

# The Road Runner



**June  
2015**



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## NOTICE

ELECTIONS for club officers will be at  
the annual rally at Camp Verde, Arizona,  
on October 14-18, 2015

ALL OFFICES WILL BE UP FOR ELECTION  
See page 10 for details !

*Please participate. This is your club.*

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## GOING TO RALLIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ?

*Check out this website for Border Crossing Info first !*

*Avoid any "Surprises"*

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

## UPCOMING RALLIES

Camp Verde, AZ (Annual)	In Oct. 14, Out Oct. 18, 2015
Chula Vista, CA	In December 3, Out December 6, 2015
Pahrump, NV.	In March 31, Out April 3, 2016
Temecula, CA	In May 19, Out May 22, 2016
Victoria, BC	In July 25, Out July 29, 2016
Comox, BC (Annual)	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*

Summer is here! And so is the heat, at least here in the sierra foothills. Patsy and I are back from a great European adventure. I hear we missed a great rally in Quincy – that is the one rally that we always seem to miss...ironically probably the closest to our home.

Europe was fun, but I could not forget about Chinooks and RV'ing. Everywhere we went we saw Europeans on the go in their RV's. Nothing that even approached a Class A, but a whole lot of very nice Class C and B's. We probably only saw one or two travel trailers and no 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailers. Since a big part of our trip was a river cruise on the Elbe, every night when we tied up there would be RV's parked on the wharf near us. One evening we went for a stroll through Torgau, Germany, the location where US troops met the Russians near the end of WWII and there must have been twenty or more RV's along the quay. They must do a lot of dry camping, because I did not see many places with hookups. Again, when we were in Normandy region of France, there were a lot of very nice Class C's camped near the Normandy beaches and near Mont St. Michel. These appeared to be staying in more traditional "Caravan" Parks. Looks like fun to RV Europe except I would not want to

negotiate the narrow streets of the smaller towns we stayed in like Bayeux, or brave the horrendous crowds of Paris

It looks like a quiet rally schedule for the summer, with the big event being the Annual Rally in October down near Sedona, Arizona. We are really looking forward to that event. With elections of new officers, I really have my eye set on that Immediate Past President post!

So, have a nice safe summer and we will see you in the fall.



RV's along the river at Torgau, Germany

*Dave Shehane*

President

## *Linda Speaks (VP Rally)*

Dear Fellow Chinookers

Another great rally hosted by Jan and Kathy---Thank you ladies. Wow what a turn out -18 rigs with one member, Dodie Gadiant, who dropped in for the night. It was good to have her and that made 19 rigs.

We all seemed to have a wonderful time. We played bingo, put together puzzles, read books, went into town and most of us, ladies mostly, went to the Quilt show at the Fairgrounds, which was right next to the RV Park. They had a tea there with 101 sandwiches. All were delicious (ha ha). Then they served Tea. There were 6 to 8, 6' tables and on the tables they displayed about 40 different Tea pots, about 6 to 8 to a table. What a site to see. Beautiful

They had two raffles going. One was for (it looked like) a king size quilt. That drawing will be held in September, hope I get it. Great color scheme. They will call me when its over, ha ha, positive thinking. The other raffle was for the baskets they had stuffed full of goodies— theme based you know like a movie, tea, or gardening. Well you get the idea. Lucy Enriquez and I put a ticket in all of the baskets, some more than one ticket. They were going to have that drawing for the baskets the day we were there, so we went back. I took my husband (Ray) to carry the winning baskets. Ray went over with Lucy and me to carry our winnings back, however we won nothing, but glad Ray went with us. He got to see all the beautiful and unique quilts, done on all kinds of fabrics and many different themes. Wall hangings, table covering, baby quilts - everything you could imagine and more. We all loved the experience.

We had our get together as usual. I love eating together every night. We get to know each other so much better.

We had our pot luck, bring your own meat and salad (host would cook if you wished) all was set up perfectly.

On Saturday the owner of the park furnished donuts and coffee for everyone. What a variety, I don't think we missed any flavors.

All in all, every day was different. You could participate or not as you wished. It was an enjoyable rally for everyone. Well done Jan and Kathy. On behalf of our members. Thank you Thank you Thank you

PS: Don't forget to make reservations for our annual meeting in October, and our Christmas rally in December. Both are in the newsletter check it for details.

Hope to see you all at our next rally, enjoy your summer with family. See you in October, then in December.

Travel Safe,

*Linda Blackburn*

VP Rallies



## Quincy Rally Held May 28-31, 2015

It seems like every rally, no matter what the start date is, some members go in a day ahead. This rally was no exception.. Besides ourselves, and the rally hosts, Scheese, and Chavarela were the early birds.

**Thursday, May 28.** Another beautiful day here in Quincy. Total 16 units. Great turn out. We watched the arriving mem-



bers set up, and were ready for our 5pm "meet and greet" in the clubhouse. Kathy and Jan, along with Jim and Jan Still set up a great deli spread, consisting of cheeses, rolls, sliced meats, watermelon, chips and dips and assortment of wines and water. We renewed old friendships, and welcomed our newest member, the Hendrycks. Since the weather was so great, some elected to eat



outside. When everyone had their fill, and were tired after the drive, off to bed.

**Friday May 29.** After a good night's rest, back to the clubhouse at 10am for a presentation by Leanne Shamil, the Public Information Office for the Plumas National Forest. She was very knowledgeable on forest preservation, pine beetle infestation,

and research and plants of the area.

The rest of the day was available to tour the city and area, shop or read books. We had a book exchange during the day, and we were all able to find something to read. Before we knew it, it was time for the pot luck at 5pm. As usual we had great dishes, and too much to eat. After dinner, we had our first ever



BINGO game. For prizes, Kathy made several origami turtles using a dollar bills.



They were a big hit and much sought after.



**Saturday May 30.** Those that wished,

took part in the coffee and doughnuts supplied by the RV park starting at 8:30. By 9am, almost everyone was there. Amazingly, there were doughnuts left



over. During the day, some members chose to put together a 1000 piece puzzle



In the evening, we had our cook-out. It was a semi pot-luck, where each brought their favorite meats to grill.



Again, too much to choose from.

**Sunday June 1.** Time to hit the road for the trip home.

*Mike Froess*

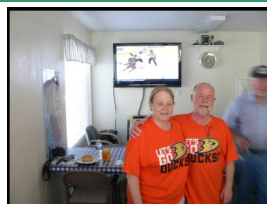




Meet & Greet Spread



Outside dining



Shetlands w/Ducks game on TV



“Bob, want more fire?”



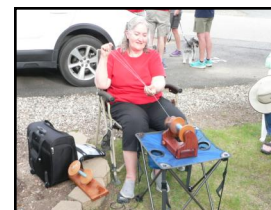
Hosts eating outside



First potlucks



And more potlucks



Ann brings along her hobby



Enriquez’s singing “Chinook Song”



Just peaceful relaxing



Puzzle addicts



Kirk & Jesse making promotional video for RV Park

## Quincy Rally 2015



Left to Right: Mike & Margie Froess, Bob Shetland, Janet Olmsted, Marta Wall, Al Enriquez, Jerry & Kelli Scheese, Bert Wall, Anne Dare, Bill Dare, Kathy Bailey w/ Bentley, Bob Muschek, Barbara Jensen, Tony Schall, Debbie Shetland, Janet Schall, Doris Muschek, Lucy Enriquez, Dean Warrick, Vera Raudman, Ole Jensen, Darlene Warrick, Bob Raudman, Linda & Ray Blackburn, Phil & Marion Beautrow.  
Not Shown, early departures – Jim & Jan Still (our Co Hosts); Mike & Mary Ester Chavavela, Tom Hendricks

## Upcoming Rallies

### Camp Verde, AZ (Annual)

In October 14 Out October 18, 2015

**Distant Drums RV Resort** is located in the central Verde Valley region of Arizona. Located between flagstaff and Phoenix right off Hwy I -17, Exit 289.

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 [Join us for a](#)



[wonderful sightseeing of Oak Creek Canyon, The Red Rocks of Sedona, and the Ghost Town of Jerome.](#)

**LOCATION:** Distant Drums RV Resort: 583 W Middle Verde Rd, Camp Verde, AZ 86322

**COST:** Single \$300, Double \$350. \$100 deposit due by August 1st . Balance due by Sept 1st.

**RESERVATIONS:** Mail checks made out to : Mary Coleman, 100602 W. Loma Blanca Dr, Sun City, AZ. 8535

Early arrival or late departures: Cost approx \$34/night. Advise Mary to take advantage by Sept.12th

**CANCELLATIONS:** Sept 12th

#### SCHEDULE:

**Wed 14th** 4PM Meet at clubhouse , daily itinerary will be given out and sign up for Saturday options; Dinner provided 5-5:30, Socialize until 8PM

**THUR 15th** 9am. Trolley/van ride through Oak Creek Canyon and Lunch on your own, Board Meeting and potluck at clubhouse. General Business Meeting and elections following.

**FRI 16th** 8:15am board bus to visit Jerome ,lunch on your own, back to camp for an hour (for your pets) before going to the Blazing M Ranch for activities, dinner and stage show.

**SAT 17th** Van available for transportation to any extra activities on your own, such as Out of Africa, the wineries, back to Sedona, Montezuma Castle and Well, Petroglyphs, Tuzigoot. There is free bus to Cliff Castle Casino.. Potluck at clubhouse 5-5:30

**SUN 18th** Check out 12 noon. Have a safe trip home.

Questions? E-mail [maryccoleman@hotmail.com](mailto:maryccoleman@hotmail.com) --or Call me at 623-825-7207 or 602-558-4315

# It's your club. See Page 10



# VOTE!

*Or Else*  
They Win



## Chula Vista, CA

In December 3, Out December 6, 2015



Chula Vista RV Resort is ★★★★★

**San Diego's Bayside RV Camping Resort**

The **RV Resort and Marina** is nestled on beautiful **San Diego Bay**, surrounded by landscaped parks and adjacent to its own **552 slip marina**. Some of the other amenities include a general store with ladies boutique, picnic area with barbecues, a beautiful swimming pool and spa, laundry facilities, full restrooms, and two waterfront restaurants, Galley at the Marina, and Dolphins Fish House.

**Location:** Chula Vista RV Resort & Marina , 460 Sandpiper Way, Chula Vista, CA. 91910

**Reservations & Contact:** Mary Esther Chavarela (626) 652-1729 or [mechavarela@earthlink.net](mailto:mechavarela@earthlink.net) Reservations are made as a group. DO NOT book directly with the RV park. *See note below for early or extra days.*

**Cost:** Single \$161 - Double \$173 **Mail checks payable to: Mary Esther Chavarela** 16550 Elm Haven Drive , Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

**Deadlines:** \$100 deposit due by 9/01/15 & balance due by 10/31/15

**Cancellations:** If cancelled after 11/1/15, you will be charged \$49.50 (cost for 1 night) **if cancelled after Nov. 25 you will forfeit your complete cost.**

**Activities / Itinerary:**

- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Check in at Registration office after 2pm  
5pm -Attitude adjustment at Chavarela site (hosted light meal)
- Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 8am Coffee, Danish & Fruit @ Chavarela site  
8:30am game  
9am chamber of commerce rep to give info on points of interest in the area  
10am – 5pm on your own enjoy San Diego  
5:30pm Pot Luck Dinner & Karaoke
- Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8am Coffee, Danish & Fruit @ Chavarela site  
8:30am game  
9am – 2pm on your own  
2pm Make Tamales  
5:30pm Typical Mexican Christmas Dinner (Tamales) &  
(Optional) White Elephant gift exchange (unisex \$10-15 value)
- Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8am Coffee, Danish & Fruit @ Chavarela site  
12pm check out – travel home – God Speed to you

**NOTE:** Members who wish to arrive one day early or stay one day longer may do so at the same group rate. They must call in their individual reservations for **those extra days** to the front office of the RV park, (800) 741-6878 and they must arrange payment for **those extra days** directly with them. Be sure to advise them that you are with the Chinook RV Club so that you may be sited near or at our group's area.

## VICTORIA, B. C. In July 25, 2016 Out July 29, 2016



**LOCATION:** RV Park West Bay Marine Village ([www.westbay.bc.ca](http://www.westbay.bc.ca))

**COST:** \$43.00(U.S) per night (\$50.00(Can))

**DEADLINE:** May 1, 2015

**DEPOSIT:** \$43.00

Lots of things to do but we will be forwarding a daily schedule of things to do if you want to do them.

Information on Ferries will come soon.

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. Deposit is \$43.00

Mail to Charlene & Gordon Tufford  
1163 Greenwood Ave  
Victoria BC, Canada V9A5L9

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



[www.capelazo.com](http://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 ½ 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

**Lucy and Garry Brown** ([l-g-brown@telus.net](mailto:l-g-brown@telus.net))

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

## Recipes from members

### *Cabbage and Jicama Slaw*

by Mary Ester Chavarela Serves 8

1 Bunch Cilantro    1/2C Sour Cream    1 tsp finely grated lime zest    3 Tbls fresh lime juice    1/2 C Mayonnaise-  
Kosher salt & freshly ground pepper    1/4 large head green cabbage, very thinly slices ( about 5 cups)  
1 small Jicama, peeled, julienned (about 1C)    4 scallions sliced

Separate stems and leaves from Cilantro (You should have about 1/2 cup of each), coarsely chop leaves. Puree Cilantro stems, sour cream, lime zest, and lime juice in a blender.

Transfer Cilantro mixture to a large bowl and whisk in mayonnaise : season with salt and pepper. Toss in cabbage, Jicama, scallions, and chopped cilantro leaves.

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### *Peachy Chicken*

Submitted by Anne Dare

1 16 oz can sliced peaches, drained (save juice for later)    2 1/2# chicken pieces, skinned and boned  
1/4 C OJ concentrate, thawed    1/4 C malt vinegar    1T brown sugar    1t dried basil    1/2 t salt  
1/4 t each ground cloves and ground cinnamon    1/8t ground pepper

Brown the chicken in 1T oil in large skillet. In a bowl, combine the peach juice and remaining ingredients (except the sliced peaches) and pour over the browned chicken pieces. Simmer 25-30 minutes until chicken is cooked. Add peaches and heat.

Combine 2T each cornstarch and water. Add to sauce and stir until thickened. Serve with rice.

### *Apple Rutabaga Soup* Submitted by Bill & Anne Dare from Patrick O'Connell at Inn at Little Washington.

Makes 2 quarts, 6-8 servings

*"I only recently rediscovered Rutabagas and am so happy I did. They were something my mother used to prepare when we were kids – usually as a puree and even though I thought they tasted a little weird, their gorgeous golden color made you want another mouthful. This soup looks and tastes like liquid autumn. All year long we look forward to serving it again in the fall. It's incredibly simple to put together and can be made well in advance and frozen. The elusive secret ingredient is a bit of maple syrup, which enhances the natural sweetness of the rutabaga. Water or vegetable stock may be successfully substituted for the chicken stock if you wish to make this soup vegetarian, or if you don't want to bother making chicken stock."*

**Patrick O'Connell**

Chef at Inn at Little Washington

#### **Ingredients:**

1 stick (1/4 pound) butter    1 C onion, roughly chopped    1 C Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and roughly chopped  
1 C rutabaga, peeled and roughly chopped    1 C butternut squash, peeled, seeded and roughly chopped  
1 C carrots, peeled and roughly chopped    1 C sweet potato, peeled and roughly chopped  
1 quart good chicken stock    2 C heavy cream  
1/4 C maple syrup    Salt and cayenne pepper to taste

1. In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion, apple, rutabaga, squash, carrots and sweet potato and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent.
2. Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until all of the vegetables are cooked through and tender.
3. Purée the vegetables in a blender or food processor. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into the same pot you used to cook the vegetables. Add the cream, maple syrup, salt and cayenne pepper.
4. Return the pot to the stove, bring the soup to a simmer, and serve.



## **HUMOR-** *Submitted by Ole and Barbara Jensen*

An old man lay sprawled across 3 seats in the movie theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed 1 seat." The old man just groaned, but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment, he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police. The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?" "Fred", the old man moaned. "Where ya from Fred?" asked the police officer. With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Fred replied, "The balcony".

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Dolphins are so intelligent that within a few weeks of captivity they can train a man to stand on the edge of their pool and throw fish three times a day.

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An elderly couple was at home watching TV. Phil had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and the porn channel. Sally became more and more annoyed and finally said, "For god's sake, Phil. Leave it on the porn channel. You already know how to fish!"

(Husbands message by cell phone) "Honey, a car hit me while I was out of the office. Paula brought me to the hospital. They have been running tests and taking X-rays, but I think it's bad. The blow to my head was very strong. Fortunately, it seems that it may not have caused too much serious damage, but I have three broken ribs, a compound fracture of the left leg and they may have to amputate the right foot."

(Wife's response) "Who is Paula?"

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A few minutes before the church services started in the rural Texas town, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the rear entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for one elderly cowboy who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the man and said "Do you know who I am?" The old cowboy replied, "Yep, sure do!" "Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't!" said the cowboy. "Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute" returned the old man, in an even tone. "Don't you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep" was the calm reply. "And you are still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope" said the old cowboy. More than a little perturbed, Satan asked "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The old cowboy calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years !!"

I don't like to think before I speak. I like to be just as surprised as everyone else by what comes out of my mouth.

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I am passing this on to you because it definitely works, and we could all use a little more calmness in our lives. By following simple advice heard on the Dr. Phil show, you too can find inner peace. Dr. Phil proclaimed, "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started and have never finished." So I looked around my house to see all the things I started and didn't finish. And before leaving the house this morning, I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream, a package of Oreos, the remainder of the old Prozac prescription, the rest of the cheesecake, some Doritos and a box of chocolate, and a half bottle of Captain Morgan.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel right now !!!!

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My wife doesn't complain often, but once she was having an old fashioned "heart to heart" with me and said, "Hun, you never listen to me. Every time I try to talk to you, you get this far away look in your eyes after only a few seconds. Please promise me you'll try to work on that." The last thing I remember was saying, "I'm sorry, what was that you were saying."

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### **FIVE DEADLY TERMS USED BY A WOMAN**

- 1.FINE. This is a word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to shut up.
- 2.NOTHING. Means something and you need to be worried.
- 3.GO AHEAD. This is a dare, not permission. Don't do it.
- 4.WHATEVER. A woman's way of saying "screw you"
- 5.THAT'S OK. She is thinking long and hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

(Bonus word) WOW This is not a compliment. She's amazed that one person could be so stupid.

### **The Senility Prayer.**

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older, here's what I discovered.

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart
4. Funny I don't remember being absent minded...
5. All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here, I could sure use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents
11. Accidents in the back seat, cause...kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time a world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.
15. When I finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
16. It's not hard to meet expenses.... they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter.

I go somewhere to get something, and wonder what I'm here after.

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Two men knocked on my front door and asked if I would like to donate to the new local swimming pool that is being built— so I gave them a bottle of water.

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Hubby said the spark between us was gone, so I tasered him. I'll ask him again when he wakes up.

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE MOMINATING COMMITTEE***

The term of office on our Board is for a 3 year period, on a staggered basis for continuity, with two Officers being elected each year. The Club has gotten off this schedule because of circumstances over the past few years.

The Board has decided to correct this at this year's election. All officers Positions are due for election at the same time, except that of Secretary. To correct this, for this year only, the election of officers will be:

**VP Rally** will be for one year.

**VP Membership and Member At Large** will be for two years

**President and Treasurer** will be for a three year term.

All these positions are open. Anyone who would be considering becoming active in our club, you will have many offices to chose from. For additional information contact me, Vera Raudman, or let any of the Board Members know if you are interested in serving your club. Contact either of us below, or any board member.

Marta Newcomb Wall (702) 914-2149 martanw@msn.com

Vera Raudman (310) 378-5107 raudvera@aol.com

*Marta Newcomb Wall* (Past President)

## ***A LITTLE MORE HUMOR***

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.

BUT: if it just sits in your living room, mess up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money and doesn't appear to realize that you had set it free...You either married it or gave birth to it....

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My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

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The nice part about living in a small town: When you don't know what you're doing, someone else always does.....

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Some times I think I understand everything, then I regain consciousness....

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### **Facts to Ponder**

\*The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000

Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000

Accidental death per Physician in 0.171. (Statistics courtesy U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services.)

\*The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000.

The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500.

The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is 0.000188 (Statistics courtesy of FBI)

So, Statistically, doctors are approx 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. Remember, "Guns don't kill people, doctors do"

FACT: Not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has a least one doctor.

Please alert your friends to this alarming threat. We must ban doctors before this gets completely out of hand. Out of concern for the public at large, I have withheld the stats on lawyers for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

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Dear IRS: I would like to cancel my subscription. Please remove my name from your mailing list.

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A man is driving down the road and his car breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door and says "My car broke down.

Do you think I could stay the night?" The monk graciously accepts him, feeds him dinner and gives him a room. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. A sound not like anything he's ever heard before. He doesn't sleep that night. He tosses and turns trying to figure out what could possibly be making such a seductive sound.

The next morning he asks the Monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a Monk." Distraught the man is forced to leave.

Years later, after never being able to forget that sound, the man goes back to the monastery and pleads for the answer again. The Monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a Monk."

The man says "If the only way I can find out what is making that beautiful sound is to become a Monk, then please, make me a Monk".

The Monks reply "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of grains of sand. When you find these answers, you will have become a Monk".

The man sets about his task. After years of searching he returns as a gray haired old man and knocks on the door of the monastery. A Monk answers. He is taken before a gathering of all the Monks.. In my quest to find what makes that beautiful sound, I traveled the earth and found what you have asked for: By design, the world is in a state of perpetual change. Only God knows what you ask. All a man can know is himself, and only then if he is honest and reflective and willing to strip away self deception".

The Monks reply "Congratulations, you have become a Monk.". The Monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head Monk says, "The sound is beyond that door."

The Monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man is given the keys to the stone door and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. And so it went that he needed keys to the doors of emerald, pearl and diamond. Finally they came to a door made of solid goldf.

The sound has become very clear and definite. The Monk says "This is the last key to the last door. The man is apprehensive to no end. His life's wish is behind that door!

With trembling hands, he unlocks the door, turns the know, and slowly pushes the door open. Falling to his knewes, he is utterly amazed to discover the sourse of that haunting and seductive sound. But I can't tell you what is is because you're not a Monk !



# **CHINOOK R V CLUB**

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\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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