

# The Road Runner



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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PAST DUE for 2012!

**Send your \$35 check to our *treasurer!***

***Chinook RV Club, % Bill Graham***

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## ***UPCOMING RALLIES***

**Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) March 22-24, 2012**

**Plymouth, California (Mini) July 25-29, 2012**

**Williams, Arizona (Annual) September 12-15, 2012**

**Branson, Missouri (Joint-Mini) September 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.



## ***Membership Renewal Reminder***

**Last call to be included in 2012 directory which is almost ready for printing. If you haven't sent in your renewal, please do it NOW!**

## ***Club Officer Positions Openings***

**We have openings available in your club for officers. This is your club, and we need some new people to step forward and fill these positions which will need to be filled by our next annual meeting in September. If you would like to volunteer, or nominate someone, contact Jerry Earley: [earleycih@yahoo.com](mailto:earleycih@yahoo.com)**

***President; V.P. Rallies; V.P. Membership***



**PAHRUMP, NEVADA (Mini) 3 nights March 22 to 24, 2012**

Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort &amp; Casino 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV. 89048



Our Lakeside RV Resort is honored to be one of less than 20 RV Resorts in North America to have earned both Trailer Life and Woodall's Campground Directories highest ratings. With our lush landscaping, incredibly quiet surroundings, old west artifacts including buggies, wagon wheels and even historic iron pot stoves you will feel the Old West charm during your stay.

Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort has 160 sites around a 7-acre man-made lake stocked with largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. Each RV site averages 55 ft in length with many sites large enough to handle today's biggest RV's. All sites include full service hook-ups with 30 and 50-amp electrical service and a concrete patio. There are 3 comfort stations located on property each with laundry rooms. The resort's amenities include heated swimming pool and hot tub, kayaks, peddle boats, fishing, nine hole Frisbee golf, and horseshoes. Relax on the sandy beach under a cabana. Pick up sundries in our gift shop. The gift shop is located in the RV Office. Discounts, such as Good Sam, Passport America etc, are honored.

This will be a great time to relax and enjoy the area and fellowship of your fellow Chinookers. No stress, so bring a book, take a walk around the lake, swim in the pool or soak in the hot tub.

Death valley is only a short drive away and the desert may be in bloom. Temperatures there are not too extreme this time of year.

Only 12 spaces are reserved this year, so get your reservations/deposit in before **February 15, 2012**. After that, spaces will be released.

**Deposit:** \$30. Due by February 15, 2012

Balance to be paid to Resort on check in.  
(total cost of rally should be under \$100)

**All checks to be made out to the CHINOOK RV CLUB;** send to:

Chinook RV Club  
% Vera Raudman  
23427 Susana  
Torrence, CA 90505

**PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA (Mini) 4 nights July 25-29, 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 below-ground tour in Sutter Creek.*

On the 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our potluck with a few appetizers and b.y.o.b. Then we will have our dinner at 5:00 and get to know each other and talk about the week ahead.

Fair begins on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It is located right next door, and a gate is provided for our access.

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 design-

nated spots. Across the street a full service grocery store and a gas station very close to the park.

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

If you need further info, call me at # below.

**Reservations:** Contact the RV park direct 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. **Reservations with the group could only be guaranteed by October 9, 2011.** After that, you may be elsewhere in the park.

After you make your reservations, please contact me @ (209) 274-2165 so I will know how many to expect.

**Cancellations/ Refunds or Balance Due.** You can cancel with full refund until **JULY 9th, 2012**

**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



The Grand Canyon Railway RV Park is the ideal place to unwind, set in the mountain community of Williams, Gateway to the Grand Canyon. Whether you're hitting the open road as a couple or a family, the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park has everything you need for an unforgettable experience.

Take the historic train from Williams into Grand Canyon National Park without having to worry about navigating your rig through the busy Grand Canyon roadways. Park your RV in the clean mountain air in Williams, adjacent to the historic train depot. Grand Canyon Railway RV Park is also just two blocks away from Route 66 and downtown Williams.

Preliminary planned activities include: Railway Train to Grand Canyon. Lunch there at Grand Canyon Café with annual meeting/elections. When plans are finalized, rates and information will be provided.

**BRANSON, MISSOURI** (Mini-Joint) 4 nights September 19-23, 2012

Branson Lakeside RV Park, 1500 Branson Hills Parkway, 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.

We have confirmed the dates to be Sept.19 departing Sun. Sept.23. With people coming from both coasts I would think they would want to stay a week and we have made arrangements for units to come early or to stay extra days. We have also arranged transportation to two attractions with admission included based on 2011 prices. The attractions we chose are:

Thursday. Showboat Branson Bell, a 4:00 pm dinner cruise .

Saturday. Dixie Stampede, a 5:30 dinner show.

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 Weidmaiers will be working with the eastern club for hosting. This will be a joint rally with both the eastern (Chinook Camping Club) and western (Chinook RV Club) participating. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please mark your calendars for this event.*



## Eureka CA. Mini Rally

Held at Eureka, CA December 9-12-2011

**Friday, 12-9-2011** The campground was great, rated in the 10's in Woodalls, nicely appointed and everything was close by. We all started to arrive at about the same time. This was a small



rally, with just eleven members present (6 coaches), with one late cancellation due to mechanical problems. We welcomed first timers Eric and Gail Haws from Oregon, and after getting

settled in, we gathered at the clubhouse to prepare for the traditional “meet and greet” potluck. Out came the food as usual with our club, great eats. The



tables were set out with bright red tablecloths, the counter was stocked with food, and we dug right in. The cake, decorated by local bakery, was a delicious ending to the meal. The time went by quickly recounting stories and events, and small talk in general. We retired early because some of us were tired from the long drive.

**Saturday 12-10-2011** Our host, Silvia Teague, picked up the 12 passenger rental van for our first tour to the Victorian Village of Ferndale.



As we drove into town, we passed by many beautiful Victorian houses. In the

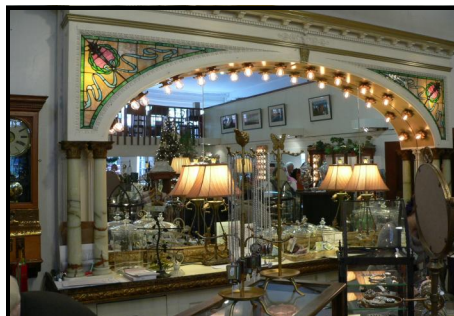


downtown area, Christmas Trees were all along the main street, decorated by individual classes from local schools.



Inside some of the stores were antiques from the bygone era, including some

very ornate back bars from the old



stores. We found the Kinetic Sculpture Race Museum there, with a display of some of the entrants in that race. The race seems like it would be fun to watch. It's held on Memorial Weekend, and starts in Arcata. The rules are that the vehicles must be human powered, so they have bicycle pedal type drives. The race starts on day one in downtown Arcata, then continues across miles of sand dunes heading towards Eureka. Day two starts in Eureka, where entrants must cross a river, so most have some type of flotation built in. From there they climb a 7% grade hill on a one mile round trip run, ending the day. Day 3 starts out

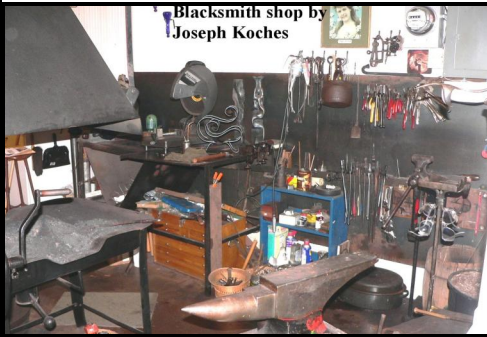
from the mouth of the Eel river, then up the Morgan Slough, onto dry land and ending in downtown Ferndale. The race covers 42 miles, and they cannot be pushed or pulled if they get stuck. Prizes are awarded for the teams that finish in the middle of the race; the first one to breakdown; and the most spectacular capsizing or tipping over during the race.



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Lunch was on our own, and we all continued checking out the various stores and boutique shops in the downtown area. Most intriguing to me was the working Blacksmith shop run by Joseph Koches. He buys works from blacksmiths around the country and Europe. The wares on display are for sale., including art and practical things. We drove back to the RV Park and got ready to



go to Eureka for the Truck Parade. We drove in the rental van and found a parking space along the parade route. Getting there an hour early had its advantages in parking, because a half hour later, all the street parking was taken. As darkness approached, the parade started. First were the fire engines, followed by numerous trucks of all kinds; from pick-ups to tow trucks, to semi's with trailers.



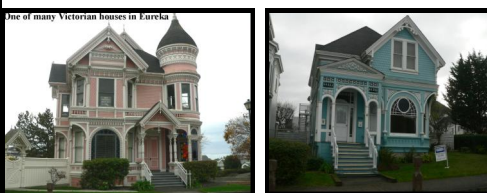
The parade was only about 30 minutes long, but we viewed almost 80 vehicles during that time. We bundled up, got back in the van, and drove back to the RV park for hot soups and more pot luck.



We got the group together for a picture as we finished up our dinner.



**Sunday 12-11-2011** Our final tour was in Eureka, where we went in our trusty rental



van. We viewed some of the old Victorian houses as we drove around town, then headed across three bridges to get to the Samoa Cookhouse for our lunch. It was a

great lunch, with salad, soup, breads, peas and roast beef, and apple pie for desert. After dinner we checked out the little museum in the restaurant and found



that we could identify most of the things there. We drove back to the RV park, and got together one last time to try to get rid of the leftovers with one more late pot luck.

We all thanked Silvia Teague for setting up such a great rally, then cleaned up our banquet room and retired, ready for the long trip home.

*Mike Froess*



**PROFILE:** Marta Newcomb-Wall , President*Bert & Marta,  
with  
Cricket*

I was born in San Jose, California, when Santa Clara County was the “Valley of Hearts Delight”. It was mainly all orchards and the main industries were canneries. We all picked prunes or walnuts or cut apricots to earn money to go to college in the fall. I attended San Jose City College, San Jose State and the college of St. Frances. I worked as a Critical Care RN and retired after 40 years from the San Jose Medical Center, the same hospital I was born in. I obtained my teaching credential at UC Berkley. I also taught Critical Care Nursing at San Jose City College for many years.

Bert and I will have spent 36 years together on St.

Patrick's Day. We have four daughters and one son, 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren. We both raced Porches for 25 years. After retiring, we spent summers boating, fishing and crabbing in British Columbia.

Bert and I bought a lot at Outdoor Resorts in Palm Springs, and were looking for a 5th wheel to put on it. That was when we saw our first Chinook. We had a 17' van conversion first, then a 32' motor home we used when we were racing. We had a friend in the motor home business who found a Chinook dealer for us. We ordered it over the phone and picked it up at the factory in 1998. A few years later, we stopped by the factory on our way to Seattle and saw the Destiny in production. We sold the Concourse and picked up the 2001 Destiny at the factory in October 2000, and have been happy with it ever since.

We have been active in the Chinook Club since the organizational Rally in Yakima in 2003 ( where Bert was elected Treasurer and finally retired from it in 2011) and we have enjoyed every minute of it.

I was elected club Secretary in 2006, President in 2008. We have been able to attend most of the Rallies and have made many lifetime friends.



Marta & Bert at Chula Vista Rally in September '05



Conducting Annual Meeting at the Cannon Beach Rally, 2011





## General Interest:



Eric and Gail Haws

*New members to the Club are Eric and Gail Haws. They are the owners of "Tynda's Ecological Reserve" located near Westfir Oregon ( about 40 miles east of Eugene) They asked if our members would be interested in their "workamping" proposal.*

*Editor.*

We are located on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River 40 miles east of Eugene. The property is the only one to have river frontage and one of three on the north side of La Duke. So we are rural but not isolated. Eugene is where one does serious shopping. About six miles from here is Oakridge where most services are available, such as gas and grocery shopping, propane, tires, two beauty salons and an auto repair shop and more. In Oakridge there is access to McDonalds, Dairy Queen, pizza, a Mexican restaurant, a pub and a Chinese restaurants and several cafes. In the

nearby area there is also a golf course, fishing, boating, mountain bike and hiking trails. We are about 30 minutes from skiing. It does not usually snow on the property but if so it remains only for one or two days. Our dogs would like it for the entire winter. The fog seems to only cling to the hills.

### Caretaker Duties:

#1. Dog care. At one time we had 4 Samoyeds, but now we have 2. a rescued Samoyed named Bundle . The vet thinks she is about 4 years old but acts like 2. Very clam.

A second rescued Samoyed named Angel who was a problem at first but now gets better every day.

#2. Land Care. The property is about 15 acres. Here one can find most Oregon mammals. No wolves (we do have elk, deer, coyotes, pumas, and other smaller mammals). We also have 50 species of birds, special plants and rare fish. The property consists of 4 parts.

(a) the street level, (two acres) where a mobile home area is located. This has all facilities, such as electrical, septic, and water from a separate pump house. Some plant removal here, such as mowing and blackberry cutting.

(b) the next space down, (approx. 3 acres) is the garage level where the riding

lawn mowers, brush cutter and tools are kept. Also, the pump house for the main house and irrigation. We can accommodate up to 5 RVs here as there are full hookups.

(c) Main house and greenhouse level. About (two acres) Here are many plants (the property used to be a plant nursery) and while we closed it there are many plants. Some attention, mainly using the irrigation system, is required.

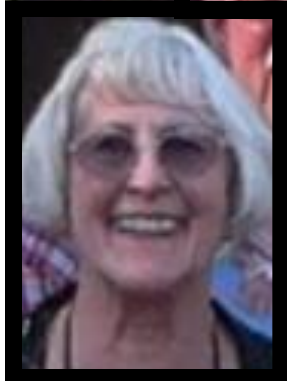
(d). River level, (about eight acres) this area never was developed but has been disturbed resulting in blackberries and Scotch bloom. Although Eric usually takes care of this himself, sometimes two persons are required for some tasks. Also, we are recipients of government

grants to remove invasive non-native plants and replanting with species which are native, beneficial to the wildlife. There is also a small pond which has no special use except it harbors endangered fish. We just recently received a government grant to install another pond in which there are transported native fish.

While you can contact us by e-mail, [tynda@aol.com](mailto:tynda@aol.com) which is best, our phone is 541-782-1072. We can also put you in touch with caretakers who have been here before.



## In Memory of Carole “C. B.” Davis



*Fellow Chinook Members: It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of "CB" Davis. She was very active in the Chinook RV Club, being one of the founding members, and was the first VP of Rallies, serving from 2003-2008. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences to her family and especially her partner, Dan Patton.*

*Editor*

**Carole “C.B.” Davis** of Sisters passed away on October 7 in Bend at the age of 71. She was born November 27, 1939 in Portland, Oregon, the daughter of Wayne D. Dayton and Bettie Johnson Dayton. After graduation from Cleveland High School, she married Dwayne Clark. She became the mother of four sons, Daniel, David, Richard, and Darrell. Later as a single parent, she began a career with the U. S. Postal Service in Portland in 1966 and then transferred to Salem where she advanced rapidly in that agency. In 1970, she was the first woman in the 13 western states to be accepted into a two-year trainee program by the Postal Service. In 1973 she was appointed Postmaster in Independence, the first woman to hold that position.

As a single mother of four young boys, she supported their school and sports activities, serving on the board of directors for the Salem Babe Ruth Baseball League.

In 1978 she married Eldon Davis and they moved to Corvallis when she was appointed Corvallis Postmaster. She and Eldon became frequent visitors to Central Oregon, first buying property in Crossroads and later building a home there.

In 1988, they moved from Corvallis to Sisters where she became Sisters Postmaster, holding that position until 1993 when she retired from the Postal Service. At that time, she began a new career selling real estate for Coldwell Bankers Reed Brothers Realty in Sisters. She continued this career after the death of her husband in 2002, retiring again in 2009.

She was president of Kiwanis Club of Sisters and a major supporter of Sisters Starry Nights, Sisters Rodeo, and other local events. She enjoyed travel, attending the annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko,

Nevada, meeting new friends in her real estate career, monthly dinner gatherings with her “Bored” friends, Sunday afternoon movies with close friends, (“the 3 Musketeers”), and enjoying quiet time on her deck at home. She also enjoyed time with her family, painting, hiking, reading and attending Chinook RV rallies and Seattle Mariner games.

In 2009 she found a new partner, Dan Patton, who brightened her life and participated with her in the many activities she enjoyed. Together, they enjoyed travel, visiting friends, and spending time together.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Allen Dayton, and son David Clark.

She is survived by her sons Daniel, Richard and his wife LeAnne, and Darrell, step children Keith, Kevin, Kerry, Kyle, Kelly, and Karna. 19 grandchildren, one great grandchild and her partner, Dan Patton.

A memorial service was held at Five Pine Lodge and Conference Center, 1021 East Desperado Trail in Sisters, Oregon 97759 on Saturday, October 22 at 1 p.m.



*Dan & “C. B.”*





## **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 \$35.00  
payable to: **Chinook RV Club**

And mail to the Club Treasurer:

**Chinook RV Club  
% Bill Graham  
12378 S E Blaine Drive  
Clackamas, OR 97015**

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**Kelli Scheese, at 360.828.2639**  
or by e-mail at  
**kscheese@conmet.com**