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CHINOOK TO LIVE AGAIN !

The Chinook Name, molds , drawings and templates have been purchased by Wagon Trail RV, owned by Phil Rizzio. He plans to produce the Concourse and Glacier as early as 2014.

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**No, but he get's
good gas mileage!**

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UPCOMING RALLIES

Quincy, CA.

May 23 - out May 26, 2013

Westfir, OR.

July 19 - out July 22, 2013

Desert Hot Springs, CA.(Annual) Oct. 9- out Oct. 13, 2013

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

Spring is fully here! The ride back from the Pahrump Mini-Rally to Oregon was beautiful! I hope everyone is excited and busy getting ready for an active camping season, pulling their Chinooks out of wherever they are stored, getting them washed, waxed and ready to adventure. We hope your plans include the fun rallies we've scheduled or just plain hitting the road and enjoying the wonderful country we live in.

The Pahrump Mini-Rally was an awesome success! Eighteen coaches! Vera and Bob Raudman did a fantastic job of organizing, with activities and games to keep people involved with each other. The highlight of the rally was the new Chinook Company's visit. Phil Rizzio, who purchased all of the intellectual property and fiberglass molds from the previous owner of Trailwagons, is the owner of Wagon Trail RV's, a high end RV dealer in Las Vegas, and Creston RV in Kalispell, Montana. Since Phil was not able to attend due to a death in the family, John Chelist – former Midwest sales for Chinook (his father was East Coast sales), and Rizzio's Sales Manager spoke for Phil. John was assisted by Nanci Villegas, who was also with Chinook/Trailwagons in Yakima.

These are some of their current thoughts about what direction the company is taking, but not firm plans at this time:

- Two models – Concourse and Glacier, but the Glacier slide out system will be modern and simple.

- Two Chassis – Ford E450 Cutaway (YES, Ford is still going to continue to make the cutaway version) and Mercedes Sprinter Cutaway (not the Sprinter Van/delivery, which is different).
- Two possible production locations – North Dakota or Oregon – Oregon is preferred since the big luxury class A businesses in Colbert (Monarch and Monaco) have severely cut back and facilities and skills for high end fiberglass bodies are available.
- Support for older coaches – as best they can....but they will try. Nothing like warranty, but sourcing parts, advice, etc. They want the market, so they will help the present owners the best they can...

Everyone at the rally had ample opportunity to ask questions, give advice/wants/desires and tour the Leisure Coach they brought to highlight current technology in fiberglass luxury coaches. We all enjoyed the talk, the discussion, and the wine and cheese!

The next rally is at Quincy, CA. May 23 – 26, 2013. Club rallies are a lot of fun and a chance to learn about your coach, meet other owners, and generally have a good time. Hope you have an opportunity to join the group at one of the upcoming rallies.

Dave Shehane

Linda Speaks (VP Rallies)

Dear Fellow Chinookers:

Ray and I, Daisy and Maggie just returned home from the Pahrump, Nevada rally given by Bob and Vera Raudman. They brought their "A" game. What a great rally, well planned and implemented, and a lot of fun. Vera and Bob had games, one for each day. Vera kept track of the players and their score and added up the points accrued at each game for the final tally and awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Lots of fun. First place went to Sharon Gallagher, 2nd place went to Kelli Scheese, and 3rd place Bruce Gallagher. The weather in Pahrump was great, very windy going to Northern California on Sunday, but we got home before another rain and snow storm hit the Sierras.

Thank you Vera and Bob---another great rally given by you. We had 18 rigs there, good turn out.

Sylvia Teague and I (Linda Blackburn) have been elected by those present at our annual meeting to be partners in the position of Vice Presidents of Rallies for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015, so she and I will be looking for some good men and women to step forward and support their club by holding a mini or annual rally. Some already volunteered, and in 2013 we have all 4 rallies planned, two locations are repeats; Quincy and Pahrump, and 2 are new; Oregon and Desert Hot Springs. Hope you're all going to do your best to attend and support the rallies and the hosts that are planning them.

For 2014 and 2015 we are looking for rally hosts and we will be calling you and asking you if you could hold a rally. We will help you to plan it all or stay out of your way whatever you prefer. (Or call one of us and tell us about a location or your willingness to hold a rally). Are you an out of the box thinker? If so put your thinking cap on and let's see what kind of different and interesting rallies we could have. I just know we could have some great fun and rallies to look forward to. Whether working or retired, we all need things to look forward to, so let's make it happen.

On a different note, I hope that in 2013 the economy will improve and gas prices will go down.

We hope to see you at the next two rallies. First in Quincy (in on May 23 out on May 26), call Jan or Kathy (916-489-9497) to make your reservations. I did already and sent in my deposit. Hope to see you there. The second rally is in Westfir, Oregon (in on July 19th and out on the 21st) Call Mike or Marge (408-241-8416 or cell phone 408-205-2105), for your reservations. I have mine already, both should be a lot of fun. I hope to see you at both.!

Sincerely,

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EDITORIAL

This year's first rally seems to be getting us off on the right footing. We had 18 Chinooks at the Pahrump rally. All who attended it really enjoyed themselves. The Raudmans went out of their way to make it special. I thank them.

Membership renewal is still lagging, however we have had several new members join recently. If you see a Chinook, and get the chance, talk to them and mention our club.

Please remember that your membership dues are to be in by September 30. This year the directory was delayed because of late renewals. It should be out shortly. To be included in the directory, be sure to send your dues in (still just \$35) by September 30. It would surely be appreciated. You can even pay them at the annual rally!

I hope that more members will come to the rallies as the club is trying to locate them closer to where you live. I will be hosting the next one in Westfir, Oregon. It will be unique in that it will be DRY CAMPING.

After all, your Chinook is self contained. I hope to have at least 15 come. It will be just like staying at a Walmart, except there is no parking lot or store! We will have a big pot of fresh coffee and rolls each morning, but it may be decaf for us older folks.

The VP's of rallies are still looking for volunteers to host a rally. It's not hard, and they will assist in any way needed. If you would like to see one close to you, or at a favorite place, here is your chance.

Editor Mike



Rally at Pahrump, Nevada (held on April 4, to April 7, 2013)

We thought we would go a day early, so we could rest up after a long drive. To our surprise, there were already 10 coaches there. What beautiful weather, nearly clear skies,



and only in the 70's. We greeted the early arrivers, and set up the RV.

Thursday, the official start of the rally. We prepared for the upcoming potluck, and gathered together, and tried to guess who was arriving by

just looking at the Chinook. By 4:30, all 18 had arrived, and we started the "attitude



adjustment" with Pizza and Beer. Our hosts, Bob and Vera Raudman told us about the upcoming games they planned for us. Margie Froess baked two birthday



cakes for Ole Jensen and Kelli Scheese, and we sang Happy Birthday to their surprise. We all stayed and talked until dark, then retired

Friday, our hosts set up the first of the games, at 10 am, followed by another at 4pm. Each game had points assigned, and at the end of the rally, prizes were awarded for most points.



We all had fun with the magnetic dart baseball game just before our pot-luck.

Our first pot-luck started around 5pm, and out came all the great foods prepared by the "best cooks in the West"! As

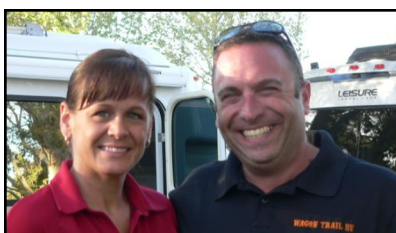


usual, there was enough food prepared to feed the whole RV park. The weather was still great, not windy or hot.

Saturday morning at 10am, Raudmans had set up another game, this time miniature golf using ping pong balls.



In the afternoon, our much anticipated guests arrived. Phil Rizzio, (the new owner of Chinook), was unable to attend because of a unexpected family obligation but he sent his two very knowledgeable



representatives from his Las Vegas dealership, John Chelist and Nanci Villegas in his place. (Incidentally, they both were former Chinook factory employees).



They arrived in a new 25' Leisure motorhome, which we all checked out and compared it to our beloved Chinooks. They also came bearing gifts of wine, cheese, sliced meats and other treats as appetizers. They answered many questions and gave some insight into future plans for Chinook. They are hoping to produce the Concourse and Glacier models, hopefully in a year. They talked about using the E450 and Mercedes chassis. No more E350 for the overloaded Concourses. They mentioned using demand water heaters, and electronic controls more widely, while maintaining the high quality that Chinook is famous for. We kept them there until after dark asking questions



Rally at Pahrump, Nevada *(continued)*

Sunday morning everyone said good-byes and started out early, EXCEPT for the six coaches that paid for an extra night. We enjoyed the day to relax some more, and just kicked-back.

Monday morning came with some winds, with wind warnings of 45 mph that evening, so we all decided quickly to stay 2 more days to wait out the storm. The park was expecting 80 rigs for

a rally that day, so we all had to move to different sites. Monday night, the winds howled, rocking our Chinooks, then heavy rains.

Tuesday more of the same, with some hail thrown in for good measure. Then in the afternoon, it cleared up, but still windy. We met in Raudman's Con-course for drinks that afternoon, all 11 of us fit inside. It calmed down a little later

and we all went back to our coaches.

Wednesday morning we said our good-byes and drove off into the morning winds.

Mike Froess



UPCOMING RALLIES

Quincy, CA (Mini) 3 nights **May 23, out May 26, 2013** 16 spaces reserved



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

Reservations & Contact: Jan Olmsted (916) 489-9497 janolm43@sbcglobal.net

Cost: **\$91.50** Make check out to Janet Olmsted: Mail to Chinook RV Club % Janet Olmsted, 2973 Marco Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Deadline: May 1, 2013

Activities: **Thursday 23rd:** Meet and greet around 4PM at clubhouse for wine and deli spread.

Friday 24th; Morning coffee or tea in clubhouse. Chamber of Commerce representative giving helpful information on the area for things to do. Dinner on your own, of course sharing is always fun.

Saturday 25th Coffee and donuts provided by the park in the morning. Free until 5pm. Bring salad to share and something to throw onto the BBQ which you can cook for yourself or your hosts will be happy to cook it for you.

Sunday:26th; departure. Have a safe trip home.

Westfir, OR. (Mini) 2 to 3 nights **July 19, out July 22, 2013** Limited to 15 sites



Location. Haws Property (Chinook RV Club members) 47008 La Duke, Westfir, Oregon 97492

Reservations & Contact: **Limited to first 15 applicants.** Mike Froess (408) 241-8416 mfroess@flash.net

Cost: \$15 to cover misc expenses. Send check **made out and mailed to** Mike Froess, 1426 Stockbridge Drive, San Jose, CA 95130

Deadline: July 1, 2013

Activities: **Please note;** This will be a DRY CAMPOUT. We all have Chinooks that are fully self contained. This is your chance to really camp out. The site is a large open grass meadow, where we will park in a circle. We can have a bonfire in the middle for gathering. (weather conditions permitting) Please check out your generators and batteries, and come with empty holding tanks. The property has a bathroom, with shower and toilet that we can use as necessary, and a place to dump holding tanks IF necessary. Bring some books or tapes to share. Pot -lucks each night are possible. We will provide coffee and rolls each morning starting around 8am.

Detailed directions will be sent out to all registered members two weeks prior to rally.

Desert Hot Springs, CA (Annual) 4 nights October 9, out October 13, 2013



There was a time not so long ago when Sky Valley Resorts was nothing more than 160 acres of arid land sprouting native vegetation. Back in the 1950's, part owner Tim Manthei's father saw potential in the hot springs. Never did he imagine just how much potential those bubbling underground cauldrons of hot water would one day have. But his son Tim did. After Tim graduated in 1970, he headed to Desert Hot Springs with plans of building an RV park. Within a few months, Sky Valley Resorts was open for business. 40 years later there are two Hot Springs resorts in the Hot Springs area, Sky Valley and Caliente Hot Springs, with space for 1600 RV's and manufactured homes.

Desert Hot Springs is world famous for its therapeutic hot Mineral Waters. At Caliente Springs we cool down the water before it's piped into the pools and hot tubs.

Amenities include: Large Mineral Water covered pool (two temperatures): four different temperature Mineral Water hot tubs; Two Saunas (one each in the men and women showers); Fitness Room, Library, Shuffleboard; Mail Center; Horseshoes; Billiards and Ping-Pong room; Tennis courts, Plenty of clean bathrooms and showers.; WiFi and Cable TV; Nine hole golf course and driving range (but grass will be brown).

There is a Dog Friendly Park and gates to the desert for dog walking and hiking. ALL pets must be on leach

Please note: No alcoholic drinks or smoking allowed in the Club House and Pool areas. Everywhere else, enjoy yourself.

Location: Caliente Springs Resort, 70200 Dillon Road. Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

Directions. I-10 at Palm Drive. Go North to Dillon Rd. Turn East on Dillon. Caliente Springs is 4 miles ahead on your left.

Dates: Arrive Wednesday Oct 9, 2013 (Check in 1:00PM) : Depart Sunday October 13, 2013 (check out 12 noon)

Reservations & Contact: Eva and Al Molina, alevamolina@yahoo.com, (760) 671-6600

Cost: \$240 single: \$310 double: Deposit \$50 by September 1, 2013. Make **checks payable to EVA MOLINA**, Mail to **Eva Molina, 70-200 Dillon Road # 584, Desert Springs, CA 92241**

Price includes: 4 night park fees, 2 breakfasts (Thursday & Saturday) at Clubhouse: (Eggs, bacon sausage toast, fruit, biscuits and gravy and coffee,) your choice of outings on Friday, and one unforgettable Saturday night dinner.

Refund: No refunds after September 25, 2013.

Early/Late Birds; Extra nights, before or after rally available for discounted price of \$41/night .Contact Eva to arrange.

Activities:

Wednesday Oct 9, **6:30 to 8:00pm.:** Welcome Pizza Party at the Club House, and getting to know and reconnect.

Thursday Oct 10, **8:30am.:** Breakfast at Club House. Then time to play: Indulge in Water Aerobics in our large, covered hot Mineral Water Pool or choose one of four mineral water Hot Tubs available with 4 different temperatures for those old bones or just relax

6:00pm: Pot luck at Club House.

Friday Oct 11 **10:00am :** Board the bus to either tour. Choose your trip; **EITHER** to the Worlds largest rotating Tram (8500 foot elevation) on Mt. San Jacinto State Park and enjoy spectacular views, or stretch your legs on the walking trails. Lunch on your own at two restaurants there.

OR : Downtown Palm Springs for window shopping or shopping at the small boutiques. Have lunch on your own at Lulu's or at one of the many chic restaurants. The time for return to Caliente Springs will be determined later, but you will have at least 3.5 hours of enjoyable time. Evening is free time.

Saturday Oct 12 **8:30am** Breakfast at Club House. Then pool, play or hit the town.

4:30pm Board Meeting

5:00pm Annual General Meeting

6:00pm Dinner at Club House; Steak, smoked ribs, chicken, beans, garlic potatoes, salad and dessert while listening to our local D.J.'s Steve and Barbara. After dinner, dance to 50's 60's and a little Disco music, and depending on the D.J.'s mood, maybe learn some Line Dancing.

Sunday Oct 13. Departure by 12 noon.

During your stay, have fun participating in the various games, to be announced, for a chance to win great prizes. Activities subject to change ONLY if I can find something better.

See you in October,
Al and Eva Molina

Recipes

Grill-Roasted Ham (Submitted by Jane Earley)

From Cook's Country April/May 2009

Why this recipe works:

Instead of spiral-sliced ham, which dried out on the grill, we chose uncut ham for our Grill-Roasted Ham recipe. The protective layer of fat on the outside of uncut ham allowed it to stay moist on the grill. Cooking the ham over indirect heat ensured moist, tender meat, while finishing it over direct heat yielded a crisp, charred crust. To prevent the fat from dripping onto the grill and setting fire to grill and meat, we used a roasting V-rack to keep the ham a safe distance from the flames. For a charred crust on all sides of the ham, we needed a safe way to turn the ham on the grill. Our solution was to use metal skewers to simulate a rotisserie: Skewer the meat on either side of the bone to create handles. Once the ham has cooked through, we turned it about every five minutes on the makeshift rotisserie. The fat rendered off, creating a tantalizing smoky, charred exterior all around.

Serves 16 to 20

Do not use a spiral sliced ham; it will dry out on the grill. You will need two 12-inch metal skewers for this recipe.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 7-to-10-pound cured bone-in ham (see note), preferably shank end, skin removed and fat trimmed to 1/4 inch thick.
- 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. SCORE AND SEASON Score ham at 1-inch intervals in crosshatch pattern. Combine sugar, paprika, pepper, and cayenne in small bowl. Rub spice mixture all over ham. Transfer to V-rack and let stand at room temperature 1½ hours. Thread ham with metal skewers on both sides of the bone.

2. ROAST HAM Heat all burners on high for 15 minutes, then leave primary burner on high and turn other burners off. (For charcoal grill, open bottom vent on grill. Light 100 coals; when covered with fine gray ash, spread over half of grill. Set cooking grate in place and heat covered, with lid vent open halfway, for 5 minutes.) Scrape cooking grate. Arrange V-rack over cooler side of grill. Cook ham, covered, until meat registers 100 degrees, about 1½ hours.

3. CRISP HAM Turn all burners to low. (For charcoal grill, light about 25 coals. When coals are covered with fine gray ash, remove grill grate and scatter over top of spent coals. Replace grill grate and position V-rack directly over coals.) Grill ham until lightly charred on all sides, about 30 minutes, turning ham every 5 minutes. Transfer to cutting board, tent with foil, and let rest 15 minutes. Carve and serve.

To develop the smoky char of the grill on all sides, we needed a way to manipulate the unwieldy ham as it sat in a V-shaped roasting rack. We used metal skewers as a makeshift rotisserie. They let us turn the bulky ham with ease. Don't forget oven mitts—the skewers get hot as the ham heats.

Jane Earley's Notes, April 7, 2013: This is an easy to make recipe that I used for the Chinook Pahrump Rally. There are only a few ingredients; easy to make ahead; and reheat on warm in the slow cooker for the potluck. I used foil to line the sides/bottom of the slow cooker and loosely covered the ham to make it easier to clean/keep it moist. It makes a lot. Read the recipe a few times first, e.g. buy a shank ham as it is easier to carve and not a spiral ham as in the Crockpot it is dry. We used our Traeger Grill on "smoke" setting. I liked the flavors as it is not so sweet—less carbs and calories.

There were no other recipes submitted from the last rally for this issue. Guess they are all closely guarded family secrets. I'll ask "Duke" for some help.



HumorNaw,

I was in a restaurant yesterday when I suddenly realized I desperately needed to pass gas. The music was really, REALLY loud, so I timed my gas with the beat of the music.

After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my coffee, and noticed that everyone was staring at me.....

Then I suddenly remembered that I was listening to my iPod.!

An elderly gentleman has serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art... It's perfect".

"Really", answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty.."

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said doc; 'Get a hot mama and be cheerful'".

The doctor said, "I didn't say that..I said, 'You've got a heart murmur: be careful'".

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No", he replied, "Arthritis".

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations.... I've changed my will three times!

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for the patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about the rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know", he said, "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now, and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby".

"Really? Like a newborn baby?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants".

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy.

"So I hear you're getting married?"

"Yep".

"Do I know her?"

"Nope"

"This woman, is she good looking?"

"Not really"

"Is she a good cook?"

"Naw, She can't cook too well."

"Does she have lots of money?"

"Nope. Poor as a church mouse".

"Well then, is she good in bed?"

"I don't know".

"Why in the world do you want to marry her then?"

"Because she can still drive."

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says "No, it's Thursday

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer!"

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly".

The other man said "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said. "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you really love?... You know,... The one that's red and has thorns?"

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes. That's the one", the man replied. Then he turns toward the kitchen and yells, "Rose, What's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



CHINOOK R V CLUB

Membership Application

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Membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Dues are due in October annually. New directory issued annually.

Name: _____

Spouse/Other Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Other? _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Chinook Coach Model: _____

Coach Model Year: _____

* You will be issued an ID badge to be worn at rallies. What name or nickname would you like on it?

* Name on ID badge _____

Please supply as much information as applicable, enclose a check for \$35.00
payable to: **Chinook RV Club**
And **mail** to the V. P. Membership

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