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Freedom
Isn't
Free.
Remember
those who
secured it for us!
Happy 4th!

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Start thinking about you annual dues. They will be due September 30. They are still only \$35. Kelli can not stretch out renewal like last year, that caused the delay. So, send dues in early so she will be able to get out our Directory on time.

# **UPCOMING RALLIES**

Canyonville, OR (Annual) In August 28, out Sept 1, 2014 Pahrump, NV (Mini) In March 26, Out March 29, 2015 Quincy, CA (Mini) In May 28, Out May 31, 2015

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

Hope everyone is having a great summer. If you haven't had an opportunity to join us at a rally this summer you have missed a great time. Still time to sign up for the Annual Rally at Seven Feathers in Oregon. It is a fantastic park and I hope to see as many of you as possible there. Enjoy Oregon before or after (or both!).

Jim Weidmaier, one of our members, went back to the joint rally with the Eastern Club in Elkhart, IN. They went to the RV Museum and saw that they had a brick there. Question: Should we also get one? Just a thought! I'll bring it up at the next board meeting which will be at Seven Feathers.



**Dave Shehane**President

# Reminder for Linda, VP Rallies

Dear Fellow Chinookers: A reminder of our Annual rally as it is just around the corner and we all need to support our host and our club by attending the annual meeting. Sylvia has a wonderful agenda set for us at a beautiful RV park, 7-Feathers-- you will love it there. We have been there several times (Ray & I) and it is always immaculate. You'll love it there too. Right now Sylvia has to make deposits for several things and she really needs a head count of members who are going to attend. A deposit on your behalf will be paid by the club but we really need your commitment that you are coming to the rally. The Deposit Due date has been extended to July 15, 2014. See Page 8 for all details.

Linda Blackburn

## Linda Speaks (VP Rally)

#### Pismo Beach Rally, Pismo Beach, CA

Good morning-----Let's start with the **Pismo Beach California rally.**Host and Hostess Bob and Debbie Shetland.

If you weren't there, you missed a great rally, right by the ocean. We had access to the ocean and the beach area. My dogs, Daisy and Maggie, loved the beach and the daily walks in the misty air-good for your skin as well. I loved the area. The RV Park on a scale of 1-10 was a 10. Loved it.

The first night we went to the club room for drinks of our choice and ham and cheese sandwiches. Great, no need to fix dinner. There were other meal choices so everyone had a meal they could eat. In the evenings we had a fire at Bob and Debbie's site and we talked and laughed till late in the evening. Next day we are free to explore this wonderful place until evening for a scheduled Pot Luck. As usual, too much food--all was delicious the conversations continued.

On Saturday we had an Open House for all our Chinooks, and many members participated. Lots of interesting storage ideas. I for one have profited from the ideas and have implemented some ideas already.

We had a fire ring every night @ Bob and Debbie's and we all sat around and had a wonderful evening visiting.

Thank You Bob and Debbie for hosting such a great rally. See you at Browns Bay . Travel Safe .

#### Brown's Bay, Victoria Island, BC

What a View! Magnificent, wonderful, all good words to say about this hidden place. Everyone loved the atmosphere of the park. Sunday night Barbara and Ole had planned Pizza, salad and misc food for all of us to enjoy at the round clubhouse. Speculator inside and out. With a pool table (many played our champion Mary Coleman. She's good at that table) a Shuffle Board game inside, a fireplace and a covered deck so we

could eat in or outside. What a great place for a gathering. They also had a fully equipped kitchen with all the appliances, tableware, dishes and just everything you'd need to have in your own kitchen.

Tuesday we explored the site and as usual had another pot luck. Wednesday, 12 of us we went out on the Whale Watch Boat for a 4 hour tour ride on the Campbell river clear around the island. We had coffee and goodies at our only stop. You should have seen us with our knit hats, goggles and a full suit which was our flotation device. CUTE?????

In the evening we all went down to the restaurant at the pier for fish-N chips and our host Ole and Barbara bought everyone dinner. WOW Thank you both.

Thursday. Two days to go and another beautiful day, many of our ladies and men either played cards or pool and then prepared for another pot luck. Some even did laundry and walked their dogs (that was me and Ray.) We also had a women's exercise group that lasted oh about 5 minutes. Ha Ha. Our pot luck was great as always.

Friday. Some left today others yesterday, most are leaving Saturday including Ray and me.

Saturday. Today we had one more tour. We are going to the fish packing station that is at the pier and see how they process the fish for sale. Should be a good day.

We have had a wonderful time. Ole and Barbara could not have been any better hosts.

Thanks Ole and Barbara for hosting this fun filled rally. See you at 7-Feathers for the annual rally. Please get your reservations in today. Call Sylvia Teague at (707)-358-0360

Travel Safe,

Linda Blackburn

## Pismo Beach, CA Rally held May 29 to June 1, 2014

Bob & Debbie Shetland, our hosts.



We had a great rally here at Pismo Sands RV Resort. 10 Chinooks all lined up. It's amazing how easy it is to get them mixed up especially if they have the same color schemes. We were the last to arrive about 4:30pm. By the time



we got hooked up, it was time to join the group for our get together in the clubhouse, The Shetlands put out a



nice assortment of meats, cheeses, condiments, rolls (personally hand sliced by Debbie) sodas and wines. There was so much that it sufficed as our dinner. After we ate, we gathered around the fire ring at the Shetland's site and talked until dark. Some even went on well after dark! It was getting cold and the wind came up, so we retired, and even had to use blankets on the bed.

Friday morning, we listened to the RV Park's employee give a talk on the areas attractions. There is a lot to do in the area. The rest of the day was



free.until 5PM when our first pot luck was scheduled.



As usual, there was a lot left overs.

Saturday was another free day, but it was a little cold, and there was the wind. So most who were outside, wore coats and jackets. Starting at 10 am, the group held an open house where we could see the subtle changes that everyone likes to make to their Chinook.. Then at 6pm, we met at the Coast Village Resort restaurant on site for our catered meal. We had prearranged our choice of Tri-Tip, Salmon or Chicken; rice pilaf, spanish rice: or beans: garlic bread, a nice crisp



salad, and choice of any non alcoholic beverage (wine or other spirits were extra). It was a wonderful meal which we all enjoyed. The group picture was taken and then we retired to the Shetland's fire







Bob, have a little problem with your timer?"

reminiscing. We said our good-nights and good-byes to the early morning risers and retired. Everyone thanked the Shetlands for a great rally.

Sunday morning the early risers left, and we all looked forward to the next rally.

Mike Fraess



VILLAGE RESORT

## Pismo Beach, Continued













PISMO COAST









Left to Right; Bob Shetland, Margie Froess, Patti Pierson, Kelli & Jerry Scheese, Marta Wall, Walt Pierson, Linda Blackburn, Debbie Shetland, Rasy Blackburn, Bert Wall, Jane Earley, Bob Raudman, Bob & Mary Coleman, Jerry Early, Vera Raudman, Patsy Shehane, Dave Shehane, Mike Froess.

## Browns Bay, B.C. (Mini) held June 9-13, 2014

**Sunday**. Margie and I decided to arrive one day earlier than the start of the rally. We were surprised to find that two others were already here by 11:00am, and by 4pm, there were 7 of us, all coming in a day early. We gathered in the clubhouse for Pizza at



5pm. Renewed acquaintances and swapped stories of the trip up. The clubhouse is very large, equipped with full size pool table, shuffleboard table, complete kitchen including dishes and glasses, even a mixer. That night we watched three cruise ships pass. The



later ones were all lit up and with the reflections on the water, were really a sight. They seemed really close to us.. That night ships were even more spec-



tacular.. We stayed up until after 10 to watch them. One of the other campers



here told me about a Apple App called "Marine Traffic" that not only tracks ships here, but anywhere in the world. It gives all the information on the ship, size, type, speed, where it left from, and destination. It shows that in real time, so we could see what was coming and approximately when it would be here.

**Monday**. The official start of the rally. Twelve Chinooks are scheduled,

and all had arrived by the 5pm potluck in the clubhouse. Another great pot-luck and as usual, too much



food .Al and Lucy entertained us with the "Chinook Ballad" That night, three more cruise ships passed, the last one around 11pm. By that



time, most of us were in bed.

**Tuesday.** A free day, with another pot luck scheduled, but there were some gathered in the clubhouse

for games. The scheduled pot luck was right on time at 5pm. Some left overs, but mostly new dishes, plus a spectacular cake the Jensens brought from town. The weather was great, but actually got a sprinkle of rain. More cruise ships passed in the evening, even though we



saw them each night, it was still a treat to see them.



**Wednesday**. We had breakfast on our own. Activities for the day were a whale watching expedition on a Zodiak boat that holds 12, and a tour of the fish processing plant at the dock.



Nine members went on the whale watching trip at 10:00am, and then another nine of us toured the fish processing plant at the dock next door. We all had to dress up in the white smocks, put on white "barn boots" and hair nets and



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beard nets for those with a beard. We were led us down to a wash room where we stepped on a boot sprayer to wash off any



contamination. Then washed our hands and



put on rubber gloves. Now we were ready for the tour. There was a machine that in one operation, cut open the salmon, scooped out intestines, bloodline and cleaned the insides. Then a worker vacuumed out what was left inside the fish, and on to processing.



The fish are packed in Styrofoam boxes, crushed ice placed on top, shipped whole with the heads and tails intact. This plant produces 25 tons of crushed ice per day. Smallest boxes of salmon weighed 65 pounds +/-. The factory is working well below maximum capacity to extend the season for the workers. Even though it was only 11:30 at



end of our tour, there were still 3 hours to go. In the break room there was a pie chart showing production in real time. Here it is:

Total pieces: 7373
Total boxes: 616
Total weight: 70984.6
Pieces / hour (a): 1999
Boxes / hour (a): 167
Pounds / hour (a): 19243
Avg. Piece Wt.: 9.63

That evening, all 22 of us gathered at the floating restaurant next to the processing



plant, for a fish (cod) and chips (French fries) dinner. Great service and great food. After dinner, we got our group picture, and

returned to the RV park. There was a full moon that came up behind some trees that made for a beautiful sight and the perfect ending to a wonderful day.



**Thursday** morning we were treated to a pod of Orcas surfacing right in front of



us. That kept us entertained for a while as we watched them surface and dive. Then watched the bald eagle that had a next somewhere in the trees above us. At 5pm we gathered for our last pot-luck in the clubhouse. Then during dinner, we watched another (our 10th) cruise ship



pass. They come from Vancouver and go to Alaska and then return only to restock and



come up again. The local deer was spotted out on the point of land by the harbor and Wednesday night we watched salmon feeding



in the bay by us. There were all kinds of floating craft that kept up entertained during our stay here. This one barge was really loaded, with vehicles stacked on top.



Friday (13th) This morning, our entertainment was a pod of dolphins that came by feeding in the area. We said good-bye to those that are leaving after the 11 o'clock tour (the group that went whale watching on Wednesday, were able to take the fish processing plant tour today). They went there after unhooking, then driving down to the parking lot there. From the original 12, there are now only 5 left, and we will be going home Saturday or Sunday.

Mike Froess

## Browns Bay, B.C. (Mini) held June 9-13, 2014











Lucy in deep thought

Great view from all sites

Barbara conversing with Al

pot luck preparation

Resident eagle 400' away











Ole & Stan with mermaid Margie & Kit's modification Al sings his Chinook Ballad once again

General chit-chat

One of 10 evening cruises











Bob and dogs out for a walk

Salmon packed in box with ice Ladies too short to hold up sign Dig in ready for pot luck Hosts Barb and Ole-2 peas in a pod



From left to right, back to front: Mike Froess, Stan Oliveira, Tony and Sandi Chapman, Kit Oliveira, Linda and Ray Blackburn, Charlene Tufford, Mary and Bob Coleman, Lucy Enriquez, Barbara Jensen, Tony and Janet Schall, Al Enriquez, Margie Froess, Gordon Tufford, Vera Raudman, Darlene and Dean Warrick, Bob Raudman and Ole Jensen

Garry and Lucy Brown (inset) had to leave early because of illness and were unable to attend the dinner.

# **Upcoming Rallies**

## 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. Check out the RV Resort's site <a href="map http://www.sevenfeathersrvresort.com/images/Site Map spread.pdf">map http://www.sevenfeathersrvresort.com/images/Site Map spread.pdf</a>

**Dates:** In August 28, Out September 1, 2014 (4 nights)

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

**Deposit:** \$58 single / \$83 double. (Includes first night stay (\$33) plus \$25 per person for buffet) Send check payable

to: Sylvia Teague, % Chinook RV Club, 190 Cedar Street, Rio Dell, CA 95562.

PLEASE INCLUDE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES WHEN YOU SEND YOUR DEPOSIT.

Deposit due by JULY 15, 2014

Aug 31

Sunday

**Host:** Sylvia Teague. Questions? Call her at (707) 358-0360 or E mail **timmysmom@asis.com** If you wish to come earlier and/or stay later, she will make arrangements with RV Resort.. Outside of rally dates, regular camping fees will apply.

Cost: When you check in, you will be charged for the remaining three nights @ \$33/night\* (first night is included in deposit) and pay for any extra nights you wish to stay. Extra night available for 10% discounts for Good Sam, AARP, Fed/State employees, Active/ retired military, and Seniors 55+.

Additionally, a second 10% discount is applied to the additional days by getting a 7 Feathers Players Club Card easily obtained at the Casino.

#### **Activities:**

Thursday Aug 28 5:30PM Pizza party in Pavilion
Friday. Aug 29 10:00am Book/CD Exchange
5:00PM Pot Luck Pavilion
Saturday Aug 30 4: 00PM Board Meeting
5:00PM Annual Business Meeting/Elections Pavilion
6:00 PM Catered Buffet Pavilion

Free day: Pot luck in evening

\* Anyone needing to leave on Sunday will not have to pay for that night. Please notify Sylvia is you are planning to leave early, come early or stay later. Include your arrival and departure dates with you check for deposit.

# 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 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.

# HUMOR- Airline

United Flight Attendant announced, 'People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!

'There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane.'

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a 'Thanks for flying our airline.' He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, 'Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?' 'Why, no, Ma'am,' said the pilot. 'What is it?'

The little old lady said, 'Did we land, or were we shot down?'

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: 'Whoa, big fella, WHOA!'

; After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, 'Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because sure as hell everything has shifted after a landing like that.'

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: 'We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal.'

Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo .... Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!'

'Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.'

'As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses.... ....except for that gentleman over there.'

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City. The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, 'That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt.'

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the attendant came on with, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt. Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal.'

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Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: 'We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of US Airways..'

Heard on a Southwest Airline flight - 'Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em.'

A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom; 'Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax.... OH, MY GOD!'

Silence followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!'

A passenger in coach yelled, 'That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!'

A man boarded a plane with six kids. After they got settled in their seats a woman sitting across the aisle from him leaned over to him and asked, "Are all of those kids yours?"

He replied, "No. I work for a condom company. These are customer complaints. "

## 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.)



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# CHINOOK R V CLUB

# 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	ne 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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