

The Road Runner



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I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first-- it wet the bed.



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR !!**



UPCOMING RALLIES

Pahrump, NV (Mini)	In March 26,	Out March 29, 2015
Quincy, CA (Mini)	In May 28,	Out May 31, 2015
Sedona, AZ (Annual)	In October 14,	Out October 18, 2015
Chula Vista, CA	In December 3,	Out December 6, 2015
Comox, BC	In July 29,	Out August 2, 2016

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

Great day to write a president's message – storm of the century here in the sierra foothills! So far winds in excess of 32 mph and the Chinook has been moved from under the trees to the middle of the driveway! Last week's storm gave us a dry run so today we will be keeping an eye on the culverts and downspouts.

The first thing I wanted to mention is the Flash Rally we attended at Gold Beach. Simply stated it was a lot of fun and nice relaxation – a fall campout along the Rogue River, close enough to walk to Gold Beach and a really cozy arrangement with the coaches all circling a large circular shelter so we could cook, play games, and socialize a step away the coaches and out of the rain. If you have not jumped on the opportunity to join a flash rally I urge you to give it a try. Patsy and I certainly enjoyed.

The next topic is one I continue to be asked about: "What is going on with the New Chinook?". The simple answer is – no one knows! You may recall that Rich and Diane Poole from the eastern club stopped by Country Coach (who built the first prototype) on their way to our annual rally at Seven Feathers last fall. They only could find out that nothing was going on...at least that was all Country Coach would disclose. So what is going on...? In my hum-

ble opinion, and strictly my own opinion, is that the process has either slowed or stopped. If you recall, the guy that was making this investment was a RV dealer that was trying to establish his own production because the current makes and models of comparable coaches were being "allocated" to him and he wanted more to sell. So he started to develop a "new Chinook". So possibly, conditions changed and maybe he was able to get more coaches to sell. Maybe the "new Chinook" was a bluff to enhance his allocation position; maybe the other manufactures were able to increase production; or maybe the "bluff" just got way too expensive. In any case, they remain uncommunicative about their status – which is perfectly normal business/marketing strategy! I will again invite them to visit us at the Pahrump Mini-Rally. If they come, we will all get to hear firsthand about their status and plans. Of course, that is a big "IF". Pahrump is a great little rally anyway, so plan to come, whether or not the "new Chinook" people accept our invitation.

So, time to check the culverts, sandbags, and the gutters. Have a great holiday season and see you at the club rallies in 2015.

Dave Shehane
President

Linda Speaks (VP Rally)

Dear Fellow Chinookers:

We are winding down 2014--2014 was a good year for rallies. We covered some ground from Canada to Southern California then over to Nevada. Great fun and awesome hosts. To our rally Masters a HUGE round of applause--Thank you !

OUR 2014 RALLIES were:

March -Pahrump Nevada. Hosted by: Bob and Vera Raudman . their 7th time , always fun .

May -Pismo Beach : Hosted by Bob & Debbie Shetland their first time hosting. Wonderful rally .

June -Canada-Browns Bay: Great Place : Hosted by Ole and Barbara Jensen, who have hosted so many rallies, I've lost count .

August -7 Feathers Oregon . Who wouldn't love this site. Hosted by Sylvia Teague. First time hosting . She did a great job

Information on all of the rallies for 2015 will be forthcoming. Soonest will be in March and May. The others not far behind, although they are confirmed as well.

SCHEDULED AND CONFIRMED RALLIES FOR 2015 are as follows:

March . Pahrump, NV In on the 26 th and out on the 29th . Hosted by Bob and Vera Raudman. Their 8th and final hosting . Thanks for all your hard work, your rallies are always fun

May . Quincy Ca. in on the 28th out on 31st--Hosted by Jan Olmsted and Kathy Bailey, Many times hosting this site I have lost Count. Thank-you ladies

October Camp Verde Arizona. In on the 14th out on the 18th , 1st time hosts Bob and Mary Coleman. They are taking on the annual meeting, Thank you

December . Chula Vista California. In on the 3rd out on the 6th . Hosted by Mary Esther and Mike Chavarela . This is their first time hosting. Thanks very much. Mary is also our club secretary.

Information on all of the rallies for 2015 will be forthcoming.

We are looking for host & hostess. Could you be the one we need and want. This is your club so I am hoping you'll consider giving of your time and talents to the club and host a rally. 2015 is full unless we have a cancellation. 2016 is pretty much open, but we have one confirmed rally in Co-max Canada in August. The other three we will need YOU to step up and find a great place for a rally and then host it . I have all the details for anyone who is willing to host a rally. I will gladly mail some guidelines to you if you are interested.

I hope and pray for all of us and our country that we will have a good year and that regardless of what comes our way, we will be able to come thru everything with confidence in ourselves and others.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Lets us not forget the reason for the season.

Linda Blackburn
RV Rally Vice President

Upcoming Rallies, Continued

Pahrump, Nevada

In March 26, Out March 29, 2015



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 any questions.

Deadline: February 1, 2015

Cancellations: Refunds up to February 1, 2015

Activities: **Thursday 26th,** Attitude adjustment at Raudman's site, in the evening.

Friday 27th, Free day. 5:30PM pot luck

Saturday 28th Free day. 5:30 dining with a friend

Sunday 29th Travel home safely

This year, Vera says that this rally will have a Western theme. In accordance with that, she would like us to bring our western clothes: jeans, Stetsons for the men, scarves or bandanas, and anything else you would like.

There is the possibility of a movie one night. The rally is fluid, and things may change depending on mood, weather or circumstances. It is guaranteed to be a great rally. So, get your reservations into Vera early, as space will be limited.

Upcoming Rallies

Quincy, CA (Mini)

In May 28, Out May 31, 2015

Pioneer RV Park nestled in the heart of the Sierra Nevada Mountains is situated in a relaxed natural setting that is both quiet and shady. Located between Lassen National Park and beautiful Lake Tahoe, **Pioneer RV Park** is only 70 miles from Reno, Nevada. You will not hear any railroad or highway noise at **Pioneer RV Park**, so plan to kick



back and enjoy yourself. The area has much to offer such as the Feather River Scenic Byway, tours, shopping and museums in historic Quincy, a small gold rush, logging town of only 5,000 people. Browse historic downtown buildings in Quincy, many of which have been preserved and restored. This enchanting town features murals and a strong commitment to the arts, with numerous musical and dramatic events being staged at the historic Town Hall Theatre. Quincy has many local restaurants and cafes, two grocery stores and numerous local shops for your convenience.

Come, enjoy and relax in the pines at the Pioneer RV Park. Do lots or do nothing! Card and board games, puzzles, horse-shoes, share hobbies, crafts, photos, videos CD's & book exchanges are some of the activities for consideration.

Thursday: Meet and Greet around 4:00 with wine and deli spread.

Friday: Chamber of Commerce Rep in AM to share info of interesting things to do in the area. Dinner on your own.

Saturday: Salad Bar & BBQ dinner. Bring a salad to share and something to throw on the BBQ for yourself, cooked by your hosts or yourself.

Registration fees and deadlines will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars now for May 28-31, 2015

Your Hosts, Kathy Bailey and Jan Olmsted

Sedona, AZ (Annual)

October 14-18, 2015

Distant Drums RV Resort is located in the central Verde Valley region of Arizona. Minutes to many great National Park and Attractions like: Sedona Red Rock Country Montezuma National Monument, Tuzigoot National Monument, Verde Canyon Railroad and many more.

Amenities: Full Hook-Up 30/50 AMP, Immaculate Private Showers, Country Store, Paved Roads, Free Cable TV & WiFi, Heated Pool & Spa, Fitness Room, RV Supplies, Propane, Laundry, FREE Shuttle to Casino
Good Sam Trailer Life rating 10/10/10



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Registration fees and deadlines will be forthcoming.

Chula Vista, CA In December 3, Out December 6, 2015 *Registration fees and deadlines will be forthcoming.*

COMOX, B.C. July 29, Out August 2, 2016 *Registration fees and deadlines will be forthcoming.*

Come and see how a small town on Vancouver Island celebrates the August provincial holiday weekend. Something for almost everyone-arts and crafts, entertainment, a parade, a car show, boat races, a sea cadet sunset drill and fireworks! We will have a mini-van shuttle from the Cape Lazo RV Park into town for the events and for those who might be interested, up Mt Washington to our local ski resort for lunch and a ride up the chairlift to the top of the mountain to look out over the Comox Valley, the Strait of Georgia and the Coast Mountain range on the mainland. On a clear day we can see from north of Campbell River to Deep Bay in the south. Our schedule will be as follows:

29 July-Arrival and get together pot luck in the park pavilion.

30 July-After breakfast, shuttle runs to the Filberg Festival (www.filbergfestival.com) for the artisans show and stage entertainment held on the grounds of Filberg Lodge (the waterfront home and gardens of one of the early Comox families). The entry fee is \$15 each and lunch may be purchased at the tea-house.

31 July- After breakfast, shuttle runs into Comox for those not interested in lunching and sightseeing on the mountain (Dragon Boat races are held in the harbour). At approx 9:30 the first run up the mountain for the chairlift, with a second run at 11:15. The two groups can meet for lunch before the second group does the chairlift trip. The reason for using multiple runs with a minivan is driving a 15 pass van requires a commercial license which I don't have (it must be more difficult than driving a motor home built on the same chassis!).

1 August- We shuttle into town for a pancake breakfast at the marina, then take in the parade, the car show and the Build, Bail and Sail boat race which is a real hoot as you watch the teams build their boats before racing them two at a time in the afternoon (www.comoxnauticaldays.ca). Events at the marina are free and there are many food vendors to choose from. The shuttle will run throughout the day and into the evening for the sea cadet sunset ceremony and the fireworks.

2 August-Departure

Although it is about 3 miles from the RV park into downtown Comox, the two sites in town are less than ½ mile apart so walking between them is no problem. Since I have become familiar with the hassles and expense of processing foreign cheques, I ask you to make your own reservations with the RV park and will collect for common expenses (the minivan) upon arrival. The details of the park are available at www.capelazo.com and if you identify yourselves as attending the Chinook Rally, I will prevail upon them to put us in the same area, but it is not a big deal since it is a small park and the pavilion is centrally located. The park was completely renovated in 2013 with a new store/office and new washrooms. Currently site prices are \$35 and \$45/ night. The park is located just past our home and has easy access to the beach. The important point to remember is that it is their busiest weekend as many of the exhibitors stay there so they recommend getting your reservations in by the first of the year!

Lucy and Garry Brown (l-g-brown@telus.net)

Members Corner *a place for members contributions.*

Flash rally held in Gold Beach November 9-15, 2014

A good time was had by all 8 of us and 2 fur persons. Jerry & Kelli, Dave and Patsy, Sylvia and Timmie, Trish, Jan, Kathy and Bentley Four days of fun. Thank you Jerry and Kelli

Jan Olmsted



EDITORIAL

Not much has happened in the club since the last rally.

All members had been asked to send in their club dues no later than November 1. Not only was it in the last newsletter, but a separate e-mail was sent to those who had not yet paid dues. Most have done so, but there are a few who procrastinate. This has once again caused a delay in publishing our directory. If you haven't sent in your dues for this year, and you still wish to continue your membership, do so today! Information is on page 9 of this newsletter. I would also suggest that you e-mail Kelli that you still wish to continue your membership.

We have had 11 new members join, so that means only about 60 of the "older" members have sent in dues out of 78 members of the club last year. We currently show 70 members total.

As soon as the current directory is published, we (board members) will be deleting all e-mail addresses for any members not current in their dues. This means that you won't be getting any more e-mailed information from the club.



Just One Trillion Dollars. (In 2010 figures which is almost 5 years ago)

Confronting the federal deficit starts with grasping just how colossal that number actually is. So, what would \$1 trillion get you? The figure is almost incomprehensible: \$1,000,000,000,000. One trillion dollars. That's a dozen zeros. The Congressional Budget Office reports that during the first nine months of fiscal 2010 -- which ends September 30 -- the federal government spent \$1 trillion more than it took in. That's another \$1 trillion added to a total national debt that stood at just over \$13 trillion as of the Fourth of July. (On the bright side, the trillion-dollar nine-month deficit was about \$80 billion less red ink than flowed during the same period last year.)

Not so long ago, the idea of a "trillion" anything was so farfetched that it evoked a comic response similar to what the use of the word "gazillion" does today. The 1960s comment attributed to then Senate minority leader (and ever-vigilant deficit hawk) Everett Dirksen -- "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money" seems downright quaint today. (In 1965, the national debt

was a paltry \$317 billion.) But, seriously, how much is \$1 trillion? To help you wrap your head around that mind-boggling number, and to try to put deficit spending into perspective, consider what \$1 trillion will buy, expressed in terms we can all understand:

\$1 Trillion Would Buy

40,816,326 New Cars. The 2010 Volkswagen Jetta TDI wins Kiplinger's Best in Class honors for cars in the \$20,000-to-\$25,000 price range. At a sticker price of \$24,500 each, \$1 trillion would let you drive away with a fleet of Jettas equivalent to 30% of all the cars already on U.S. highways. (The total US car fleet is more than 135 million, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, excluding trucks and SUVs.)

5,574,136 Typical American Homes

According to the National Association of Realtors, the national median price for existing single-family homes in May was \$179,400. There are about 80 million detached, single-family homes in

the U.S., according to the NAR and the Census Bureau.

140 Billion Hours of Labor. That's calculated at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. Still hard to get your mind around? How about this: 1 trillion dollars is enough to hire all 2.8 million residents of the state of Kansas -- men, women and children -- in full-time, minimum-wage jobs for the next 23 years.*

A Year's Salary for 14.7 Million

Teachers According to the National Education Association, the average teacher salary in the state of California is about \$68,000. The total number of teachers working in the U.S. was estimated at 6.2 million ten years ago, according to the 2000 U.S. Census the last official estimate). So \$1 trillion would pay Golden State salaries to more than twice that number of teachers. **The Annual Salaries of All 535 Members of Congress** for the next 10,742 Years. The current salary for rank-and-file members of the House of

Representatives and the U.S. Senate is \$174,000. We're not even counting the extras paid to congressional leaders. **The Star Power of LeBron James for the Next 50,000 Years.** A lot of numbers are being thrown around about just how much the basketball superstar will be paid for playing for the Miami Heat. But let's say it's just \$20 million a year. At that rate, \$1 trillion would cover the tab for King James for the next 50 millennia. Heck, King Tut was born less than four millennia ago. **1.33 Trillion Chocolate Bars.** Got a hankering for something sweet? A sweet \$1 trillion will buy you that many 1.55-ounce Hershey's Milk Chocolate bars at 75 cents apiece. That's 64 million tons of chocolate, equivalent to the weight of more than 150,000 Boeing 747-00s. **1,333 Celebrity Divorce Settlements.** It's been widely reported that Tiger Woods may pay \$750 million to settle the divorce with his wife, Elin Nordegren. Some commentators say that's a wild exaggeration, and that a mere \$100 million will facilitate the split. But let's assume the worst (for Tiger). If it costs \$750,000,000 to end his marriage, a trillion dollars would cover plenty more tabloid breakups. **A Guaranteed \$6.3 Billion Payout for a 65-Year-Old Man Every Month for the Rest of His Life.** With the demise of the company pension plan -- and its wonderful promise of regular checks in retirement -- immediate-payout annuities are gar-

nering more and more attention. These investments let you trade a lump sum for a guaranteed stream of income for the rest of your life. For example, a 65-year-old man with a sweet quarter of a million nest egg to invest could buy an annuity that will pay him \$1,564 a month. Even at today's record-low interest rates (the lower the interest rate, the more expensive it is to buy future income), \$1 trillion earns its way -- and then some. Because women live longer than men, on average, \$1 trillion would buy a 65-year-old woman a little less. But having \$5.8 billion a year to fall back on is nothing to sneeze at.* **A One-Year CD Yielding \$15.5 Billion in Interest** Everyone knows that interest rates on bank accounts, money-market funds and certificates of deposit are ludicrously low. But even at just 1.55% -- the best rate we could find recently -- \$1 trillion socked away in a one-year CD would still yield a handsome return. **Annual Base Pay for 59.5 Million U.S. Army Privates** **Basic pay** for an active-duty U.S. Army private with less than two years of experience is \$16,794 a year. So \$1 trillion goes a mighty long way, even by military spending standards. To put that in

perspective, 59.5 million privates is more than 100 times the total number of active-duty soldiers in the Army today.

Replace Annual Incomes for 19.2 Million American Families.

Median household income in the U.S. (half the families earn more, half earn less) was \$52,029 in 2008, according to the Bureau of the Census. At that level, \$1 trillion would be enough to cover the incomes of a sizable percentage of total U.S. family households. There are no recent official estimates, but the 2000 U.S. Census figured there were about 71.8 million family households.

Pay the Estate Taxes for 2,222 Billionaires.

Let's assume that, as we expect, Congress reinstates the federal estate tax retroactively to January 1, 2010, with a \$3.5 million exemption and a rate of 45%. And assume that the late George Steinbrenner's taxable estate is \$1 billion. The tax bill would be almost \$450 million. That \$1 trillion would be enough to cover the estate taxes of a lot more billionaires who might die before Congress acts.

HUMOR- from "Milton Burle's Private Joke File" by Milton Berle.

The doctor examined a woman and said "You're anemic".
She said "I'd like a second opinion".
The doctor said "You're ugly too!"

"My right foot hurts"
"It's old age"
"How come my left foot doesn't hurt? It's the same age!"

A patient complained to a doctor, "I've been to three other doctors and they don't agree with your diagnosis"
The doctor said "Wait till the autopsy. They'll see I'm right!"

"Doc, what do I do for a broken leg?"
"Limp!"

A woman was having her portrait painted. Before she sat down to pose, she put two huge diamond rings on her fingers. Close up, they looked as shabby as what they were— penny imitations. The artist asked her why she had put on the jewelry. She responded "My husband is younger than I. When I die, he'll get married again. I want his next wife to go crazy looking for those rings!"

Eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we DIET.

I knew I had to slow down on my eating, when I started to put mayonnaise on aspirins.

It took a lot of will power, but I finally gave up dieting!

When you start on a diet, the first thing you lose is your patience.

As part of the diet, I took up exercising by riding horses. It worked, In three weeks the horse lost 18 pounds!

A husband and wife were waiting for the clerk at the drug-store. Seeing a scale, they walked over and the lady got on. A moment later, a card came out. It said "You are warm-hearted, loveable, understanding and an excellent cook!" Peeking over his wife's shoulder, the husband said "It didn't get your *weight* right either!"

I went on a diet that allowed me to drink wine and eat vegetables. In ten days I lost five pounds and my driver's license.

I knew somebody who used only sugar substitutes. After a few years he died of artificial diabetes.

A couple walked along the street. They stopped to look in the window of a famous jewelry store. She said "I'd love to have that little diamond pin in the window!" He took a brick out of his pocket, broke the window and handed her the pin.

They walked on and came to another jewelry store. She liked the diamond earrings. He took another brick out, broke the window, and handed her the earrings. They walked on, and reached a third jewelry store. She said "I'd love to have that diamond ring!" He said "What is with you? You must think I'm made of bricks!"

When I was a kid, and said bad words, my mother used to wash my mouth out with soap. One day she found out that I wasn't interested in bad words. I just liked the taste of soap.

Dr. Carver still made house calls. This one afternoon he was called to the Tuttle house. Mrs. Tuttle was in terrible pain. The doctor came out of the bedroom a minute after he'd gone in and asked Mr. Tuttle "Do you have a hammer?" A puzzled Mr. Tuttle nodded, went to his tool shed, and returned with a hammer. The doctor thanked him and went back into the bedroom. A moment later, he came out and asked "Do you have a chisel?" Mr. Tuttle complied with the request. In the next ten minutes, Dr. Carver asked for & received a pair of pliers and a hacksaw. That last request got to Mr. Tuttle. He asked "What are you doing to my wife?" "Not a thing" the doctor said. "I can't get my instrument bag open!"

The cavemen were incredible. When they hunted dinosaurs the decoy weighed tow tons!

A man walked into a bar with a dog, claiming that the animal could talk., and offered to sell it. The bartender refused to believe the claim, and was about to mark it all down to a full moon when the dog said, "Buy me. Somebody please buy me. My owner is mean and vicious. He's always kicking me and hitting me. I happen to be a great dog. I was in the service. I have three medals for bravery. Please buy me". The bartender asked the owner, "How can you sell such a wonderful dog?" The man answered, "I'm sick and tired of his lies!"

A dog saw somebody putting money into a parking meter and reported to the other dogs, "They're putting in pay toilets"

I sent my dog to obedience school. Now he says grace before he bites somebody.

Then there was a man who found his dog eating one of his book. He took the words right out of the dog's mouth.

Dreams don't come true until you get up and go to work.

"My wife drives like lightning. " "She drives fast?"
"No, She hits trees"

If your money is really yours, how come you can't take it with you.

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Membership Application

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Membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Dues are due by 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

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