

The Road Runner



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Last Call for renewal of membership . If you haven't sent in your dues, don't delay. Membership Directory is being prepared.

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**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
all !**

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UPCOMING RALLIES

Pahrump, NV.	April 4 - out April 7, 2013
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

Well, fall is definitely behind us and winter is at our door! Our coach is out in front waiting for winterization and storage for a couple of months. The Mini-Rally at Paso Robles was a big success, thanks to organizers Barb and Ole Jensen. The weather held out for us pretty well, with very little rain to dampen our fun. The Wine Country RV Park is certainly a great facility with super amenities -- we will want to go back soon! Patsy and I left just in time before the big storm hit central California, just getting a little "rock and roll" overnight in the RV park in Red Bluff on our way back to Oregon.

The next club event will be the Mini-Rally at Pahrump, our favorite spring thaw rally! It is always a great place to get the coaches out, aired and cleaned, and in our case, scrape the

moss off, and get a little sun for ourselves after the dark cold ravages of winter. There is a lot to do and see going to and from Pahrump, notably Death Valley and the whole surrounding area. I hope you will all consider joining us for this perennial favorite.

For those 47 members who have paid their dues – thank you very much for your support for another year with the club. Your new slate of officers are actively planning how to make our Club and our Rallies (Mini and otherwise) a great and fun experience for everyone. For those who have not yet paid their dues, please do so as soon as possible so Kelli can finalize the new member directory.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Dave

Linda Speaks (VP Rallies)

Dear Fellow Chinookers:

Ray and I and Daisy and Maggie just returned home from the rally at Paso Robles, the Great storm waited for us to return home.

The rally @ Paso Robles was great, hosted by Barbara and Ole Jensen—Thanks guys for all your hard work. We all had a wonderful time.

Outside of eating and visiting at our Round Table we went to the War Birds Museum. They have added a lot to the vehicle equipment needed by our Armed Forces—great display. They also have added a whole new section of restored automobiles, some I had never seen before. A wonderful display.

A Good time was had by all who attended---See you at the next rally in Pahrump. Call Vera Raudman and get your reservations in. I did today.

Sincerely

Linda Blackburn, VP of Rallies

EDITORIAL

Well folks, this is the time to show if you are interested in the Chinook RV Club ! So far, only 47 members have taken the time to send in their dues. That's really disappointing considering that we had 80+ members last year. So, if you have not sent in you dues, please do so NOW!

There are some great rallies planned for next year. I personally have attended all rallies since 2008, and most since I joined in 2005. But at each rally, there seems to be the same old members there. It would be great to see and meet some other members. Why haven't some of the others come to the rallies? Are they too far away, too late or too early in the year? Are they too expensive? Well, I sure don't have the answer, but wish I knew !

In the Yahoo Chinook RV Owners website,

there are lots of Chinook owners that write in regularly asking questions or trying to solve problems with their Chinooks. If they came to one of the rallies, they could not only ask questions, but actually see what others have done to solve some of these problems, but also to "upgrade" theirs. The same is true for our own members. So, those who have renewed memberships, come on to at least one of the upcoming rallies. To those members who have not renewed, consider joining us! We won't bite, and you might just have fun. If you aren't renewing this year, please let me know why, and I'll see what can be done to remedy it.

Editor Mike

CHINOOK RV CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT, December 12, 2012

Beginning Balance.....\$9,247.89

(Income from 47 dues payments for 2013 [\$1,645.00] included)

Expenses:

Williams Rally.....	\$843.35
Paso Robles Rally.....	400.00
Branson Joint Rally.....	214.01
Printing.....	373.72
News Letter	78.84
Bank Charges	45.10

Ending Balance \$7,292.87

Submitted by:

Barbara Jensen

treasurer

Paso Robles, CA. Wine Country RV Park held Nov. 28 - to Dec 1, 2012

Winter rains finally set in, and it rained almost every day, except we had a few moments of sun, and either



overcast or rain the rest of the time. But we still had nine Chinooks who braved the weather to be here.

We had our Pot Luck Wednesday night, and as usual, plenty of food left over for another pot luck. Boy, we sure have great cooks in our club. The RV Park provided a beautiful room for our gatherings, and we



made full use of the kitchen and room. It didn't dampen our spirits, though, and we

still managed to get in a wine tour on Thursday. Ole Jensen drove the rented



van and 10 happy Chinookers toured the local wineries. Upon returning at 2:30, we all talked and waited for the catered dinner scheduled for 6PM. We



had plenty of hors d'oeuvres to satisfy us until dinner. Dinner consisted of potato salad, French bread, green salad, beans, turkey, spare ribs and tri tip. All excellent.



Friday morning, the group got together for a ride to the Estrella Warbird



Museum. Then back at the RV park, we had another Pot Luck leftover dinner. Everyone had a great time even though



there were only 17 of us there. Wish that more could join us for these mini rallies.

Saturday morning was "go home" day, and by 10am, all were on their way.

Ole and Barbara Jensen put on another great rally, and we are looking forward to the next rally which will be in Pahrump, Nevada in April. Hope to see some more members there !

Mike Froess

UPCOMING RALLIES

Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) 3 nights April 4, out April 7, 2013 12 sites reserved



Location: Lakeside Casino and RV Park, 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV 89048

Reservations & Contact: Vera Raudman (310) 378-5107 raudvera@AOL.com

Cost: \$30 deposit due by February 15th. Balance for campsite payable at check-in. Send \$30 check **made out and payable** to Vera Raudman, 23427 Susana Ave, Torrance, CA 90505. **(Do not book reservations directly with park.** Contact Vera with questions)

Deadline: February 15, 2013

Activities: **Thursday 4th,** attitude adjustment at Raudman's site, evening

Friday 5th, Free day. Pot Luck 5:30PM

Saturday 6th Free day.

Editors note: They are still working on getting cable and internet working !

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.

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

Location: Caliente Springs Resort, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

Reservations & Contact: Al and Eva Molina, (760) 671-6600

Cost: to be determined

Activities: to be determined

Editors Note This is preliminary information, more details will be made available in upcoming newsletters

Weird Facts

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve", which is regarded as a time when a young woman dreams of her future husband.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals. .

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

And last but not least: In 2012, December has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays. This apparently happens once every 823 years!

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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

Chinook RV Club
% Kelli Scheese,
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Portland, OR, 97203

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