

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Ed Vukonich

Come early and stay late, we are encouraging your participation in the forthcoming Fall Rally. I know fuel prices are a concern and rightfully so. However we have tried our best to maintain the price for the rally. I also believe the quality of the activities will make for a great time. My personal thanks to Evette Dilley for her superb effort for this rally.

As you can see the agenda listed in our newsletter is clearly one of the best.

For those of you that have a concern about our manual being published on our web page, that will never happen and we will also not publish it on a CD without approval from the membership.

The club also has an opening for a vice president. Please try to help by your participation as an officer in our great club.

That's all I have to report until we meet in Sonora, which will be our best rally ever, Please sign up as early as you can so we can finalize our plans for the Fall Rally.

Thanks a lot for your consideration .

Ed Vukonich
President

FALL RALLY

Oct. 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2008
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
Highway 49
Sonora, CA

The Fall Rally is being held at one of the club's favorite locations, the beautiful mountain setting of Sonora. The town of Sonora and the surrounding area is beautiful this time of year and there are so many things to do and places to see.

We have kept the price low to try and offset the fuel prices but it is **still a bargain for the package.**

Where else can you get 3 nights camping, welcome snacks & drinks, 2 great breakfasts & 2 delicious dinners for that price? (Not anywhere that we know of.) If you haven't sent in your registration yet, be sure and use the form at the end of the Newsletter to get your check off now so that you don't miss the fun and good time.

The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 9, Thur. night.

6:30 p.m. Welcome event, snack & drinks will be served

Oct. 10, Friday

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served
The morning and afternoon will be open to either visit with friends or see the sights and sounds of the area before the weekend tourist arrive.

6:00 p.m. Catered Grilled chicken Dinner
After dinner enjoy the sounds of the Barndawgs.

Oct. 11, Sat.

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (or for as long as we have participants) games will be held out on the lawn
There will also be an area for our craft-y people to put out their wares for display or sale, so bring your items and if you have it a table to display them.

6:00 p.m. Catered Sirloin Roast Dinner
After dinner Raffle prize winners will be announced

Oct. 12, Sunday Departure

The committee has tried to put together a schedule of fun things to do if you have a favorite game you would like to bring, please feel free to do so.
We are using a new caterer this year and he has come up with what we think is a great menu.

TREASURE'S REPORT

(sorry, this was supposed to be in the last Newsletter)

Treasurer's Annual Report 3/19/07 – 3/19/08
Given at the annual member's meeting in April.

Bank balance as of 3/19/07 \$11,730.08

Bank balance as of 4/19/07
audited & approved \$17,159.08

Income

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|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Dues for 2007 | \$1,540.00 | |
| Dues for 2008 | 1,230.00 | |
| Spring Rally 2007 | 1,695.00 | |
| Fall Rally 2007 | 6,435.00 | |
| Spring Rally 2008 | 4,385.00 | |
| Club Items Sold | 469.00 | |
| Manuals 2007 | 100.00 | |
| Manuals 2008 | 30.00 | |
| Refunds Fall Rally | <u>187.76</u> | |
| Income Total | \$16,071.76 | \$33,230.84 |

Expense

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|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Insurance-Liability | \$1,311.71 | |
| Manual copies | 184.81 | |
| Misc. (gifts) | 77.58 | |
| Newsletters | 129.20 | |
| Postage | 241.89 | |
| Supplies- Club | 76.96 | |
| Website | <u>229.85</u> | |
| Sub-total operating exp | \$2,252.00 | |

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| Fall Rally 2006 | \$42.75 | |
| Spring Rally 2007 | 7,012.15 | |
| Fall Rally 2007 | 5,444.29 | |
| Spring Rally 2008 | 1,145.00 | |
| Spring Rally refund 2007 | 330.00 | |
| Fall Rally refund 2007 | <u>135.00</u> | |
| Sub-total Expense | <u>14,109.19</u> | |

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| Total Expenses | \$16,361.19 | \$16,869.65 |
| Bank statement balance as of 3/19/08 | | \$16,869.65 |

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| Income | \$16,071.76 | |
| Expenses | <u>16,361.19</u> | |
| Loss for year | (289.43) | |

SPRING RALLY 2009

Save the dates, April 30 to May 3, 2009
At the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, CA
Neil Zinn is busy working on making this a good
rally so be sure and mark your calendars.

CHANGING POLAR-AIRE FAN MOTOR

By Ted Martin

Polar-Aire has been bought out by Shurflo. Shurflo still provides replacement parts for Polar-Aire fans. (My motor and screen were provided at no charge.) Shurflo's point of contact is Maria Avalos at MariaAvalos@pentairwater.com. Super service!

Shurflo's replacement motor mounting is not the same as Polar-Aire's. Polar-Aire's motor is mounted in the fan housing with three "L" brackets. Shurflo's motor does not have the required holes in the motor casing to attach the brackets.



The brackets are required to (1) prevent the motor from falling through the housing, and (2) to prevent the motor from rotating.

I attached a hose clamp around the motor casing to prevent the motor from falling through the housing. To prevent rotation I had to file the molded nubs on the brackets flush. (The nubs protruded from the bracket to fit into a small hole in the motor casing.) I then attached the brackets to the housing. Using a second hose clamp around the upper portion of the brackets including the motor, I applied enough pressure against the brackets to press against the motor casing to prevent rotation.



The Shurflo motor has three screws in the shaft end of the motor casing. I could not think of a way to use them for mounting the motor, and since they were not interfering in any way, I just left them in place.



I recently had problems with a high resistance ground on my trailer running lights. Nelson's RV in Vacaville was able to troubleshoot and correct my problem. The problem was the grounding system for the clearance lights, tail lights, brake lights and back-up lights all have one common ground to the frame. For electrical continuity the tail/brake/back-up light assembly relies upon pop rivets to ground between sections. Over eight years these rivets corroded enough to create a high resistance ground causing the lights to be very dim. The rivets join very thin metal parts. Rather than trying to drill out and replace the rivets, Nelson's RV added a separate grounding system to the existing assemblies.

Nelson's RV Vacaville is a small two bay (with two exterior bays) RV repair facility. They are always booked up for weeks in advanced. They are very knowledgeable and professional, plus they are nice people. Very reasonable rates. I rate them very high.

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

1992 31' 5th wheel with rear kitchen. Corian throughout. Built-in stabilizers, electric jacks, front & back. Oak flooring in kitchen. L/R slide out with T.V. & stereo. Non-smokers. Like new. \$12,000.00

1992 F-250 460 V-8 55,000 miles \$8,000.00

(530) 662-5366

Cecil Rooker (former AutoMate R.V. Club member)

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2003 35' 5th wheel with 3 slides. Rear living room, air suspension, double wall insulation, 3 heating systems, air conditioner, microwave, corian counter tops, new tires, non-smokers, beige-tone interior white/green exterior, accents. Will send pictures via email-more info at cefteacher@hotmail.com or call (530) 836-0393 ask for Roxanne

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2001 31' 5th wheel with 3 slides, New hydraulic disc brakes, air ride, generator, new converter and "G" tires. 8" x 5" closet with mirrored doors, bath with large shower, air conditioner, sofa bed, twin bed & king bed, sleeps 5. Includes 5th wheel hitch. \$20,000.00 or best offer
(831) 439-2086 or cjgolden@earthlink.net

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.

Jim Stephenson Welcomes Get Well Card from Members

By Betty Pollack

Jim Stephenson, charter member and former Newsletter Editor, is recovering steadily from a heart attack and major stroke on his right side, which he suffered on June 10, 2008. Dave and I visited him on August 10th. He is now temporarily in a rehab facility and benefiting from intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy. While Jim's speech is coming back very slowly, he is fully alert, in excellent spirits and now able to walk a little with a brace and assistance. He can easily maneuver his wheel chair with his left leg and arm. His wife, Mary, is participating fully in Jim's therapy and the prognosis is that he will be able to return home in a few weeks.

Jim would appreciate cards from AutoMate Club members. His address is 11438 Winding Trail Lane, Dublin CA 94568.

FALL RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

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Mail to:

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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 Oct. 1, 2008

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

I am also paying for _____ extra nights @ \$20.00 each night.

I will be arriving on _____ There will be _____ people in my rig.

I need handicapped parking.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

e-mail _____