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President's Message

We have had another great Annual Rally,

held at Lake Tahoe and hosted by Lynne Hansen and Jerry Lasarow. Come to think of it, all our Rallies, Mini and Annual have all been great. This year we have had more members host Rallies. Vera and Bob **Raudman** stepped forward to continue the Pahrump Mini Rally, Jim and Janice Still with co-hosts Kathy Bailey and Jan Olmsted put on a Mini Rally in Quincy, Ca. Trixie and Lynn Ewers put on a Mini Rally in Moab, Utah with trips into Arches and Canvonlands National Parks. All these Rallies were put on by members stepping up to host their 1st Rally and all were very well attended. I am so proud of you. I thank all of you very much, those who hosted and those who attended.

We have a lot of members that we haven't had the opportunity to get to know yet. I hope that we will see more new faces at the Rallies this coming year.

We have three new Board Members,

UPCOMING EVENTS

elected at the Annual Meeting. **Barbara** Jensen was elected V.P. Rally. She has a lot of ideas and we are exited to have her as V.P. Rally. **CB Davis** will be missed but will remain an active member. Barbara has already organized a Christmas Celebration Rally in Chula Vista. I also welcome Jan Olmsted as our new Board Member at Large. A big thank you to Vera Raudman for agreeing to finish out Jane Earley's remaining two years as Secretary. Jane has resigned due to family matters as her mother is very ill.

We would like to see a more timely renewal of memberships, so we can get the Membership Directory printed and sent out in January. Our Treasurer, **Bert Wall** will be sending out renewal statements on or about October 15th.

I am looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones at the Rallies in our new year. Hope to see all of you there.

Marta Newcomb-Wall

Chula Vista Rally December 10-13 See Page 11 Pahrump Mini Rally March 2010

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).

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. Not pro-rated . 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 your e-mail and/or mailing addresses.

6th ANNUAL RALLY,

Monday 9-14-2009

Arrived at Zephyr Cove RV park, Lake Tahoe. We had a



pot luck gathering (a meet and greet) and by that time had 18 units here (2 more were coming Tuesday). The meeting was at the hosts (Jerry (the Judge) Lasarow and Lynne Hansen) RV site.



Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Then we had a presentation by David Borges D..C. (Yes, he's a chiropractor), but he also teaches a course in a local college on the history of the Lake Tahoe area.



He gave a very good presentation on its geological history, how it



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was named, statistics, and more information.

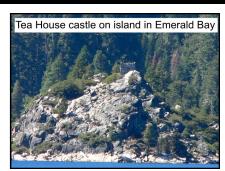
Tuesday 9-15-2009

The day started out with coffee, bagels, rolls, muffins and OJ at the group site, by our Hosts for this rally, Jerry and Lynne. Then at 11am, we went across the street to the lake,





and boarded the Dixie II, stern wheel paddle boat, for a cruise over to Emerald Bay. The lake was calm, and clear skies, a great day for a cruise. We had an on board buffet lunch on the way, and finished just before entering Emerald Bay. We viewed the castle on top of the island (tea house), and the historic house on the beach, and listened to a narrative of the history of the lake and house. We cruised around the bay, and on the way



out, I was able to see the lake bottom in the shallows (at the mouth of the bay), thru a glass bottom port in the boat. Since it is just a little over 5' deep there, and the boat has about a 4' draft, they went very slowly over that area. I could see ripples and rocks in the sand as we passed over the area. On the way back to port, it got a little breezy, so we were glad to have brought along a coat to wear.



We arrived back around 2pm and were on our own for dinner that night. We had an uninvited visitor early in the evening, as a bear (so we were told), dined in the garage dumpster. Fortunately, we didn't see him.

Wednesday, 9-16-2009

Another great morning, clear skies and calm. An impromptu See TAHOE, Page 3

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gathering was again at the hosts site, and then at 10am, the two tour buses arrived, for a road tour completely around the lake (72 miles). We were in the first bus, and immediately had



Ready to roll for tour around Lake Tahoe

second thoughts about this trip, when our bus couldn't move. Our driver, although a veteran driver (his usual bus is a 45'er), it



his was his first time in this bus. He couldn't seem to get it into gear, and the bus wouldn't go. He got help from the second driver, and so we started off, and stopped for the signal at the highway. When the light turned green, our bus just rolled into the intersection and stalled, the engine revved up, but the bus refused to go. After several tries, and another signal change, he somehow managed to get it to move. Not a confidence builder by any means. I heard him cell phone his office, and mention the problem, but they didn't seem to be too concerned, anyhow, we were now moving.

Jerry Lasarow, our co host, narrated sights and points of interest along the way. We made a stop at Taylor Creek Visitors Center. Walked along the nature trail, and viewed spawning kokanee salmon in the creek, and as luck would have it, they arrived two weeks early.



We continued our drive along the highway, and saw spectacular views of the lake from an overlook pull out. (By now, our bus driver figured out that the air conditioner must be turned off in order for the bus to move. Once underway, he could turn on the A/ C.) Our next stop was at the Sugar Pine Point, and the Hellman-Ehrman mansion there. The mansion was built in 1903 as a summer estate.



Our next stop was Squaw Valley, where we saw the Olympic torch at the entrance that has been lit since the Olympics were held there. Now it was time for lunch, so we were on our own to get something to eat. Unfortunately, most of the shops were closed, however the Pizza place and a soup place were open, so we didn't starve.



Then, back on the bus, and we

continued around the lake, but due to road construction, we were delayed twice. We drove thru North shore, Incline village, and past what was left of the Ponderosa Ranch. It's now privately owned and closed to public.

We arrived back at RV park around about 4:45, and agreed to have another "Pot luck" with leftovers from the previous night.



"Pot Luck II" and "Tech Talk"

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More food came out and we enjoyed every bit of it. During the dinner, three members (Bert Wall, Barry Prentice and Bill Graham) held an informative "tech talk" moderated by Jerry Lasarow. They covered such topics such as tire pressure, drain valve location, paint problems, spare parts sources and websites.

Then to close out the evening, the campground hosts treated us, at least those who were interested, to an outdoor movie.

Thursday 9-17-2009

Another beautiful morning, and we were free until noon, when two shuttle buses picked us up for a trip into town for shopping, gambling sightseeing or whatever.



We were dropped off at the Mont-Bleu Casino, and all scattered from there. This area has changed, with a new shopping



complex, and attractions like the Gondola ride to the top of the mountain .

Some of us went shopping for bargains, or snacks or lunch. A few tried gambling, but I didn't hear anyone bragging about winning piles of money when we boarded the bus for the trip back around 3pm. The dinner and meeting was held just across the street at the Zephyr Cove Inn. The restaurant closed just for us, so we could hold our meeting there. It was a great dinner: prime rib, stuffed chicken, salad, veggies and all the trimmings, including chocolate mousse pie.

Mike Froess









6th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Lake Tahoe

September 17, 2009



The formal meeting started around 6PM. President Marta Wall introduced the new members, and accepted nominations and installations for: "Member- at- Large", Jan Olmsted; V.P. of Rallies,

Barbara Jensen; V.P. of Membership, Kelly Scheese; and as Secretary; Vera Raudman. A debt of gratitude was extended to Al Enriquez for his years of service as "Member-at-Large" and to Carol (C.B.)Davis for her services as V.P. of Rallies. Jan Olmsted was introduced as new Member-At-Large. Mike Froess was introduced as the new Editor. Al Enriquez led us in singing the "Chinook" song.











BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Zephyr Cove RV Park and Campground, Zephyr Cove, Nevada, September 15, 2009, 3:35 p.m. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marta Wall, President Bert Wall, Treasurer Lynne Hansen for Jane Earley, Secretary Kelli Scheese, Membership Carole (C.B.) Davis, Rallies Al Enriquez, Member-at-Large

GUESTS:

Mike Froess Lena Prentice

REPORTS

Treasurer Bert Wall:

New program being used for membership: Will send invoice in mail, or can pay at annual rally.
Dues due October 31. If paid in cash, use envelope and put your name on it.
Tahoe rally was based on 30 coaches; only had 20 at rally. Bert thinks we'll be okay.
Annual financial statement will be on Web site by

end of October. \$3500 balance after Rally bills are paid.

Al: The Jensens, in, Chula Vista, December 14-15

Marta: Chula Vista at Christmastime is popular. Jensens have semi-organized a non- club event We could call her to see whether space is available. Al sent the Lukharts a Christmas card. Will ask re 10th Annual rally whether they can accommodate us at ranch.

ROTATION OF OFFICERS

2009 – VP Rally 2009 - VP Membership 2009 - Member-at- Large 2010 - Treasurer 2011 - President and Secretary Jane Earley resigned as Secretary due to family responsibilities. NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Jerry Earley, Chairman SLATE OF OFFICERS: Kelli Scheese has agreed to continue with Membership. Barbara Jensen has volunteered to do Rallies Jan Olmsted to run as Member-at-Large Vera Raudman has agreed to finish Jane Earley's term as Secretary. Neither was able to be present at this Tahoe rally. Mike Froess has agreed to be our newsletter editor.

Mike Froess has agreed to be our newsletter editor. Dave Shehane is our Web master. He is extremely organized. Mike and Dave will communicate.

C.B. Potential for Sedona, Chula Vista

NEW BUSINESS

Vera Raudman printed out new cards to be handed out when members see a Chinook. Barry has sent out letters to dealers in the past. There was a suggestion that we delete the term "Associate" member. A discussion followed. Bylaws indicate 30 days' notice must be given before changes and passed by 65% of all membership. Marta copied membership applications for anyone to have. Marta passed out copies of the Bylaws. Marta would personally like to thank C.B. Davis and Al Enriquez for their service to the club, and thank Mike Froess for agreeing to be editor. Bert: Perhaps we should start a registry of Chinook vehicles. It has been very useful at the Porsche club. Something to think about. Mike: It could be a "can of worms." Kelli: My phone number and email address are incorrect on current applications. Members can go to Web site to print out.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:35 p.m.

| MINUTES OF THE CHINOOK RV | | |
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| CLUB 6 TH ANNUAL MEETING Zephyr Cove, Nevada, September 1 7, 2009 | V.P. Rallies, Carole (C.B.) Davis, thanked Lynne Hansen and Jerry Lasarow for hosting the Tahoe rally. | |
| The 6 th Annual Meeting was called to order by President Marta Wall at 6:25 p.m. at Zephyr Cove Restaurant in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. | Check Web site for rallies coming up: 1. Moab, Utah 2. Chula Vista, Christmas rally, December 11, 12, 13, 2009, hosted by Barbara and Ole Jensen. Cost | |
| President Marta Wall welcomed our new rally attendees: Joyce Putscher, Julietta Davis and Bill Van Winkle, Bob and Doris Muschek, and Jim Spellman. | \$100. 3. Tiger Run, Annual Rally, hosted by Barry and Lena Prentice. Barry recommends coming early to get acclimated to the 9100-foot elevation. For an | |
| She then thanked Lynne Hansen and Jerry Lasarow for hosting the Lake Tahoe rally. | additional three nights, the cost is only \$68. Dates: September 14-16, 2010. See flier.4. Quincy, 2011 Annual Rally. | |
| As the first order of "Old Business," it was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2008 meeting. | Suggestions for mini rallies: Yosemite Pasco area Wineries | |
| Treasurer, Bert Wall, reported that the estimated fee for the Tahoe rally was based on 30 coaches attending, but only 20 coaches attended. The club might have to subsidize the cost with a couple hundred dollars. A paper | Oregon Coast Please contact C.B. Davis with rally ideas. V.P. Membership, Kelli Scheese, reported a membership of | |
| statement will be provided for the \$35 dues due at the end of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2009. If a member pays in cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it. | 79 coaches. Member-at-Large, Al Enriquez, has served six years. He wishes Jan Olmsted best of luck. | |
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| President Marta Wall has sent a sympathy card to Joy on the passing of her husband, Tom Goldrich. | Marta announced that Mike Froess has agreed to fill the position of Editor. Mike will work with Dave Shehane, our Web Master. | |
| Also, Sal Lazzara has passed away. | Vera Raudman has had business-size cards printed to give to | |
| Nominating Committee, Jerry Earley, Chairman (not present) Slate of Officers: | Chinook owners who are not yet members. | |
| V.P. Membership – Kelli Scheese will serve again. Rally – Barbara Jensen | A restaurant "thank you" gift certificate was presented to Lynne Hansen and Jerry Lasarow for hosting the | |
| Member-at-Large – Jan Olmsted | Tahoe rally. | |
| Jane Earley, Secretary, has resigned her position due to family responsibilities. Vera Raudman will take over these duties. | Marta presented Al and Lucy Enriquez and Carole (C.B.) Davis with gifts in appreciation for their years of service. | |
| There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the nominating committee's slate of candidates for office. The new | Jerry Lasarow thanked the Zephyr Cove Restaurant manager and staff. He also thanked everyone for participating in the rally. | |
| officers were elected by acclimation. James Spellman shared that Chinook information, such as brochures and manuals, can be found on Ebay Motors. He held up an "I love my Chinook" license plate frame which he found for less than \$10 on the Internet, also vinyl lettering "Got Chinook," and Roadrunner character decals, of which he has 12 for \$1-2 apiece. | A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. | |

CHINOOK RV CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes Date: *May 29, 2009, 10:45 a.m.* Location of Meeting: *Quincy, CA Mini Rally*

Present: Marta Wall, President; C.B. Davis, V. President of Rallies; Bert Wall, Treasurer; Jerry Earley, Immediate Past President; and Jane Earley, Secretary

Next meeting: 2009 Annual Rally in Lake Tahoe- Date and Time to be decided

I. Open Issues / Announcements

A. Membership

B. Rotation of Officers

- 1. President and Secretary 2011
- 2. Membership 2009
- 3. Treasurer and Rally?
- 4. Member-at-Large
- 5. Nominating Committee: Immediate Past President

C. Newsletter Editor

- 1. Phil Beautrow retired as editor which was a terrible loss. There has been no Western Roadrunner Newsletter published since then.
- 2. Urgent and important to find a replacement.

D. Rallies

E. Bylaw Revisions

II. Discussion

<u>A. Membership</u>: There were so many non-renewals--42: Bert sent postcards as a reminder to renew. Twelve responded. Marta sent an email letter to renew (10 incorrect email addresses): Three sold their rigs; one died; one too busy and four responded/renewed. There were 74 (coaches) paid renewals.

B. Rotation of Officers

- 1. Bert is willing to continue as Treasurer.
- 2. Discussed how to find able and willing officers. Jerry Earley and Barry Prentice, Immediate Past Presidents plus C.B. Davis will help to find potential officers. The importance of encouraging participation and finding appropriate ways to do so were discussed.

C. Newsletter Editor

- 1. Discussed the urgency and the importance of finding a replacement. The only published information is on the website; sent with rally information and/or special letters/postcards. A dedicated newsletter published/sent regularly is vital to keep members informed.
- 2. Potential replacements were discussed.

D. Rallies

- 1 2009: Lake Tahoe, NV
- 2. 2010: Tiger Run, CO
- 3. 2011: Potential Quincy, CA; Chula Vista, CA; or Bandon, OR (Southern)
- 4. 2012: Where?
- 5. 2013: 10th Annual Rally to be discussed at or after the Annual Rally

E. Bylaw Revisions

- Discussed changes needed/ recommended
- a) Change to Chinook RV Club instead of the
 - "Chinook Camping Club"

b) Articles III & IV

- 1) #2: Change or delete.
- 2) #3, 4, and 7: Delete. Dues are covered under 8
- c) Article IV
 - 1) "1-c": Add Vice President of Membership to publish and mail out the Membership List in January of each year.
 - 2) "1-f" Add to Member At Large duties to include "promote membership".

d) Article V

- 1) #1 Delete "(except the Nominating Committee)"
- e) Article VII
 - 1) Nominating Committee
 - a. "Immediate Past President" instead of "Chairman"
 - b. nomination/Selection Process

III. ADJOURNMENT

It was recommended, seconded and agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Earley, Secretary, September 14, 2009

MOAB RALLY 9-27 to 10-2-2009

Moab ! Wow! Lynn and Trixie Ewer did a fabulous job hosting a great rally! Thank you. Thank you !! There is so much to see and do there (besides off-

roading). We could probably go there every year for the next 10 years and not see and do all there is to do.

Our first day was a drive through Arches National Park and a hike to see some fantastic arches. The Scenery was amazing. The second day was a taste of Canyon lands with a picnic at the top of Dead Horse Point. (read attached from Bruce Gallagher for more info) Even if you don't have, or rent, an off-road vehicle there is so much you can see and do, like biking, hiking, rafting, jet boating, golfing, etc.etc. Some of us drove our Chinooks to see some really unbelievable scenes. Just ask those who attended; Lynn and Trixie Ewer, Ray and Linda Blackburn, Bob and Eleanor Cox, Ole and Barbara Jenson, Jerry Lasarow and Lynne Hansen, Bert and Marta Wall, Bob and Vera Raudman, Fred Winchester, Bob and Debbie Shetland, Bruce and Sharon Gallagher and Barry and Lena Prentice. We would all love to do Moab again next year!

One of the owners of the Portal RV Resort has offered to get enough "off-road" vehicles with professional drivers, to take everyone on a once-in-a-lifetime ride to see some incredible scenery......AT NO CHARGE! Now, we need someone to step-up and host a Moab Rally in 2010. (Lynne and Trixie

Here's what our newest members had to say about their *first Chinook Rally* at Moab

How does one describe five days spent in nature's smorgasbord? Moab...what an adventure! Chinookers were treated to the likes of Delicate Arch, Landscape Arch and Fiery Furnace. Scenic hikes in these mystical places revealed a sculpted wonderland around every corner. Soaring canyon walls and towering cliffs of a thousand hues abound.

If Jeeping was your thing, Moab's trails did not disappoint. Canyonlands, Elephant Hill, White Rim Trail and Shafer Trail provided plenty of thrills; and the scenery was spectacular. We discovered places like Devil's Garden, Joint Trail, Dead Horse Point and Gemini Bridges.

Moab offers an abundance of activities. Hiking, biking, jeeping and rafting are just a few. It's not surprising the movie industry discovered Moab .The John Wayne Museum at Red Cliffs Lodge was a trip down memory lane. We also got to taste Moab wines at the Castle Creek Winery.

Moab's southwestern-style Main Street area features unique shopping and dining opportunities. Our hosts Trixie and Lynn Ewer went above and beyond in providing participants the opportunity to experience the magic that is Moab. Judging by the non-stop smiles on everyone's faces, a good time was had by all. I suspect the Chinook RV Club has not seen the last of Moab! This being our first rally, we cannot express how great it was to meet and spend time with you all. We are really looking forward to future rallys in our Chinook.

Bruce & Sharon Gallagher and Gatsby

will be on a long trip to the East) So, if you are interested, call me, Barbara Jenson @ (626) 919-0751 soon. Barbara Jenson, V.P. Rallies





















Don't miss this **Chula Vista Rally** For further info on the Park, check out their website http://www.chulavistarv.com/, click on "events", scroll down to the bottom for "Christmas Wonderland". We are pleased to announce that there will be another Getting any ideas yet? Chinook RV Club rally held in Chula Vista this December 10 - 13. This will be a laid back rally, with lots of free time Andrea from the RV park advises" Our Chocolate to visit and get re-acquainted with members. Extravaganza is becoming very popular. It is a fun filled evening with fantastic decorations, great entertainment, and On that weekend, the RV park has scheduled its annual all the chocolate you can eat in one evening. The Resort and "Christmas Wonderland & Chocolate Extravaganza". Marina are covered in lights which puts off a glow that can be Park guests are invited to "light up and decorate their rigs" seen from the highway. It is truly a night to remember. Our with Christmas decorations. All that is required to be entertainment this year is a group of about 20 men singing eligible to receive complimentary tickets to their Christmas songs that will knock your socks off. They have "Chocolate Extravaganza" is that you have at least ONE performed here on several occasions and are very enjoyable". holiday decoration. SOOOOOO, bring your lights, pictures or other decorations and join in the fun. HOSTED BY: Barbara & Ole Jensen (Barbara is our new VP Deadline for completed reservations is October 30, 2009. of Rallies) Advise her if you have any special needs (limited mobil-LOCATION: Chula Vista RV and Marina, 460 Sandpiper Way, ity, etc) and she will try to accommodate you. Chula Vista, CA 91910 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: DATES : Arrival -Thursday, December 10, 2009 Thursday, December 10, 6pm. Catered Dinner Departure- Sunday, December 13, 2009 Friday, December 11, 6pm. Potluck Dinner COST: \$100. Covers 3 nights, for site only. Saturday, December 12, Tentative excursion late morning to RESERVATIONS: Contact Barbara Jensen (626) 919-0751 Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista; (Those interested can "group shuttle" in our RV's) 5pm Pot luck leftovers; Chocolate Extravaganza/Decorating December 11 @ 12 ter Wonderland Don't Miss this Exciting This Newsletter was formatted to Night of Lights

It gets better every year.

be able to be read off the internet. but future editions could have full length columns if majority of members print them out., so

- We would like to know if you read this on the internet, or print it out to read.?
- 2. Are there too many pictures or not enough? Too small?
- 3. Would you like a slide show with pictures from rallies added?

PLEASE reply with any questions, suggestions or comments to help improve this newsletter.

> **Reply to Editor** "editormike@flash.net" Thanks you- Mike Froess

Come decorate and compete for prizes. **Our 4th Annual Chocolate Extravaganza**

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor...

If you are wondering why there is nothing here, it's because I didn't get any letters. That might be because most of you didn't know until recently, who the editor was. Hopefully, next issue there will be some feedback, and this page won't be blank. So, if you have something worth publishing, a question regarding club activities, suggestions for improvement, send them to me.

Don't forget about the survey on page 10 !

Mike Froess "editormike@flash.net"



So, If I don't hear about it, I can't print it!