



Happy Holidays everyone.

It's December and a month of Holiday shopping is upon us.

I'm planning on spending this weekend pulling out the tree and assorted decorations for the patio. Though, after two days of turkey and fixings, I'm a little slower than usual.

Once again the following positions are available and we as a club can use some volunteers. The club functions with a strong volunteer base and without their participation our club would not exist. Please consider contacting the current members and volunteer your services for the upcoming year.

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3rd Vice President-Wagon Master
Dee Wennerstrom/Jeri Diple

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Mark Tate (President)

We will remain in lockdown for some time until a vaccine is available but it sounds very promising. I'm hoping we can once again participate in club functions sometime during 2021. Until such time I'm reminding everyone if you plan on an RV excursion please consider passing that on to your fellow club members. You can contact me and I'll forward the information via an Eblast and you can get together with other club members interested in joining you.

Below is a maintenance tip for your rubber seals.

Happy Holidays everyone and May 2021 be a blessed year for everyone.

RV rubber seal maintenance:

Rubber barriers provide a waterproof seal that prevents rainwater or road splash from entering the top, sides, or bottom of your RV's slide out.

Thetford's rubber seal lubricant prevents the rubber seals from cracking or deteriorating so they can do their job for longer.

As with anything rubber, sunlight is the enemy. The sun's UV rays break down the rubber and destroys its ability to block water entry.

The mineral oil contents of this rubber seal lubricant reduce the chance of rubber breakdown, effectively protecting your slide-outs from being the weak link when fighting water intrusion.

RV slide out seal

Use RV slide out seal conditioner to maintain your RV

It sprays in a narrow beam with a white liquid that almost looks like foam but does not expand. It has the consistency of some oven cleaners. It's "tacky" so it clings well on vertical surfaces and is easy to control in tight spaces. Good stuff!

You can also use it on door and window seals. Other manufacturers also make products designed specifically for RV's rubber seals, including 3-In-One and 3X: Chemistry Seal Saver.

How to use slide out seal conditioner

RV slide out seal conditioner can be applied directly to the rubber seals on your rig. It's best to give the rubber a good cleaning first, and wash away any debris or dirt that has accumulated.

You want to keep water out of your RV, no matter if your RV's slide-outs are extended or retracted. The best way? Keeping rubber seals in good condition and well lubricated.

To service your slideout's rubber seals do the following:

Clean the rubber seals with soap and water

Inspect for any cracking, gaps, tears or other damage to the seal

Apply the rubber seal conditioner

Don't forget to apply the conditioner to all sides of the rubber seal (peel the seal back to access the underside)

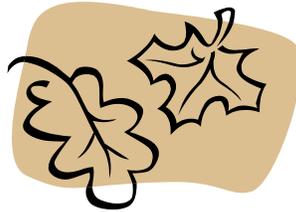
Keep track of your RV maintenance

Keep track of all your RV maintenance with an online tool such as Maintain My RV. Not only can you keep all your maintenance records and documents in one place, you'll receive timely reminders via email when maintenance is due and potentially avoid a costly repair or serious accident.

MEET YOUR FELLOW RV WHEELERS

Since we can't yet meet together in person, we're continuing to highlight our awesome members! Some you know, and some you may not! If you enjoy these stories, consider sending me yours for future issues! They will become a link on our website directory.

Roslyn Ginnis, Membership VP rlynnie69@gmail.com



RV Wheelers Enjoyed Fall / Thanksgiving Camping

Hello, RV Wheelers!

Patti, Bill, Carolyn and Jeri are enjoying Thanksgiving in Prescott, AZ. The skies are blue, the air is crisp and the food was glorious! Traveling with Wheeler friends is so much fun. We look forward to when the whole group can get together again. Have a nice holiday season!

How I spent my Thanksgiving week in Gatlinburg, TN. – Dee Wennerstrom



My girls and I had a nice Thanksgiving dinner and about an hour after we took a walk at Burgess Falls State Park which is only about 15 minutes from my daughter's house.



LOVE OUR “SEASONED” WHEELERS



Liz and Leroy Roper

Since we have been unable to travel very far from home this year we decided to take a short trip in the RV to Chula Vista just for a change of scenery. We're glad we did. The amenities at the Chula Vista RV Resort as many of you know are very nice. The resort had totally contactless check in and everyone was encouraged to wear a mask when in common areas. We hiked the surrounding areas and had a wonderful take out dinner from a local Italian restaurant. All in all it was nice to get away.

A little bit more about us, we are avid baseball fans and our favorite teams are the Angels and Mets. We have been to the stadiums of our favorite teams and also to those of the Oakland A's, Giants, Rangers, Mariners and Dodgers. Spring training in Arizona is always an annual RV trip typically in March that we love attending. We plan this week long trip a year in advance since camping reservations fill up fast. If this is something you might be interested in doing we would be happy to share our knowledge and experience.



We also like being outdoors and hiking. We have hiked Zion, Bryce, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Bighorn and Mt Rushmore. Next year hopefully we'll travel to Rocky Mountain National Park, Escalante, The Arches, Dinosaur National Monument and Glacier. We'll round out the trip with a drive on the Bear Tooth highway with another visit to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Of course we'll stop in Las Vegas both going and coming where our son, daughter in law, daughter, son in law and four grandchildren live.

In our travels there's usually an opportunity for tasting the local cuisine, beer and wine. Some of the more memorable include Barrel House brewery in Paso Robles, Little Miss BBQ in Phoenix AZ, and Family Vacation beer in Jackson Hole WY.

Happy RVing

The Ropers



"Hello fellow Covid sojourners"

We all recognize 2020 has been one very unusual year! Yet within a depressing frame work moments of joy and happiness still occur. One of those moments has been our relationship with the Laguna Woods Wheelers. Several years back friends living in the "Woods "and members of the Wheelers suggested we join the club. Wonderful idea but...we do not live in Laguna Woods. However the by-laws of the club have a provision for such circumstances, accepting a limited number of outsiders, and using this privilege' we became members.

That was the good news, the bad news – I went back to school and we had little leisure time. The result: we have been at few meetings and camp outs. However we've enjoyed the ongoing camaraderie of the group. For example, at a camp out in Santee, Mark Furlan invited me, an avid non gambler, to spend just an hour with him at the Casino. I agreed and went immediately to the bar to watch a ball game. When the hour was up, I met Mark at the front entrance as agreed. He asked "how did I do"? I reminded him I don't gamble but asked him the same question "how did you do? Talk about a Cheshire cat smile, I could count Mark's teeth! He displayed a check, written by the Casino in an obscene amount made out to him. I was numb! He replied "it pays to play the dollar slots!" The spirit of joy was alive and well that day.



Tom and Linda Haas
Picture taken last year in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

We're currently working our way back to CA from Portland and will spend Thanksgiving in Redding CA celebrating all that we have been given. We wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

Peace,

Tom Haas



Roslyn Ginnis and Ron Marrin, your current Membership VPs, joined the RV Wheelers immediately upon moving to Laguna Woods in June, 2017. We

knew we'd meet wonderful people who share our love of travel and camping! Some of our favorite campouts with the club include Chula Vista and Pismo Coast Village RVRs, Lone Pine/Bishop and the no-host rally to the Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista. We enjoyed hosting the rally at Sam's Family Spa and co-hosting at Newport Dunes.

Last year we took a 9-week RV trip through six Western states - wishing we could keep on going after 2 months! Our plans for a cross country trip in 2020 were put on hold due to the pandemic. We knew it wouldn't be the same without the sight-seeing, visits to museums/historic places, and dining out we enjoyed so much in 2019.

However, in June we decided we could just as easily stay safe and mostly isolated while camping in beautiful spots closer to home. Since then, we've taken numerous trips - enjoying the Central Coast, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Diego, San Bernardino Riverside, and even Orange Counties. With our new trailer we have the ability to dry camp for

longer periods and we find that we prefer the less crowded campgrounds.



Ron comes from an RV family. Since the 1950s, his dad worked for such trailer manufacturers as Shasta, Kenskill, Open Road and Fireball. In the early 1970s Ron joined him at Executive Motorhome and over the years worked at several other RV service centers. For 17 years Ron was the sole electrician for Chloe, a prominent company that leased mobile dressing rooms (trailers) to the Studios for use on location. In 2003 Ron began his own handyman business which he ran successfully until he retired in 2015.

I worked in commercial lending for 30 years, mostly for City National Bank. Having loved summer and Girl Scout camps, I rented RVs to join my colleagues for weekend camping trips. After meeting in a square dance class, Ron and I were both thrilled that we shared a love of camping. He was a longtime, experienced camper (and square dancer) having owned several RVs through the years. That was a definite plus for me - as the RV lifestyle became one of my retirement goals!





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Guillermo and Mimi

Alvarez wanted to share their good news! "We have been blessed by a new great grandson; Gideon Peddy, son of our granddaughter Melina. He was born on November 4th.



As you know we sold our rig and will be limited to attend future rallies only by renting cabins and/or hotel rooms when that becomes a reality in the future.



Roslyn Ginnis' son was married on November 21st in a small backyard ceremony.

Malia made their wedding cake!



Congratulations Jason and Malia!

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Frank & Joanie Van Wickle
I-40 Express Trip

We left Laguna Woods Village on 9/26/2020 and our first stop was the Elks in Needles. The next morning we left Needles and drove to Williams AZ and spent 3 delightful days at the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park. Our journey continued through Arizona and New Mexico and we spent a night in Santa Rosa NM and had a wonderful visit with cousins who have lived there all their lives. We continued on through the panhandle of Texas and in to OK and spent one night of free camping (with hook-ups) at the Grand Hotel and Casino in McCloud. Our journey continued into AR where we spent 10 days visiting with our daughter Tammy and her wonderful family. Tammy is a state police officer and is stationed at Camp Joseph T Robinson Military Base where she arranged for us to stay. It was truly the most beautiful place and very close to our daughters home in North Little Rock. After our

time in AR we headed east through Memphis and on to Nashville TN. We spent 2 nights there and enjoyed a very socially distance show at the Grand Old Opry. We continued east and landed in Cary, NC having a wonderful time with our granddaughter, grand son-in-law and our two little great grandsons. We actually stayed at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh for a week which wasn't too far from our family.

Our trek back west took us the same route as we wanted to spend more time with our daughter in North Little Rock...again another 10 days at Camp Robinson. Once we left Arkansas we actually did a state a day and arrived home about a week early. We saw beautiful fall colors both going east and coming back west. We experienced the outer bands of 2 hurricanes and we found snow on the ground in the high country of AZ just a few days from home. We arrived back home on 11/17/20.

