

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Neil Zinn

Well friends and fellow RVers, Spring has sprung and we can begin to look forward to warmer weather and pulling our rigs to new and interesting climates. We're not there yet but at least I have my garden space rototilled, fertilized and raked waiting a warming of the soil when I can stick my tomato plants into the ground and some other good seeds. I've finally decided gardening is not a paying proposition when I figure in the cost of the fertilizer and water. I may need to erect one of those signs we see along Interstate 5 crediting our political people with taking our water away.

The Spring Rally is just about here and I look forward to seeing everyone again. Of course, we have our business meeting coming up and with it the election of officers. We will need to fill the positions of club president and secretary and sign up some folks to take the lead in organizing subsequent rallies. I want to say, I was hugely pleased with having been able to line up two years of rally coordinators when I took office and I hope (and pray) that members will again step forward. We are all volunteers in the club and we can only function if members participate. I invite you to consider serving the club in some capacity and to step forward at our Spring meeting.

Thus far, no one has forwarded any suggestions for bylaws changes or other modification on how the club operates. Our bylaws require adequate notice before any issue is voted upon so I would ask that you contact our club secretary, Evette Dilley, if you have changed your physical or e-mail address. The e-mail address is especially important as it would be

the best way to contact everyone should the need arise.

I always look forward to the show and tell times when we talk about the problems and issues that have arisen in the operation of our rigs and how we went about fixing things. Of course, we are always interested in learning about new repair facilities that have performed admirably. We have had no new problems with our rig but I did have the pleasure of watching my engineer son in law, daughter and grandson pull the old rubber roof off of their Automate, repair some rotted wood underneath, and put a new rubber outer layer on. That took a lot of work and energy and I am glad it was them and not me. We took the easy way out and had Eddie do it for us last year at Los Banos RV.

Helen and I had such a great time last year visiting New Mexico and Arizona that we are talking about a repeat trip. There are still some ruins and Pueblos to be visited. There is so much in this country of ours worth seeing that it takes a lifetime to accomplish it. And of course, there is the aging problem and the need to get out while we still can. I always get some new ideas and inspiration at our rallies and can add something to the old bucket list. We look forward to seeing you all and enjoying good fellowship together.

2013 SPRING RALLY

April 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2013

Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds

WHAT A DEAL!! This is the second of two rallies that will cost only \$125.00 per rig! Please be sure to mark your calendars and head for Lodi for this event. You won't want to miss the fun, food and great camaraderie we always enjoy at our rallies. Please note** **Early birds won't be allowed in until Wed. the 24th.** The Fairgrounds is having the Escapees rally just before us, and they need time to prepare the grass. The extra night would be \$25, and we can't get on the grass until Thurs. In addition, **we must all leave Sun.**

morning because the Good Sam folks are arriving that afternoon. We're sorry for these restrictions this time, but we have no choice in the matter.

FOOD! Jim & Sharon West, and Ray & Ruth Keener will start us off with a welcome get together in Jackson Hall featuring hors d'oeuvres and refreshments for all. Irv & Arleen Baptist along with Jim & Evette Dilley and John & Bette Perry will do a pancake breakfast Friday morning (ALWAYS GREAT!). Ross Stewart, Don Martin, and Chuck & Sandy Creevan will be providing a steak feed with all the trimmings (YUM!). Saturday morning, Ed & Mary Robinson, along with Elmer(Pete) & Elsie Peterson are going to whip up an egg thing (OH YEAH!). Just so we don't starve Saturday night, the Pickle Patch will serve us Chicken Cacciatore along with lots of other goodies. Kim Duke's Old Vine Bakery is making a desert just for us once again. Pat & Ed Everett will be doing a Spring inspired theme for our hall decorations.

FUN! We're hoping to once again play card Bingo on Friday night after dinner, so be sure to save your dimes! There will be a white elephant gift exchange following Saturday's dinner. Please be sure to bring something new or slightly used (one per rig) either wrapped or in a bag. Cost of any item should not exceed \$10. These are always fun when people swipe each other's just gotten stuff. There will be tables set up for anyone who wishes to display and/or sell craft items. Please show the rest of us how talented you are! If any of you would like to share technical information or experiences about your rigs or travels, please let us know so we can let others know. Otherwise just get up on a little box and see how many gather around.

EVENTS! As of this newsletter, we are trying to get the Red Cross to come in Friday morning and give us an introduction to CPR rescue breathing, the Heimlich maneuver for choking victims, stroke victim identification signs, and possibly other areas of interest. For those of you who may wish to have decal work done, Ron at Auto Trim Design will be available before, during, or after our rally. Please contact him directly at (209) 605-9915 to discuss your needs. JV Crafts will be in Texas during our rally this time.

Of course, downtown Lodi has numerous interesting shops, and the wine tasting opportunities in the area are fantastic.

ANNUAL MEETING! Will be Saturday afternoon in the Hall. We hope everyone will attend, as there will be numerous items to be discussed and decided upon.

FALL RALLY

Sept. 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2013

Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Sonora, CA

Bette & John Perry with the help of Evette & Jim Dilley are in the process of putting together the Fall Rally. Sign up sheets for volunteering to help for Thur. night welcome, Friday and Saturday breakfast and one of the dinners will be out at the Spring Rally. Also if anyone has either learned a new game or activity that they would like to introduce and or share with us please feel free to let us know about it.

BUT if you are not able to make the Spring Rally and would still like to help out at the Fall Rally, please either call Bette Perry at (209) 892-8358 or Evette Dilley at (408) 266-0406 or email at emdilley@sbcglobal.net

Remember these rallies don't run themselves. Good rallies are the work of many people volunteering to make each job a little easier.

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

1999 37' 5th WHEEL Triple Axle

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.

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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 djlarkin1234@comcast.net

CLUB DUES

It's that time again. Just as a reminder that the yearly dues for our AutoMate RV Club are **due in April of each year**. While you're thinking of it send your dues in now to continue getting the Newsletters and so to not miss out on all the fun at the rallies. Please use this coupon when sending in your dues.

Here is my 2013 dues check in the amount of \$20.00, made out to **The AutoMate RV Club**.

Mail to:

Pam Richichi

25 Schooner Lane

Modesto, CA 95356

Name _____ Address _____

City, State & Zip _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Check here if you can receive your Newsletter by email

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

April 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2013
Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 E. Lockeford St.
Lodi, CA

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

Extra night camping will be \$25.00 & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

Please **DO NOT show up to camp before Wed. April 24**, as there is another rally at the Fairgrounds.

We will ALL have to be out on Sunday April 28

Dead line for registration April 17, 2013

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

I am also paying for 1 extra night @ \$25.00.

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 _____