



June 2017 - Website: RVWheelers.com

2017 CALENDAR

(See rally flyers)

June 8	Meeting/Luau Clubhouse Six, 6:00 pm Bring a potluck dish to share
June 22-27	Vista "no host" Outing
July 12	Irvine Park Picnic 2 pm NO MEETING OR CAMP OUT
August	No regular Meeting NO CAMP OUT
Sep. 14 Sep. 10-15 (5 nights)	Meeting & Ice Cream Social Chula Vista RV Resort Rally (Back-to-Back with JetLiners)
Oct. 12	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Oct. 8-13	Golden Shore Resort Long Beach
Nov. 9	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Nov. 13-18 (5 nights)	Sam's Family Spa, Desert Hot Springs
Dec. 7	Holiday Party Clubhouse 7
Dec. 6-10	Chula Vista RV Resort (coordinated with CDRV Club)

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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Campers! Well, Memorial Day is here – almost half the year gone already! Where did it go? Memorial Day is for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. While this day is not to be confused with Veteran's Day (November 11), which celebrates the service of all US Military veterans, I want to take this time to say thank you to ALL who have served in the Military.

By now, those who attended the camp out at Ramona Oaks, led by the Gibsons and Lesters, should be back. This was a new venue for us; look for a report on how it went soon. This officially ends our camping season until the next one in September at Chula Vista. This is one of our favorite camping spots, right on the water. If you haven't made reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. It will be September 10-15 (five nights). The Manginos have volunteered to host, with Ed Bauman co-hosting. Look for the flyer so you can reserve your spot. Then check the calendar in this newsletter for the camping plans for the remainder of the year.

A big thank you for the OC Fire Authority presentation at our meeting last month which was very informative AND to all our members for making our collection of "Blessing Bags" so successful AND to Vi Richards for taking them over to the church. Your generosity is so appreciated! Thanks to Bill and Pattie Crist for stepping in for the vacationing Noonans in preparing our room and drinks. Visiting at that meeting were Dan and Tami Curtis, who decided to join the club after checking us out for several months on our website. They have just recently bought in the Village and are looking forward to joining us on a camping trip soon. Please be sure to introduce yourself and give them a big welcome!

Speaking of our website, our wonderful webmaster, Bob Poole, has designed a "classified" section for those many items that have come up for sale recently. Go to our home page [at rvwheelers.com](http://rvwheelers.com), click on the Club Classified section in the upper right hand corner to see it. If you have something to sell or are looking for something, let Bob know so he can add it. Also lots of things going on in our RV lots too. Security is aware of the recent losses and is patrolling the lots more frequently. Remember to lock your RV, check it often, and NEVER leave anything loose outside the rig.

Remember, to call me to **make your reservations for the June 8 Luau** and REMEMBER, it starts a little earlier than usual – 6 PM. Live Hawaiian music too. Remember your potluck dish – the club is providing the meat. See you then!

Dee, 949-697-0798

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

3 Joanie VanWickle & Marv Rawitch
4 Bob Mangino
6 Dick Peck
8 Rich Smith
9 Brad Martin
10 Peg Jefferson & Iris Lewis
14 Andre Tornig
22 Carol Scott
24 Barbara Block & John Stowe

June Anniversaries

14 Dick & Jeanette Peck (47 Years)
29 Marv & Betty Rawitch (72 Years)



June Monthly Program Updates

It's time for our annual luau. I'll be a fun evening full of tasty food, live music, and great conversations. Make sure you RSVP via email to: dee561@comline.com so we know how much meat to purchase. Wear your favorite Hawaiian duds and bring your favorite beverages. See the flyer in the newsletter.

Reminder – Bring your pull tabs with you to the meeting. We have a long way to go if we're going to beat our 2016 total. As you are aware Ed delivers them to the Ronald MacDonald House at Loma Linda.

Vi Richards wishes to thank all of you for your generous Blessing Bags, socks and blankets. Garden Grove Presbyterian Church has been doing showers and breakfast for the homeless for six years on Tuesday and Thursday. Your gifts make the day a little brighter for those that receive them. Thanks again.



Save the Date!

2nd Annual "Beach Party at the Park", July 12.
Burgers & Brats and great company.
Irvine Regional Park (see flyer). We had a Great time last year! Don't forget to RSVP to John & Linda Huber, 949-382-1831.



CLUB ATTIRE

Are you a new member or have been a member for awhile and don't have one of our club shirts or hats yet, please be sure and call Joanie VanWickle and let her know you'd like one: [949-462-9217](tel:949-462-9217) or pick one up at our next meeting. We encourage you to wear our club shirts to meetings and at least one day on our campouts. The shirts are \$20 and the hats are \$15 or \$18 (depending on the type). Both will be available at our meetings.



A Lasting Gift

My wife and I are receivers of one of the wonderful birdhouses made by Spud Thomas. We set up his bird house on our veranda at The Towers (12 F) where some wild birds (House Finch) came to visit us very frequently and then produced 5 eggs. Unfortunately, they didn't use it. Instead, they preferred to make a nest behind my golf bag to protect their future chicks against other bigger wild birds. However, Spud's birdhouse is serving as a beautiful gate to their home.

Today two chicks left the nest and three still remain. We are live-streaming since they made the nest. Please visit the website: <http://www.liveforum.org>

With many thanks to Spud and his family, Maxx and Akko Kimura

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Time is running out for seniors to get a \$10 lifetime pass to parks

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Folks age 62 and older who love America's national parks and monuments can purchase a lifetime pass for \$10, but that bargain won't last much longer.

The cost of a National Park Service lifetime pass will increase to \$80, but just when that price hike will occur is unclear.

The senior pass offers lifetime admission to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, National Park Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Pass holders also get 50 percent off certain National Park Service fees, including camping, swimming, boat launch and other services.

At \$10, the pass is an incredible bargain. At \$80, it's still a great deal. Admission to Grand Canyon National Park, for example, is \$30 for seven days.

RAMONA OAKS RALLY

Ten Wheeler Rigs headed up to Ramona May 21: 7 stayed 5 days, 2 stayed 4 days, 1 stayed 2 days – a nice contrast to many of our outings. In addition to arrival Heavy Appetizers, a fantastic Potluck and 4 Continental Breakfasts, we enjoyed 2 outside BARBEQUES and finished at a great local DiCarlos Restaurant. We always eat way too well on these trips. Lorrie and Ann won the 5 – to the left and Frank VanWickle entertained us twice with his great Karaoke. Some of us played pool and horse shoes and Frank & Gracie went after fish and some of us napped and read.

RALLYS SEEM TO FIND US IN VERY INTERESTING PLACES – We have been to the Olympic Training Facility in San Diego, The Bristol Cone Pines, The Wolf Preserve, we have picked veggies in the El Centro area, visited the Mission Hotel in Riverside, Pismo Beach, Law's Railroad Museum in Bishop, Christmas at the Chula Vista Resort, March Air Force Museum, different Elks facilities, unique towns and camp grounds like Julian ---- **THIS TRIP WE FOUND THE CAMEL DAIRY** - 24 Camels used primarily for shows and education, plus this is a 'working farm" of ten 50 lb. turkeys, flying birds, 15 to 20 goats, and a few horses. We spent almost two hours there, fed the camels a bucket of carrots and were pleased to find out they were not the spitting type of camel!

A special thank you to Val and Ann Lester for pitching in as co-hosts. Everyone helped with snacks/food, fire ring, etc. which is appreciated. And, two new members Iris Lewis and Sherry Pierce had their second Wheeler camping experience. Both did real well and enjoyed their time; we all had fun getting to know them better. We look forward to seeing them out again. You can see more pictures on our website soon.

Doug & Lorrie Gibson



June Vista Outing-No Host

We're trying something a little different as suggested by some of the results of our recent survey and Ron Zimmerman has done all the legwork. The Antique and Steam Engine Museum in Vista is having their fully operational annual event on June 24 & 25 at their 55-acre site in Vista; you can come a couple of days before and/or stay a couple of days after. The camping fee, ***dry camping only***, is \$ 60; doesn't matter if you stay two days or 5 days, the fee is the same. This fee includes dry camping from June 22 till June 27. The fee is paid, by each rig, when you arrive. The fee includes the camping and entry to the Museum for the weekend. (see details on following page).

The campground has a free dump station with water. Not usable from 9:00am to 6:pm on Saturday and Sunday (Show days) Available all day on non-show days. Friday night they offer a three-course hot dog dinner, for a small cost, on the food court. This is followed by a free movie in the blacksmith building. How good can it get!

On Saturday and Sunday morning they offer a full breakfast, for a small cost, in the Assembly building. Usually from 7:00am to 9:00am.

Hope to hear from you soon. E-mail is the best as it will give me a record so I don't miss anyone when making the reservations.

Ron Zimmerman

zimmerperson@sbcglobal.net

Cell: 714-815-6116



Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum Event
2040 N Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA 92083 (760-941-1791)
Web Site is: agsem.com

Total Dry Camping available June 22 to June 27 (Dump and Water Station on grounds)

Arrival times on Thursday or Friday should be planned for before 2:00pm or
after 4:00pm due to local school traffic in the area.

Camping Fee is \$60 for total stay of June 22 to 27 (Will arrange for group together)
\$60 includes

- Dry camping for total dates on the grounds of the museum.
- Pay on arrival and can be either Thursday or Friday. Rate the same.
- Entry to Exhibits and Shows for June 24 and 25 (All Operating)
 - Gas and Diesel Tractors
 - Blacksmith & Wheelwright Shop
 - Gas Engine Row
 - Steam Engine Row
 - Steam Traction Engines
 - Farmhouse and Parlor
 - Palomar Handweavers Guild
 - Short Track Railroad - N Gauge - 3 layouts
- Friday 3 course Hot Dog dinner for campers and exhibitors (\$2.00)
- Saturday night Movie (Probably Blazing Saddles) in Blacksmiths Barn
for Campers and Exhibitors
- Static exhibits open on Friday.

Gates open all night for campers with outside activities during all dates.

For traveling partners that would rather do something else while
the other is into the exhibits there is a lot in the area to do.

From the Museum campground:

- Oceanside Harbor area is 10 Miles
- Escondido is 15 miles (Safari Wild Animal Park
- Pachanga Casino is 27 miles
- Temecula Wine valley is 30 miles
- San Diego Harbor area is 44 miles
- Balboa Park & Zoo is 44 miles

RV WHEELERS MAY 11, 2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Officers present included: Dee Wennerstrom; Doug Gibson; Ed Bauman; and Bruce Block. The meeting started at 6:10pm with Dee asking Suzanne Conran to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee then introduced four guests: Dan & Tami Curtis; and Roslyn & Ron Ginnis, noting the Curtis' had joined. At 6:15pm, pizza was served. A number of pizzas of several varieties were consumed by hungry members.

At 6:45pm, Dee introduced Randy Harper, a retired Battalion Fire Chief, to talk about "Fire Safety for RV's." He first talked about Orange County's 17 fire stations, and how highly qualified paramedics are now stationed on the fire engines. Randy described how the fire authority has much experience with manufactured homes which are a lot like RV's in construction. He then went into RV safety describing the need for working, and regularly tested alarms (smoke, CO, and propane). RV's are considered light weight construction, with high potential for fire, with the possibility for heavy smoke. The number one hazard is cooking. We should have a plan for putting out the fire, for getting out if necessary, and calling 911 quickly. There is a possibility for a fire burning between you and the exit door. Window exits and other doors should be reviewed before any problem occurs. Two fire extinguishers located near the main exit door are recommended. Extinguishers should be shaken and checked for pressure every 6 months. A disaster kit and another fire extinguisher should be located in your car or truck. RV electrical panel and other equipment should be checked regularly.

RV inspection and regular maintenance was recommended. Tire inspections and proper inflation can prevent blowouts, loss of control and damage under the RV. Brakes dragging and overheating can cause tire fires which could burn the RV. When parked at a camp site, watch that campfires are not too close to the RV or an awning. When using a generator, make sure your CO detector is working. Members thanked Randy for his informative and interesting presentation,

At 7:40, Dee thanked members for bringing "Blessing Bags" to help the homeless. Also, she thanked Bill and Pattie Crist for making the coffee and lemonade and running the setup and pizza portion of this meeting, Elsie and Dave St.Clair for running the 50/50, and Joanie Van Wickle for selling Club shirts/hats. Next month we will have the Luau Meeting. The Club will provide the meat, and members should bring a potluck item. Members should call Dee if they are coming so we can get an accurate count of attendees. The 50/50 drawing was held and we had 3 winners.

The upcoming no-host rally to the Vista Antique and Steam Engine Museum was discussed by Ron Zimmerman. Details on this June 22 to 27 outing were sent to members in the May Newsletter. The show will be on June 24 and 25. Those coming should email or call Ron so he knows how many rigs will be attending. In other rally news, Doug said the May 21 to 26 Ramona Oaks rally now has 12 rigs signed up. Ed reported the September Chula Vista rally flyer will be coming out soon. There is always great interest in this rally, so if you want to go, send in your money shortly after the flyer comes out. There has been a change in the November rally. It is now planned to go to Desert Hot Springs. The December rally will again be with the CDRV's at Chula Vista. This has been a very good rally, so consider it early and send in your money when the flyer comes out.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Block, Secretary.



June Special Event



Leisure Wheelers Hawaiian Potluck
Thursday June 8, 2017
6:00 PM /Club House 6

Wear your Hawaiian shirt, moo-moo, lei, and enjoy dinner, music and visiting with friends!!!

The Wheelers will provide ham, plates and tableware, water and coffee. Bring your own wine, soda and serving spoon.

Please bring a salad, dessert or a side dish to feed about 8 people

In order for us to plan for enough ham, please RSVP **by June 4** to dee561@comline.com

Call if you have questions 949-697-0798



Beach Party at the Park!

Join us at Irvine Regional Park

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

At the end of Jamboree Rd.
Between Parking Lots 18 & 19,
Admission: \$3.00 per car

Food Starts at 2:00 PM, Come Anytime
We'll be there early!



BBQ Burgers & Brats, provided by the club

Please bring a favorite side or dessert, your beverages,
chairs & blankets

Activities: Orange County Zoo, Nature Center, Train Rides, Bike and Paddle Boat Rentals, Hiking, Games, and Great Conversations

RSVP: John or Linda, 949-382-1831

RV WHEELERS CHULA VISTA RALLY
SEPT 10 to SEPT 15 2017 – 5 Days – Total Cost \$ 267.00
Back to Back with the
JET LINERS SEPT 15 to SEPT 17 - Total Cost \$107.20



Rally Hosts for RV WHEELERS: Bob & Julie Mangino txt or voice- 702-595-3962 / 702-592-0041 jbmangino@gmail.com; co-host with ED BAUMAN txt or voice: 949-378-9195 or eab@fea.net.
 Rally Host for JET LINERS: Bob Chabot 951-813-1957 Call Bob to make reservations for the 2 day portion.

Chula Vista RV Resort & Marina, 460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista; 800-770-2878 **Check in time is 2:00 pm; check-out is Noon.** We will have the LARGE ROOM for our entire stay. It is available for meals, games, and chatting. Plan of the Day, Menu and Potluck Sign up to follow. POSSIBLE THINGS TO DO: Ride the Trolley to Old Town or Seaport Village for lunch, visit Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Sea World, lots of museums, Harbor Cruises, wineries, and casinos and shopping nearby. You can also get one day extra at club rates by calling the park. Also a 4 night stay can be arranged.

Recommended directions: Approximately 86 miles from Laguna Woods. 1-5 south; exit at J Street/Marina Pkwy (Exit 7B), turn right onto J Street (name changes to Marina Pkwy). Follow Marina Pkwy to stop sign at Sandpiper Way and turn left. Continue on Sandpiper Way, around the bend. Entrance to the park will be on your left. If you get there before check-in time, you may be able to park on the street until check-in time. We have 25 sites reserved, so please send in your deposit to Ed soon if you plan to attend. The park is rigid on refunding no show fees, so we need to cancel unused reservations early. Reserve your space with a \$100.00 deposit. This is always sold out early. Total payment must be in by Aug 5th 2017. Please tear off form and return with full payment no later than August 5th 2017.

CHULA VISTA RALLY (Must have total payment by August 5th 2017.)

Attached is my check for \$100/\$267/\$167 Bringing tow vehicle? Yes or No (circle one)

Name(s) _____

No. of people _____ # of slides _____ email address _____

Address _____ Rig size _____

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- 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



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - 2017 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
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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)

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Cycling	Hiking	Walking	Tours/Museums
Other (Please indicate)			

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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