

The Road Runner



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GOING TO RALLIES IN VICTORIA OR COMOX?

Check out this website for Border Crossing Info first !

Avoid any "Surprises"

: <http://gocanada.about.com/od/faqscrossingtheborde1/tp/Reasons-You-May-Be-Denied-Entry-at-the-Canada-Border.htm>

UPCOMING RALLIES

Pahrump, NV.	In March 31, Out April 3, 2016
Temecula, CA	In May 19, Out May 22, 2016
Victoria, BC (13th annual)	In July 25, Out July 29, 2016
Comox, BC	In July 29, Out August 2, 2016
Redding, CA	In October 13, Out October 16, 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

For those of you who made it to the Chula Vista Christmas Rally, I think we all had a wonderful time! Congratulations to Mary Esther Chavarela for hosting a great rally.

It's been an interesting month, weather-wise here in Mission Viejo. It's only the first couple of weeks of December, and we've had a couple of short thunderstorms and got cold enough to turn on the house furnace. Starting to feel like winter to me.

I'm sure everyone has been busy with holiday preparations, and Debbie and I are hosting our family of 14 for a Christmas dinner. We are a very musical family, and hopefully the "Brass" players (Rob, Brian, Meghan, Nathan, Joshua) will bring their instruments to play Christmas songs. Lots of fun!

We have several exciting rallies on our calendar for 2016: March - Pahrump NV;

May - Temecula CA;

July - Victoria, British Columbia; and right after, Comox, British Columbia.

Here's wishing everyone a joyous and happy Holiday season, and a healthy, prosperous 2016.

See you at the Pahrump rally!



Bob Shetland
President

Linda Speaks (VP Rally)

We have had 4 great rallies this year starting with Pahrump, NV. Hosts Bob and Vera Raudman they set the pace, then Quincy Ca. with Jan and Kathy wonderful laid back rally, with the fair grounds next door--loved it. Then we hit the ball out of the park with a home run at our Annual rally hosted by Mary and Bob Coleman could it get any better?? Well lets just say Mary Esther and Mike put the Cherry on top what a great rally to end the year with. Well organized we all loved it Thank-you Mary Esther and Mike, BRAVO, BRAVO, BRAVO Take a Bow.

The Chula Vista rally in the AM Mary Esther had coffee and pastry for everyone, everyday, Lunch was on your own and Mary Esther had made a special taco mix w/shrimp and some thing else for dinner I didn't ask what but it was delicious for the evening we arrived.

Friday we went by rental van to the Banjo Factory the only one in the USA they sell banjos all over the world and every banjo made there is already spoken for they said they make around 10,000 a year. We were guided thru the factory when the process of making the banjos was each banjo is given a number so that at each station the operator can look up that number and it will tell them what is to be done. We went to many different stations where a different function was being performed. We heard there most expensive banjo so far is \$65,000 dollars. There is so much more to see and learn look them up on the internet @ Deering Banjos in Spring Valley, Ca. We all loved the tour. After our outing at the Banjo factory we prepared our pot luck dish and had dinner around 5-5/30. Our members are great cooks we had some tastier dishes. After dinner Mary Esther put out the Karaoke

Machine and some of our members sang with the machine I did sing as well I had a great time and so did the others who participated (Bob our president Mary Esther and a new member Olga Johnson) we had a lot of fun and laughs.

Here it is Saturday our last day Mary Esther taught all who wanted to learn how to put together tamales and steam them there were about 15 members on the production line and QUALITY CONTROL (MARY ESTHER walked the line seeing to the needs of the preparers.

The men worked on soaking the corn husks and getting the water ready to steam tamales. We had made Pork, Chicken, Vegetarian, and a desert tamale. I'll let you know how dinner was, in one word DELICIOUS. Rice and beans salad and desert were all delicious. Thank-you Mary Esther and Mike for all your hard work you did a great job it was a really fun rally for all of us.

Merry Christmas, God Bless You

Linda Blackburn



Chula Vista, CA Mini Rally held December 3- 6, 2015

Thursday 12-3. Another great rally for the club, with 11 coaches taking part. Our hosts, Mike and Mary Esther Chavavela, put a lot of time and effort in this one. Our meeting place was set up in a 20'x20' tent, provided for our sole use for the duration of



the rally. It was complete with lights and power and even two portable heaters. We started with a light meal at 5PM Thursday. Mini tacos and clam chowder soup. We traded stories of events that happened since



the last rally and got reacquainted with old and met some new friends.

Friday 12-4. At 8am, our hosts provided coffee, Danish and fruit at their site. It was followed by games and an easy craft session. The skill games was



trying to bounce a ping pong ball into a glass of water. Not the easiest to do.



At noon, 12 of us piled into a rented van, driven by Ole Jensen for a tour of



the Deering Banjo Factory in Spring Valley. This is the largest Banjo factory in



the U.S. with exports all over the world.



Once there we got a personally guided tour of the facility. This is the largest banjo manufacturer with international



sales. They produce over a hundred models and sell worldwide. They take different species of wood starting from rough boards, mill them to their specs, and machine the parts, assemble and finish all

to customer exact orders. After we returned to the park, we had our



first Pot-luck dinner at 5:30. Lots of good food was provided. As usual, too much food to eat. After dinner we were treated to some Karaoke. Although only a few



participated they provided us with a lot of entertainment. More visiting and swapping stories, then off to bed

Saturday 12-5. Again the hosts provided coffee, pastry and fruit in the tent. Followed by a game and later the book exchange. The left over, unclaimed books were donated. The hard cover books to the RV park library, the paperbacks to the VA hospital by Mary Esther.

We gathered again in the tent at 2pm for a Tamale making party. Mary Esther guided us thru all the steps. First we had to soak the dried corn husks in hot water for about an hour until they be-



came transparent and pliable. While they were soaking, she made the ingredients: pork, chicken and a vegetarian ingredients consisting of green chilies and cheese.

Then the fun began by assembling them First you spread masa, a dough made from flour , on the corn husks. We got a



production line, with "Specialists" at each station. The final products were wrapped in tissue to await steaming in



the special pots. When all the pots were filled, they were set outside to cook on the gas grill for about an hour. There were



tamales of Chicken, Pork and Vegitarian, some special dessert tamales of strawberry



filling.. Then came our own version of the "Chocolate Extravaganza" Chocolate everything from cookies to



candy. As if that wasn't enough, we had a "White Elephant" gift exchange.

As usual, there were decisions to be made, and dilemmas about what someone else got that was better or what we



would rather have. There were some really neat gifts and a few exchanges. When all was done, everyone was told to take some tamales with them, until all were spoken for.

Sunday 12-6 On the final morning, the Chavarelas once again provided us with coffee and a few pastries, we had a little more time to visit and pack up all the supplies, clean up the tent area, and leave for home.

What a great rally. Too bad that all the Chinook members couldn't join us.

Mike Froess



Morning dawns with fresh coffee



Mary Esther shows how to fold bags



Olga shows off her "Skill" prize



Yes, Lets dance



Entrance to Deering Banjo Factory



Our wonderful guide for our private tour



One of the wood lathes
What a mess!



Some unfinished bodies



Heated machines for bending wood for body



Bent and ready for gluing



Hand inserting frets on banjo neck



Gluing press



Necks made on CNC lumber waiting for



Almost finished



Ruff



milling machine



Finished awaiting shipment



Mary Esther selecting



Two brave souls trying



“Yeah, we can do it!”



“Keep your day job, Bob”
but thanks for trying



Tamale instructions
“Make sure it goes this way”



Tamale production line



One of many meals we enjoyed



More Tomale action



“Look Margie, it goes like this”



Morning breakfast



Tomale dinner



Group all ready to tour the Deering Banjo Factory



Front row: Jane & Jerry Earley, Mike Froess, Juliana Geleszinski, Olga & Jeff Johnson, Bob Shetland
Middle Row: Barbara Jensen, Margie Froess, Mary Esther Chavarela, Vera Raudman, Mary Coleman, Mike Chavarela
Back row: Ole Jensen, Bob & Linda Blackburn, Pat & Terri Runyon, Bob Raudman, James Geleszinski, Bob Coleman

UPCOMING RALLIES

Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) 3 nights March 31, out April 3, 2016 20 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 28th. Balance for campsite payable at check-in. Send \$20 check made out and payable : Vera Raudman, 23427 Susana Ave, Torrance, CA 90505.

(Do not book reservations directly with park. Contact Vera with questions)

Deadline: February 28, 2016

Cancellations: Refunds up to February 15th, 2016

Activities: **Thursday 31st**, Attitude adjustment at Raudman's site, 5pm in the evening.

Friday 1st, Free day. 5:30PM Pot Luck

Saturday 2nd Free day. Book Exchange 10am ; Ice cream social at Raudman's @2:00pm
5:30 pm pot luck

Sunday 3rd ; Travel home safely

TEMECULA, CA Mini Rally In May 19, Out May 22, 2016 20 sites reserved

Located just off Interstate 15, this contemporary casino hotel and RV Resort is 4.1 miles from downtown Temecula.

<http://www.visittemeculavalley.com/>



Location: Pechanga RV Resort 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592

Reservations & Contact: Call Bob Shetland (949) -300-6390 or bshetland2@gmail.com.

Cost: \$145.25 Pets: \$5 per pet for up to seven (7) nights **A \$10 fee charged for club members for early check-ins and late check-outs** Check-in - 2PM - Please check in at the office before pulling into site - members with pets pay the pet fee at check-in. Check-out - Noon

Mail checks payable to Bob Shetland, 28402 Daroca, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Deadline: April; 15, 2016

Additional Info:

We have 20 sites reserved; 3 of which are pull thru's. They are on a first come first served basis. If you require one of these sites, please contact Bob for details.

On Property free shuttle to Casino, and Journey Golf course

Picnic and Party Pavilion are reserved for Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Golfers: Journey golf course is world class . RV Club rates: after 10am weekdays \$85. After 10am weekends \$99 www.pechanga.com/golf for info.

No sites will be extended at club rate if you elect to arrive earlier or stay longer than hosts. Contact Bob to arrange arrival day earlier or stay one day later.

Activities:

Thursday, May 19 - Check in at office - 2PM or later Around **5PM**, please come to the Picnic and Party Pavilion, next to your Host's site. We will have wine, beer, cheese/meat/veggie trays and other drinks .

Friday, May 20 - **10AM - 5PM** - Free day. Enjoy the Pechanga Casino, Journey Golf course or Old Town Temecula, or local wineries. **5:30 PM** - Pot Luck at the Picnic and Party Pavilion

Saturday, May 21 - Free day. **10AM** - Book Exchange at the Picnic and Party Pavilion, or enjoy the Pechanga Casino, Journey Golf Course, Old Town Temecula, or local wineries

Sunday, May 22 - Departure by Noon, and have a safe trip home!!

VICTORIA, B. C. (13th Annual Rally) In July 25, 2016 Out July 29, 2016



LOCATION: West Bay Marine Village RV Park . 453 Head Street, Victoria, BC, V9A551 (www.westbay.bc.ca) (250)385-1831
COST: \$43.00(U.S) per night (\$50.00(Can)
DEADLINE: May 1, 2016
DEPOSIT : \$43.00 (US)
RESERVATIONS: Reservations are to be made to Charlene Tufford by phone or E-Mail followed by a check in the amount of \$43.00 (US). The remainder of the cost is to be paid to the RV Park upon arrival.

Please mail your deposit to Charlene soon she wants to make a deposit the first of May to insure every one gets a spot . Check out the web page on this RV park. I love it. I bet you will too.

Mail to Charlene Tufford (250) 384-8974 tuffsgc@shaw.ca
 1163 Greenwood Ave
 Victoria BC, Canada V9A 5L9

Currently there are 16 (sixteen) confirmed members booked and deposits received. There are still 5(five) spots available for booking and will be held until 1 May 2016. After this time the spots will be returned to the RV park for their use.

Additional information: There is a vintage car show (pre-1950 cars) being held in downtown Victoria Sunday 24 July. It is called Deuce Days and there will be approximately 800-900 cars from Canada and the USA on display (information avail on line at DEUCE Days Victoria 2016). We have managed to secure a number of spots at the RV Park for Sat 23 Jul and Sunday 24 July . There are three(3) spots remaining if anyone is interested. You would have to arrive on Sat 23 Jul in order to take in the show on 24 Jul. If you are interested please contact Charlene to book.

INFORMATION:

The following is provided for your information:

Water Taxi: RV Park to downtown Victoria
www.victoriaharbourferry.com

Butchart Gardens:
www.butchartgardens.com

Royal BC Museum:
www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

Victoria Information:
www.visitors-info.com

Ferry: (MV COHO) Port Angeles Wash to Victoria:
www.cohoferry.com Tel from USA 1-360-457-4491

Ferry: (BC Ferries) Tsawwassen (Vancouver) to Swartz Bay (Victoria) Tel: 1-888-223-3779

Ferry: Washington State Ferries, Anacortes Wash to Sydney BC (Victoria) Tel: 206-515-3426

Visit BC Legislature Buildings, Whale Watching Tours, People Watching. These are only some of the sights and activities available.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Monday 25 July 2016 - Check in time starts at 12:00 PM. Meet & Greet 5:00 PM Tufford Unit (snacks and Cold Plate provided)

Tuesday 26 July & Wednesday 27 July -
 Free days to enjoy area and activities with Pot Luck both evenings for those on sight.

Thursday 28 July -
 Free morning (Dinner with Annual Meeting? If applicale)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - The situation at the RV Park for power, water and sewer is that the facility outlets are shared on the same post for two units. This means that every second unit may have to back in to the sight if they do not have sufficient power, water and sewer lengths to drive straight in and pass the lines under their unit. In most cases this may not be a problem but I recommend you bring additional lengths.

Recommend you bring good walking shoes, backpack, and bring some warmer clothing because the evenings could become a little windy and cool at the RV Park due to the proximity to the ocean
 COSTCO no longer accepts American Express Credit Cards in Canada but does accept MASTERCARD.

There is a small Shopping Plaza within a 10 minute walk distance from the RV Park. It contains a Grocery Store, Bakery, Liquor Store, Drug Store, Bank and a Dollar Store.

If for any reason you are not able to arrive on your scheduled date, please advise WestBay Marine Village ASP. We would not like to see you arrive late and have your space re-allocated to someone else.

Gordon & Charlene Tufford

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES Butchart Gardens, Royal BC Museum, Empress Hotel, Tour Inner Harbour (walk), Harbour Ferry Tours, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria Chinatown, Downtown Shopping, City Bus Tours, Horse Carriage Tours,

COMOX, B.C. In July 29, Out August 2, 2016



www.capelazo.com 1.888.558.3946

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. Although it is about 3 miles from the RV park into downtown Comox, the two sites in town are less than 1/2 mile apart so walking between them is no problem.

Since I have become familiar with the hassles and expense of processing foreign checks, **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 June 2015**, 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 teahouse.

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 harbor). 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.

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 chose from. The shuttle will run throughout the day and into the evening for the sea cadet sunset ceremony and the fireworks.

2 August-Departure

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

Phone (International toll charges may apply) 250 339-0752

REDDING, CA In October 13, Out October 16, 2016 15 Spaces reserved



LOCATION : Redding Premier RV resort 280 N Boulder Dr, Redding, CA 96003 530-246-0101 888-710-8450
RESERVATIONS & CONTACT: Vera Raudman 23427 Susana Ave, Torrance, CA 90505 raudvera@aol.com (310) 378-5107
COST: Approx \$150. *
DEPOSIT; Non required. Pay on arrival
DEADLINE: August 31, 2016

ACTIVITIES: Primary attraction will be "Return of the Salmon Festival" held at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery in Anderson, CA Held on Saturday, October 15th, 2016. SEE: <http://www.fws.gov/coleman/happenings.html>
 More may be added.
 You **MUST CONTACT** Vera Raudman to make reservations for this rally. She intends to rent a van for transportation to the hatchery, which may be at added cost.
 More information at later date. 15 spaces have been reserved.

HUMOR-

Senior trying to reset password

WINDOWS: Please enter your new password

USER: cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

USER: boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

USER: 50damboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character

USER: 50DAMboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50damBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDon't GiveMeAccessNow!

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

USER: ReallyPissedOff50DamBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYour AssIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

WINDOWS: Sorry, that password is already in use

Savings on Security for your home

I took down our Rebel flag and peeled the NRA sticker off the front door. We've disconnected our home alarm system and quit our candy-ass Neighborhood Watch. Bought two Pakistani flags on eBay and raised them in the front yard, one at each corner, plus a black flag of ISIS in the center. Now, the local police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are all watching the house 24/7. I've never felt safer and we're saving \$49.95 a month.

THEY ARE OUT THERE !

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 cal center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what house the call center was open. I told him the number you called is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He responded "Is that Eastern or Pacific Time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said "Uh, Pacific"

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on the weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but "Didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving".....

My friend and I were on a beer run and notices that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought two cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.....

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now", she asked me, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

While working at a pizza parlor, I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces, I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces"....

YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY?

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

The bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

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 meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find the quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

CHINOOK R V CLUB

Membership Application

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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Auburn, CA. 95603

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