



# Coaster Chatter



## Indio WAFMCA January 2017 Rally

Despite the weather which created change of plans, our super-organized leaders "Sharon and Thom Page" kept it running smoothly. Howard is already bugging them to be trail bosses for Indio next year!

First of all.....KUDOS to:

George Brodt & Randy Gibbs for being in charge of the trams this year....they were on duty from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday even in the rain and cold.  
John & Gigi Neisess for furnishing such delicious hors d'oeuvres every night, Sybil & Denny for getting donuts every day.

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To all of you who filled in as tram drivers especially Dennis Martin who drove for three hours in the cold and rain for Sybil who was sick and she watched him drive by soaking wet while she sat in the warmth of her RV!!! (I owe you one, Dennis!)

The first day went smoothly with everyone pitching in to put up the tents.



Monday and Tuesday we had a lot of free time to do what we wanted so we sat around to “spit and chew” and got to eat two dinners as a group before the rain hit the area, soaked the tents, chairs and tables.

Fortunately, our dinners were preordered by Sharon so we ended up taking our “dinner bags” back to our RV’s.





Denny and Sybil had donut patrol every morning but our first day was a challenge! It was 7:00 a.m. and all the gates were locked so we couldn't get out of the park – we drove to every gate -locked! Finally, we asked a maintenance man and he told us which gate that would let us out automatically but we needed a code to get back in. He was nice enough to tell us that code but we were sworn to secrecy!! (It got us out and in every day!) The very first day....a member named "Jack" complained because there weren't any apple fritters! So.....the next day he had an apple fritter in a decorated package with ribbons and all!! The second day "Jack" was supposed to follow the signs for his fritter but he "spoofed" us and got to the table before the donuts arrived! He's lucky because our next plan was to T-pee his rig! But next thing we knew, we had "donut whiners" everywhere. To name a few: Howard for cinnamon donuts, Doris for chocolate donuts, Dennis Martin for "I never get the good donuts", another person for a glazed fritter! Since we got donuts at Winchells every day, the ladies there & some locals got to know us very well so it was really lots of fun.

Wednesday: The only event was the Chapter displays and Sharon and Roger, dressed in "beach clothes", had a great display of the parade trophies we have won in previous years.

Thursday all events, seminars, and vender booths were open so we all went our different directions. Unfortunately due to bad weather we really couldn't gather often as a group but would see each other at coffee/donuts time. We had three new couples at this rally and they were all first timers: Dale & Buzzie Kirkham, Gary & Carol Gilmond, and Barry & Lynne Thompson.



Friday was a challenging day! It poured ALL day and was very cold. Only brave souls ventured out but the tram drivers wrapped up in heavy clothes and raingear and off they went doing their job. What troupers!! Be sure to look at the pictures (especially Sharon Rendall stopping at our tent to get her pizza!)



Denny & Sybil were sitting in their RV when Denny said, "There is George holding hands with a woman and it isn't Donna!" Sybil's reaction was "He better not be!" Well, lo and behold, George brought "that woman" to the group dinner that night and it was Donna wearing a beautiful wig!

Saturday night we all gathered at Marios for dinner. Since the group seating is in the restaurant proper and Sharon didn't want to disturb other patrons, she decided to just pass a basket and ask for donations from everyone which worked out fine. But.....we did have a Sheriff and listed below are his infractions. By the way, Woody (aka "Jack" above) was the Sheriff.

1. Gigi: Her infraction was not at the rally but at the holding area. Seems she went to a restaurant before driving to the holding area and she left her napkin (a cloth one from the restaurant) tucked into her waist as she left the restaurant. It was still tucked into her waist when she got to the holding area and she was telling everyone the story of the napkin and why it was tucked in the waist of her pants.
2. Sybil/Denny: The sheriff said the story of not being able to get out of park to get donuts "was an excuse." Badge infractions: No badge: Gigi Neisess, George Brodt, Mike Carle, Randy Gibbs (who said he had just come to get a donut for Doris!!), Roger Rendall, Monroe Lair, Sharon Page, Gary Gilmond, Howard Jones, Carol Gilmond got to the coffee/donut table but quickly remembered and went back to get her badge. Ed Guiza remembered he didn't have his badge & went back to get it.

3. Howard Jones taking advantage of people who showed up at coffee/donuts time all bleary eyed and half asleep and trying to convince them, while they can't think straight, to take rally trail boss positions!
4. All the "donut divas" who complained they wanted different donuts.
5. Tram driver, Dave Burns, had to be called at 6:39 by Boss George and it seems he was still putting on his shoes. His excuse was that his wife didn't set the alarm for him!
6. LeRoy had on his FMCA badge hanger but no Coaster badge.

Sharon Page has added a few infractions herself:

In addition to whining about no apple fritters, the Sheriff also steals desserts. At the volunteer dinner, I noticed my éclair suddenly had fingers which were moving it away from me and closer to the Sheriff! Now if attempting to steal someone's dessert isn't bad enough, our illustrious Sheriff was then trying to figure out a way to "sell" a free volunteer dinner ticket to some unknowing first timer. Thank you, Woody, for being a good sport and being kind to the trail bosses. He didn't write Sharon up but one thing that should have been on the top of his list: We all know Bingo participants are supposed to be quiet so that everyone can hear the caller. It was reported, accurately I might add, that Sharon didn't shut up through the entire 11 games! No wonder no one sitting at her table won anything....they couldn't hear the caller over her!!!!

Tram Story by John Neisess: As tram drivers we were told to make sure passengers had their passes with them. Seems John noticed one couple did not have their passes so he said they had to have them to get into the displays, etc. He then discovered that they had signed up for the Chandler rally, not Indio. So John took them to "will call" and helped them get registered and drove them to their destination. Tram drivers wear many hats!!

Even though the weather tried its best to dampen things, it didn't dampen our group's spirit! We still got together as much as possible or individually and had lots of laughs and fun!!

Submitted by: Sybil Wheeler



**A great big Thank You to our great Trail Bosses; Thom & Sharon Page and their wonderful committee; John & Gigi Neisess and Denny & Sybil Wheeler.**



**And a special thank you to the tireless work of George Brodt and Randy Gibbs for leading the "EXPRESS TRAM" team.**



## *February Birthdays*

Donna Brodt  
Shirley Crawford  
Jim DeGraffenreid  
Jim Fisher  
Cec Fisher  
Dick Gibbs  
Don Jones  
Gene Martinez  
Diane Moffett  
Garold Partin

## *February Anniversaries*

29 Years  
Ed & Geri Frank  
3 Years  
Steve & Susan McAbee  
  
Jim & Elise Dills



The following note of thanks was received from the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care organization in Solvang for the \$50 memorial gift that they received in Ron Clines's memory from the Coasters:

"Your gift of \$50 to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care Home Hospice in memory of Ronald R. Cline will touch the lives of our patients and their families. You will help provide them with care, comfort and dignity in their time of need."





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### Balloon Festival Announcement:



We are sold out at this time but we do have a waiting list so, if you are interested, please contact John Neisess.



### Financial Report January 2017



<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,864.14</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 4,516.00</b>
<b>Expenses &amp; Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 3,362.21</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,017.93</b>





	<b>California Coasters</b> <b>Cachuma Lake Rally Registration</b> <b>Cachuma Lake, CA</b>			
Place: Cachuma Lake 1 Lakeview Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93105  Date: March 1 - 5 (4 nights)		Trail Bosses: Joy & Time Gilles John & Carol Wright Howard & Maureen Jones Sharon & Roger Rendall  Registration Deadline: February 1, 2017		
Name(s):		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/NIGHT	AMOUNT CHARGED	AMOUNT TO PAY	COMMENTS
COUNTY REGISTRATION FE	\$7.00		\$7.00	
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	\$45.00			
FOOD COST PER PERSON	\$40.00			
CLUB HOUSE RENTAL			\$26.25	
TOTAL ENCLOSED =				
SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS MAIL TO: Joy Gilles 960 Rose Lane Santa Barbara, CA 93110  NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally. Group reservation is for 20 sites only.				
DIRECTIONS: From the South: Take Highway 101 north to Santa Barbara. Take the "Cachuma Lake/Highway 154" exit and follow the signs. Drive approximately 18 miles. There is a sign for the park 1/2 mile before the entrance, and there is a right turn lane to use for your safety. From the North: Take Highway 101 south to the "Cachuma Lake/Highway 154" exit. Make a left turn at the stop sign and drive approximately 14 miles. There is a sign 1/4 mile before the park entrance, and there is a left turn lane to use for your safety.				

	LAKE CACHUMA RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE		
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	
Wed. 3-1-2017	2:00 PM	All Check In	
	5:30 PM	Social Time - Club House BYOB	
	6:00 PM	Pot Luck - Please bring a hearty appetizer to share. BYOTS	
Thurs. 3-2-2017	8-9:00 AM	Coffee, light breakfast provided by committee.	
	10:00 AM	Nature Walk	
	5:30 PM	Social Time - Club House BYOB	
	6:00 PM	Corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by committee. BYOTS	
	7:30 PM	Baseball game - Girls vs. Boys	
Fri. 3-3-2017	8-9:00 AM	Coffee, light breakfast provided by committee.	
	12:00 PM	Winery picnic lunch and wine tasting.	
	5:30 PM	Social Time - Club House BYOB	
	6:30 PM	Catered dinner.	
	7:30 PM	Bingo	
Sat. 3-4-2017	8-9:00 AM	Coffee, light breakfast provided by committee.	
		Enjoy the day on your own. Visit the Danish village of Solvang, Chumash Casino, whale watching from Santa Barbara, or wine tasting.	
	5:30 PM	Social Time - Club House BYOB	
	6:30 PM	Dinner provided by committee. BYOTS	
Sun. 3-5-2017	8 - 9:00 AM	Coffee, light breakfast provided by committee.	
		Departure day -- Travel safely.	

	<b>California Coasters</b> <b>Sedona Area Rally Registration</b> <b>Camp Verde, AZ</b>			
Place: Distant Drums RV Resort 583 Middle Verde RD Camp Verde, AZ 86322  Date: April 3 - 8 (5 nights)		Trail Bosses: Leroy & DJ Davis Paul & Virginia Springer Roger & Sharon Rendall Howard & Maureen Jones Registration Deadline: March 15, 2017		
Name(s):		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		\$35.00		
FOOD COST PER PERSON		\$40.00		
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. Jerome & Sedona Area. Cottonwood is a great town & has surrounding Wineries. Take a trip on the Verde Canyon Train in Clarksdale AZ. Sedona & Jerome are full of history. DO NOT DRIVE YOUR MOTORHOME TO JEROME				
DIRECTIONS: From I-17 North, take Exit 289, turn left on Montezuma Castle Road. Continue onto West Middle Verde Road. Turn left onto Distant Drums RV Resort. From I-17 South turn right on West Middle Verde Road, turn left into Distant Drums RV Resort.				









## RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE SEDONA AREA, AZ





DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday April 2, 2017	Noon	Committee arrives and sets up
Tuesday April 3, 2017	Noon	Members arrive and check-in with office
	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - BYOB
	6:00 PM	All Bring Heavy Hors D'oeuvres - BYOTS
Tuesday April 4, 2017	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - BYOB Light Appetizers Provided by Committee
	6:00 PM	Tri Tip Sandwich - Beans - Cole Slaw & Dessert BYOTS
Wednesday April 5, 2017	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - BYOB Light Appetizers Provided by Committee
	6:00 PM	Cook your own entre, Scallop Potatoes provided by host. A - M Bring Salads, N - Z Bring Desserts
Thursday April 6, 2017	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - BYOB Light Appetizers Provided by Committee
	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner W/Green Salad & French Bread BYOTS
Friday April 7, 2017	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - BYOB Light Appetizers Provided by Committee
	6:00 PM	Baked Potato Bar W/All the Fixins Provided Salad & Ice Cream Sundies
Saturday April 8, 2017		Safe Travels & Drive Safe !!!Bring a Donut to Court for his 75Th Birthday!!!
	* * *	Breakfasts & Lunches On Your Own
Special Notes		The Committee has not planned any day trips however, there are lots of things to see and do. There will be plenty of Brochures available.



	<b>California Coasters Rally Registration Chowchilla, CA</b>			
THE LAKES RV & GOLF RESORT 5001 E. ROBERTSON BLVD. CHOWCHILLA, CA 93610  MAY 8 - 10, 2017		Trail Bosses: Dick & Rose Marie Perry Dale & Betty Johnson Woody & Ida Jean Woodruff  Registration Deadline: March 27, 2017		
Name(s):		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    Back-in		\$44		
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT    Pull-thru		\$50		
FOOD COST PER PERSON		\$10		
TOUR OF CASTLE AIR FORCE MUSEUM		\$5		
TOTAL ENCLOSED =				
SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS MAIL TO:     DICK PERRY 665 SILVER CHARM DR. ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420  NOTE: Registration checks will be deposited no more than five days prior to the start of the rally. Complimentary daily golf for 2 included. Check-in no earlier than 1PM.				
Chowchilla is 32 miles north of Fresno on Hwy 99. Take exit 170, right on E. Roberson Blvd for about 1/4 mile.				



<div>  <div> <b>CHOWCHILLA</b>  <b>RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE</b> </div>  </div>		
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tues 5/7	1 PM	Committee and Early Arrival check-in.
Wed 5/8	1 PM	All check-in
	5:30PM	Bring & share hearty appetizers for dinner. BYOB & BYOTS for all meals. Dessert provided by Committee.
	7 PM	Games
Thurs 5/9	8-9:00 AM	Coffee, light breakfast by committee.
	10 AM	Drive to Castle Air Force Museum for 2 hour tour.
	5 PM	Social hour, snacks provided by committee.
	6 PM	Pot-luck dinner. Barbecue your own meat. Side dishes to be assigned.
	7 PM	Bingo
Friday 5/10	8:30 AM	Hot breakfast provided by committee.
	2-3PM	Visit Quady Winery, Madera. \$5/person applied to purchase. (groups limited to 15 at a time)
	5 PM	Social hour, snacks provided by committee.
	6:15 PM	Dinner at The Final Round restaurant at golf course. Walking distance.
Saturday 5/11	8 AM	Coffee, light breakfast by committee. Goodbyes & Safe travels!



If you think you may want to go to the Balloon Festival we need you to send in deposit checks ASAP. Names will go on the list in the order that they are received. We only reserved and paid for 25 sites and we are currently sold out but we do have a waiting list. So, if you are interested contact John Neisess.

		<b>California Coasters Rally Registration</b> Albuquerque, NM			
2017 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta International Balloon Fiesta Grounds 4401 Alameda Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM			Trail Bosses: John and Gigi Neisess Thom and Sharon Page		
Date: October 8-10 caravan to Albuquerque, October 11-15 (4 Nights at Albuquerque)			<b>Deposit of \$180 due NOW</b> Registration Deadline: Balance of \$180 by July 15		
Name(s):			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/NIGHT	AMOUNT CHARGED	AMOUNT TO PAY	COMMENTS
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	\$90	X	360		\$180 deposit
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	Needles)	X			Pay Park
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	(Meteor)	X			Pay Park
PARKING FEE PER NIGHT	(Gallup)	X			Pay Park
FOOD COST PER PERSON	\$16.50				
TOTAL ENCLOSED =					
SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS MAIL TO: John Neisess 36 El Viento Pismo Beach, CA 93449					
Note: Registration checks for the deposit will be deposited as soon as they are sent, see Cancellation policies Cancellations: Before July 1: a full refund minus a \$10 cancellation fee. July 1 Through August 31: 50% refund. No refunds after August 31, 2017					
Caravan schedule: Oct. 8 Needles Marina RV Park, Needles, CA; Oct 9 Meteor Crater RV Park, Winslow, AZ; Oct 10 USA RV Park, Gallup, NM; Oct 11 depart for Albuquerque Fiesta grounds					

	BALLOON FIESTA RALLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE		
DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	
Sun 10/8/17	2:00 PM	Arrive at Needles Marina RV Park and check in	
	5:00 PM	Social hour, BYOB, Light appetizers provided by committee	
	6:00 PM	Hamburgers and fixings provided by committee BYOTS	
Mon 10/9/17	9-10:00 AM	Depart for Meteor Carater RV Park, I-40 & Exit 233, Winslow AZ (245 miles)	
	5:00 PM	Happy hour BYOB, Dinner on your own, recommend Turquoise Room at the La Poada Hotel in Winslow	
Tue 10/10/17	9-10:00 AM	Depart for for USA RV Park, Gallup, NM 295 W. Hwy 66, Gallup, NM (143 miles)	
	5:30 PM	No Happy hour. Dinner on your own at Cracker Barrel in Gallup.	
Wed 10/11/17	9:00 AM	Depart for Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta grounds (150 miles). <b>Be sure you have enough fuel to run your generator.</b> We must go in together at NOON.	
		Suggest visiting the International Balloon Museum in	
		afternoon after picking up gate passes from committee.	
	5:00 PM	Happy hour BYOB followed by Pizza provided by committee.	
Thur 10/12/17	6:00 AM	Balloon Ascension early AM	
	4:00 PM	No happy hour. Dinner on your own. Suggest eating at High Finance on top of Sandia Peak. Go early	
		the aerial tram backs up in the afternoon.	
Fri 10/13/17	6:00 AM	Mass ascension in early AM	
	10:00 AM	Car pool to Old Town Albuquerque. Plan a late lunch or early dinner.	
	5:00 PM	Happy hour BYOB. Dinner on your own.	
Sat 10/14/17	6:00 AM	Mass ascension in early AM	
	5:00 PM	Happy hour followed by KFC dinner provided by committee. Enjoy Night Glow and fireworks.	
Sun 10/15/17	10:00 AM	Depart the RV parking area. You are on your own now so have a safe trip home. Thank you for coming.	

<div>  <div>2017 RALLY SCHEDULE</div>  </div>			
2017	RALLY & LOCATION	TRAILBOSS	ASSISTANTS
Jan 11 - 15	WFMCA Rally Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	Thom & Sharon Page	Denny & Sybil Wheeler John & Gigi Neisess
February 6 - 10	Pismo Coast Village Pismo Beach	John & Carol Wright	Court & Cris Warren Lance & Judi Brown Tim & Joy Gilles
March 1 - 4	Lake Cachuma	Tim & Joy Gilles	John & Carol Wright Howard & Maureen Jones Roger & Sharon Rendall
April 3 - 8	Distant Drums RV Resort Camp Verde, AZ (Sedona)	LeRoy & DJ Davis	Paul & Virginia Springer Howard & Maureen Jones Roger & Sharon Rendall
May 8 - 10	The Lakes RV & Golf Resort Chowchilla, CA	Dick & Rose Marie Perry	Dale & Betty Johnson Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff
June/July/Aug.	<b>DARK MONTHS</b>		
Sept. 11 - 14	Flying Flags RV Resort Buellton, CA	John & Carol Wright	Lance & Judi Brown Tim & Joy Giles Pat & Shirley Crawford
October 8 - 15	Balloon Festival Albuquerque, NM	John & Gigi Neisess	
November	<b>DARK MONTH</b>		
Dec 4 - 8	Wine Country RV Paso Robles, CA	Roger & Sharon Rendall	Howard & Maureen Jones Steve & Susan McAbee Randy & Doris Gibbs