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Well gang, the truth comes out. All this time you thought that Dave Lee was President – well, sort of... You see, there is a person who enables Dave to keep up this façade – namely – Marsha Lee. Yes, the truth is out that Marsha is the real brains behind the office. I thought it was time to fess up as Marsha and I have a big challenge we are facing. Marsha has

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been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to the liver. And yes, I know how unfair and terrible this is but “it is what it is” and Marsha is going to fight this demon with all her effort. So folks, do Marsha and I, a favor. Please put us in your payers and thoughts and let’s see if we can turn this situation into something more hopeful than what it seems. I really feel that prayers can heal people, so we need your help. Marsha and I determined that she will win this battle with the big C. We will keep you up to date on her progress, so get all of your friends and let’s let God know that we want Marsha to get well. I will thank you all in advance for all of your good thoughts.

We took a 4 day mental health weekend to Dillon’s Beach this past weekend before chemo starts on Monday. It was a great weekend and the cows were back!

Dave

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Olema



Perfect Setting



Big Fire



Grand Kids always have fun

Lawson's Landing



The rigs are circled

Recent Outings

Olema Ranch at Pt. Reyes.

July 18-22, 2011

Scott & Christy Nyland, Wagon Masters

We arrived Monday, July 18th and the Collins rig was already there. Others arrived on Tuesday the 19th. We had 10 rigs all together.

Tuesday night we had a fire and talked. The Fernandez's brought guests, the Eldred's, and the Watkins had their grand children, who had a lot of fun.

Wednesday the 20th, we all did our own activities. Some went to explore the beaches and trails at Pt. Reyes while others

decorated the club house. We did the club house in a SF Giants theme. They were in first at the time. Hopefully we didn't jinx them! For dinner we had the potluck with appetizers, lasagna, salads, rolls and deserts. After the potluck the *card people* went to play 31. Ken Collins was the big winner. The *fire people* sat and talked around the campfire.



Thursday during the day we were on our own for activities. Dinner that night was at Pt. Reyes Station Cafe. After dinner we had a fire and the *card people* became *fire people*.

Thanks to all who came. We had a great time even though the weather was not the best. See you all next time. Scott & Christy

Lawson's Landing, Dillon Beach Ca.

August 25-28, 2011

Dave & Marsha Lee, Wagon Masters

You never know about the weather at Dillon's beach. It can be windy, foggy and/or cold. We lucked out in that there was no wind which left us with the typical coastal fog. The weather didn't damper our spirits and the campout was a big success.

On Wednesday, Dave and Marsha and Dick LaVergne pulled into the club's spot at Lawson's Landing where the Leard's had already staked out the area and settled in. The Harris' had arrived earlier and were camped at the sea wall. They were going to join us Wednesday, but had some RV problems and joined us on Thursday. The rest of the group came in on Thursday and our circle was completed when the Hitt's arrived. Former members Bob and Sue Miller and their 3 grandchildren joined the outing. It was good to see them. Scott and Christie had to cancel at the last minute due to tow vehicle problems.

Thursday everyone was on their own. There was visiting and walks and



The Big Walk



The dogs had fun



Campfire was going all weekend



MMM! Good Spaghetti

Marina Dunes



car excursions. Due to foggy weather the fire was started early and kept going until the last camper turned in. Most of us brought our own food and ate together. The brave visited by the fire while the others retired to their rigs early.

On Friday morning, many of us with our dogs took the “big walk” which was even bigger as we walked down the sea wall before we started our normal walk. We visited during the day and then went to Dillon’s Beach Café for dinner. The food was very good. I think Bessie’s chicken pot pie was rated the best entre’. I heard the fish tacos were good, too. After dinner, the brave visited by the fire while the others retired to their rigs early.



Saturday most of us hung around camp, did some walks and shopped at the flag booth. The pot luck dinner was exceptional. There were lots of appetizers which were off the scale in deliciousness. Howard’s raw oysters were a special treat. As usual, the spaghetti sauce was wonderful as was the salad and French bread. Of course there was room for cheesecake squares for dessert. After dinner, the brave visited by the fire while the



others retired to their rigs early.

Sunday morning some folks put out treats to share. Then we packed up, said our goodbye's and headed home.

Thanks to everyone for all of their help in making the outing a great time.

Marina Dunes

September 22-25

Jack & Betty Diggins, Wagon Masters

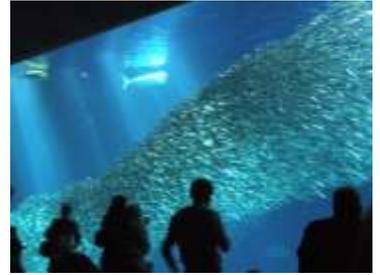
Marina Dunes was our first experience as wagon masters. We ended up with ten rigs. This qualified the club for the discounted rate in the campground. The Couser’s, Harris’s, Ha’s, Hitt’s, Kessell’s, Kochie’s, Poynter’s, Collins, Kuhlman’s, and ourselves all attended the outing

Upon our arrival, we discovered the manager we had been dealing with, was no longer employed at Marina Dunes. The new managers, Charley and Jane, were great and did all they could to accommodate our group.

The first day (Thursday) the Couser’s and ourselves went to the Monterey Aquarium. There were many great exhibits including a great white shark. The Aquarium also had a South African Penguin exhibit. We noticed one of the penguins was named Betty.



Having a good time



Thursday afternoon, most of our group had arrived. Even though all the sites were back-ins, all the rigs got parked with minimum problems.

Friday morning, Aaron led a group to a military golf course his brother had connections with. The scores went from 84 to 120. No matter what they shot, everyone had a good time swatting that little white ball around. By taking 120 strokes, your cost per stroke is much less than someone who shoots 84.

Betty and I went to Old Fisherman's Wharf. We had a great time watching the seals and otters. Betty enjoyed buying healthy presents for her children (Oreo and M&M candied apples) . We ate lunch at Crabby Jim's. They had very thick, delicious, garlic, clam chowder soup.



The Marina

Friday night we all went out to Phil's Fish Market at Moss Landing. Phil reserved three tables for us. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food and based on the doggy bags going out, not only was the food tasty but it was plentiful. There was a campfire in our site and card games in the club house. We handed out paper plates to each rig with a box of crayons. The directions were to make a scene on the plate depicting the Monterey Bay area.



Some of the decorated plates

On Saturday everyone went in different directions. Some went to the Aquarium, other went to Pacific Grove and many just walked around Cannery Row. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Saturday evening, we had our club pot luck in the club house. Betty made tacos and everyone else brought excellent appetizers, salads and desserts. When members arrived at the pot luck, they turned in their art projects. I must truly say the display of talent was unbelievable. Betty and I, using an unprejudiced approach in our opinion, ranked the top five plates.



Nice waves

We provided five fabulous prizes and the winners picked their prize based on their order of finish. First Prize: Judy Hitt, Second Prize: Ken Couser, Third Prize: Willie May, Fourth Prize: Aaron Harris, Fifth Prize: Cricket Couser: Everyone seemed to enjoy the contest.

Saturday night concluded with a camp fire in our site and card games in the clubhouse.

Betty and I had to leave, Sunday morning but the Poynter's, and Kochie's stayed through Sunday night and the Kessell's stayed through Monday night. All the club members said they would be willing to return at a future date.



Betty and I had a great time. We would like to thank everyone who came on the outing for making it such a pleasure to be the wagon masters.

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Calendar of Outings

Oct 20-23- Almond Tree RV Park
in Chico,
Bob & Jo-Ann Kuhlman,
Wagon Masters.

Nov. 10-13 - The Garlic Farm, Gilroy
John & Janice Saylor,
Wagon Masters

Dec 3 - Christmas Party,
Logan's Road House
Cooper-Watkins

Yuma 2012
Jan 18-25
Fortuna Del Oro RV Park

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Upcoming Outings

October 20-23, 2011 at Almond Tree RV Park
3124 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973 (530) 899-1271
15 sites reserved w/optional early arrival on Thurs. \$32 per night



Thursday Night: On your own (early check in)
Friday Night: Group dinner at the ITALIAN COTTAGE. We have our own room with separate checks. Casino and cards later.

Saturday afternoon: Pumpkin carving contest (pumpkins provided)

Saturday eve: Potluck dinner (contact Jo-Ann for menu) Hamburgers and bean casserole will be provided along with buns and condiments. Casino and cards later.

Sunday morning. Continental breakfast and optional meeting

Area attractions available include;

Pool, Rec room, full hookups, cable TV, convenience store and close to beautiful [Bidwell Park](#), historical [Bidwell Mansion](#), glass blowing studios and the CSUC campus.

Directions; In Chico, Take the Eaton Road exit from Highway 99. Go West to Esplanade, then South 1/2 mile.

RSVP by September 1st for:

Your Site, optional early arrival and/or Fri Dinner
Contact: Bob or Jo-Ann Kuhlman
916 531-8141 or coolman3@comcast.net



A very old 5th wheel

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November 10-13, 2011

Please join **John & Janice** for a weekend at [The Garlic Farm RV Park](#)

5878 Garlic Farm Way — Gilroy, CA 95020, tel: (408) 842-6185 — fax: (408) 842-1099

We have 13 Full Hook up sites reserved. We will have use of the club house all weekend.

\$39.24 per rig. Additional 5% discount if we have 7 + rigs

For Reservations Contact: John or Janice (916) 723-1613 or email: jsaylor@surewest.net

Activities & Area Attractions

- [Goldsmith Flower Fields](#)
- [Visit Garlic World](#)
- [Gilroy \(formerly Bonfonte\) Gardens](#)
- Shopping at [Gilroy Premium Outlets](#)
- [Visit Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk](#)
- [Many other Gilroy area activities](#)
- [Visit Old Mission San Juan Bautista](#)
- **Relaxing and enjoying the beautiful area**



Agenda for the Weekend: We are planning on Dinner out Friday evening.

Saturday evening we will have turkey with potluck sides,.

Directions - South of Hwy 152 on Hwy 101, Gilroy, Ca.

Christmas Party

December 3 Christmas party at Logan's Road house, Sacramento. Cooper & Watkins, Banquet Masters Arrangements will be same as previous years. More info will be sent latter this month.

Yuma Outing 2012

For the 2012 Yuma outing, we have decided not to set up a "formal" reservation process. Very few of the RV parks will make reservations for clubs in the "season" January 1 thru March. We have talked to the Fortuna De Oro RV park located at exit 14 on I-8, and they indicate that there should be no problem getting a spot at their RV park for members of our group. They will **not** make an individual or club reservation after Jan 1. We have noted that for the past 3 or more years there have been spots available for RVers. We probably will not be all parked together.

We have selected Jan 18-Jan 25 for the outing. Folks are welcome to come earlier and/or leave later. There are numerous activities to do in the Yuma area. Just Google Yuma AZ and numerous things to do will come up. We will host a BBQ/potluck at our Yuma home in the Foothills. We will set the date for that a bit later. An arrival happy hour will probably be hosted by the Poynters.

Fortuna de Oro is located on the North Frontage Road at exit 15, I-8. Turn left (from eastbound I-8) and cross over freeway. Turn right on North Frontage Road. Fortuna de Oro is located on the left side of N Frontage Road. The posted rate on their website is \$35.00 per day. Phone number is 928-342- 1470. Please let us know if you will attend.

Chuck & Arlys Rogers - Cell (707)483-9276 - email chkrog@aol.com

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For Sale -

Portable Waste Tote (Honey Wagon) 25gal., \$100.

Like new, never used. The comparable sized item (27gal.) at Camping World is on sale for \$189.99, regular price is \$244.44, plus tax and shipping. You can hook it up to your truck and roll it to the dumping station.



Ken and Cricket

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Recipes

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM TRIFLE

by Jane Poynter

Ingredients:

- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 c. cold water
- 1 pkg. (3 1/2 oz.) instant vanilla pudding
- 2 c. (1 pt.) whipped cream
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) pound cake, cut into cubes (about 6 c.)
- 4 c. sliced fresh strawberries or whole raspberries
- 1/2 c. strawberry or raspberry preserves
- Toasted slivered almonds
- Additional berries

Directions

- In large mixing bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk and water.
- Mix well and add pudding mix.
- Beat until well blended. Chill 5 minutes.
- Fold in whipped cream.
- Spoon 2 cups pudding mixture into dish, top with half of the cake cubes, half of the berries, half of the preserves and half of the remaining pudding mixture.
- Repeat layering ending with the pudding mixture.
- Garnish with additional berries and toasted almond slivers.
- Chill 4 hours or until set.
- You can refrigerate the leftovers, but there won't be any.

* Note – you can omit the preserves and no one will notice.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Past Quarter

Happy Birthday to:

Betty Isola	July 7
Kathy Stohlman	July 13
Virginia Lee	July 22
Sherry Kessell	July 24
Howard Hitt	Aug 8
Maryan Billips	Aug 11
Scott Nyland	Aug 22
David Lee	Aug 25
Karen Puthuff	Sept 17
Cindy Gore	Sept 26

Happy Anniversary to:

David & Marsha Lee	July 19
Jerry & Sherry Kessell	July 27
Ken & Vivienne Ha	Aug 9
John & Shirley Watkins	Aug 26
Richard & Virginia Lee	Sept 10
Howard & Kathy Stohlman	Sept 13
Bob & Jo-Ann Kuhlman	Sept 26
Scott & Christy Nyland	Sept 26

Editor's Notes

Past newsletters are achieved on the "[NEWS](#)" tab on the club website.

Newsletter Deadlines – For this year I plan on starting the newsletter during the third week of the 3rd month of each quarter. So for the first quarter please have all articles for publication to me by March 21, the 2nd quarter by June 20, third quarter by September 20 and 4th quarter by December 20.

Wagon Masters - Please send the stories of your campout soon after it is over to John Saylor (jsaylor@surewest.net)

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