



February 2018 - Website: RVWheeler.com

2017 CALENDAR

(See flyers)

Feb. 8	Meeting & Soup & Salad Potluck Clubhouse Six, 6:00 pm
Mar. 8	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm Rally to be determined
Apr. 12	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
April 18-23 (5 nights)	Valencia Rally and Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival
May 10	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
May ??	Rally Venue to be determined
June 14	Meeting/BBQ Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
June 5-10 (5 nights)	Santee Lakes Rally (flyer out next month)
July ??	Irvine Park Picnic (date to be determined)
Aug.	No Meeting
Sep. 13	Meeting & Ice Cream Social
Sep. 16-21 (5 nights)	Chula Vista RV Resort Rally
Oct. 11	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm Rally to be determined
Nov. 8	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm Rally to be determined
Dec. 15	Holiday Party Clubhouse 7
Dec. ???	Chula Vista RV Resort (coordinated with CDRV Club)

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE NEED MORE MEMBERS TO STEP UP TO HOST OR CO-HOST A RALLY THIS YEAR. YOUR DECISION AS TO HOW LONG AND WHERE. PLEASE CONTACT ED BAUMAN AT 949-378-9195 IF YOU CAN HELP!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Word is that those attending the Quartzsite un-official rally had a great time. See short article and pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we head into the 2018-year, remember we are here in **OUR** club, to have fun. It is **OUR** club and if we want **OUR** club to continue, we **ALL** have to **PARTICIPATE**. You need to participate in our activities, our camp outs, attend meetings and contribute your expertise. Your dues are welcome, but your active participation is also needed. Your attendance at our monthly meetings is important; I am so pleased to see 70-80 people at each meeting; thank you so much for showing up. For those who can, please volunteer to help provide meeting refreshments. For those who can, attend a camp out. For those who can, run a camp out. **YOU** are the most important part of **OUR club!** Your Board has planned plenty to do (something every month) but now **YOU** have to make it happen. We need people to spearhead our BBQ in June, our park picnic in July, and our Holiday Party in December. Those who have done it before will be here to walk you through it. Please let me know what you can do.

Just a reminder that you will probably be getting your invoice to pay your RV space dues pretty soon if you haven't yet. Be sure Security has a current copy of your driver's license, proof of insurance and current registration (these are required annually within 30 days of your registration renewal). Put them in an envelope with your name and space number, take it up to the community center (don't send it to LA with your space fees) attention Security Division. By the way, the number on your bill does not reflect your space number, but is an accounting number they have assigned you. Don't let your registration lapse as they **WILL** give you a ticket.

Please sign up to bring something to our Soup and Salad Potluck next month. Take a look at the flyer and let Bonnie or Mary know what you will be bringing. Those empty-handed will have to pay \$5!

Lastly, Program Chair Nadine World, has assured us that the speaker originally scheduled last month will be at our March meeting. Her message covers a very special topic "RV'ing with disabilities". An important topic as we get older, but want to keep on RV'ing.

Happy trails, Dee
949-697-0798

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NEW 2018 DIRECTORY

The new 2018 directory is expected to be out soon with information and pictures of all members who have renewed their membership. When it comes out, please take time to review your information carefully to make sure everything is accurate. Thanks to everyone who has renewed and to those of you who have recommended our club to your RV'ing friends.

Birthdays and anniversaries will no longer be published in the monthly newsletters, but will be listed by month at the back of the Directory. So check there as the webmaster will be updating that section as new members join.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Michael & Judy Bayer. Mike runs a Facebook Group called "Class A RV Owners" and a FB fan page and blog by that name. You can check it out at: classarvowners.com. He has also been the pastor of the Village Church of Laguna Woods for 28 years. Also welcome Ron Floreno who doesn't have a rig yet, but is looking for recommendations. Ron says he's nervous and apprehensive about going forward with this idea of "liberating" himself with the fun idea of getting a trailer rig. When he was a little boy living in Brooklyn, N.Y. he wondered what he wanted to do with his future, finally deciding on three choices: a jazz drummer, a baseball player or a cowboy! Well, he decided at the age of 15 to become a professional big band jazz/swing drummer, I served in the U.S. Air Force Band. Thinking about the nomad element of his personality, he's decided to look into RV'ing. He's concerned about the heating and air conditioning issue. "I still don't fully understand (if camping off-site) can a rig sustain itself regarding heating and air conditioning? I hate being too cold or too hot". As a newbie, he's open to our thoughts.

QUARTZSITE: JANUARY 2019?!? Doug & Lorrie Gibson

If you have not been out to Quartzsite in recent years or have never gone, it continues to be quite an experience!

Seven Wheelers stayed at Rice Ranch and even more at Rose RV Park – both have full hookups and then some of us joined the WOW! Group for a DRY camping experience! This along with thousands of dry campers spread over thousands of BLM acres – all free with a 14-day limit.

There was a large tent vendor presence, including rock and mineral vendors all over the place. You name it, you can find it in Quartzsite. Think of putting this on your calendar for next year.

As for dry camping, The WOW! Gals braved it and ventured out a little further into the desert where several hundred Escapees Solos were camped on BLM land. Obviously there are NO hookups out there, but it certainly was beautiful and the people really friendly.

Evans and Maria Givan were part of those boondocking out there. Joining them were WOW! Members Nadine World, Mardi Reese, Dee Wennerstrom, Sherry Pierce, Anna Siefert and her friend George and a couple of Nadine's friends from Montana, Carol and Penny, and Sandy from Oregon. A couple of days later we were joined by Doug and Lorrie Gibson and Iris Lewis. Mike and Carol Epstein also stopped by to see how we were faring.

All in all, for an “un-official” campout, we all agree a good time was had by everyone. Good weather, good food, fun activities and great friends.





RV Wheelers Soup and Salad Potluck

Thursday February 8, 2018

CLUBHOUSE SIX

Set up at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 PM

Time to get out that favorite soup recipe and bring it to our February RV Wheelers Soup and Salad event!!

Come and enjoy being with friends

Call to volunteer to bring:
a crock pot of soup,
or a salad, bread/rolls, or dessert
Bonnie Smith 949-830-7650 or
Mary Faux 661-492-3425

Please let us know what you are bringing so that we can plan a successful event

Bring your own soup bowl & utensils, & adult beverage
The club provides coffee, lemonade and water



\$5 FOR THOSE WHO COME EMPTY-HANDED



**RV WHEELERS APRIL RALLY
SANTA CLARITA COWBOY FESTIVAL
ARRIVE APRIL 18 - DEPART APRIL 23**

Valencia Travel Village, Castaic, CA
Approx. 90 miles from Laguna Woods

We have the Adult Lounge for food and games. Amenities include pool, spa, horseshoes, shuffleboard, tennis/pickleball.



PRIVATE TASTING
in the Barrel Room
Saturday, April 21st at 11 AM.
\$12.00 per person
(Hosts: Jim & Laura Noonon)

Potluck/BBQ - Campfire - Sing-a-long



Rally Hosts: Brad & Jackie Martin
(714) 504-0422 email: jackieskis@gmail.com
Co-Hosts: Mike & Carol Epstein

TOTAL COST: \$250 for 5 nights - a deposit of \$100 will hold your reservation.
(15 spaces available. First come, first served.)

Full payment due FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Please make your checks payable to Jackie Martin and mail to:
Jackie Martin, 5101 Avenida Del Sol, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

*****CUT OFF AND MAIL WITH CHECK*****

Name _____ #of People _____ # Pets _____

Rig size _____ Type _____ Bringing tow vehicle? Yes or No (circle one)

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Circle nights reserving: Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

RV WHEELERS JANUARY 11, 2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Officers present included: Dee Wennerstrom; Rich Smith; Nadine World; and Bruce Block. Various snacks, cookies, cakes, and ice cream cones were provided before the meeting. Dee started the meeting at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was started by Rick Moore.

Dee wished a Happy New Year to all members and guests. January birthdays and wedding anniversaries were recognized. Val and Ann Lester were celebrating their 54th anniversary. Dee then introduced the 11 guests we had attending this meeting. Dee introduced new Club Board members Mary Faux and Bonnie Smith. Mary is our Refreshment Chair, and Bonnie is helping with meeting setup and cleanup. Bonnie is looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. She suggested volunteering for 3 meetings then taking a break.

Future rally planning was discussed. February is still open. We need a volunteer to host and to help select a location. Mike Epstein discussed a March rally another club he belongs to which is having a rally in Bakersfield. Wheelers are invited to attend. It is planned for March 2 & 3 (a weekend), you can come early and stay late. It is at the Orange Grove Travel Park, and the cost is \$33 per night. Contact Mike if interested.

Jackie Martin then discussed our April rally at the Valencia Travel Village in Castaic. It will be held April 18 thru 23. The nearby Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival will be held during our stay and members can attend at no cost. The rally charge for the 5 nights is \$250. Flyers were handed out to interested members.

Spud Thomas (who is 96 years old) gave out 3 bird houses he made to new Club members.

Our VP for Programs, Nadine World, initiated our discussion for this meeting. We were scheduled to have a talk on RVing with challenges and disabilities, but due to a mix up we will have that talk at a later meeting. Nadine discussed traveling in her RV by herself on extended trips. She also expressed her thoughts on making regular reservations or just traveling with little or no reservations. Dee, Mike, and Ernie Reynolds added insight on their travel experiences. Bruce Block discussed the use of mobility carts and walkers while RVing. He also described his and Barbara's reservation experiences during an extended Western trip in 2015. With their Class A RV, reservations were required weeks ahead at most locations.

Our upcoming January rally to the Quartzite area started discussions on various camping locations (BML land, and Rose RV Park), in town parking, and other rally details. Jerry and Marilyn Gross contributed to this discussion, and also indicated the Escapees are having an auction where you can bring things you don't need any more to be sold.

Dee introduced our new Greeter, Iris Lewis. The 50/50 drawing was held and we had 3 winners. Dee adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Block, Secretary.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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
\$
#

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		
Tow or Dinghy	Make	Model	License	St	

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)

OFFICE USE ONLY

- Pd List
- BD/Anniv
- Email
- Name tag
- Dir
- News
- Sent news

Please mail this application and \$15.00 per person to our Membership Chair. **Make checks payable to "RV Wheelers"**. If you wish, you may submit this application at any regular meeting.

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

