

December 2017 - Website: RVWheelers.com

2017 CALENDAR

Dec. 7	Holiday Party Clubhouse 7 Happy Hour 5 pm Dinner 5:30 pm
Dec. 6-10	Chula Vista RV Resort (coordinated with CDRV Club) NO VACANCIES - FULL
<u>2018 CALENDAR</u>	
Jan. 11	1 st meeting of the year Club House 6 6:30 pm
Jan. 17-23	Quartzsite, AZ Rally See flyer

We have a few ideas for camping next year, but need your input and help. How about it? Will you host a rally next year? You can pick the place and plan as much or as little as you choose.

[CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT rvwheelers.com](http://rvwheelers.com)

Please send in your reservations and check for our Christmas dinner party!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

Our annual holiday party is fast approaching and it is very important that you reserve your spot **BY DEC. 1** so we know how many are coming. The food will be delicious and the entertainment wonderful. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter and get your money in ASAP!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, please use the membership form attached to this newsletter and mail it in now. At this point, dues are the same this year as they were last year - \$15/person or \$30/couple. Get your money in now so your information will appear in the upcoming 2018 directory.

We are planning some interesting programs this year and hope to have fun rallies if we can get more of our members to step up and host or co-host a rally. Those who have done it many times are willing to help newcomers out with this job. We can't keep counting on the same people time after time. We are an RV club so let's get RV'ing!

Welcome to our newest members, Jules Anderson and Susan Campbell; Marie "Fitz" Fitzgerald and Jan Levinrad, and welcome back to Greg and Lucia McBride. Be sure to introduce yourself to them.

Please note that Bernie is hosting an "Irish Wake" for Vi Richards on Thursday, November 30 from 5 - 9 pm in Club House 3, Dining Room 1 for those who wish to attend. Her funeral will be earlier in the day - at noon - at Westminster Memorial Park.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those members who are experiencing trying times right now. A call to them just to let them know you are thinking of them would be much appreciated.

Dee 949-697-0798

2018 Officers

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Welcome Table	Connie Gilland & Rob Wingrove	Greeter	Iris Lewis
Sunshine	Carol LaPierre	50/50 Drawing Shirts/Hats	Dave & Elsie St. Clair Joanie VanWickle

December Birthdays

3	Susan Campbell
6	Bill Thomas
11	Bill Clover, Kathy Furlan & Marilyn Gross
12	Ron Zimmerman
14	Carolyn Stocker
18	Jeanette Peck
22	Carla Melrose
24	Andrew Perry, Marsha Larson & Irmina Gomez
29	Maudie Romero

Anniversaries

17	Mark & Laurie Tate (40 years)
23	Peter & Connie Wescott
26	Bruce & Barbara Block (53 years)
27	Bob & Dottie Poole (56 years)
29	Ernie & Arlis Reynolds (10 years)



SAM'S FAMILY SPA, DESERT HOT SPRINGS RALLY — Nov. 13-18, 2017

Blue skies, perfect temperatures, four mineral spring hot pools, good food, and 17 rigs made for a wonderful week at Sam's in Desert Hot Springs. This was our club's first rally at Sam's and we're sure that it won't be our last. The majority of our campers arrived on Monday. We had a heavy appetizer Happy Hour in Sam's large, fully equipped clubhouse.

Tuesday morning, campers were treated to a pumpkin, potato waffle, sausage breakfast cooked by Chefs Rich and Val and supervised by Ann and Bonnie. Usually our rallies feature a potluck dinner. However, we decided to change things up a bit and have a potluck luncheon on Wednesday, "Build Your Own Sub Sandwich." So at noon, campers brought salads and desserts to accompany submarine sandwiches. It seemed to be a successful change for all.

Since the greater Palm Springs area is filled with activities and attractions, we had campers taking advantage of many of these throughout the week. Some visited the Palm Springs Air Museum, Cabot's Pueblo, which is on the National Historic Register, Joshua Tree, Annenberg Estate, and a hike at 1000 Palms Oasis.

Of course, there was no real reason to leave the resort if one wanted to relax at the therapeutic pools, the sauna, and the steam room. We think the award for "Top Soakers" would have to go to Marilyn and Jerry Gross. Actually, it was fun to see everyone enjoy all that the resort had to offer.

A special treat on Wednesday was a visit from RV members, Bob and Dottie Poole. They came over from their Outdoor Resort location to visit with us for several hours. That evening we had a great turnout for game night. Our 5 to the Left big winner was Marilyn Gross. Congrats! In Card Bingo, Sharon Braun and Kathy Furlan took first place. Also a new game provided a lot of laughs, Catch Phrase. Never a "Dry Spell" when it comes to game night, right Dee? Unless a "door mouse" appears and scares everyone away! Inside joke, friends. Ask Dee.

Thursday evening, 27 of us carpooled to Palm Springs for dinner at Sherman's Deli. We saw many leaving with their doggie bags as portions are not only delicious, but huge! After dinner, many of us walked two blocks over to the Palm Springs Street Fair which provided entertainment, food, clothing, and an overall nice experience.

A few of our campers left on Friday morning, but those that stayed were treated to root beer floats and birthday cake in the afternoon. Our behind-the-counter soda jerks, Val and Rich, dished up thirst quenching root beer floats. In addition, we celebrated our November birthdays, Rick Wilson, Akko Kimura, and Pat Noonan, with yummy chocolate Tuxedo cake. Sorry, Darrell, you were in our thoughts... (he left early).

Thanks to all who participated in a great rally!

Rich and Bonnie Smith
Val and Ann Lester

**SEE MORE PICTURES ON THE NEXT
PAGE AND ON THE WEBSITE!**





AN ANGEL AMONG US!

A few weeks ago, we put out the call for someone who could install slide out shelves in our storage cabinet in Club House 6. It was becoming very difficult for Rosalie and her helpers to stoop down to get things out of the cabinet and then again to put them back.

After checking with the club house, we were told they didn't do that, but we could do that ourselves if we wanted. Well, lo and behold, member Bill Morrison volunteered to build and install them at no cost to the club. And what a job he did too! He refused to be paid for his time and materials, stating that it was his way of giving back to the club. So, thank you Bill. We will think of you every time we use those cabinets.

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SERVICES FOR VI RICHARDS

Funeral services for Vi Richards will be held Thursday, November 30 at Noon with a brief memorial afterward to be held at Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Blvd., Westminster. 714-893-2421.

Bernie is also hosting an "Irish Wake" later that day from 5-9 pm in Club House 3, Dining Room 1 for all her RV friends if you would like to attend that as well. Come and share your fond thoughts of Vi.



RV WHEELERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Officers present included: Dee Wennerstrom; Doug Gibson; Ed Bauman; and Bruce Block. Prior to starting the meeting, various snacks, cookies, cakes and other items were provided. Thanks to Roe Noonan for organizing the delicious food and drinks. Dee started the meeting at 6:35pm. This meeting's speaker was Tim Moy, VMS Security Chief. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Block. November birthdays and wedding anniversaries were recognized. Also, all Club vets were recognized for their service to the country. Dee passed on the sad news that Ralph Yeager has died. Also, Vi Richards is now in hospice. She also passed on thanks from Vi and Rhondra Yeager for the many kind notes, visits, and phone calls. Dee thanked all the members who provided food for tonight. Eight meeting guests were recognized.

Doug presented a display of pictures showing the Canadian Rockies and how the glaciers in these mountains have been decreasing over time. Doug also thanked members for bringing soda can pop-tops for donation to the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House charity. Our Club continues to support this charity by collecting pop-tops.

Doug introduced the members of the 2018 Club Officers nominating committee. The nominations for 2018 Officers are as follows: President, Dee Wennerstrom; Membership, Rick Smith; Programs, Nadine World; Wagon Master, Ed Bauman; Treasurer, Linda Huber; and Secretary, Bruce Block. Dee asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none, so the above people will be our 2018 officers. Doug then discussed our 2018 Chairpersons/ reps volunteers. They were as follows: Newsletter, John Huber; Webmaster/ Directory, Bob Poole; Meeting Refreshments, Mary Faux; Publicity, Sharon Braun; Liaison, Mike Epstein; Welcome Table, Connie Gilland & Rob Wingrove; Greeter, Iris Lewis; Sunshine, open; 50/50 Drawing, the St. Clair's & the Moore's; and Shirts & Hats Sales, Joanie VanWickle. Dee discussed the need for Club members to step up and volunteer for jobs, and to host or co-host rallies.

Doug then introduced Security Chief Tim Moy. Tim gave an interesting update on Security's operation/RV related rules, and RV lots information. He gave a summary of his background as an officer and manager for the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The presentation included discussions of the following topics: oversight of the RV lots (Francis Rangel is the contact – 949-268-2284); the process for obtaining a spot; the current waiting list (shortly only 3 will be on the list); removal of commercial vehicles and personal vehicles; RV lot upgrades (Lot A 2019 slurry application, Lot B gate update, and consideration of electrical updates); the need to keep the lots clean (pick up debris, don't leave wheel chocks at your site when you leave); space assignments (vehicle size, boats); on lot maintenance issues (report problems or concerns); the enforcement of rules (concern for unaccompanied vendors, the right to appeal any fine if you believe it was improper); the 2018 fee which was set at \$320; and if any suspicious behavior is observed in the lots, call Security (949-580-1400).

Tim then took member's questions and comments. Ernie Reynolds suggested members install solar powered auto – sensing lights on their RVs for added security. Several lot citations that members received were discussed. Tim said you should appeal any citations you consider to be inappropriate. Also, members asked Tim to fix several items. Tim Moy appears to care about doing a good job, and he cares for us and is willing to help out when possible. If you have any lot related or RV community related problems, contact our Security Liaison Mike Epstein (949-768-5159).

The 50/50 drawing was held and we had 3 winners. Dee adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Block, Secretary

HOLIDAY DINNER & PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

CLUB HOUSE SEVEN (note Club House)

5:00 TO 5:30 P.M. - HAPPY HOUR

Complimentary Munchies & Wine of your choice or Soft Drinks
Furnished By The Club

5:30 - DINNER

Catered by Jolanda

**Brisket, Salmon, or apple-brie stuffed Chicken
With cranberry wine sauce**

You May bring your own wine for the dining table; glasses provided.
Installation of 2018 Officers

Entertainment

Tommy Tassi

Singing pop hits of the 50s, 60s & 70s.

Deadline to RSVP is December 1, 2017

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Dee Wennerstrom, 4002-3G Calle Sonora, LW 92637
949-697-0798**

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Circle Your Choice			Member	Guest
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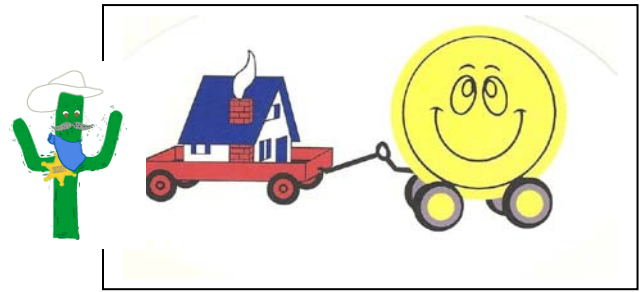
Booked & Proposed RALLIES 2018

DATE	HOST & ASST	DESTINATION	NOTES
Jan. 17-24 (Wed-Wed) (7 nites)	Carol P/Escapees SEE FLYER NEXT PAGE	Quartzsite, AZ during annual giant RV Show GET THIS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST if you haven't done it yet!!	Boon dock in BLM area w/Escapees or make own reservations in park w/hookups (i.e., Rose RV Park is good – full HU)
Feb.			
Mar. 16-21 (Fri-Wed) 5 nites	Carol P. & Dee W.	Prado Regional Park Space 66	Make own reservations \$40/nite + \$7 reserv. fee
Apr. 18-23 (Wed-Mon) (5 nites)	Martins/Need Asst.	Valencia Travel Village Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival	15 sites reserved
May			
June			
July		Annual Picnic Irvine Park	
Aug.		Dark No rally	
Sept. 16-21 (5 nites)		Chula Vista RV Resort	
Oct.			
Nov.			
Dec.			
Dec 15		Holiday Party – CH 7	

Notes: Still looking for hosts and assistants and any suggestions or ideas for venues. ED BAUMAN
eab@fea.net

Those of you still working, take note that three rallies so far are over the weekend, so you can join us for that time. Usually campouts are 4 nights, but 5 is OK too. Every effort is to be made NOT to book a date that would include our monthly meeting date (2nd Thursday of the month) or our Christmas party.

QUARTZSITE, AZ RALLY



Hosted by the Escapees Solos
January 17-24, 2018

Approximately 240 miles from Laguna Woods, this desert destination is perfect during the winter and spring and is located just 22 miles over the Arizona border. Wheeler and Escapees member Carol Preimesberger has invited us to join them for their annual outing, camping **on FREE Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.**

This is the time of year when this small desert town hosts a huge “swap meet” with vendors selling a variety of merchandise scattered everywhere plus the BIG TENT open from January 20-28 with everything you can think of for your RV. If you’ve never experienced this event, it must be on your bucket list. In town, there are three good hardware stores with a good supply of RV stuff. The Gambler has new and used RV parts and appliances. In the back, they have bins and bins of miscellaneous RV parts that you can look through. Then there is K&B Tools, Quartzsite’s version of Harbor Freight.

This rally will be VERY informal – no sign ups, no money up front. While the Solos will be there all week, you don’t have to go for the entire week – come and leave whenever you choose. If “boon docking” (no hookups) is not your thing, you could choose to stay at one of the local RV parks with hookups. One that the Wheelers stayed at in 2016 was Rose RV Park. If you choose to do that, you need to make your own reservations there (or some other park) by calling them at 405-306-2309. There are plenty of other RV parks in town or nearby. **Early reservations are recommended.** For those boon docking, there are nearby places where you can dump (if you have to) and buy water at a reasonable price.

BUT, the fun will be out at the Plumosa BLM camp, just a few short miles off the I-10. Cross the Arizona border, go approx. 22 miles and take Exit 17 (the first of two Quartzsite exits); turn left. To I-95 north and turn left. Go to Plumosa Road and turn right. Just past mile marker 2.2 on the left side look for the big yellow happy face (Solo’s logo) and turn left; go about 100 yards and you will see the camp on the left side of the road. You’ll see lots of big yellow smiling face signs and flags. Park anywhere near the group. Then, just look for Carol Preimesberger, who will be there to welcome you.

There’s going to be lots of good fun and camaraderie. The Escapees provide coffee and breakfast every morning, a hamburger/hot dog cookout one evening, a great BBQ beef dinner one evening, “burn your own meat” one night (you bring meat and a dish to share), wine and appetizers one night, dancing to a live band one afternoon, a campfire every night, and much more. Bringing a donation of fruit or extra water for coffee would be appreciated. **The food cost for those partaking will be approximately \$20/person.** Dinner is on your own two nights. There will be a presentation regarding RV refrigeration on Thursday afternoon that should be very educational. More information will follow.

There will also be a CARE (Continuing Assistance for Retired Escapees) auction where rally attendees are requested to bring something to auction off; i.e., RV related items, tools, books, etc. The money goes to CARE which is an Escapees nonprofit care center located in Livingston, TX which provides a safe haven with professional assistance at affordable prices for Escapees members who are not able to travel any longer because of age or health problems. It is not a nursing home. More information can be provided if you are interested.

Carol Preimesberger
714-231-1414

These are members of our club. Great recommendations and service.

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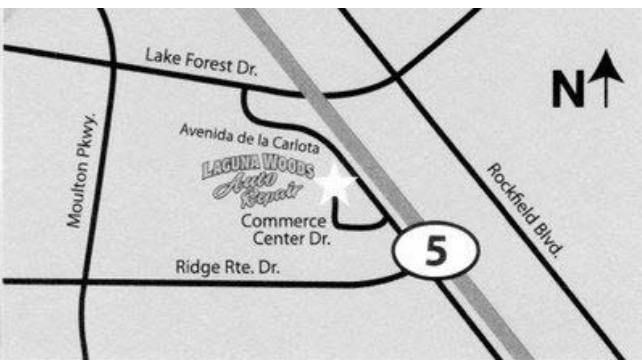


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RV WHEELERS OF LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE

☐ New
 ☐ Renewal
 ☐ Changes from previous year
 Referred by _____

Any resident of Laguna Woods Village, who is the owner of, or is interested in, a travel trailer, camper or motor home is eligible for membership. Our purpose is to promote social relationships of our members by holding meetings, rallies and get-togethers and to disseminate information of benefit to members.

Date

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APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

Anniversary (Mo/Da/Yr)

Last Name	First Name	Nickname	Birthday (Mo/Da)	Email
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SPOUSE/COMPANION

Last Name	First Name	Nickname	Birthday (Mo/Da)	Email
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Address	City	St	Zip
Home Phone	Cell #1	Cell #2	

RV	Make	RV Model	Rig Class	License	St
Rig Length	# Slides	Parking Lot A or B	Space Number		
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Our club's strength is member involvement. Would you be willing to help with: (x)

Social Events		Hospitality		Greeter		Programs	
Publicity		Membership		Asst. Rally Master		Board Member	

What are your interests? (x)

Card Games		Dominoes		Bingo		Shopping	
Cycling		Hiking		Walking		Tours/Museums	
Other (Please indicate)							

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Mail to Treasurer: Linda Huber, 788-Q Via Los Altos, LW 92637

Please list 4 of your favorite campgrounds (within 150 miles) of Laguna Woods

MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, AT CLUBHOUSE SIX, 6:30 PM



ADVANTAGES OF RV WHEELERS MEMBERSHIP

- **We are your only liaison with the GRF Security Committee and can relate your concerns about the RV lots, rules and regulations, lot fees and more**
- Planned 4 to 7-day group rallies, within a reasonable driving range of the Village. Also have some week to 2-week trips further afield with planned or spontaneous activities at destination planned by those who attend
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers with knowledge of RV maintenance, repair, and road rules plus social time and camaraderie
- Informative website and monthly club newsletter
- Resource Guide of member recommended RV maintenance, repair, supplies, and parts dealers

