

AUTOMATE RV CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Dale Clark

Another new year. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

My 2 years as president are soon coming to a close. I want to thank my fellow board members for their hard work and support. I also thank the members for their support and encouragement and for those who have helped in various ways at rallies, writing newsletter articles, those who helped provide technical information and a list of suppliers of AutoMate parts. I encourage you all to support the new president, Ed Vukonich and his board of directors.

The spring rally this year is going to be about a month later than usual, as voted on at last years annual membership meeting. It will be held May 3rd-6th at the Kings County Fairgrounds in Hanford, California. The rally will be chaired by Vice President Jim West and his wife Sharon. Ed and Mary Robinson are organizing a busy schedule of speakers and vendors for Friday & Saturday. The Saturday annual membership meeting from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, as always, will be an important event. Club members will be asked to elect a new secretary for one year and a newsletter/website editor and a treasurer for two years. Hope to see you all then.

Dale

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

INTRODUCTION:

In compliance with Article 20 of our AutoMate R V Club Bylaws, your Board of Directors recommends that the following ByLaws amendments be adopted by the Members present at the Spring 2007 Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday May 5, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the King's County Fairgrounds in Hanford, California.

PURPOSE OF THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Since the AutoMate factory is closed, members present at the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting indicated that they favored polling the membership regarding options for a potential bylaws amendment to broaden membership requirements because it is no longer possible for anyone to purchase a new AutoMate RV. A majority of AutoMate RV Club members who responded to the questionnaire in the Summer 2006 Newsletter indicated that they favored amending the bylaws to include former Club Members and/or former owners of AutoMate RV's as prospective Club members. The following proposed amendments are the simplest way to achieve the will of the membership. Additional amendments delete language relating to the AutoMate factory.

New proposed language is in *ITALICS* and language to be DELETED is noted in brackets.

Amend ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE, paragraphs 3 and 4 as follows:

3. The purposes of this Corporation shall be: a) to provide an opportunity for social interchange among *CURRENT AND FORMER* AutoMate owners; b) to provide a forum for members to exchange experiences, problems and solutions as they pertain to AutoMate recreational vehicles, and c) to promote communication among *CURRENT AND FORMER* owners of AutoMate recreational vehicles [DELETE THE REST OF THIS PHRASE--and among these owners and the AutoMate factory.]

4. This Corporation shall function as a national independent group of *CURRENT AND FORMER* owners of AutoMate recreational vehicles.

Amend ARTICLE 3: MEMBERS paragraphs 1 and 3 as follows:

1. There shall be one class of member. All current *AND FORMER* owners of AutoMate recreational vehicles shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues.

3. Members in good standing shall be those *CURRENT AND FORMER* owners of AutoMate recreational vehicles whose annual dues are current.

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[DELETE ARTICLE 3: MEMBERS Paragraph 7 as follows: "7. Membership is automatically terminated when a Member no longer owns an AutoMate recreational vehicle."]

Amend ARTICLE 4: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, paragraph 4 as follows:

4. The site of the Annual Meeting and Spring Rally shall be determined by the Board of Directors. [DELETE THE REST OF THIS SENTENCE--and be in reasonable proximity to the AutoMate factory.]

Need New e-Mail Addresses

The e-mail addresses I have for the following members are not good. Please e-mail the editor so we can have your new e-mail address on record.

Gerald & Karen Butchko
Glenn & Francine Clave
Herb Coleman
John & Patricia Davis
Richard Eckhart
Bill & Betty Hrovat
Nathan & Mary Ann LaRosa
Ted & Carole Martin
Lawrence & Louise Raposa
Robert & Patricia Scott
Ed & Jeanine Wood

AUTOMATE “CARAVAN” TO OREGON

At the Fall Rally several Automate Club members thought that having a group travel together to Oregon would be fun. Because the National RV Rally will be held in Redmond, Oregon starting July 19th and several Automate owners plan on attending, we are planning to have our “caravan” start early enough in July so those that want to attend the National rally can easily get there in time. The Dinsmores live in Oregon and recommended RV parks and interesting sites along the Oregon coast. Many Thanks!!

Because the Oregon coast is a popular tourist site, we need to make reservations NOW. Here is the proposed itinerary. We can travel more or less each day if participants want to do that. Contact Connie Golden at cjgolden@earthlink.net or (831) 439-2086 immediately if you are interested in joining this group. Please call even if you only think you can attend and might have to back out later. We can make reservations based on “expected” participants. The fixed cost will be only for the RV site each night. Participants can decide on their own meal and sightseeing alternatives as we travel.

Sunday July 8th - All arrive at KOA campground in Willits/Ukiah, CA (or nearby campground so we can all leave together the next morning) This site is approximately 4 hours from San Jose, CA.

Monday July 9th - Drive 4 hours (202 miles) to Camper Corral RV park in Klamath, CA. (800-701-7275)

Tuesday July 10th - Sightsee and relax. 55 mile Jet Boat Tours, River Fishing, Trees of Mystery Gondola all available.

Wednesday July 11th – Drive 3 ½ hours (173 miles) to Marina RV Resort in Winchester Bay, OR. (541-271-0287)

Thursday and Friday (July 12 – 13) – Sightsee. The Umpqua River flows into the ocean at Winchester

Bay. The Umpqua River has its origins near Crater Lake. The Marina RV Park is a relatively new Douglas County RV park. The park overlooks the River where it meets the ocean. Moored in the harbor is the new Umpqua Jet Boat Tour (19 passenger) that takes you on a nature tour and then upstream to a stop at the Discovery Center in Reedsport. You can tour the Center and have lunch at the restaurant on the dock facility outdoors if it is a nice day before the return boat takes you back to Winchester Bay.

Saturday July 14th – Drive 3 ½ hours (175 miles) to Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville (or Tillamook, OR is alternate site). On way can stop at beautiful aquarium in Newport (Hatfield Marine Science Center), and delightful waterfront in Florence. The Olde Stone Village RV Park is the cleanest, best laid out, and most pleasant RV facility the Dinsmores have ever stayed in.

Sunday and Monday (July 15 - 16) – Sightsee. The Aviation Museum on the southeast side of McMinnville on Oregon Hiway 18 has as its primary claim to fame Howard Hughes’ Spruce Goose plus almost 80 antique to current aircraft/capsules. Not far away is Tillamook on the Oregon coast. The Air Museum is just south of that town. The Tillamook Cheese Factory has very interesting displays and tour. The Blue Heron, just south of Tillamook, has a good cheese and ice cream selection plus a nice deli and other goods for sale. There is plenty of parking for large RVs. The new addition to the area is The Tillamook Forest Center, a beautiful new building which documents the Tillamook Forest massive fires, known as the Tillamook Burns, which happened in four steps between 1931 and 1945. The largest of them covered 250 square miles. It is on OR Hiway 6. Of course Portland is not far from McMinnville so there is lots to do in this area..

Tuesday July 17th – continue to sightsee or leave for Redmond Rally or “home”.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

AUTOMATE NEWSLETTER INDEX FOR MEMBER DESCRIBED TROUBLES AND REPAIRS

Thanks to the Dinsmores and Jim Stephenson we have put together an index of all technical information in Automate newsletters. In addition we have all these technical articles with the index on one CD. Also on the CD is a copy of all the Automate newsletters to date. Distribution of this CD will be discussed at the Spring Rally. New members should find it very helpful. Charter members may not need it.

Newsletter Volume #	Date	Subject/Title
1a	Spring 2001	Dan Wilson discussions referred to, but no technical details
1b	Fall 2001	Circuit Receptacle Tester, Endust for Ants, Inspect your Hitch
2	Spring 02	Dan Wilson discussions referred to, but no technical details
3	Spring 03	None
4	Summer 03	U Bolts , Front Stabilizer
5	Fall 03	Tightening U Bolts, Ultra Fab Units (Forward Jacks)
5		Outdoor Carpet Storage
6	Winter 03	Electrical Usage, Septic Hose Support
7	Spring 04	Air Suspension System, Overhead Clearance,
7		Cleaning Hot Water Heater
8	Summer 04	Dropping RV onto Tow Vehicle
9	Fall 04	Automate Hydraulic Disc Brakes
9		Bent Axel and Axel Suspension System
9		Automate Air Ride, Slide – Hydraulic Fluid
9		Grounding and Good Electrical Connections
9		Electdraulic Brakes
10	Winter 05	Bent Axel, again, Storage Trays
10		Trouble Shooting Tips for the Furnace
11	Spring 05	Caulking, Thermostat Installation
11		Air Suspension System Diagram
12	Summer 05	Replacing the King Pin
12		List of Automate Vendors
13	Fall 05	Summary of technical discussion at Fall Rally
		Shade repair, compressor switch failure, loose screws on drawer, slide out gasket, master brake hydraulic actuator, tire pressure
13		List of Vendors who supply Automate parts
14	Winter 05	Cargo Door and Skirt Replacement
14		Fiberglas repair
14		Goodyear Tire Damage Repair Claims
15	Spring 06	Awning Care – washing
15		Automate parts – dealers
15		Leveling leg trouble shooting
16	Summer 06	Brake pads, Air ride suspension – relief valve
16		Day-Night shades – cleaning
16		Save Fuel and Tires – tire minder hi pressure indicators
17	Fall 06	Summary of technical discussion at Fall Rally
		Ceiling problems, shank bolts in suspension system, window parts, drawers, slip guides, air bag suspension, air ride – new location of dealer, slide out seal, replacing Air Bag, replacing U-bolts.
18	Winter 06	True Grit on Slides , Is your battery freezing? Charging your batteries in an emergency

SPRING AUTOMATE RALLY 2007

Where: Kings County Fairgrounds
810 South 10th Ave.
Hanford, CA 93230

When: May 3, 4, 5, 6 2007

What: Business Meeting and Vendor Presentations

Cost: \$125 per rig with 2 persons or \$100 per rig with 1 person

Note: Your fees for any extra nights need to be paid to the Club Treasurer, not to the Fairgrounds directly. The rate for pre-and post-rally nights is \$16 per night.

May 3 Thursday 6:30 pm Wine and Cheese - Welcome

May 4 Friday 8 am Breakfast

Coffee, juice, tea, or cocoa. An assortment of home made breakfast breads, butter, cream cheese. Build your own breakfast parfaits. Guests will have the opportunity to layer fresh fruits, yogurts and granola into parfait glasses for a light springtime treat.

10 am Vendor Presentations

6:00 pm Pork Loin Dinner

7:30 pm Barber Shop Quartet "The Mighty Oaks"

May 5 Saturday 8 am Breakfast

Same delicious selection as on Friday

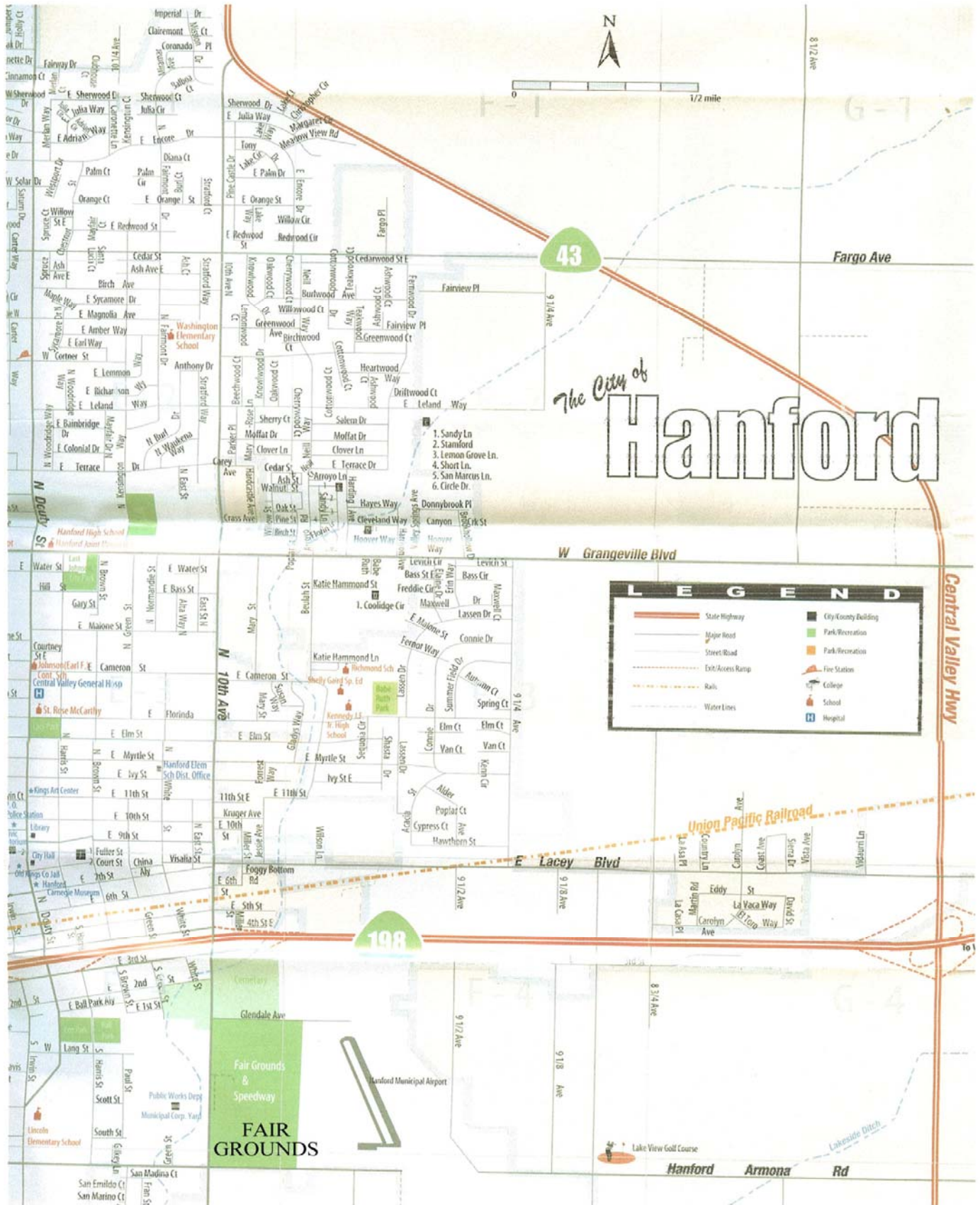
Vendor Presentations

2:00 pm Business meeting

6:00 pm Tri Tip Dinner

7:30 pm Gift exchange (1 gift per rig please)

Note: As always, bring your own plates, utensils and cups for the dinners. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Jim West – Rally Chair



LEGEND	
	State Highway
	Major Road
	Street/Road
	Exit/Access Ramp
	Rails
	Water Lines
	City/County Building
	Park/Recreation
	Park/Recreation
	Fire Station
	College
	School
	Hospital

AUTOMATES FOR SALE

2004 32' Double Slide AutoMate, Panoramic Rear Kitchen, Corian counters, Wood Floors, Solar, Hydraulic disc brakes, Air Ride Suspension, Air Bag Hitch, 3,000 miles, Loaded. Perfect condition. No pets or smoking. \$50,000. Bob or Paula Peterson (209) 369-3729

1996 AutoMate 29' Mid Profile 5th wheel, rear kitchen, air ride suspension, 14' slide out, entertainment center, two batteries, two 7.5 propane tanks, two skylights, 10 ply tires, front electric jacks, A/C and furnace, four large holding tanks--extras and in great shape, \$17,900 obo--805-964-9794 (2004 F-250 V10 low mileage tow vehicle also available for sale if needed).

Don & Marianne Boneck Goleta, CA 93117

1998 33 Foot AutoMate Travel Trailer with Hensley Arrow Hitch. 14 Foot couch/dinette slideout. Fully furnished. Like new. No smokers or pets. Located in Northern Minnesota. \$25,000 OBO. We will deliver it to your door if you pay asking price. Photos available online. Contact tcbrady@copper.net Tom and Mary Ann Brady

33' Automate fifth wheel. My father owned a 33' Automate fifth wheel. Since he passed away my mother would like to sell it.. The RV is parked in the Phoenix AZ area right now. It is in great condition and has many upgrades. We often joked about the fact that it is nicer than most homes! Harry & Jennifer Glazer glazers@cox.net
623.537.1697

CLUB NAME TAGS

JV CRAFTS

CUSTOM LASER ENGRAVING

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French Camp, CA 95231

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Members who wish to order Club name tags may do so directly from JV Crafts. The price is \$11.00 per name tag (which includes tax and shipping. For the

same price, you can choose from clip-on, pin-on, or magnet.

THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER SUPPORT

This will be the last issue that I edit. It has been lots of fun and very informative. Being newsletter editor over the last two years allowed me to meet many of our friendly and supportive members. I recommend that you try it if you like working on the computer. Pulling together the newsletter itself is easy with all the members submitting interesting articles. The tedious tasks of copying the newsletter and sending it out have been eased because almost half our members can receive the newsletter by e-mail and the Vukoniches have offered to help with the snail mailings. Let the board know of your interest.

Chuck and I won't be able to attend either rally in 2007 due to previous commitments. We hope to see some of you on the Oregon Caravan.

Connie Golden

SAVE THE DATE!! FALL RALLY 2007

The next Automate Fall rally will be held again at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora, CA.

Date – October 4th – 7th, 2007

Site – Sonora Fairgrounds

Hosts – Mick and Judy Serra,

Ross and Julie Stewart,

Chuck & Sandi Creevan

There will be more details later.

SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

May 3, 4, 5, 6 2007

To Gary Wermuth
6235 Reba Drive
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Rally Cost: \$125 per rig with 2 persons; \$100 per rig with 1 person.
(includes May 3, 4, 5 nights)

Annual Dues: \$20 per year

Cost for extra nights at Fairgrounds: \$16 per night

Here is my check for _____ made out to you which includes my annual dues and extra nights at the Fairgrounds.

I will be arriving on _____ and departing on _____

There will be _____ people in my rig. I need handicapped parking

I am interested In the bead/craft session "Make it and Take it". I understand there will be a \$10 - \$15 charge at the time of the rally.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

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