

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Ed Vukonich

I think we had a great rally, in spite of the gas prices, My kudos go to Evette & Jim Dilley who spent a considerable time to make the rally a winner. In addition I want to thank each of you that helped. The decorations were outstanding. The freshly brewed coffee was great and the parking was exceptional.

Now to my next request, we need volunteers for the Fall Rally. Please come forward with your help. I know we can make it another special rally in Sonora. The second request I have is a nominating committee for our next term officers. Remember, the spring rally is election time. I plan to seek reelection unless you have some reservations.

You know how I like our get-togethers so I am hoping to plan a weekend at Casa de Fruta in late February/early March. It will not be a formal club affair just a weekend with friends. My thoughts are to have a make your own barbeque each night and the club will provide the side dishes, total value including space rent will be \$85.00 for 2 nights. Please let me know if this outing fits your fancy. If it doesn't I will figure something else because I treasure our times together.

The Spring Rally is on track, but please call Neil Zinn with any help you can give him. Again I'll remind you, volunteering is fun and you get to know people better and meet new ones too. Thanks a lot for your consideration and the best to each of you until we can be together again.

Ed Vukonich

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FALL RALLY 2008

Some members started arriving at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora, on Tuesday to get an early start on the weekend. They pulled their rigs in under the shade of the trees



and members set about visiting and catching up with each others' travels.



By Thursday the rest of the rigs had pulled in and the rally officially began.



Later that evening everyone gathered in the hall for the welcoming get together.

As the members entered the hall they were greeted by festive fall decorations created by Elsie and Elmer Peterson and set out with the help of their committee.



The scarecrows and Elmer's home grown gourds were also on the tables continuing the fall theme. Friday morning's breakfast of stratas, juice and coffee was such a hit that, by popular demand, the recipe for the "strata" appears later in the Newsletter.



Helen Zinn and her breakfast committee really outdid themselves.

After enjoying the breakfast, some people went into town while others challenged each other at games of Washer Toss and Montana Golf.



Yet other members used that time to set out some home made crafts items to sell.

Friday evening's dinner was teriyaki chicken and Asian rice with green salad, dinner rolls and a peach dessert.

After dinner on Friday we were treated to the sounds of and danced to a local band called "The Barndawgs".

Our breakfast committee served another favorite on Saturday morning. Fresh berries with yogurt, granola and different sweetbreads were served with coffee and juice.



Again after breakfast, the games were set up and before too long the fans were cheering on the players.



Later that morning a "tech meeting" was held in the hall for those who wanted to attend.



Don and Marianne Boneck showed up in their new motor home. **Don turned 80 years old on Saturday** and we all sang him Happy Birthday.

Saturday's dinner was fresh carved sirloin ball roast and sliced roasted potatoes, caesar salad, rolls and a pecan pumpkin pie for dessert.



Mary Robinson shows off the beautiful quartz and amethyst geode donated by one of the local businesses that she won.

After dinner Saturday night the raffle was held. Not only was there 2 gift baskets filled with goodies to enjoy, but 10 of the local businesses had donated items to add to the raffle.



Barb Fugate seems very happy with the gift basket she won.



Jim Dilley, Joe Goulart and Jerry Richichi show off their "Indiana Jones" look.

After dinner, the table decorations were sold and Ed Robinson decided he wanted buy one and take it home with him.



Judging from all the comments heard and smiling faces seen it is this Editor's opinion that a good time was had by all those who attended. If you are not one of those that attended, don't miss out on the fun coming up at the Spring Rally.

A big Thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members who volunteered to help, both before and during the Rally. Without worker bees the rallies would not be possible.
Evette Dilley, Rally Host

Parking committee

Irv Baptist
John & Bette Perry
Leonard Mello
Elmer (Pete) Peterson

Hall Decorations

Elsie & Elmer Peterson
Sue & Dave Tavernetti
Marlene & Ed Weber

Thursday Night Food Prep

Pam & Jerry Richichi
Ida & Paul Cheek
Eleanor Oliveira & John Louis
Peggy Yettman

Breakfast Committee

Helen & Neil Zinn
Peggy & Ron Yettman
Ed & Mary Robinson
Elsie & Elmer Peterson
Marlene Weber

Photographer at large

Ed Robinson

(By popular demand the following is the recipe for the breakfast that was served on Friday morning at the fall rally.)

GOLD RUSH CHEESE STRATA

12 slices sandwich bread
¾ lb. sharp process (or cheddar) cheese sliced or shredded
1 pkg. (10 oz) frozen chopped broccoli, cooked and drained (optional)
2 cups diced cooked ham, turkey or left-over cooked meat
6 eggs, slightly beaten
3 cups milk
2 Tbsp instant minced onion
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp dry mustard

Cut "doughnuts and holes" from bread, set aside. Fit the scraps of bread in bottom of 13 x 9 x 2-inch greased baking dish. Place cheese in a layer over bread, add a layer of broccoli, then ham. Arrange bread "doughnuts and holes" on top. Combine remaining ingredients, pour over all. Cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight.
Preheat oven to 350
Bake uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes. For a pretty finish, sprinkle with a little more shredded cheese 5 minutes before end of baking time.
Before cutting into squares, let stand 10 minutes to firm.
Makes 9 serving.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

A big thank you goes to Neil Zinn for stepping up at the Fall Rally and volunteering to fill the spot of Vice President of our club.

SPRING RALLY 2009

It will come sooner than you think

April 30 to May 3, 2009

**At the Yolo County Fairgrounds in
Woodland, CA**

Neil Zinn is getting together a committee and is working to make this another good rally. If you can help either before the rally or during please contact Neil Zinn and volunteer. Also remember that our only business / member meeting is held at the spring rally and there will be elections at the meeting.

As we have not gotten the contract from the fairgrounds yet, we are unable to finalize the weekend price.

FALL RALLY 2009

It's not too early to mark your calendars for this rally.

Oct. 8 to 11, 2009

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA

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THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS NEEDED

Before the Fall Rally, Gene and Leta Barber were out of state when Gene had a heart attack. He was in an out of state hospital for a while, but now he is in a hospital in Manteca. He is still in serious condition, improving slowly.

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JIM STEPHENSON On The Road To Recovery.

On Friday Nov. 7th, Jim came home after 5 months in various hospitals and rehab facilities. We had planned to spend the summer taking the RV up the coast to Canada to go salmon fishing with an old buddy on Vancouver Island. But we learned that a health crisis can interrupt the best laid plans.

We are grateful that Jim is doing so well. He can now walk with a hemi walker, (aka a one handed walker) and we look forward to the day when the wheelchair can be stored away in the closet. Now that we are home, medicare provides a physical, occupational and speech therapist three times a week. The next step will be outpatient therapy. I have learned that patience is the key in stroke recovery. Though I yearn for giant leaps forward, I must be content with baby steps. Jim is motivated and determined. Although his speech is still very limited, his brain is going full steam ahead.

The rig is safe in storage and the big dodge diesel is sitting in the driveway. Only time will tell if we can get on the road again. I say anything is possible. Jim would like to thank all the AutoMate Club members who sent cards and emails. Your kind thoughts really did make a difference.

If all go well, we'll try to make it to the Spring Rally.

Mary Stephenson

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IN MEMORY OF Bob Livesey



Bob Livesey was the founding Vice President of the AutoMate RV Club. He passed away on Nov. 15, 2008. According to his son, Bill, Bob had been ill for several weeks prior to his admission to a hospital. He was hospitalized for over two weeks prior to his passing. He had been planning a trip and was readying his rig even after he had taken ill. He put up a good fight and rallied several times, but at the end he passed quietly.

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AUTOMATES FOR SALE

(My apologies to Cecil, in the last Newsletter I listed this rig as a 1922, please note that it is a 1992)

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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2000 33' 5th wheel Model F31J with 2 slides

Rear kitchen Extra oak cabinetry, 3 power vents, Upgraded AC, Air ride suspension, Disk brakes, Brakes & tires new last 2 years, Dual 12v batteries (4 months old) 3 holding tanks. NADA values: low

\$20,275, high \$24,500 Asking \$22,000, price negotiable
(707) 823-2029 ask for Chuck or charles362@aol.com

Call (408) 266-0406 ask for Evette emdilley@sbcglobal.net

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AUTOMATE WANTED

Looking for small AutoMate, about 27' please call Paula Peterson (209) 369-3729

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AUTOMATE FOR SALE WAS SEEN AT...

I am starting a new section in the Newsletter. Due to the fact that AutoMates are no longer being made, but we still receive inquires from people wanting an AutoMate, this part of the Newsletter will try to help that situation. If, when you as members of the club, see or hear of an AutoMate for sale, please note where you saw that AutoMate for sale, a short description and a contact number also if you can talk to the selling party and let them know that their rig can be listed (free of charge) in the AutoMate Newsletter, that could be helpful. To all, please be aware that this, as in any other ad for sale in our Newsletter, is not to be considered as a recommendation for any of the rigs listed. We will not list any prices in this section. This section is for information only. Hopefully this will also help to get new members to the club. So email or call me, Evette Dilley, with your finds. With that being said here are the ones we have seen:

1994 31' 5th wheel, 1 slide, rear kitchen, not smooth sides.

1997 32' 5th wheel, 2 slides rear kitchen, smooth sides.

Both of these rigs are at See Grins RV sales in San Martin, CA (888) 683-4652 or www.seegrins.com

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FOR SALE

Complete CentralVac for AutoMate. HP Vacuflo RV2000 Includes long flex hose, 2 rod extensions, edge tool, rug tool & 3 upholstery tools.

It came with our rig but we have never used it. Sell for over \$350.00 new, **we are asking \$125.00**

CLUB NAME BADGES

Can be purchased from
JV CRAFTS
CUSTOM LASER ENGRAVING
8555 S. Wolfe Rd.
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(209) 993-7820
Fax (209) 983-1885
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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.