

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Ed Vukonich

Hello again, we are back and I hope better than ever. We hope all of your travels have been great this summer. If you missed the Fall Rally it was a very nice time and Ross and Julie Stewart with their cast of helpers did a very nice job. Thanks a lot for your effort, it was terrific. The next rally is in King City and the next Fall Rally will be in Sonora at the Fairgrounds.

During our Fall Rally we had a board meeting at which several key issues were brought up. It is anticipated these issues will be on the agenda for our Spring Rally meeting and I would like a good discussion on each subject.

They are not in priority order:

1. To remove the one year president training period in waiting.
2. Elect a vice president to help Neil Zinn our elected president,
3. With our attendance reducing, to establish a steering committee to review the possible merger with other clubs in the same situation as our club. I have received an invitation to explore this with the Alpenlite club. I will do so and give you a report in the near future. In conversation with Bill Wyrick I can see the potential of limited growth, if any at all. That's all I have to report, however you can expect an update via e-mail on my discussion with other groups. Thanks for all your support.

Ed Vukonich

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Our Fall Rally chairpersons, Ross and Julie Stewart, could not have ordered up any better weather than what we had for the rally. The Sonora sky was blue and clear and the temps were in the 70's as they greeted everyone with a smile and a list of local activities going on in and around the area.



By Thursday evening all 28 AutoMates had arrived and checked in. After checking in with Bette Perry, Irv Baptist and his committee made sure that everyone was able to park and get hooked up.

Then it was time to greet friends and catch up on the goings on with each other before going into the hall for the trail in social time.

The decorating crew did a great job as is usually done by who ever volunteers for the job. As we were greeted with festive decorations and a table of munchies to go with the conversation and socializing.



Both mornings the breakfast crew was in the hall and ready to serve up a helping of pancakes, sausages and coffee first thing.



There's nothing like the smell of hot pancakes and sausage to bring a smile to every one's face.

New member, MaryJo Goddard shares conversation with Florie Matthews over breakfast and coffee.



While some of the members choose to use their free time to take in the craft street fair in Columbia or the Harvest Home Festival at the Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy, others decided to relax and visit with friends.

Later that afternoon, Yvonne Wason lead a workshop on knitting tote bags out of plastic shopping bags. Many of the women were seen sitting together and trying their hand at this.



Saturday started off with another great pancake breakfast and more visiting. Then while some members went off sight seeing and still other got new decals put on their rigs others joined in on games out on the lawn.

Saturday night, after another delicious dinner of ribs and side dishes and more cake, the door prize tickets were passed out, one per person. A drawing was then held for all the great prizes and also the flowering plants that were part of the table decorations. By the end of the evening there were many happy prize winners.

Still others decided to use this time to spruce up their rigs by getting new logos put on by JV crafts.



Friday night's dinner of chicken and fixen's was topped off with a special "AutoMate" cake complete with the logo. It looked good, but it tasted great. Mmm.. chocolate !!



By the looks on member's faces it appears that we had another successful rally.



Want to join in on the fun?? Don't miss the Spring Rally to be held in King City, CA. See the details further on in the Newsletter.
AUTOMATE 2009 FALL RALLY

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

INCOME

27 rigs @ \$145.00	=	\$3,915.00
39 extra nights @ \$15.00	=	585.00
4 Meals @ \$15.00 each	=	60.00
Overpays		<u>365.00</u>
Total		\$4,925.00

EXPENSES

Motherlode Fairgrounds	\$2,275.00
Parking	\$1,785.00
Hall	450.00
Insurance	40.00
Meals catered Fri & Sat	1,732.76
Members expenses	473.68
Refunds	<u>365.00</u>
Total	\$4,846.44

INCOME	\$4,925.00
EXPENSES	<u>4,846.44</u>
PROFIT	\$ 78.56

Refundable deposit of \$250.00

Checkbook balance
as of 10/19/09 \$12,651.78

2009 FALL RALLY, SONORA, CA

by Bette Perry

We had an exceptionally good rally. There were 27 rigs and 2 couples joining us on Saturday and for Saturday night meals.

Those who weren't able to attend, (for what ever reason, sickness or other commitments) we missed you and hope to see you at the Spring Rally in King City.

Ross and Julie Stewart did a commendable job as wagon masters. They provided literature for all the interesting places to see and or participate in while in Sonora. They had a lot of good help.

Chef, Irv Baptist and all his help provided Friday and Saturday breakfast. Doc's Bar-B-Que did a wonderful job on catering our Friday and Saturday night dinners. Mmmm-yum

We had beautiful weather, fantastic raffle prizes and table decorations that suited the fall time and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A board meeting was held Saturday, Oct. 10th and good subjects were brought up to be looked into further.

A good time was had by all and again we missed the ones who couldn't attend.

See you at the Spring Rally April 15th thru 18th, 2010 at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City.

Sincerely,

Bette Perry, Treasurer

P.S. I thank everyone of you for your help in making my job easier.

A RECOMMENDATION

By Andy & Jan Anderson

This past year we had a crack develop in our Corian counter top adjacent to the stove. We also had a problem with the front of the cover to the stove that needed attention.

We had a hard time finding someone who would work on it. We called one contractor who had been recommended to us and he has not returned our call. While in a retail business in the Sacramento area, we happened to ask if they knew of anyone that would fix the Corian.

We were given the name of CONTEMPORARY COUNTERTOPS in the Florin area of Sacramento. We called Raymond, the owner, and explained our problems and he was more than happy to look at it and gave us an estimate we thought was fair for the work that needed to be done. He would have to come to our home in Pioneer, but we opted to take the trailer to his shop, saving travel costs for him. Andy met Raymond at his shop at 8401 Florin Rd. in Sacramento at the beginning of the work day. The work was done that day. This young man did an outstanding job protecting our upholstery, walls and floor coverings. The repair (not replacement) of the counter top looks great.

We would highly recommend Raymond and Contemporary Countertops to anyone who may find a need for his services. He was most courteous and

did a wonderful job of repairing the counter and cover to the stove.

Contemporary Countertops
8401 Florin Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95828
(916) 381-4440

Thank you,
Andy & Jan Anderson

SPRING RALLY 2010

The Spring Rally will be held
April 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2010

At the
Salinas Valley Fairgrounds
625 Division St.
King City, CA

PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR RALLY

While we did have some people sign up to help in different areas for the Spring Rally, we are still in need of more help. Remember the more people that help the less each has to do.

So here are the areas that we still need people to help with.

- **Decorations** -We will have table coverings but need someone or someones to come up with an idea and put out some decorations, simple flowers or plants will do if necessary, something to make it look festive.
- **Breakfast** – We need someone to either volunteer to head up one of the breakfasts OR to volunteer to help with them.
- **Door / raffle prizes** – To either get donations or purchase items to make up some raffle/door prize baskets or items.

So if you want to volunteer to help or get together with some other members and take on one of these areas, not only would it be helpful it would be very much appreciated.

Contact Evette Dilley either by email or phone.
emdilley@sbcglobal.net OR (408) 266-0406
All help will be appreciated. No help will be turned down.

Even if you can't commit to help, please add the dates to your calendar and plan on coming to the

rally. King City fairgrounds is very nice, the camp spots are on the lawn and some can be on blacktop if you want to park there. They are all full hook-ups. Also the weather in King City in April is usually very nice. There are wineries in the area and an interesting tractor and farm equipment museum nearby.

AN IDEA TO HELP BUILD THE MEMBERSHIP

By Evette & Jim Dilley

It's a fact that because of the closure of the AutoMate factory and various reasons our membership is falling. I would like to mention something that Jim and I do while traveling. We always keep a copy of the latest newsletter (minus the roster) and a copy of a membership application (you can download it off our website, www.automatervclub.com) in our rig. This way whenever we're out anywhere in our rig and we see another AutoMate, we can talk to the owners armed with not only the Newsletter but we also show off the "owners manual" as being an extra perk of the membership. After talking about our rallies we then offer the application. We have found that this works better than telling them about the website and saying that they can go online and download it. (Remember not to leave the manual with them, just show it off as a tease.)