



**March 2018 - Website: [RVWheeler.com](http://RVWheeler.com)**

**2018 CALENDAR**

(See flyers)

Mar. 8	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm <b>Rally to be determined</b>
Apr. 12	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
April 18-23 (5 nights)	<b>Valencia Rally and Cowboy Poetry &amp; Music Festival</b>
May 10	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
May ??	<b>Rally Venue to be determined</b>
June 14	<b>Meeting/BBQ</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
June 5-10 (5 nights)	<b>Santee Lakes Rally (see flyer)</b>
July ??	<b>Irvine Park Picnic (date to be determined)</b>
Aug.	<b>No Meeting</b>
Sep. 13	<b>Meeting &amp; Ice Cream Social</b>
Sep. 16-21 (5 nights)	<b>Chula Vista RV Resort Rally</b>
Oct. 11	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Oct. 12-18 (6 nights)	<b>Aqua Caliente Park – Julian (see article inside)</b>
Nov. 8	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm <b>Rally to be determined</b>
Dec. 15	<b>Holiday Party</b> Clubhouse 7
Dec. 6-10	<b>Chula Vista RV Resort (coordinated with CDRV Club)</b>

**HAVE YOU PRINTED OUT YOUR NEW DIRECTORY YET?? It can be found on our website (requires a password) and then you will have it handy to look up phone numbers and email addresses.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I was thinking the other day (which I occasionally do); I have been a member of this club for 18 years and I've never tired of it, our members, or our activities. Sure, there have been frustrations, but for the most part, everything always seems to work out. Recently, I reported that Connie Gilland and Rob Wingrove (who man our welcome table at all our meetings) have decided to move in April. They are going to the Lake of the Ozarks area in Missouri (where Connie is from) where they have bought a home on a lake with their own dock. Do you think that would be too long of a road trip for one of our camp outs next year, Ed?

Thanks to the helpful hearts of some of our members when I called for replacements, I am happy to announce that one of our members who already has a club assignment volunteered as well as four other club members (two couples) who are relatively new to our club. That's what I like to see! So you will be seeing new faces at that table: Roslyn Ginnis & Ron Marrin and Richard & Heidi Penkava will be handling this job now. Sometimes you will see all four of them there and sometimes just two of them. We're flexible. Thank you, guys,!

The other thing I was thinking about was how much I know most of you enjoy camping as a group and why we are having such a hard time recruiting hosts and co-hosts. Maybe you have a special place you like to go and would host if you just knew what to do and had some help. What do you think about having a "think tank" to discuss some of these issues??

Our survey last year brought out that you prefer trip lengths to be 5-7 days; include some weekends; driving no further than 200 miles (but occasionally further), etc. I know how disappointing it is to finally have someone volunteer and plan the trip only to have so few sign up to go. Now days it is hard to make reservations and get the group discount if we have fewer than 10 sites. It even seems that sometimes the discount isn't even that big. The other problem seems to be getting people to make commitments more than 2-3 months ahead when some of the more popular venues mean making reservations 6 months or more ahead. Your thoughts please!

Then, we need to have three new people to volunteer to come early to help set up and stay a little longer to help clean up for the meetings of April and May. By new, I mean people who have not volunteered to help for quite some time. Our regulars need a break! Please let me know if you can do this.

Lastly, Program Chair Nadine World, has assured us that the speaker originally scheduled for January will be at our March 8 meeting. Her message covers a very special topic – and an important one as we get older, but want to keep on RV'ing. See ya next week..... Dee

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## **NEW 2018 DIRECTORY**

The new 2018 directory is out with information and pictures of all members who have renewed their membership. Please take time to review your information carefully to make sure everything is accurate. Remember, it takes a password to view; if you don't have it, please call Dee. It is only available to PAID members. Please report any corrections or changes to our webmaster, Bob Poole. Thanks to everyone who has renewed and to those of you who have recommended our club to your RV'ing friends.

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### **March 8 Meeting Speaker**

Originally scheduled for January, the RV Wheeler's March program speaker is Luanna Rugh and the topic is: "You Can Still RV With Physical Challenges". She and her husband, who was wounded in Vietnam, are the authors of "Promises Kept". This is the story of their incredible journey which included RV travel all over North America in spite of many physical challenges. The program will remind us of the many sacrifices the military and their families make for our freedom. The program is on Thursday, March 8th at 6:30p.m. in Clubhouse 6. Hope to see you there.



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**ANY TAKERS?** **Panguingue** (pronounced "pan-ginn'-gay"), often called **Pan** for short, was a staple of the gambling halls during the Californian gold rush in the mid-1800's, and this Rummy variation remains popular in many regions, particularly in the western United States and Southern Florida. It's an unusual game, and has its own unique lingo. It developed from [conquian](#), the ancestor of [rummy](#) games.

Member Charles Ryan has acquired 30 boxes (250 cards per box) of these cards. If you want them or know of somebody who might, they are yours for free. Contact Charles at 949-500-7560.

## 2018 Rallies

Date	Hosts/Co-Hosts	Destination
<p><b>Mar. ??</b> Dates to be determined</p> <p>150 miles</p>	<p><b>No Host rally</b></p> <p>Contact Ed Bauman for up-to-date information</p> <p><a href="mailto:eab@fea.net">eab@fea.net</a></p>	<p><b>ANZA BORREGO AREA</b> – Everybody makes own reservations wherever they choose. Requires a lot of flexibility; wildflower abundance not predictable yet. Good places to stay are Aqua Caliente (San Diego Co. Reg. Park) or at Borrego Springs (in town). Ed will stay in contact with the rangers as to the blooming possibilities</p>
<p><b>April 18-23</b> <b>Includes Weekend!</b></p> <p>90 miles</p>	<p><b>Hosts: The Martins</b> <b>Assts: The Epsteins</b></p> <p><b>MONEY DUE BY MARCH 15</b></p> <p>\$250 (5 nights)</p>	<p><b>Valencia RV Village &amp; Cowboy Festival</b> Will be enjoying the 25<sup>th</sup> Santa Clarita Cowboy Music &amp; Poetry Festival, a private wine tasting at the Four Brix Winery, a potluck BBQ, campfires and sing-a-long. Only a couple of sites left!</p>
<p><b>May ??</b></p>	<p><b>Need volunteer</b></p> <p><b>HOW ABOUT YOU???</b></p>	<p><b>To be determined</b></p>
<p><b>June 10-15</b></p> <p>80 miles</p>	<p><b>Hosts: The Furlans</b> <b>Assts: LaPierres &amp; Gross'</b></p> <p>\$290 (5 nights)</p>	<p><b>Santee Lakes</b> – San Diego County This campground is one of the premiere recreation facilities in San Diego and one of our favorites! Centrally located near all of San Diego's major attractions and nestled in the foothills just 20 minutes from San Diego, Santee Lakes uniquely combines country tranquility and city convenience. Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve sits on 190 acres and has seven lakes; rec. room for our use, fishing, boat rentals, biking and running trails, laundry, general store, swimming pool &amp; Jacuzzi. Rental Cabins for those without RVs.</p>
<p><b>Sept. 16-21</b></p> <p>85 miles</p>	<p><b>Hosts: The Chabots</b> <b>Assts: The Blocks</b></p> <p>\$ to be determined</p>	<p><b>Chula Vista RV Resort</b> – Beautiful resort nestled on San Diego Bay, surrounded by a landscaped park adjacent to its own marina; beautiful pool and spa, cement spaces with picnic tables. Great area for walking or biking along the bay. Close to many attractions.</p>
<p><b>Oct. 12-18</b></p> <p><b>Includes Weekend!</b></p> <p>150 miles</p>	<p><b>Hosts: WOW! Ladies Group</b></p> <p><b>OPEN TO EVERYONE!</b></p> <p><b>Must make own reservations</b> <b>858-565-3600</b></p> <p>\$203 (6 nights)</p>	<p><b>Aqua Caliente Regional Park – Julian</b> This desert destination is perfect during the winter and spring and is located near the south end of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Best known for its geothermally heated springs, it attracts visitors eager to soak in the soothing mineral waters. Two naturally fed pools provide different ways of enjoying the mineral water: a large outdoor pool is a natural 90 degrees, and the indoor therapeutic spa is heated to 102 degrees and outfitted with Jacuzzi jets. In addition to the pools, spectacular vistas await us while lounging around camp, hiking the miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons, or taking a leisurely sunset or sunrise walk.</p>

**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  
and more!

Rally Hosts: Brad & Jackie Martin  
(714) 504-0422 email: [jackieskis@gmail.com](mailto: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 SANTEE LAKES RALLY



Sunday-Friday – June 10-15

Five Nights: \$290

\$145 due upon registration

\$145 balance due May 1

(refunds per park policy)



## ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PLACES; BOOK EARLY!

Relax and play at beautiful Santee Lakes, located in San Diego County, approximately 80 miles from Laguna Woods. Santee Lakes is a 190-acre Recreation Preserve. It has seven lakes stocked with sport fish, a clubhouse for our use, 7 playgrounds, fishing, boat rentals, biking and walking trails, laundry, general store, 2 swimming pools, Jacuzzi, free Wi-Fi. and more! It's the perfect get-away, with all San Diego's attractions (including an outlet center and casino) just a short drive away.

We have reserved 18 spaces. Spaces have full hookups (30 & 50 amp), cable and picnic tables. No Rig? No problem!! Call Santee Lakes (619-596-3141) to reserve one of their cabins.

We have some fun **B&B** activities planned. There will be a B&B Breakfast (morning **B**rew & **B**agels), a B&B Cocktail Party (**BYO**oze & **BYO**oks for a book exchange), and a B&B dinner (**B**arbeque & **B**occe). We're also planning a morning tour of the Midway followed by lunch in Little Italy. As always, all activities are optional.

We will provide a packet prior to departure with more information and directions for those who are going.

If you have questions or ideas for activities, please call your hosts Mark & Kathy Furlan, 949-716-3020 or Co-Hosts: Carol & Jim Lapierre (949-838-6830) and Marilyn & Jerry Gross, (275-2323)

## SANTEE LAKES RALLY - \$290

\$145 upon registration; \$145 balance due May 1<sup>st</sup>

Attached is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Carol Lapierre, 949-838-6830  
Mail to Carol at: 3207 Via Buena Vista, Unit D  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ No. of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig size: \_\_\_\_\_ Bringing tow vehicle? Yes or No (circle one)



## **FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD**

The WOW! Ladies of the RV Wheelers are planning our October rally waaay ahead of time since this is a very popular winter spot with campers. We are going to Aqua Caliente County Park for six nights, starting October 12. You could join us for the entire stay or however few nights you want. Aqua Caliente which is in Julian, but where the club has stayed at least 3 different times when we were visiting Anza Borrego State Park, is about 45 minutes away from Borrego Springs. It's about 150 miles from home via the I-8. It is a San Diego County Regional Park and very reasonable. \$33 for full hookups; \$29 partial hookups (+ \$5 reservation fee for all reservations). We last stayed there in 2013, but everyone seemed to enjoy it. You will love the natural mineral hot springs! Right now there are not a lot of full hookup spots available, but we don't advise waiting too long to book your spot.

This desert destination is perfect during the winter and spring and is located near the south end of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Best known for its geothermally heated springs, it attracts visitors eager to soak in the soothing mineral waters. Two naturally fed pools provide different ways of enjoying the mineral water: A large outdoor pool is a natural 90 degrees, and the indoor therapeutic spa is heated to 102 degrees and outfitted with Jacuzzi jets. In addition to the pools, spectacular vistas await us while lounging around camp, hiking the miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons, or taking a leisurely sunset or sunrise walk. Those wishing to take a drive into Borrego Springs can enjoy presentations by volunteer naturalists at the State Park Visitor Center outside town or join in one of the nature walks led by park staff. You could also bird-watch or even go shopping or have lunch in the little village of Borrego Springs.

Since the County of San Diego requires full payment ahead, booking even just 10 sites would require quite an outlay from our treasury, so we are asking those who want to go to book their sites individually and let us know which site you have booked. So far we have booked 6 spots around the 70-74 area. In the next couple of days, we will be sending out more information about the campground and the requirements so you can take a look. If you book this far out and later have to cancel, the cancellation fee is pretty nominal if you cancel 30 days or more ahead. Take a look at [sdparks.org](http://sdparks.org) for more information.

**AND WATCH FOR MORE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS!!**



## Meeting Minutes

### **RV WHEELERS FEBRUARY 8, 2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Officers present included: Dee Wennerstrom; Rich Smith; Nadine World; Ed Bauman; and Bruce Block. Dee started the meeting at 6:30pm. This meeting was our annual Soup & Salad Potluck. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Van Wickle. Dee welcomed members and visitors, and then recognized wedding anniversaries and birthdays for February. Of note, was Pat and Roe Noonan's 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Dee introduced 8 guests who were attending this meeting.

Dee talked about the April and June rallies. In April, the Club will rally at Valencia Travel Village and attend the Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival. A flyer was sent out in the latest Newsletter. The dates are April 18 to April 23. Jackie Martin is hosting with 15 spaces available. Get your reservation and check in soon. Dee introduced Capt. Mark Furlan who is hosting the June Rally at Santee Lakes from June 10 to 15. Mark discussed the activities and the attractions in the surrounding area, and he asked members to attend this rally. Dee introduced Ed who talked about the need for people to step up and volunteer to host, co-host, or help on a future rally. We have a number of hosting openings. Ed will be hosting two future rallies and he is looking for two couples to help by co-hosting. Please contact Ed and volunteer.

Dee thanked all people who brought soups, salads, breads, and desserts to this meeting. Everything was so good.

Nadine World discussed topics for future meeting programs. Some items discussed included; technical RV discussions; boondock camping; and an auction of unneeded RV parts and equipment. Nadine then started a Quartzsite discussion covering recent experience at the January Rally. Nadine discussed how there were no hook-ups on the BLM land, and how they circled the RV's and had fun as a group. Others discussed the large swap-meet, Chinese lanterns, rocks for purchase and later polish, and availability of RV repair people. Use of the BLM land and the helpful campers made the rally a good experience. State parks in the area also received positive comments.

Dee reminded members that the 2018 Club Directory is out. It was sent out in an email, and can be seen on the Club website. Dee also asked for volunteers to lead the June and July Club events. Three winners were paid in the 50/50 drawings. Doug Gibson had a brief report on security in the RV storage lots. If you see any trouble, report it to Security. If some lot problem is observed, contact Tim Moy (Security head). Doug reported lot lighting has been significantly improved.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Block, Secretary.

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# 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	<b>Parking Lot A or B</b>	<b>Space Number</b>		
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

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**MEETINGS ARE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

