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UPCOMING RALLIES

Paso Robles, CA.	Nov. 28 - out Dec 1, 2012
Pahrump, NV.	April 4 - out April 7, 2013
Quincy, CA.	May 23 - out May 26, 2013
Westfir, OR.	July 19 - out July 22, 2013
Desert Hot Springs, CA.(Annual)	Oct. 9- out Oct. 13, 2013

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

Happy Fall! The summer season has slipped right past us, bringing us into prime fall camping. For those who attended the annual rally at Williams, and those who went on to Branson for the joint East/West rally, I hope you all returned home safe with tons of good memories! For those who missed the rallies, I sincerely hope you will have a chance to join us at some or all of the 2013's rallies.

As a club, we started on 1 Oct with a great group of new officers – a super balance of new faces and experienced veterans who can continue to guide the club in serving the Chinook community over the next three years. For those we have not met personally, my wife Patsy and I have been members for about 5 years. We purchased our 2004 Chinook Glacier used in 2005. Some of you know me through the club, others through ChinookRVOwners, a yahoo group site that helps Chinook owners find answers to Chinook questions. I also serve as the webmaster for our joint East/West website. I am a retired IT guy and my wife runs the web/mail order department for a large Portland, Oregon quilt shop. We travel Interstate 5 frequently, visiting kids and grandkids in California.

So, we are 100% started with the new slate of officers. If there are any suggestions for improvement or needed course corrections for the club, feel free to contact me or any of the board members. If you are hesitant about contacting the board officers, remember we have a "Member at Large" on the board that will bring your suggestions or ideas to the board for you. Visit our website at : <http://www.chinookrvclub.net/chinookwestclub.html> to find all the names and means of contacting our officers.

And do not forget – **Dues are due!** Help us make the renewal process easy by mailing your check to Kelli today – instructions are included in this newsletter.

Travel safe!

Dave Shehane

President, Chinook RV Club

Marta's Final Message as President 9-30-2012

This will be my last message to you as your President. I have enjoyed getting to know you better. I have met some wonderful Members along the way. I want you all to know how much I appreciate all the help I have received as President these past 4 years. I am so happy to turn over the gavel to your next President, Dave Shehane. Thank you Dave, you have much to offer the Club. Barbara Jensen has given up the position of V.P. Rally to become our new Treasurer and I know she will do an excellent job. We have Co-V.P.'s of Rally, Linda Blackburn and Silvia Teague. There are Rallies already being planned for 2013. Watch our Newsletter for more information and plan on attending. I also want to thank Jan Olmsted and Kelli Scheese for agreeing to run again, and of course, Mary Esther our Secretary, who has been a tremendous help to me.

The Joint West-East Chinook Clubs had a great time in Branson, Missouri. I want to thank Jim & Marnie Weidmaier for making this happen. They were such gracious hosts. They transported any and all around Branson to Shows, Shopping, Restaurants or just sightseeing.

Last, but not least, I want to thank our Editor, Mike Froess, for improving communication in our Club. Mike was awarded the President's Trophy for his efforts to make us a better Club.

Finally, we have lost some wonderful Members these past 2 years. I would like you to remember **CB Davis**. CB helped the Club get started as the first VP of Rally. **Dolores Graham** was a loving, caring person. She led a very interesting life and was widely traveled. Another one I would like us to remember is **Ray Skillings**. All the above were Charter Members and helped our Club grow to what it is today. Their survivors, Dan Patton, Bill Graham and Carol Skillings also are in our thoughts.

Travel safely and as always, hoping to see you at a Rally,

Marta Newcomb-Wall

9/30/12

Barbara Speaks— her Final Message as Rally VP.

A big “THANK YOU” to all of you that sponsored rallies during my term as Rally VP.

The first one in Moab, hosted by Lynn and Marian Ewer, was really a great success, and we got a lot of “off roading” in during our stay there.

Then on to Chula Vista in December 2009, that we sponsored, for the “Christmas Extravaganza”. The decorations, including our group, were fabulous and the chocolate everything was “sinful”. Everyone enjoyed the tour of the Midway aircraft carrier.

The Pahrump mini in March 2010, hosted by Bob and Vera Raudman, was a great “laid-back”, eat and visit rally. Many drove over to Death Valley to see it for the first time.

April of 2010 was a visit to Paso Robles, again hosted by us, with a great visit to several wineries and the Estrella Warbirds Museum.

Barry and Lena Prentice hosted the September 2010 annual rally in Breckenridge Colorado. There were wonderful views from the chair-lift and the bus tour, and a fun visit to Vail. Our annual meeting and dinner were really nice.

Ray and Linda Blackburn, and Bruce and Sharon Gallagher hosted a really great rally in Moab. This time we went in Bruce’s truck and a four-wheel drive Suburban to Gateway, Colorado over a breath taking dirt road to see the Hendrick’s

Auto Museum. The cars were awesome and lunch was great.

December 2010 had great weather in Chula Vista for decorating our Chinooks for Christmas and visiting Balboa Park, which has so much to see that you can’t do it all in one day. Ole and I are planning for another visit there in December 2013 (that place is so popular that reservations have to be made a year in advance!).

In March 2011 Bob and Vera Raudman again hosted another great “laid-back” min rally in Pahrump, Nevada. They prepared a great “Welcome” feast and visiting was great.

In May 2011, Jim and Janice Still, Kathy Bailey and Jan Olmsted hosted a fun mini rally in Quincy, CA. Everyone enjoyed the tour of the saw mill and visiting the cute town.

The Annual Rally at Cannon Beach, hosted by Jerry and Kelli Scheese, was amazing! They set up a “kitchen” and served a fantastic breakfast every morning!. The tours, annual meeting and dinner were great.

December 2011 found us at Eureka, CA for a mini rally hosted by Sylvia Teague. The “Lighted Truckers Parade” was fun and lunch at the Samoa Cookhouse was great.

March of 2012 found us in Pahrump, hosted again by Bob and Vera Raudman (of course!). Again, they did a great job with the “Welcome” dinner.

August of 2012 was a visit to the “Amador County Fair” in

Plymouth, California, hosted by Ray and Linda Blackburn. The “really old” and still running tractors were amazing. They even did a parade with them through the fair. It was fun watching the Rodeo (especially the little kids) and the demolition derby.

Ole and I hosted our 2012 Annual Rally in Williams, Arizona. The train ride to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon was fun and the scenery was wonderful, as was the entertainment by the cowboys!. I can’t remember when a “second” pot luck dinner had MORE Food than the first night’s, but we did! And it was great! Then we had our annual membership meeting and election at the Winchester Steakhouse. The food was wonderful.

It has been a fun three years for me being your Rally VP and I want to thank everyone who stepped up and hosted a rally.

See you at the next rally in Paso Robles, CA.

Barbara Jensen

Editors Note: Barbara, while ending her position as VP Rallies, now will be taking on the job as our new treasurer.



Annual Rally, Williams, Arizona

Held September 12-15, 2012

What a great rally hosted by Barbara and Ole Jenson! RV park was great with the only drawback an active railroad 50 feet from the campground. I think it was “take your kid to work week” at the railroad, because they blew and blew the whistle every time they came by. But what do you expect with a name like



Railway Canyon RV Park!. There were 16 Chinook coaches, good weather, and our pot luck at 5pm. Our normal great

cooks provided plenty of dishes to



choose from. The RV park provided us “limousine” service to transport us around the facilities. We welcomed three new members to the club, and chatted with the older members.



Thursday, we all assembled across the street for a western skit which was really funny. They shot one of the “bad”

guys three times, so the audience could get pictures. After the skit, we



boarded the train for our trip to the Grand Canyon. Of course, we went



first class, and in our car were complimentary pastries, fruit and drinks of which we all participated.. During the



2.5 hour trip, we were entertained by a violin player/comedian. He even helped Lynn Hanson to play,



even though she had never held a fiddle before.

We arrived at the South Rim and got on our bus for a narrated tour of the



canyon. We made several stops along



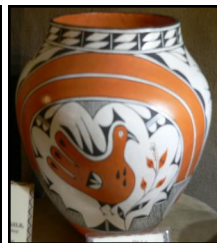
the way to stretch and view the canyon



from different vantage points. Then back on the bus for our buffet lunch.



The meal was more like a dinner than a lunch. We sat around and chatted,, then walked over to the train station. We had some time before the train, so most walked around. We went up to the Hopi House where we saw some beautiful works of art. Sand paintings, carvings, and pottery from natives.



We got on the train again, for the trip back to Williams. This time we were entertained by a banjo player that sang some songs. He was not as entertaining as the first guy, but our hostess was more entertaining with her “cow” jokes. As we got about 6 miles from our destination at



Annual Rally, continued

Williams, three desperadoes on horse-back wearing masks, and waving guns stopped the train, and boarded it. (Our hostess warned us, and told us to raise our hands and scream. That would make it more interesting for us and the bandits)



We recognized one of the bandits as the one who was shot 3 times in the skit. We chatted with him while his partners continued their crime spree. We arrived back



in Williams about 6pm, and prepared for the nights pot-luck. We talked



some more and settled in for the night.

Friday came early, as it was a free day. We had a board meeting at 10, where we went over and approved the minutes from our last meeting, discussed old and new business ending sometime after 11. At 3pm, there was a meeting for the members of the six coaches going on to the joint rally in Branson. We were all going to meet in Albuquerque Saturday night, then

continue at our own pace on to Branson.

At 4 o'clock we were all scheduled to go across the street to the Winchester Steakhouse for the business meeting, and election of officers, then dinner starting around five. The elections were held, and the new officers were presented to the members. Dave Shehane, our webmaster



is our new President, Linda Blackburn and Sylvia Teague as VP's of Rallies, Barbara Jensen as new Treasurer, Kelli Scheese will continue as VP of Member-

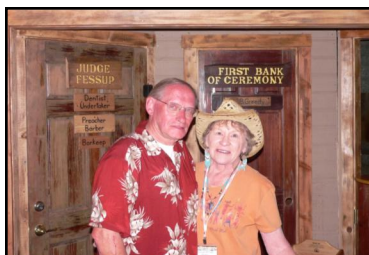
ships, Marta Newcomb- Wall will be our Immediate Past President, Mary Ester Chavarella continues as Secretary, and a new position was created, Sergeant-at-Arms, to which I was appointed. We thanked Marta for her heroic efforts as President these past 4 years, and look forward to her next 3 years as our Immediate Past President. We acknowledged Jerry Earley for his time as President and Immediate Past President. We also acknowledged Bill Graham's efforts as Treasurer.



Marta introduced some of our newest members, and had the new Officers stand up and be recognized.



A great big "Thank You" to our hosts for the rally, Barbara and Ole Jensen.



With the Business Meeting concluded, we got on with the dinner. Dinner was served and we all enjoyed a great meal with our old and new friends.



In the morning we all scattered, some heading for home and some of us on to Branson for the Joint Rally.

Mike Fraess

Annual Rally, continued



Chinook 9th Annual Rally- Williams, Arizona. September 12-15, 2012



The line up



Train ride around curve



Tree w/ no roots underneath



Waiting for the best "seat"



Our First Class Coach



One of the entertainers



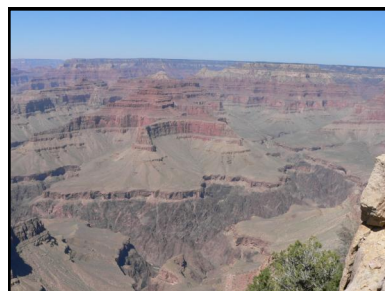
Native Sand Painting



Another Sand Painting



Enjoying the train ride



One of the Grand Canyon Views



Some of many meals enjoyed



Joint Rally, Branson, Missouri

Held September 19-23, 2012

There were nine from our club who attended this rally, (which included our hosts, the Weidmaiers who live in the area). and nine from the Eastern club. Most of us “Westerners” arrived a day early, having left Williams together, spending the night together in Albuquerque, then splitting up to go our own pace to Branson.



Wednesday, the rest of the group came in, and we got set up for the pot-luck in the Pavillion provided by the RV park. There were a dozen picnic tables inside for our use.



Jim Weidmaier produced a bottle of 2003 Merlot wine that he received at the first rally in Yakima in 2003. It was produced by the winery owned by Gary Lukehart (our founder). It featured a picture of a Chinook on the label. It was raffled off and won by Marta Newcomb-Wall, who incidentally drew her own entry from the pot of tickets.



We had plenty of food



to choose from, and enjoyed the conversations and meeting with members from the other club.

Thursday morning we were treated to coffee, fruit, pastries and juice. There were no formal activities planned until the Dixie Stampede at 3:20. Weidmaiers rented a van and transported participants to and from the show, with the help of one of the eastern members with a towed car. (There was a minimum of 20 people required to get a bus, and by cut off time, only 13 had signed up, so a van needed to

be rented for transportation. That is why EARLY reservations are required). Nineteen finally were transported. They really enjoyed the performance which included dinner. Those that did not go, spent the day either shopping (a short walk away) or checking out other entertainment.



Each evening we got together for more conversations

Friday, again we met in the morning for a continental breakfast (more pastries, coffee, etc). Showboat Branson Belle was scheduled for 2:15 that afternoon. Twenty-six participated, and a bus picked us up at



the park on time. We were treated to a brief narrated tour of the area, and a short ride to the boat.



We boarded the large paddle-wheel powered boat. We were seated just four rows back and had great seats.

Both the show and dinner were spectacular. One entertainer, a young

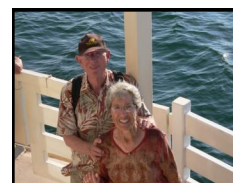


lady who played the violin, piano, and an aerial act while playing the violin was the highlight of the performances.



That's her hanging upside down and playing the violin.

The theater was huge, with three decks on the sides



Joint Rally, Continued



That evening, we sat and talked about the day's events. It turned out that Jim Weidmaier was the MVP in Chinook repairs for the rally. He was able to fix a perplexing problem with the Raudman's coach. A faulty ground terminal in the coaches power cord caused a dangerous situation where the polarity was reversed. That made the ground "hot". He replaced the cord and it solved the problem. Another member had a problem with his refrigerator, and Jim gave him a

spare circuit board to use until he could get a new one installed.

Saturday morning we were treated to a breakfast of biscuits and gravy pre-



pared by Weidmaiers. Since nothing was scheduled, but, as with this entire rally, the Weidmaier's drove members anywhere they wanted to go, either shopping, or entertainment shows.

We held the drawing for the bottle of wine, and a trivia question (What is in



each RV that is special only to Chinooks? Answer: Coke bottle opener). We took group pictures and then each went their own way. Branson has soo many shows that it would take months to see them all.

One of the attraction that we all saw, was the 5 & 10 cent store in old town. This store was crammed with merchandise of every description.



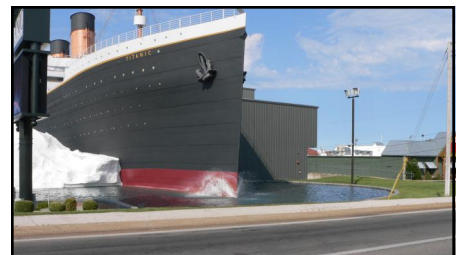
There was something for everyone.



Another attraction is Silver Dollar City. It is a large theme park in the area. We did a quick tour that took a little over 2 hours. We saw big pans of stir fry, crafts of all kinds and train and roller coaster rides.



On the ride back to the park after this tour, we passed by one of the exhibits that was spectacular among other spectacular exhibits. The Titanic. A jet of water was



shooting at the bow, and it really looked like it was moving.

Sunday everyone was ready to leave. Each leisurely took off headed for all parts of the country, and to a member, wished to do this again.



THE END

Mike Froess

Joint Rally, Continued



**Chinook R V Club
(West)**



**Chinook Camping Club
(East)**



**East meets West Joint Club Rally
Branson, MO. Sept 2012**



Some of many meals shared

Showboat Branson Belle



Branson Belle



One of several morning breakfasts



Vera and Bob on deck



Dinner show on Branson Belle



Biscuits and gravy breakfast



Thank You card for Jim and Marnie Weidmaier



Our Hosts, Jim and Marnie

Chinook RV Club 9th Annual Meeting

Winchester Ranch Dinner Theatre

Williams, AZ

September 14, 2012

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Marta Newcomb-Wall at 4:10 PM.

II. Moment of Silence: President Newcomb-Wall requested a moment of silence for Dolores “Do” Graham, who recently passed away. Do and her husband, Bill, are Charter members. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed.

III. 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.

IV. Welcome New Members: President Newcomb-Wall introduced and welcomed new members Bud and Nicky Chamberlain.

V. Minutes: The minutes from the General Meeting of September 14, 2011 in Cannon Beach, OR had been published in the Chinook RV Club Road Runner for all to read and copies are available if anyone would like to read them now. Jane Early moved to accept the minutes as published. Margie Froess seconded it. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurer’s Report: Barbara Jensen, Interim Treasurer, reported that she is still in the process of obtaining the accounting records from the previous treasurer and did not have a report to give. She has been advised by the former treasurer that there are approximately \$8,000.00 in the account but there are still about \$1,000.00 in expenses from the Plymouth rally and a few more from Cannon Beach. She will be able to give a better report when she gets the books.

VII. Vice President of Membership Report: Kelli Scheese reported that the current membership is 85 members. All new member applications should be sent to her but the \$35.00 dues renewals should be sent to Barbara, the treasurer. Please make the checks out to “Chinook RV Club”. Kelli asked the membership that when you receive your member roster, please check it for accuracy and let her know if there is an error.

VIII. Vice President of Rallies’ Report: Barbara reported on the following rallies for 2013:

A. Pahrump, CA at Terrible’s Lakeside RV Resort, March 28-31 or possibly the following week – mini rally hosted by Bob & Vera Raudman

B. Quincy, CA at Pioneer RV Park, May 23- 26 – mini rally hosted by Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey

C. Other potential Rallies are:

1) Westfir, OR at the Tynda’s Ecological Reserve, July 19 – 22 – dry camp style mini rally hosted by Mike & Margie Froess

2) Chula Vista/San Diego, CA – sometime in September for our 2013 Annual Rally hosted by Ole & Barbara Jensen

We need your ideas!

IX. Member At Large Report:

Jan Olmsted was not present and there was no report. However, President Newcomb-Wall reminded all that if you have a problem with something that involves the organization, call Jan.

X. Old/Unfinished Business:

A. Name tags: Kelli Scheese has lots of extra name tags. Contact her if you want or need one.

B. Microphone or sound system: Jerry Early announced that he has a system that he will donate to the club.

XI. New Business:

A. New position/office: Linda Blackburn moved and Ole Jensen seconded that the office of Sergeant-At-Arms be created. Motion carried.

B. Nominations: Jerry Early, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked his committee made up of Vera Raudman, Margie Froess, and Sylvia Teague for a job well done. He presented the following slate of candidates and opened the floor for further nominations. :

1) **President:** Dave Shehane

2) **Vice President, Rallies:** Sylvia Teague and Linda Blackburn.

3) **Vice President, Membership:** Kelli Scheese

4) **Treasurer:** Barbara Jensen

5) **Member at Large:** Jan Olmsted

6) **Sergeant-At-Arms:** Mike Froess

There being no further nominations, Jerry Early moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Jerry Scheese seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, all candidates on the slate were elected and the President introduced the new officers and thanked the old board for supporting her and for all their hard work for the club.

C. Moment of Silence: President Newcomb-Wall expressed the club’s condolences to Dan Patton on the passing of his partner and charter club member Carol “CB” Davis. She then asked for a moment of silence.

D. Historian’s Records: President Newcomb-Wall advised that Carol Skilling’s husband died two years ago, she sold her Chinook and has not renewed her membership. Marta will contact her to obtain the old historian’s records.

XII. Adjournment: Barbara Jensen moved that the meeting adjourn and Jerry Early seconded it. Motion carried & meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Esther Chauvela
Secretary

Approved as read: _____

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Approved as corrected: _____

Member Recipes

Ice Cream Sandwich Cake Recipe for Chinook Club

Submitted by Jane Earley

Quick and Easy recipe from Taste of Home

Prep: 20 min. + freezing Yield: 15 Servings

Ingredients

- 19 ice cream sandwiches 1 jar (16 ounces) hot fudge ice cream topping 1-1/2 cups salted peanuts
- 3 Heath candy bars (1.4 ounces each) 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions

- Cut one ice cream sandwich in half. Place one whole and one half sandwich along a short side of an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. dish. Arrange eight sandwiches in opposite direction in the dish. *Jane's Note: Unwrap only eight at one time otherwise they melt/keep the other eight in the freezer until ready.*
 - Remove lid from fudge topping. Microwave 15-30 seconds to warm; stir. Spread half of fudge topping over ice cream sandwiches.
 - In a food processor, combine peanuts and candy bars. Cover and pulse until chopped. Sprinkle half of mixture over fudge layer.
 - Repeat layer of ice cream sandwiches and fudge topping.
 - Spread whipped topping over top of cake. Sprinkle with remaining peanut mixture.
- Cover and freeze for up to 2 months. Remove from the freezer 20 minutes before serving. Cut into squares.

Nutritional Facts 1 serving (1 each) equals 422 calories, 19 g fat (8 g saturated fat), 26 mg cholesterol, 154 mg sodium, 54 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 9 g protein.

Jane Earley's Notes: This is easy to make and can be made in advance making it ideal for a potluck. I lined the cake pan with foil slings—one lengthwise and the other horizontally—to make it easier to remove from the pan once frozen and wrap for taking in the Chinook freezer. I used the Great Values Ice Cream Sandwiches from Wal-Mart and extra Cool Whip. You can use other candy bars—whatever you like.

Teriyaki Flank Steak with Scallions

Submitted by Jane Earley

June/July 2009, Cook's Country Serves 4

WHY THIS RECIPE WORKS:

The salty, sweet, spicy, and acidic flavors of soy sauce, sugar, red pepper flakes, ginger, and rice vinegar gave the sauce for our Teriyaki Flank Steak with Scallions a kick, while a little cornstarch produced a smooth, velvety texture. Grating ginger allowed its flavor to disperse through the sauce better than mincing it. Drying the steak, seasoning it liberally with salt and pepper, and searing it to the desired doneness in a smoking-hot skillet ensured the meat didn't steam and turn rubbery. It was important to thinly slice the steak against the grain; otherwise the fibrous meat was very tough. Cooking the scallions and sauce in the same pan as the steak lent some of the meat's flavor to the sauce, and saved on dishes.

Here we treat the scallions more like a green vegetable than an herb, cutting them into 1-inch lengths and sautéing them until lightly browned and tender.

INGREDIENTS

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| 1/2 cup soy sauce | 1/3 cup sugar | 2 tablespoons rice vinegar | 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger |
| 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes | 1 teaspoon cornstarch | 1 flank steak (about 1 1/2 pounds) | 2 tablespoons vegetable oil |
| 12 scallions, cut into 1-inch lengths 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds (see note) | | | |

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk soy sauce, sugar, vinegar, ginger, pepper flakes, and cornstarch in medium bowl.
2. Pat steak dry with paper towels. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Cook steak until well browned and cooked to desired doneness, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and tent with foil.
3. Add remaining oil and scallions to empty skillet and cook until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes; transfer to bowl. Stir soy sauce mixture and any accumulated beef juices into skillet and simmer, scraping up any browned bits, until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Slice beef thin on bias against grain. Transfer to platter and top with sauce, scallions, and sesame seeds. Serve with rice.

Jane Earley's Notes: This is an easy recipe as most can be prepped beforehand and cooked right before serving. It takes more effort when making two flank steaks and an unfamiliar stove/setting like at a rally.

SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sighand.....

"Let's put all the cornflakes back in the box!"

Submitted by Mary Ester Chavarela

Ten Canine Commandments

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be painful to me. Remember that before you buy me.
 2. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
 3. Place your trust in me. It's crucial to my well-being.
 4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainments and your friends. I only have you.
 5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
 7. Remember before you hit me, I have teeth that could easily crush the bones of your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
 8. Before you scold me for being un-cooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak.
 9. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old.
 10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch it", or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there.
- Remember that I love you.

Author unknown

King Arthur and the Witch

Young King Arthur was ambushed and imprisoned by the monarch of a neighboring kingdom. The monarch could have killed him but was moved by Arthur's youth and ideals. So, the monarch offered him his freedom, as long as he could answer a very difficult question. Arthur would have a year to figure out the answer and, if after a year, he still had no answer, he would be put to death.

The question ? ...What do women really want ? Such a question would perplex even the most knowledgeable man, and to young Arthur, it seemed an impossible query. But, since it was better than death, he accepted the monarch's proposition to have an answer by year's end.

He returned to his kingdom and began to poll everyone: the princess, the priests, the wise men and even the court jester. He spoke with everyone, but no one could give him a satisfactory answer.

Many people advised him to consult the old witch, for only she would have the answer.

But the price would be high; as the witch was famous throughout the kingdom for the exorbitant prices she charged.

The last day of the year arrived and Arthur had no choice but to talk to the witch. She agreed to answer the question, but he would have to agree to her price first.

The old witch wanted to marry Sir Lancelot, the most noble of the Knights of the Round Table and Arthur's closest friend!

Young Arthur was horrified. She was hunchbacked and hideous, had only one tooth, smelled like sewage, made obscene noises, etc. He had never encountered such a repugnant creature in all his life.

He refused to force his friend to marry her and endure such a terrible burden; but Lancelot, learning of the proposal, spoke with Arthur. He said nothing was too big of a sacrifice compared to Arthur's life and the preservation of the Round Table.

Hence, a wedding was proclaimed and the witch answered Arthur's question thus:

What a woman really wants, she answered....is to be in charge of her own life.

Everyone in the kingdom instantly knew that the witch had uttered a great truth and that Arthur's life would be spared.

And so it was, the neighboring monarch granted Arthur his freedom and Lancelot and the witch had a wonderful wedding.

The honeymoon hour approached and Lancelot, steeling himself for a horrific experience, entered the bedroom. But, what a sight awaited him. The most beautiful woman he had ever seen lay before him on the bed. The astounded Lancelot asked what had happened.

The beauty replied that since he had been so kind to her when she appeared as a witch, she would henceforth, be her horrible deformed self only half the time and the beautiful maiden the other half. Which would he prefer? Beautiful during the day....or night ?

Lancelot pondered the predicament. During the day, a beautiful woman to show off to his friends, but at night, in the privacy of his castle, an old witch ? Or, would he prefer having a hideous witch during the day, but by night, a beautiful woman for him to enjoy wondrous intimate moments ?

What would YOU do?

What Lancelot chose is below. BUT....make YOUR own choice first.

Noble Lancelot said that he would allow HER to make the choice herself. Upon hearing this, she announced that she would be beautiful all the time because he had respected her enough to let her be in charge of her own life.

Now....what is the moral to this story ? **The moral is.....**

If you don't let a woman have her own way....

Things are going to get ugly!

UPCOMING RALLIES

Paso Robles, CA. (Mini) 3 nights November 28, out Dec.1, 2012 15 sites reserved



Location: Wine Country RV Resort, 2500 Airport Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Reservations & Contact: Barbara Jensen (626) 919-0751

Cost: \$170 double, \$150 single Send check **made out to Barbara Jensen**, 460 N. Grand Ave, Covina, CA 91724

Deadline: October 28, 2012

Activities: Wednesday. 28th: Pot Luck 5PM

Thursday 29th: Free to tour area on your own. Catered meal 5PM

Friday 30th: Free to tour area. Suggestion is Estrella Warbirds Museum approx 1 mile away.

Admission is \$8/ person, payable at door. New exhibit includes race and antique cars.

Also, plenty of wineries in the area to visit. Left over Pot-Luck around 5pm.

Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) 3 nights April 4, out April 7, 2013 12 sites reserved



Location: Lakeside Casino and RV Park, 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV 89048

Reservations & Contact: Vera Raudman (310) 378-5107 raudvera@AOL.com

Cost: \$30 deposit due by February 15th. Balance for campsite payable at check-in. Send \$30 check **made out and payable** to Vera Raudman, 23427 Susana Ave, Torrance, CA 90505. (Do not book reservations directly with park. Contact Vera with questions)

Deadline: February 15, 2013

Activities: Thursday 4th, attitude adjustment at Raudman's site, evening

Friday 5th, Free day. Pot Luck 5:30PM

Saturday 6th Free day.

Quincy, CA (mini) 3 nights May 23, out May 26, 2013 16 spaces reserved



Location: Pioneer RV Park, 1326 Pioneer Rd, Quincy, CA 95971

Reservations & Contact: Jan Olmsted (916) 489-9497 janolm43@sbcglobal.net

Cost: Being negotiated, information in next newsletter

Deadline: To be determined

Activities: Thursday 23rd: Meet and greet around 4PM with wine and deli spread provided
 Friday 24th; Chamber of Commerce representative gives overview of area in morning.
 Saturday 25th Free until 5pm. Bring salad to share and something to throw onto the BBQ which you can cook for yourself or you hosts will be happy to cook it for you.
 Sunday: 26th; departure. Have a safe trip home.

Westfir, OR. (mini) 2 to 3 nights July 19, out July 22, 2013 Limited to 15 sites

Location. Haws Property (Chinook RV Club members) 47008 La Duke, Westfir, Oregon 97492

Reservations & Contact: **Limited to first 15 applicants.** Mike Froess (408) 241-8416 mfroess@flash.net

Cost: \$15 to cover misc expenses. Send check **made out and mailed to** Mike Froess, 1426 Stockbridge Drive, San Jose, CA 95130

Deadline: July 1, 2013

Activities: **Please note;** This will be a DRY CAMPOUT. We all have Chinooks that are fully self contained. This is your chance to really camp out. The site is a large open grass meadow, where we will park in a circle. We can have a fire in the middle for gathering. Please check out your generators and batteries, and come with empty holding tanks. The property has a bathroom, with shower and toilet that we can use as necessary, and a place to dump holding tanks IF necessary. Bring some books or tapes to share

Desert Hot Springs, CA (Annual) 4 nights October 9, out October 13, 2013

Location: Caliente Springs Resort, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

Reservations & Contact: Al and Eva Molina, (760) 671-6600

Cost: to be determined

Activities: to be determined

Editors Note This is preliminary information, more details will be made available in upcoming newsletters

CHINOOK R V CLUB

Membership Application

REVISED 10-1-2012

Membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Dues are due in October annually. New directory issued annually.

Name: _____

Spouse/Other Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Other? _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Chinook Coach Model: _____

Coach Model Year: _____

* You will be issued an ID badge to be worn at rallies. What name or nickname would you like on it?

* Name on ID badge _____

Please supply as much information as applicable, enclose a check for \$35.00

payable to: **Chinook RV Club**

And **mail** to the V. P. Membership

Chinook RV Club
% Kelli Scheese,
6530 N. Amherst Street,
Portland, OR, 97203

Further Membership Information for the Chinook RV Club may be obtained from
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Kelli Scheese, at 360.828.2639

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