

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Chuck Creevan

Random Thoughts From The President

I was not sure that I would be able to complete this for the newsletter. I spent some time yesterday at the emergency room. It was not a good day. I decided to go horseback riding, something I had not done in a few years. It turned out to be a big mistake! I got on the horse and started out slow but then we went a little faster, before I knew it we were going as fast as the horse could go. I could not take the pace and fell off, but caught my foot in the stirrup with the horse dragging me. In spite of my plea to stop it would not do so. Thank goodness the manager at Toys-r-Us came out and unplugged the machine.

Well it is time for a little April Fool! I wish I could take credit for the originality of this story but my talents are not that good. I read it some place and added a wrinkle or two to make it fit.

FYI

On a little more serious note. I recently took my truck in for a smog check before renewing the license for it. It did not pass. The computer monitor would not "communicate". The technician asked if the "check engine light" had recently come on? Nope. Had I recently disconnected the batteries? Yep. The truck had sat for most of the winter and even though it started, it sounded "tired" when it turned over. So I disconnected the batteries and charged them. This made the computer unhappy. The technician told me to just drive it and the computer would reset and come back to complete the smog check. After three trips of various distances for a total of almost 400 miles the computer was once again happy and the smog check was completed.

I spoke with the mechanic that services the truck and asked, if in the future, if I disconnect one battery at a time if that would keep the computer happy. He said that it should.

Moral of story: Do not disconnect both batteries in Ford Diesel at the same time. I've also learned more recently that one can connect a "tender" to keep the computer happy while the batteries are disconnected. I hope that this will be beneficial to some of you out there. It could save you going for a long ride.

Spring Rally time is almost here. As always I am looking forward to seeing as many fellow club members as possible. Hope you all have this event in your planners. This rally is when we conduct our annual business meeting. This meeting we will be electing a president and a treasurer. Should you have any individuals in mind to serve in those offices I would ask that you make him/her known to one of the board members. (The board members are Mick Serra, Evette Dilley, Pam Richichi, and Chuck Creevan). Should you have anything that you would like to be discussed at the business meeting, please let me know and I will see that it is put on the agenda.

See you in Lodi on May 11, 12,13. Until then be safe my friends.

SPRING RALLY 2017

May 11-14, 2017

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

The Spring Rally will be held in Lodi on May 11-14, 2017.

Wagon master Don Martin says he has his committee lined up.

- Thursday night we will start off with our popular Pot Luck Hors-d-oeuvres
- Marie & Ed Andrea will be putting together Friday breakfast.
- Bryant & Alice Hughes will be doing a BBQ steak dinner on Friday night.
- Jim & Evette Dilley will be doing Saturday breakfast.
- Mick Serra & Bob Fugate will be doing dinner Saturday night.

We will be having card BINGO on one of the nights, so remember to bring your dimes and a quarter so you can play and maybe win BIG !!

Be sure and mark it on your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun.

We can get into the Festival grounds no earlier than Tuesday, May 9, and we can stay until Monday, May 15. The extra night's camping is to be paid to AutoMate RV Club in the amount of \$27.00 per night.

Remember we have our annual member meeting at the Spring Rally. You don't want to miss it.

FALL RALLY 2017

Sept 21-24, 2017

Sonora Motherlode Fairgrounds

The Fall Rally will be held Sept 21-24, 2017 at the Sonora Motherlode Fairgrounds.

Wagon Master Chuck Goddard is asking our members to think ahead to the Sept. rally and help fill his committee. Positions that will need to be filled are;

Decorations, Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday dinner, And Coffee Maker.

He will have a sign up sheet at the Spring Rally. Please seek it out and sign up to help. If you are not going to be able to make the Spring Rally but will be at the Fall Rally and would like to sign up to help, please contact

Chuck Goddard at cwg.mj@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you

AUTOMATE FOR SALE

1999 - 32 ft, single slide, Automate 5th wheel, Very Clean & well kept unit!, air ride suspension, roof rack & ladder, 4 roof mount vent covers, chrome wheels, spare tire, patio awning, rubber roof, dual battery slide out tray, 50 amp, 12 volt converter with battery charger, black, gray and galley tanks, dual 30 gallon propane tanks, Duo pane tinted windows, lots of storage underneath coach,

Inside like new

Side kitchen, super slide with refrigerator, free standing table w/ 4 chairs, Hide-a-bed sofa with storage drawer underneath all in slide, 3 burner auto ignite range & oven, microwave, custom light oak cabinetry throughout, dual kitchen sinks with covers,

single lever kitchen faucet, deluxe roller drawer guides, and pantry
lots of storage in living room, fantastic fan, wired for cable TV, skyline with sunshade in living room, smoke & gas detectors, 3 brass ceiling lights, air-conditioner with wall thermostat & propane heat ducting throughout, deluxe window treatment inside with day & night shades, tall porcelain toilet, bathroom power vent, skyline with sunshade in larger shower, full width hallway mirrored wardrobe with shirt closet. and 8 drawers below. Vent in hallway. Queen bed with under bed storage with 2 draws at foot of bed. 2 bedside night stands and mirrored overhead storage, bedroom fantastic fan, accordion door between bedroom & living room,

Owners former Automate club members
Appliance manuals & Automate service manual.
Asking \$14,800

To view contact Kevin – 702-785-2171
For questions contact Dawn 916-709-8063
Rig is located in Mohave Valley AZ just 40 minutes from Laughlin, NV

1997 29' 5th wheel single slide

Back kitchen, Bathroom to left of hallway, closets to the right. Free standing table with 2 chairs. New rubberized roof with new skylights & vent covers. Generator with switch, only 3 hours on it Comes with full set of pots, dishes, glasses & flatware. 2 Sets of sheet, blankets & Comforter
Located in Tracy
Asking \$10,200
Contact Jean Mello (209) 835-5088

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 2017 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

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

May 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2017
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 \$27.00 per night & needs to be paid to the AutoMate RV Club.

Please do NOT arrive at the Festival Grounds earlier than Tuesday May 9, 2017

We may stay until Monday May 15, 2017

Dead line for registration May 1, 2017

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

I am also paying for _____ extra nights @ \$27.00each 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 _____