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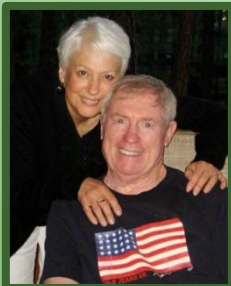
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND TO ALL PLEASE ENJOY SAFE TRAVELS

On behalf of Micki and myself, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving as your president for the last two years. We have met some of the most wonderful people ever, all willing to assist; and in doing so made my job very easy and fun to boot. Alpine SoCal is, in my opinion, the best and so well organized I wanted to serve at least another term. But considering the fact that I have had two major back surgeries in the past 12 months and recovery from the last one will continue for at least another year, I must decrease my level of activity. My doctor has advised me that due to my age, the extensive recovery process ahead would be seriously hampered by driving and taking care of my coach for at least another year. That being said, I have decided to sell my beautiful Alpine rather than have it sit idle for a year in the storage lot.

We have had some of the best rallies this year with incredible participation from our members. And, this is only the beginning of what has been planned for the future. As you all know, Dave Hobden will be taking my place as your new president, and he is very enthusiastic to continue what has been started as well as bringing new thoughts and ideas that will make our club even better. I ask all of you to please continue your support not only to our new president but to the well being of our chapter as well.

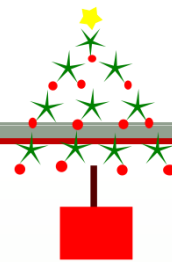
Yes...that's me riding off into
the sunset with Ronnie!

Joe Darling



Joe...
On behalf of all the members of
Alpine SoCal we want to thank you
for your valuable service during these
past two years.
We extend to you and Micki our very
best wishes for your health and future
endeavors!





Membership Report... Mary Langord

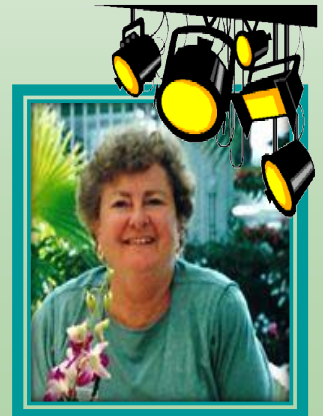
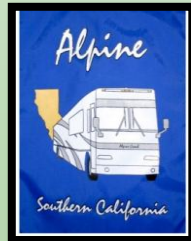
Membership has been holding steady as we enter the holidays. There have been inquiries from a couple of persons possibly joining us, but nothing has crossed my desk in a while.

Our total membership number as of this edition of the Matterhorn is 68. We are very pleased that a large percentage of that number are actively involved, with many attending our rallies and expressing interest in future rallies.

I want to take this time to again remind you that the WMHA FMCA Rally in INDIO is January 6 thru 10 (Wednesday through Sunday). I will be leading a caravan from Fantasy Springs Casino on Tuesday morning for those who wish to join us as a group while at Indio. We are also asking for volunteers to participate in making the rally a huge success.

If you are planning to go to the Indio Rally, register directly with them and then let me know if you wish to join us for the caravan. Parking together allows us to have those must-do "Social Activities" that occur whenever a few of us are together.

Hope to hear from many of you!



Check out the new design & additions to our Website!
It's much easier to navigate with added features and
content for
"Members Only" ...
Thank you Webmaster,
Jim Archer!



You will find all registration forms
and rally information on our
Website....



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Getting to know...

Gary & Cindy Hornbaker grew up in Simi Valley, CA. Gary is retired now but worked as a Builder/Developer in residential building. Cindy works as a manager at Paso Robles Pet Boarding. The Hornbakers acquired their Alpine through a close friend (who went on to purchase another Alpine Coach). They bought their Alpine in 2011.

Gary and Cindy have two daughters, five grandchildren and two dogs to keep them busy!

They both golf and are sports fanatics. Their bucket list includes a trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to take in the Air Show. They enjoy traveling in the Alpine to the Redwoods, the beach and lakes. They both enjoy solving system problems and issues with the RV. (Good to know!)



Rick and Judy Fisher... Judy grew up in Alhambra, CA (West, LA) and Rick is from Brooklyn, New York. Judy worked as a supervisor for the Employment Development Department (EDD). Rick was a Director in Information Technology. They bought their 2007 Alpine new at the Pomona RV Show. Rick and Judy have two sons...3 grandsons ages (8,5 & 4) and 2 granddaughters (10 & 8). Judy enjoys folk dance, Maj jong and volunteering. Rick enjoys 4-wheeling, accounting and gardening. Judy enjoys traveling to any beach and Rick's favorite spot is Moab, Utah. They have been married for 49 years! *(Congratulations you two!)*



Paul & Katie Lisec... Paul grew up in San Diego and San Fernando Valley. Katie is from Long Beach. Paul is in the Automotive Business and Katie is a hairdresser. They acquired their Alpine Coach from a small dealership in Arizona. They have a daughter, Chelsea (25 yrs.old) and a dog, Winnie the Pooch, 1 ½ years old. Paul races vintage cars and collects or adopts vintage cars... Katie does some Line Dancing. The Lisecs' would love to make a trip to the East Coast. They are always up for traveling to a new destination.



Dean & Susan Vargo... Both Dean and Susan are from Southern California. Dean grew up in Lakeside and Susan in El Cajon. Dean is a heavy equipment operator for the San Diego Water Authority and Susan is in banking. Their Alpine was acquired through a bank repo in San Marcos, CA in 2010. It is a 34 ft. FDDS, 2002 Alpine Coach. The Vargos have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren (4,6 & 9). They have 2 cats, too, Buddy and Alvin. Their hobbies include: off-roading, horse shoe playing, reading and games. They love being with people and learning and seeing new things. Dean and Susan will retire in October 2016. Alaska and visiting the USA are on their travel list. They like visiting Moab, UT and all it has to offer. Susan collects "crown" brooches or pins. (She thinks she may have been a queen in another life). Dean is a motor head with a glass eye!



Mike Bronstein & Lynn Lepre... Mike and Lynn are from the San Fernando Valley/Woodland Hills, CA area. Mike was an owner/operator Truck Driver for 40 years. Lynn is employed calling on independent pharmacies for promotions and advertising. They acquired their coach from a dealer in Costa Mesa, CA. Mike has 2 boys, (27 & 32) & Lynn has 2 daughters. They also have two dogs, Lily and Rochie. Lynn loves skiing (water and snow), paddle boarding and kayaking. They both love hiking, biking and RVing! Mike is into photography (mbronsteinSmugMug.com), photo shop and he is a writer... He wrote a novel in Kindle, "Driving the Line". In the future they would like to make an RV trip to the Florida Keys. They really enjoy Rincon Parkway, Ventura, CA as a favorite destination. Mike also writes novels and Lynn tries to read them! Lynn collects anything penguin related and Mike collects an array of planes and trains.



This concludes all of the biographies that you so kindly took the time to fill out and return for this edition. Thank you for those that participated in this little exercise. I hope you got some fun and information out of it along the way. What a fantastic group we have in Alpine SoCal! *(Editors, Jim and Patti)*



FMCA National Director...Alpine SoCal: Carolyn Swan

As the end of 2015 is upon us, we are asking ourselves "where has the time gone?" The summer flew past us and fall has just been a blur! We have not been out in the Coach since the Western Board Meeting in Hanford the end of September. This has been a year of "medical issues". Our dear son-in-law lost his battle with cancer, Tris had 2 surgeries in November and is now re-cooperating from low back surgery. My desktop computer died and needed resuscitation so I was barely up and running again on it when my iPad croaked after updating and synchronizing it on the desktop (it also fell off the counter in Alaska and shattered a corner of the face of it). I also bought a new iPad Air 2 but have been so busy I have not been able to get it up and running. So we are REALLY looking forward to leaving the end of December for Indio and Quartzite in January!

FMCA RALLIES: So if you want a new experience when you go to a convention or an Area Rally, volunteer! It will add to your fun and you will meet some new friends. It isn't too late to sign up for the Western Area FMCA Rally in Indio and to Volunteer! Contact Mary Langord for Alpine Caravan and parking info!

While I'm on the subject of volunteering - if you're going to the FMCA Convention at Perry, GA in March 2016 and would like to volunteer, please call Maxine Schremp at 540-273-1606 or send her an email: mschremp2002@yahoo.com. She is the Volunteer Chairman for Perry and would love for you to give her a helping hand. They need over 600 volunteers and we can't do it without you! This is the 93rd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase & will take place at this 628-acre facility located just off of Interstate 75, approximately 100 miles south of Atlanta. The dates of the Reunion will be March 17 through 20, 2016. The location and the timing of the event will make it a popular way point for RVing snowbirds as they return to their northern homes. FMCA is expecting more than 2,000 motorhomes to come together for the Reunion.



Tris & Carolyn Swan

FMCA Headquarter News: The Pomona Convention had a loss of \$25,264, and the Madison Convention had a profit of \$591. The National Treasurer reported that \$165,000 was withdrawn to fund outstanding bills at the end of September. The 94th Family Reunion will be held at West Springfield, Massachusetts but there are still no details for this Convention other than the Annual Membership Meeting is set for Saturday, August 6, 2016. The Executive Board Members discussed possible 2017 area rally dates. The Western Area Rally will be January 11- 14; the Eastern Area Rally will be October 4-8; INTO may be April 10-14; South Central may be September 27-October 1; and Rocky Mountain may be October 18-21. We are providing this information to you early as it may help you plan your travel plans in conjunction with the Area Rallies during 2017.

Evidently there is still confusion as to what the FMCA Assist Program is. The FMCAssist flier is designed to help members understand the process for using the program. In an emergency, 911 should be called first. After the patient has been stabilized and admitted to the hospital or when a physician advises that emergency medical transportation is needed, then call Seven Corners, who will obtain details to facilitate the transportation. It was reported that during the first 12 months of the FMCAssist program, Seven Corners paid out \$381,000, compared to \$317,000 received from FMCA in premiums.

FMCA's Roadside Assistance Program, powered by Vehicle Administrative Services (VAS), is available to FMCA members in the United States and Canada, for only \$99.00 per year.

FMCA Membership attrition continues to be an immediate concern for the association. They have hired 3 part-time employees to work the Call Center to follow up on lapsed memberships! Renewal forms will now give members the option to select automatic renewal from the menu choices on the renewal form.

That is all the news for our December Matterhorn. Please consider going to Indio the first week of January for the Western Area Rally. You can sign up on line. A lot of work goes into planning and executing these Rallies and fun is had by all. If we are lucky it will be warm out there. I complained about the heat this past fall – now I am complaining about the bitter cold! The sun has gone down and I am sitting at my computer literally shivering. Must go turn the heater up!

Tris and I send you our Christmas greetings and wishes for a Healthy and Safe 2016.



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Spring Training Rally... March 5-12, 2016

By: Stephanie Archer



Make Campground Reservations With Cotton Lane Office

No Later Than December 20, 2015

For March 5-12, 2016 Spring Training Rally!



Cotton Lane RV Resort (www.arizonarvresorts.com) in Goodyear, Arizona will be where we gather for the Spring Training rally. The resort manager wants each rally attendee to make their own campground reservation **no later than December 20, 2015. Call the Cotton Lane office at 888-907-7223, tell them you are part of the "Bowers Group"** (they won't recognize the Alpine SoCal name), **and write down the site number you are given** (you will include the site number on the rally registration form). **No deposit is required to make a campground reservation and there is no penalty for cancelling a reservation. You will pay your camping fees to Cotton Lane when you check-in.** The Good Sam/AAA/Military rate for a full hookup site is \$196.95/week or \$32.82/night. The non-discount rate for a full hookup site is \$218.83/week or \$36.47/night. You may arrive early or stay late at these rates, as long as space is available. We have reserved twenty full hookup sites for this rally. **Because Cotton Lane is a "snowbird" destination, we are required to release all unreserved sites by the end of December.** The **rally fee** (\$100/coach with 2 people, \$60/coach with 1 person, \$40 each additional person) **is due February 5th, 2016.** It includes one pizza dinner, one BBQ dinner, five breakfasts, a margarita happy hour and a gathering site. A tentative rally schedule is in the rally registration packet which is currently available on the Alpine SoCal website. www.alpinesocal.com/index.php/rallies.

There are no group activities planned during the day to allow you to do the things that are of interest to you. Fifteen major league baseball teams play their spring training games within a 45 minute drive of Cotton Lane. The spring training game schedule and a location map of all stadiums are included in the rally registration packet to help you plan which games you want to attend. The website www.springtrainingconnection.com contains very useful information. Click on "Cactus League" to view detailed information about all the stadiums in Arizona. Stadium box offices typically open at 10:00am for the purchase of same day and future date tickets. **Be sure to ask if Senior ticket prices are available.** Most stadiums do not post Senior ticket prices at their box offices. Tickets may also be purchased online, although a service fee is usually added onto the price of each ticket.

If you aren't into baseball, there are plenty of things to do within an hour's drive of Cotton Lane – museums, zoos, desert botanical gardens, shopping, NASCAR at Phoenix International Raceway. A list of things to do in the Phoenix area and related websites is included in the rally registration packet.

The Bowers and Archers are looking forward to seeing you in March. Reserve your campground site today!



Apple Pie French Toast Rolls

Prep Time	Cook Time
15 mins	4 mins

Serves 4

12 slices white sandwich bread
1 can apple pie filling
2 eggs
1 cup milk
Dash of vanilla
½ cup sugar
2 tsp ground cinnamon
Butter for the fry pan

Instructions:

1. Remove crust from bread.
2. Using a rolling pin, flatten out each piece of bread.
3. Spread some apple pie filling onto the bread. Approx. 2 tbsp)
4. Roll the bread up tightly and place seam side down in a shallow bowl or small pan.
5. Whisk the eggs, milk & vanilla together.
6. Combine the sugar & cinnamon on a small plate.
7. Heat skillet over medium heat and melt the butter.
8. Dip each bread roll in egg mixture, coating completely.
9. Place them in the pan, seam side down.
10. Cook until golden brown. Turn to cook evenly.
11. Roll the cooked rolls in cinnamon mixture.
12. Serve plain, with syrup or butter!



2016/2017 SoCal Alpine Board and Support Team



Once again, our SoCal Alpine Club has the good fortune to have an outstanding team of members to lead our organization for the next two years. Our new Board is comprised mostly of Veteran Officers who continue to share their time and talent for our benefit and enjoyment. And our new President brings the enthusiasm of a relatively new member and Alpine Owner.

As Joe Darling expressed in a recent message, please extend your congratulations, support and involvement to these most valued members and Alpine friends as they insure that our Club continues to thrive.

Recently, we asked our new Board and Support Team members how long they had been RVing, their Occupation, Travel Bucket List and Reason they serve our Club as they do. Meet your new Leadership Team:

President/David Hobden

Full Timers since 2014

Formerly served as Chief Warrant Officer US Army for 26 years and 7 years as a Civilian for the Missile Defense Agency. Served in Europe, Korea, Kosovo, Egypt, Turkey and Iraq.

Became President to help maintain the continuity of our fine organization. Vows to be diligent and strive to keep things "fun"



Worlds of Fun



I ♥ J

**1st VP/Mary Langord
Membership Dir.**

Alpine owner since 2007, Class A motorhomers since 1997. Prior to that, everything from tent to fifth-wheel was enjoyed. Background was Radio Broadcasting, and Hotel Convention Manager. Marriage and three daughters were primary occupation for the last 55 years. Loves travel, photos, music, and just being involved with family & friends.



SARC/2nd VP/Bill Figge

Alpinism since 2004

Formerly, AAA So/Cal Travel & Operations Dir. Bucket List- New England, Florida, Maritimes, Overseas. Enjoy the fun of supporting the club and member friendships



KEEP CALM
WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP

**2nd VP/SARC/Ramona
Escamilla**

Starting with my parents, have been RVing for many years. Still have MANY, MANY areas in US we haven't seen. I'm a Gramma and loving it!

On the board to support the 2nd VP SARC function... I want to help the Club by being involved.



2nd VP/SARC/Stephanie Archer

RVing since early 80's

Information Technology Programmer & Database Designer Future travels- Alaska, Florida Keys, Everglades and Australia/New Zealand

"I want to see the Club thrive for many years to come."



Alpine SoCal Board Members 2016/2017 (con't)

Treasurer/Rick Fisher



Been RVing over fifty years
Retired from Information Technology Industry. Gas station Owner for 5 years.
Has traveled all over North America and Overseas
Being Treasurer helps keep my brain and computer skills alive while using my Accounting background.
"Love the wonderful people in Alpine SoCal"



**Secretary/Michelle
"Mikey" Collins**

RVing since 2003
Retired computer/business instructor
Bucket List- Maritimes, Portugal, Ireland
Wants to help the Club by being a Board Member
Hobbies- cooking, baking, reading, RVing



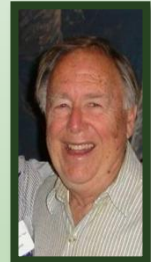
**FMCA Nat'l Dir.
Carolyn Swan**

Have had various RV's since 1969, including (3) 5th wheels and 2 Alpine Motorhomes.
A registered Nurse for 54 years, mostly in Occupational Health field.
Has visited every US State and most Provinces, looking forward to 2016 FMCA Convention in Massachusetts and re-visiting the Canadian Maritimes
Active with Missions to share the love of Jesus with the needy
Enjoys the coordination between FMCA & Alpine SoCal and the privilege of working with other great board members.



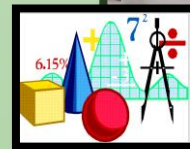
**Alt. FMCA Nat'l Dir.
Joel Langord**

Have had every kind of camping equipment over the 55 years of enjoying travel & RVing. Bought our first Class A MotorHome in 1997.
Served in the US Air Force Aerospace/Military Industry, Systems Engineer and Independent Contractor
Traveled extensively in U.S. except Alaska and Europe.
"Keeps Mary & I actively involved with friends we enjoy."



Web-Master/Jim Archer

After camping in Pick up truck since 70's, upgraded to RV in early 80's.
Materials and Processes Engineer
Same as Stephanie, Alaska, Florida Keys, Everglades and Australia/New Zealand
"I like using my abilities to create databases and to address information needs and problems to better inform members and manage the Club."



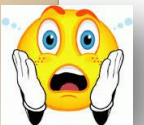
**Newsletter Editor
(Temporarily Vacant) /Join effort in progress**

Correction:



My apologies... I got it wrong!

The Byways Newsletter is published by WMHA, the Western Motor Home Association of FMCA. Roy McDaniels is WMHA's Area Vice President-South and they are hosting the Indio Western Area Rally in January! I hope you can all attend Indio, volunteer and caravan together to the fairgrounds. It will be great fun! Patti Warren, Editor



2015 Alpine SoCal Board Members...

Go Alpine!



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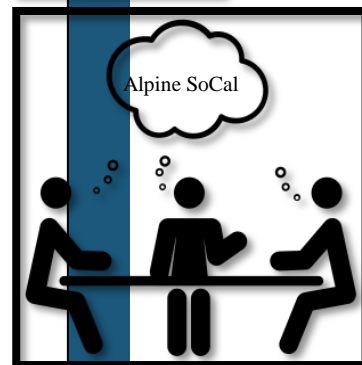
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Alpine SoCal Website...

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Webmaster Update... Jim Archer

I hope that everyone is out enjoying some traveling with their coach instead of reading my article again!

I hope those of you who were at the Borrego Springs rally enjoyed the little demo of the website. If there is interest from those who were not at the rally, I will repeat the demo again at a future rally. Hopefully with a bigger TV screen!!

(Yes, yes...we need all the help we can get! Thanks Jim!) Editor,Patti

Since the last newsletter I have made a few minor changes to add a few new things to the website. In the Members Only section there is a new link to a few of the club documents. You will find the club by-laws and procedures. There is also a copy of the financial audit results. Hopefully in the coming weeks I will be able to add links to the minutes from the recent membership meetings, kept by our faithful secretary.

As always, the rally schedule is being kept up to date by our SARC committee. Behind the scenes there is a table system which allows the schedule and the wagon masters to be updated easily, but this format limits the ability to add special notes, such as a request for wagon masters. Please pay attention to the rally descriptions, as this is where you will now find these notes.

Happy Travels!



The Springs at Borrego Rally... November 4th – 9th, 2015

Wagon Masters: Bob & Helena Mazzocco
Rick & Judy Fisher

Good time



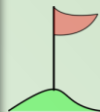
Borrego Springs was
a fun, fun time...



**Thank you to Susan Vargo
for her terrific photos!**



Did he make it
out alive?



This could be a record maker...



**Thank you Linda Giddens for your
action packed photos!**





SARC DECEMBER 2015 REPORT... Ramona Escamilla

SHOUT OUT

First of all and foremost, SARC would like to thank Anne for helping to found the SARC committee and the tremendous support of the committee for the past two years. She has much on her plate and we would like to extend our great appreciation for her. SARC would also like to welcome Stephanie Archer to our little committee and thank her for stepping up in assisting Anne in any way possible.



RALLIES



2015 was a great year for SoCal rallies! SARC would like to extend big "Kudos" to the Guhse's and the Hobden's for a terrific rally at Lake Powell, as well as big "Kudos" to the Mazzocco's and Fisher's for a wonderful rally at Borrego Springs. We have heard abundant praises from both rallies, from wonderful food to exciting activities, but most importantly, gracious Hosts. Thank you to the four couples for all of their efforts as well as to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped their hosts.

2016 Rally Schedule has been finalized. The Winter Blast is sold out, so if you plan to attend an upcoming rally, please get your registration and money in soon. The updated rally schedule can be found at the end of each newsletter as well as on the Alpine SoCal web page. There is also a link to our rally schedule on the ACA website.

SARC is looking for Wagon Masters for 2017. We have some great suggestions for rally sites that we received from our Rally Survey, (Thanks to all who replied to our survey). Jackson is a done deal, but some other sites that received the most votes were: Temecula, Chino/Yucaipa area, Lone Pine/Mammoth area, Chula Vista and Winter Blast. Sites for Winter Blast can be saved at the upcoming 2016 rally if anyone would like to host in 2017. Of course as always, we are open to any and all future suggestions for rallies.



Policy and Procedure Updates

It was approved by the Board that "Wagon & Co-Wagon Master's Camping Site Fees will be paid by the club for each night of the rally". All rallies will be included, whether it is a 3 day or week long rally. Rick Fisher is also working on simplifying rally accounting forms.

SARC would like to thank SoCal Alpine for the continued support of our club. We think we have an outstanding club... because of you!

Happy Holidays from SARC: Anne, Bill, Stephanie and Ramona

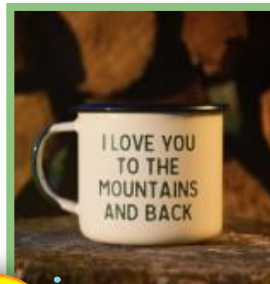


Wishing all of you a very Blessed Christmas. This is a Nativity Set made by Joel, where each character is carved from a different exotic wood. May it remind us of the "real reason for the season"... the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas
Joel and Mary
Langord

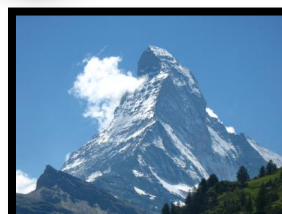


Deadline for the next issue
of
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March 1st, 2016



You will find all registration
forms and rally information
on our Website....

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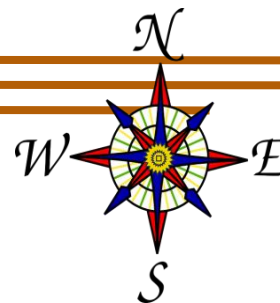
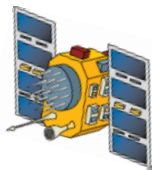


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Garmin GPS Tip... by Jim Archer



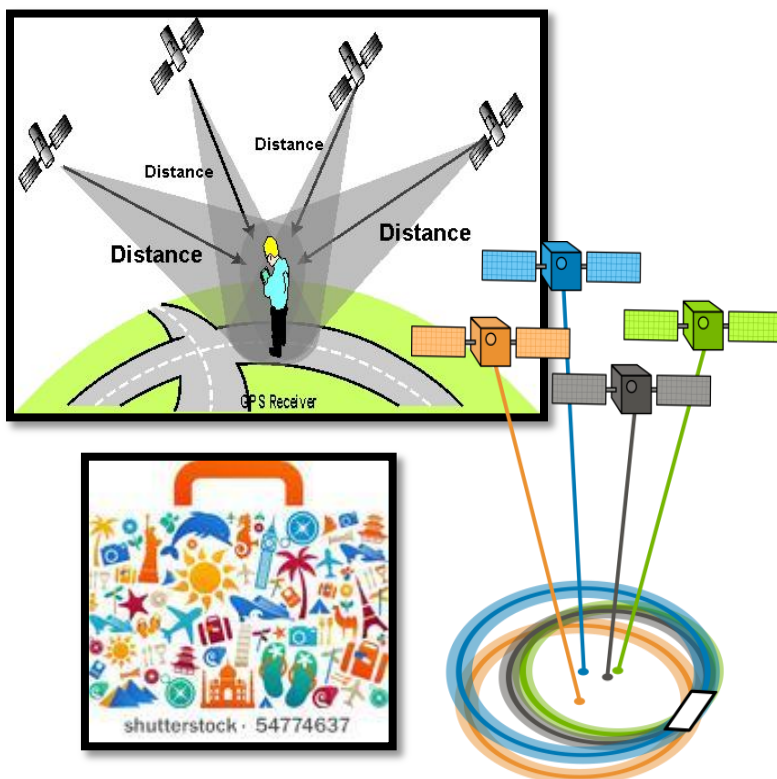
Many of us who travel a lot have given up paper maps (except for Bill Figge) in favor of GPS units. I am on my 4th Garmin unit. In addition to giving us turn by turn directions, they are very good for helping us find points of interest, such as restaurants, shopping, etc., when we are in unfamiliar territory. Many of us can't do without them.

But we have all likely fallen victim to inaccurate coordinates on many of the built in points of interest. This can be frustrating when some of the locations are not where we expect to find them. And many of the places we want to navigate to (like RV parks) are not included in their databases. One campground in particular was about 10 miles away from where "Jill" told me it would be, based in her internal point of interest data, as well as from the address when I entered it instead.

Before a trip I often look up websites for campgrounds and various places we plan to visit. A couple of years ago I found a software program that will allow me to "drag and drop" addresses from websites into a dropbox, and geocode the address to find the coordinates. Once it does, you can look at the coordinates on a map or on a satellite view from within the program! You can then tweak the location to the driveway you need to use. It is great for locating campgrounds and finding their correct entrance. (U-turns with a coach and toad are not fun). Once you have the exact location, you can upload it to your Garmin.

This program is GeePeeEx Editor, for editing the GPX files used by Garmin. It is currently available to download for \$20 from <http://geepееex.com/>. There is a free version for testing before you buy. Unfortunately this is a computer software program, and there is no Android or Smartphone app version of it. The drag and drop feature is just one of its many features. You can import the "Favorites" or "Saved" locations from your Garmin, and use the program to edit and/or delete the points of interest, and save them to a file, and then export them to the Garmin GPS unit. It's great for transferring all of your favorites to a new GPS. (You know you want one!)

(We all WANT one but can we all get it to work as easily as you make it sound? We don't call you the WebMaster just for fun...you've earned that title!) Patti, Editor



Come and join us on FACEBOOK...

Alpine Owners Page

www.facebook.com/groups/AlpineOwners/?fref=ts

RV Road Trippers

www.facebook.com/DriveFCCC?hcLocation=stam

...And our very own Website...

Alpine SoCal ...Webmaster: Jim Archer
www.alpinesocal.com

Check out David Hobden's website:

UrbanEscapeVehicle.com

David has a great website full of interesting travel facts and photos from places he and Stilla have visited and will visit as Full Timers.

Most of what is posted in our newsletter comes directly from David's site.

Thank you Dave for keeping us tuned in and up to date on your travels.





Mary's Musings...by Mary Langord

I have some pearls of wisdom to share with all of my Alpine friends. When everything is going wrong, including dead batteries in tow car, dead batteries in RV, and lots of turmoil is happening around youSTOP! Stay at home! Go to bed! Cover your head!!!!

We had such a morning in October and we did not heed karma's warning. We finally got the Alpine running smoothly and headed up to Santa Maria for a three or four day jaunt to visit our granddaughter and enjoy some Santa Barbara area wines.

We didn't get far. We hit lots of construction around Santa Fe Springs and heavy traffic. Not so bad as to spoil a trip but **then...**

a tow truck driver cut Joel off, not once but twice. Unfortunately, the second time I happened to be on my feet and the second time Joel had to HIT the brakes, **HARD!**

Well, I'm glad I'm a bit over-weight, otherwise I may have gone through the windshield. I hit the floor flying backwards, the back of my head hit the pull out console, which was closed; cracked the console and I ended up in Norwalk Community Emergency via ambulance with blunt force head trauma.

Head wounds bleed heavily and it took Joel a few minutes to negotiate the RV off of the freeway, manage a full stop in a commercial area, call 911 and await their arrival. I have to



admit, I thought some very negative thoughts about my condition. Fortunately, I only needed 15 stitches from a deep laceration to my skull and all of the brain scans of my hard head came back normal.

I was released after about three hours with a full head wrap and a head full of staples! Needless to say, we rerouted our trip and headed back home for some much needed rest and recuperation.



The lessons learned here need to be shared! When in heavy traffic **stay seated with your seatbelt ON** no matter what is banging around in the back of the coach.

I know we've all done it. I myself have successfully walked the aisle while in motion many times. **BUT...**it only took once to teach me that you are not in control of other drivers around you and the unexpected can happen at any time.

As it turned out I was lucky. Joel managed not to hit the tow truck, and my head has healed. Now we are sitting in the Pacific Northwest enjoying some rather cool weather for Thanksgiving with our youngest daughter.

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and hopefully will not repeat any of my errors in judgement. **Stay safe out there!**



Happy... Hanukkah
Christmas,
New Year,
Valentine's Day,
Presidents' Day,
St. Patrick's Day!

*Happy Everything, until we meet again!!
Happy, Safe Travels, too!*





LAKE POWELL RALLY OCT 7 – 14, 2015...

Wagon Masters: Dave & Nicole Guhse
Dave & Stilla Hobden

Wahweap Marina RV Park, Page Arizona



Dave and Stilla Hobden



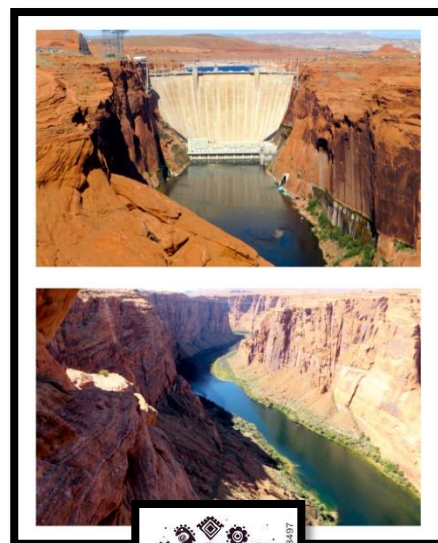
Greg & Marcy Vaughan



*...More fun Photos!
Our Members are
out there...*



The Lake Powell Rally was a fantastic, busy time in the wilds of Arizona. It was a sell-out with all 26 reserved sites taken... quite a group! The itinerary was exciting, with trips to Slot Canyon, Glen Canyon Dam, a Colorado River Float Trip and a dinner cruise on board the Canyon Princess. Of course, Alpine SoCal always eats well... with Pizza and Salad night, a big BBQ evening, the dinner cruise and four Continental Breakfasts served... Wow! Great job WagonMasters... Guhse's and Hobden's



Thank you David Hobden... pictures
and info were taken from his blog!
UrbanEscapeVehicle.com





RALLY SCHEDULE — 2016

(Revised December, 2015)



2016			
Jan. 5 Caravan Jan. 6 – 10*	Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	FMCA** WMHA	Caravan with SoCal (All Welcome) Joel & Mary Langord marylangord@mac.com
Jan. 19 - 25	Desert Rat	ACA	Frank & Dessa Halaz fhalaz@swcp.com Norm & Beth Cannon bethinhavas@yahoo.com
Feb. 11 - 15	Winter Blast, SARA Park Rodeo Grounds Lake Havasu City, AZ	SoCal	David & Nicole Guhse daguhs@yahoo.com Paul & Katie Lisec lisec12455@aol.com
March 5 - 12	Baseball Spring Training Cotton Lane RV Park Goodyear, AZ	SoCal	Bob & Connie Bowers rhb1106@gmail.com Jim & Stephanie Archer saarcher@cox.net
April 22 - 25	Newport Dunes RV Park Newport, CA	SoCal	Mike & Donna Hambarian grbgmike@aol.com Greg & Marcie Vaughan gregvaughan@aol.com
June 1 - 8	The Vines RV Resort Paso Robles, CA	SoCal	Mac & Anne McDougal mcdanne2@gmail.com Sandy & Debi Johnson firecapt98@hotmail.com
Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	Pahrump, Nevada Wine Crush	SoCal	John & Gail Stacy gistacy42@gmail.com Nick & Ramona Escamilla ramona324@hotmail.com
Oct. 31 – Nov. 6	San Juan Batista, CA Betabel RV Park	SoCal	Mike & Mike Collins alpinemikes@2mikeys.com Phil Binley & Trudy Greenlaw philbinley@yahoo.com
~~Spot Rally Suggestions~~	49er Village, Plymouth, CA Silver Strand State Beach, Coronado, CA	\$70 – 90 \$65	Mid May Fair, rodeo, frog jump, wineries Oct – Dec., Apr.– (early) May

* Last day listed on dates is date of departure. ** Must register directly with FMCA



A Final Note from the Editors...

On behalf of this editing crew of two, Jim and I would like to thank you all for the fun we had in putting together your last seven Matterhorn newsletters. Thank you for your patience and support... while I learned a thing or two, made mistakes and asked for your invaluable help! A very special thank you to Mary Langord, Jim Archer and Gail Stacy!

The Alpine is parked in the driveway for the next six months while Jim recovers from complicated back surgery. But as soon as we get the "go ahead" from the docs we'll be back out on the road!

Jim & Patti Warren, Editors



Jim's "new" back...
Titanium rods,
screws, plates and
cages, for the fusion!
The TSA's worst case
scenario!

