

# **AUTOMATE RV CLUB**

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### **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

By Chuck Creevan

Is the president dumber than a stump or the vice-president a genius?

Now folks this is the AutoMate RV Club that I am referring to and not some higher entity. This is the story.

Your president and vice-president were seated at our campsite in Greagle one evening solving some of the problems of the world. We must have been in my campsite because we were facing my RV. I mentioned to the Mr vice-president that for a long time I had an ugly black line on my trailer below the trim strip where the siding and skirting are joined.



I had tried everything I could think of to get that darn black mark from the skirting with absolutely no success and I told that to Mr. vice-president. His response was to simply take some solvent and a toothbrush (preferable not the one used for hygiene purposes) and scrub the black line off.

The next time that I cleaned the outside of the trailer I decided I would try Mr vice-president's idea and try to remove said black streak according to his suggestion. When I started in an out of the way place I noted that some of the caulking behind the trim strip had oozed out so I remove that by running a putty knife along the edge of the trim strip to remove the excess putty.



Then it was time for the solvent and toothbrush to be introduced to the ugly black mark



I then cleaned the dirty solvent off with a wet cloth and walla, no more ugly mark.



The whole process took me probably 15 to 20 minutes to clean around the trailer. Now once again I ask you the question: Is the president dumber than a stump or the vice-president a genius? I vote for the latter.

PS. Do not use any solvent next to a rubber roof. Rubber roofs do not like solvent.

Stay safe my friends. See you at the Fall Rally at the Mariposa Fairgrounds.

## FALL RALLY 2015

A note from the hosts, Jerry & Pam Richichi

The **Fall Rally** will be held **October 8 – 11, 2015** in the quaint, small old west town of **Mariposa, CA** at the **Mariposa Fairgrounds**. The fairground is located south of town on Highway 49 & Fairground Road. It's about 45 minutes from the Yosemite National Park entrance and about 30 minutes from Merced, off Hwy 99. The town of Mariposa has some cute shops and restaurants to visit.

*Coming to the rally we strongly suggest that you take Hwy 140 out of Merced. Trying to go from another route will be very difficult. There's a sign that says Mariposa-Yosemite at Hwy 140 & 99.*

There was some construction at that junction the last time we were there, so, you might have to take a slight detour. The four closest sites to the clubhouse are "Electric Only", if you don't need water and would like one of these closer sites, please indicate it on your form, first come first serve. There is a central dump as per Lodi.

Our committee for the rally are as follows:

Decorations- Roger & Dawn Cline

Thursday night will be a pot luck hors d'oeuvres (please bring a dish enough for 8-10 people)

Liquid refreshments will be provided.

Friday breakfast - Helen & Neil Zinn  
Friday dinner - catered by BB's Catering in Mariposa  
Dessert Friday night - Sandy Creevan & Anne Emrich  
Saturday breakfast - Jim & Evette Dilley  
Saturday dinner - catered by Dave's Western BBQ of Mariposa  
Saturday dessert - Helen Zinn  
On Saturday night we will have a "White Elephant" gift exchange, so remember to bring a new or 'slightly used' wrapped gift to participate in the exchange.

The fairgrounds says that we can have early arrivals or we can stay a few nights after the rally but we have to be out of the fairgrounds by the 15th as they have another event coming in that following weekend. the extra nights will be \$30.00 per night. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Pam at (209) 529-7230 or (209) 404-2959. It should be fun to explore some place new. So mark your calendar and we hope to see you there!

## **SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MARIPOSA**

Did you know that Mariposa is the Spanish word for butterfly? That's why you will see butterflies decorating the town and Mariposa has an annual Butterfly Days Festival each year.

The original native people of the area belonged to the Miwok tribe.

The first Europeans to explore the land were Spanish and they discovered a creek meandering through the valley and there were butterflies swarming all around. They then named the area "Arroyo de las Mriposas" which means stream of butterflies. That name was eventually shortened to Mariposa.

Mariposa sits at about 2000 feet elevation (1,953 feet is stated on the sign as you enter town).

It is the County Seat of Mariposa County and all of the local and most of the state and federal government offices are located in town.

It's primary industries are tourism and agriculture.

While you're there take a tour of the Mariposa County Courthouse, it is the oldest county courthouse in continuous use west of the Rockies. An historic Catholic church located on a hill at the south end of town, was erected in 1861. Like the

Courthouse, it has been in continuous use since it was built.

Don't miss the Mariposa Museum and History Center that houses one of the finest collections of historic artifacts in the state. On the surrounding grounds you will find numerous displays and exhibits of a native teepee, various pieces of mining equipment, historic buildings and a working stamp mill.

So travel the town and soak up some of the history of this beautiful area.

## **SPRING RALLY 2016**

The Spring Rally will be held April 7, 8 & 9, 2016 in Lodi, at the Grape Festival Fairgrounds. We can go in as early as April 5 and can stay an extra day on April 10. The early and late dates are \$25.00 per night. Actual rally nights are \$20.00 per night. The schedule will be very much like last year.

Thursday night will be pot luck heavy hors d' oeuvres.

Friday breakfast will be by Ed & Marie Andrea.

Friday dinner will be a Tri tip BBQ by Don Martin & Ross Stewart followed by card bingo. Bring your dimes and quarters.

Saturday breakfast will be by Jim & Evette Dilley. Saturday dinner will be catered by the Pickle Patch. We all had a great time last year visiting with old friends and new members. this is what our rallies are all about. Renewing old friendships and making new ones.

There is a lot to see and do in Lodi and some very good eating spots/ Habanero Hots on Victor Rd. is wonderful. Huge burritos and great margaritas !!! Dancing Fox in downtown Lodi is great, too. There are a lot of wineries in the Lodi area if you're into tasting and buying. You can really get a buzz going if you hit them all.

Your hosts for the rally are Mick & Judy Serra and Norm & Anne Emrich. If you're coming for just the meals and visiting, which is great, please let Pam Richichi & Judy Serra know a couple weeks in advance so we can have an accurate head count for the meals. Thank you

An oven thermometer has been purchased for the club so we can get an accurate reading for the ovens.

Hope to see ALL of you there.

FALL RALLY REGISTRATION FORM  
October 8, 9, & 10, 2015  
Mariposa Fairgrounds  
5007 Fairgrounds Rd.  
(corner of Highway 49 & Fairgrounds Rd)  
Mariposa, CA

Mail to:  
Pam Richichi  
25 Schooner Lane.  
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Cost \$150.00 per rig with 2 persons, \$125.00 per rig with 1 person

Any extra nights camping will be \$30.00 per night & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

**Dead line for registration Sept 28, 2015**

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

I am also paying for \_\_\_\_\_ extra nights @ \$30.00 each night.

I will be arriving on \_\_\_\_\_ I will be leaving on \_\_\_\_\_

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people in my rig.  I need handicapped parking.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_