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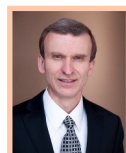
Alpine SoCal Newsletter

A FMCA Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- WMA FMCA Rally, Indio, CA, Jan 11-15, 2023
- Quartzsite Replacement Ramona, Community Center, Ramona, CA Jan 18-14, 2023
- FMCA 106th Intl. Conv Georgia National Fairgrounds Perry, GA, March 15-18, 2023
- Paso Robles Pinot & Paella Festival, Jun 1-6, 2023
- 30 Day Caravan from Churchill, CA to Manitoba, Canada July 15-Aug 15, 2023
- FMCA 107th Intl. Conv CAM-Plex, Gillette, WY, Aug
- Sisters RV Resort-Sisters, OR Sep 5-17, 2023
- Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM, Oct 7-11, 2023
- Pechanga, Temecula, CA, Nov 5-10, 2023
- Shaver Lake CA-Sept 2-15, 2024, Tentative

President's Message



Our epic 20th anniversary rally is now in the history books. A great turnout, tasty meals and fun time was had by all in Borrego Springs. A BIG shout out to wagon masters Janet & Milo Prodanovich and Stephanie & Jim Archer! Check out the full report by Helen Hillix in this newsletter.

The rally also featured our club annual membership meeting. Stephanie pulled extra duty by running the meeting in my absence. Thank you Steph! As a result

of a full membership vote, the club unanimously approved a bylaw change to enable SOB motorhomes to join SoCal. Two conditions must be met by the prospective member: they must be recommended by an existing member in good standing, and total new members is limited to 7 in the first year, followed by a maximum of 5% of existing membership total in subsequent years. As a result of the change, several membership applications were requested at the meeting, AND two new members joined on the spot!

Between votes emailed, plus live voting at the meeting, a total of 34 'Yea' responses were recorded, which is a 60% voter turnout – Wow!

Speaking virtually from home, Bill Figge discussed the club biannual election of officers, encouraging everyone to consider stepping up for a board position at our next annual meeting in the fall of 2023. Our club prospers due to the members who lead rallies, and serve on the board. Two members stepped up at the rally to fill vacant board positions for the remainder of this election cycle: Tom Polk agreed to represent us as FMCA Director, and Helen Hillix will be taking over the newsletter publication for '23. Thank you Tom and Helen, for filling the void!

Here then, are your board members, serving through 2023:

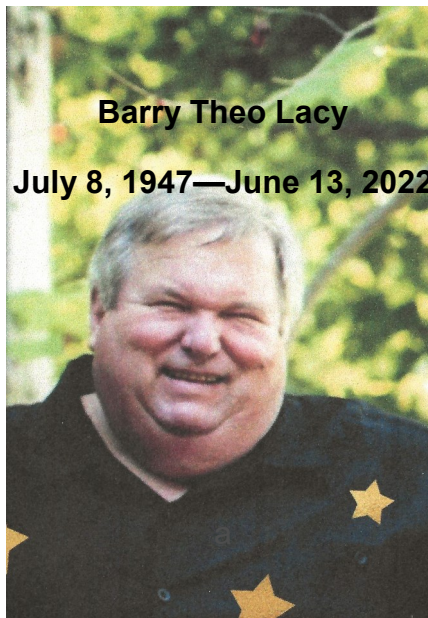
Scott Hicks, President; Janet McNeill, 1st VP/membership; Susan Vargo, Treasurer; Bill Figge, VP/SARC (rallies); Stephanie Archer, SARC; Linda Matthews, SARC; Debbie Lacy, SARC; Tom Polk, FMCA Director, Helen Hillix, Newsletter Editor, Helena Mazzocco, Secretary; Jim Archer, Website Admin. When you see someone, please thank them. I can attest to several of you recognizing me over the past 3 years, It really is encouraging.

One more 'housekeeping' item. I would like to form a nominating committee of three persons to reach out to the membership and identify those who would agree to take a board position for the next 2-year cycle. This is a great short-term role, of critical nature, for persons who can't take a two-year role, but want to be involved. The committee will meet virtually in the Spring to form a plan to identify board vacancies in the upcoming term, and identify those who may be able to fill them. If you can help out, please email me: hicks.scott@yahoo.com

Be sure to check out the 2023 (and beyond) rally schedule in this issue. May I point out my Sister's Oregon rally in the fall? I will be opening up registration for the Sisters Garden RV Resort next month in January. Don't miss out – we can only reserve 20 spaces, and registration will close by the end of January.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

IN MEMORIAM



Barry Theo Lacy was born on July 8, 1947 to Tom and June Lacy. He and his brother Tim were part of the 3rd generation of Lacys to be born and raised in Orange County, CA. His great-grandfather was the first elected sheriff of Orange County and Barry was very proud to carry on his middle name of Theo in honor of him. He passed that name on to his son Andy who has also passed it on to his son Tommy.

Barry graduated from Garden Grove High School and Santa Ana College with a degree in diesel mechanics. He then joined the Navy and served in Viet Nam as an aviation mechanic on the USS Enterprise.

In 1973, after his service in the Navy, he came home and went to work for Ryder Truck Rental where he held many positions including road service technician and branch manager.

In 1974 he met Debbie, they dated and were married on February 7th 1976. In 1980 they welcomed their daughter Kristi and in 1984 they welcomed their son Andy. Barry always felt very fortunate to have 2 beautiful children that he loved very much. In 1986 Barry left Ryder go to work for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing where he worked on the C17 Program from start to finish. He was able to see the last plane leave the plant. He retired in 2015 with many lifelong friendships that he cherished.

Barry and Debbie enjoyed many years camping with neighbors and friends as their kids were growing up. He also enjoyed watching the kids grow and play sports throughout their school years.

Once the kids were in high school they got away from camping and Barry thought this was something that was behind them.

However in 2014 after buying his beloved red Jeep, they purchased an Alpine Coach motorhome. He joined the Alpine Clubs and became a members of the Elks. (even though he always said he was not a joiner). Through the Alpine Clubs he and Debbie made many new friends and were able to travel to parts of the country that they had never seen. Barry also enjoyed his trips to Idaho to see daughter Kristi, son-law Mark, and grandsons Gunner and Bronson.

Debbie has expressed her desire to continue to be active in our club and will be attending the upcoming ACA Ramona rally in January.

(Excerpted from Memorial Service pamphlet supplied by Stephanie Archer)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by: Janet Prodanovich/1st. V.P. Membership

We have welcomed 5 new members into our fold! Our total now is at 65!!

SARC 4th QUARTER 2021

by: Debbie Lacy

Happy Holidays to you all from your SARC Committee.

It's hard to believe that 2022 is quickly coming to an end. We would like to thank Janet & Milo Prodanovich and Stephanie & Jim Archer for hosting a wonderful 20th Anniversary Rally in Borrenge Springs. They outdid themselves with all of the wonderful food and activities.

We have compiled the information from the Rally Location Surveys

Napa
Pismo Beach
St. George, Utah
Camp Verde, AZ
Lone Pine
Bayfield/Durango, CO
Lake Havasu
Pahrump
San Diego
Las Vegas
Mammoth
Buellton
Jackson
Goodyear
Palm Desert
Yucaipa

These are the top 16 and we would like to help future wagonmasters with selecting a location and time of year for the rallies for 2024. If you are interested in hosting a rally at any of these locations or other location of your choice, please contact Bill, Stephanie, Linda or Debbie, and we will be more than happy to get it on the schedule and help you to get the campground procured.

We have also included the schedule for 2023/2024 rallies.

2022-2024 Rally Schedule

<http://www.alpinesocal.com/media/contentbuilder/upload/rally/master-rally-schedule37.pdf>

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RALLY REMINISCINGS

by: Jerry Fichera

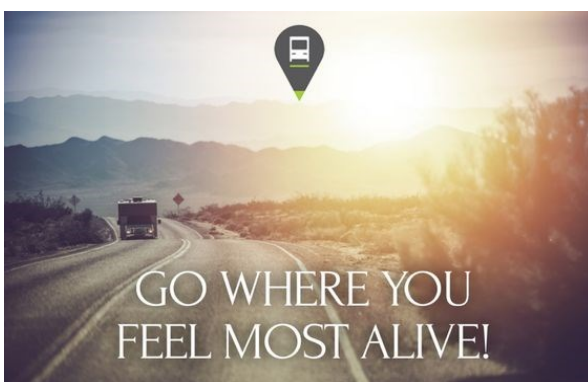
Grass Valley Rally June 1-6, 2022

Hey all, I was asked to give a little blurb about the Grass Valley Rally, so here it goes. First of all, it was a great rally if I do say so myself. It was held at the Nevada County Fairgrounds and attended by 21 rigs and hosted by the Fichera's and Mayfield's. We had a private wine tasting and luncheon at Mountain Ranch Winery. The owner/ wine maker and crew set up tables with nice linen and they served the different wines at the tables. As they were serving he was describing the wine the grapes, aging everything that went into that particular wine. This is something he does not ordinarily do, but we convinced him that we were a group of wino's and we would make it worth is wild. Afterwards, he came up to me and agreed that we were a group of wino's, he did very well selling his wine to the group. (Actually, he said he was pleased that our group enjoyed his wines, but did not call us wino's). Anyway, those who were not wine lovers still enjoyed the lunch and the presentation and we all went home with etched wine glasses of the winery. We had also lined up a private mine equipment tour at Northstar Mining Museum that still had working machinery that they demonstrated. People that have been there before said that they did not have a tour guide that informed them of the equipment and usage, so this was interesting to those returning visitors. For those of us that golf, we had a tee time to go hit our balls around also.

So one night we had margarita night along with a NOT SO NEWLY WED GAME. Yes folks I brought my version of the Newly Wed Game, but since we didn't have any newlyweds I added the "not so". So we drew the names of 4 couples split them up and asked some silly questions like, if your husband was one of the 7 dwarfs which one would he be? Sorry but that's the only one that sticks out, anyway, it was fun and hilarious. Our winner was Mike and Natalie Hansen, coarse they've been married the shortest amount of time which may have helped. BUT they also had the shortest amount of time to learn about each other. Each of the couples got prizes and all had a great time.

Now about the food, we had the usual pizza night, Marcella proceeded to make a dinner and breakfast dishes for all. But for last night we were there, we reserved dinner at an Italian Restaurant that was absolutely fantastic. The food was perfect, waiters were great, the owner came out and personally thanked us. Best part is, we had enough money left over in the kitty to pay for the dinner, drinks and dessert for everyone.

So, I think everyone had a great time, for those that didn't make these outings you're missing out on good times and seeing friends. SO ATTEND.



Borrego Springs for Halloween

by: *Helen Hillix*

Photos by: Helen Hillix



Having never stayed in Borrego Springs (even though I've lived in the San Diego area for 44 years!), I had no idea the delight it offered on every level! Visually it is absolutely spectacular; from the colors and textures of the land itself to the unexpected blossoming of the desert floor to the rainbows, mountain boulders, palm oases, gorgeous skies, it was a feast for the eyes. And to the ears, the incomparable stillness of the desert calms the soul. The temperature was perfect, including a tad of rain and wind. If you missed this rally, put it on your calendar for next year!

As always, the Prodanovichs and Archers were consummate rally hosts, preparing amazing food to satisfy the most discerning palette and always more than you can eat. Julian pies were an unexpected but welcome treat. Bringing together the culinary expertise of the community, the potluck dinner tickled the fancy of all who beheld the abundant feast! Thanks to all.



And the anniversary celebration dinner, catered by Jeremy's on the Hill, located in Wynola, just outside Julian, was mouthwateringly delicious! Good choice Janet and Stephanie! The gathering was honored to welcome Mac McDougal, one of the original founders of this club, who gave an inspirational talk to the group. What a lovely event!

Along with the food, the rally hosts organized outings and get-togethers, including an off-road experience to Font's Point to oversee dramatic and barren eroded peaks and a view all the way to the Salton Sea. Another trip took the adventuring group to the Pumpkin Patch and the uniquely shaped rocks there. Coyote Canyon is another off-road drive that took us past desert blooms of purple and yellow, along with a huge variety of cacti, including blooming Ocotillo bushes and a small stream.



Along the way we were enchanted by the amazing metal sculptures, commissioned by landowner, Dennis Avery, and designed and fabricated by artist Ricardo Receda. We were captivated by the enormity and skill of the work and how they came to life in their desert setting. Don't miss them when you go!

Hiking Palm Canyon was another highlight of the trip and going during the week when almost no one was on the trail afforded us a sense of intimacy with the landscape that both inspired and invigorated us. We didn't happen to see the famous mountain sheep, but one could feel their presence in the steep surrounding peaks.



The Ladies Tea and the Men's Gearhead Meeting rounded out the schedule and were appreciated by everyone as opportunities to enjoy and enrich the sense of community that is palpable in this SoCal ACA Club.



Thanks to everyone who made this an unexpectedly rich and rejuvenating rally experience! We look forward to the next adventure!

