

California Heartland News

Hanford Heroes



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The Hanford rally was certainly a busy one this year as evidenced by the excellent write-up by Cindy Murray (see page 3) It was certainly nice to be back in the big club house again. New this year was the "mini raffle" of prizes furnished by the campers. It was a lot of fun and produced a nice revenue for the Club coffers. The 50/50 raffle went over well again.

Bean Bag Baseball was back but the new "Corn Hole" games stole the show. It makes it nice when you can set up two sets of boards and get more players at the same time. Many thanks to Ed Wristen and Mike Davidson for supplying the equipment.

While on the subject of thank yous; I want to thank the many people who helped out with the various activities and a special thanks to our designated helpers, Melanie Freeman and Mike Davidson.

Tim Mattos was our featured country singer entertainment Saturday evening and he was great. Many thanks to Marian Bailey for suggesting him to us.

Year 2021 is an election year (every two years) for California Heartland. Activities last year were pretty sparse due the restrictions of the Covid Virus. Sooo, it was decided that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Nat'l Director would be put up again for another term. Cindy Murray will take over the Treasurer job. New Directors this term are Ron Reimer, with Linda and Elvin Kozachenko. Louise Wilson is stepping down as Wagon Master after many years of faithful service: We Thank You

We are working to fill in the schedule of rallies for year 2022 and beyond. This involves many challenges; the least of which is getting a Wagon Master and Trail Bosses. Helpers are usually plentiful as the rallies begin but we need people to step-up and be the responsible in charge. A new up-dated Membership Roster just went out and another will be out in January 2022 after all the dues continue to come in. Sam Mendonca is wearing here Membership Chairperson hat to get it done. Please let her know if you are dropping your membership for what ever reason or send in the dues check of \$12 per year.

Officers & Directors

- President Dave Mendonca
- Vice President Mike Davidson
- Secretary Sam Mendonca
- Treasurer Cindy Murray
- Nat'l Director Julie Burger
- Asst. Nat'l Dir Pat Parkins
- Director Ron Reimer
- Director Linda Kozachenko
- Director Elvin Kozachenko

Presidents' Corner
"The Best is yet to come "



Get connected, stay informed, be involved:



Facebook is a great way to stay in the know, share information, and see pictures of our events. **Follow us at** www.facebook.com/californiaheartland

Flickr is where you will find all the event pictures taken, We currently have over 5,800 pictures indexed over 21 Rallies.. Once inside the site, click on the Albums tab.. **Go to** www.flickr.com/photos/caheartland

Western Motor Home Association WMHA Family Western Motor Home Association of FMCA is located at <http://wafmca.com/?> **This website takes you deep inside the 50 chapters represented by the Western Association of FMCA. Check out the newsletters and websites of the chapters. Here's where you can find tons of pictures and histories of past Indio Rallies.**



Upcoming Christmas Rally December 7th through 10th 2021



Santa and his Heartlanders elves (Julie, Peggy and Pat) are busy at work planning the best ever Christmas outing to be held amongst the orange trees in the wonderful Orange Grove RV Park in Bakersfield. Already the decorations are being made, the menus planned, and the fun and games being arranged. Arriving to enjoy all the festivities will be a joy. So, plan on decorating your rig, Santa will be checking them out for a prize to the best.

Oh and bring a little Christmas Cheer with your white elephant gift to share. Holliday spirit is in the air!

50/50 Raffle winner



Many Scratchers left over from Card Bingo drawn on "F" numbers from Arlon's hat



The Hanford Rally

by: Cindy Murray

Thank you, Dave and Sam Mendonca for spearheading the Hanford Rally and your assistants Mike Davidson and Melanie Freeman for a great time! The Rally was well attended by good friends, new and old. Dave, Sam, Mike, Melanie, Woody, and Cindy and Steve arrived a day early to make sure everything was ready. There was a total of 18 rigs and 38 friends.

The fun started on Wednesday, November 10th with the arrival of most of the group. We all went to dinner at La Fiesta Restaurant in Hanford. The meal was wonderful, and everyone enjoyed getting reacquainted with friends. After dinner everyone returned to the campground and enjoyed a campfire.

Veterans Day started with a tribute to all of our retired military friends and a wonderful breakfast prepared by Mike and his crew. After breakfast, there was a Board meeting followed by the General Meeting. The General Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence for the members that we lost over the past year: Jerry Olson, Gordon Peterson, Glenn Herman, Wade McKinley and Lee Schubert. After the Moment of Silence, we had the Pledge of Allegiance and Ron Riemer did a beautiful job singing *America the Beautiful*. At the general meeting Woody installed the new officers. Julie shared the information regarding our upcoming Christmas Rally at Orange Grove, Bakersfield December 7-10, 2021. Cindy shared about the March 8-11, 2022 outing at Casa de Fruta. The FMCA rally March 23-26, in Tucson was discussed. Louise shared that there are no plans for April and October at this time. Currently there are plans for Black Oak Casino, May 10-12, 2022. Melanie reported that we had \$5082.68 in the bank. Mike and Melanie were wished Happy Anniversary and those members having a birthday in November were recognized. The meeting was adjourned about noon.

Mike shared that Hanford was having a Veterans Day celebration by the Court House and everyone was welcome to attend. A number of members went into Hanford for the celebration and just a little touch of Superior ice cream. When they returned, a beanbag baseball game was played. The women against the men. After a grueling seven innings, the men were announced the winners.

Thursday evening, we had a pizza party and a special tribute to Lee Schubert, put on by Arlon Schubert and Renae Schubert Maher. Renae shared with us that Lee loved the California Heartlanders and making pies. Renae and Lee brought fresh pies and ice cream for the group and shared a beautiful picture of Lee and Arlon. The evening ended with a 50/50 drawing. Congratulations to Ed Wristen who took home \$165.

Friday brought a continental breakfast, some free time and then Pasture Golf. During the setup for Pasture Golf, the strangest thing happened. Last year a couple of golf balls were lost down gopher holes during the Pasture Golf game and one reappeared. Apparently one of the gophers decided that the yellow golf ball just didn't fit with its interior decorations! Everyone had a good laugh. After lunch, we played Pasture Golf. There were 21 golfers, seven teams of three. A fun time was had by all, although we did lose a couple more golf balls. Next year should be interesting! How many more golf balls will resurface! There was a play off for second place. The suspense continued, the winners weren't scheduled to be announced until Saturday evening.

Friday evening we had a wonderful meal! The grill was perfect for barbequing various meats that everyone brought, baked potatoes with sour cream, butter or chili, depending on your preference, and green salad. For dessert we had the rest of the wonderful pies that Arlon and Renae brought. The evening ended with mini raffles and lots of happy campers going home with beautiful prizes!

Saturday morning started off a little foggy, but a wonderful breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, and fruit cooked by Mike and his gang brightened the day! It was absolutely fantastic! There was free time in the schedule, so the new officers went to the bank to bring the signature card current. In the afternoon, everyone played "Corn Hole" in the clubhouse. After several rounds and play offs, Mike Davidson and Ed Wristen were declared "Corn Hole" winners!

That evening the "Pasture Golf" awards were presented to the winning teams. Third place went to Team 3, Ron Reimer, Pat Morris-Murch and Louise Wilson;; Second place went to Team 2, Steve Murray, Renae Schubert Maher and Melonie Freeman and First Place went to Team 1, Joe Barber, Betty Reimer and Peggy Gruber. Pat Morris-Murch won the prize for the best dressed western: cowboy hat, scarf, cowboy boots, jeans, shirt and duster! She was very authentic! Dinner was great, pulled pork provided by Velda and a wonderful macaroni salad provided by Louise's daughter, and apple pie for dessert! The evening ended with Tim Mattos providing the entertainment. Tim is a country western musician from Hanford!

Sunday morning brought a continental breakfast, thank you to the trail bosses and their assistants and lots of good byes. A wonderful time

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

32 hungry campers ordering off their menu (but we did make reservations)



Love that blanket! Mindy & Jim Terwilligar

Lots of stories around the Campfires two nights
The fog didn't come out until later. The fog
was so thick on Saturday that the outlaw cars
race was cancelled even before it began. We
were toasty in the Club House for our activities
but alas, no campfire





Pancake masters Jerry Rutch & Sheldon Yost



Fired up 120 lbs. of Kingsford at 3:45 pm on Friday for "Cook your own Meat"



TIM MATTOS

Tim is a local singing entertainer whose repertoire includes both classic and modern country tunes. He got several of the girls dancing to the fast ones and couples hugging for the slow ones. He played straight thru for us for about an hour and a half





PIE for thee in Memory of Lee.

Arlon's daughter, Renae Maher Schubert and dad wanted to share Lee's love of making and sharing Pies with all her California Heartland friends. They were special and delish.



Barbara Rutch and Ron Reimer split the Pot on the last round of Card Bingo. After rounds of nickel, dime, quarter; the last one was a dollar ante or \$4 for each table of 4 players. Arlon has called the game for years and he makes it even a little more interesting by inserting one card in each teams deck marked lotto. . If you have it and he calls lotto, you get a scratcher prize immediately even if you don't win the Bingo round.



Card Bingo



Hanford Rally Financial Report

Income:

Rally Money Collected	\$3641
50/50 Raffle	\$ 155
Mini Raffle	\$ 276
Total Received:	\$4072

Expenses:

Kings Fair Grounds	\$1790.00
Food	\$ 729.42
Decorations	\$ 27.09
Prize (Best costume)	\$ 20.00
Entertainment	\$ 200.00

Total Expenses:	\$2766.51
Rally Profit/Loss	+\$1305.49

Note from the Editor:

Our new Treasurer, Cindy Murray, is currently working on the statement format which will show more detail as in the past. This should be ready for the December Newsletter covering the upcoming rally at Orange Grove RV Resort

CALIFORNIA HEARTLAND FMCA				RALLY SCHEDULE 2021-2022					
Date	Year	City	Venue		Trail Boss				
Nov 10-13	2021	Hanford, CA	Hanford Fairgrounds		Mendonca / Davidsons				
Dec 7-10	2021	Bakersfield, CA	Orange Grove RV Park		Burger, Peggy & Pat				
Jan	2022	Indio, CA	Cancelled for 2022		WMHA Western Region unsure of 2023				
Feb	2022	Dark							
Mar 8-11	2022	Hollister, CA	Casa de Fruta RV Park		Murrays Rally has been booked				
Mar 23-26	2022	Tucson, AZ	Pima County Fairgrounds		FMCA National convention unsure of number of rigs				
Apr	2022	Hemet, CA	Golden Village Palms RV		Depending on interest . Ramona outdoor theater				
May 24-27	2022	Tuolumne, CA	Black Oak Casino & RV		Wilsons Rally has been booked				
Jun	2022	Open							
Jul	2022	Dark							
Aug	2022	Dark							
Sep	2022	Open							
Oct	2022	Albuquerque, NM			Davidsons ?????			Depends on interest & Availability	
Nov	2022	Hanford, CA			Mendonca				
Dec	2022	Bakersfield or Pismo							
Possibly: October, 2022 Albuquerque, NM for the Balloon Festival or Perhaps Seaside Highland Games in Oxnard, CA...will discuss later									
	Call Louise Wilson with comments or concerns (661) 706-3686 Cell (L)								
	Please sign-up for Rally Trail Boss. Call if you want to boss at a particular venue or date. We will book it for you								



California Heartland FMCA General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Nov 11-2021 LOCATION: Hanford, Ca

Number of rigs- 18 -Number of members-37

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY- President Dave Mendonca @ 10:05

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Song- God Bless America- Ron Riemer **PRAYER:** Ron Riemer

VICE PRESIDENT: Michael Davidson- Nothing to report

Secretary- Shirley Mendonca: The prior minutes were read, approved, and published in the Newsletter to be read by the Membership.

TREASURER –Melanie Freeman- Reported the balance at this time was \$5082.76

WAGON MASTER: Louise Wilson- Discussed the upcoming rallies and the list will be printed in the newsletter.

Asst. Wagon Master- Sandy Emerson-Absent

NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Julie Burger Informed the members that FMCA has passed the upcoming budget.

ASST. NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Pat Parkins-Absent

Directors-

Director – Ron Riemer -No report Director- Elwin Kozachenko – No report

Director – No report Linda Kozachnko

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Dave Mendonca- Newsletter will be out in about a week. Please feel free to contact him with any information you would like in the newsletter.

HISTORIAN-PHOTOGRAPHER: Michael Davidson – Asked the membership to smile when he takes photos. 😊

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON- Sam Mendonca- Reminded the members that it is time to re-new chapter dues for 2022.

SAFETY OFFICER: Absent

OLD BUSINESS- Cindy Murray discussed the rally at Casa De Fruita

NEW BUSINESS: Woody Wilson discussed our membership and how we need to bring in new members.

Birthdays- None

Anniversaries- Mike Davidson and Melanie Freeman

Meeting Adjourned- at 11:00

Pasture Golf the Teams



THE PLAYERS

Team 1	Peggy Gruber	Joe Barber	Betty Reimer
Team 2	Renae Maher –Schubert	Melanie Freeman	Steve Murray
Team	Cindy Murray	Jim Terwilligar	Judy Wristen
Team	Jim Peters	Debbie Barber	Mindy Terwilligar
Team 5	Barbara Peters	Ed. Wristen	Sam Mendonca
Team 3	Pat Morris –Murch	Ron Reimer	Louise Wilson
Team	Julie Burger	Arlon Schubert	Barbara Rutch



Louise



Debbie



Pat

PASTURE GOLF CONT'D

THE WINNERS



2nd. Place Team #2



1ST. Place Team #1



3rd. Place Team #3



Bean Bag Baseball



CORN HOLE

