

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Ed Vukonich

Hello again, for those of you who were at the spring rally I know you were treated to a great time. Neil and Helen Zinn did a fabulous job with all of the festivities supported by the usual cast of characters. Irv and his parking crew, Elsie and Pete Peterson for their fabulous and creative decorations, and all the rest of the folks who helped with the ice cream social and the breakfasts. A very nice job and many Thanks.

We also had a very good business meeting with the culmination of an election of a new slate of officers. Next year our club will be guided by Neil Zinn supported by Evette Dilley as secretary and news letter editor and Bette Perry as treasurer. The office of Vice president is still open with some candidates but they need to convince their wives. The fall rally is all set for Sonora in October with Ross and Julie Stewart as your wagon masters. Let's all get together and help Ross and Julie with all of the activities.

With that said, our club is deteriorating by lack of participation. We all need to review our priorities with respect to participating at the rallies because as past leaders you can provide specific help to our current officers. I want the club to continue as it has and be a function of fellowship and owners of Automate. Enough said, I want to wish the best to all of you and have a very good summer wherever your travels may take you and we look forward to seeing you in Sonora.

Thanks a lot for your time, Ed Vukonich

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SPRING RALLY 2009

Did the gray skies and talk of intermittent rain stop our members and their AutoMates from coming to the Spring Rally in Woodland?



Not a chance. Thirty rigs arrived between Tuesday and Thursday and members began visiting with friends and enjoying the planned events.



Thursday was dry and gave members a chance to sit outside and relax.

Meanwhile the decorating committee consisting of Elsie and Elmer Peterson were busy making the gathering hall look like a country garden complete with live plants.



Catching up on each other's travels and adventures while enjoying the ice cream was the order of the evening.



Did I mention that the ice cream was really good?



Early the next morning the breakfast crew got busy cooking up the pancakes for everyone.



Ahhh, there's something about a man wearing an apron.

The pancakes and sausages were a big hit



and so was the granola parfait on Saturday morning. Friday's schedule was open so that the members could either get together and visit, play cards or go see some of the local sights.

Check out the size of those pizzas. Our Rally



chairman found a local pizza parlor that delivered these super sized pizzas to add to the salad that was served for our dinner. YUMMM

After dinner we were treated to the sounds of a local group called the Crawdads



Saturday's schedule included the granola breakfast and demonstrations given by K & P Enterprises and

Ken Imler of Imler Diesel, both well attended by members.

Our business meeting was held in the afternoon and elections were held.

Bette Perry and Evette Dilley both agreed to continue on as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor respectively.

Neil Zinn was nominated from the floor for the office of President. As there were no other nominations all three were all voted in on a white ballot.

Our new President



The continuing treasurer and Newsletter Editor.



Ross Stewart volunteered to chair the Fall rally in Sonora in Oct of this year and Jim Dilley volunteered to chair the spring rally in 2010.

The rest of the afternoon was open until, what else, more food. Our dinner was catered by Ludy's Main St. BBQ, downtown Woodland. More yummm.



After dinner, the raffle was held and some of the lucky winners went away with a basket filled with goodies while others won gift certificates from a local supermarket.



All in all a good time was had by all in attendance. Looking forward to the Fall Rally.

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT AND SPRING RALLY CHAIRMAN

Neil Zinn

The AutoMate Spring Rally is now history and if I say so myself, everything that was supposed to happen did happen on schedule. As I told our attendees, I stewed mightily over the organization of this event trying to simplify the process and to keep it within budget. While I haven't seen the bottom line yet, I believe those goals were more than met.

None of this could have happened without the good will and "can do" volunteerism of our members. It would not be a stretch at all to say that we had more than enough volunteers to assure the schedule was met. Starting at the beginning, I owe thanks to the following:

1. Evette Dilley for answering a million questions.
2. Betty Perry for flawlessly handling event registration.
3. Irv Baptist and Leonard Mello for the parking committee.
4. Irv and Arline Baptist, Leonard and Jean Mello, and John Perry for the restoration job on the kitchen grill and for preparing breakfast--with the able assistance of Jim Dilley-- on Friday and Saturday. (and wonderful pancake recipe) Special kudos to Jean Mello for baking, I believe, 13 loaves of nut bread that added so much to the meal.
5. Elmer and Elsie Petersen for table decorations made from home grown lovely plants.
6. Ed and Marlene Weber for set up help and for serving.
7. Ed Vukonich for the two gift certificates from Camping World.
8. Helen Zinn for securing donations from Nugget Markets, preparation of gift baskets and providing adult supervision to the rally chairman.
9. Numerous Kudos to Ross and Julie Stewart (Julie is a terrific salesperson), Yvonne Wason, Jerry Richichi, Pat Dinsmore, Bob and DeLores Frederick for multiple kindnesses and willingness to do just about anything that was needed.
10. Thanks to Ed Robinson for his hard work as our rally photographer.
11. To everybody that helped with clean up, toting trash to the dumpsters, moving chairs, collapsing and stacking tables, and generally cleaning up.
12. Special club thanks to Ross Stewart and Jim Dilley who agreed to serve as rally chairpersons for the Fall and Spring 2010 events, respectively.
13. I apologize for missing any one for work done but not recognized.

I was especially pleased with the program put on by our guest, Ken Imler of Imler Diesel in Sacramento. I think everyone recognized Ken's knowledge and competence and besieged him with questions after his all too brief presentation. He's been my diesel guy for about six years now and has done a bang up job for me.

I'd like to renew my request that you forward any suggestions on subject matter—and who might have the knowledge to do a presentation—that might be presented at future rallies. For example, is there any interest in a workshop on setting up a satellite antenna system? Ours is a pretty sophisticated group of RVers and there is a lot of expertise within the group. We don't always have to rely on outside "subject matter experts."

We also thank members Ken and Paula Lougee for their presentation on water systems. Not much else is as important as clean water, especially when accompanying some Jack Daniels. It wasn't a new message but it is always useful to be current on something this important.

Declining membership continues to be a problem to the club. One useful suggestion is that each of us keep a copy of the club application in their rigs so we can recruit wherever we see an Automate and someone who might not be a member.

We all need to support our newsletter and submit original articles that may be of interest to all of us. On the Woodland outing, I heard an interesting discussion about the depth of the spacers under the rig frames to which the airbags are attached. As I understand it, should we go to larger tires and suffer a catastrophic loss of air pressure in the air ride suspension, we could drop the rig down onto the tires and be unable to move without eating up the wheel well. Perhaps someone could come forward with an article on this potential problem if you plan to go from 15 to 16 inch wheels.

Finally, I'd like to thank the group for electing me to the office of club president. With humor, I'd say if you haven't reached the bottom of the barrel, you are somewhere near there. I look forward to working with Evette and Bette and the yet to be determined vice president. We do need someone to step forward to fill this position. Please consider doing so; there is a crowd of people in the group who are willing to help you in any way possible.

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

1997 AutoMate 32' Pull trailer 1 slide

front & back entrance, Oakwood interior, lots of cupboard space, aqua green rug & rocker, extra large bath with shower, Queen bed in back bedroom, free standing kitchen table with 4 chairs, wedgewood stove & oven, microwave. 19" TV &

satellite on top, awning. Inside has been professionally cleaned. Located in Sacramento. Asking \$15,000.00 Price negotiable
Contact Randy Schroeder
Home(916) 772-1632 cell (916) 708-0621

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2003 AutoMate 35' 5th wheel 2 slides

Teal color, lots of extras including: corian counter tops, air ride suspension & hitch, disc brakes, 16" chrome wheels, electric exterior steps, full awnings all around. Can be seen on www.rvmall.com has some pictures of interior & exterior, it is the only AutoMate 5th wheel on the site.

Asking \$20,000.00 Located in Fresno.

Contact Bill Livesey
(310) 479-5019 or walivesey@verizon.net

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2001 AutoMate 32' 5th wheel 2 slides

Rear kitchen, hardwood floor in kitchen, corian counter tops 2 TVs, dome satellite, generator, fantastic fan in bathroom, full awnings (1 window awning need replacement)

Also 2001 Chevy Silverado 2 dr. pickup set up to pull this rig 44k miles on truck.

Asking \$55,000.00 for both, would like to sell as a package.

Contact Jean (707) 422-5938

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For Sale; Intelipower, 60 amp voltage converter.

New in box, Camping World cat # 34439

Cost \$311.10 reg. Pres club price \$279.99

With charge control that keeps battery from siphoning or overcharging. Listed price \$37.00.

Asking \$200.00 for both

Contact Al Schader cell (831) 869-8696

Or as.schader@sbcglobal.net

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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, asking \$120.00

Call (408) 266-0406 ask for Evette

emdilley@sbcglobal.net

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FALL RALLY SCHEDULE

OCT. 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2009

THURSDAY, Oct. 8, 2009

Arrival and check-in

5:00 -6:00 P.M. Wine and cheese, beer and soda

FRIDAY, Oct. 9, 2009

7:30-9:00 A.M. Breakfast

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice & coffee

Friday afternoon free time

See Tuolumne County visitors guide 2009.

(this will be given out at check-in)

SATURDAY, Oct. 10, 2009

7:30-9:00 A.M. Breakfast

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice & coffee

Saturday afternoon free time

6:00 P.M. Dinner Doc's Texas BBQ

Pork ribs and sausage

Green salad, Arkanslaw, Macaroni salad, Boracho beans, rolls, butter and dessert

Note: Wine, beer and soda will be available from Thursday night until it's gone

SUNDAY, Oct 11, 2009

Check-out

Ross & Julie Stewart say that they have everything lined up for the rally and that they have had several people come up to them and others call them to offer their help. They know that the fun is not only in going to the rallies but working together making it a success and getting to know our fellow AutoMate RV Club members.

FALL RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Oct. 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2009
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
Highway 49
Sonora, CA

Mail to:

Bette Perry

20863 Alfalfa Rd.

Crows Landing, CA 95313-9757

Cost \$145.00 per rig with 2 persons, \$125.00 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, 2009

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 _____