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New 2014 Chinook Glacier Prototype
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Chinook Constellation ? See page 11

UPCOMING RALLIES

Pismo Beach, CA (Mini Rally) In May29-out June 1, 2014
 Browns Bay , B.C. (Mini) In June 9-out June 13, 2014
 Canyonville, OR (Annual) In August 28, out Sept 1, 2014
 Palm Desert, CA (Mini) **October, 2014***
 Pahrump, NV (Mini) In March 26, Out March 29, 2015
 Quincy, CA (Mini) In May 28, Out May 31m 2015
 Paso Robles, CA (Mini) **September, 2015***

*** planning stage**

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

We have been to Pahrump, so spring is officially here! The Raudmans did their usual great job and the rally was as always, the great warm up/dry out post-winter rally. For those who missed the it –we had a surprise visit by John Chelist from Wagon Trail RV (the New Chinook Company) with the brand spanking new prototype Glacier. What a great treat to examine the newest technology applied to a Chinook. Mike is putting some photos together for the newsletter and I posted a blurb and photos on the club website for all of you who missed it.

We have more great rallies planned for the year, so I would urge each of you get the coaches out of your driveway or storage yard and on the road to enjoy the fun. Pismo Beach, Vancouver Island, Canyonville/Seven Feathers, and perhaps an end of fall rally back in the desert – we have a lot going on and it would be great to see more of you at the rallies.

PS – For those of you that have been following our agony of failing Glacier slideout and jacks, it looks as though the latest fix from HWH has set all that right again....keep your fingers crossed for us! We will see at

Pismo Beach next month!

“Safety tip – we recently had one the club members survive a blowout on one of their rear duals – could have been disastrous, reminiscent of a similar blowout on another member’s coach several years ago that caused considerable damage to the fiberglass and chassis. These folks were lucky. Their tires were the original ones that came with the coach new – so they were way past the age limit for RV tires. So, I would be remiss in not using this incident to remind everyone that RV tires age out before they wear out. Check your tires – find the DOT date code (year and week of manufacture) and make sure you are on new enough tires. I think the date limit is something like 6 –7 years before you should be replacing your tires, regardless of the mileage or tread wear. Do it and be safe!”

Dave Shehane

Auburn, California

Linda Speaks (VP Rally)

"Bravo", Vera and Bob another great rally well planned and implemented.

Vera served taco in a bowl what a great idea, we had all the trimmings , chips, hamburger, tomatoes, guacamole, olives, lettuce and lots more. I don't think there were any leftovers, but she had a whole lot of food prepared and we consumed every bit of it . DELICIOUS.

Then of course every day we had games and prizes to go to the winner of each game. We also had a craft table and all the ladies made table cloth pins to hold the table cloth in place, unique and fun to do. Then we had a book exchange. Lots of books appeared and disappeared. We got a couple of books on CD, loved them and listened to them on the way home .

There were 14 rigs there . A good attendance. We all had a good time visiting , eating, and laughing. I believe we all had a good time as always.

On Saturday, the new owners of the Chinook Company brought a 25' Chinook to show us. The color was beautiful with different shades of brown . I loved it. The interior was fabulous. They say there are a few bugs to work out but I didn't see any. Ha Ha

We are adding a rally. The rally will be in October 2014 in Palm Desert, Ca. at the Emerald Desert RV Park. It will be Hosted by Bert and Marta Wall. Details will follow soon.

I am looking for rally hosts , so if you can host a rally, please let me know. As long as the club has the money they will pay for the hosts space and they will give them an allowance to spend on the rally. Please contact me Linda Blackburn. I am in the book for address and phone numbers and E-mail address. So if you can and find a good spot for a rally let's look at it and then book it .

Thanks for your consideration. Travel Safe and we will see you at the next rally in Pismo Beach.

Linda Blackburn

Financial Report

Financial Statement– Chinook RV Club As of March 31, 2014

	Debit	Credit
Beginning Balance		\$8,144.63
Income from Dues		175.00
Expenses		
Printing/Postage	\$211.83	
Pahrump Rally	208.52	
Totals	<u>\$420.35</u>	<u>\$8,319.63</u>
Ending Balance		\$7,899.28

Submitted 4-8-2014

Barbara Jensen

Treasurer

Pahrump, NV (Mini Rally) held on Mar 27 to Mar 30, 2014

We had another great rally here at Pahrump, put on by Bob and Vera Raudman. This is their 8th time here., and each year is better than the last. We had 14 coaches here plus one member drop in because they were working at Ash meadows National Wildlife refuge about 20 miles from here.



Our first night was an “attitude adjustment” which turned out to be almost a dinner. A taco salad with all the trimmings. Then we played a trivia game which has more like a geography quiz. Most correct answers got a bottle of wine. More talking to almost dusk,



then all retired except for a few who liked to talk.



Friday morning, we again gathered at the Raudmans' site for a ring toss game, prize being bottle of



wine. Then we were free until 2pm where we again met at Raudmans' this time for a craft session. I think most of the ladies participated making table cloth anchors. At 5 PM we had our first Pot-Luck. Again all the



cooks produced a great feast. And there was plenty of food left over. We had a short Question and Answers session hosted by Dave Shehane.



Saturday morning we again met at the Raudmans' at 10 am for another game, this time was golf using ping pong balls, and with the cross wind blowing, it became quite a challenge.



But we all tried our hands at this game. Jan, Kathy and Mary and Vera all got “holes in one” and received, you guessed it, a bottle of wine.

At noon, the much anticipated arrival of the first prototype Chinook Glacier arrived. It is a beautiful coach, but still to be revised after a few months of trials. With suggestions from our clubs, they will make some more changes, so this is not the finished production model.



One major change considered, is liquid spring suspension. Some of new features are: four 6 volt batteries; two solar panels on roof; all lights are now LED's; TV cameras on rear, and right side mirror for right hand turns; in dash electronics, navigations and monitor; full heated tile floor; awning raised above roof line and motor operation with LED lighting; swing out flat screen TV with storage space behind; revised HWH slide out and equipment; leveling jacks now go straight down (instead of swinging down and then extending); mood lighting in ceiling in recessed oval design; window shades are separate parallel units, one is sun screen, the other is solid vinyl shade; all side windows are flush, with bottom panes opening outward; LED light and control switches all over the coach; two burner range, stainless double sink with corian countertops and back splash; three Fantastic fans in roof, sofa is manual operation; fresh water is now in one tank with 3 places to fill including when hooked up to city water, just turn valve to fill.

FOR MORE PICTURES, see page 8-9

After examining the new Glacier for almost 2 hours, with loads of suggestions, questions and proposals, we all gathered for a quick sandwich. Then at 5pm, Another final Pot-Luck, and conversations lasting into the darkness. Said our good-

Sunday morning, everyone had packed up and left by 11am, some starting their migration at 6:30am. We all look forward to the next rally.

Mike Froess



byes as some leave early in the morning.



More or less, left to right: Mike & Margie Froess, Patti Collins, Walt Pierson, Mary & Bob Coleman, Barbara Todd,
 Tony & Janet Schall, Bert & Marta Wall, Jean Campbell & Mary Wilson, Bob & Vera Raudman, Janet Olmsted &
 Kathy Bailey, Mary Esther Chevarella,, Dave Shehane, Sharon Gallagher, Patsy Shehane, Mike Chevarella,
 Bruce Gallagher, Barbara & Ole Jensen, Linda & Ray Blackburn

PAHRUMP RALLY, March 27– 29, 2014

UPCOMING RALLIES

Pismo Beach , CA (Mini) 3 Nights May 29 out Sunday, June 1, 2014 16 sites reserved



Location : Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, 165 S. Dolliver Street, Pismo Beach, CA 93449
Reservations & Contact: Bob Shetland 949-300-6390 - Email: bshetland@cox.net
Cost: \$165.74 – Single: \$182.74 – Double – Make checks payable to: Bob Shetland
 Mail to: Chinook RV Club c/o Bob Shetland, 28402 Daroca, Mission Viejo, CA 9269
Deadline: April 30, 2014

Cancellations: If ten (10) days or less prior to event, charge is one nite plus \$10.00
 Early/Late Arrivals: Extra nights, before or after are available; contact Bob Shetland to arrange

Activities Included:

Thursday, May 29th – around 5PM: Please come to the Clubhouse over by the entrance and General Store, to see who showed up to the rally. Your hosts will have wine, deli food, fruit and other drinks in case you don't drink wine. We'll also have utensils, paper plates and cups to eat and drink with.

Friday, May 30th – Time 10AM: We'll gather at your host's RV. A representative from the Resort will come to speak about the many amenities at the Resort and local events in Pismo Beach. The rest of the day is "free time".

At 5PM, we will gather again for the **POTLUCK**, at your host's RV. Bring your favorite tasty dish to share with everyone. We're always amazed at how much great food appears at our potlucks!

Saturday, May 31st – **Catered Dinner in the PCV Grill** at: 6PM - Choice of Tri-Tip, Quartered Chicken or Salmon Filet, Rice Pilaf or Spanish Rice, Vegetables or Chili Beans, plus Salad, Garlic Bread, Water, Iced Tea, Coffee or Soda.

Sunday, June 1st – Departure by Noon, and have a safe trip home!!!

VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C. (Mini Rally) 4 nights June 9-13, 2014



We're located just 12 miles north of Campbell River on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Come for the day and enjoy the excellent salmon fishing, cruise ship viewing and dining at our fully licensed restaurant.

Location : Browns-Bay Resort– Ripple Rock RV Park, 15021 Brown's Bay Road, Campbell BC, Canada
Dates: June 9, out June 13th, 2014
Reservations: Call the manager of the park, (Barbara) (250) 287-7108 to make your own reservations Be sure to tell them you are with the Chinook Club. Then call Barbara Jensen (626) 919- 0751 to let her know you are coming.
Costs: Campground fee is approx \$45/night.

Refunds/Cancellations: 30% deposit required at time of booking. Regardless of when a cancellation is made, a \$25 cancellation fee will be charged. If proper notice is received (1 week prior to reservation), the balance of your deposit will be refunded

Ferry from Tsawwassen (just north of the Canadian border) to Duke Point (about a 3 hour drive from Browns Bay is \$88 +/- depending on size of your coach.

Fishing License. Salmon will be running– 1 day \$7.35; 3 day- \$19.00

Hosts: Ole and Barbara Jensen 1-626-919-0751

As of publishing date, there may only be one space left with our group for this mini rally in Browns Bay– Ripple Rock. Contact the resort for other available spaces if none are left.

Obviously you'll need an up-to-date passport as we will be catching a ferry, no reservations required. We can eat together every night or not depending on what you want to do

Upcoming Rallies, Continued

CANYONVILLE, OR. (Annual) August 28, out Sept 1, 2014 4 nights



If you're looking for a quiet and pristine setting in the heart of beautiful Southern Oregon then Seven Feathers RV Resort has it all. In the "Land of Umpqua" we are nestled in a canyon of Douglas Fir and Pines where their fragrance lingers long after quiet hours. We are located at Exit 99 off the I-5. The scenery begins as you meander up the road and approach our portico where you will be greeted by our friendly staff.

Our 23 acres of manicured lawns and lush landscaping make relaxing on your patio a must. You may also choose to enjoy our heated pool and hot tub, fitness center, read or use the computer in our guest lounge, shop in our gift gallery, make new friends or indulge in the night life at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, we believe you will have an experience you will treasure here at Seven Feathers RV Resort. Check out the RV Resort's site [map http://www.sevenfeathersrvresort.com/images/Site_Map_spread.pdf](http://www.sevenfeathersrvresort.com/images/Site_Map_spread.pdf)

Dates : In August 28, Out September 1 , 2014 (4 nights)

Location: 7 Feathers RV Resort, 325 Quintioosa Drive., Canyonville, Oregon 97417 (from I -5, exit 99)

Deposit: \$58 single / \$83 double. (Includes first night stay (\$33) plus \$25 per person for buffet) Send check payable to: Sylvia Teague, % Chinook RV Club, 190 Cedar Street, Rio Dell, CA 95562.

PLEASE INCLUDE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES WHEN YOU SEND YOUR DEPOSIT.

Deposit due by JULY 3, 2014

Host: Sylvia Teague. Questions ? Call her at (707) 358-0360 or E mail timmysmom@asis.com If you wish to come earlier and/or stay later, she will make arrangements with RV Resort.. Outside of rally dates, regular camping fees will apply.

Cost: When you check in, you will be charged for the remaining three nights @ \$33/night* (first night is included in deposit) and pay for any extra nights you wish to stay. Extra night available for 10% discounts for Good Sam, AARP, Fed/State employees, Active/ retired military, and Seniors 55+. Additionally, a second 10% discount is applied to the additional days by getting a 7 Feathers Players Club Card easily obtained at the Casino.

Activities:

Thursday	Aug 28	5:30PM	Pizza party in Pavilion
Friday.	Aug 29	10:00am	Book/CD Exchange
		5:00PM	Pot Luck Pavilion
Saturday	Aug 30	4: 00PM	Board Meeting
		5:00PM	Annual Business Meeting/ Elections Pavilion
		6:00 PM	Catered Buffet Pavilion
Sunday	Aug 31	Free day:	Pot luck in evening

* Those needing to leave on Sunday will not have to pay for that night. Please notify Sylvia if you are planning to leave early , come early or stay later. Include your arrival and departure dates with you check for deposit.

HUMOR

A Well Planned Life

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school together many years ago.

One asked the other "You were always so organized in school. Have you had a nice life?"

"I have lived a well planned life", her old friend responded. "My first marriage was to a millionaire. My second marriage was to an actor. My third husband was a preacher, and now I'm married to an undertaker"

Her friend asked "What do these marriages have to do with a well planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go!"

Poor Sick Boy

Marty, a little boy was in church one Easter Sunday with his mother Dorris, when he started feeling sick. "Mummy", he inquired, "can we leave now?"

"No" his mother said, "the service isn't over yet"

"Well, I think I'm about to throw up."

"Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush".

After about 60 seconds, Marty returned to his pew alongside his mother.

"Did you throw up?" his mother asked quietly.

"Yes" Marty answered embarrassed.

"How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?" his mother demanded.

"I didn't have to go out of the church, mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick'".

My son the vet

One Sunday, in counting the money in the weekly offering, the pastor of a small church found a pink envelope containing \$1,000. It happened again the next week!

The following Sunday, he watched as the offering was collected and saw an elderly woman put the distinctive pink envelope on the plate. This went on for weeks until the pastor, overcome by curiosity, approached her.

"Ma'am, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he stated.

"Why, yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and I give some of it to the church."

The pastor replied, "That's wonderful. But \$1,000 is a lot; are you sure you can afford this? How much does he send you?"

The elderly woman answered, "\$10,000 a week."

The pastor was amazed. "Your son is very successful; what does he do for a living?"

"He is a veterinarian," she answered.

"That's an honorable profession, but I had no idea they made that much money," the pastor said.. "Where does he practice?"

The woman answered proudly, "In Nevada ...

He has two cat houses, one in Las Vegas and one in Reno "

Computers.

"My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to 'Incorrect'. That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me..."Your password is incorrect.

Swimming Pool

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool I gave him a glass of water.

NOTICE FROM THE EASTERN CLUB

We have extended an invitation for the CRVC to join us in our summer rally in Elkhart, IN. The rally will be held at Elkhart Campground and we plan on a visit to the rv museum. The dates are **June 23-26, 2014**. Info regarding the campground is available on their website, including the phone number for reservations. www.elkhartcampground.com. They are holding 30 sites for us at this time. I realize it is a bit far for most in the CRVC and we hope to have future events so we can all get together. Perhaps a return to San Antonio some day!

We often don't have a rally host, and that is the case for Elkhart at this time, so we pay it as we go. Info to follow!

Chinook RV Club Vehicle Name Plates Available

Chinook RV Club Vehicle Plaques. These plaques are durable engraved plastic, so they will not fade or wear out, and come with a chain to hang on your Chinook. Club members proudly display them at rallies. They are available to all club members. You can get them for only **\$30**.

If you would like to order one, or need a replacement, send your check directly to her. Include the names as you would like them displayed on plate, including your city. See sample below.

Send to:

Barbara Jensen

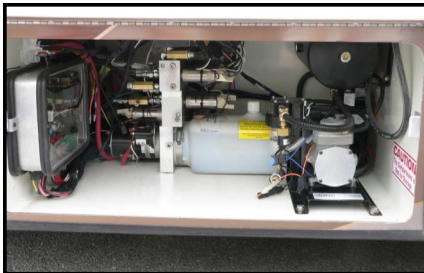
1255 S. Sandy Hill Drive,

West Covina, CA 91791

(Editors note. Since there are several identical coaches at rallies, it will help make sure you can find yours.)



CHINOOK GLACIER 2014



HWH Controls and compressor



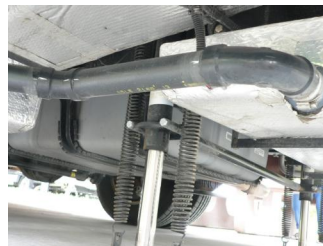
Four 6 volt batteries Stowed cord



Water connections, 110V out-



Electrical connections by stowed cord LED Taillights



Leveling jacks, straight down



All windows flush with surface



New logo right rear
New decal logo on rear:
Note: "The sports car of motorhomes" under logo



Two solar panels on roof
Low profile A/C



Flat screen TV, swings open.



Storage behind TV with digital safe



HWH Control panel entertainment ctr



LED's under kitchen sink and all cupboards



LED Mood light in ceiling



Dashboard with video display in center



Instrument panel, Tachometer, Digital mileage, Showing 25 thousand miles, full instruments



Typical lighting controls



Window screen & separate solid night shade



Bottom portion of windows open out.



Kitchen with refrigerator, microwave



Ford E450 Chassis with 360HP V-10



Digital lighted entry handle



Slide out extended
No exposed fiberglass, full body paint

CHINOOK R V CLUB

Membership Application

REVISED 10-1-2012

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/s _____

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

Chinook RV Club
% Kelli Scheese,
6530 N. Amherst Street,
Portland, OR, 97203

Further Membership Information for the Chinook RV Club may be obtained from
the Vice President – Membership,
Kelli Scheese, at 360.828.2639
or by e-mail at
kscheese@conmet.com

Membership: Where do we live and what do we have !

California	36		
Northern	16	Concourse	33
Southern	20	Destiny	11
Washington	9	Premier	9
Oregon	9	Glacier	9
Arizona	4	Cascade	2
Colorado	3	Eagle	1
Missouri	2	Baja	1
Nevada	2	Summit	1
Texas	1	Constellation	1
Idaho	1	Associate Members	5
Kansas	1		
New Mexico	1		
Minnesota	1		
Utah	1		
British Columbia	<u>2</u>		

1979 Chinook International Constellation

I got the 1979 Chinook from a guy in Bremerton WA who was not the original owner that had it for several years. He had lost all the keys and wanted to get rid of it for free. It had a shorted wiring problem to the back end of the RV among other things. I've had it for a year now and I'm still trying to figure out how to find the bad wiring to the tail lights. This year I will try and run new wiring.

This model was built to be exported probably to Canada and Europe. It does not have the usual extras like a gas generator. But the engine was built to meet Canadian emission standards. A manual is still available for the Dodge chassis with wiring diagrams. It's important to check the VIN for the chassis year. This model Chinook was built between 1976 and 1979.

The VIN shows the Dodge Sportsman Van Chassis was made in 1978 and the body tag date is 1979. The bed is over the cab with a large table on the drivers side and a shower/head behind that. On the passenger side are the lounge chairs and refrigerator and the stove in the rear. A door is at the passenger side rear. Location of the door is unique to this model. I can't make photos of the interior until next month when I get it out of winter storage.

I welcome any and all questions. I might even get a suggestion as to where I can get a dash printed circuit board for this model Dodge.

Keith Helm

Editors note: Has anyone out there seen another one of these or know anything about this model?



At our annual meeting, one member suggested that we put one of these cards on any Chinook we come across as a way to bring in new members. She suggested they be placed on the drivers' door window, not under wipers. Print out as many as you like.

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