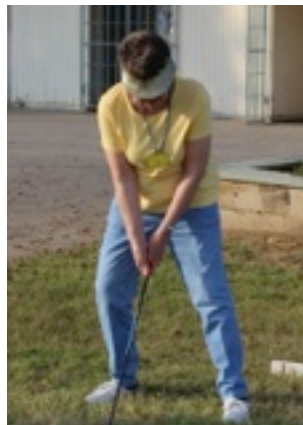
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**Everyone loves a golf game.**



**Here are your bronze, silver and gold winners from the pasture golf tournament.**



## *In Memory of Shirley Joan Cummings—*

Entered into life: August 29, 1939 Napa, California

Entered into rest: October 26, 2014 Tehachapi, California

Shirley was a member of California Heartland for many years and she was a very giving and caring person. She loved to be around people and was always willing to help out at a rally when ever she was asked to do a task to make a rally a success. Shirley was a teacher in Tehachapi for many years and was loved by everyone she worked with and taught.

She was married to Kim Cummings and they have three sons; Dale, Bobby and Chris.



You ain't nothin but a hound dog  
a cryin all the time

### **Hospitality Report...**

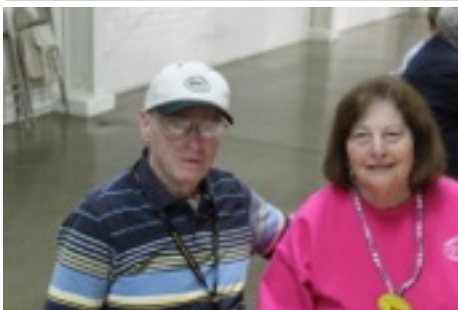
by Joy Elliott

Melinda Stacy has healed enough from her foot surgeries and was able to join us at the Hanford Rally. She was a little slow going unless she used her scooter, but then she zipped along quite handily.

Both Floyd and Phyllis Alger have been under the weather in recent months, but were able to make the trip to join in the Hanford activities.

Nancy Olson will have eye surgery on December 1 to repair a retina problem. She would appreciate positive thoughts and prayers sent her way.

Speaking for myself, I finally have some relief from my back issue and thank those of you who have inquired about how I am doing.



**Tom and Sharon Roach**



**Gerald and Bridget Post**

# Hanford rally report by:

By Dave Mendonca

California Heartland at Hanford

Well, as the saying goes, "If you're going to make an omelet, you've got to break some eggs. That we did and more; in fact a new record of eleven dozen for the Peterson signature "Omelet in the Bag" on Saturday morning. But that's getting ahead of the story.

So you arrive at the rally a day early and you find out you're already a day late. There was an arrival on Sunday and Tuesday and (17) on Wednesday. By the official start of the rally on Thursday there were 27 coaches on the grounds. We added one more Saturday morning. Our trail bosses, Ron & Marilyn Peterson, made many trips to the fairgrounds to coordinate with the new grounds management. Entering the grounds this year through an alternative gate (gate F) was a little stressed but Dave Mendonca and John Buwalda got everyone parked (love that bicycle).

Marian Bailey told the folks at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant to plan on 40 people for dinner on Wednesday. They had reserved two long tables for us and we filled them all. Thursday was a free day and the ladies took full advantage of several choices. The men (mostly) grilled their favorite meats topped off by Ron Peterson's recipe for onion loaded baked potatoes. I looked in on the preparation but missed out on Kathy crying in the kitchen. There were drawings later for Superior Ice Cream certificates. The Lockwoods organized the "TIC" players and many card players rounded out the evening.

We had to rearrange the Friday omelet breakfast to Saturday to allow the early departure of many Heartlanders attending the memorial service for Shirley Cummings at 11:00 am in Tehachapi. The club was well represented by rally goers and other club members. It was a very nice service which is written up elsewhere in this newsletter. Friday night was a catered turkey dinner and we had left overs for delicious turkey

sandwiches the next day. Card Bingo was called by Thomas Lynch and the big winner for the last pot was Dan Boswell who pocketed \$32.

Saturday was a full day. First those famous Omelets in the bag which the group devoured with a gusto (we used 132 eggs). We had a Board Meeting followed by the General Meeting. President Woody remembered to acknowledge the birthdays and anniversaries this time but had to go back to June and come forward. Perhaps Secretary Louise recorded them all but I noted lots of 50 and 60 plus year anniversaries. We had the leftover sandwiches for lunch and reported to links for Pasture golf. There we nine foursomes with two teams tied for first. First and second was decided by a long ball team shoot out and third was decided later prior to dinner. I have never seen a golf ball roll-off in a hall to decide third place but then again I had never heard of pasture golf prior to joining Heartland either. After the Golf awards there were more drawings for table settings. Finally, the draw for the 50/50 raffle produced \$195 to the winner, Bridget Post. The corresponding share goes to Hanford Rally kitty.

A great finish to a great rally. Jeremy "Elvis" Pearce wowed the crowd (especially the ladies) with his extended show performing many of the King's best hits. Jeremy performs all over the country and is one of the best Elvis impersonators I've seen. See the picture collage made by Sam Mendonca in this newsletter. To sum up: A terrific rally by Ron and Marilyn Peterson. Thanks to many helpers; Dave & Sam Mendonca, Marian Bailey, John & Sue Buwalda, Joy Elliott, Kathy Jones and many others.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU VERY MUCH !

## Rally locations and Trail Boss assignments for 2015

January.. Indio Rally (7-8-9-10-11) **Woody and Louise Wilson**

February.. **DARK**

March.. Pomona National Rally (26-27-28) **Woody and Louise Wilson**

April... Yanks RV Resort (9-10-11) **Dave and Joy Elliott**, Tim and Maxine Cahoon, Tom and Shirley Lynch, Gaden and Judy Schorling

May... Casa de Fruita ((14-15-16) **Fred and Jenelle**, Jerry and Nancy Olson

June... French Camp RV Park, Manteca (11-12-134) **Barbara and Louise, Pamela Goulden**

July... **DARK**

August... River Point Landing, Stockton (13-14-15) **Julie Berger**, Pat Parkins, Arlon

September... Marina Dunes RV Park, Monterey area (10-11-12) **John and Jean Hyduchak**

October... Wine Ridge RV, Pahrump, NV (8-9-10) **Tom and Kathy Jones**, Kendalls and Mehelics

November... Hanford Fairgrounds (4-5-6-7) **Ron and Marilyn Peterson**

December... Bakersfield River Run (10-11-12) **Ray and Valarie Marin**



### Stay in touch

Our newsletters and all rally pictures can be found on line if you have a computer.  
THANK YOU DAVE M.

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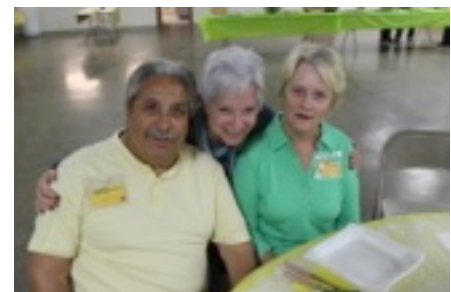
Just click on the blue link and you will be taken right to the Western links to Heartland.

### Happy Faces of our members

There is a new dog among us. Dave and Shirley have a new rescue dog named Sparkey. He is going to be one spoiled dog.



Norman LaJoie and Linda Norwood



Gary and Jean Garcia

## FAITHFUL KITCHEN HELPERS



Trail bosses don't do all the work when you lead as a Trail Boss. You always have plenty of helpers and all you have to do is ask for some help and many workers will step up and work with you.

### Wagon Master Notes:

You will notice we have all our trail boss positions filled for 2015. I am sooo thankful for all of you that stepped up and took a Trail Boss leadership position. It may seem like a scary step but if you have any questions, we are here to support you and work with you. Everyone has their own talents and no doubt you will do a rally that is comfortable for you.

### Hungry people ready for their omelette in a bag.

Everyone was really impressed on how good the omelette in a bag tasted. There was a table set up with a great variety of items you could add to your omelette to make it your very own.



# YOUR CLUB LEADERS

## Current leaders and officers for 2014 and 2015:

The success of every club is the result of fun and motivated leaders. Here are your leaders for the Calif. Heartland chapter of FMCA. Soon it will be your turn to be a leader in our club. What would you like to do in 2016 for the club?

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## INDIO SEMINAR

### First time seminar on metal detecting Garrett AT Pro

This will be a new first time experience for me but I am excited because I have received some great support from Vaughn Garrett. His parents, Eleanor and Charles, started the Garrett detector line 50 years ago and now Vaughn, the son, is taking over the business. The Garrett company runs an ad in our FMCA magazine and that is why I contacted Vaughn and he is a willing supporter and supplier of the Garrett

products and books on metal detecting to be given away at the seminar I will be doing on Saturday morning.

I want all Heartland people to know about this and to pass the word to all clubs to have everyone show up Saturday for the seminar and free drawings for Garrett products that Vaughn will be sending me to give away at the seminar.

I have about 4 metal detectors and the one I use

the most is the Garrett AT Pro and that is the one I will have for a free door prize drawing. I paid \$799.00 for this metal detector when I bought mine so it is not a entry level detector. The first 200 people to the seminar will receive a book on coin and metal detecting information.

All their products are made here in the USA.