

# The Road Runner

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*Louis Mattars 1947 Cadillac compared to our Chinooks ! See story page 6*

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***MERRY CHRISTMAS 2010 &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011***

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## UPCOMING RALLIES

**Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) March 31-April 3, 2011**

**Quincy, California (Mini) May 19-22, 2011**

**Cannon Beach, Oregon (Annual) September 12-15, 2011**

**PURPOSE:** This Club (Chinook RV Club) exists to promote social, recreational and 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 in producing our Membership Directory. Please advise V.P.Membership of any changes in e-mail and mailing addresses.

**Pahrump Mini Rally, Pahrump, Nevada**

Thursday March 31 to April 2, 2011



Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort and Casino. 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV 89048  
Price for 3 nights will be \$93.30 First come, First served. Reserve your site as soon as possible.

**Deposit:** \$20 due by February 28, the balance paid to the RV park when you check in.

Make checks out to **Chinook R V Club**, and mail to:

Vera Raudman  
23427 Susana Ave.,  
Torrance, CA 90505

Pot Luck dinner, Friday evening

There is no better place to come and spend a relaxing weekend.

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

We'll see you there.

**Quincy Mini Rally Quincy, California**

Thursday May 19-22, 2011

**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, horseshoes, 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 Representative 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 19, 20, 21-2011

*Your Hosts, Jim & Jan, Kathy and Jan*

## Cannon Beach, 8th Annual Rally Cannon Beach, Oregon September, 12-15, 2011

Cannon Beach RV Resort, 340 Elk Creek Rd, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110

Cannon Beach's RV Resort is a full service, full-hookup facility . Escape to the coast and stay in your home at the beach!

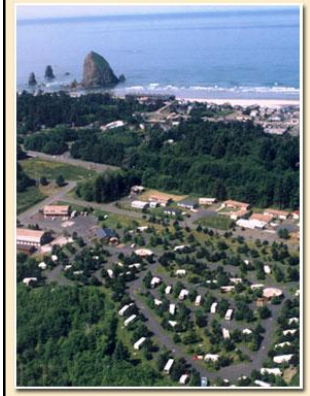
Welcome! Cannon Beach RV Resort had you in mind when designing this resorts' expansive services and facilities. Our grounds are lush, park-like and quiet: providing privacy for our guests, while offering all the services and amenities we think you want and deserve. Our Lodge functions as a clubhouse where guests mingle and swap tall travel tales over a great cup of coffee and sometimes a game of pool. The convenience store, gift shop and game room are also housed in the lodge, as well a banquet and meeting room for clubs and groups in need of a gathering spot.

We are a non-member facility with 100 paved full hook-ups that accommodate rigs from 28-60 feet and include 11 pull-throughs. You'll find our full service restrooms are well stocked and immaculate.

At Cannon Beach RV Resort, we bend over backwards to be pet and family friendly. All our guests enjoy the wide variety of amenities that include our indoor heated pool and spa, gaming room, picnic tables and brick fire pits for warming toes and world class s'more making!

We are just several short blocks from the soft sand beaches and the spectacular views of surging surf breaking against Haystack Rock. The free shuttle service to the art-rich and intriguing town center of Cannon Beach, often compared to Carmel, California, with wonderful galleries, restaurants and local Oregon beach culture.

Park Amenities: Paved drives and pads; Indoor pool and spa; Free cable TV; Free Wi Fi; Convenience store and gift shop; Game room; Laundromat; Gas-propane-diesel; Free downtown shuttle; Complete restroom facilities; Banquet and meeting room; Brick fire pits.



**Details and schedules are still being finalized and will be provided as soon as possible.**

### *Barbara Speaks-* Letter from Rally VP

#### Seasons Greetings!

What a great time we had in Chula Vista! The Christmas decorations at the RV Park were fantastic! We had a great tour of the world famous Hotel del Coronado. They even had an ice skating rink. Then on to Point Loma which is a great historic site. The next day we toured Balboa Park which has many great museums and restaurants. Our lunch at the Japanese Tea Garden restaurant was great!

We are really looking forward to our next rally in Pahrump, Nevada, March 31st to April 3rd hosted again by Bob and Vera Raudman. Don't forget to send your \$20 deposit to Vera by February 28th.

Then on to Quincy, May 19 through 22nd , hosted by Jim & Jan Still, Kathy Bailey & Jan Olmsted. and next our 8th Annual Rally at Cannon Beach, Oregon, September 12th through 15th, hosted by Jerry & Kelli Scheese.

Phil and Marion Beautrow are researching a new place to gather in December. Stay tuned!

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a great 2011

*Barbara Jensen*

Rally VP



## Chula Vista Rally

Held December 9/12-2010

We arrived a day early and were greeted with nice weather. Having been in rain and cold in Northern California (San Jose) we were prepared for cold weather, not the 70 degrees here. A few of us came a day early so we could set up our "Christmas" decorations.



We were expecting 10 Chinooks, but due to sickness and other commitments, 3 dropped out at the last minute. Present were the Beautrows,

Bailey, Chavarellas, Froesses, Olmsted, Jensens, Raudmans, and a new member Teague.

By the end of Thursday, we all had our decorations completed, and were



ready for our Pot Luck. Amazingly, with so few of us, we had a balanced meal.

As usual, the "Big Rigs" right behind us had been working all week setting up their lights, decorations and inflatable

figures. They always do an amazing job and their decorations reflect their try to out-do each other.



Friday was a cold morning, we got into the rented van for a trip to Balboa Park. This is a large facility in San Diego, with lots of museums and other venues. First we took the free tram for an overview of the park.



We split into two groups, and some went to the Air and Space museum, and the rest of us went to the Automobile Museum. There were many fascinating vehicle there, but that's another story.



We joined up for lunch at a outdoor Tea Garden Restaurant where we each chose our dish and enjoyed the outdoor environment. There is so much to see at this park, that the few hours were not enough. Back in the van for the trip back to the RV Park for a catered Mexican Feast in the Club House. Refried Beans, tomale, fresh salad, burrito, Spanish rice and chips and a cup cake for dessert.



Saturday we had a sumptuous breakfast prepared by Chavarella with help from Rodman and others. Then the rest of the day was a free day that several took advantage of the rented van to explore the area around Coronado, while we relaxed and prepared ourselves for the Chocolate Extravaganza after our



5PM pot-luck dinner. Out came the leftovers and we had another good meal outside. Around 6PM we wandered over to where the Extravaganza



was held, right behind our space. There was a large crowd and several tables festooned with every kind of food that used chocolate. There was a free raffle drawing, and Margie, Mary Esther and Vera each won a prize. After eating we walked around and viewed the lighted decorations,



then turned in for the night. Most everyone wanted to get an early start for home tomorrow morning to beat LA traffic.

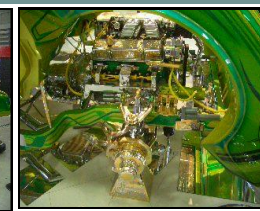
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*Mike Froess*





First Pot Luck



Auto Museum "Art car" – gold plating



Before restoration

After restoration

Catered Mexican Dinner

Breakfast Saturday Morning



Final pot luck



Chocolate Extravaganza

EDITORS NOTE:  
Picture quality is poor because  
I used an unfamiliar camera,  
having left my charger for my  
regular camera at home.  
*Mike Froess*





## Louie Mattar's 1947 \$75,000 Cadillac ( In San Diego Auto Museum)

Louie Mattar built this vehicle as a hobby at a cost of \$75,000 and 7 years labor. It was intended for non-stop cross country trips, which he completed in 1952.. He and two other men drove in 5 hour shifts from San Diego to New York and back (6,320 miles) refueling on the run from a moving gas truck in Kansas City, MO., Camden, New Jersey and Omaha Nebraska, in 7 days.

In August 1954, he drove from Anchorage, Alaska, to Mexico City, Mexico (7,482 miles) again non stop. Here are his features in comparison with modern Chinook

### Louie Mattar's 1947 Cadillac w/Trailer

Able to refill radiator and change oil on the run, automatically  
 50 gallon water in car / 30 gallons in trailer  
 18 gallon gas tank in car / 230 gallons in trailer  
 15 gallon of oil  
 Axels drilled to inflate tires automatically from on-board compressor  
 Change flat tire on the run including auxiliary platform to work on.  
 Hydraulic jack with dolly wheels to allow tire changing while moving  
 Built in washing machine  
 External shower  
 Drinking fountain in tail light  
 Soda fountain w/4 flavors, plus hot water and liquor dispenser under dash  
 Nationwide mobile phone  
 Built in TV with roof mounted antenna  
 Cooking stove , electric  
 Open air dining (trailer) with telephone communication with driver  
 External automatic running boards  
 Electric barbecue , Ironing board , public address system  
 Generator puts out 90 amps with engine idling  
 No (not available to public at that time)

### Chinook

No  
 40 gallons water  
 35 gallons gas  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 Yes  
 No  
 No  
 Cell phone Optional w/ owner  
 Yes  
 Yes— Propane  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 No  
 Microwave



Soda fountain under dash/Tape recorder



Washing machine module



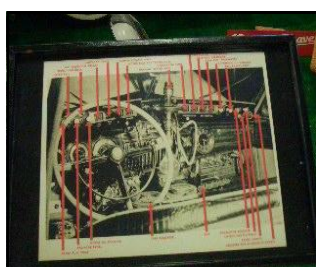
Trailer w/fuel/water/oil



Outdoor dining w/ phone



Drinking fountain in tail light



Instruments include gauges to show amount of water in radiator, oil in crankcase, gas in spare tanks, air pressure in tires, condition of generators, coils, condensers & fuel pumps (4). 2000 feet of wiring and 500 feet of tubing. Car weighs 8500 pounds.

