



## **RV WHEELERS NEWSLETTER JULY 2021**

### **Happy Independence Day**



Roslyn Ginnis, Editor

#### **President's Message**

We are definitely back in to the swing of things! The Village is opening up, clubhouses are beginning to take reservations and restrictions on various venues are being lifted. The RV Wheelers Executive Board met this past month to review various club items and plans for 2021/2022. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and meeting our many new members.

The Julian campout was a great success as you can see by the accompanying article and pictures. A huge thank you to Roslyn and Ron for coordinating this campout.

A few RV Wheelers plan to head to Quartzite, AZ for the annual RV Show in January, 2022. For more information, please see the insert in this month's newsletter.

We are hoping to resume monthly meetings at Clubhouse 6 starting in September with the annual Ice Cream Social.

If you'd like to get involved, we would love to have you join our team of volunteers. You can help coordinate a campout and/or join a committee. The following Board Member/Chairperson positions remain open:

2nd Vice President – Programs  
3rd Vice President – Wagon Master  
Special Events Chairperson(s)

If you're interested in any of the above positions or would like to help out in any capacity, we welcome your involvement. Please contact a Board Member for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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# Hugely Successful Julian Campout June 21-25

Seventeen RV Wheelers spent four wonderful days together in the beautiful forested setting at Pinezanita RV Park, just outside of the quaint mountain town of Julian. Three new members, Debbie Aitkens and Mike and Dionne Wilson, added so much to the group's camping experience. Everyone enjoyed our delicious potlucks and breakfasts, our evening campfires and bean bag baseball game. The guys beat the gals - but not by much! Rematch next time!



a big hit and the recipe is featured in the new Campout Cooking section of this July newsletter! Ann brought fresh zucchini from her LWV garden and Debbie was so kind to BBQ the large unclaimed squash for us to share the last night! It was so good! Thank you to everyone who cooked / brought such great potluck items!



We couldn't have hoped for better weather and the spacious, shady RV sites offered plenty of room to gather to bird watch, work on a puzzle, play Mexican Train dominoes and sit and schmooze! Breakfast highlights included the fresh orange juice that Dionne and Mike squeezed on site, plus bagels, lox and cream cheese. Dionne's Panzanella (bread salad) was







We got back together in the evenings for two great potlucks and nightly campfires. Thanks to Ron, our own RV Wheelers fire master, and to all who brought wood. Richard popped us fresh popcorn over the fire and Roslyn introduced the group to chocolate stuffed marshmallows. Yum!

Some Wheelers headed into Julian to visit an historic cemetery, the Julian Mining Co., the California Wolf Center, to shop, to have lunch or that famous Julian apple pie! Some went to nearby Lake Cuyamaca to hike and picnic.



Schmoozing!



KP Duty!

# CELEBRATE!!!

## July Birthdays

### July

1	Ernie Reynolds
3	Rhondda Yeager
15	Val Lester
15	Henryk Szostak
16	Sam Clark
21	Jules Anderson
21	Priscilla Givan
22	Linda Haas
27	Bob Hauxhurst
28	Sharon Braun



## and Anniversaries!!

July		Years
3	Mark & Kathy Furlan	49
4	Henryk & Donna Szostak	42
19	Mike & Carol Epstein	34
19	Andrew & Jane Perry	51
20	Rick & Janie Moore	6



# MEMBERS ON THE MOVE . . . . .

Following the Eastern Sierra Rally to Lone Pine and Bishop, several Wheelers headed further north on Highway 395 to June Lake . . . . . and beyond!



Just as the crowds were gathering for Bishop's annual Mule Days, and the fairgrounds filled with campers & people placing their bets on mules waiting to race, some adventurous Wheelers enjoyed the breathtaking drive north to an "Alpine Oasis" in the Eastern Sierras.

Ron & Roslyn, Doug & Lorrie (Gibson) joined Frank and Joanie Van Wickle at Golden Pine RV Park in June Lake. The rustic park, located in a quiet wooded area between June and Gull Lakes is walking distance to the two lakes and to town.



We spent four fun filled days together! The first day we rented a pontoon boat, and despite the wind, we persevered! Joanie caught the first fish and by day's end we'd caught a few more. Frank's patience and help encouraged everyone!



The next day was beautiful—not a bit of wind! We all fished (and caught!) from shore. Roslyn caught her 1<sup>st</sup> fish ever! It was a great day of fun and camaraderie!







We enjoyed eating our BBQ'd trout, having camp fires, walking into town for lunch, and driving around the June Lake Loop – taking in the majestic scenery. Golden Pine is a small private park, nestled in the pines, but large enough for a future rally! The camp hosts were fun and very hospitable and we are all looking forward to staying there again.

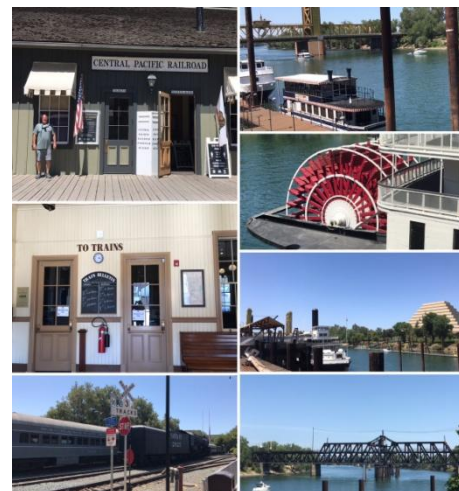




While Doug and Lorrie returned to Southern California for their son's engagement party, and Frank and Joanie spent an extra week at June Lake, Ron and Roslyn headed further north to Topaz Lake, Carson City and Virginia City, Nevada then back into Northern California to South Lake Tahoe and Sacramento.



Virginia City



Sacramento waterfront and brush fire right behind the Cal Expo RV Park! Too close!!

Lake Tahoe



# Sunshine...

By Dee Wennerstrom

Your Editor learned that Carol Epstein and Mark Furlan each had surgery in June and are both recovering.

Frank Van Wickle became very ill at the end of their June Lake camping trip but has improved considerably since then.

Nadine World finally feels like she's "back to normal" after not feeling well for several months.

We wish you all continued good health!!



Carol and Jim La Pierre are relocating to The Villages, a well known retirement community in Central Florida. Carol and Jim have been active in the RV Wheelers for many years, holding various Board positions.

We will surely miss them and wish them well in this next adventure!

If you have some good, or "not so good" news, or know of someone who could use a little sunshine, please let Dee know and she'll send a card and/or our positive thoughts and good wishes in our monthly newsletters! Dee's contact information can be found on the RV Wheelers Directory at [RVWheeler.org](http://RVWheeler.org).





# Campout Cooking

## RV Wheelers Rally Recipes

At our last campout in Julian we really enjoyed some of the potluck dishes provided by our fellow club members and so the idea of sharing camping recipes was born. This first recipe was shared by new member, Dionne Wilson. We all loved this fresh and refreshing **Panzanella (Bread Salad)** and she was pleased to share it with the Club! Enjoy!

**Panzanella** is an Italian salad made with bread that is about to go stale. The traditional salad is often made with a vinaigrette dressing, thinly sliced onions, and any vegetables you may have on hand. The following is my version of the salad that I made on the Wheelers recent campout at Pinezanita. I guess you could call it “Panzanella at Pinezanita”. This recipe makes about 5 cups of salad, so you could cut the recipe in half to make a smaller quantity. I actually do not measure anything when I make this salad, but this is a guide on how to make it. – Dionne Wilson

### Ingredients:

4 slices of white **bread** (I use “Artesano Bakery Bread” found in the regular bread aisle at Stater Bros.)  
1 cup chopped **tomato** (I use small pearl, grape or Roma tomatoes). Use garden tomatoes if you have them! Cut into bite-sized pieces  
2 Tablespoons of **balsamic vinegar** (or more, depending on how much you need to marinate the tomato pieces. (Optional)  
½ of a long **English (seedless) cucumber**; cut the cucumber in half and then into bite-sized pieces  
2 large **avocados**; cut into bite-sized chunks  
7 fresh **basil leaves** (approximately); cut or torn into bite-sized pieces  
8 Tablespoons of flavorful **olive oil** (approximately) (I use Kirkland Extra Virgin Italian olive oil in the square bottle, \$13 at Costco)  
A few pinches of **kosher salt** (or to your taste) (I use Morton’s Kosher Salt in the blue box)  
Fresh ground **black pepper** (optional)

### How to put it together:

Put the tomato pieces in a small bowl and pour the balsamic vinegar on the tomatoes to coat them. Let them marinate while you are putting the rest of the salad together. Stir occasionally.



Lightly toast the bread slices in the toaster. Then, cut or tear into bite-sized pieces (about 1” square) and put into a large bowl. Drizzle olive oil over the bread pieces until they are lightly coated in oil, but not soaked or soggy (approximately 4 Tablespoons). Stir to coat the bread pieces on all sides.

Push the bread pieces to one side of the salad bowl and add the avocado chunks to the bowl. Drizzle the avocado with olive oil as well (approximately 2 Tablespoons). Stir to coat the avocado evenly with olive oil. This will help the avocado from turning brown if you are not serving the salad immediately.

Drain the vinegar from the tomatoes and put them into the bowl with the bread and avocado. Add the cucumber and basil pieces to bowl. Sprinkle a few pinches of kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper over the salad and lightly toss to combine. Add more kosher salt, black pepper, and olive oil to your taste and lightly toss the salad again.

**NOTE:** I think the key ingredients to this particular version of the salad are the flavorful Kirkland olive oil, the kosher salt (which has a milder flavor than table salt), and the fresh basil. There are endless versions of Panzanella, so you can make it your own with your favorite ingredients.



## Quartzite January, 2022

A few RV Wheelers plan to head to Quartzite, AZ for the annual RV Show in January, 2022. Quartzsite RV Show is the largest RV show in the world. This regional event is set to start on Saturday, January 22, 2022. A few years ago some of us stayed at the Rice Ranch RV Park which is located directly across the street from the main tent at 55 East Kuehn Street, Quartzite, AZ. Full hook-up rate is \$45.28 including tax – a one night, non-refundable deposit is required, and everyone must make their own reservation (the sooner the better). We plan to arrive by Thursday 1/20/2022. Call Sean for reservations: office (928)927-4782, cell (928)916-4366 or home (928)927-8118.

People love browsing the wares of over 425 vendors who cater to the RV enthusiast. From quirky kitchen items to RV bedding and the latest RV camping gadgets, the Quartzsite RV Show brings products to thousands of RV enthusiasts every day.

As a gathering place for winter snowbirds, the show is a cornerstone of Quartzsite's winter snowbird scene. Over one dozen different service bays on the show grounds provide needed repairs and upgrades for attendees.

In 2021, Covid 19 protocols were in place, including one-way aisles and mandatory face coverings for exhibitors, attendees and show staff. We don't yet know what 2022 will look like.

An aerial view of the Big RV Tent (60,000 sq. ft.) is below



If interested, or if you'd like additional information, contact Ron Marrin at (805)258-3821 [ronaldmarrin@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldmarrin@yahoo.com)



# MEET YOUR FELLOW RV WHEELERS

We'd like to continue to highlight our awesome members! If you enjoy these stories, consider sending me yours for future issues! They will become a link on our website directory.

We did not have anyone submit a story for the July newsletter. I've gotten good feedback on this section, but if you folks don't send me anything, this section will remain empty! **You and your life are interesting to the rest of us.** So please send in a few short paragraphs (or bullet points) and I'll work them into a short "bio" about you, your RVing experiences or what brought you to join the RV Wheelers.

Stories of your recent (or not so recent) RV trips are also welcome for the Members on the Move section!!

Thank you!!

Have a Safe 4<sup>th</sup>

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