

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Neil Zinn

I've said this before and I will say it again; I am ready for Fall and cooler weather. I just don't handle the heat as well as I did when I was younger. It seems so long ago! But I am beginning to sense that there will be an end to the heat and things common to the Fall, such as football. At least we had the Olympics to keep our attention. What did we do before gymnastics and ladies beach volleyball? I even enjoyed watching the mat gymnasts doing their routines with the ribbons on the sticks. Talk about grace in action! Apparently no one in the U.S. does that floor exercise. Well, anyway, Helen and I did get away from the heat by hiding out at Bodega Bay RV Park for a week. We even used the electric blanket for a couple of evenings until we got used to the evening chill. We had a great tour of the UC Davis Marine Lab and ate some great food at the crab shack located at Spud Point in BD and a wonderful dinner at River End Restaurant in Jenner. The crab sandwiches, crab cakes and clam chowder from the Spud Point facility were just excellent and our meal in Jenner was first rate by any measure. Consider an evening meal at River End but you will need a reservation. Try for a window table at sunset for an intimate evening.

Some previously intermittent problems with our slide outs came to a head when we couldn't close them as we readied to come home. Fortunately, we have the hydraulic jack-type device under the rig and we were able to get the living room closed. I tapped on the solenoid mounted on the hydraulic pump and Helen fiddled with the "In" switch and we finally got the bedroom in. It seemed the most

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likely candidate for problems as there was the correct voltage both at the switch and at the solenoid. We subsequently took the rig to Amack's RV in Woodland where they confirmed that the solenoid had failed and quickly fixed it. Our repair guy said it was not uncommon for solenoids to fail. Add another spare part to your tool kit.

This was the second time I have used Amack's. The first time, after a catastrophic failure on our Sonora trip, he had to replace the hydraulic brake unit with one from Dexter. The latter unit has operated perfectly ever since. I cannot speak too highly of the work done by Amack. The work is done quickly, correctly and at a reasonable price. If you are from up this way, consider using them when you need help. I understand, incidentally, that at one time they were a dealer for Automate. That's an interesting piece of history.

A tip of the hat, by the way, to Matt Matthews of our club who has located a source of repair parts for the original factory hydraulic brake units. In another section of this newsletter, he should have a brief article on how to get the repair kit.

I believe it has been a quiet summer for the club. Our Secretary/ Newsletter editor and Treasurer had several tasks to complete but beyond that it has been quiet. No news is good news as they say. Helen and I will not be in Sonora as we are taking an extended trip which will include the Albuquerque balloon festival, something we have wanted to do for several years. But we will be back in the Spring, looking forward to our annual business meeting. See you then!

2012 FALL RALLY- SONORA, CA

Oct. 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2012
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
220 Southgate Dr. (Off Highway 49)
Sonora, CA 95370

The fall rally in Sonora will be here soon, so mark your calendar! We hope to have one or both decal vendors there. You may want to contact them personally if you want work done at the rally. JV Crafts (209) 993-7820, Paint Protection RV Graphics Lettering (209) 605-9915. Pete & MaryAnn Bryan with Elmer & Elsie Petersen will host the Thursday night welcome. Friday breakfast will be hosted by Ed & Mary Robinson. Saturday breakfast

will be hosted by John & Betty Perry with Jim & Evette Dilley. Irv & Arline Baptist will make sure we have plenty of coffee. Pickle Patch will cater both dinners. There will be sign-ups to learn/play card games for Saturday afternoon. Friday night there will be dancing to the music of Music Express with Greg Brown.

Saturday night will end with a White Elephant Auction, so bring your gently or never used items to donate to the cause.

To all you crafters out there, this might be a good time to bring, show or sell some of your craft work. We have some talented people in our club and it's fun to see what they can create. We'll be happy to set up a table for you to display / sell your items.

The rally is a real bargain this year just \$125.00. This is due to the cap set for the next 2 rallies made at our last spring rally to see how it affects our bank balance. Come and join in the fun. The success of all our rallies depend on your participation and fellowship. Hope to see you all there!

Remember the dead line for registration is Sept 24, 2012

Don't miss out on the bargain price.

Jerry & Pam Richichi

AUTOMATE SUNSHINE

From time to time we all need a little sunshine in our lives. I'm not talking about being outside on a beautiful spring day after a long cold winter, I'm talking about the sunshine that comes from knowing that we are loved and cared about by our friends and family. We have some members of our AutoMate family that could use a little "sunshine" by way of cards and notes of caring. I'm thinking of:

Leonard Mello, who has had a slight stroke and hopefully by now is home and is getting better with each day. Sources say that other than some weakness in his left side he is doing well and getting some physical therapy to complete his recovery.

Ida Cheek is still trying to recover from back surgery she had last year. It's taking longer than she wants it to and she is ready, mentally, to come to a rally.

Ed Weber has had a couple of lung cancer surgeries just recently and hopes to be home recovering by the time this Newsletter comes out. **Yvonne Wason** has improved enough from her fractured hip that she no longer uses the chair lift to go up and down the stairs in her house, but she still does not feel that she can get in and out of their RV, so unfortunately they have their rig up for sale.

So if you, too, are thinking of these people or anyone else that you care about, please send them a card or drop them a line to let them know that. We never know how much that little act of kindness means to the people receiving it.
If you know of any of our AutoMate family that is "under the weather" and in need of a little "sunshine" please let me know so that we can send a little sunshine their way.

Thank you,
Evette Dilley, Editor

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

1999 37' 5th WHEEL Triple Axel

3 slides, Non Smoker, air ride, Queen bed, Corner Shower, Washer Dryer Combo, Micro wave Convection oven, Gas cook top, Four door Norcold refrigerator freezer, 3 pantries, Oak table with 4 chairs, Lazy Boy hide a bed, Two swivel recliners, Corner desk, entertainment center. 2 gas furnaces, Roof A/C ducted. Rear view camera, Tri-pod Corner stabilizers, 2 Solar panels, More extras. Rig is located in Pahrump, NV

Asking \$20,000

Call Hud Hatch for information, can email photo.
(623) 556-7649 or (916)708-0772

PS. We will negotiate on the price

1994 32' 5th WHEEL

2 Slides. Rear kitchen, stand-up bedroom, air suspension/upgraded compressor, 8klb axels & 16" tires, newer refrig. & microwave, up-graded Mattress, 40 gal propane tanks + One extra tank, five almost new tires & new batteries, reconditioned roof. Original owners. \$6,000

12 ft fold-a-boat with attaching hardware. \$600

2001 Dodge 2500 Quad-cab: 5.9 Cummins diesel, 6 speed manual trans., Towing ready, new clutch. \$11K

Will negotiate a combined package
All units are in San Jose,
Contact Bob Wason (408) 997 0570

2003 31' 5th WHEEL

3 slides, 2 solar panels, hardwood floors throughout except for bedroom, custom furniture, (2 chairs & queen size hide-a-bed), 2 porcelain sinks, corian counters; Grohe faucets, 2 heaters, air conditioning, patio awning, Excellent condition
Located in Placerville, Asking \$24,000.
Contact; John & Dee Olson, 3461 MyOwn Rd.,
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 295-1195 or (530) 622-6872.
john@johnolsonlaw.com

1999 33' 5TH WHEEL

2 Slides, Air ride, 100 Fresh water tank, 3-50 gal. gray & black tanks, Hardwood floors, Corian counter tops, free standing dinette, 2 TVs, Auto Sat., 5 disc VCR, exterior shower. Electric steps, window awnings, 20' main awning, slide covers, 15k BTU A/C, 6V deep cycle battery, 2500W inverter-charger, 2 solar panels, 3 power exhaust fans, 5 kw Propane generator, Cast alum. wheels & spare with good rubber, more. No smokers / animals.

Asking \$11,500.

22k Reese 5th wheel hitch, brand new, in box never been used. Asking \$450
Both located in Valley Springs, N. CA

Contact Ken Davey (209) 772-2827
or cell (209) 304-2063 kdavey15@earthlink.net

2002 33' 5th WHEEL (& TRUCK)

2 Slides, Rear kitchen, Corian countertops, Oak kitchen floor, 2 heaters, 2 Fantastic Fans,, Microwave/hood combo, side by side refrigerator with ice maker. Shower skylight. Light earth tone interior in great condition. No smokers or pets. New custom paint, Hydraulic disc brakes, air bag suspension, air hitch, 17' awning, window awnings, double insulation, independent front power leveling jacks, Roof 2 1/2 yrs old. Bicycle rack for 2 bikes (hitch style). Good Sam Extended Repair Warranty (assumable) Located at See Grins in Gilroy, CA Asking \$23,000

TRUCK 2006 Ford 350 SD

Super duty, super cab, long bed, Lariat chrome pkg, 20,600 miles, trailer hitch. 6.8L V-10, power adjustable pedals. Heated exterior mirrors, AM/FM/CD changer audio system, chrome tube style running boards, 5 speed tow haul transmission, heated seats, power sliding rear window, exterior mounted turn signals, limited slip rear differential, 18" wheels. 16K 5th wheel hitch plus 5th wheel tailgate, comes with original tailgate, diamond plate tool box, spray in bed liner, two-tone white & gold with matching pin stripes to match trailer. No smokers or pets. Asking \$19,900

Will sell trailer without truck, BUT not truck without trailer.

Truck is in Elk Grove, CA Photos available upon request.

Contact: Dick Larkin (916) 804-3634 or dmlarkin@frontiernet.net

2000 28' TRAILER

Air ride suspension, wide body, double insulation, slide out, dual pane tinted windows with day & nite shades, 2.8 kw Onan generator less than 10 hr of use, A&E 9000 awning w/metal cover, aluminum LPG bottles, fluorescent lites, porcelain toilet, TV, DVD, VCR, radio, w/amplifier, 10 C.U.ft. fridge, power vents, outside shower, battery cut off switch, water filtration and many more extras, no pets or smokers, like New Condition in and out.

Always stored inside building, towed less than 7000 miles, located in Grass Valley, Ca.

Owners Club members #296

\$14,900 or OBO

Louie or Anna Croce 510-797-3647 or acroce@sbcglobal.net

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Mail to:
Pam Richichi
25 Schooner Lane.
Modesto CA 95356

Cost \$125.00 per rig with 2 persons, \$100.00 per rig with 1 person

Any extra nights camping will be \$20.00 per night & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

Dead line for registration Sept 24, 2012

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

I am also paying for _____ extra nights @ \$_____each night.

I will be arriving on _____ I will be leaving on _____

There will be _____ people in my rig. I need handicapped parking.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

e-mail _____