

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Chuck Creevan

The weather is getting nicer. The sun is shining brighter and longer during the day. The trees are budding and even some are blooming. The doves are cooing. The mocking birds are starting their serenades. The shotgun is put away and the fishing rods are coming out. I'm sneezing and my eyes are itching. Aah, it must be spring.

Time to get about the business of getting the AutoMate ready to move from its winter hibernation. Time to check tires and bearings. Time to check water pump and water heater. Time to check batteries. Time to check lights inside and out. Time to clean rig inside and out. Time to check supplies. Time to get vehicle ready for its towing job. Time to prepare for the spring rally. Think I will sit down and rest for a time.

While taking time to contemplate the spring rally, remember this is our rally at which we conduct business. If you have anything regarding the club that you would like brought up please let me or one of the other officers know so it gets on the agenda. At this meeting we will elect a vice president and a secretary. Mick Serra, our vice president, and Evette Dilly, our secretary, have both done an outstanding job. They may or may not decide to serve for another term. Some arm twisting on the part of the membership is always good. Campaign contributions are very effective. (I hear Mick is especially affected by contributions). Should these two need to be replaced then people need to step forward. Be thinking about this. Talk with other members. Practice raising your arms at home so that when your name is called your arm ascends and your response is "I will".

Well fellow fun seekers time has run out for this message. Time to go. Aah, so much time and yet so little time.

See you at the rally in Lodi April 7, 8, 9 & 10.

NOTE FROM FALL 2015 WAGON MASTERS

Thanks to all who came to the fall rally and a special thanks to those who provided the great breakfasts, Neil & Helen Zinn, Friday, Jim & Evette Dilley, Saturday. The yummy deserts, Sandy Creevan & Anne Emrick on Friday. Neil & Helen Zinn on Saturday. The cute butterfly table decorations, Dawn & Roger Cline. We were happy to see that members took time to explore the area, including the quaint town of Mariposa, Yosemite National Park, Oakhurst, and the numerous wineries in the area. My favorite was the Mariposa Zip Line which we went on with the Dilley's. What fun!!

Pam and I survived a lot of problems from the time we arrived to the time we left. Our surge protector broke, air ride pressure switch failed, one of our blinds strings broke and the retina in my eye tore. Least of all, the minor problem of the air conditioner in the hall which works really, really well. You just didn't want to sit under it!

Thank you Jim & Evette Dilley for help with the pressure switch and the blinds. Also, our guests and good friends Fred & Pat Wach who attended the rally and helped us order new pressure switches on line.

I think my only regret about the rally was that more rigs were unable to attend and socialize with friends.

Thanks again to all. Happy trails.
Jerry & Pam Richichi

SPRING RALLY 2016

April 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2016

As you can see our Spring Rally is right around the corner. It will be held in Lodi at the Grape Festival Fairgrounds.

Your host will be Mick & Judy Serra and Norm & Anne Emrich. They have everything lined up for another super rally. So use the form in this Newsletter to send in your registration.

The line up so far is:

Thur. night Pot Luck Hors d oeuvres

Fri. Marie & Ed Andrea will be fixing up breakfast

Fri. night Don Martin & Ross Stewart will be working their magic on a BBQ tri tip dinner.

Fri. after dinner we will have a rousing game of **Card Bingo**

Sat. breakfast Jim Dilley will be making "Irv's famous Pancakes" and sausages.

Sat. night dinner will be catered by the Pickle Patch Don't forget we have our annual meeting at the Spring Rally

Remember there is a lot to see and do in the area including several wineries and lots of good Mexican restaurants if you're planning on coming early and don't feel like cooking. Judy Serra says we can arrive as early as April 5. Just remember to make note of that when you send in your registration. The extra night's fee is \$25.00, be sure to pay that to the club and not the Fairgrounds.

FALL RALLY 2016

Just in case you are not able to come to the spring rally, be sure and mark your calendars for the **Fall Rally**. Richard & Judy Souza have booked the **Wine Country RV Resort in Paso Robles** for the weekend of **Sept. 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2016**. It's been rumored that they are planning some great eats and we all know that there are some good wineries in the area. Just as a side note We, the Dilleys and the Goddards, were just there for an Elk's outing and we found a great Brewery to have lunch (yes, we did eat and not just drink our lunch). Come to the Rally and ask us to let you in on the name of the place, you will love it, too.

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

2003 AutoMate 5th wheel, 33' 2 slides

Slide out pantry, Corian counter tops
Free standing dinette table with 4 chairs
New Mannington Adura flooring
42" flat screen TV in living room
New flat screen bedroom TV
Jack bed couch with storage drawer underneath
Extra wide Garden Shower, Porcelain toilet
Fantastic fans (one with remote)
Splendide Washer/dryer unit
Central Vacuum system
Outside shower, Water filtration system
Large panoramic rear window
Built in outside speakers
Electric steps, Window awnings, Slide toppers
Custom built rear carry all rack with bike rack attachment
4- 140 Watt solar panels, 2800 Watt Inverter
4 brand new golf cart batteries
Air Ride suspension, Air Ride pin box
Hydraulic Disc brakes
5 brand new Goodyear 14 ply tires
Original price \$85,000
Excellent condition, Like new in and out
All maintenance records available
located in Healdsburg, CA
Price \$30,000
Ray Teldeschi
(707) 433-3083 (707) 484-2414
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2005 AutoMate 5th wheel, 33' 3 slides

Yes I know the factory officially closed in 2004;
This was one of the last three 5th wheels completed which was in 2005, according to the original owner - which I bought just 4 months ago. (Generally three slides were only available in 35 ft +)
Extra ceiling height in the kitchen, dining & living room (same height as the upper master deck) This allowed for more cabinets & has a very open feel to the layout. Real Oak hardwood flooring & after the dining slide is out.
Shower – tub combo; Lots of storage, cabinets & clothes closets in this unit.
Onan 4000 watt generator – around 325 hours;
4 full size batteries (not 2)
Main awning is motorized; Air compression for suspension and air hose;
Tires in excellent condition (& spare), with upgrade size, ply tires & rims.
Hitch receiver & wired for additional trailer to pull.
More importantly, frame was built for the extra hitch & towing capacity.
Outdoor BBQ grill with connect to LPG gas
Water tank, gray & black water tanks were increased in size for larger capacity from factory.
Direct TV Dish & equipment; New TV in both living & bedrooms; CD & Radio with speakers in ceiling & in bedrooms with controller; Wired for Solar panels.
All service manuals from the factory, & any other items purchased have manuals.
There is much more than I have listed. Blue book, high over \$30,000 & low over \$28,000
Will sell for \$24,950.00 – if interested for photos & more information
Call Richard Mariott (916) 812-1571
or email rich@aboutnewlife.com
located in Citrus Heights (Sacramento area) .
Call for pictures or more info

CLUB DUES

It's that time again. Just as a reminder that the yearly dues for our AutoMate RV Club are **due in April of each year**. While you're thinking of it send your dues in now to continue getting the Newsletters and so to not miss out on all the fun at the rallies. Please use this coupon when sending in your dues.

Here is my 2016 dues check in the amount of \$20.00, made out to **The AutoMate RV Club**.

Mail to:

Pam Richichi

25 Schooner Lane

Modesto, CA 95356

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please check here if any of the above information has changed since last time

Check here if you can receive your Newsletter by email

While you're at it send in your registration for the Spring rally at the same time using the form on the back.

Hope to see you all there

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

April 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2016
Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds
413 E. Lockeford St.
Lodi, CA

Mail to:
Pam Richichi
25 Schooner Lane.
Modesto CA 95356

Cost \$150.00 per rig with 2 persons, \$120.00 per rig with 1 person

Any extra nights camping will be \$25.00 per night & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

Dead line for registration March 25, 2016

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

I am also paying for _____ extra nights @ \$_____ 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 _____

Be sure that you also send in your dues when you send in your registration for the rally.