# Coaster Chatter

# October Rally Morro Bay



After a year of planning, the Morro Bay Rally came together with 20 rigs and perfect weather. We would have had 21 rigs, but Woody and Ida-Jean Woodruff got caught in a "no power" area, and decided not to leave their home unprotected. Since more than half of the participants arrived a day early, Sunday night found us going in small groups to various restaurants on the Embarcadero for wonderful fish dinners.

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On Monday night, the entire group got together for wine tasting. Only problem – too many wines. Next time we'll limit the number to a more reasonable number. There was no clear winner in the "white" group, but a red blend by Ancient Peaks took the top honor.

After a wonderful dinner supplied by attendees, we celebrated Denny Wheeler's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We also sang "Happy Birthday" three more times to Mike Carle, Dick Perry, and Sue Levine. We declined to sing it again for Joy Gilles, just because we missed her birthday in July.

After dinner, we played a roaring game of "Left/Right/Center" by combining two of the large round tables. Since there were so many players, we only played one game. The game came down to a battle between Dave Burns and George Brodt. Then Dave lost his last quarter to his wife, and George lost his to the "pot' which meant I, Sylvia Burns, got all the quarters! Thank you everyone!

Tuesday, found most of the group at the Natural History Museum where we heard a fantastic lecture on the geology of the California Coastline. How this area and the bay were formed and what may happen to the bay in the future. Everyone really seemed to enjoy it.

Tuesday night, we all enjoyed a great Italian dinner obtained from "The Upper Crust" in San Luis Obispo (SLO). Did you really expect me to cook? After dinner, we got out the bingo game. Big winners for the night were Carol Pepper, Denny Wheeler, Rosemarie Perry, Max Peterson, and Jill Carle. Special thanks to our wonderful callers – Joy Gilles and Shirley Crawford. The joke was good, Shirley, even if we had heard it before!







Wednesday was a "free" day and a lot of the group headed to Cambria to see the scarecrows.

Wednesday night, was our special "sunset dinner cruise". There were 32 people on board. The bay was like a big lake (no wind), the yacht "The Pappagallo II" was beautiful, the food outstanding and plentiful. I especially liked the stuffed mushrooms. We cruised the harbor, looked at the California sea lions and the sea otters. After dinner, the captain allowed several members to "steer" the boat before he brought us to the very end of the harbor (past the "rock") while we waited for and finally watched the sun set into the far horizon. This is an event I will always remember.



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Thursday morning found eight of our members target shooting at the local gun range and four more on the golf course. Thursday evening, several members headed for downtown SLO to enjoy the "Farmers Market" and entertainment. While the "committee" (Randy and Doris Gibbs, George and Donna Brodt, and Dave and I (Sylvia) Burns cleaned up the clubhouse and put away all the chairs and tables.



I may be prejudice but I think it was a really good rally. A special thanks to all those attended and to our committee.

By: Sylvia Burns

Photos by Dave and Sylvia Burns



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## President's Corner

Well, here we are again! Can someone please tell me where 2019 has gone. Life is so much fun that it just flies by. Sorry that D.J. and I had to cancel out of the Morro Bay Rally. However, I am doing very well following my shoulder surgery. Now the physical therapy starts.

I would like to remind every one about the Christmas Rally in Paso Robles. Lots of fun has been planned by Lisa Henry and her crew.

In case you haven't heard, John Stocksdale has resigned from the Coasters as our photographer and we want to thank him for a job well done over the years. Sharon Rendall has stepped in to fill his spot. Thank you so much Sharon!

We still have two months open for rallies in 2020, February and September. Please let us know where you would like to go. We can find some one to be the trail boss. I would like to wish every one a full-filling Thanksgiving. Enjoy! See you in Paso Robles.

Leroy

P.S. Please see your annual dues notice on Page 9.

#### Volunteers Needed FMCA's Western Area Rally in Indio January 5 – 12, 2020

Last year at the end of the Indio rally Lon Cross, National Vice President in-charge of the Western Area, asked Randy Gibbs and me (George Brodt) if the California Coasters would be willing to do the Express Trams again in January of 2020. After consulting with our President, Leroy Davis, we decided to do it again in 2020. As most of you know, the job entails driving six-passenger Express Trams (golf carts) to assist FMCA members get around the Riverside County Fair Grounds during the Rally. Since the California Coasters have enjoyed doing this volunteer function for the past several years, we are looking forward

to doing it again in January 2020. This rally is always a great way to start off the New Year with our California Coaster friends.

Having 5 six-passenger trams in service during the rally requires about 65 volunteers to drive two 3-hour shifts. To meet this requirement, we have partnered with the Monaco Romers (Romers) Chapter to help us meet the demand for volunteers to drive the golf carts during the rally. The benefit that we and the Romers receive is that we both get to park close to the display coaches on asphalt with 30 Amp electrical hookups during the Rally. FMCA members that are not volunteers get to park in the general admission area, which is on the grass fields which become a muddy mess if it rains.

So let's plan on having a large group of California Coasters attend the Indio Rally and join in on the "Let's go to the Hop" theme festivities that include Califomia Coaster camaraderie, RV related seminars, new and used motor home and towable RV displays, sale of RV equipment & supplies, three nights of entertainment, free coffee and donuts, "Let's go to the Hop" parade, ice cream socials and food booths. Sign up to attend the Rally and volunteer to help out by taking your turn as a volunteer golf cart driver to help fellow FMCA members get from one place to another on the vast Riverside County Fair Grounds.

All you need to do is sign up with FMCA **and** the Coasters reservation forms (Page 17 of this edition of the Chatter) to attend the Rally and email George Brodt at <a href="mailto:gbrodt@earthlink.net">gbrodt@earthlink.net</a>, or call George at (661) 904-7083, to say that you and your wife (significant other) would like to help out as volunteer golf cart drivers. Volunteers also get to participate in the free volunteer dinner on Tuesday evening and they get two-nights free parking at the fairgrounds on Sunday and Monday nights (worth \$ 50.00). We are planning to meet in the holding area at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 5, 2020, so that we can all be escorted in as a group. The Rally actually starts on Wednesday. January 8, 2020.

Looking forward to seeing you in Indio in January,

George Brodt and Randy Gibbs Express Trams Co-Captains

P.S. If you volunteer to drive a golf cart, you must watch an FMCA Training Video that you will find here: <a href="https://join.fmca.com/golfcartsafetytraining/">https://join.fmca.com/golfcartsafetytraining/</a> Please do this at your leisure prior to arriving in Indio.

# November Birthdays

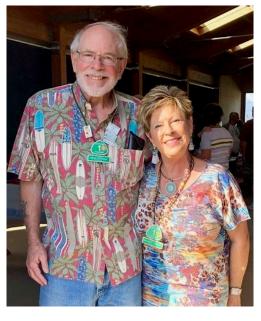
Karen Dixon Bobbie Gamble Ellen Matson

Don Baumgart Carol Morgan Leah Reynolds Dick Perry John Wright Bob Wyrick



# November Anniversaries

39 Years Mike & Rhonda Catron



Debbie & Juan Marquiz Holt



41 Years Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff



27 Years Debbie Holt & Juan Marquez No Photo





# California Coasters Summary Financial Statement October 2019

Beginning Balance \$12,932.50 Receipts 8,276.48 Expenses 5,393.95 Ending Balance \$15,815.03





## Click On Link below to go

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Coaster Chapter Links (newsletters) <u>wafmca.com/?p=340</u>

Coaster Rally Photos: <u>flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/</u>

Coaster Member Photographs: <u>flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/72157610995972874/</u>

FMCA Website <u>fmca.com</u>

FMCA Digital Magazine <u>fmcmagazine.com</u>

Western Motor Home Association wafmca.com



#### FMCA California Coasters Membership Renewal for 2020dues

#### Payable no later than January 1, 2020

#### Notice is hereby given:

- 1. As provided by the Chapters bylaws that membership dues are now bring accepted for 2020.
- 2. The membership renewal fee is \$ 18.00.
- 3. In accordance with the Chapter bylaws, they are due January 1, 2020
- 4. Make your check payable to California Coasters.
- 5. Include your FMCA # on your check.

| Mail this form and check to:  |                  |      |
|---|------------------|------|
| Joy Gilles<br>Membership Chairperson<br>960 Rose Ln<br>Santa Barbara, CA. 93110<br>Please complete the following: |                  |      |
| Name(s):  |                  |      |
| F.M.C.A. #  |                  |      |
| Address:  |                  |      |
| City:   | State            | Zip: |
| Home phone #  | Cell#            |      |
| E-Mail:   |                  |      |
| Thank you and please make a copy  | for your records |      |

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## Wine Country RV Resort Rally Activity Schedule



|                | COASTERS  |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| TIME           | ACTIVITY  |  |  |
| Early Arrivals | Committee & Early Arrivals  |  |  |
| 2:00 PM        |   |  |  |
| Arrival        | Welcome to California Coasters Christmas Party  |  |  |
| 2:00 PM        |   |  |  |
| 5:30 PM        | Social Time & Dinner - Bring Heavy Appetizers with a Holiday Flare. Dessert provided. BYOB/BYOTS  |  |  |
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Breakfast served! BYOTS   |  |  |
| 9:30 AM        | Membership meeting & Installation of Officers   |  |  |
| 1:00 PM        | Firestone Brewery Tour and Tasting (flat shoes & closed toes required) Tour approx. 45 minutes. Fee \$11/pp at the door.  |  |  |
| 5:00 PM        | Social Time. Appetizer: Antipasta   |  |  |
| 6:00 PM        | Spaghetti & Meatballs, garlic bread, ceasar salad and dessert. BYOTS/BYOB   |  |  |
| 7:00 PM        | Fun and Games   |  |  |
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Continental Breakfast BYOTS   |  |  |
| 2:00 PM        | Line Dancing Lessons  |  |  |
| 4:00 PM        | Wine Tasting - Club House, bring own wine glass Social Time & Appetizers  |  |  |
| 5:00 PM        |   |  |  |
| 6:00 PM        | Chicken Enchiladas, Beans, Mexican Salad and dessert. BYOTS/BYOB  |  |  |
| 7:00 PM        | Music and Dancing   |  |  |
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Continental Breakfast BYOTS   |  |  |
| 1:30 PM        | Warbirds museum docent tour (approx. 2 hours). Fee: \$10/pp paid at the door  |  |  |
| 5:00 PM        | Social Time & Appetizers.<br>Wear CRAZY Christmas Sweaters  |  |  |
| 6:00 PM        | Catered Dinner. BYOTS/BYOB  |  |  |
| 7:00 PM        | Auction Night. Bring a gift basket or something nice to auction.  |  |  |
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | Continental Breakfast. BYOTS SAFE TRAVELS HOME!   |  |  |
|                | Early Arrivals 2:00 PM Arrival 2:00 PM  5:30 PM  8:00 - 9:00 AM  9:30 AM  1:00 PM  5:00 PM  7:00 PM  4:00 PM  4:00 PM  5:00 PM  4:00 PM  5:00 PM  5:00 PM  7:00 PM  7:00 PM  7:00 PM  7:00 PM |  |  |

REMINDER: You must complete the following registration for the California Coasters and Go online to FMCA.COM and register for the Rally with FMCA. NOTE: Sunday Entry date.



### **California Coasters WMHA Rally Registration** INDIO, CA



Place: Riverside County Fairgrounds

82-503 Hwy 111

Indio, CA 92201

Trail Bosses: DC & Mary Contreras

Steve & Sheila Ton

Don & Denise Sturdevant

Glenn DeSchryver & Sue Levine

| Date: January 5-12, 2020   |                | Kerry & Robin Ray<br>Registration Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019 |                  |                |
|--|----------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Name(s):   |                |  | Arrival Date: Su | ınday 1/5/2020 |
| Phone:   |                | Email:   |                  |                |
| Cell Phone:  |                | FMCA#  |                  |                |
| Emergency Contact:   |                | Emergency Pho  | ne:              |                |
| Relationship:  |                | Handicapped P  | arking: Y        | N              |
| Coach Length: License #  |                | Tow: Y N Number of Slides:   |                  |                |
| ITEM   | # OF<br>PEOPLE | AMOUNT<br>CHARGED  | AMOUNT<br>TO PAY | COMMENTS       |
| FOOD COST PER PERSON   |                | \$55   |                  |                |
| PARKING FEE FOR NON-VOLUNEER RIG Covers Sun., Mon., and Tues. nights |                | \$75   |                  |                |
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SEND FORM and CHECK PAYABLE TO: CALIFORNIA COASTERS

MAIL TO: DC & Mary Contreras 1255 Lassen Drive

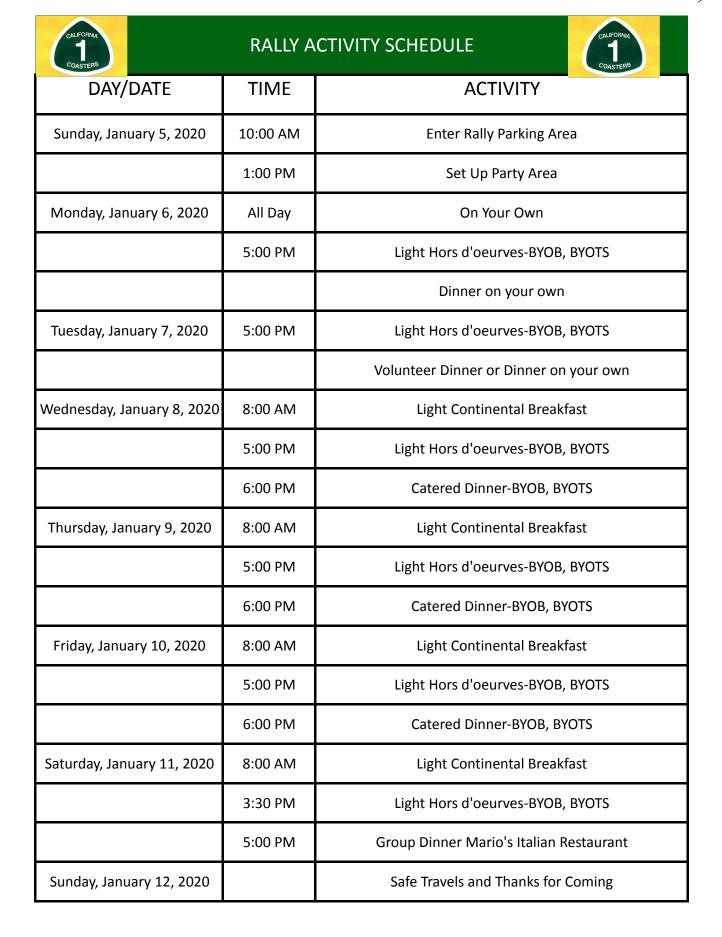
Nipomo CA 93444

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

We will be escorted to our parking area on Sunday, January 5 at 10:00 am. Obviously we all need to be present at that time. Please bring Pop-up Tents, tables and empty gallon plastic bottles for the party area.

DIRECTIONS: I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left 1/2 mile to Arabia St. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.

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| CALIFORNIA 1 COASTERS | 2020 RALLY SCHEDULE  CALIFORNIA  COASTERS               |                        |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2020                  | RALLY & LOCATION  | TRAIL BOSS             | ASSISTANTS   |  |  |
| January 8 - 12        | WFMCA Rally<br>Riverside County Fairground<br>Indio, CA | DC & Mary Contreras    | Steve & Sheila Ton<br>Glenn & Sue DeSchryver<br>Don & Denise Sturdevant<br>Kerry & Robin Ray |  |  |
| February              | Need Location   | Need Trail Boss        | Need Assistant Trail Bosses  |  |  |
| March16 - 20          | KOA Santa Paula   | Ed & Geri Frank        | Mike & Karen Morrow  |  |  |
| April 20 - 24         | Kings River RV Park<br>Kingsburg, CA                    | Denny & Sylvia Wheeler | Dave & Sylvia Burns  |  |  |
| May 4 - 8             | Chowchilla, CA  | Bob & Julie Wyrick     | ???  |  |  |
| June/July/Aug.        | DARK MONTHS   |                        |  |  |  |
| September             | Need Location   | Need Trail Boss        | Need Assistant Trail Bosses  |  |  |
| Oct. 19 - 23          | Valencia Travel Village                                 | George & Donna Brodt   | Randy & Doris Gibbs<br>Dave & Sylvia Burns<br>Woody & Ida-Jean Woodruff                      |  |  |
| November              | DARK MONTH  |                        |  |  |  |
| December              | Wine Country RV Resort<br>Paso Robles                   | Need Trail Boss        | Need Assistant Trail Bosses  |  |  |
|                       |   |                        |  |  |  |

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