

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Neil Zinn

The Fall Rally is now behind us and from all accounts, it was a success. Helen and I were not there instead, we were with a group in Branson, Missouri, another fun venue. We had never been there and enjoyed it a lot. There were several entertainers well over the hill that disappointed us but there is plenty of other talent available. If you haven't gone, I'd suggest you see it. All of the acts are clean and suitable for the whole family. If you are a vet you will receive a special welcome. There are suitable RV facilities in town and the surrounding area.

On returning, I learned that our Vice President, Ted Martin, is deep into planning the Spring Rally. We've exchanged several communications over arrangements and were disappointed with the response and level of cooperation from the Napa Fairgrounds people. As an alternative, Ted checked into the availability of the Lodi Fairgrounds, a place that we are all familiar with, and found that it provided the club an option. Given all the circumstances, he made the decision to move the Spring Rally to the Lodi Fairgrounds. While some may be disappointed, others will be pleased to have a shorter ride to the rally. The club gives the event planner or Wagonmaster, as I am used to referring to them, plenty of latitude with regard to time and place. These options are necessary to allow us to take into consideration lead time to the next rally, other clubs that may have reserved ahead of us, and whatever challenging scheduling problems that might be experienced.

Elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter, you will find a write up on how to plan a rally. You may remember that there was a request from the membership at the last Spring Rally for such a

roadmap that would show just how to do it. The idea is that in demystifying the process that members who had not planned a rally before would see that it was just a collection of small tasks and be willing to share the workload with those who have done it in the past. Well, here it is for you. Remember that in accepting this responsibility, you are never alone. We're proud of the fact that there that there is ample support and encouragement from the membership. So please consider stepping forward and lending a hand.

At the Spring rally, we will be balloting on two officers. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the position of President is up for grabs in keeping with the schedule set forth in our bylaws and I will seek re-election. Our schedule had been thrown off by the "president in training" procedure enacted earlier and now deleted from the bylaws by our recent ballot. We will need someone to serve as Treasurer so we ask that you consider serving in this essential capacity.

Our next Newsletter, prior to the Spring Rally will publish suggested bylaws changes for your early consideration. This will constitute the notice required by our bylaws. If you have something you would like to have considered, please write them up for your officers to look over with specific language changes that you would like the group to consider. Additionally, please explain what the problem is that you are trying to fix and how your suggested language would solve that problem.

Neil Zinn

FALL RALLY 2010

Twenty four of the 28 rigs registered for the rally showed up before Wednesday and with the assistance of the parking crew, Al Schader and George Dresback, were settled in a spot. With that they were "treated" to a rain storm that started about 5:00 p.m. Wednesday evening and lasted throughout the night. But Thursday dawned clear and dry and it stayed that way for the rest of the rally, much to the delight of Mick & Judy Serra, our rally hosts.



Our Thursday night get together was an ice cream social hosted by Dale & Joleen Clark and Jim & Sharon West.



Elmer and Elsie Peterson's garden worked overtime so that they could decorate the hall with gourds and pumpkins along with a few scarecrows.



The sun came out on Friday, so after a delicious breakfast of Irv and his crew's pancakes and sausages our members were able to get out to either

walk around downtown Sonora or just sit around and visit.

Friday night's dinner was a home made lasagna thanks to Elmer and Elsie Peterson. Mmmmm, the hall sure got quite when we were all eating.



But after dinner, while we were enjoying some cake commemorating the "10th anniversary" of the AutoMate RV Club,



we were treated happy sounds of the Funstrummers Ukulele Band that came all the way from Modesto to entertain us.



Two of the members of the band were Joleen Clark's brother and niece. The club members enjoyed singing along with some of the songs.

Saturday morning breakfast was home baked goodies from Bette Perry's kitchen. She had Portuguese sweet bread, scones and banana bread. What a treat.



Saturday afternoon while some of the members attended a Wildtree cooking spice demonstration put on by Judy and Mick's daughter,



other members either took the time to go to a local winery for their fall wine and craft fair or visited with each other out by their rigs.

Pickle Patch caterer from San Andreas provided our dinner Saturday. The food was very good and plentiful.



After everyone had eaten their fill, the results of the silent auction was announced with several people walking away with their wins.

Sunday morning had most of the members packing up their rigs and heading home, while others were able to sit around and watch because they were the lucky ones that were staying another day.

And so another rally and the first 10 years of the AutoMate RV Club has come to past with so many happy memories and good times to show for it. Here's to more of both.

SPRING RALLY 2011

LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL FAIRGROUNDS, LODI MAY 12-15, 2011 by Ted Martin

(Yes this is a change)

Mark your calendars again for our Automate Spring Rally, May 12-15 at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds in Lodi. Visit the quaint shops in downtown Lodi. Wine taste at the local wineries (over 40 are available). Lodi produces more wine than Napa and Sonoma combined. Visit historic Locke just a mere 22 miles away in the heart of the Delta. Or just kick back with your Automate friends and enjoy. See you all at our Spring Rally in Lodi, May 12-15, and celebrate the beginning of our 2ND DECADE.

We hope to have Ford, Dodge, and GMC/Chevy 2011's shown by the local dealers; plus a presentation by Les Schwab on "How to feed and care for your tires". Additionally JV CRAFTS, our decal man, will be at the rally. Please call Van at (209) 993-7820 for information concerning decals for you rig. He needs to know the colors in order to bring enough for everyone who wants decals.

Come and join our 2nd DECADE at the Spring Rally May 12-15 at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds!

MEET YOUR AUTOMATE 2011 SPRING RALLY TEAM

by Ted Martin

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| Hosts: | Carole & Ted Martin |
| Parking Coordinator: | Vacant |
| Decorations: | Mary Robinson |
| Thursday Reception: | Helen & Neil Zinn |
| Friday Breakfast: | Jane & Dan Shea Mary & Ed Robinson |
| Friday Dinner: | Judy & Mick Serra |

(catered by Pickle Patch, same as Sonora)

Saturday Breakfast: MaryJo & Chuck Goddard
 Evette & Jim Dilley

Saturday Dinner: Jan & Don Martin
 (on site charcoal
 grilled steak with fixings)
 By Don Martin
Team assistants requested

Coffee by: Arline & Irv Baptist

Entertainment: To be determined

Vendors: JV Crafts (Van our
 Automate Decal man)
 Big Valley Ford, Stockton
 Stockton Dodge
 Sanborn Chevrolet, Lodi
 Les Schwab Tire Center, Lodi
 & Others?

Still some holes to fill in. Please contact the event coordinators and offer your help, and/or suggestions. Thanks

**FALL RALLY 2011
 MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall Rally 2011
 Dates: **Sept. 29, 30 Oct. 1 & 2, 2011**
 Location: Sonora Fairgrounds
 Hosts: Chuck & MaryJo Goddard

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

2000 31' AutoMate:

Two slides w/ level living room slide, king bed w/ 2 mattresses, bathtub & shower, Corian counter tops, 10cu ft fridge, built-in vacuum w/ turbine powerhead, sofabed, free-standing dining table/4 upholstered chairs, 2 swivel rockers & upholstered footstools, new 27" LCD TV/DVD, full window RL, Winegard satellite w/ RS-1000 roof antenna, two 55 watt solar panels, 4 golf cart batteries, 2000 watt inverter, EIDE automatic canoe/kayak loader, 4 window awnings, awnings over both slides, electric step, one owner, non-smokers, no pets, exterior and interior very clean. \$18,900.

2001 Ford F 250 Super Duty Extended cab ¾ ton, long bed, 7.3 liter turbodiesel, Lil Rokr 15K hitch, BD Turbo Mount Engine Exhaust Brake, Electra-Cool Remote Fan Trans Cooler, Edge Evolution Power Chip, 4" Exhaust, 4R100 Trans Command, oversize trans pan, Banks Trans Temp and EGT gauges, K&N Air Filter, HD Air Bags with onboard compressor, RideRite Helper Springs, spray-in bedliner, RV Slant Lid tool chest, running boards, removable T cargo rack, new Michelin LTX M/S tires, very clean, 96,000 miles, one owner, available WITH or after AutoMate is sold. \$13,950. Package \$29,950.

Betty and Dave Pollack, bgpollack@sbcglobal.net, (650) 591 5401 Pictures on request
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1992 31' 5th Wheel

One slide with rear kitchen, corian countertops throughout. Oak floor in kitchen, free standing dining set with 4 chairs, Microwave. Livingroom slide with T.V. & Stereo. Fantastic fan in bedroom. A/C. Built-in stabilizer, electric jacks, front & back. Monroe shocks, A&E 9000 awning with metal cover. New Tires have about 2k miles on them. No pet, No smokers. Like new. \$10,000

Truck 1992 Ford F250 ¾ ton, extended cab. 460 V8 engine, engine was replace at 20k miles, truck has 55k miles \$7,000 Prices negotiable Located in Woodland, CA

Cecil Rooker (former club member)
 (530) 662-5366 Cell (530) 383-9890
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1975 24' TRAILER

Back bath, middle kitchen, 2 Couches, 1 becomes double bed other becomes single bed. New carpet & upholstery on couches. A/C, Fantastic fan, Been in a barn for 10 years. Located in Waterford, CA \$5000 or best offer

Shirley Pope (209) 522-6185
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2001 32' TRAILER

One slide containing couch with storage drawer, Corian countertops, dual pane tinted windows with day/night shades, Electraulic brakes, 2 PV solar panels, generator under floor, catalytic heater, 3 fantastic fans, 17' awning, Includes hensley hitch. No smoking, pets or children. Less than 8k miles. Located in Mariposa, CA \$20,000

Reid & Adele Marks (209) 966-2146 reidmarks@sti.net
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2001 Silverado 2500 HD

2 WD Reg. cab, Big block vortec V-8 engine,
Allison 5 sp. auto trans. Power steering. Wind
deflector. Fully equipped to pull 32' 5th wheel.
44 k miles Located in Fairfield, CA
Norma Green (707) 422-5938