# Coaster Chatter



# KINGSBURG RALLY

We started with 10 rigs signed up but ended with only seven rigs (14 people). Carol and John Wright were to be our cotrail bosses but, as you all know, Carol had open heart surgery so they couldn't make this trip. We asked Woody and Ida-Jean to help and they said they would be glad to. Woody got sick with a bad cold but they did come anyway so Ida-Jean could help out but, unfortunately, Woody spent most of his time in bed in their RV! What troopers!!

We all discovered that a small group is LOTS of fun – just one big family with lots of comradery, stories and laughs. The weather was perfect, a lovely park although no water in the river.

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Those attending were Sybil/Denny Wheeler, Roger/Sharon Rendall, Paul/Virginia Springer, Woody/Ida-Jean Woodruff, Geno/Pam Horvath, Max/Donna Peterson & Ed/Gerry Frank.

Monday night was our "potluck" salad bar with cookies for dessert which were made by Ida-Jean and Sybil. We also had "Yucky Lemon Jello-0" by Ida-Jean which, by the way, was delicious and we went home with the recipe!

Tuesday was the usual yogurt, sweet roll breakfast then six of the group went to Sequoia Park under the direction of Denny who knew a lot about the park because he had volunteered there with The Nature Corps. The first stop was at Moro Rock. We all walked part way up the rock, except Max Peterson who went almost to the top and Ida-Jean Woodruff, who had never been to Sequoia before, hiked all the way to the top of the rock which is about 300 steps and very steep! We then went to Crescent Meadow to eat a box lunch while at the same time looking out for black bears. Fortunately, (or unfortunately) we did



not see any. We then went to the COASTER CHATTER

### General Sherman Tree, the largest



living thing on earth, where Denny told us about the work of volunteers to protect the root system. Did you know that their root system is quite shallow, and that the root system of adjacent trees helps to keep them standing? We then went to Halstead Meadow that has been restored to its original condition by volunteers after road construction had allowed erosion to destroy the meadow. It's amazing to me that roughly 2% of the Sierra is in Meadow that support



some 75% of the wildlife. Our last stop was at the Giant Forest Museum, where we saw a wonderful display depicting the importance of fire in the forest. We arrived back at the RV Park in time for happy hour.

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Those staying behind just "went lazy" or toured Kingsburg. Paul and Virginia had lived and worked in the Kingsburg area for many years so they went about visiting and renewing old friendships. That night we had a catered lasagna dinner with watermelon for dessert. Everyone was tired (especially those who went to Sequoia) so no games were played – we all just collapsed in our own rigs.

Wednesday 12 of us went to a wonderful Swedish Restaurant called Valhalla for breakfast and most everyone ordered their famous

ebelskievers (delicious). The owner had baked pumpkin pies for an event the night before so she brought each of us a piece with whipped cream.



From there we all went to David Wendt's (Sybil's son) walnut processing plant. He took us all through the plant explaining each



machine, etc. Then we went to his



office (because the machines are so noisy we had to wear earplugs.) so he could explain the walnut shelling process. The walnuts are shaken off the tree by a shaker machine onto a "sheet" on the ground then picked up by another machine, put into trucks and hauled to the drier for processing. After the dryer process, they are transported to David's

processing plant where they are graded and sized. (con't on page 4)

At the plant, they pass through many machines that sort by size, crack the shells, "suck" up the halves where they go by belt to be packaged in one pound bags and boxed to be sold to



grocery stores. Some nuts are just in pieces and these are sold to bakeries, etc. for cooking. Some of the nuts are left in the shell and put in big bags to be shipped to different countries. Women on the conveyer belts sort the bad nuts from the good. It takes many different machines that are all going at once to sort, pack, and box the nuts. David told us he processed about 10 million pounds of walnuts this year. We all went home



with a pound of shelled, packaged nuts!

That night the committee served chicken, beans, salad and Mexican Ice Cream bars. We had a special surprise visit from Carol and John Wright. She looks tired but good and is recovering from her heart surgery. She still has her great smile and spunk!

A special thank you to Ida-Jean and Sharon for helping in the kitchen. Kudos to you both.

We couldn't go home without the Sheriff who was Roger and he came up with some surprising "doozies." Some examples of fines:

Denny who got a little frustrated parking his rig to avoid a tree and a pole and find a spot where he could get TV reception. There were MANY "chiefs" helping with the directing process. After all this, Denny decided to move over to the next space where the TV reception was better!

Paul, who was familiar with the roads (!) knew "of a shortcut to the park." Sharon & Roger were following – the men driving the rigs and the women driving the cars. Well, this "shortcut" turned out to be a farm road which got them lost but after many different turns, they finally made it to the park! I will not express here what the wives said!

Geno was driving on the freeway in his rig and pulling his car and there appeared behind him a red flashing light and siren! Seems he was driving 70 MPH in the fast lane and, unfortunately, he got a ticket from the highway patrolman, and a \$1.00 fine from Roger.

With all the infractions, we collected \$20.00.

#### **November Birthdays**



Jerry Barber Don Baumgart Jim Croy Cathy Croy Karen Dixon Bobbie Gamble Roy Gammill Tom Getzfrid Bonnie Gorden Warren James Monroe Lair **Dorothy Lambert** Phil Lee Carol Morgan Linda Mullinix Dick Perry

Anne Scowden John Wright Bob Wyrick

#### **November Anniversaries**

Mike & Ronda Catron
Jim & Bonnie DeVos
Hugh & Cheryl Hall
Gene & Judy Martinez
Tim & Anne Scowden
Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff







**New Members** 

Pete & Ellen Mattson

Paso Robles, CA

COASTER CHATTER



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If you are going to the Indio rally be sure to sign up to drive a golf cart. Their will be a sign up sheet at Hemet rally and Christmas rally. Let Roger Rendall know you are willing to help out.

Rendallsharon@gmail.com





## **RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

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 4-8	Smithwoods Santa Cruz/Felton, 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	Leroy & Donna Davis Pam Meyer Pat & Shirley Crawford Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff John & Carol Wright			
Oct 5-8	Royal Oak RV Resort Kingsburg, CA	Denny & Sybil Wheeler	John & Carol Wright			
Nov 3-7	Golden Village Palms Hemet, CA	Charles & Ruth Weil	Howard & Maureen Jones George & Donna Brodt Dave & Sylvia Burns Dave & Karen Dixon			
Nov 30 - Dec 3	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA	Roger & Sharon Rendall	Howard & Maureen Jones Don & Maureen Rendall Tim & Joy Gills Dave & Karen Dixon			

## **TENATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

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2016	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS
Jan 3 - 10	WFMCA Rally	Court & Chris Warren	Ed & Geri Frank
	Riverside County Fairgrounds		DJ & LeRoy Davis Ida-Jean & Woody Woodruff
	Indio, CA		Don & Nancy Baumgart
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Feb 4 - 7	Laguna Seca Monterey, CA	George & Donna Brodt	Mike & Rhonda Catron
	Monterey, CA		
March 1 - 5	Tombstone Territory RV	Paul & Virginia Springer	DJ & LeRoy Davis
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Apr 7 - 10	Bakersfield,CA		
May 5 - 8	Bass Lake RV Resort	Kerry & Robin Ray	Jamie & Pam Strachan
	Bass Lake, CA		
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May 27 - 30	Mule Days Fairground Bishop, CA	Dave & Sylvia Burns	
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June 21 - 24	49er Village RV Resort		
	Plymouth, CA		
July/August		DARK MONTHS	
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Aug 23 - Sep 20	Trip to Banff, Jasper, Canada	Denny & Sybil Wheeler	Howard & Maureen Jones Ed & Geri Frank
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Oct 25 -29	Death Valley, CA	Mike & Jill Carle	Dale & Betty Johnson
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Dec 4 - 8	Wine Country RV	1	
	Paso Robles, CA		



#### **California Coasters**



## Indio, CA

Place:	Ri۱	vers	ide	County	Fair	Ground	S
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Indio, Ca.

Trail Bosses Cris & Court Warren

Woody & Ida Woodruff

Ed & Jeri Frank Leroy & DJ Davis

Don & Nancy Baumgart

Date: January 3-10, 2016 Registration Deadline: December 15, 2014

Name(s): Arrival Date: January 3rd, 2016

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 AMOUNT AMOUNT COMMENTS
PEOPLE CHARGED TO PAY

FOOD COST PER PERSON \$55

PARKING FEE
VOLUNTEERS - Covers Sun & Mon Nt.

PARKING FEE
Non-Volunteers - Covers Sun, Mon, Tue
\$60

TOTAL ENCLOSED =

SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS

MAIL TO: Cris Warren

3570 E Burgundy Dr. Pahrump, NV 89048

NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally.

#### YOU MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR THE WMHA RALLY ONLINE AT FMCA.COM PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15

We will not have a parade entry this year but we will have a Coaster Cheering Section. Stay tuned for additional information. Please bring Tables, Pop-up tents and empty water jugs for party area.

DIRECTIONS: I-10 to Monroe, south 3 miles to Ave. 48, left 1/2 mile to Arabia St., Left on Arabia to holding area. (on the right)

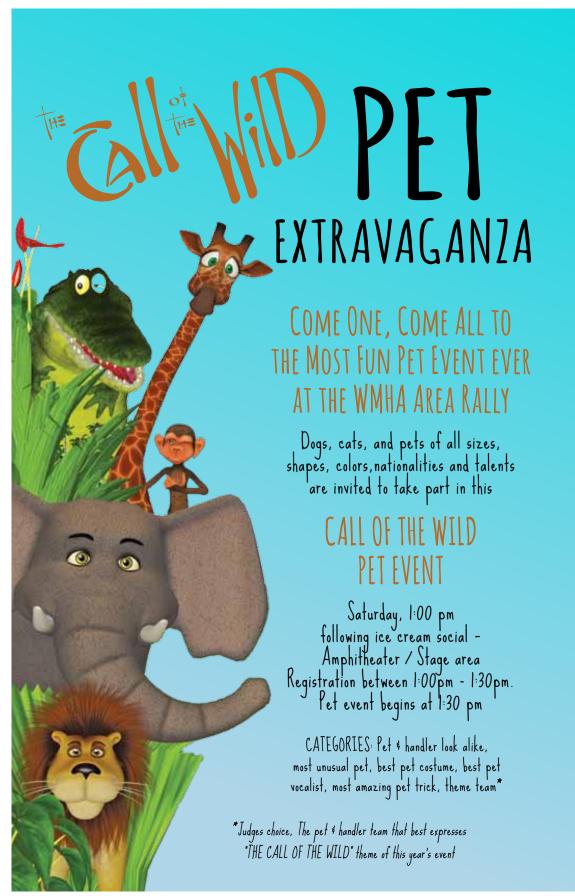


## RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



COASTERS		COASTERS
DAY/DATF	TIMF	ACTIVITY
Sun Jan 3rd	12:00 Noon	Meet in the holding area at 12:00 Noon. We will line up and be taken to our parking area.
		Dinner is on your own.
Mon Jan 4th	9:00 AM	Meet in Party Area to setup tent. Bring Pop-ups, Tables and Water Jugs.
	4:30 PM	Happy Hour, Snacks Provided.
	5:30 PM	Catered Dinner BYOTS
Tues Jan 5th	4:30 PM	Happy Hour, Snacks Provided
	5:30 PM	Volunteer Dinner or Dinner on Your Own
Wed Jan 6th	4:30 PM	Happy Hour, Snacks Provided
	5:30 PM	Kentucky Fried Chicken and Desert (BYOTS & BYOB)
Thurs Jan 7th	2:30 PM	Pre-Parade Happy Hour
	3:30 PM	Leave for Parade
	5:30 PM	Post-Parade Pizza (BYOTS & BYOB)
Fri Jan 8th	4:30 PM	Happy Hour, Snacks Provided
		Subway Sandwiches & Desert (BYOTS & BYOB)
Sat Jan 9th	5:00 PM	Dinner at Las Casuelas Quinta Restaurant. Included in fee, bar tab on your own.
Sun Jan 10th	9:00 AM	Electricity will be turned Off. Safe Travels to All and Thanks for Coming.







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## Payable no later than January 1, 2016

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- 1. As provided by the Chapters bylaws that membership dues are now bring accepted for 2016.
- 2. The membership renewal fee is \$ 18.00.
- 3. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, they are due January 1, 2016
- 4. Make your check payable to California Coasters.

5. Include your FMCA # on your check.			
Mail this form and check to:			
Sharon Rendall			
Membership Chairperson			
27835 Sand Canyon Road			
Canyon Country, CA. 91387			
Please complete the following:			
Name(s):			
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Thank you and please make a copy for your records