

The Road Runner



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE !

Send your \$35 check to our new treasurer!

Chinook RV Club, % Bill Graham

12378 SE Blaine Drive

Clackamas, OR 97015

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UPCOMING RALLIES

Eureka, California (Mini)	Dec. 9-11, 2011
Pahrump, Nevada (Mini)	March 29-April 1, 2012
Plymouth, California (Mini)	July 25-29, 2012
Williams, Arizona (Annual)	September 12-15, 2012
Branson, Missouri (Joint-Mini)	September 19-22, 2012

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We just returned from our 8th Annual Rally held in Cannon Beach, OR . I would like to thank Kelli and Jerry Scheese for putting on this great Rally and showing us so much of their area. The Oregon coast is truly spectacular. Kelli cooked our breakfast every morning, and every night we had a Potluck. It made for more time to visit with old friends and make new ones. We had 52 attend, of which 6 couples were new members.

I will serve as your President one more year. My goal for this coming year is to see if we can encourage more members to become active, consider running for office, serve on a committee or host a rally in their favorite area. I would like to welcome our new Treasurer Bill Graham and look forward to working with him.

Our VP of Rally Barbara Jensen is working very hard planning some really fun Rallies for all of

you. Please remember to send your **Membership Renewal** of \$35 which was due on October 1st, if you haven't already done so. You can send it to:

**Chinook RV Club (or CRVC)
% Bill Graham, Treasurer
12378 SE Blaine Drive
Clackamas, OR 97015**

Thank all of you for your support these past three years.

Marta Newcomb-Wall,
President

Financial Statement, Fiscal year end September 30, 2011

CHINOOK R.V. CLUB

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30, 2011

ASSETS:

CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$5,279.22
MEMBERSHIP EQUITY:		
SEPT. 30, 2010	4,455.93	
INCOME FOR 9/30/2011	1,023.29	\$5,279.22

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30, 2011

INCOME:

RALLY FEES	\$12,005.00
MEMBERS' DUES	2,485.00
	14,491.00

EXPENSES:

RALLY COSTS	12,990.51
POSTAGE	286.81
SUPPLIES	131.60
PRINTING	57.79
INCOME OVER EXPENSES	13,466.71
	\$ 1,023.29

Submitted by:
Bert Wall, Treasurer

Barbara Speaks: A message from our Rally VP

Dear Fellow Chinookers:

All I can say is a great big WOW!! Jerry and Kelli Scheese did an absolutely fabulous job on the rally in Cannon Beach, Oregon.

We had 27 coaches (52 people), some first timers and some new members. That means we had a lot of food for the pot luck (enough to last an additional three nights).

A big THANK YOU to Jerry and Kelli for all there efforts, (including breakfast each morning) putting on an outstanding rally.

Boy! Do we have some great rallies coming up!

Now is the time to call Sylvia Teague (707)358-0360 to make your reservations for the Christmas Lighted Truck Parade mini-rally in **Eureka, CA**. This is a very popular parade, in which trucks are lit up with lights like you wouldn't believe. Check in will be Friday night, December 9, and plan for our usual, fabulous pot luck. Saturday we will explore downtown, visit, and see the parade. Sunday we plan to have lunch at the Samoa Cookhouse. There is a change in RV locations due to a snag at the County Fairgrounds where we had planned to stay. More details in this newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

March 29th to April 1, 2012 will be another laid back mini rally in **Pahrump, Nevada**. Hosted again by Bob and Vera Raudman. A trip to Death Vally this time of year will be fabu-

lous. You will need to send them your \$30 deposit to secure your space.

July 25th to 29th, 2012, Ray and Linda Blackburn have planned a great mini rally at the world famous Amador County Fair in **Plymouth, California**. The RV park (rated in the 10's) is right next to the fair.. Reservations must be made with the RV park (see this newsletter for details). Remember, reservations must be in by October 9th, 2011

September 12th to 15th, 2012, we will have our Annual Meeting in **Williams, Arizona**. More details as they become available. Dates may change a few days earlier.

September 19th to 22nd, we will be joining the Eastern Club (Chinook Camping Club) for a joint rally in **Branson, Missouri**. That will allow for 5days of travel if you would like to meet and see what the "other side" is doing. Jim and Marnie Weidmaire and Eileen Disbrow (CCC President) are working to make this a really great rally. As details are finalized, we'll let you know.

If you have a place that you would like to share with the rest of us, give me a call (626) 919-0751

Barbara Jensen

Chinook RV Club Vehicle Plaques.

These plaques are durable plastic, engraved, 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 only from Barbara Jensen for \$28.

If you would like to order one, or need a replacement, send your check directly to her.

Barbara Jensen
461 N. Grand Avenue
Covina, CA 91724



(Editors note. Since there are several identical coaches at rallies, it will help make sure you can find yours.)

Iron On Decals

There are still a few iron-on decals available for club members. If you did NOT get one, or are a new member, and would like them, contact me editormike@flash.net and I'll send you some.

New members

We would like to acknowledge and welcome some new members.

Andrews, Clyde & Bonnie	Othello, WA
Brown, Gary & Lucy	Comox, BC
Corliss, John & Judy	Bellingham, WA
Fuller, Dan & Woodice	Angola, IN
McClure, Tom & Sheryl	Merlin, OR
Peters, Mike & Dianne.	Oak Harbor, WA
Perlman, Howard & Charmaine	Elk Grove, CA
Schall, Tony & Janet	Penino, WA
Tufford, Gordon & Charlene	Victoria, BC
Williams, Roger & Barbara	PThanksoacitas, NM

Minutes of Annual Meeting— Cannon Beach, Oregon 9-14-2011

Chinook RV Club 8th Annual Meeting Surf's Sand Resort Restaurant Cannon Beach, OR September 14, 2011

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Marta Newcomb-Wall at 8:00 PM.

II. Attendance/Quorum: President Newcomb-Wall declared that we could proceed with the business of the evening as there were enough members present to establish a quorum.

III. Welcome New Members: President Newcomb-Wall introduced and welcomed the following new members present:

Mike and Diane Peters	from Oak Harbor, Washington	Tom and Sherrill McClure	from Merlin, Oregon
John and Judy Corliss	from Bellingham, Washington	Howard & Charmaine Perlman	from Elk Grove, CA
Marion and Lucy Brown	from Comax, Canada		

IV. Minutes:

The minutes from the General Meeting of September 18, 2010 in Breckenridge, CO had been published in the Chinook RV Club Road Runner for all to read. Dolores Graham moved to accept the minutes as published. Margie Froess seconded it. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report:

Bert Wall reported that after paying all relevant expenses for this annual rally, there would be approximately a \$ 7,000.00 balance in the checking account.

VI. Vice President of Membership Report:

Kelli Scheese reported that the current membership is the following: Active **76**; New **3**; Plus New on site **1**; Total as of 9/14/11 **80**

VII. Vice President of Rallies' Report:

Barbara reported on the following:

- A. Next mini rally is in Eureka, CA at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds RV Park on December 10-12, where the main attraction will be the "Christmas Convoy Truckers' Parade."
- B. Pahrump, NV mini rally at Terrible's RV Park on the last week of March. Bob & Vera Raudman will host again.
- C. Paso Robles, CA Mini rally on 3rd week of May, 2012
- D. Island Park, ID – will be the site for the 2012 Annual Rally on August 6-10. The Wagon Master will be Carol Skillings. The Snake River

with great fly fishing is nearby. It is also near the north entrance to Yellowstone Park.

E. Branson, MO – In mid September 2012. This rally is still being organized as a joint venture with the East Coast Chinook Club. We need your ideas for rallies in 2013.

VIII. Member At Large Report:

Jan Olmsted had nothing to report except that if you have a problem with something that involves the organization, call her.

IX. Newsletter Editor Report:

Mike Froess announced that the newsletter will now be published after each rally. The next one will feature the new officers and members. He also reported that only 22 out of 80 members responded to the offer of a free "Chinook RV Club" iron-on patch. He reminded all that it must be ironed onto cotton or it won't adhere correctly.

X. Old/Unfinished Business: None

XI. New Business:

A. **Nominations:** Jerry Earley, Nominating Committee Chair, conducted the nominations for the following:

- 1) **Treasurer**- Jerry announced that there was one candidate, Bill Graham and thus opened the call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Barbara Jensen moved that we elect Bill for the position of Treasurer. Marion Beautrow seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **President** – There was much discussion and nominations but all declined. Those who declined were Jerry Earley and Ole Jensen. In the end President Marta Newcomb-Wall agreed to serve not a full term but only one more year until we could find another person to take the position. Bob Raudman moved to elect Marta for one more year. Margie Froess seconded it. Motion passed and Marta Newcomb-Wall was re-elected for one more year by unanimous vote.

The President announced that we need volunteers to serve in next year's nominating committee. Sylvia Teague, Margie Froess and Vera Raudman volunteered to serve.

B. **Sympathy Card:** President Newcomb-Wall expressed the club's condolences to Barbara Jensen on the passing of her mother. A sympathy card on behalf of the club has already been sent to Barbara.

C. **Awards and gifts:** Jerry Earley presented

- 1) To Bert Wall, a beautiful glass award in gratitude for nine years of service as the club's treasurer. He served from 2003 – 2011.
- 2) To Marta Newcomb-Wall, a gavel in thanks for her three years of service as President. She served from 2008 – 2011. Kudos to her for all her hard work. She did a great job!!!
- 3) To Jerry and Kelli Scheese, a gift card to Camping World to thank them for a great annual rally.

D. **Dues:** Bert reminded all that dues for the coming year are now due. The cost is \$35/coach. Our fiscal year runs October through September.

E. **Other:** Marta announced that Bruce and Sharon Gallagher sent their hellos and wish they could be here.

XII. Adjournment: Sylvia Teague moved that the meeting adjourn and Mary Coleman seconded it. Motion carried & meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Esther Chavarela

Secretary

Chinook RV Club's 8th Annual Rally

Held at Cannon Beach, Oregon, September 12-15, 2011

What a great rally ! We decided to arrive one day early to get settled in. To our surprise, we found that 12 others had the same idea. What a great sight to see 11 other Chinooks set up. After setting up, we visited with the other members.

Monday 9-12-2011. Official start of the rally was this afternoon. It was about 55 degrees this morning, but it warmed up somewhat in the afternoon. By the 6PM potluck, all of the 28 coaches had arrived. Actually, 25 Chinooks, one trailer, Jensen's BIG Beaver (they left their "little" Glacier home so they could get some modifications done to the Beaver), and one guest in a Roadtrek. Most of the members visited while Kelli Scheese and crew set up for the Potluck. We "robbed" 8 of the picnic tables



from members sites, and set them up in a large area behind our sites. Potluck got underway as scheduled, and our many good chefs really came through with lots of dishes. This was the largest gathering of members (52) at a rally in some time. We had several brand new members join the club, We visited into the night, and retired in preparation for the next day's activities.

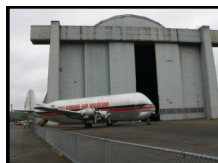
Tuesday 9-13-2011. This morning Kelli and Jerry prepared pancake breakfasts for all the members, starting at 7am! The tour bus



arrived promptly at 10am, and most boarded for our southern tour. We headed south through some charming fishing villages near Nahalem Bay, Wheeler and Roackaway Beach. First stop was the Blue Heron French Cheese Factory for some exotic cheeses, dips, glazes and sauces. The gift shop gave us coupons for



20% off, which we made use of. Happy members tramped back to the bus for our next stop, the Tillamook Air Museum, for lunch. We had clam chowder, sandwiches, chips, soda and cookies. Some toured the museum while they ate. After a short rest, on



to the Tillamook Cheese factory.

A tour of the gift shop there, very large, sampling of some of the good cheeses, and then a trip to the ice cream counter for some large ice cream treats.

Back on the bus, a little slower this time, we drove up the highway to a scenic overlook for some picture taking of the breathtaking Oregon coast. We arrived back at camp around 4pm. There was a board meet-

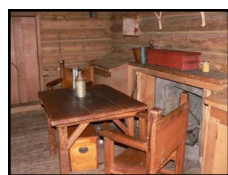


ing scheduled for 5pm, and a second potluck for 6pm. Before we ate, there was time for a group picture (see page 6)



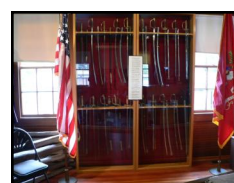
Wednesday 9-14-2011. It was cool again this morning, and Kelli and crew were at it again making breakfast for the whole group. This time fit was eggs, ham and pancakes. At 10am, our bus arrived on schedule, for a northern tour.

First stop was at Fort Clatsop where Lewis & Clark stayed on their expedition. Inside



there was a museum, and outside was a replica of the Fort as it was back in 1806. Vera Raudman had to try out the foot operated bench vise. Inside the museum we watched a film about the fort. It was named after a local Indian tribe. This tribe used cedar for everything. Bedding, furniture, huts, food containers and even clothing. Small strips were sewn together (kind of like a Hula skirt), and they made hats like Asians, round with a pointed top (think rice field workers).

Back on the bus, this time headed for Fort Stevens This is where a Japanese Submarine fired on this fort. The museum inside had a lot of WWII memorabilia and



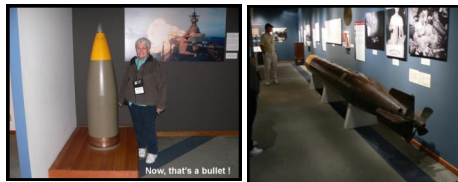
artifacts. While waiting for the bus, I spotted an interesting person. I wasn't able to find out if he is an actor or actual "Mountain Man", but he was dressed in all buckskin.



Our last stop was the Columbia River Maritime Museum with its great displays. It



is mainly dedicated to rescue personnel and their equipment. The vast Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean here, creating great turbulence. Throw in large boulders, some submerged, add tides, and you have a recipe for disaster. There is a map showing the many wrecks in the area, some very recently. There is also a great display of military items, like the shell Margie is standing next to.



Back on the bus and back to camp. When we arrived back at the camp, we were greeted by a welcoming committee. Jan ,

Kathy and Trish had volunteered to take care of the pets while we were on tour. We

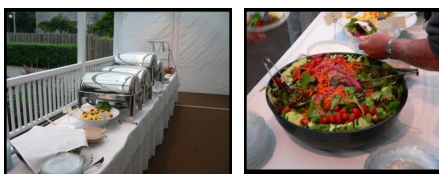


had some time to sample appetizers in preparation for the dinner and annual meeting tonight.

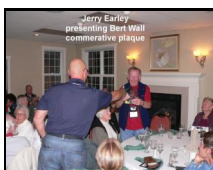
We boarded the bus for the third time, for the short trip to the banquet room at the



Haystack Gardens. After a trip to the bar, and socializing, we were ready to eat.



Prime Rib, Dungeness crab, potatoes, stuffed tomatoes, salad, and berry cobbler for dessert. The meeting was called to order by Marta Wall. Several of the new members were introduced. Then nominations for the office of President and Treasurer were opened. No one volunteered for President, so Marta graciously accepted to continue one additional year until a replacement can be found. Bill Graham was voted in as our Treasurer replacing Bert Wall who has held



that office since the clubs inception 9 years ago. Bert Wall was presented with a plaque thanking him for his years of service. Reports from various officers were given, including new rallies, financial report, and a committee was formed to nominate officers for the next annual meeting which will be in Williams, Arizona. We were bussed back to camp,

and visited some more.

Thursday 9-15-2011. Today was a “free day”. Again, Kelli and Jerry provide the group with breakfast. Some went shopping or touring, others stayed around and visited and relaxed. Some of us walked the 3/4 mile into town while others



took advantage of the free shuttle. Dave Shehane presented a “tech talk” in the afternoon Pot luck was around 6pm, and everyone brought some-

thing. This was our last chance to get rid of the pot luck leftovers, and add some new dishes.

Friday 9-16-2011. Kelli and Jerry again made breakfast for us. We all



Members attending the 8th Annual Chinook RV Club rally held at Cannon Beach, Oregon, September 12-15, 2011

Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey
Phil & Marion Beautrow
Garry & Lucy Brown
Mike & Mary Ester Chavarella
William & Mary Coleman
John & Judy Corliss

Dan Patton & CB Davis
Jerry & Jane Earley
Ginger Fortier
Margie & Mike Froess
Ron & Helen Goldsmith
Bill & Dolores Graham

Jerry Lasarow & Lynne Hansen
Ole & Barbara Jensen
Fred & Ruth Maloney
Tom & Sheryl McClure
Bob & Doris Muschek
Stan & Kit Oliveira

Howard & Charmaine Perlman
Mike & Diane Peters
Bob & Vera Raudman
Tony & Janet Schall
Jerry & Kelli Scheese
Dave & Patsy Shehane

Bob & Debra Shetland
Sylvia Teague
Marta & Bert Wall

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA (Mini) 3 nights December 9-12-2011**Location has changed:** Riverwalk RV Park, 2189 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna, CA 94550 <http://www.riverwalkrvpark.com>

Riverwalk RV Park The Northcoast's finest RV park and Campground lies nestled by the side of the beautiful Eel River. Stands of picturesque giant Sequoia Redwoods fill the surrounding hillsides. Immaculately maintained grounds and facilities add to the beauty and relaxed atmosphere of our park. The friendly management and staff help to make this a perfect base to visit the surrounding areas of The Redwood Coast.



Are you ready for an adventure in the redwoods? The mini rally will be December 9th through the morning of the 12th. An exciting time awaits. The Trucker's parade is a very unique and fun to attend please check out the following links :

<http://redwoods.info/showrecord.asp?id=3710>

<http://www.samoacookhouse.net/>

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

Total cost has been revised to \$170. This will include 3 night camping, van rental for two days and lunch at Samoa Cookhouse.

Friday (12/9) @ 5 PM - Potluck at the RV Park clubhouse

Saturday (12/10) 10 AM - Visit the Victorian Village of Ferndale. 5 PM - Drive to Eureka to watch the Trucker's Parade. Return at 7:30PM

Sunday (12/11) 12 PM - Lunch at the Samoa Cookhouse

2 PM - Visit to Old Town, Eureka

6 PM - Leftover Potluck at the RV clubhouse

Sites have all hook ups including cable TV. All sites are pull through and close to the office and clubhouse area. Free WiFi is

available. There is a free shuttle to the local casino (Bear River) if you're interested in gambling.

If you're interested in attending (or have already sent in funds) please **contact me by November 1st**. If you want to come early or stay later, please contact me. **DO NOT** contact the RV park per their request.

Cost \$170.

Deposit..... \$100 due by November 1, 2011

Refund or Balance Dueby November 15,2011

All checks to be made out to : Chinook RV Club

Send to:

Chinook RV Club

% Sylvia Teague

727 N Street

Fortuna, CA 95540

PAHRUMP, NEVADA (Mini) 3 nights March 29 to 31, 2012

Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort & Casino 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV. 89048



Our Lakeside RV Resort is honored to be one of less than 20 RV Resorts in North America to have earned both Trailer Life and Woodall's Campground Directories highest ratings. With our lush landscaping, incredibly quiet surroundings, old west artifacts including buggies, wagon wheels and even historic iron pot stoves you will feel the Old West charm during your stay.

Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort has 160 sites around a 7-acre man-made lake stocked with largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. Each RV site averages 55 ft in length with many sites large enough to handle today's biggest RV's. All sites include full service hook-ups with 30 and 50-amp electrical service and a concrete patio. There are 3 comfort stations located on property each with laundry rooms. The resort's amenities include heated swimming pool and hot tub, kayaks, peddle boats, fishing, nine hole frisbee golf, and horse-shoes. Relax on the sandy beach under a cabana. Pick up sundries in our gift shop. The gift shop is located in the RV Office. Discounts, such as Good Sam, CampClubUSA, etc, are honored

This will be a great time to relax and enjoy the area and fellowship of your fellow Chinookers. No stress, so 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 and the desert may be in bloom. Temperatures there are not too extreme this time of year.

Only 12 spaces are reserved this year, so get your reservations/deposit in before **February 15, 2012**. After that, spaces will be released.

Deposit: \$30. Due by February 15, 2012

Balance to be paid to Resort on check in.

(total cost of rally should be under \$100)

All checks to be made out to the CHINOOK RV CLUB; send to:

Chinook RV Club

% Vera Raudman

23427 Susana

Torrence, CA 90505

PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA (Mini) 4 nights July 25-29, 2012

Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort 18265 Hwy. 49 Plymouth, CA 95669
(209) 245-6981; toll-free (800) 339-6981

Welcome to Far Horizons 49er Village RV Resort located in the Sierra Foothills of Amador County! We are conveniently located close to more than 35 award-winning wineries and Amador Flower Farm in the Shenandoah Valley -- less than 10 minutes away. If you drive a little farther down the road you can enjoy the wineries of El Dorado County. Amador County is a wonderful place to visit for a close-up look into California's historic gold era in the towns: Fiddletown, Plymouth, Dry Town, Amador City, Sutter Creek and Jackson. You can even visit a working gold mine and go for a below-ground tour in Sutter Creek.

On the 25th we will have our potluck with a few appetizers and b.y.o.b. Then we will have our dinner at 5:00 and get to know each other and talk about the week ahead.

Fair begins on the 26th. It is located right next door, and a gate is provided for our access.

Amenities of the RV Park are Laundry, recreation hall, library, restrooms and showers, terrace, swimming pool shuffle board, horseshoes, Jacuzzi and spa, pet area, café in the park, village pool hall and volley ball court, club house East and West, and free wifi in design-

nated spots. Across the street a full service grocery store and a gas station very close to the park.

We will have two vehicles available to carry you to and from where you want to go.

If you need further info, call me at # below.

Reservations: Contact the RV park direct to make your reservations. They require a deposit of approx \$54. Tell them you are with the Chinook RV Club so they can put us together. **Reservations with the group will only be guaranteed if you call by October 9, 2011.** After that, you may be elsewhere in the park.

After you make your reservations, please contact me @ (209) 274-2165 so I will know how many to expect.

Cancellations/ Refunds or Balance Due. You can cancel with full refund until **JULY 9th, 2012**

Hosts: Ray and Linda Blackburn
(209) 274-2165

WILLIAMS, ARIZONA (Annual) 3 nights September 12-15, 2012*

Grand Canyon Railway RV Park 601 W. Franklin Ave., Williams, AZ 86046

The Grand Canyon Railway RV Park is the ideal place to unwind, set in the mountain community of Williams, Gateway to the Grand Canyon. Whether you're hitting the open road as a couple or a family, the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park has everything you need for an unforgettable experience.

Take the historic train from Williams into Grand Canyon National Park without having to worry about navigating your rig through the busy Grand Canyon roadways. Park your RV in the clean mountain air in Williams, adjacent to the historic train depot. Grand Canyon Railway RV Park is also just two blocks away from Route 66 and downtown Williams.

*Dates subject to change so members might have more time to travel from Williams, Arizona to Branson MO rally.

Preliminary planned activities include: Railway Train to Grand Canyon. Lunch there at Grand Canyon Café with annual meeting/elections. As plans are finalized, information will be provided.

BRANSON, MISSOURI (Mini-Joint) 4 nights September 19-23, 2012

Branson Lakeside RV Park, 1500 Branson Hills Parkway, Branson, MO 65616

. The park is right on the White river, also called Lake Taneycomo. You can Trout fish from the edge of the park.

We have confirmed the dates to be Sept.19 departing Sun. Sept.23. With people coming from both coasts I would think they would want to stay a week and we have made arrangements for units to come early or to stay extra days. We have also arranged transportation to two attractions with admission included based on 2011 prices. The attractions we chose are:

Thursday. Showboat Branson Bell, a 4:00 pm dinner cruise.

Saturday. Dixie Stampede, a 5:30 dinner show.

On the way to the boat the bus will take us on a narrated trip down the Hwy 76 strip, so all can see what might interest

them to do on their free days.

Marnie and Jim Weidmaier

Editors note: The Weidmaiers will be working with the eastern club for hosting. This will be a joint rally with both the eastern (Chinook Camping Club) and western (Chinook RV Club) participating. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Treasurer: Bill Graham

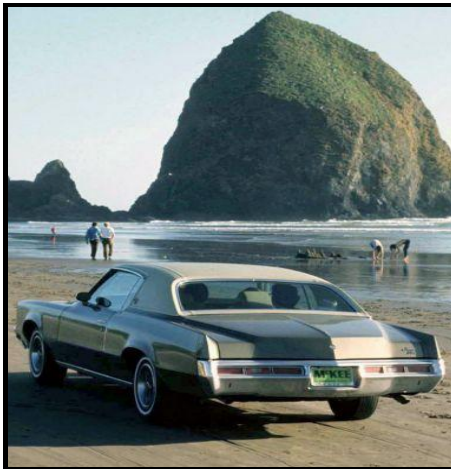


We own a 2000 Chinook Concourse, the first RV we ever owned and I suspect the last as we like it so much. Having nothing better to do

one rainy Saturday, we attended an RV show in Portland and the model we bought was the first RV we saw as we walked in the door. It was love at first sight and six weeks later we picked up our new Chinook at the factory in Yakima. We have driven it 108,000 miles and we will have many more miles on it by this time next year given our current plans which include a trip to Alaska next Spring with fellow Chinook owners, the

2012 annual rally in Idaho, and the Branson rally next Fall. We are founding members of the club, having attended the organizing rally at Gary Lukehart's ranch and each of the eight subsequent annual rallies.

We have two show cars which attract a lot of attention and I find it interesting that our Chinook attracts about as much attention as the cars. One of our cars is a 1972



Pontiac Grand Prix which we have owned since it was new (our first new car) that we brought to the Cannon Beach rally. I mention this because we have a picture of it taken when it was new on Cannon Beach in front of

Haystack Rock (when you were allowed to drive on the beach). And almost 40 years later, we return to the same location with the Chinook club.

We have traveled extensively throughout the world, having met and married 44 years ago in Honolulu shortly after my wife started her career as a school teacher and I began working in the Far East Branch of the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

I am retired having spent the last ten years of

my career as a Financial Controller with the U.S. Agency for International Development with assignments in Egypt, India and South Africa. My wife continues to work as a substitute teacher for North Clackamas Schools. I have many hobbies that fully consumes my time which includes working with local car clubs and the Portland Hot Rod Council.

Editors note:

Bill was elected treasurer at this year's annual meeting at Cannon Beach, Oregon

Membership V.P. : Kelli Scheese



You might say our married life started out camping with a two week honeymoon, tenting on the Oregon Coast, starting at Cannon Beach, 35 years ago. In the years together we have been blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, all though tenting, pickup & camper, and three trailer houses.

The first trailer was a piece of junk, but with the help of Kelli's Dad, we took it completely apart and rebuilt it. We finally ended up with a 32' trailer and a 21' one ton truck. Then Jerry decided to down size. At the time Jerry was thinking of a conversion van. At a local RV outlet we went through several van type units. I told Jerry that he would not like them as he could not stand up in them. Also who wants to have a bathroom out into your kitchen. The last three small RV's to go through were Chinook's. After we went into them, we bought our 2000 Concourse new, and our love affair stated and has been going on every since.

We camp almost every weekend in the summer, when not going to bluegrass festivals and yes we go in our Chinook. At the festivals we get asked by many people about our Chinook and if we like our Chinook. One lady, at our last bluegrass festival asked what we did not like about our Chinook. We answered that we did not get to travel enough.

Editors Note: Kelly and Jerry are Charter Members of the club and attended the first rally at Lukehart's Ranch in Yakima, WA. Kelli replaced Lena Prentice as Membership VP at the rally in Anacortes, WA., September 2006, and was re-elected at the Yellowstone Rally August 2008. She compiles information for and sends out the Membership Directory. Both she and Jerry hosted our annual rally at Cannon Beach, OR.



Interesting State Facts you always wanted to know, but were too afraid to ask!

ALABAMAWas the first place to have 9-1-1, started in 1968.

ALASKAOne out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.

ARIZONA Is the only state in the continental U.S. that doesn't follow Daylight Savings Time.

ARKANSASHas the only active diamond mine in the U.S.

CALIFORNIAIts economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.

COLORADOIn 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.

CONNECTICUT ... The Frisbee was invented here at Yale University

DELAWARE Has more scientists and engineers than any other state.

FLORIDAAt 874.3 square miles, Jacksonville is the U.S. 's largest city.

GEORGIAIt was here, in 1886, that pharmacist John Pemberton made the first vat of CocaCola

HAWAII Hawaiians live, on average, five years longer than residents in any other state.

IDAHO TV was invented in Rigby, Idaho, in 1922.

ILLINOIS.....Has a Governor in jail, one pending jail and is the most corrupt state in the union!

INDIANAHome to Santa Claus, Indiana, which get a half million letters to Santa every year.

IOWA.....Winnebago got their name from Winnebago County Also, it is the only state that begins with two vowels.

KANSAS Liberal, Kansas, has an exact replica of the house in The Wizard of Oz.

KENTUCKYHas more than \$6 billion in gold underneath Fort Knox.

LOUISIANAHas parishes instead of counties because they were originally Spanish church units.

MAINEIt's so big, it covers as many square miles as the other five New England states combined.

MARYLAND The Ouija board was created in Baltimore in 1892.

MASSACHUSETTS ..The Fig Newton is named after Newton, Mass.

MICHIGAN ..Fremont, home to Gerber, is the baby food capital of the world.

MINNESOTABloomington's Mall of America is so big, if you spent

MISSISSIPPI President Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear here ... that's how the teddy bear got its name.

MISSOURI Is the birthplace of the ice cream cone.

MONTANAA sapphire from Montana is in the Crown Jewels of England.

NEBRASKA More triplets are born here than in any other state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ..Birthplace of Tupperware, invented in 1938 by Earl Tupper.

NEW JERSEY Has the most shopping malls in one area in the world.

NEW MEXICO Smokey Bear was rescued from a 1950 forest fire here.

NEW YORK..Is home to the nation's oldest cattle ranch, started in 1747 in Montauk.

NORTH CAROLINA Home of the first Krispy Kreme doughnut.

NORTH DAKOTA Rigby, North Dakota, is the exact geographic center of North America.

OHIO The hot dog was invented here in 1900.

OKLAHOMA The grounds of the state capital are covered by operating oil wells.

OREGON Has the most ghost towns in the country.

PENNSYLVANIA The smiley, :) was first used in 1980 by computer scientists at Carnegie Mellon University ..

RHODE ISLANDThe nation's oldest bar, the White Horse Tavern, opened here in 1673.

SOUTH CAROLINA Sumter County is home to the world's largest ginkgo farm.

SOUTH DAKOTA Is the only state that's never had an earthquake.

TENNESSEE Nashville's Grand Ole Opry is the longest running live radio show in the world.

TEXAS Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco back in 1885. The Hamburger was invented in Arlington, Texas in 1906.

UTAHThe first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened here in 1952.

VERMONT Montpelier is the only state capital without a McDonald's.

VIRGINIA Home of the world's largest office building...The Pentagon.

WASHINGTON ... Seattle has twice as many college graduates as any other state.

WASHINGTON D.C. . Was the first planned capital in the world. (And the most crooks per-capita)

WEST VIRGINIA Had the world's first brick paved street, Summers Street, laid in Charleston in 1870

Recipes from our members

Ghirardelli Ultimate Double Chocolate Cookies Submitted by *Charmaine Perlman*

2 cups Ghirardelli 60% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate Chips	6 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 large eggs	1 cup granulated white sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups Ghirardelli Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips	1 cup chopped walnuts

Melt the bittersweet chocolate chips and butter in the top of a double boiler or in a heatproof bowl over barely simmering water, stirring occasionally until smooth.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer until thick; stir in the chocolate mixture.

In a small bowl, stir together the flour and baking powder; stir into the chocolate mixture. Gently mix in the chocolate chips and walnuts.

Using a sheet of plastic wrap, form the dough into two logs, each 2 inches in diameter and about 8 inches long. Because the dough will be quite soft, use the plastic wrap to hold the dough in the log shape. Wrap tightly; refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until firm.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease a cookie sheet or line with parchment paper.

Unwrap the dough. With a sharp knife, cut the dough into 3/4-inch slices. Place the slices 1 1/2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheet.

Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, until a shiny crust forms on top of the cookies but the interior is still soft. Let cool on the cookie sheet. Then remove from the cookie sheet with a metal spatula.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

TriTip Rub

Submitted by *Howard Perlman*

1 large Tri tip	1/4 cup paprika	1 tablespoon garlic power
1 tablespoon minced dry onion	1 tablespoon kosher salt	1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon cumin seed	2 tablespoon dark brown sugar	1/4 teaspoon cacao powder
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon powder		

Blend together. Rub into Tri tip on all sides, place in plastic bag, let rest two or three days in refrigerator

Before grilling let stand at room temp for one hour.

Grill on med heat until inside temp of 135 degrees.

Let meat rest 20 min before slicing across the grain.

Things you might never need to know ! Submitted by Bill Graham

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on the list.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Behind every successful man is his woman; behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.

If you are supposed to learn from your mistakes, why do some people have more than one child?

Chinook RV Club

Membership Application

Name: _____

Spouse/Other Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Other? _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Chinook Coach Model: _____

Coach Model Year: _____

Please supply as much information as applicable, enclose a check for \$35.00
payable to: **Chinook RV Club**

And mail to the Club Treasurer:

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