

# The Road Runner



**November  
2025**



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Our Club Bylaws: <https://bit.ly/2XuqjWP>

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## ***Greetings Members***

Hello Chinook RV Club members and friends,

I'm honored and excited to step into the role of President for our club. Being part of this amazing group of Chinookers has already brought me so much joy, and I look forward to continuing our tradition of friendship, fun and open-road adventures. In the coming year, I hope to bring fresh ideas, encourage new members to join and make our gatherings even more memorable. Whether you're a longtime member or just getting started with your Chinook, our club is about connection, shared experiences and the love of RV'ing.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm- it's what makes this club so special. I look forward to seeing you all down the road!

Warm regards,  
Jan Pavia-Colabella  
President, Chinook RV Club West

## **OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Greetings Chinookers & Friends. I would like to thank the board and the membership for all the support that I received these past three years. You guys all did a fantastic job and I am very grateful for that. And thank you for the beautiful gavel- a Chinook tradition and I love that our club has these beloved customs. Congratulations to our new president, Jan Pavia – Colabella and the new board.

Mary Esther Chavarela

~~~**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**~~~

Joyce and Roger Staver, Eugene, OR  
Mark and Dorothy Lehman, Chippewa Falls, WI

Hal and Helen Forcey, Santa Maria, CA  
Bob and Marilyn Almquist, Bend, OR  
Colleen and Ken Conradi, Sandpoint, ID  
Aaron and Stephanie Gelobter, Grover Beach, CA  
Norman and Carole Young, Athol, ID  
Veronica and Adan Aldana, CA

## UPCOMING RALLIES SNAPSHOT

- **March 22-25, 2026 At The Springs at Borrego RV Resort & golf Course, Borrego Springs, CA** Hosted by Jan Pavia-Colabella ([see article](#))
- **June 1-4, 2026 at Village Camp Outdoor Resort, Truckee, CA** Hosted by Jan Pavia-Colabella ([see article](#))
- **September 9-13 2026 at Astoria/Warrenton KOA Resort, Hammond, OR** Hosted by Gerri and Gary Jenkins ([see article](#))

Terry Runkel  
VP of Rallies  
[tlrunkel@yahoo.com](mailto:tlrunkel@yahoo.com)

## October Rally Recap

**Sun Outdoors, Annual Rally  
Santa Barbara, CA  
October 6-10 2025  
Hosted by Mary Esther Chavarela**

### Sun Outdoors Santa Barbara Rally

The 2025 annual rally in Santa Barbara, California was a success.

Mon. 10/06 - despite the fact that I was a little hesitant about using a “Yurt” for our meeting place, it turned out to be quite a cute and cozy room. It’s amazing what a difference a few Dollar Tree table cloths, centerpieces, and wall hangings can make. The “Meet and Greet” food consisted of a make your own Taco Bar and the signature drink was Margaritas.

Tues. 10/07 - this morning we enjoyed a Private Trolley Tour of the city which included 1) Visiting the picturesque town of Goleta, home too many prominent citizens and movie stars. 2) A walk-through visit to the courthouse with its muraled courtrooms, and bell tower with its spectacular view of the city. 3) A quick visit to Mission Santa Barbara, the ‘Queen of California Missions. After the trolley tour, we walked to the end of the pier and had lunch in one of the restaurants there.

That evening we had our potluck and the Annual Membership meeting. Details of the meeting can be found in the minutes which is to be published soon. However, one very important item I can’t hold back on is that our new president is Jan Pavia-Colabella.

Wed. 10/08 - I hosted lunch at a cozy restaurant named Cà Dario in downtown Santa Barbara. We had a private room and enjoyed a wonderful lunch of appetizers, two main courses, wine and gelato for dessert. Everyone loved the food and our hostess. Lisa was amazing.

Thurs. 10/09 - this was a free day to do whatever we wished after our planned Tech Talk where lot's of good information was shared. Several of us went to visit Solvang, a town built to look like a typical Danish village. We had lunch in a Pub and visited many cute shops. Later a group of about 13 of us visited the Gainey Vineyard and Winery. We sat outdoors next to the beautiful

rows of great vines.

This was a great rally with tours, great meals, wine, margaritas, beautiful, campfires, and lots of community.

Fri. 10/10 - as usual we had our coffee and goodies that morning. In my opinion, the favorite "goodies" were the bagels, cream cheese and homemade jams, jellies and preserves that our club members brought for us. shout out to Lynn Erickson on her fabulous homemade jams! We hung around as long as we could, but the clock was ticking and we had to say goodbye until next time.



Front row left to right: Lynnette Erickson, Jane Earley, Sue DeMartini, Dave DeMartini, Oleta Askerman, Mary Esther Chavarela, Mary Coleman, Holiday Griger, Terry Runkel  
Standing left to right: John Colabella, Jan Pavia-Colabella, Roger Erickson, Jerry Earley, Gerri Jenkins, Gary Jenkins, Mike Runkel, Cindy Rowe, Peter Paccone, Vero Aldana, Adan Aldana, Doug Askerman, Debbie Sampson, Laura Kelly, Dave Kelly, Tom Hendrycks, Linda Hendrycks, Sonya Chambliss, Jim Durham





Left to right: Jerry Earley, Jane Earley, Jan Pavia-Colabella, Laura Kelly, Lyn Erickson, Gerri Jenkins, Terry Runkel, Debbie Sampson, Mary Esther Chavarela and Mary Coleman





Dinner in the Yurt.

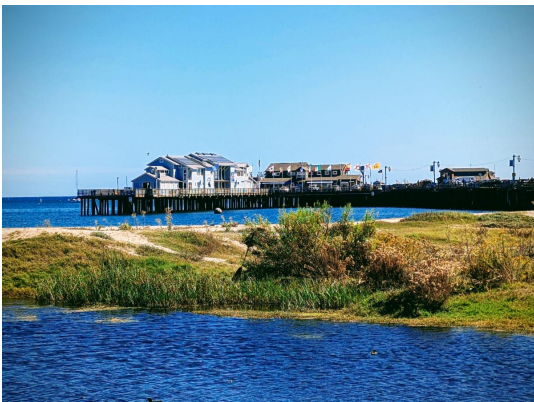


Dinner in the Yurt





Pot Luck dinner in the Yurt.







## 2025 Chinook RV Club 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Esther Chavarela at 6:30 PM.

**II. Attendance/Quorum:** President Chavarela declared that we could proceed with the business of the evening as there were enough members present to establish a quorum, (15 required votes). Mary Coleman made a motion to accept, and Dave seconded. All members present voted to accept.

### III. Minutes:

The minutes from the previous General Meeting on September 21, 2024 at the Mountain Valley RV Resort in Heber City, Utah, have been published online after revision in January 14, 2025 Road Runner Newsletter for all to read. Jerry Earley made a motion to accept the minutes as published, which was seconded by Mary Coleman. All voted in agreement.

### IV. Treasurer's Report: \* as confirmed by Mary Coleman 01/14/25\*

Treasurer Mary Coleman gave the year-to-date Annual Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Began with a balance of \$8,366.17 (10/1/2025). Income for the year totaled \$1,300. Expenses from rallies, bank charges, printing, postage and other supplies totaling the amount of \$2,975.07, leaving an ending balance of **\$6,721.10 as of September 30, 2025**. Motion to accept was made by Lyn Erickson and seconded by Jerry Earley. All present voted in agreement.

### V. Vice President of Membership Report:

Vice President of Membership, Debbie Sampson, reported that there are currently 40 members. We added 12 new members this year, of whom 4 are attending this rally.

### VI. Vice President of Rallies' Report:

Jan Pavia-Colabella VP of Rallies reported there were 2 rallies in 2025. She

thanked Lyn and Roger Erickson for hosting Wallowa Lake in Joseph Oregon in May. Jan then thanked Terry and Mike Runkel for hosting a rally in April in Lone Pine, California. 2026 has 4 rallies scheduled.

### **VII. Nominations:**

Jerry Earley, as Past President, heads up the nominating committee. He said that two positions need to be filled: President and Treasurer. Jan Pavia Colabella was nominated for President by Jane Earley and seconded by Roger Erickson. All voted to confirm.

Since Jan was Vice President of Rallies, Jerry Earley put up that position for nomination. Gerri Jenkins nominated Terry Runkel for the position of Vice President of Rallies, Jim Durham seconded. All voted to confirm.

The nomination was then opened for treasurer. Gerri Jenkins was nominated by Debbie Sampson. It was then seconded by Terry Runkel. All voted to confirm.

### **VIII. Old/ Unfinished Business:**

President Mary Esther Chaverala retired as of October 30, 2025. Treasurer Mary Coleman also retired as of October 30, 2025

### **IX. Historian:**

Terry Runkel has stepped up to take over the Club Historian and Web Contact for the Chinook RV Club West.

### **X. Discussion Topics:**

We are working with Rich Murphy, the Chinook Camping Club (Eastern Chinook Club) on getting a new Chinook RV Club Website up and running. Terry Runkel has also designed the graphics and logo for our club. The logo can be used on business cards, letterhead and merchandise that we can sell. When our new website is up and running, the membership form will be able to be submitted online and we will be able to accept payments by Zelle as well as paper check or cash.

Talks are going on about planning another joint East Coast / West Coast Chinook

Rally and potential locations.

We also discussed adding the word "West" to our Club name to make it more distinguishable. This will be done with a 30-day notification to members of the proposed change in our Bylaws. Votes will be accepted by email or by mail.

### **XI. New Business:**

Rally Locations for 2026: This Rally at Sun Outdoors RV Park counts as a 2026 Rally since it was past the September 30, 2025 fiscal year end.

Chinook RV Club Rally

March 22-25, 2026

The Springs at Borrego RV Resort and Golf Course

2255 DiGiorgio Road

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

760-767-0004

[thespringsatborrego.com](http://thespringsatborrego.com)

Chinook RV Rally



June 1-4, 2026  
Village Camp Outdoor Resort  
10100 Pioneer Trail  
Truckee, CA 96161  
530-625-7603  
[truckee@villagecamp.com](mailto:truckee@villagecamp.com)

Chinook RV Rally & Annual Meeting  
September 9-13, 2026  
Astoria/Warrenton KOA Resort  
1100 Northwest Ridge Road  
800-562-8506

**XII. Adjournment:** Jerry Earley moved that the meeting be adjourned and Jane Earley seconded it. Motion carried by voice vote, meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnette Nelson-Erickson, Secretary

**Borrego Springs, CA, Rally**  
**Sunday, March 22 (In) - Wednesday March 25 (Out), 2026**  
**Hosted by Jan Pavia-Colabella**



## CHINOOK RV CLUB Rally

March 22-25, 2026

### The Springs at Borrego RV Resort & Golf Course

2255 DiGiorgio Road  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

760-767-0004

### Stellar Activities in This Desert Oasis Will Make Your Visit at The Springs Absolutely Magical

An array of possible activities include:

- Galleta Meadows Sculptures in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- Spectacular star-gazing at the Astronomy Park
- Wellness Center Massages & Mineral Baths
- 9-hole championship golf course
- Salt Water Swimming pool
- Tennis and Pickleball
- Dog Park

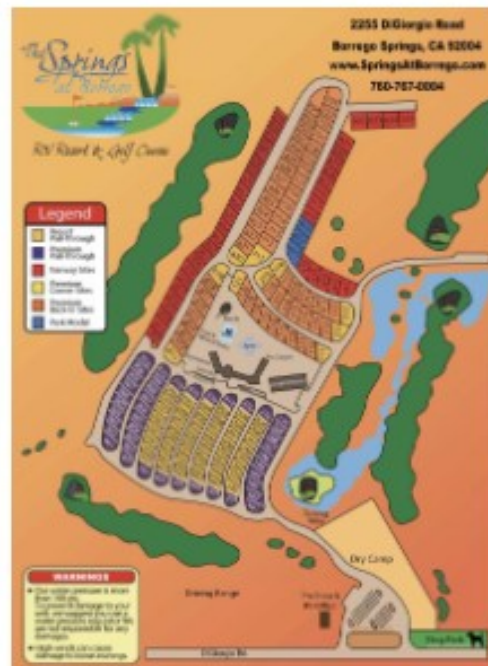
Cost: \$93.00/night, \$279.00  
total for 3 nights.

Deposit: \$93.00.

Cancellation fee: \$25.00. No  
refund with less than 72 hours  
notice.

Chinook Club sites will be held  
until August 10th, 2025. They  
are reserved under our booking  
date 3/22/26-3/25/26, not under  
the name of the club.

Please select sites 506, 507,  
508, 603, 604, or 605.



<https://www.springsatborrego.com/info/resort-map/>

**Truckee CA, Rally**  
**Monday, June 1 (In) - Thursday June 4 (Out), 2026**  
**Hosted by Jan Pavia-Colabella**



## CHINOOK RV CLUB Rally

June 1-4, 2026

(Monday-Thursday)

### Village Camp Outdoor Resort

10100 Pioneer Trail

Truckee, CA 96161

530-625-7603

truckee@villagecamp.com



Village Camp Truckee-Tahoe is the perfect spot for those looking to find nature and adventure hiking, biking and exploring. Donner Lake, just minutes away offers a variety of water sports, farmer's market, and delicious foods from local farm-to-table restaurants.

Sites are reserved under Chinook RV Club. #121-132 standard pull-through

Cost: \$93.50 night (15% discounted), Total: \$317.68

7 day cancellation period with a \$25.00 cancellation fee



[https://villagecamp.com/resorts/truckee-tahoe/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=maps](https://villagecamp.com/resorts/truckee-tahoe/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps)

## Chinook Annual Rally Astoria/Warrenton KOA

Wednesday Sept. 9 (IN)- Sunday Sept.13 (OUT), 2026

Hosted by Gerri & Gary Jenkins



1100 Northwest Ridge Road  
Hammond, OR 97121  
1-800-562-8506

Ninety miles west of Portland, Oregon at the mouth of the Columbia River are the coastal cities of Astoria & Warrenton. These Pacific Ocean cities are rich in Lewis & Clark history as the first settlements west of the Rockies. Top of the must-see list is the historic Astoria Column with its stunning views. While in Astoria, ride the Riverfront Trolley, tour the Maritime Museum & Fort Clatsup. Closer to the KOA Campground is Fort Stevens State Park with swimming, beach-combing, hiking, biking, Battery Russell, & The Wreck of the Peter Iredal.

This is a very popular campground so book early.  
Book-one, get-one free for the 11th & 12th for KOA members.

## ***Chinook History Since 1938***



**First Generation**  
1971 Chinook 18 Plus



**Second Generation**  
1988 Chinook Concourse 18+



**Third Generation**  
1998 Chinook Concourse XL

Check out the complete history of Chinooks from the beginning in 1938 and see how they evolved over the years. It's a great story! <https://tincantourists.com/wiki/chinook/>

## ***THE CHINOOK SONG (OPUS THREE) by Al Enriquez 9/17/2003*** ***(Sung to the tune of On Top of Old Smokey)***

WE ARE HAPPY RV'ERS  
WE SELDOM GET SHOOK  
AND OF ALL OUR POSSESSIONS  
WE LOVE OUR CHINOOK

WE TRAVEL THE HIGHWAYS  
WITH NO CARES TO BEAR  
WHEN WE STOP AND HOOK-UP  
MOST PEOPLE STARE

WE GO EAST AND WEST  
NORTH AND SOUTH TOO  
WE FACE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS  
THEY'RE EASY TO DO

WITH ONLY TWO SEATS  
IT IS QUITE A THRILL  
TO NOT HAVE TO WORRY



THEY GATHER AROUND  
TO ADMIRE OUR RIG  
WE ASK THEM INSIDE  
IF THEY'RE NOT TOO BIG

REFRAIN

WE'VE TRAVELED THE COUNTRY  
AND WHEREVER WE ROAM  
IN OUR TWENTY-ONE FOOTER  
WE NEVER MISS HOME

IF GRANDKIDS ARE STILL

TRAILWAGONS GO FORWARD  
KEEP CHINOOKS WITH ZEST  
FOR AS LONG AS WE'RE ABLE  
WE'LL BE DRIVING THE BEST!

WE ARE HAPPY RV'ERS  
WE SELDOM GET SHOOK  
AND OF ALL OUR POSSESSIONS  
WE LOVE OUR CHINOOK

## Chinook RV Club Officers & Supporting Cast: 2025/2026

President

Jan Pavia-Colabella  
California

Vice President - Membership

Debbie Sampson  
California

Vice President - Rallies

Terry Runkel  
California

Secretary

Lyn Erickson  
Washington

Treasurer

Gerri Jenkins  
Oregon

Member at Large

Jane Earley  
California

Past Presidents:

Mary Esther Chavarela  
Bob Shetland  
Jerry Early

Editor, The Road Runner

Laura Kelly  
Washington

Historian

Terry Runkel  
California

Webmaster

Rich Murphy - Chinook Club East

The Purpose of The Chinook RV Club is for Friendship,  
Education and Enjoyment of Owners of  
Chinook Motorhomes of *all* models and ages.

[Click Here to Download the Chinook RV Club Membership Application](#)

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.

Chinook RV Club | c/o Debbie Sampson - Membership 5065 Frontier LN | Roseville, CA  
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