

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Ed Vukonich

We are back and better than ever. I certainly hope that wherever your travels have taken you they were successful. We are looking forward to the Spring Rally. I have been diligently trying to improve the attendance with some luck. We have some new members who also want to go to the rally. I am also getting some feedback from my contacts for vendors at the rally.

I have received numerous requests for possible advertising in our Newsletter and have discouraged this. Some non-members want to advertise their Automate for sale and my answer is, join the club and I will consider your request. If this is inconsistent with the membership, please let me know.

The fall rally is on track and we look forward to that event, however, we need some volunteers to help. The location arrangements have been made in Sonora. The event is scheduled for October 9, 10, and 11. Come early and stay late.

I hope this letter will share with all of you about what has been happening and I solicit any and all comments which can only make us a better group. Thanks a lot for your consideration. Ed Vukonich

SPRING RALLY 2008

The Spring Rally will be held **April 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2008**

Please NO early arrivals before the 15th. As they mow the grass on Mondays.

Fee for extra nights camping will be \$20.00 & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

WHO TO CONTACT

Change of address	Evette Dilley
Payment of dues & Rally fees	Bette Perry
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Wermuth
Newsletter	Any of 3 Editors
General Inquiries & Issues	Ed Vukonich

Please register before April 1, 2008 due to catering requirements
Don't miss out on the fun. It will be held at the **Lodi Grape Festival Grounds**, (Jackson Hall) **413 Lockerford St., Lodi, CA.**
(See enclosed map)

Jim West reports the schedule as follows:

Thursday

Welcome event 6:30 p.m.

Snacks & drinks will be served

Friday

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Catered dinner – 6:00 p.m.

BBQ Pork Spare Ribs

Friday evening 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Entertainment will be Hawaiian dancers

Saturday

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Business Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Catered dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Beef Tri Tip

Saturday evening- Gift exchange (1 gift per rig)

Breakfast both days prepared by:

Dale & Joleen Clark and

Ross & Julie Stewart

FALL RALLY 2008

Mark your calendars

More dates to save for more fun times

Oct. 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2008

Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Highway 49

Sonora, CA

MANY HANDS MAKE THE JOB SMALLER

Are you planning on attending the AutoMate Fall Rally in Sonora? Would you be willing to help make it the success that previous rallies have been? The reason our rallies have been successful & fun to attend is the “behind the scene” effort by the committee members.

It doesn't take much effort, really, IF it is taken on by more than 2 or 3 people.

How can YOU help? Do you like playing with

flowers or pretty things? Then you are the person needed to plan the table and hall decorations. Are you someone who likes to get up early and make breakfast? Consider volunteering to plan and implement one of the 2 breakfasts. Like to tell people where to go? The parking committee could use the likes of you. None of the above talents? Not to worry, we can always use “helper bees” on any of the committees. In other words, the more volunteers on the committee, the less work needed to be done by each person. Please don't be shy, consider it a surefire way of meeting and making new friends. If you can offer ANY kind of help for the Fall Rally, either talk to our President, Ed Vukonich, at the upcoming Spring Rally or email him at rcv15200@yahoo.com or Evette Dilley at emdilley@sbcglobal.net or call her at (408) 266-0406
Remember Volunteers make the rallies happen.

NEWSLETTER MAILING

To keep down expenses and therefore keep down the club dues, we are still encouraging everyone who can, to sign up to receive their Newsletter by email. **If you want to start receiving your Newsletter by email, please contact Evette Dilley at emdilley@sbcglobal.net**

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

On page 5 of the last Newsletter (#20 Winter 2007) the caption under the picture should have read “Bob Livesey is witnessing Jim Stephenson and Jim Miller meeting in person for the first time” I apologized to Bob when the Newsletter came out and now I want to make the correction in print. To all of the members, thank you for your help and patience. Evette Dilley

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

At the 2007 Spring Rally. One of the speakers was a California Highway Patrol Officer. During the Q&A one of our members asked a question concerning merging with traffic onto a freeway. After the fact, Julie Stayton sent this information on to me suggesting it be added to the Newsletter. Because the next Newsletter contained our roster and was quite lengthy, I received permission from Julie to hold this information till the following

Newsletter. Here is that information taken directly from the California Driver Handbook.

MERGING IN/OUT OF TRAFFIC

Whenever you enter traffic, signal and be sure you have enough room to enter safely. You have to share space with traffic already on the road and you must know how much space you need to merge with traffic, to cross or enter traffic, and to exit out of traffic.

Space To Merge

Enter the freeway at or near the speed of traffic. (Remember that the maximum speed allowed is 65 mph on most freeways.) **Do not stop before merging with freeway traffic** unless absolutely necessary.

Freeway traffic has the right of way. Any time you merge, you need a gap of at least four seconds. However, this gives both you and the other vehicle only a two-second following distance.

- Don't try to squeeze into a gap that is too small. Leave yourself a big enough space cushion.
- Watch for vehicles around you. Use your mirrors and turn signals. Turn your head to look quickly to the side before changing lanes. Leave three seconds of space between you and the vehicle ahead. Make sure you can stop safely if you must.
- If you need to cross several freeway lanes, cross them one at a time. If you wait until all lanes are clear, you may cause traffic delays or an accident.

AUTOMATE WANTED

Looking to purchase a 2000 or newer AutoMate. No larger than 26', mid-profile, single living room slide. Must be in good condition, non-smoking. Please contact Paula Peterson (209) 369-3729

AUTOMATE FOR SALE

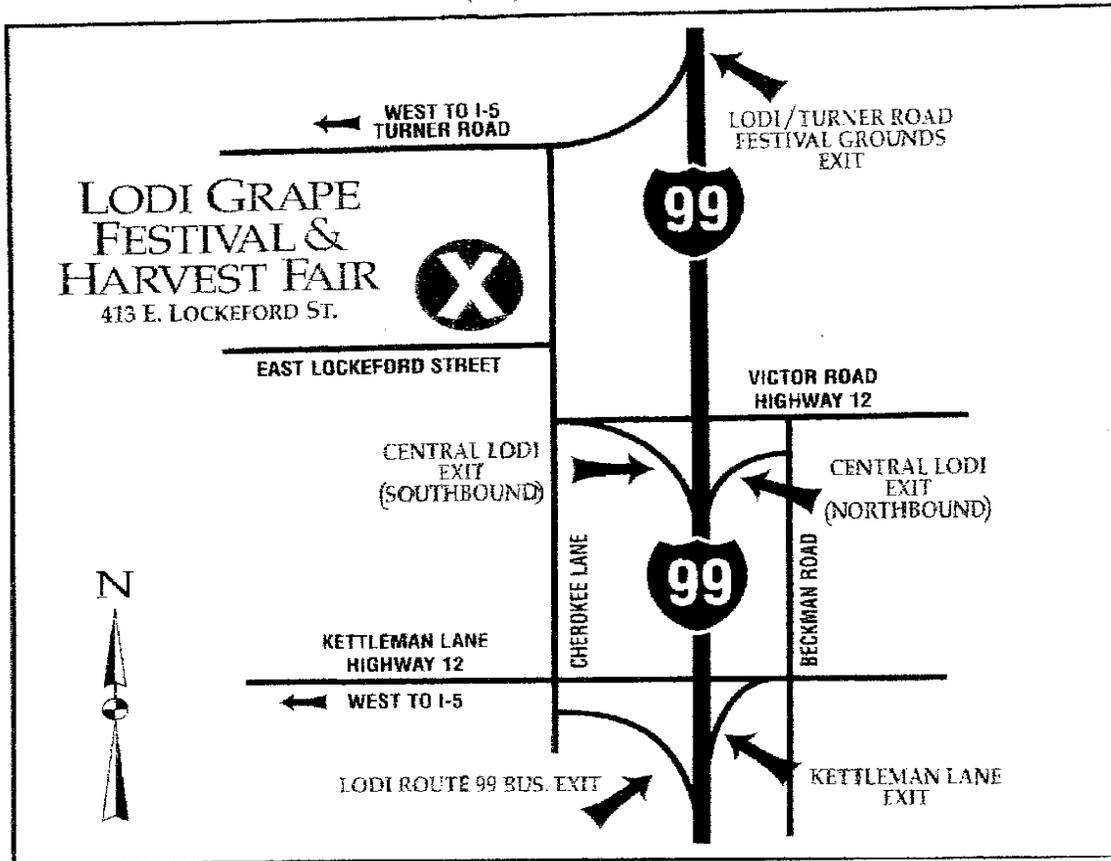
2000 Automate 33' Triple Slide 5th wheel Panoramic rear kitchen with side by side refrigerator / freezer, Ceiling Fan, Double Insulation, Disc Brakes, Air Ride suspension, newly installed *Strongarm* stabilizer jacks front and rear, Lots of storage inside and out. In good condition, Original owners, Non-smokers. Located in Orlando, Florida. \$18,500. Includes storage Cover. Jay or Gail Johnston (916) 296-1790

CLUB NAME BADGES

Can be purchased from
JV CRAFTS
CUSTOM LASER ENGRAVING
8555 S. Wolfe Rd.
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 993-7820
Fax (209) 983-1885
e-mail: jvcrafts@hughes.net
Members who wish to order Club name badges may do so directly from JV Crafts. The price is \$11.00 per name badge which includes tax and shipping. For the same price you can choose from clip-on, pin-on or magnet type.

DIRECTIONS TO FAIRGROUNDS

413 East Lockeford St. Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 369-2771



From 99 North

Central Lodi exit
Left at the top of the ramp (Festival Grounds signs)
Left onto Victor Road
Right on Cherokee Lane
Left on Lockeford Street

From 99 South

Turner Road exit (Festival Grounds signs)
Continue South on the exit to Cherokee Lane
Right on Lockeford Street

CLUB DUES

It's that time. Just as a reminder that the yearly dues for our AutoMate RV Club are **due in April of each year**. Our President, Ed Vukonich has announced that the dues will not need to be raised in 2008 to meet expenses so they will remain at \$20.00 Please use this coupon when sending in your dues. Send to:

Bette Perry
20863 Alfalfa Rd.
Crows Landing, CA 95313-9757

Here is my 2008 Dues check in the amount of \$20.00, **made out to The AutoMate RV Club.**

Name _____
Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Check here if you can receive your Newsletter by email

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SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM
April 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2008
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 E. Lockerford St. Lodi, CA

Mail to:
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Cost \$135.00 per rig with 2 persons, \$105.00 per rig with I person

Dead line for registration April 1, 2008 (No arrivals before April 15th)

Here is my check made out to **AutoMate RV Club** in the amount of _____.

I will be arriving on _____ There will be _____ people in my rig.
Any extra nights camping will be \$20.00 per night & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

I need handicapped parking.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
_____ Phone _____
e-mail _____