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Tired of towing around a heavy "toad" behind your coach. Maybe one of these could be useful?

Collapses down to almost nothing. (22x 21x10 and weighs around 27 pounds) Manufactured by Brompton in England. Check it out on website www.brompton.co.uk for details.

It is so small that member Silvia Teague stores it behind the seat. It opens in just a few seconds, has a clip on basket, headlight and tail light, even a rear view mirror. Pedals fold in for storage. She bought hers on the internet from a store in Palo Alto, CA.



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Look inside for FREE item provided by the Chinook RV Club to our members.
Offer good until June 10, 2011 only !!
See page 9 for details

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UPCOMING RALLIES

Quincy, California (Mini) May 19-22, 2011
Cannon Beach, Oregon (Annual) Sept. 12-15, 2011

PURPOSE: This Club (Chinook RV Club) exists to promote social, recreational & informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of all its members. Our club functions primarily in the western and central US, although it is open to qualified members from the Eastern club (Chinook Camping Club).

DUES : Our dues are \$35.00/year. Our fiscal and membership year is October 1 through September 30. Prompt payment not only helps Treasurer in budgeting expenses, but also helps the V.P. Membership in producing our Membership Directory. Please advise V.P. Membership of any changes in e-mail and mailing addresses.

Message from the President

Hello to all.

Spring is here. Our yard is in bloom, but the storms keep rolling in off the Pacific. Lots of rain and snow for a lot of our folks. We did have good weather for our Pahrump Rally. It was a fun relaxed Rally. Some went to the Casino, some went to Death Valley, some went to the Winery and some just relaxed by the pool. It was nice to see old friends and meet some new members.

There will be a change to the Bylaws allowing Associate Members to vote. The Proposed change was passed by mail ballot. Our Secretary, Mary Esther Chavarela, received 78% return of ballots from our membership, with 83% in favor and 17% opposed. Many thanks to Mary Esther.

Bert Wall, our Treasurer, had a request from the IRS. They strongly suggested that we include in our Bylaws that we intend to operate the Club under their IRS Code 501(c)7. It will be added under Article II 3. I will be making these changes to the Bylaws and will print copies to be distributed at the Quincy Rally. I will have some available at future Rally's, as well.

Our V.P. of Rally, Barbara Jensen has been working hard on organizing some really fun Rally's. Thank you Barbara, for all your time and effort. I know all the members really appreciate getting together and relaxing, visiting and just having a good time.

Hope to see you at the Quincy Rally. It is a beautiful area of California, with lots to do, or relax and just enjoy the scenery.

Please check out the e-mail below that I received from the President of the Chinook Camping Club (Eastern club) regarding a possible Chinook Caravan to Alaska.

Marta Newcomb-Wall

Chinook Alaska Caravan?

The following e-mail was received by our President from Eileen Disbrow, the President of the Chinook Camping Club, (Eastern). Marta thought there might be some interest from our members. Anyone interested can contact Eileen at the "Chinook Camping Club" <chinook121@tampabay.rr.com>

Hello once again!

At our recent rally, a few members brought up the idea of a caravan to Alaska. We know that it may not be the trip for everyone, but, if there are a few of our Chinook owners interested, why not do it together!

OK, that's a start. Next, who has already done this? What advice can you share with your fellow members? Let's hear from you!!! Let's see if there is interest and you can gather a group to compare notes to plan for an Alaskan adventure.

To start those interested thinking, I found this interesting article on "eHow" - http://www.ehow.com/list_6464164_rv-caravan-tips-alaska.html Links on the sidebar will lead you to other articles on rv parks, etc.

Alaska's official travel webpage: <http://www.travelalaska.com/> or their main page where you can find downloadable maps, etc. <http://www.alaska.gov/visitorHome.html>

That's it members, now let's see where this goes. I'm not sure how many have already made this trek, or have toured Alaska either by ship/land tours or by rental rv, but if you've experienced the natural beauty of Alaska we'll welcome your input

Thanks and as always, take care,

Eileen Disbrow

Barbara Speaks *(rally VP)*

Hello fellow Chinookers!

Wow! What great groups at Pahrump! We had first timers Doug Tyler, and William and Mary Coleman. Unfortunately, Dave & Pam Lawson were unable to attend because of a mechanical breakdown. Welcome to them and we hope to see you again soon.

Bob and Vera Raudman were great "Wagon Masters" and made a fabulous soup! And the pot-luck was wonderful—everyone fixed something delicious.

We sure hope to see you in Quincy on May 19th to 21st. The area is truly spectacular and we are sure you will enjoy the town, and of course, the group. Hosted by members Jan & Jim Still, with Kathy Bailey and Jan Olmsted.

Now, it's not too early to send in your deposit for our annual rally in Canon Beach. Jerry and Kelli Scheese did not reserve the whole park, so we could run out of spaces! They have done a great job planning this annual Rally. We hope to see you there.

Jim and Marnie Weidmaier are planning a combined rally for the East and West Chinook Clubs in Branson, MO for September 19, 2012! This will be the first joint rally since the clubs were formed in 2003! So make your plans now for this great get-together. It will be a mini-rally with so much to see and do there, including a dinner cruise on a paddle wheel boat.

Now it's time to plan rallies for 2012. If you know of a great place to have one, close to you, or that you think would be a good place for a rally, give me a call.

Happy travels, and hope to see you soon.

Barbara Jensen

(VP Rallies) (626) 919-0751

Highway Humor

From time to time, I get some e-mails that are just too good not to pass along. Since I didn't get anything to fill this space, I'll share them with you.

Editor

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through!
2. Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them awhile.
3. If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document.
4. If you run, you'll only go to jail tired.
5. You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?
6. Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?
7. Warning! You want a warning? O.K. I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket.
8. The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?
9. Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven.
10. Just how big were those "two beers" you say you had?
11. No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can.
12. I'm glad to hear that the Chief of Police is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail.



Pahrump Rally Held at Pahrump, Nevada March 31 to April 3, 2011

Another great mini rally was hosted by Bob and Vera Raudman here at Terribles Lakeside Resort in Pahrump, Nevada.

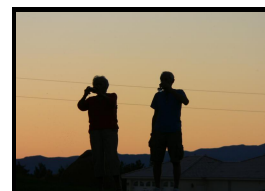
We had 12 “coaches” at this rally, attending were: Ole & Barbara Jensen, Bert & Marta Wall, CB & Dan Patton, Bob & Vera Raudman, Mike and Margie Froess, David & Patsy Shehane, Mike & MaryEsther Chavarela, Bob & Debbie Shetland, William & Mary Coleman, Sylvia Teague, Doug Tyler, and Rue Thais-Williams. We were sad to hear that Dave and Pam Lawson cancelled at the last minute due to mechanical breakdown.

We gathered at the Raudman site Thursday for hosted tortilla soup and “attitude adjustment”. Renewing old acquaintances and making new friendships are what these rallies are all about. Raudman’s hot tortilla

soup was great, as it was a little cool outside, and soon, everyone’s attitude was adjusted. We swapped stories, and discussed issues. We talked about the Pattons’s snow and windstorm on the way down from



Oregon that destroyed their awning. We retired well after dark after a long day’s drive.



Up bright and early Friday, some went to the on site casino for breakfast, other hit the road to tour, while the rest of us rested.

Because there was a majority of the board members present, we had our board meeting to take up old business from the last meeting.

After visiting some more, it wasn’t long before the official 6pm pot luck started. Out came the delicious foods and snacks. More visiting and discussions followed late into the night. Temperatures had cooled some more, and out came the coats. We stayed late not wanting to end our conversations.



were collected and promises made to attend the next rally in Quincy.

Sunday, final good-bys, no promises and a few stayed behind to enjoy another day of sun..

Mike Froess

Saturday morning came too soon. A little more visiting, and then a few members had to leave to take care of other obligations. Long good-bys were exchanged, but visiting continued, and around 5pm, the final leftovers made their rounds. A few recipes



Quincy Mini Rally Quincy, California Thursday May 19-22, 2011

Pioneer RV Park, 1326 Pioneer Rd, Quincy, CA 95971



Pioneer RV Park nestled in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Mountains is situated in a relaxed natural setting that is both quiet and shady. Located between Lassen National Park and beautiful Lake Tahoe, Pioneer RV Park is only 70 miles from Reno, Nevada. You will not hear any railroad or highway noise at Pioneer RV Park, so plan



to kick back and enjoy yourself. The area has much to offer such as the Feather River Scenic Byway, tours, shopping and museums in historic Quincy, a small gold rush, logging town of only 5,000 people. Browse historic downtown buildings in Quincy, many of which have been preserved and restored. This enchanting town



features murals and a strong commitment to the arts, with numerous musical and dramatic events being staged at the historic Town Hall Theater. Quincy has many local restaurants and cafes, two grocery stores and numerous local shops for your convenience.

Cost: \$120 per coach, single or double

Total due by April 19, 2011. Fully refundable until May 17, 2011.

**Please make check out to "Chinook RV Club" and mail to:
Jim & Janice Still 3120 Gayle Lane Auburn, CA 95602**

Come, enjoy and relax in the pines at the Pioneer RV Park. Do lots or do nothing! Bring some cards or board games, horseshoes, share hobbies, crafts, photos, videos CD's & book exchanges are some of the activities for consideration. If you have some audio or paper books to trade, bring them also.

May 19, 2011 Thursday: Meet and Greet around 4:00 with wine and deli spread provided .

May 20, 2011 Friday: Chamber of Commerce Representative in 10AM to share information on interesting things to do in the area.
Dinner on your own.

May 21, 2011 Saturday: 5pm Bring a salad to share and something to throw on the BBQ which you can cook yourself or your hosts will be happy to cook it for you.

May 22, 2011 Sunday: Departure, Have a safe travel home.

Your Hosts: Jim & Jan Still, Kathy Bailey and Jan Olmsted

Cannon Beach, 8th Annual Rally. Cannon Beach, Oregon **September, 12-15, 2011**

Cannon Beach RV Resort, 340 Elk Creek Rd, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110

Cannon Beach's RV Resort is a full service, full-hookup facility. Escape to the coast and stay in your home at the beach!

Welcome! Cannon Beach RV Resort had you in mind when designing this resort's expansive services and facilities. Our grounds are lush, park-like and quiet: providing privacy for our guests, while offering all the services and amenities we think you want and deserve. Our Lodge functions as a clubhouse where guests mingle and swap tall travel tales over a great cup of coffee and sometimes a game of pool. The convenience store, gift shop and game room are also housed in the lodge, as well a banquet and meeting

room for clubs and groups in need of a gathering spot.

We are a non-member facility with 100 paved full hook-ups that accommodate rigs from 28-60 feet and include 11 pull-throughs. You'll find our full service restrooms are well stocked and immaculate.

At Cannon Beach RV Resort, we bend over backwards to be pet and family friendly. All our guests enjoy the wide variety of amenities that include our indoor heated pool and spa, gaming room, picnic tables and brick fire pits for warming toes and world class s'more making!

We are just several short blocks

from the soft sand beaches and the spectacular views of surging surf breaking against Haystack Rock.

The free shuttle service to the art-rich and intriguing town center of Cannon Beach, (often compared to Carmel, California) with wonderful galleries, restaurants and local Oregon beach culture.

Park Amenities: Paved drives and pads; Indoor pool and spa; Free cable TV; Free Wi Fi; Convenience store and gift shop; Game room; Laundromat; Gas-propane-diesel; Free downtown shuttle; Complete restroom facilities; Banquet and meeting room; Brick fire pits.

Deposit Due July 15, 2011
Balance Due August 15, 2011

Cost for Single Coach: \$325.00
Deposit for Single Coach: \$125.00
No Refunds after September 1, 2011

Cost for Double Coach: \$450.00
Deposit for Double Coach: \$150.00

Please make check out to "Chinook RV Club" and mail check to:
Jerry & Kelli Scheese 6530 N. Amherst St. Portland, OR 97203

September 12, 2011 (Monday)

Arrival

5:00 Potluck

September 13, 2011 (Tuesday)

Leave at 10:00 A.M. for our Northern Bus Tour with boxed lunch to; Fort Clatsop; Columbia River Maritime Museum; Astor Column; Fort Stevens Arriving back to our RV Park at 4:00 P.M.

For pet owners if your pet can not last six hours, Jerry and I will work something out for you. We want you to enjoy our Oregon Coast.

Potluck for those who wish to join in the fun, we always have plenty of food.

September 14, 2011 (Wednesday)

Day on your own enjoy the free shuttle to Cannon Beach.

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Board Meeting

6:00 PM Dinner at the Surfs Sand Resort and Annual Meeting. Be **READY to board the bus at 5:45 PM bus will leave promptly.**

Dinner Buffet "The Haystack"; Roasted Pacific Halibut; Steamed Dungeness Crab With Herb Butter and Fresh Lemon Prime Rib of Beef with Chef Creamy Horseradish; Roasted Potatoes; Vegetable du Jour; Silver Doll Rolls; Garden Green Salad and Assorted Dressings; Fresh Fruit Salad; Seasonal Warm Crisp With Chantilly Cream; Sleepy Monk French Roast Coffee & tea.

September 15, 2011 (Thursday)

10:00 A.M. for our Southern Bus Tour with lunch: Heading south passing through charming fishing villages and resort area:

The trip from Cannon Beach to Tillamook is called the "Ultimate Tour". The stops are as follows and not necessarily in this order: Nehalem Bay Winery; The Tillamook Cheese Factory; The Tillamook Quilt Factory; The Tillamook Air Museum; Blue Heron Cheese (Retail Shop); Historic Wheeler.

Buffet Lunch to be served at the Tillamook Air Museum including: Local Clam Chowder, Sandwiches, Drinks, Bakery Goods, etc.

Arriving back to our RV Park at 4:00 P.M.

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September 16, 2011 (Friday)

Departure

Your Hosts: Jerry and Kelli Scheese

THE MONEY PIT**THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LEFT OVER FUNDS**

ITEMS LISTED HERE ARE NOT ENDORSED BY, NOR ANY LIABILITY FOR USE ACCEPTED BY CHINOOK RV CLUB.

Battery operated MOTION SENSOR LED light.

Manufactured by "Mr.Beams"
Model MB530 About \$18.

Installed inside by door, or by steps, it will activate when door is opened or motion sensed in area. Great for entry into a dark coach at night. On our Concourse, I mounted it about 38" off floor, between bathroom door and rear door.

Can be purchased from:
www.1000bulbs.com

**Fluorescent light bulbs.** \$1.41- \$2.35ea

Replace existing tubes in light fixtures. Changed mine out to "Daylight" instead of "Cool white". Gives a much brighter light that looks more like daylight. Concourses take (6) 21" and (6) 12" tubes.

Part# F13T5/DL and F8T5/D respectively

Purchased from :www.1000bulbs.com

This site also has replacement ballasts and lots of other light products.



MOTOR MONITOR , RPM's etc. SCANGUAGE. About \$160. I really missed seeing the RPM's on my Concourse, so I bought a Scangauge that will do more than just RPM's. Simple installation, just plug cord into OBDII outlet under steering wheel and mount. No tools\ needed. Works on all models that have the OBDII outlet (after 1996). I have mine set to show RPM, real time MPG's (scary), water temp and MPH's. Can be set to show any sensor on vehicle.. Digital readout, back lit for night viewing, doesn't interfere with vision of other gauges. Check it out at www.scangauge.com. Shop for best price. PS. Didn't know we could go that fast!



FOLDING CHAIRS. (available for around \$100). Super compact, rigid collapsing chair. Comes with carry bag that also includes space for papers and water bottle. Displayed by member Doug Tyler.

Manufactured by PICO, telescoping systems.



WEEP HOLE COVERS (about \$2 per set., 1 left and right) *If you check your coach, you will probably find them missing or blown off.* These come in right and left hand models, however there are also non handed models that look a little different.(see below) These little covers go onto the window frame in the little slots at the bottom of the windows. It keeps bug and dirt out of them so that they will drain properly, also may cut down on whistling noises. Several RV stores carry them, but Dave Shehane, our webmaster, found them at "www.odmrv.com"



Part#371366-109

They also carry another model that looks like the original ones that were installed on my 2001 Concourse, but were also used on other models. These are non handed. That website has them as part # 371366-100. They were made by SE-GI and are about \$2 each.

**COUNTERTOP CONVECTION OVEN**

Model CTO4400B

Black and Decker, about \$60. You know how limited we are for space, but this oven will bake, toast, reheat or cook up to a 12" pizza. Interior will hold a 9X12 casserole pan for our pot luck dinners. It has convection, broil, toast and keep warm features. Also a 60 minute timer, non-stick interior surface, easy view glass door, removable crumb tray and a baking pan. We store it under our dinette seat.



Recipes from our members

Tomatoes Stuffed with Herbed Couscous-

Serves/makes 8

Submitted by *MaryEsther Chavarela*

Ingredients:

1 tsp olive oil	1 Tbsp canned tomato paste	10 oz. uncooked whole wheat couscous*
1/4C fresh lemon juice	1 tsp dried basil	1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp table salt	1/8 tsp freshly ground pepper	8 medium tomatoes
	2 Tbsp chopped parsley	

Instructions:

1. In a medium saucepan, bring 1 1/2 cups water, the oil and tomato paste to a boil.
2. Stir in the couscous, lemon juice, parsley, basil, cinnamon, salt and pepper.
3. Remove from heat, cover and let stand until the liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes.
4. Uncover, gently fluff with a fork and let cool completely.
5. Cut off the top of tomatoes, reserve the slices to use as lids.
6. Scoop out the seeds and membranes from the tomatoes.
7. Divide the couscous among the tomatoes and top with the lids.

Experiment with flavored couscous mixes or with other grains such as tabbouleh, rice, orzo or barley. I like to use the Israeli couscous.

This recipe can be served as a side dish or as an appetizer if small tomatoes are used.

Chili Corn Bread Salad

Serves 12

Submitted by *Barbara Jensen*

1 package (8-12 Oz) corn bread/muffin mix	1 can (4oz) chopped green chilies, undrained.	1/8 tsp ground cumin
1/8 tsp dried oregano	Pinch of rubbed sage	1 C mayonnaise
1 C (8oz) sour cream	1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix	1 C chopped green pepper
2 cans(15 oz each) pinto beans rinsed-drained.	2 cans (15 1/4 oz each) whole kernel corn, drained	3 medium chopped tomatoes
10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled	2 C (8oz) shredded cheddar cheese	1 C chopped green onions

Prepare corn bread batter according to package directions.

Stir in the chilies, cumin, oregano and sage.

Spread in a greased 8 in square baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

Cool.

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream and dressing mix: set aside.

Crumble half of the corn bread in a 13x9x2 dish. Layer with half of the beans, mayonnaise mixture, corn, tomatoes, green pepper, onions, bacon and cheese. Repeat layers (dish will be very full)

Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Membership Directory updates

New Members to be added to the 2011 directory

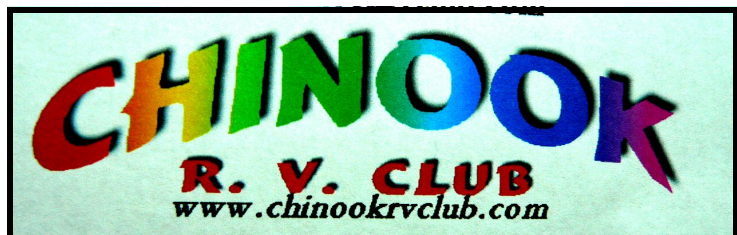
*GILBERT, Steve & Sue	Auburn, CA	03 Destiny
HAWS, Eric & Gail	Westfir, Oregon	03 Concourse
O'CONNOR, Tom & Darlene	Aurora, OR	05 Summit
PERLMAN, Howard & Charmaine,	Elk Grove, CA	05 Summit
PETERS, Mike & Diane	Oak Harbor, WA	01 Destiny
*POULSEN, George & Nancy	Southlake, TX	05 Glacier
SHURMAN, Earl & Annette	Paradise, CA	98 Premiere
TYLER, Doug Jr.	Burbank, CA	01 Concourse

*late renewal

The Gift from your Club



On my golden colored T-shirt



Instead of the club buying a lot of t-shirts with the club logo, and stocking different sizes, the board has decided to send to those club members in good standing up to 4 do-it-yourself iron-on club logos. You simply need to supply a light colored all cotton item, like a t-shirt, polo shirt, short or long sleeve shirt, or even a baseball cap. Trim around the logo with scissors to get off excess material. Place it with the ink side down on the item, and using a DRY iron, on COTTON setting, press the item for about 20 seconds, let cool a few seconds, and press it again. Set it aside to cool, and when cool, just peel off the paper. Complete instructions will be sent with these logos.

To get yours, just e-mail your request by JUNE 10, 2011 to: Editormike@flash.net.
In the subject line, put "Club Logo". I will *snail mail* them to you using your address from the 2011 directory unless that is incorrect. IF it is not correct, please include you name and correct mailing address.

An Interesting Out-of-the-way place to visit

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation Located in Portola Valley (Just West of Palo Alto, CA)

“The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation oversees one of the largest and most significant collections of historical military vehicles in the world. Our goal is to acquire, restore, and interpret the historical significance of 20th and 21st century military vehicles. Domestic and foreign combat vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other technically interesting mobile platforms are the focus of the collection. We maintain an extensive technical library that describes many vehicles down to the parts level. Aside from the vehicles, there are towed artillery, antitank, and antiaircraft guns. Military support equipment, inert ordnance, and accessories round out the collection. The founder of the Foundation, Mr. Jacques Littlefield, started the collection in 1975 with the purchase of an unrestored M3A1 Scout Car. The first two tanks arrived on site in 1983. The collection comprised a total of five armored vehicles by 1988. Over time other military vehicles and associated equipment were acquired from dealers, collectors, or in trade with various museums or government agencies in the United States and abroad. By the middle of the 1990's the collection included examples from almost all historically significant land battles of the last half-century. The oldest armored military vehicle in the collection is a World War I era M1917 light tank.

The Foundation was established in 1998 to serve the interests of authors, historians, educators, the defense industry, veteran groups, model makers, as well as the entertainment industry.”

If you ever get out to the west coast, and want a tour of the site, reservations must be made in advance , no walk ins, only by contacting them at www.mvtf.org . We were fortunate enough to get a tour, and this place is incredible. Tour lasted for several hours, and took us through three buildings crammed with exhibits. From the WWI tank through a complete Russian Scud missile launcher with the Scud rocket! Lots of WWII equipment, an Israeli tank, and even some items from Desert Storm. All items restored and displayed openly. We were able to hold some of the items, climb into a few tanks and trucks. Some of the items that we were allowed to get into or get on, looked as if the soldiers left everything and just disappeared. Rifles and machineguns, although most were bolted down, were just as if they left for a coffee break.

Mike Froess

