



May 2018 - Website: RVWheeler.com

2018 CALENDAR

(See flyers)

May 10	Regular Meeting-AUCTION Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
May 3-8 (5 nights)	East Shores Rally (see flyer)
June 12	BBQ at Santee Lakes
June 10-15 (5 nights)	Santee Lakes Rally (see flyer)
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 (flyer to follow)
Oct. 11	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Oct. 12-18 (6 nights)	Aqua Caliente Park – Julian (flyer to follow)
Nov. 8	Regular Meeting Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Nov. 12-17 (5 nights)	Sam’s Family Spa (flyer to follow)
Dec. 15	Holiday Party Clubhouse 7 Chula Vista RV Resort
Dec. 5-9	(coordinated with CDRV Club)

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION ON MAY 10. PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS EARLY (by 6 pm).



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

There has been so much going on that this is going to be a short message and a short newsletter. First off, we are having trouble with our Wheeler group email account so some of our messages were not getting out. We are looking for solutions to this problem. In the meantime, we may be asking you to go to our website in the future for our newsletters, e-blasts and other communications.

The Valencia camp out and cowboy festival was a smashing success with 16 rigs attending. Our hosts, Brad and Jackie Martin and their able co-hosts, Mike and Carol Epstein did a bang up job with just the right amount of planned activity and free time. Hope to do this one again next year (see story and pictures inside). The May rally to East Shore is still on so we will wait to hear how that one goes since we haven't been there in many years. June's Santee Lakes Rally still has a few spaces left if you want to sign up for that one. Even if you don't attend the campout, please consider coming out for the day on June 12 for our Wheeler BBQ. More about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our general meeting on May 10 will feature an Awesome Auction with proceeds being donated to the Golden Rain Foundation. Members are asked to bring gently used RV-related camping items (no opened liquids) which they wish to donate to the auction along with their checkbooks or cash for any purchases. An "experienced" auctioneer will auction items off to the crowd. Should be a lot of fun. More about our July picnic at Irvine Park soon.

Lastly, we are sorry to report that Bob and Jerry Chabot had a serious accident on their way down to the Valencia rally and it looks like their motor home is totaled. Bob and Jerry were very fortunate to only have suffered some cuts and bruises and are pretty sore. Their towed truck will need some repair, but was able to be driven away. The accident occurred only five minutes from the campground so Mike Epstein drove to the scene and reported back to us and the Chabot's spent the night in a local motel, then drove out to the campground the next day to give us the story. We are so glad there were no serious injuries; our best wishes to them for a speedy, full recovery.

Dee

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ANNUAL BBQ/PICNIC

Some years we had a BBQ, sometimes it was a Luau, but June is when we have an annual social event in Club House Six. However, this year our picnic will be held in conjunction with our June rally at Santee Lakes in eastern San Diego County. So even if you don't join the 5-day rally, plan to drive out for the day for our picnic. (see flyer) Put June 12 on your calendar! Perhaps some of us can carpool down to Santee. Plan on going to the event and maybe your picture will be in the newsletter!

Some Interesting RV Blogs

<https://wheelingit.us/> A couple who have fulltime in the US for years have sold their motorhome and moved to France to full time in Europe. A very good writer who goes into why they made the decision and all of hoops they had to jump through to make it happen

<http://www.rv-dreams.typepad.com/> A younger couple who gave up their careers to travel full time across the US. How they earned an income, and the changes in their life makes for an interesting read. They're on the West Coast for the summer.

<http://whatsnewell.blogspot.com/> A fulltime couple who occasionally workcamps (just finished working at the south rim of the Grand Canyon). Their family is based here in SoCal, but they have just left to go to the East Coast. Daily blog. They drive an older Newell motorhome with no slides and pull a trailer which houses their VW toad and assorted bikes.

VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE RALLY - By Jackie & Brad Martin

Yee Haa! 31 RV Buckaroos (otherwise known as RV Wheeler Club members) hit the trail to the Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival April 18-23. Brad and Patti serenaded with guitars and songs at the campfire each evening. Cowhands were fed well with breakfasts and a potluck. Some folks enjoyed time at the Nethercutt Museum and others went to the Reagan Library. On Saturday, Noonan's family treated us to a private wine tasting and tour of their Four Brix Winery. We brought home some fine wine. Lunch at Andria's Seafood in Ventura Harbor was our next stop. Last but not least, the Cowboy Festival was awesome with mighty fine entertainment, lots of good food, and friendly cowboys. After 5 fun-filled days we hitched up our coaches, with promises to "cowboy-up" again next year. See more pictures on our website soon.

"Happy Trails, until we meet again."



2018 RALLIES		
Date	Hosts/Co-Hosts	Destination
May 3-8 Includes Weekend! 45 miles	Host: Ed Bauman Need co-hosts MONEY DUE BY APRIL 19 \$315 (5 nights)	East Shores RV Park – San Dimas Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us! Located on the banks of stream-fed Puddingstone Lake, which is stocked with trout and bass several times a year for the fisherman. Puddingstone Reservoir is a 250-acre artificial lake northeast of the interchange between the Orange Freeway and the San Bernardino Freeway. Full hookups, cable TV, fire pit & picnic tables.
June 10-15 80 miles	Hosts: Furlan Assts: Lapierre/Gross MONEY DUE BY MAY 1 Tues., June 12; 11am. Club BBQ open to all members. Bring side dish, drink & chair. Day use fee \$4	Santee Lakes – 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 & Jacuzzi. Rental Cabins for those without RVs.
Sept. 16-21 85 miles	Hosts: Chabot Assts: Block \$ 272 (5 nights)	Chula Vista RV Resort – 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.
Oct. 12-18 Includes Weekend! 150 miles	Hosts: RV Wheelers WOW! Ladies OPEN TO EVERYONE! Must make own reservations 858-565-3600 \$203 (6 nights)	Aqua Caliente Regional Park – Julian 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.
Nov. 12-17 85 miles	Hosts: Ginnis/Marrin Assts: Penkava \$ to be determined (5 nights)	Sam's Family Spa – Desert Hot Springs (more to follow)

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE HAVING MORE CAMP OUTS THAT INCLUDE THE WEEKENDS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WORK.

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 1st

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)

RV Wheeler June Picnic Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Come early and enjoy a game of bocce ball before
BBQ lunch at Noon



Usually held in Club House Six, this year the picnic will
be at Santee Lakes, in eastern San Diego County
in conjunction with the June rally.

The Wheelers will provide hot dogs & brats,
buns & condiments

You bring a side dish to share, plates, drink,
eating utensils, & chair

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

In order for us to plan for enough, please
RSVP **by June 3** to dee561@comline.com

Santee Lakes is only 80 miles from Laguna Woods Village. Entrance to the park for day use is only \$4. Directions will be provided to those who sign up. Come join us for the day even if you don't come for the 5-day rally.

RV WHEELERS April 8, 2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Officers present included Dee Wennerstrom, Ed Bauman, Nadine World, and Bruce Block. Various snacks, cookies, cakes, and veggies were provided before the meeting started. The meeting started at 6:35pm. Dee asked Bob Batchelor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee then recognized 4 members celebrating April birthdays, and Jim and Carol Lapierre who are celebrating their 51 wedding anniversary. Eight guests were welcomed and two people joined the Club. Doug Gibson discussed a 3rd Mutual booklet that is available for information, and he displayed "Official Camper" shirts available for \$10.

Dee discussed the full April 18-23 Valencia Rally. Kathy Furlan talked about the June 10-14 Santee Lakes Rally. A detailed flyer provided by the park was handed out at each table. A Club BBQ will be held at Santee Lakes on June 12. All Club members are invited to join the rally attendees for this BBQ. It is time to get your camping reservation in to Carol Lapierre if you are planning to attend this rally. Ed spoke about the May 3-8 East Shores Rally. We have 10 sites reserved, so you need to get your reservation in quickly. Dee talked about our May 10 general meeting. We will have an auction of slightly worn RV items, with the proceeds going to the Golden Rain Foundation Charity. Dee thanked those who provided snacks tonight, and volunteers who set-up the room and who will clean-up after the meeting. She also asked for help at our May meeting.

Dee introduced Nadine World, our Program Chair, to lead the discussion of "Boondocking Basics." Three flyers were provided for each table including: Love Your RV- Boondocking Basics; Cool and Interesting Websites for Boondockers; and Basic Emergency Supply List for Home #1. Nadine discussed three types of non-hookup camping: boondocking; dry camping; and wild area camping. Mardi Reese talked about the need to equip our RV's for emergency situations. Some items she mentioned were: a hatchet; a crowbar; and a solar power source. Call Mardi at 714-473-6318 for a copy of a complete list. Nadine mentioned a number of places where people boondock including: Walmart; casinos; Elks Lodges (for members); RV park overflow areas; and relatives driveways.

Mike Epstein was introduced to talk about dry camping. Mike will provide detailed information to be placed in the Wheelers website. Some of the items Mike discussed are listed below. Trip preplanning is very important. Use of Google Maps for safely getting to remote areas is suggested. A complete check of your RV motor, tires, electrical systems, water systems, and fluids before leaving is suggested. At the site, limited water use, propane consumption control, and minimal electrical power use (use a solar power panel). Before leaving home, get camping permits if possible. Bring fire wood if allowed by the camping area. Questions were raised about cleaning the RV's fresh water tank. Nadine talked about boondocking at Death Valley and at Quartzite.

Mike is making a list of RV's which could be used in conjunction with Security in case of an emergency. The RV's would be used as communications locations (not lived in by others), and for refrigeration of drugs as required. If interested, please contact Mike at mikeepstein@comline.com.

The drawing had 3 winners.

The meeting ended at 7; 35.

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)				

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- 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