



## RV WHEELERS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

Roslyn Ginnis, Editor

# Join us at the first RV Wheeler meeting of the year!

President Bunny Quartararo and your  
RV Wheeler Board welcome you back  
to our monthly club meetings with an  
Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** (new day)

**Clubhouse 1** (new location)

6:30 p.m. – same time!



Come see friends you've missed  
and meet new members who will  
become new friends!!



# 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.

Roslyn Ginnis, Membership VP [rlynnie69@gmail.com](mailto:rlynnie69@gmail.com)



## NEW MEMBERS



Hi, Debra Aitkens here with a little bit about me.

I'm a Native Californian, grew up in Palos Verdes Estates, and went to El Camino College for business. Married and had twin daughters, they are now 47 yrs old, two grandchildren, one just got married and the other is engaged.

I've lived in Orange County since 1978, first home in Lake Forest then moved to Mission Viejo. I moved to LW to take care of my mom until she passed and decided to stay here because it's so beautiful and has everything I could ever ask for . . . . .

I've had a number of great careers in my life, from production manager of Bigelow Custom Carpets in El Segundo, Ca, to Restaurant manager of Black Angus Steak House in Lake Forest, when it first opened, now it's Sammy. I've also had part time jobs with Event Planners and I've been a full time Realtor for the past 15 yrs.

But then there was the Covid shut down. So with NOTHING to keep me busy, I decided to buy a little trailer that I could pull with my car and cruise up or down the coast in all my spare time. Little did I know it would be such an endeavor!!!



I found a cute little "A Liner" near Lake Shasta that needed some work, so . . . . .

I decided to take it on. Towed it down and parked it in the RV lot and started in . . . I've met a few of you at the lot while I was working on it.

It ended up being more than I thought, but what else did I have to do? Not a darn thing w/ Covid. So about two and a half months later I had it finished and was ready to try it out. I signed up with the RV Wheelers Club and their next camp out in Julian.

I had a great time in Julian and have met some wonderful people that welcomed me with open arms. I felt like one of the gang! Roslyn and Ron are the best hosts you could ever ask for, they outdid themselves. I can't wait to go on the next adventure planned for Newport Dunes and meet more of the club campers!

Until then, I'll be heading to Pismo Beach for a few days, with a girl friend I talked into trying out camping! She's a bit more adventurous than my other 5 ☆ resort girlfriends!

I look forward to meeting y'all. Happy Trails,  
Deb



*LET'S GO CAMPING!!!*



# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!!

## BIRTHDAYS

### August

- 01 Thomas (Tom) Haas
- 01 Nels Larson
- 03 Maria Givan
- 03 Mark Monin
- 03 Rick Moore
- 10 Sonia Flanigan
- 12 Nancy Lemire
- 13 Jane Perry
- 15 Chuck Hale
- 16 Mary Houten-Kemp
- 20 Linda Hauxhurst
- 29 Francisco Gomez
- 31 Heidi Penkava
- 31 Leroy Roper



## and ANNIVERSARIES!!

### August

### Years

- |    |                          |    |
|----|--------------------------|----|
| 09 | Fred & Shirley Burt      | 63 |
| 10 | Francisco & Irmina Gomez | 61 |
| 17 | Rich & Bonnie Smith      | 53 |
| 27 | Doug & Lorrie Gibson     | 55 |
| 31 | Brad & Jackie Martin     | 47 |



# MEMBERS ON THE MOVE . . . .

## OUR GREAT COVID ESCAPE ADVENTURE!

By Jack and Linda Dunnigan



We recently completed our first major RV trip (June 11 – July 16, 2021) since moving to California from the east coast, just as the COVID pandemic was getting ready to shut down our lives. We have a Class B motorhome built by Pleasure Way, and planned the trip around a popular PW rally in Big Timber, Montana. We included some friends and family visits to make a loop that went through Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and back home.

Dodging and dealing with the successive heat domes that have plagued the west this summer was a constant challenge that really limited our campability.



While the temperatures cooled down comfortably most nights, the heat kept us from exploring the iconic Utah national parks as we moved north quickly to find cooler weather. By the time we got to Montana we slipped in between heat waves and found lovely camping temperatures. But heat returned as we moved on, affecting our trip for almost the entire time.





We camped at Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho, a 50-mile long lava formation with no volcano! It was caused by a rift in the Snake River Plain. We checked out a number of Lewis & Clark sites and museums. But we concluded that the Corps of Discovery expedition makes a better story than a trip – most of the sites are far apart and not really significant (e.g., the headwaters of the Missouri River); although the museums and visitors centers were very informative and interesting. Great Falls, Montana, was very impressive; and we enjoyed Idaho Falls, Idaho, and its Museum of Idaho.



We went horseback riding while at our PW rally.

We also rented bikes to take the Hiawatha Trail, a converted former railroad line, in the mountains right at the Montana/Idaho border.



The hot weather followed us west until we crossed Snoqualmie Pass and headed into the Puget Sound area – the temperatures dropped 30 degrees! After visiting family and friends in Seattle and Portland, we ran into another heat wave, but dodged the worst of it by heading to the coast at Crescent City to camp among the redwoods, and take a hike in Jedediah Smith State Park. This was the best pure camping experience of our trip. But by now we were running out of time and headed south on Highway 101, which meant leaving the coast and finding more hot weather.

The last four days of our trip were spent with our daughter and grandchildren at the Thousand Trails campground in Idyllwild, California.

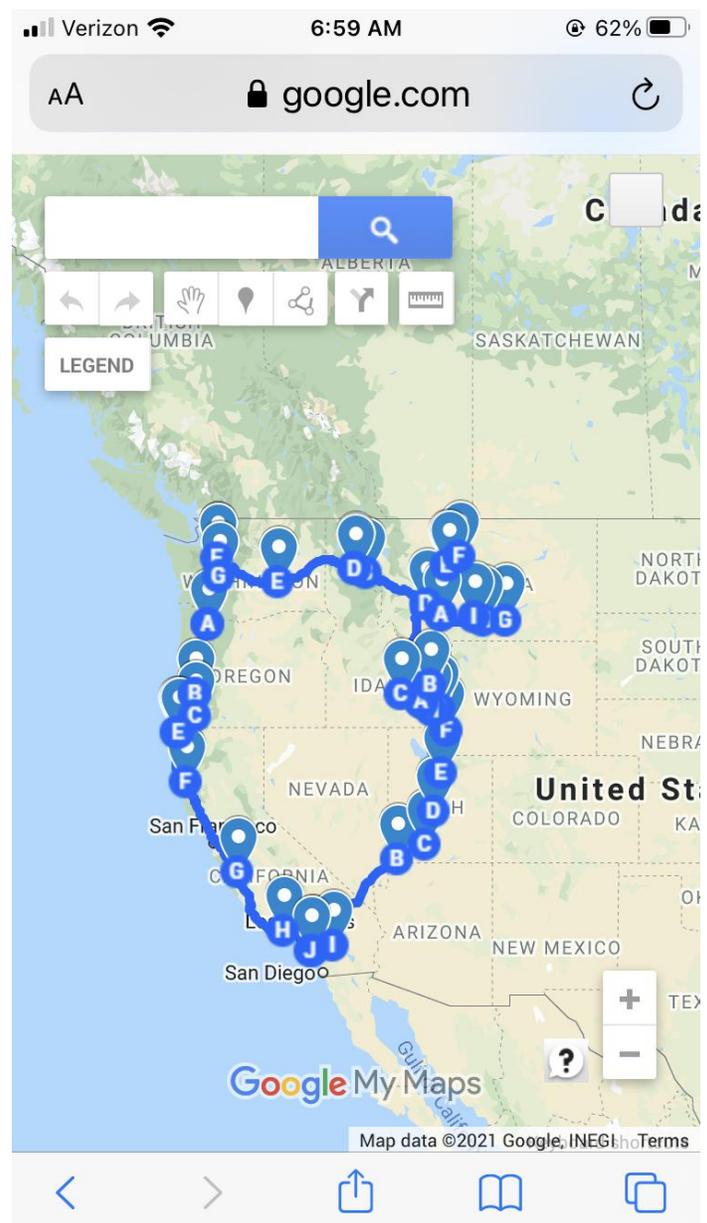


Teaching the grandchildren the important basics of camping -- Mexican Train!!

Our total miles added up to 5,212 over 36 days (31 in our RV), finishing just shy of the 80K mark on our van. Despite all the concern about full campgrounds this summer, we were able to find a spot every night, although sometimes they were expensive and/or inconvenient. Weekend spots were the toughest to arrange. The secret is to get to where you are going early in the day, and try to reserve a day ahead if possible. And we found that an underappreciated story is: county campgrounds! They tend to be less expensive even than state parks (especially in

California!), and sometimes offer amenities. We especially liked Florence Keller County Park near Crescent City.

Our bucket list from the trip includes a return to the redwoods, and finally to make our way to the Utah national parks – and of course, to explore the eastern Sierras up US 395. It felt so good to be back on the road again, and planning new adventures!



# Sunshine...

If you have some good, or “not so good” news, or know of someone who could use a little sunshine, please let Dee Wennerstrom know and she’ll send a card and/or our positive thoughts and good wishes in our monthly newsletters! Dee’s contact information is as follows:

Cell: (949) 697-0798

Email: [dee561@comline.com](mailto:dee561@comline.com)

We wish you all continued good health!!



**Have NEWS to share with your fellow RV Wheelers? Please send to Roslyn by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the following month’s newsletter!**

**[Rlynnie69@gmail.com](mailto:Rlynnie69@gmail.com)**

## Camping Suggestions??

**What are some of your favorite places to camp?**



**DON'T DELAY – NEWPORT DUNES IS A VERY POPULAR RALLY! REGISTER TODAY – SEE ATTACHED FLIER FOR DETAILS**



# RV WHEELERS CAMPOUT

**OCTOBER 7 – 12, 2021\*\***

NEWPORT DUNES \*1131 Back Bay Drive Newport Beach \* [newportdunes.com](http://newportdunes.com)

Located on 110 acres of beach in Newport’s Back Bay, Newport Dunes RV Resort offers beautiful views and many amenities – beach access, relaxing pool and spa complex, nearby rentals for water sports and bicycling, proximity to Balboa Island and Newport Fashion Island.

RV back in sites are 40’ L x 25’ W with full hook ups (all with 30 and 50 amps).

**Total Cost: \$250.00 for MINIMUM of five nights (including resort tax/some meals) \*\***  
**50% deposit check (\$125.00) required by August 13, 2021**  
**Balance (\$125.00) due by September 10, 2021**

**RESERVE NOW – SPACE IS LIMITED**

Rally Hosts: Roslyn Ginnis / Ron Marrin – Call for more information (818)620-5019  
[RLYNNIE69@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RLYNNIE69@GMAIL.COM) / [RONALDMARRIN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RONALDMARRIN@YAHOO.COM)

Co-Hosts: Fred and Marilyn Geller \* Dionne and Mike Wilson

**Please return this tear-off with \$125.00 deposit no later than August 28, 2021. \$125.00 Balance Due 9/18/21.**

**Make checks payable to Roslyn Ginnis and mail to 2002-A Via Mariposa W, Laguna Woods 92637**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Rig \_\_\_\_\_ No. of pets \_\_\_\_\_

# RV WHEELER CLUB BADGES AVAILABLE



- Many RV Wheeler members have purchased the high quality plastic Club badges (pictured above) with either a heavy-duty magnet or regular pin on the back
- **Pin required if you have a Pacemaker**
- **Purchase of the badge(s) is optional at a cost of \$8.00 per badge.**
- Keep the badge(s) in your rig for rallies and/or at home for RV Wheeler meetings.
- Hanging “dangles” can be ordered for each rally attended, if desired, at a cost of \$1.50 each. Rally hosts will ask participants if they’d like to order a dangle for that rally. Each rally dangle will be a different color and hooks on to the bottom of the badge or to the preceding dangle (as shown).
- If you’re interested in ordering one or more of the badges, please tear off the order form below and send with your check **payable to the RV Wheelers** to:

Roslyn Ginnis 2002-A Via Mariposa West, Laguna Woods 92637 (818)620-5019

Please state your preference for magnet or pin, # of badges and which dangles you’d like

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Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_ # of Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Magnet or Pin on back (**Pin required if you have a Pacemaker**) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_ # of Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Magnet or Pin on back (**Pin required if you have a Pacemaker**) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dangles for **2020 /2021 Rallies:** Oceanside Elks \_\_\_\_\_ Lone Pine / Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Julian \_\_\_\_\_ Newport Dunes \_\_\_\_\_