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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Neil Zinn

I was able to have a nice conversation with Bill Wyrick when we were at the Lodi Fairgrounds. I happened to follow it up with a visit to Los Banos on a family matter and I stopped by Los Banos RV where they had an exterior restriping going on and two of his smaller toy haulers in various stages of construction. He was just coming off of an interesting difference of opinion on whether he was obligated to drive over an hour to another community, at his cost, to do some repairs on an older AutoMate, well past any reasonable warranty period. Allegedly, this owner had indicated he would contact each of us to make known his grievance against Bill. If any member encounters this individual, and I do not know any name, please let me know. I know Bill can take care of himself but I am concerned if any non-member believes he can obtain a confidential mailing list of our members and use it for irregular purposes. Well, as this issue indicates, it is coming up on time to make reservations for the Fall rally in Sonora. There was some concern expressed by some members over holding it in September as there were conflicts, one with Helen and myself included. We can't do anything about it this year but I have contacted the fairgrounds people in Sonora regarding a 2014 date and was able to secure the first week in October of that year from mid-week through the weekend. That was the only time available to us, even this far out. At this point, we do not have anyone who has stepped forward to take Wagonmaster duties for that event but I hope this will change or it will be a sparsely organized event.

As a reminder, the Wagonmaster volunteer who

accepts the job of organizing a rally has the freedom to choose the exact time and location for the rally. So if any of you want to do something different in Fall 2014, you can do so.

In round numbers, the club is paying \$1300.00 for club insurance. Your officers recently discussed our coverage with the intent of defining our scope of coverage and whether any economies might be possible. Unless some significant, new information is forthcoming, it appears that our early club officers did a fine job on their homework to determine coverage needed. Their work seems to have been reliable and valid, even with the passage of several years.

In several conversations at the Lodi Rally, several people were talking about interesting trips they had taken, places they had been to and were saying "Oh you gotta go to.... It's so interesting". "The best RV park we've been to is ...". Could you take a minute or two and send your information to Evette to be published in the newsletter. Even if the Newsletter just came out, she can include it in the next one.

On the home front, Helen and I are getting our rig detailed in preparation for a trip up through Washington (that's AC-"Above California"-not DC) We will be looking forward to some get away time even though it means coming home to the heat. Blah! The older I get, the less tolerant I am of the heat.

Helen and I wish you well for the summer; be safe out there on the highways and byways of our fine country and we look forward to seeing you down the road.

SPRING RALLY 2013

First time rally chairmen, Rick & Sharon Damlos, made chairing a rally look easy.



The weather cooperated and allowed members the chance to visit.

For the Thursday night welcome get together, we were greeted not only by a beautifully decorated hall done by Pat & Ed Everett, but the great cooking done by the committee of Jim & Sharon West and Ray & Ruth Keener. They had prepared "homemade chicken nuggets" and yummy tortilla roll ups, BIG HIT.



Friday morning breakfast was prepared by the committee of Jim & Evette Dilley, Irv & Arlene Baptist and John & Bette Perry making Irv's famous pancakes with sausage and juice. But first they had to decide who was going to do the cooking.



After breakfast on Friday, Rick had arranged to have a speaker from the Red Cross come out to teach us about first aid and give a CPR demonstration it was well received by all who attended.

Rick & Sharon also arranged to have SmartWeigh from Escapes there for those of us that wanted to

have our rigs and or trucks weighed. Several members took advantage of that



The afternoon was open and that allowed the members to either relax and visit with each other or to travel around and check out local sights. Fridays dinner was excellently prepared by Ross & Julie Stewart, Don & Jeanette Martin and Chuck & Sandy Creevan. While the guys BBQ'd t steaks outside,



the gals prepared the “fixens” in the kitchen.



After dinner, we had a night of card bingo, lead by Irv Baptist and Andy Anderson.



After the game some of the members gathered around the fire pit to enjoy the rest of the evening.

Saturday morning found Mary Robinson in the kitchen (looks like she is keeping her crew in line) cooking up a yummy egg breakfast. (recipe to follow in Newsletter)



Between camping and eating we sure get our money's worth from these rallies, don't we?

Saturday morning was left open so that members could relax or visit with friends. The board held their meeting in preparations for the member meeting to be held after lunch. At 3:00p.m. the members gathered in the hall for our annual meeting, where the offices of President, Newsletter Editor and Treasurer were elected. (Meeting minutes are to follow in the Newsletter)

Our Saturday dinner was again catered by The Pickle Patch and was greeted warmly.

After dinner we had our White Elephant gift exchange and as usual it was a lively exchange with several of the "prized items" were stolen and re-stolen before the final steal.

Virgina Souza only thinks she's taking that item home with her.



Sad to say Sunday morning came around much too quickly and it was time to pack up and go. If you missed the fun at this rally, not to worry the Fall Rally will be here sooner than you think. Be sure and join us in Sonora for that.

EASY SOUTHWEST SAUSAGE STRATA

- 4 Corn Tortillas (6 inch)
- 1 pkg. Jimmy Dean Hearty Hot Sausage Crumbles or 4-6 oz. Hot sausage roll
- 4 Eggs
- 1/2 cup Milk
- 1/2 tsp. ground Cumin
- 1 cup (4 oz.)shredded Mexican cheese blend divided
- Chopped tomato & green onion (optional)

Directions

1. Cook sausage if using sausage rolls.
2. Preheat oven to 350 ° Arrange tortillas on the bottom of a greased 8 or 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with sausage.
3. Beat eggs, milk & cumin in a medium bowl with a wire whisk until well blended. Stir in 1/2 cup cheese.
4. Pour egg mixture over corn tortillas.
5. Bake 30 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Top with remaining 1/2 cup

cheese. Bake until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting into 4 squares to serve. Top with tomato & green onion, if desired.
Serves 4, 1 square each

FALL RALLY COMING UP SEPT. 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2013

The Perrys and the Dilleys would like to thank all who signed up to help for the Fall Rally.

Those that signed up are:

Thursday night welcome:

Pete & MaryAnn Bryan and Pam & Jerry Richichi

Friday breakfast:

Irv & Arlene Baptist and "crew"

Friday night dinner:

Put on by rally hosts

Saturday breakfast:

Andy & Jan Anderson and Pete & Elsie Peterson

Saturday night dinner:

Will be catered

Decorations by:

Jean & Leonard Mello

Fun to be had by all

So mark your calendars

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