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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Chuck Creevan

**RANDOM THOUGHTS BY THE CLUB
PRESIDENT**

The spring rally has come and gone. The annual business meeting is over. Both were quite successful in my opinion. There was plenty of socializing. Exhibited by the gathering at Richard & Judy Sousa's site for margaritas which were mixed in a gas powered thing-a-ma-jig that had the sound of a chain saw. Well I'll be Never seen anything like that mixer but the margaritas were reeeeeaaal good.

Couple of thoughts on the business meeting. Hopefully there will be an addition to our website that will be of help to various people. This addition will be in the format of a forum where one can ask questions or seek information and expect a reply. Once this is up on the website, Matt Matthews has agreed to be the ramrod to answer the technical questions that appear. Non-technical questions/comments could also appear on this forum. I would hope members would join in with their helpful hints and feedback in regard to items posted on this forum. Check out the website (automatervclub.com) periodically to see if the forum is up and running and to post your input. Also at the meeting I put out a plea for a wagon master(s) for the 1917 fall rally and the 1918 spring rally. No one at the meeting jumped at the chance to head either of these rallies. However after the meeting, Chuck Goddard approached me and said he and MaryJo would take the reins for the 2017 fall rally. **THANK YOU CHUCK & MARYJO.** The club has reserved the facility at Lodi for the dates of May 10, 11, 12, 2018 for that spring rally. Those were the only times available for the facility between February and June. So you see folks that

we need to plan farther out as time goes by. We still need a wagon master for that 2018 rally. Contact me if you would be willing to take that responsibility. Hope you all have a great time thru the remainder of the spring and thru the summer. Looking forward to some great stories at the fall rally in Paso Robles. Be safe my friends

SPRING RALLY

Lodi

The spring rains that fell on and off during the rally did nothing to dampen the spirits of those attending the rally. Some lucky folks were able to come in early so as to get in more sight seeing, wine tasting and just plain ol' visiting and catching up with old friends.

By Thursday all 25 RVs had arrived and settled in for the weekend. The Thursday night pot luck hors-d-oeuvres was a hit as usual with some very different and wonderful "snacks" spread out for all to enjoy.

After we all ate our fill Marie & Ed Andrea and all their little helper elves gathered in the kitchen and made short work of dicing and prepping the fixings for the next day's breakfast. (Sorry, I didn't have my camera with me at the time.) So bright and early that next morning it was put in the oven to cook and feed us all.



Between the great egg casserole and delicious fruit salad everyone was full and happy at the start of the day.



It turns out that Thursday was the only dry day we had, but no one was complaining. It didn't stop the visiting that was had under awnings, or trips to local areas or just plain relaxing with friends.

One thing the rain certainly didn't stop was Don Martin and Ross Stewart starting up the BBQ grill for our wonderful dinner of tri tip, baked potatoes, salad and dessert prepared by them and their crew. Of course, their crew was their wives, who made up the salad and set out the fixings.



After dinner, 2 of our long standing couples were honored for their up coming anniversaries.

John & Bette Perry will soon be celebrating their 60th anniversary



and for those that prefer a quieter game, there was Rummikub.



Mick & Judy Serra with soon be celebrating their 50th anniversary.



The rain continued to fall all through the night, but not hard enough to stop Jim Dille's breakfast crew (Chuck & MaryJo Goddard, Pam Richichi and Pat Wach) from getting the pancakes and sausage on the grill and ready for the hungry group.



Congratulations to them and to any other of our club members that are celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries.

The night continued with a rousing game of card Bingo for most of us



Breakfast was followed by a seminar lead by Dustin Simpson of Calif. RV Specialists of Lodi. He was there to tell us of new products that are on the market and available in their service department to help keep our RVs in tip top shape and looking good. At the end of his time he held a Q & A session, until all questions were answered. Then it was on to our annual business meeting (see minutes of meeting later in Newsletter) Our Saturday dinner was catered by Gretel of the Pickle Patch, serving us a delicious dinner of chicken, vegies, salad and all the fixings.

One last thing, just want to say how great it was to have long time member Jan Anderson come for a visit with the club and with the new members,



Jim & Debbi McCarty, that bought hers and Andy's rig.

Welcome back for a visit to Ed & Mary Robinson.



Welcome to new members, Gary & Lynn Allan. They came to the rally as guests and had so much fun they decided to join the club.



That's what happens, folks. Bring your RV friends to our rally and they end up joining. Last year at Mariposa, long time friends of Jerry & Pam Richichi,



Fred & Pat Wach (front right) came to the rally and have decided to join the club.

So another successful rally is in the books. Rain or shine a good time is had by all, new friendships are made and old one are reinforced. That's what RVing is all about. See you all next time.

AUTOMATE FOR SALE

2000, 31 ft, single slide, Automate 5th wheel, one owner, was used for about 5 yrs, stored since then, inside like new, owner rarely cooked inside rig, outside is free of dings or dents but needs some TLC, It has never suffered any abuse. Double insulation package, air ride suspension, roof rack and ladder, chrome wheels, spare tire and mount, 2016 brand new tires, and many other factory upgrades

Rear hitch, 17' patio awning, window awnings, rubber roof, A/C with ceiling ducting
Side kitchen, free standing table & chairs, couch, recliner, water filter system, porcelain double sink, auto ignite range, porcelain toilet, skylight in bathroom, queen bed

Owners former charter members of club

Located in Lodi

Asking \$20,000

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AUTOMATE FALL 2016 RALLY

Rally hosts, Richard & Judy Souza have been getting a great weekend together for the Fall Rally. It's been years since the club has been at this campgrounds and in this area. Just think, a whole new area to explore, so many wineries to go to, so many wines to taste. How can you go wrong?? And in case you feel the need for some great food, try the Firestone Brewery plus they have some good beer, too. (Just saying)
So mark your calendars and head on down there for fun, food, friends and maybe a beer or two.

September 22,23,24 25, 2016

Location **Wine Country RV Resort
Paso Robles, Calif**

The rally will be hosted by Richard & Judy Souza, co chaired by Jim & Arlene Peterson.
Ya'll come, we will have great fun, food and lots of things to do and see in the area....Richard says, "Maybe even a horsepower Margarita Event"...

Thur. Night. Potluck heavy hors-d-oeuvres (Start planning to bring your best dish) yum,yum.

Fri. Morning Automate Famous Pancake Breakfast by Jim Dilley and crew

Fri. Night Make your own Taco Bowl event.

Fri. Night Card Bingo if we can find an experienced leader to guide us... Anyone know somebody?

Sat. Morning Home Made Breakfast Burrito , created by Ronnie & Linda Souza and crew.

Sat. Night Jim Peterson and Rotary Buds will provide an outstanding Santa Maria Style BBQ along with plenty of sausage and treats ahead of dinner for anyone standing around the BBQ area. There is a lot to do and see in the area, Many Wineries, Great Restaurants, Golf, Air and Auto Museum ,and Hearst Castle.

You can arrive one day ahead and stay one day after if you like, however Richard will need to make the reservation for you in order to get the special rate, so please show extra days on the reservation form when you submit.

We respectfully request that reservations forms be in by August 26, 2016 in order to make adjustments with Wine Country RV. After August 26, we will do our very best to accommodate late reservations.