

Coaster Chatter



# **Buellton Rally**

The Santa Ynez Valley welcomed the Coaster's with sparkling, sunny weather on February 5th. Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton was our destination for this rally. The accommodations were very nice and the newly upgraded club room, more than adequate for our rally needs.

Thursday evening we were treated with delicious Split Pea and Minestrone soups from Andersen's. They also furnished an abundance of Onion Cheese and Pumpernickel breads made in their bakery. There was more than plenty to serve the 49 members in attendance and a fun way to start the three day event.

Friday morning we all caravanned to the Brown Ranch for a Bocce Ball tournament, hot dog feed and amazing views of Continued Pg 2

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green hills and beautiful oaks. Jim and Susan Lewis set up the Bloody Mary bar as a remembrance of Ken Meyer. We all raised our glasses for "Kenny Meyer Time" in his

memory. Pat Crawford's board with snapshots of Ken was set up near the bar.

The day was lively with great performances on the court (and some not so great). Ultimately, the winning team included Hugh Hall, Sylvia Burns, Howard Jones and Betty Johnson. Tim Gilles and Pat Crawford manned the hot dog grill. What a fun day...everyone truly enjoyed the beautiful Brown Ranch. The weather was accommodating too....as rain had been predicted, but Mother Nature waited till Saturday to give us our much needed downpour.

That evening an Italian dinner was catered by Flying Flags employees. It included Lasagna, a variety of Pizza's, Salad and Garlic Bread with IceCream for dessert. An excellent meal! After dinner several stayed for a roaring game of Bingo! Some said they'd never had so much fun at a



Bingo game. Joy Gilles (with her dry sense of humor and great side remarks) was the leader of the game with Shirley Crawford assisting. The last game found 4 winners dividing the kitty.

Saturday was to have been the boat trip at Cachuma Lake, but



the rain it was cancelled. So it became a free day of exploring the Santa Ynez Valley and all it has to offer.

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Saturday evening was a trip to the Mendenhall Museum (across the street from Flying Flags).It is a private collection of one of the west coast's largest petroliana collections including gasoline pumps, globes, and porcelain

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and "guy's".....the fellows have won the game on occasions....but the gal's have kicked B....more than once! Not to be unnoticed....the gal's won once again 9-6! Oh my....lt'll be tough next time girls....they'll be

gas, oil, and road signs. There are also race cars, racing memorabilia license plates, gas and oil items and other miscellaneous antiques. The "Picker's" would have had a 'field day' at this museum. Not only did the exhibits blow us away, the BBQ Tri-Tip, salad, beans and garlic bread, was fantastic (nothing to do with fascinate....inside joke). Truly, Mark & Vicki Mendenhall and their crew were superb with their cooking & serving magic.

The sheriff, Matt Dillon (Tim Gilles), presented the fines for the evening....and his side-kick, Kitty (Joy Gilles), collected all the \$\$ for our Christmas rally. It was a fun-filled dinner and we enjoyed all the hospitality! Wonderful folks and family.

Baseball Toss was our last event for the rally. It has always been a competitive event between the "gal's"



out for blood!

The Brown's outdid themselves for this rally. Obviously, the Brown Ranch was the highlight...introducing many folks to the pristine country-side that they call home. They opened their home, land and hospitality to the Coaster's once again. We appreciate

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all they provided for the club.

That being said, Lance and Judi Brown want to thank their committee, Tim & Joy Gilles, Jim and Susan Lewis, Pat and Shirley Crawford for all their help in

their help in making this rally a success.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Crawford



The Losers



The Winners

## **Rally Thought For 2016**

Mule Days Celebration in Bishop California

"Every year during the Memorial Day weekend, more than 700 mules compete in 181 events at the Bishop Mule Days Celebration. There is no way to actually describe Mule Days. It is part mule show, part test skills, and part Wild West Show situated on the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Highlights of the Celebration include the Thursday night concert featuring Country Music stars. Plus, the longest running non-motorized parade on Saturday morning. There is also a big arts and craft show."

If you've never been to this event, it's something you'll want to put on your "bucket list" because it's totally unforgettable. I've been and highly recommend it. Unfortunately, all three RV parks located in Bishop refuse to take reservations for "groups" during Mule Days.

According to the Non-Profit group which runs Mule Days, each year on February 1<sup>st</sup>, they take reservations for the <u>current</u> year and there will be no problem, whatsoever, getting 20 to 25 camping spots for us – BUT, it will be <u>DRY CAMPING</u>. This will be a 6-day trip (Tuesday thru Sunday).

I think it's worth it. It's a fun thing to do and as a group we can have a ball. But it's up to you – do you want to go – knowing that there will not be any electricity?

Please let Denny Wheeler know if this is something you want to do so we can put it on our 2016 calendar (for May).

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**March Birthdays** 



Judi Brown Preston Collie Bill DeLack G'Nell DeLack Ed Frank Geri Frank Ofelia Haynes Dale Johnson Lauren Krup Rosalie Mahr John Neiswanger Rose Marie Perry Kerry Ray Winona Smyth Pam Strachan Dianne Wilson Julie Wyrick **Dennis** Zaferis

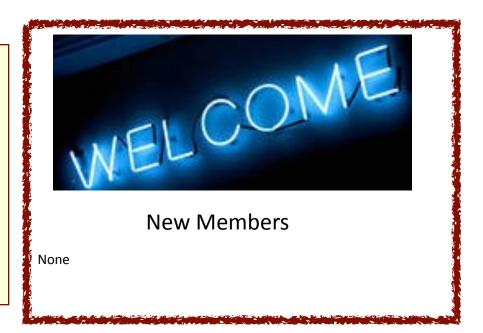
#### March Anniversaries

Keith & Gloria Bonner Pat & Shirley Crawford Jeno & Pam Horvath John & Neiswanger Bill & Dee Mochnick





Club Finances as of Feb 23, 2015		
Beginning Balance	\$9,854.76	
Total Deposits	\$10,930.75	
Total Expenses	\$10,283.32	
Ending Balance	\$10,502.19	
Adv. Reg/Deposits	\$700	





# PRESIDENTS CORNER

Here we are with 2 rallies already over and getting ready for the Big rally at Pomona. We only have 15 rigs signed up as of today. We still need some more Coasters to sign up. There

is still plenty of time so let's get it done.

The theme for next year at Indio rally is "CALL OF THE WILD". This was turned in by the Coaster's and for our theme being picked we have received a check from FMCA for \$100 and it has been deposited already into our account. Our club will also get front row seats next year at the award presentation, so we will have to make sure we have a good turn out. I was involved in submitting the theme but don't ask me what it means. The Jungle or Alaska Wild could be used for the parade. Now we need a Trail-boss and a Parade marshall. Don't everyone sign up at once.

We also still need a Trail-boss for Hemet.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Pomona on March 23, don't forget to sign up, we still need some help.

Paul Springer President, California Coasters



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# **RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

2015		TRAUDOCC		
2015	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS	
Jan 4-11	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Paul & Virginia Springer	Pat & Shiley Crawford Court & Cris Warren John & Carol Wright Roger & Sharon Rendall Woody & Ida Jean Woodruff Dick & Rose Marie Perry	
Feb 5-8	Flying Flags RV Buelton, CA	Lance & Judi Brown	Pat & Shirley Crawford Tim & Joy Gilles Jim & Susan Lewis	
March 23-29	FMCA National Rally Los Angeles County Fairgrounds Pomona, CA	No Host	No Host	
Apr	No Rally			
May 5-8	Morro Dunes Morro Bay, CA	Leroy & Donna Davis	Ken & Carol Morgan Linda Strickland Pam Meyer	
June 4-7	Smithwoods Santa Cruz, CA	Don & Karen Jones	Ron & Pat O'Reilly John & Gigi Neisess Jeff & Melissa Watkins Gary & Linda Mullinix	
July/August	DARK MONTHS			
Sept 8-11	Garlic USA Gilroy, CA	Jamie & Pam Strachan	Need Assistants	
Oct 7-11	Visalia/Sequoia Visalia, CA	Denny & Sybil Wheeler	John & Carol Wright	
Nov 3-7	Golden Village Palms Hemet, CA	Need Leader	Need Assistants	
Dec 1-4	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA	Roger & Sharon Rendall		

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Channel	California Coasters Morro Dunes Rally Registration Morro Bay, CA				
MORRO DUNES 1700 EMBARCADERO MORRO BAY, CA 93442 MAY 5 - 8, 2015		Trail Bosses:	LEROY & DJ DA KEN & CAROL M LINDA STRICKL PAM MEYER	MORGAN AND	
Name(s):			eadline: 4/4/2015 Arrival Date:		
Phone:		Email:			
Cell Phone:		FMCA #			
Emergency Contact:		Emergency Phone:			
Relationship:		Handicapped Parking : Y N			
Coach Length: License #:		Tow: Y N Number of Slides:			
ITEM	# OF PEOPLE	AMOUNT CHARGED	AMOUNT TO PAY	COMMENTS	
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT		\$42.00			
FOOD COST PER PERSON		\$30.00			
TOTAL ENCLOSED =					
SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS MAIL TO: D.J. DAVIS 6800 GRAVES CREEK RD. ATASCADERO, CA 93422 NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally. WE NEED TO HAVE RESERVATIONS 30 DAYS PRIOR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY EXTRA NIGHTS, PLEASE CALL MORRO DUNES @805-772-2722 CALIFORNIA COASTERS HAS 25 SPACES AVAILABLE FRROM JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY 1 & ROUTE 41, (ATASCADERO EXIT) WEST 0.5 MILE ON ATASCADERO					

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MORRO DUNES RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE				
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY		
TUES MAY 5, 2015		CHECK IN 12:00 NOON		
	5:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR SNACKS PROVIDED BYOB		
	6:00 PM	DINNER & DESSERT PROVIDED BYOTS		
	7:00 PM	GAMES		
WED MAY 6,	8:00 AM	COFFEE - JUICE & ROLLS AVAILABLE		
		LUNCH & DAY ON YOUR OWN		
	5:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR - SNACKS PROVIDED BYOB		
	6:00 PM	DINNER & DESSERT PROVIDED BYOTS		
	7:00 PM	GAMES		
THURS MAY 7	9:00 AM	BLOODY MARY's & BREAKFAST BYOTS		
		LUNCH & DAY ON YOUR OWN		
	5:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR SNACKS PROVIDED BYOB		
	6:00 PM	CATERED MEXICAN DINNER BYOTS		
	7:00 PM	GAMES		
FRI MAY 8	8:00 AM	COFFEE - JUICE & ROLLS AVAILABLE		
		SAFE TRAVELS		

#### HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!!!

Because of the weather in Morro Bay, the committee decided we would not book any excursions There are so many places in our area to see & do, it was very hard to decide. We would be glad to advise you on places to go. We do have touring books available, and a list of places in the Club House

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