

The Road Runner



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

UPCOMING RALLIES

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 Pismo Beach, CA (Mini Rally) In May 29–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

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.

Editorial

We must have been really busy these last few months. We haven't had a December rally for the first time in several years, so there is not much to report.

Our president, Dave Shehane is busy getting settled in his new California home. Last I spoke with him, he was just up on a ladder putting up Christmas lights on the house.

Margie and I have just arrived today up at our vacation home in Arnold, CA, and will be here until the first week in March. We are at 4000', and only snow was December 8 where we got 10". Unfortunately, we were home in San Jose and didn't get to see any of it. Forecast is dry, and has been since that snowfall and looks like the pattern will continue into the for-seeable future.

I hope you all have a joyous Christmas holiday, and enjoy family and friends at the parties and

get-togethers, especially all of the high calorie treats.

The next newsletter won't be until after the Pahrump rally that I hope will be well attended. I wish to see many new faces there.

No new news from our friends regarding the new Chinooks. We don't seem to get any responses to our queries. I guess we'll just have to wait and be surprised.

Have a safe, prosperous and Happy New Years. See you in Pahrump.

Editor Mike

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Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) 3 nights March 27, out March 30, 2014 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: \$20 deposit due by February 15th. Balance for campsite payable at check-in. Send \$20 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, 2014

Cancellations: Refunds up to February 15, 2014

Activities: **Thursday 27th,** Attitude adjustment at Raudman's site, in the evening.
Friday 28th, Free day. 5:30PM dinner on the house
Saturday 29th Free day. 5:30 Pot Luck
Sunday 30th Travel home safely

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 92692

Deadline: April 1, 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!!!

Upcoming Rallies, Continued

VANCOUVER ISLAND, (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 is 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

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.

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

Host: Sylvia Teague

Details are still being finalized, and will be in next newsletter in April. So please reserve these dates in your schedule.

Check out the RV Resort's site map http://www.sevenfeathersrvresort.com/images/Site_Map_spread.pdf

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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.)



HUMOR

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy??

I think a retired English teacher was bored...THIS

IS GREAT! Read all the way to the end.....

This took a lot of work to put together!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are animal organs. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,

for now my time is UP,

so.....it is time to shut UP!

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Chinook RV Club 10th Annual Meeting Caliente Springs Resort 70200 Dillon Rd. , Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

October 12, 2013

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President David Shehane at 5:30 PM.

II. Attendance/Quorum: President Shehane declared that we could proceed with the business of the evening as there were enough members present to establish a quorum.

III. 2 Side Bars: Before beginning the meeting President Shehane advised that he would give a short report on two issues. Side bar 1 – With regards to the new Chinook RV being built, he recently spoke with John Chelis of the Wagon Trail Co. In partnership with John Lee of the Country Coach Co., the new improved Chinook Glacier is being built, as we speak, to be finished in December. Next will be the Concourse, then an all new 24 ft on a Mercedes to be finished in February or March of 2014. They also plan on building a coach within the 25-30 feet range on a GM Workhorse chassis sometime in the future. The new factory is at the old Country Coach facility. Side Bar 2 – We are looking into a closer relationship with the Chinook Owners Yahoo Group. They have about 600 members which could be potential Chinook RV Club members for either the East or West RV Club.

IV. Minutes:

The minutes from the General Meeting of September 14, 2012 in Williams, AZ had been published in the Chinook RV Club Road Runner Newsletter for all to read and copies are available if anyone would like to read them now. Jerry Early moved to accept the minutes as published. Linda Blackburn seconded it. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report:

Due to an emergency Barbara Jensen, Treasurer, unexpectedly had to leave the rally before the meeting. Mike Froess gave the Annual Financial Report on her behalf. The fiscal year ending September 30, 2013 began with a balance of \$7,602.84 plus income from dues of \$2,415.00, minus expenses from rallies, bank charges, printing, postage and other supplies totaling the amount of \$4,249.86 left an ending balance of \$5,767.98.

VI. Vice President of Membership Report:

Kelli Scheese, VP of membership was not able to attend so Marta Newcombe-Wall gave the report in her behalf. We currently have 79 members of which three are new. Annual dues were due effective October 1. Only six members have paid so far. Please remit your \$35.00 as soon as possible to Barbara. Please make the checks out to "Chinook RV Club". Jane suggested we also include the year & model of our RV. Also check roster for your correct info.

VII. Vice President of Rallies' Report:

Linda Blackburn reported that we had a very successful year in 2013:

- A. Two Mini rallies –Pahrump,NV, April 4-7, hosted by Bob & Vera Raudman
Quincy, CA, May 23-26, hosted by Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey
- B. Two Flash rallies – Canyonville, OR, July 19-21, called by Sylvia Teague
Gold River, OR, September 12-15, called by Kelli Scheese
- C. One Annual rally – Desert Hot Springs, CA, October 9-13, hosted by Al and Eva Molina

For 2014 we already have scheduled and confirmed the following:

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Pismo Beach, CA, May 29-June 1, hosted by Bob & Debbie Shetland
- B. One Flash rally – Vancouver Island, BC Canada, June 9-13, called by Ole & Barbara Jensen
- C. One Annual rally – Canyonville, OR, August 28-31, hosted by Sylvia Teague

For 2015 we have two potential mini rallies: Palm Springs, CA, in February, hosted by Bert & Marta Wall and Quincy, CA, in May, hosted by Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey

VIII. Member At Large Report:

Jan Olmsted was not present and there was no report. However, President Shehane reminded all that if you have a problem with something that involves the organization, call Jan.

IX. Newsletter

If there are any questions, suggestions, etc., contact Mike Froess

X. Historian:

Our new historian is Margie Froess. If you have any photos you want to contribute, please note them with the who, what, when, where and send them to Margie.

XI. Old/Unfinished Business:

None

XII. New Business:

- A. Jane Early suggested that we create a new club referral card with a simple application on the back. That way we can just leave them on the window of any Chinook we come across to invite them to join. Mike Froess will add a page to the newsletter that can be photocopied and used for this purpose.
- B. Marta Newcombe-Wall is concerned that we don't have very many members attending our rallies. She suggested that we send out a survey to all members asking how or what we can do to have better participation.
- C. Ray Blackburn expressed that we should do something for Carol Skillings in appreciation for the many years she and her husband actively participated and contributed to the club.
- D. President Shehane stated that we did not have a technical session at this annual meeting. We need to get back to that again.
- E. Juliana Schmitz and James Galazinski stated that they each paid dues even though they only have the one coach. They were not aware that membership is by coach. President Shehane said he would look into it with Kelli to assure that they get the appropriate credit for the double payment.

XIII. Adjournment: Bert Wall moved that the meeting adjourn and Jerry Early second it. Motion carried & meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Esther Chavarela Secretary

Approved as read: _____
(INITIALS & DATE)

Approved as corrected: _____
(INITIALS & DATE)

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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

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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