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IMPORTANT NOTICE !

Chinook Club Officer vacancies.

The offices of President, and Vice President of Rallies will be open for the years, 2012 to 2015. (Kelli Scheese has volunteered to stay on as Vice President of Membership.) All members that might be interested in running for any of these positions please respond to Margie FROESS, Vera RAUDMAN, or Sylvia TEAGUE. If no volunteers come forward, nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual Rally. If no one accepts nomination, the positions will be vacant until a volunteer comes forward. Remember, the club belongs to ALL of the members and not just a few that have always volunteered so step up and be part of the solution.

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This is the first time since the founding of the Club in 1993, that there will be a joint rally with the east coast Chinook Camping Club. A lot of planning has gone into making this a unique rally. Let's get together and get your reservations in NOW. See page 5 for details.

UPCOMING RALLIES

Plymouth, California (Mini) July 26-30, 2012 Williams, Arizona (Annual) Sept.12-15, 2012 Branson, Missouri (Joint-mini) Sept. 19-22, 2012

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 to produce our Membership Directory. Please advise V.P.Membership of any changes in e-mail and mailing addresses.

Message from the President

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wishing all of you a Happy Spring. As the weather warms we will be thinking about all the trips we may want to be making this summer and fall. We have already had two successful rallies and have three more planned. I want to express my thanks to our V.P. of Rally, Barbara Jensen for doing such a good job and also to Jim & Marnie Weidmaier for Hosting the Branson Rally where we will be joined by Members from the Chinook Camping Club. It will be the first joint get together since the Chinook Club was organized at the factory in 2003. Bert and I have had to miss the 1st two Rallies this year because of family commitments, so we are looking forward seeing old friends and making new ones at the Plymouth Rally in July.

Jim Weidmaier has checked out our RV Park in Branson Mo, after the tornado that hit their area. Lakeside RV Park has opened for the season and is in good condition. Jim has negotiated a rate of \$23.80+04% tax. If you are planning on making the trip with us, please call and make your reservation soon. They do not require a deposit. You can find the information in this Newsletter. Also, check out the fun train trip into the Grand Canyon that Barbara Jensen has planned for our Annual Rally in September.

You should have received the 2012 Directory by now. Thanks to Kelli and Jerry Scheese. We all appreciate the work she does as V.P. Membership. The Eastern Chinook Club has finalized the route and timing for the July trip to Alaska. Some of our members are joining them. If you think you might be interested in joining them, you can contact: Eileen Disbrow at chinook121@tampabay.rr.com. She will email you all the information.

I want to welcome our new members and encourage you to join us at a Rally, so we can all get to know each other. Looking forward to seeing you at the Plymouth Rally.

Marta Newcomb-Wall

Membership Information & Statistics (As of 4-2012)

Chinook Model	Number of units	Where members live	Number
Associate member	: 1	Arizona	4
18+	1	California	35
Eagle	1	Colorado	4
Premier	10	Idaho	1
Concourse	35	Indiana	1
Baja	1	Minnesota	1
Cascade	1	Missouri	3
Destiny	14	Nevada	3
Glacier	13	New Mexico	1
Summit	2	Oregon	10
		Texas	3
		Utah	1
79 Active members		Washington	9
		British Columbia	3

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PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA (Mini) 4 nights July 26-30, 2012

Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort 18265 Hwy. 49 Plymouth, CA 95669 (209) 245-6981; toll-free (800) 339-6981

Welcome to Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort located in the Sierra Foothills of Amador County! We are conveniently located close to more than 35 award-winning wineries and Amador Flower Farm in the Shenandoah Valley -- less than 10 minutes away. If you drive a little farther down the road you can enjoy the wineries of El Dorado County. Amador County is a wonderful place to visit for a close-up look into California's historic gold era in the towns: Fiddletown, Plymouth, Dry Town, Amador City, Sutter Creek and Jackson. You can even visit a working gold mine and go for a belowground tour in Sutter Creek.

Amenities of the RV Park are Laundry,

recreation hall, library, restrooms and showers, terrace, swimming pool, shuffle board, horseshoes, Jacuzzi and spa, pet area, café in the park ,village pool hall and volley ball court, club house East and West, and free wifi in designated spots. Across the street a full service grocery store and a gas station very close to the park.



Our Hosts: Ray and Linda Blackburn

The Amador County Fair has many activities to see. So feel free to indulge yourselves at an old fashioned county fair.

There may still be room to sign up and be included, so don't delay.

Hosts: Ray and Linda Blackburn (209) 274-2165

Dates: Arrive Thursday July 26, Leave Monday July 30.

Reservations: Contact the RV park direct (phone number listed above) to make your reservations. They require a deposit of approx \$54. Tell them you are with the **Chinook RV Club** so they can put us together. <u>Reservations with the group could only be guaranteed until October 9, 2011.</u> After that, you may be elsewhere in the park.

Please, after you make your reservations, contact me @ (209) 274-2165 so I will know how many to expect. **Cost:** : 1. Each coach is responsible for RV park fees, to be paid in full on check-in.

2..Rally fee of \$25 per coach which will include breakfast prepared by Blackburns on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning at the recreation hall. Send \$25 check made out to: *Ray/Linda Blackburn, 406 Depot Rd, Ione, CA 95640.* Fees due no later than July 9, 2012.

Cancellations/ Refunds You can cancel with full refund until JULY 9, 2012

Activities:

<u>Thursday</u> night; Recreation Hall: Bring some Appetizers to share at 4pm . Pot luck dinner begins at 5PM. Bring your own beverage.

Friday: Breakfast at Recreation Room. Fair begins on the 26th. (Seniors get in free Friday only) Fair is located right next door, and a gate is provided for our access. Be sure to get your hands stamped if you are returning that day.

OPTIONAL; Wine tasting at Fair, 7pm..\$25 each

<u>Saturday</u>: Breakfast at Recreation Room. The rest of the day on your own.

OPTIONAL: Rodeo at Fair 8pm. approx \$10 each for bleacher seats. Better seats \$15.

<u>Sunday</u>: Breakfast at Recreation Room. Rest of day on your own.

OPTIONAL: Demolition Derby 7pm. Bleachers \$15 each, Better seats \$20

<u>Monday:</u> Check out time is noon. Have a safe trip home.

Note: Fees/tickets for County fair, Wine Tasting, Rodeo or Demolition Derby can be purchased in advance on the fairgrounds website which will be open in late May.

We will have two vehicles available to carry you to and from where you want to go.

If you need further info, please call us. Your Hosts: *Ray and Linda Blackburn* (209) 274-2165

WILLIAMS, ARIZONA (Annual) 3 nights September 12-15, 2012 Grand Canyon Railway RV Park 601 W. Franklin Ave., Williams, AZ 86046 1-800-843-8724







Grand Canyon Railway RV Park is just two blocks away from Route 66 and downtown Williams. All spaces are 50-amp and large enough for big rigs. Each space comes with cable TV, wireless Internet, access to the indoor swimming pool and hot tub at the adjacent Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, clean and new shower facilities and more! The property has coin-operated laundry



machines, a common picnic area with gas grills and a fire pit, and is the *only* all-paved RV park in the Williams area. We're sure you'll agree - there's no finer choice in northern Arizona than the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park.

NEW! Pet Resort ! Travel with your pet and know while you're going to the canyon on the train, they're having a great time in their own right. Have them babysat at the Pet Resort. \$23 single,\$39 for 2 in same space. Current rabies paperwork req'd.

Winchester Ranch Dinner Theater

Western Destinations invites you to experience the newest innovation in Western Entertainment from the greatest company in Western Entertainment. Located in Williams, Arizona, the Gateway to the Grand Canyon, right across from the Grand Canyon Railway. Winchester offers World Class Western Entertainment and Dinner Theater for everyone to enjoy. You're invited to experience a taste of the Old West!

Hosts: Barbara and Ole Jensen (626) 919-0751
Dates: Arrive: Wednesday, Sept. 12, Check out: Saturday Sept. 15, 2012
Reservations: Contact Barbara Jensen (626) 919-0751
Fees: \$400 single/ \$440 double Make checks payable to : Barbara Jensen, 461 N. Grand Ave Covina, CA 91724. Deposit: \$200 by July 12, Balance (\$200 for single- \$240 for double) by August 12, 2012

Cancellation: No refunds after Sept.1, 2012

Activities included:

<u>Wednesday</u>: Sept.12, 2012 Get acquainted Pot-luck around 5:30pm <u>Thursday</u>: Sept. 13, 2012 Activities start at 9am with a western

- show, gun fight, then board the train 9:30 to Grand Canyon City at the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Hot lunch buffet included. Board a bus for 1-1/2 hour narrated tour with several stops along the south rim. Return to train about 4:15 for the trip back to the RV park, arriving about 5:45pm. Left over pot luck on our return to the RV park.
- <u>Friday:</u> Sept. 14, 2012 Free until 4pm. Annual meeting will be held at Western Destinations newest restaurant, (the Winchester Ranch Dinner theater/Steak house) with dinner served at 5pm. Western show starts at 6pm.

Saturday: Sept. 15, 2012. Check out by 11am. Drive safely!



Location:Grand Canyon Duration:2 hour 15 minute train ride each way

See the Grand Canyon aboard the Grand Canyon Train. Ride the train from Williams to the Grand Canyon and back. You'll enjoy seeing one of the wonders of the world while enjoying an old-time train trip with lots of entertainment.



Our Hosts: Ole & Barbara Jensen

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BRANSON, MISSOURI (Mini-Joint) 4 nights September 19-23, 2012 Branson Lakeside RV Park, 300 South Boxcar Willie Drive, Branson, MO 65616



The park is right on the White river, also called Lake

Taneycomo. You can Trout fish from the edge of the park. The rally will start on Sept.19 and departing Sun. Sept.23. With people coming from both coasts I would think you might want to stay a week. You can make arrangements to come early or to stay extra days with the RV park. If you heads for 6 notes the 7th will be free We have also arranged transportation to two OPTIONAL* attractions with admission included.

The attractions we chose are: Thursday. Dixie Stampede, a 5:30 dinner show. . Friday. Showboat Branson Bell, a 4:00 pm dinner cruise . On the way to the boat the bus will take us on a narrated trip down the Hwy 76 strip, so all can see what might interest them to do on their free days.

Marnie and Jim Weidmaier

Editors note: The Park address is corrected. The correct address is noted above. Also the optional tour days have changed due to schedule conflict. See below.

changed aue to schedule conflict. See below. The Weidmaiers are coordinating with the eastern club for hosting the special rally. This will be a joint rally with both the eastern (Chinook Camping Club) and western (Chinook RV Club) participating. So if you are interested in meeting the "others", please mark your calendars for this event, and send in your reservations now.

Hosts: Marnie and Jim Weidmaier (816) 279-4689 jmweid@att.net

- **Dates:** Arrive Wednesday September 19, Leave Sunday September 23., 2012
- **Reservations:** Contact RV park directly (417) 334-2915. Ask for Donna, mention you are with the Chinook Group. Office is open 8am to 6pm daily CST.
- Park has agreed to a special of \$23/night plus 4% tax. Fees: Payable in full on arrival.

Activities:

Wednesday. Get acquainted pot luck around 5:30 in pavilion.

Thursday: Coffee & rolls 7am in pavilion Day is open. OPTIONAL*: Dixie stampede. Pick up 4pm, Return about 7pm. Includes meal & transportation.

\$53 per person.

Friday: Coffee & rolls 7am in pavilion. Day is open. **OPTIONAL*:** Showboat Branson Belle. Pick up 2:15. Return around 6:30pm. Includes transportation, bus tour of Branson Landing, (a 95 acre commercial center along Lake Taneycomo that offers more than 100 retail shops, restaurants, a river walk and during the evening a wonderful water fountain spectacular synchronized with lights, fire and music), and dinner cruise aboard the Branson Belle. \$55 per person.

Saturday: Coffee & rolls, 7am in pavilion. Day is open. Sunday: Check out time is 11am. Have a safe trip home or stay a few extra days!

* Optional tours. Based on 30 participants each. Payments for either of these optional tours should be sent directly

to, and made out to: Jim Weidmaier, 19119 Hwy 59, Country Club, MO. 64505. Cut off date for these reservations is JULY 1, 2012. As a courtesy to our hosts, if you want to participate in either or both of these activities, be sure to send your check ASAP, to reach him no later than July 1. Indicate on your check which activities you are paying for.



Our Hosts: Jim and Marnie Weidmaier

You need a chuckle page

The Lawyer and the Senior

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could get one over on them easily. So, the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game. The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun... "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00," he says. This catches the senior's attention and, to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?"

The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches into his pocket, pulls out a

five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer. Now, it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?"

The lawyer uses his laptop & I -Phone 4 to search all references he can find on the Net. He sends E-mails to all the smart friends he knows; -- all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up.

He wakes the senior and hands him \$500.00. The senior pockets the \$500.00 and goes right back to sleep. The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well,-- so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep. ***

More Points to Ponder

Is it good if a vacuum really sucks. Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

Why do we say that something is "out of whack"? What is a whack?

Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Why do "tug" boats push their barges? Why do we sing "Take me out to the

ball game" when we are already there? Why are they called "stands" when

they are made for sitting? Why is it called "after dark" when it is

really "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Louisiana Ghost Story (true story)

Even if you're a non-believer you are going to love this!

This happened about 6 months ago on Louisiana Hwy 57, just outside of Dulac, a little town in the bayou country of Louisiana, and while it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's real.

An Ohio businessman, Saul Rubins, abandoned his disabled vehicle on the side of the road, and attempted to hitchhike. The night was pitch dark and he was in the middle of a thunderstorm. Time passed slowly and no cars went by. It was raining so hard he could hardly see his hand in front of his face. Suddenly, through the sheets of rain, he saw a car moving slowly, approaching and appeared ghostlike in the rain. It slowly and silently crept toward him and stopped.

Desperately needing a ride, Saul jumped in the car and closed the door. Only then did he realize that there was no one behind the wheel and no sound of an engine could be heard over the rain.

Again the car crept silently forward and Saul was terrified, too scared to think of jumping out and running.. He saw that the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he started to pray and beg for his life; he was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into the bayou and he would then drown! But just before the curve, a shadowy hand appeared at the driver's window, reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend. Then, just as silently, the hand disappeared through the window and Saul was alone again. Paralyzed with fear, Saul watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve. Finally, scared nearly to death, Saul had all he could take, jumped out of the car, and ran to town..

Wet and in shock, he went into Schmoopy's. Voice quavering, he ordered two cups of coffee, black, and then told everybody about his supernatural experience. The room became silent and everybody got goose bumps when they realized Saul was telling the truth and was not just some drunk.

About 30 minutes later two Cajuns, dripping wet, walked into Schmoopy's and one says to the other, "Look, Boudreaux, ders dat idiot what rode in our car when we wuz pushin' it in da rain!!!"

Pahrumph, Nevada Rally, Held March 22-25, 2012

Most of the members arrived a day early, so anxious to be at the rally again. Most of these same members attend most of the rallies. There were 10 coaches at this rally. The RV park changed owners recently, and the new owners started to make changes. The Cable TV had now worked for the past 2 years, and this year the internet antennas throughout the park were inoperative. The new owners promised a new system later in the year. We'll have to see. We did see some changes to the better. They had a crew clean up the lake there, taking out a lot of debris and bringing in back toward it's formal beauty. The grounds have always been clean, but all in all this is a really beautiful park.

Thursday 3-22-2012. We all met at Raudman's (hosts) site for our attitude adjustment and to make a great sandwich with all ingredients furnished and set



out by the Raudmans. Pulled pork in BBQ sauce, ciabatta rolls and all the trimmings. The RV park supplied us the five 6' tables. It was a BYOC (Bring your own chairs) event.



Brian and Donna Buss, first time and new members were introduced so we all wore our name tags to make it easier for them to remember us.



Friday 3-23-2012. This was a free day, as weather was great. Some of the group toured the area, while the rest of us couch potatoes relaxed, read or slept. In the evening, we got together for our

first official pot luck. Out came the great dishes we have gotten used to



bringing. As usual there was plenty to eat, and enough leftovers for another pot luck, which would take place tomorrow. The tables supplied by the RV park came in handy to set up the food. We sat around and swapped stories and tips since the last rally. The weather was great, not much wind for a change. We talked into the night and retired.

Saturday 3-24-2012. This was another free day to do what ever we had a mind to. Stroll around the lake, read or just "couch potato". Pot luck was set around 5pm. The tables supplied by the



park were pushed together this time, and we sat around them. We aren't sure if the tables are too high, or the



chairs too low. We looked like midgets sitting around the table. After dinner, we had our group picture taken. It was

overcast today, and a little windy. We even got a little sprinkle of rain during the night.

Since the internet was basically down in the park (unless you wanted to go over to the office where it worked), those who had the latest electronic communication devices were still able to get through. Our webmaster, Dave Shehane shows how it works.



Sunday 3-25-2012. Some left by 7am, other left right up to the check-out deadline. All in all, everyone had a great time, again!!

Mike Fraess

Pahrumph, Nevada Rally, continued



Attendees:

Buss, Brian & Donna Chevarela, Mike & Mary Esther Coleman, Bob & Mary Froess, Mike & Margie Jensen, Ole & Barbara Raudman, Bob & Vera Shehane, Dave & Patsy Teague, Sylvia Todd, Barbara Tyler, Doug















Our hosts-Bob & Vera Raudman



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Recipes from our members

OLD FASHIONED PECAN PIE

Serves 8 to 10 Regular or mild molasses tastes best in this pie. Use your favorite pie dough .

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup maple syrup
- **1** tablespoon molasses
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup heavy cream 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- **6** large egg yolks, lightly beaten $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups toasted and chopped pecans 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie shell (see note), chilled in pie plate for 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make Filling: Adjust oven rack to lowest position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Heat sugar, syrup, cream, and molasses in saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until sugar dissolves, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool 5 minutes. Whisk butter and salt into syrup mixture until combined. Whisk in egg yolks until incorporated. 2. Bake Pie: Scatter pecans in pie shell. Carefully pour filling over. Place pie in hot oven and immediately reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees. Bake until filling is set and center jiggles slightly when pie is gently shaken, 45 to 60 minutes. Cool pie on rack for 1 hour, then refrigerate until set, about 3 hours and up to 1 day. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Why this recipe works: The pecan pies of today bear little resemblance to their 19th-century inspiration. We recreated an Old-Fashioned Pecan Pie without using modern-day processed corn syrup. Many traditional syrups (cane, sorghum) produce a great pie, but you have to mail away for those ingredients. In the end, combining maple syrup with brown sugar and molasses replicated the old-fashioned versions perfectly. We started the pie at a high oven temperature and then dropped the temperature to ensure the bottom crust was crisp and golden brown.

Shrimp Scampi on Penne

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter 3 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 box (approx. 14-15 oz size) penne pasta

Submitted by Mary Esther Chevarella Makes: 6-8 servings

- 3 tablespoons prepared Dijon-style mustard
- 3 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 pounds large size cooked shrimp, shelled and deveined

Instructions:

- 1) Cook the pasta according to package instructions. While it cooks,
- 2) In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter, mustard, lemon juice, garlic, and parsley. Cook for about 5-8 minutes, constantly stirring with a wire whisk.
- 3) Add the shrimp and continue to cook until it boils again for 2 minutes. Remove from heat.
- 4) Drain the pasta. Pour the butter-shrimp mixture over the pasta and toss until all are well blended.
- 5) Transfer it to a casserole or serving platter and garnish with a few thin slices of lemon and parsley.

Chicken

Submitted by Mike Froess

Serves you right

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said "fried chicken". She said it wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken IS my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway my teacher sent me to the principal's office I told him what happened and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite LIVE animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked my why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her "Colonel Sanders" Guess where I am now....

Submitted by Mike Froess

Chinook RV Club

Membership Application

Name:	
Spouse/Other Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State & Zip:	
Home Telephone:	
Cell Phone:	
Other? Phone:	-
E-mail Address:	_
Chinook Coach Model:	
Coach Model Year:	-
Please supply as much information as applicable, enclose a check for \$35 payable to: Chinook RV Club	.00
And mail to the Club Treasurer: Chinook RV Club % Bill Graham 12378 S E Blaine Drive Clackamas, OR 97015	
Further Membership Information for the Chinook RV Club may be obtained the Vice President – Membership, Kelli Scheese, at 360.828.2639 or by e-mail at kscheese@conmet.com	d from