

SANTA CLARA UNIT NEWSLETTER

December 2006

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

French Camp Rally Report

Wow, what a fantastic rally! I have never seen so many Airstreams at a Unit rally. We had 21 rigs in attendance. The rigs started showing up on Thursday. Everyone did their own thing for dinner and all gathered back at the Club House for happy hour and a movie.

Friday activities included golf and a tour of the Delicato Winery. After happy hour and a wonderful chili bean dinner, Dot Farinha arranged an innovative scavenger hunt in which we were divided into several teams. Many of the articles that were listed required some good old fashioned horse trading among team members in order to obtain all their items. Some of the more challenging items on each teams list included, an X-ray, marble, and a whistle. The X-ray proved to be the most challenging and no team was able to provide one. Keep that in mind the next time a scavenger hunt is listed for a rally!

Saturday's activities included a wonderful pancake breakfast followed by our Unit meeting and a Chicken Foot tournament in the early afternoon. The high light of the evening was our installation dinner of ham and turkey with all the fixings. Everyone brought complimentary side dishes to finish our pre-Thanksgiving feast. After dinner, Region 12 First Vice President, Don Clark, installed the new officers for the Santa Clara, Golden West, and San Joaquin Units.

During the installation, the Santa Clara Unit presented Bob Stansbury with a past President's flag and a \$75 gift card to Camping World. Other notable events celebrated on Saturday night was the 50th anniversary of Dal and Lois Stoltenberg and several birthdays. One of the birthdays was our own Aldo Pini. There was not a cup cake big enough to hold all of Aldo's candles.

Have you ever heard of an omelet in a baggie? Neither have I until Sunday morning. It was the most amazing way of cooking eggs I have ever seen. Thanks to Dot and Cecelia for a fantastic job! Believe me; we will do this breakfast again at another rally hosted by the Santa Clara Unit. Don't miss it!

If you missed this rally you missed something special. Now with our combined Unit rallies and more people in attendance, we are able to provide more interesting activities to satisfy everyone's taste. Don't miss out on the fun. Mark your calendars today for the 2007 rallies!

Jack's Blog

The Santa Clara Unit is working on revising the monthly newsletter. During our Unit meeting in November, we agreed to purchase a software program to make it easy to format and include rally pictures. We will also be featuring articles and RV tech tips that will be both entertaining and informative.

Charity Project

At our Unit meeting in French Camp, Don Clark asked if the Santa

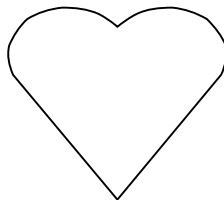
Clara Unit could come up with an idea for a charity project in 2007. We will be discussing this project at future Unit meetings. I am looking for ideas from our long time members (and our new creative members) who might have participated in such a project in the past. Please pass along your suggestions. I would like Santa Clara Unit to take on this project in 2007.

On A Final Note

Kathy and I would like to give a big thanks to Dot, Ernie, Cecelia, and Bob for doing such a great job hosting the French Camp Rally. Another big thanks to Don and Janice Clark for installing the Officers for the Santa Clara, Golden West, and San Joaquin Units. And a final thanks to Bob Stansbury for his service to the Santa Clara Unit as its President for the past two years. Great job Bob, you will be a hard act to follow!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/21 Barbara Vogt
- 12/21 Judy Bechthold
- 12/26 Dave Kaplow
- 12/31 Gary Meeker



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 12/03 Aldo & Agnes Pini
- 12/2 Dave & Roanne Kaplow

BETABEL RV PARK RALLY

January 4-8, 2007
 Hosted by Santa Clara Unit
 Bob & Maureen Elliman
 Bob & Cecelia Stansbury

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

WBCCI # _____ Handicap Parking _____

Anniversary _____ Birthday(s) _____

Member of _____ Unit

Please check each night you will be present:

Thurs. ___ Fri. ___ Sat. ___ Sun ___

Parking fee: ___ nights @ \$34.00/per night \$ _____

FRI Breakfast # ___ @ \$1.00 pp \$ _____

FRI Afternoon Tea # ___ @ \$1.00 pp \$ _____

FRI. Dinner (just need a head count) # ___

SAT. Breakfast # ___ @ \$1.50 pp \$ _____

SAT. Dinner # ___ @ \$4.00 pp \$ _____

SUN. Breakfast # ___ @ \$2.00 pp \$ _____

SAT. Dinner # ___ @ \$2.50 pp \$ _____

MON. Breakfast # ___ @ \$1.00 pp \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to "Santa Clara Unit"

Mail by Dec. 18 to: Cecelia Stansbury
 1565 Hopyard Road
 Pleasanton, CA 94556

NOTE: Stansburys are leaving for the Holidays on 12/22 so please be prompt in responding. I have to give the park the count before we leave. You don't want to miss this fun rally. Parking is on asphalt and near the club house so inclement weather should not be a problem.

EDITOR'S NOTES

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Just a note for your information: If W.B.B.C.I. has your Email address, they are printing it in the Membership Booklet this year. If that is not cool, drop them a note and they will leave it out of next year's book.

RV TIPS AND IDEAS

I find it handy (pardon the pun).to carry three kinds of gloves when I am working on my trailer. I keep a box of surgical gloves in the compartment where I have my sewage dumping tools. I just slip on a pair when I dump both tanks. When everything is rinsed and put away I pull them off and put them in the trash. I have a pair of mechanics gloves that I use for hitching and unhitching. They afford me the dexterity I need to manipulate keys, and load leveling bars while keeping my hands from getting scuffed up and greasy. When I am messing with the hitch, wheels or big items, I have a pair of insulated work gloves that are very comfortable and give me a good "grasp" of the situation.

MEMBER GOSSIP

- Peter Walde left the French Camp rally on Saturday to attend a class in Ham and 2 meter radio. He hopes to be licensed soon.
- Hernan and Janece Casanovas were kept awake all night by the propane detector alarm in their Bambi.
- Jim Johnson picked up two license plate frames in Manteca for his wife Kia. The dealership is called "Kia Country".
- Dallas and Lois Stoltenberg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Rally.
- Warren Weinstock, Dorothy and Ernie Farinha are all heading for the desert in December to spend the winter there.
- Jack and Kathy Hampel just took both rigs to Toscano for warranty work. When repair parts were not arriving, Kathy got on the horn and suddenly things got fixed. She knows how to take care of business.
- Ken Bechthold's shoulder is healing well and he will be driving a desk for the fire department until he is completely well.
- The Stansburys just put a boat in their Airstream Barn in Carson City.
- Unfortunately it belongs to the neighbors. They are hoping for a ride some day on Lake Tahoe.
- The Squires will be at the Betabel rally in January. Be sure and ask them to share a few tales about their cross country trip that started in Salem and ended just before Halloween.
- Don, Jan and EB Clark hope to hit the road on a full time basis for the next few years.
- The Ellimans had a great time furnishing their new condo in Washington. It took a few round trip ferry trips to purchase, pickup and deliver the new furniture, Shop in Seattle and float home to Bainbridge Island.

BETABEL RV PARK
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA (SO. OF GILROY)
JANUARY 4-8, 20067

Hosts: Bob and Maureen Elliman & Bob and Cecelia Stansbury

Directions:

Thursday, January 4: Arrive, Set Up and Dinner on your own (or everyone can decide where to go out together)

7:00 Socializing in the Clubhouse

Friday, January 5

8:30 Toast, Peanut Butter, Jam and Marmalade, coffee and tea

On Friday explore San Juan Bautista and Mission, Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Hollister, Casa de Fruita and of course there's always the Gilroy Outlets (probably good sales after the Holidays). Monterey is only 35-40 minutes away.

4:00 Afternoon Tea: Typical English Tea with assorted tea cakes, pastries and finger sandwiches by Bob and Maureen

6:30 Dinner: Bring either soup or salad to share (Bread and dessert will be provided)

7:30 Movie Night

Saturday, January 6

8:30 English Pancakes sprinkled with lemon juice and sugar (delicately cooked to perfection by Maureen), juice, coffee and tea

10:00 Separate Unit meetings (If your unit is having a meeting)

1:30 Chicken foot tournament, Bingo, Games or explore the area (can be decided by group depending upon weather)

4:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Roast Beef with potatoes, carrots, parsnips and Yorkshire pudding – Bring other side dishes to share (Additional hot vegetables, salad or dessert)

7:00 Games and Socializing

Sunday, January 7

8:30 English Crumpets/Muffins, Scrambled eggs, English Bacon, juice, coffee and tea
Time for more exploring of the area or the Gilroy outlet malls (a Stansbury favorite)

1:00 Lunch – Leftovers (I'm sure we'll have some, especially soup)
Visiting and games (or the Gilroy outlets)

4:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Pizza and salad

7:00 Games and Socializing

Monday, January 8

8:30 Toast, Peanut Butter, Jam and Marmalade, coffee and tea

Pack up for home