

# **AUTOMATE RV CLUB**

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### **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

By Neil Zinn

Our Spring Rally is behind us and for some of us, we look forward to the Big Rally in Redmond, Oregon, and then our Fall Rally in Sonora. Like the tee shirt says, "Life is Good."

Right out of the box, I want to thank Andy Anderson and Jerry Richichi, the husband of our new Treasurer Pam Richichi, for stepping forward and agreeing to serve, respectively, as rally coordinators for Spring and Fall 2012. Yes, I know, I was ham handed in pressing the issue during our business meeting but you must know there is a high level of frustration when membership wants to enjoy the activities but withholds their leadership to see that they occur. And yes, we are sensitive to those who feel they are limited in what they can do, due to health and age.

The club was pleased to present a plaque to Bette Perry, our past Treasurer for the terrific job she did over the past several years. The motto on the plaque was "She always kept her balance" and that was true. We are fortunate that our business records are relatively modest and uncomplicated but doing them well is essential to the club. I know that Pam Richichi will be able to count on the advice of Bette as she transitions into this position. We are also thankful for the ladies that volunteered to serve as Treasurer when it looked very much like we would be unable to fill that position which would have resulted in losing our corporation.

Of course, the buzz around the campground was the news that Bill Wyrick was building a new fifth wheel. I'm going to be attending my 55th year high school reunion in Los Banos in October and I hope to get by his shop to take a look at it. Helen and I did get a chance to eyeball his new trailer when it was on display at the Alameda Fairgrounds. We

wish Bill the very best; this is a difficult economic environment to try to rebuild a company, no matter the high quality of the product.  
See you in the Fall!

## SPRING RALLY 2011

Mother Nature was good to us, well except for the rain Saturday night, at the Spring Rally in Lodi this May. Except for a few clouds in the sky, our members were able to enjoy sitting outside their rigs visiting.



Several members arrived early in the week with all rigs getting there by Thursday in time for the ice cream social hosted by Neil & Helen Zinn. Friday morning found our members in the hall waiting for Irv's magic pancakes made with his "secret ingredient" Irv says he was just an advisor for Jane & Dan Shea and Mary & Ed Robinson who hosted the breakfast, but it sure looks like he was doing more than advising here.



Irv, it doesn't look like the ingredient is a secret anymore.

Except for a board meeting and a morning presentation by some local truck dealers, the rest of the day was open until dinner so that the members could do as they pleased.



Some of our members took the time to enjoy a new hobby.



Dinner Friday night was catered by the Pickle Patch and hosted by Mick & Judy Serra. As they did at the last rally, the caterer did a great job and there was plenty of food for all.

Saturday's breakfast was sausage and ham stratas with fruit salad, hosted by MaryJo & Chuck Goddard and Evette & Jim Dilley



Outside Ross Stewart, Bob Wason and Chuck Goddard did a great job of cooking the steaks,



That afternoon we held our member meeting and among other things (see the minutes printed later in the Newsletter) Bette Perry was presented with a plaque honoring her 4 years serving as treasurer.



while in the kitchen Jim Dilley helped Don with the potato and salad fixing.



Jeanette Martin while suffering with a bad back still saw to it that all ran smoothly.

Saturday night's dinner was not only hosted by Don & Jeanette Martin, they bought the meat and all the fixings and supervised all the preparations of it all.



The dinner was a big hit and everyone ate their fill.



After dinner we were treated to the lively sounds of Barbershop singing by Tune Struck Barbershop Quartet.



Before calling it a night the lovely table decorations made by Mary Robinson were auctioned off.



On Sunday morning after a night of rain, the sun broke through so that we could pack up the rigs for the end of another successful rally. This rally was a success, not just because of one couple, Ted & Carole Martin, but because of ALL the people that offered to help, both before and during the rally. The editor tried to mention as many names of people helping as could be remembered. If you did help and did not see your name in print please know that all of the help was appreciated and the rally was a success because of you.

## MY ADVENTURES AS TREASURER

In my 4 years as treasurer, I had so much fun and had the opportunity to get to know so many of our members.

When the dues come in you get to see all the different locations our members are from. Believe it or not, we have members scattered from coast to coast ! The different kinds of handwriting and even some printed, it's absolutely amazing.

The rallies are the most exciting times. We have members that haven't missed a rally yet (GOD BLESS YOU) . Some are our regulars and you get new faces, too. Then comes putting names to faces. I think I've tried to rename just about every couple that came to our rallies, but they were kind, smiled at me and gave me their correct name.

I got to go to the bank numerous times, some for a \$20.00 deposit or for a \$1000.00 deposit. Ordering checks was a great challenge! I ordered checks 3 times before someone actually got it right. You know that old adage - the third time's the charm! What really amazed me was after ordering the checks (with the Wells Fargo banker speaking directly with the printing company) at approximately 1:00 pm, I received the CORRECT checks, with the CORRECT starting number the very next afternoon, delivered to my house by UPS, WOW - someone must have stayed up all night getting that order out!

Not being connected to the internet, I made several phone calls to anyone who would talk to me. Poor Evette got the biggest brunt of it. I'd even bug other members when there was a question about their address or check amount. Balancing the check book with the bank statements was always easy, not to much of a problem there. HURRAY

Making my Annual Financial Reports was always exciting. I'd find numbers in wrong columns so things didn't tally right. Put them in the correct column, lo and behold, it would balance. I'd start a whole month ahead so I would keep my head from dropping off. Getting to stand up in front of everyone, reading all those exciting numbers to you, with everyone listening so intently, was very rewarding. My BIGGEST reward was receiving a BEAUTIFUL plaque, for serving all you wonderful people, and doing a job I enjoyed. I THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE for making my 4 years as your Treasurer an ADVENTURE I'll never forget!!  
Sincerely,  
Bette Perry

## **FALL RALLY 2011**

Just a reminder the **Fall Rally** will be here sooner than you think. Mark your calendars.

**Sept 29, 30, Oct. 1 & 2, 2011**

**Mother Lode Fairgrounds,  
Highway 49, Sonora, CA**

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to make this an enjoyable event. Come join in the fun of a new card game led by one of our couples. There will also be a Silent Auction on Sat. night. Be thinking about an item to bring that everyone will want to bid on. One item per rig. See you there!

## **CHROME / PLASTIC HUB CAPS**

For 6 or 8 lug wheels  
Phoenix USA Inc  
51 Borden St  
Cookeville, TN 38501  
(931) 526-6128

Information provided by Richard Clark

## **AUTOMATES FOR SALE**

### **2003 36' triple slide**

Air ride hitch, Double insulation package, Roof rack & ladder, 16" G rated tires (newly replaced) 21" range, 12 cubic ft. refrigerator with ice maker, Corian countertops, TV in living room & bedroom, Phone/internet connection, Double pane windows (rear bay windows), 50 amp electrical service, 2 new batteries, rear living room with office, center kitchen with stand alone dinette, Many, more extras

Owner has all service records & owner's manuals for all appliances. Rig was well cared for.  
Owners are ex-Club members  
Rig is located in La Grand, CA  
Asking \$39,500.00 OBO  
Questions & photos please email Josh jar@hughes.net

### **2000 28' TRAILER**

Air ride suspension, wide body, double insulation, slide out, dual pane tinted windows with day & nite shades, 2.8 kw Onan generator less than 10 hr of use, A&E 9000 awning w/metal cover, aluminum LPG bottles, fluorescent lites, porcelain toilet, TV, DVD, VCR, radio, w/amplifier, 10 C.U.ft. fridge, power vents, outside shower, battery cut off switch, water filtration and many more extras, no pets or smokers, like New Condition in and out. Always stored inside building, towed less than 7000 miles, located in Grass Valley, Ca.  
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