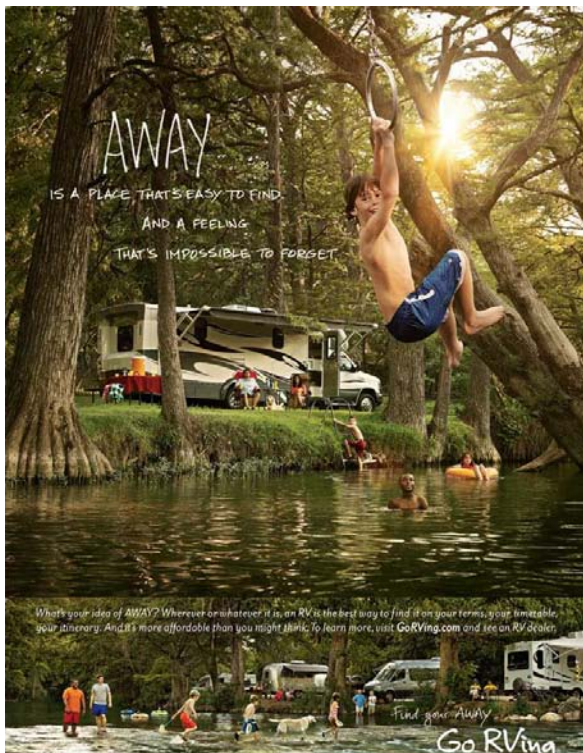


**October 2018 - Website: [RVWheeler.com](http://RVWheeler.com)**

### REST OF 2018 CALENDAR

Oct. 11	<b>Regular Meeting</b> <b>Special speaker (see inside)</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Oct. 12-18 (6 nights)	<b>Aqua Caliente Park – Julian</b> <b>(see flyer)</b>
Nov. 8	<b>Regular Meeting</b> Clubhouse Six, 6:30 pm
Nov. 12-17 (5 nights)	<b>Sam's Family Spa</b> <b>(see flyer)</b>
Dec. 15	<b>Holiday Party</b> Clubhouse 7 <b>(see reservation form)</b>
Dec 5-9	<b>Chula Vista RV Resort</b> (coordinated with CDRV Club) Full - No spaces available



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Research has shown that while over 90% of us want to volunteer, only 1 out of 4 Americans actually do. Did you know there is a relationship between volunteering and improved physical health and cognitive function? Research also shows that volunteers report elevated mood and less depression, and that volunteers report increased social interactions and social support, better relationship quality, and decreased loneliness. So, if most of us want to volunteer, and we believe it is good for us, why aren't more of us volunteering?

Our club takes great pride in the role volunteering has played in our history. We believe that volunteers are virtuous, kind and essential to the health of our club. Volunteering is a great way to meet like-minded, motivated, positive people. Volunteers fundamentally increase our ability to achieve our objectives and advance the social mission of our organization.

We've found the most common reason for not volunteering is lack of free time, which is interesting because retirees (who presumably have more free time) do not volunteer at higher rates than people ages 35 to 44 (those most likely to have young children at home and be employed).

Another very common reason is that people don't think the jobs are meaningful or purposeful. While motivation to volunteer can vary by age, older volunteers are more likely to be motivated to volunteer by personal gratification and having a meaningful experience.

Some people say they don't volunteer because no one asked them to; not so with our club. We're always asking! We want our volunteers to feel included in the goals of our club and know your work (even though unpaid) is valued and appreciated.

Please consider being a volunteer camp host or sitting on our Board or as a chair person.

**Dee**

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## TIME TO RENEW:

It's time to start thinking about sending in your 2019 membership dues (see form in this newsletter). Renewing members only need to **check the "renew" box and only add or change any information** that is different from what is currently in the Membership Directory, which you can look at on our website: [rvwheelers.com](http://rvwheelers.com), using the password (call if you don't know it). If there are no changes - that's easily. Just mail the form with your check to the address at the bottom. Remember to carry membership forms in your car or RV to hand out to people you meet in the lot who may not be members. New members who join now, get the rest of this year free!!

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## **DON'T MISS THIS RV MEETING**



The Wheelers are featuring a special speaker at our meeting next on Thursday, October 11. Ron Nelson, a certified RV Technician and new Village resident, will be speaking on Recreation Vehicle Maintenance – “The Care & Feeding of Your RV”. Bring any questions you may have on maintaining your RV. Don't forget 6:30 pm at Clubhouse Six.

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**ATTENTION:** Two personal checks from the auction were misplaced and not cashed. If they happen to be yours, please let us know!!

# **HOLIDAY DINNER & PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018**  
**CLUB HOUSE SEVEN (note Club House)**

**5:00 TO 5:30 P.M. - HAPPY HOUR**

Complimentary Munchies & Wine of your choice or Soft Drinks  
Furnished by The Club

**5:30 - DINNER**

**Catered by Martinez Catering**  
**Grilled tri-tip, baked salmon, or**  
**Rosemary Grilled chicken**

You May bring your own wine for the dining table; glasses provided.  
Installation of Officers

## **Entertainment**

**Tommy Tassi, back by popular demand**  
Singing pop hits of the 50s, 60s & 70s.  
(See his bio on the back of the flyer)

**Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, December 1, 2018**

**Please make checks payable to RV Wheelers and mail to:**  
**Linda Huber, 788-Q via Los Altos, LW 92637**  
**949-382-1831**

**- - TEAR OFF & MAIL - - - TEAR OFF & MAIL**

Circle Your Choice				Member \$24	Guest \$26
Name	Tri-tip	Salmon	Chicken		
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## Holiday Party Entertainment

*Everybody enjoyed Tommy so much last year, we were asked to invite him back. Tommy Tassi has been entertaining southern California audiences for 40 years. He specializes in the pop hits of the 50's, 60's & 70's. Tommy has an uncanny ability to sound like many of the legendary artists. From the tender ballads to the bellowing rockers, he truly delivers sound-a-like renditions of the classic hits. As a showman, he brings much enthusiasm to the stage, working the audience with his spirited personality and creating an atmosphere of clapping, singing along and dancing.*

*Tommy has opened for many accomplished groups such as; The Drifters, The Platters, The Coasters, The Ventures, The Tokens, Jan & Dean, the Righteous Brothers and others. His voice can be heard from radio commercials to TV sitcoms, where he's done several voice-overs. In 2004 he received an award from the American Song Festival on his precise rendition of Barry Manilow's "I Write The Songs."*

*As a seasoned veteran who only seems to get better with age, Tommy never tires of the work he loves. His many successful years as an artist has earned him much notoriety and a large fan following. He is committed to keeping the early years of Rock 'n Roll alive and well in the 21st century*





## CHULA VISTA RALLY – Bruce Block

We had a good time visiting the San Diego Area with 13 RV's with 24 Wheelers attending the rally. We arrived on September 16 and left September 21. Thanks to Roe Noonan for helping so much in co-hosting the rally. The traditional arrival night hors d'oeuvres potluck went off in style as attendees provided numerous delicious items. Highlights included: Tuesday's poolside entertainment and "Five to the Left" competition in the evening (where Irmina Gomez went home a big winner); Wednesday's going to the Galley for a breakfast special and an evening potluck dinner; and a series of trips to the City and even a well-attended harbor boat tour. Breakfasts were provided by the hosts on three days. A number of the attendees used the rally to rest, and to get their rigs washed and waxed. The pool and hot tub drew Wheelers out of their rigs to enjoy the water and the sun. Pictures from the rally are included in this Newsletter. However, later in the week we were notified that Chula Vista RV Resort was officially told to stop their operation on February 1, 2019 and exit the property by March 1 (they leased the property from the Port of San Diego all these years). The 35 years of operation will stop so a convention center and other commercial businesses can be built on the property. It is not clear if, when, and where a new Chula Vista RV park will be built. For those of us who have visited the existing park for years, this situation stinks.

**SEE MORE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE AT [rvwheelers.com](http://rvwheelers.com)**



## UNOFFICIAL CAMP OUT TO DEATH VALLEY – 49'ers Encampment

Two hours west of Las Vegas in Southern California lies a desert. Not only a desert, but the largest national park in the continental United States at roughly 3.4 million acres. When you really want to get away, you could hardly pick a more remote place than Furnace Creek in the heart of Death Valley National Park.

Death Valley National Park is one of the most overlooked National Parks due to would be visitors assuming that it's just a massive landscape filled with nothing but sand and cactus. I mean really, who actually wants to visit a desert? **A few of us Wheeler Members are going to do just that this November. The 49'er Encampment Days is officially November 4-11 this year.**

2016 was my third trip to Death Valley. Getting there revealed a lot of beautiful scenery, high and winding roads, and the biggest boulders ever. Our main reason for the trip was to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Death Valley Encampment. We went a little early to be able to have a good spot at the BLM campground directly across from the Furnace Creek Ranch called **Sunset Campground**. At \$8 a night with the senior Golden Age pass, it's a deal. They do have restrooms (no showers) and two dump stations, but NO hookups. BLM Campgrounds here are big and well laid out, plus this one is right in the center of the park. Other than in the heat of summer, this is a good place to stay. Usually November is pleasant – in the 70s during the day - but can get really cold at night (maybe in the 40s). In 2016, however, it was in the 90s most days and never got below 68 at night most of the time we were there. There were a couple of windy days, but it was mostly delightful.

The Encampment features gold panning, a poker tournament, fiddlers' contest, a Western art show, live music, horseshoe contests, arts and crafts, and golf tournament and a big breakfast. One of the highlights of the Encampment took place on Friday, when a wagon train and horseback riders arrived after their 1849 re-enactment of the original travelers' arduous trek across the valley. Two days before they actually arrived at Furnace Creek Ranch, they invited our group to drive out to the middle of the desert where they would camp for the night and join them for a wagon train-style dinner: food cooked in cast iron pots, covered with coals, with horses and mules quietly grazing nearby. This great meal was followed by REAL cowboy music around the campfire under the light of the moon. Even having to drive about 10 miles over a dirt road in the middle of the desert, I think this was the highlight of the trip.

During our time there, our group visited the many interesting spots in the Valley. Unfortunately, Scotty's Castle has been closed since the flooding in 2015 and won't be open until 2020. Some of us drove out to Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge where an endangered species of fish live called the Devil's Hole pupfish. These fish live in a geothermal aquifer-fed pool within a limestone cavern. They are considered the rarest fish on earth, numbering only about 200.

Death Valley is rich in history, including some pretty crazy tales. People come from all over to see Death Valley's unique and colorful geology that exists nowhere else in North America but here. If you haven't been, plan a trip – maybe join us!!

Afterward, we are going directly to the Wheeler rally at Sam's Spa in Desert Hot Springs, so should be a great trip.

Dee Wennerstrom



## REGIONAL PARK



**October 12-18, 2018 (6 nights)**

**39555 Great South Stage Route, Julian 92036**

**Park phone number: 760-765-1188; Reservations phone number: 858-565-3600**

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## COME CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF THE DESERT!!

Now those who still work can join us for the weekend. We will leave on Friday, October 12 (check in time is 2 PM) and come home on Thursday, October 18 or any day you choose (check out time is Noon). The cost is \$33/nite for full hookups plus a \$5 reservation fee (\$29 + \$5 for partial hookups). Cabins are also available. **PLEASE NOTE YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. Try to get in the area of sites 70-90 as that is where your hosts plan to be.**

The park is a 910-acre San Diego County Park approximately 150 miles from Laguna Woods. Best known for its geothermally heated springs, it attracts visitors eager to soak in the soothing mineral waters. Two naturally fed outdoor pools and an indoor therapeutic spa which is heated to 102 degrees and outfitted with Jacuzzi jets. This desert destination is perfect during the winter and spring and is located near the south end of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

Those wishing to take a drive into Borrego Springs (about 45 miles away) can enjoy presentations by volunteer naturalists at a very unique 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 or drive into Julian.

**REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS:** Those wishing to go need to call **858-565-3600** to make reservations (or you can do it on-line at [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)). Then call Dee Wennerstrom at 949-697-0798 (or email at [dee561@comline.com](mailto:dee561@comline.com)) with the number of your site. Packages with directions, activities, etc. will be sent out shortly before the rally to those who sign up. Come join us for a great time!

Hosted by the RV Wheelers WOW! Ladies: Nadine World, Dee Wennerstrom, Jeannene Mason, Mardi Reese & Anna Seifert

**Anza-Borrego Desert State Park® has been named an International Dark Sky Park!** This recognition for efforts in protecting and interpreting the dark skies over the park comes from the [International Dark Sky Association](http://www.ida.org) (IDA), and will help ensure that dark skies over Anza-Borrego remain an unspoiled resource. The Night Skies in Anza-Borrego are breathtaking spectacles. USA Today selected the Anza-Borrego Desert as one of America's "Top 10 Stargazing Communities in San Diego" because artificial light is at a minimum: At times you can see so many stars at night it is simply overwhelming! Located two hours east of San Diego, the park has long been a favorite of amateur astronomers, and particularly astro-photographers. Dark skies and low humidity combine to make this a stargazer's paradise.



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*We're returning to Sam's!  
RV Wheelers loved it last  
November!*

*Relax and enjoy beautiful  
mineral pools, lush grounds  
and mountain views.*

*In Desert Hot Springs -about  
100 miles and an easy drive  
from Laguna Woods.*

*Near Joshua Tree Nat'l. Park,  
Palm Springs shopping,  
dining, museums and Tram.*

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*Full hookups (30 & 50 amp),  
satellite cable TV, WiFi,  
patios and picnic tables.*

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*No Rig? Rent a motel room  
or mobile home. Call or visit  
the Sam's website to reserve.  
(760)329-6457  
[www.samsfamilyspa.com](http://www.samsfamilyspa.com)*

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*Hosted by  
Roslyn Ginnis & Ron Marrin  
(818)620-5019  
Heidi & Richard Penkava  
(949)422-6338*

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## Sam's Family Spa Hot Water Resort

November 12 (Mon) to 17 (Sat), 2018



### FOUR NATURALLY HEATED HOT MINERAL SPAS

Some of the many amenities at Sam's include a large courtyard/pool area, with lovely walkways and picnic & BBQ facilities. Relax in the dry and wet saunas. We'll have use of the recreation room for happy hours, meals, board games, billiards, ping pong and book exchange library. Also on site are a grassy volleyball area, horseshoes, dog run (no extra fees for pets) and laundry.

***Rate: \$53 per night for as many nights as you'd like to stay!***

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Please return this tear-off with payment no later than **October 15, 2018**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Require: 50 Amps \_\_\_\_\_ 30 Amps \_\_\_\_\_ Will make individual reservation with resort motel \_\_\_\_\_



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - 2019

## 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
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  
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 Name tag  
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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 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

